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Abstracts

The Global Molasses Market, valued at USD 18.4 billion in 2024, is set to grow at a CAGR of 2.7% from 2025 to 2034, driven by expanding applications across key industries, including food and beverage, animal feed, and biofuel production. With rising consumer demand for natural, minimally processed ingredients, molasses is gaining prominence as a preferred sweetener and flavor enhancer in food products. Its use in baked goods, confectionery, and beverages is increasing as consumers embrace plant-based diets and natural sugar alternatives. The shift toward healthier eating habits and clean-label products is further accelerating market expansion. Moreover, the growing biofuel industry, particularly in ethanol production, is propelling the demand for molasses as a cost-effective and sustainable raw material. Emerging markets are also witnessing a surge in molasses consumption due to evolving dietary trends and increased production of processed foods. The global supply chain dynamics and regional trade agreements will play a critical role in shaping the market's trajectory over the next decade.

Molasses remain a vital component in animal nutrition, offering high energy content and enhancing feed palatability and digestibility. With the rising global demand for meat and dairy products, molasses usage in livestock and poultry feed is expected to expand steadily. Its role in improving feed efficiency and reducing wastage makes it indispensable for animal nutrition. Additionally, the increasing incorporation of molasses in aquafeed and pet food formulations highlights its versatility beyond traditional livestock applications. The demand for molasses in organic and non-GMO feed solutions is also on the rise, aligning with the shift toward sustainable farming practices and ethical animal husbandry. As producers continue to explore new ways to enhance feed quality, molasses will remain a key ingredient in this segment.

The blackstrap segment generated USD 9.7 billion in revenue in 2024 and is projected to grow at a CAGR of 2.5% through 2034. This variety, known for its rich nutrient profile and intense flavor, continues to dominate food and animal feed applications. Its high mineral content, including calcium, iron, and magnesium, makes it a preferred choice for health-conscious consumers and livestock nutritionists. Meanwhile, demand for dark or medium molasses is on the rise due to its balanced sweetness and adaptability in a wide range of applications, from sauces and beverages to baked goods. Consumers seeking natural sweeteners with a milder flavor than blackstrap molasses are increasingly turning to these alternatives, driving further diversification in the market.

The food and beverage sector accounted for 64.9% of the molasses market in 2024, generating USD 11.9 billion in revenue. This segment is expected to expand at a CAGR of 2.6% between 2025 and 2034, driven by the growing preference for plant-based ingredients and natural sweeteners. Molasses continues to serve as a healthier alternative to refined sugars, catering to the increasing demand for nutritious and minimally processed food products. Its usage in energy drinks, smoothies, functional beverages, and gourmet food items is further expanding its footprint in the industry. As consumers prioritize health and sustainability, the demand for organic and non-GMO molasses is expected to rise, reinforcing its stronghold in the market.

The U.S. molasses market is on track to reach USD 3.4 billion by 2034, growing at a CAGR of 2.3%. The increasing adoption of molasses across industries, particularly in the food and beverage sector, underscores consumers' preference for natural, organic, and non-GMO ingredients. Health-conscious shoppers are gravitating toward products that align with clean-label trends, sustainability, and nutritional benefits. Additionally, molasses' application in the biofuel sector is gaining traction as industries seek eco-friendly alternatives. With a growing emphasis on transparency in food sourcing and production, molasses remains a staple ingredient that addresses evolving consumer demands in the U.S. market.

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