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Abstracts

The Global Plant-Based Ice Creams Market is projected to reach USD 732.6 million in 2024 and grow at a CAGR of 4.4% from 2025 to 2034. Rising demand for sustainable and health-conscious food choices has played a significant role in this market's expansion. Consumers are increasingly moving away from traditional dairy ice creams in favor of plant-based alternatives. These ice creams often have lower levels of saturated fat, are lactose-free, and do not contain cholesterol, making them an appealing choice for those seeking a healthier treat. In addition, growing concerns about the environmental impact of dairy farming have also contributed to the market's growth as more individuals seek ways to reduce their carbon footprint.

Innovative food technology has played a pivotal role in advancing plant-based ice cream production. These innovations have helped manufacturers create products that closely mimic the flavor, texture, and creaminess of traditional dairy ice creams, meeting consumer expectations for an indulgent frozen dessert. These technical advancements have not only enhanced the quality of plant-based ice creams but also made them more accessible, broadening the appeal of these alternatives. As consumers become more health-conscious and environmentally aware, the demand for plant-based ice creams continues to rise. The market's growth is further fueled by a greater variety of products catering to different dietary preferences and lifestyles.

The market is segmented into various forms, including blends and singles. The singles category holds the largest share of the market, valued at USD 491.7 million in 2024. Singles are favored because they are simpler to produce, less expensive, and more convenient for consumers. These products are easy to store and consume without additional preparation, which makes them an ideal choice for busy consumers. The

straightforward nature of singles also allows for greater transparency in labeling, attracting customers who prioritize simplicity and clarity in their food choices.

In terms of flavor, fruit-flavored plant-based ice creams account for the largest share, at around 33.7% of the market in 2024. Fruit-based options are popular among consumers looking for healthier and more natural dessert alternatives, as they are often associated with freshness and health benefits. This growing preference for fruit flavors aligns with the increasing demand for plant-based, dairy-free desserts.

Packaging preferences have also shifted toward sustainability, with tub packaging dominating the market. Consumers are increasingly seeking eco-friendly packaging, which has led to a rise in demand for biodegradable or recyclable materials, such as paperboard or biodegradable plastics. The convenience and sustainability of tub packaging are significant factors driving this trend.

Coconut milk-based plant-based ice creams lead the market, valued at USD 263.3 million in 2024. Coconut milk is favored for its creamy texture and healthy fat content, which makes it an excellent base for ice cream production. It is also a cost-effective choice for producers. Supermarkets and hypermarkets are the dominant distribution channels for plant-based ice creams, accounting for a major portion of the market. These retail outlets offer a wide range of products and often run promotions, making plant-based ice creams more affordable and accessible to a broad consumer base.

The U.S. plant-based ice cream market is experiencing significant growth, driven by increased consumer demand for healthier, more sustainable alternatives to traditional dairy products. Factors such as rising awareness of lactose intolerance, vegan diets, and concerns about the environmental impact of dairy farming have contributed to this trend. The market in the U.S. is also being driven by innovations in flavor and formulation, as well as the growing availability of these products through both e-commerce and retail stores.

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