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Abstracts

The South Korea vegan food market size reached USD 412.7 Million in 2025. Looking forward, IMARC Group expects the market to reach USD 840.0 Million by 2034, exhibiting a growth rate (CAGR) of 7.97% during 2026-2034. Innovation in plant-based products and strategic partnerships are driving the vegan food market in South Korea. Companies are expanding offerings of realistic plant-based products, while investments in food technology enhance flavor and convenience. Collaborations with major brands are improving distribution and market accessibility, further contributing to the expansion of the South Korea vegan food market share.

SOUTH KOREA VEGAN FOOD MARKET TRENDS:

Innovation in Vegan Product Offerings

With increasing consumer demand for plant-based alternatives, food companies are expanding their offerings to provide a variety of options that mimic traditional animal-based foods. Ranging from plant-derived meats that mimic the flavor and feel of beef, chicken, and pork, to alternatives for dairy and a variety of vegan-friendly snacks, innovations are simplifying the process for people to adopt a vegan lifestyle while maintaining taste and convenience. Progress in food technology is further refining these innovations, producing vegan options that appeal to diverse tastes and preferences. This change is reshaping the South Korean food industry, offering consumers traditional tastes along with innovative dining experiences. A notable instance of this advancement is the 2025 introduction of a vegan burger pop-up by Hwaeomsa Temple in Seoul. The event drew more than 5,000 attendees and showcased plant-based dishes, such as the 'Paradise Burger,' aimed at promoting Korean Buddhist principles via vegan fast food.

This project emphasizes how plant-based cuisine can effortlessly blend into regional cooking practices, providing both ethical and tasty options. With such innovations, more people in South Korea are discovering plant-based eating as a viable, enjoyable, and sustainable option, further strengthening the position of vegan cuisine in the nation's developing food culture.

Strategic Partnerships and Investment in Plant-Based Technology

Strategic partnerships and investments in plant-based food technology are playing a crucial role in supporting the South Korea vegan food market growth. Businesses are progressively partnering with prominent food and beverage (F&B) industry leaders to accelerate the creation and delivery of plant-based offerings. These collaborations allow innovative food startups to expand their operations and obtain access to broader distribution networks, improving product availability nationwide. Investing in cutting-edge technologies, such as high-moisture plant-based meat, allows for the creation of more realistic and appealing alternatives to traditional animal products, catering to consumers seeking familiar tastes and textures in their vegan meals. This influx of financial backing and technological knowledge not only encourages product development but also aids plant-based companies in accessing wider markets, including retail outlets and foodservice venues. Plant-based companies can more effectively enter the mainstream food market by collaborating with well-known brands that have extensive distribution channels, thereby making vegan options more accessible and convenient for a wider audience. For example, in August 2024, South Korea's SUJIS LINK secured a ₩3 billion (\$2.5M) investment from Samyang Foods to scale its high-moisture plant-based meat technology. The partnership aimed to launch new vegan K-food products using Samyang's distribution network. Such partnerships are essential for addressing the growing demand for plant-based foods while guaranteeing that production and supply chains can expand to meet the increasing consumer interest in sustainable, ethical, and health-focused diets.

SOUTH KOREA VEGAN FOOD MARKET SEGMENTATION:

IMARC Group provides an analysis of the key trends in each segment of the market, along with forecasts at the country and regional levels for 2026-2034. Our report has categorized the market based on product, source, and distribution channel.

Product Insights:

Dairy Alternatives

Cheese

Dessert

Snacks

Others

Meat Substitutes

Tofu

TVP

Seiten

Quorn

Others

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the product. This includes dairy alternatives (cheese, dessert, snacks, and others), meat substitutes (tofu, TVP, seiten, Quorn, and others), and others.

Source Insights:

Almond

Soy

Oats

Wheat

A detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the source have also been provided in the report. This includes almond, soy, oats, wheat, and others.

Distribution Channel Insights:

Supermarkets and Hypermarkets

Convenience Stores

Specialty Stores

Online Stores

A detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the distribution channel have also been provided in the report. This includes supermarkets and hypermarkets, convenience stores, specialty stores, online stores, and others.

Regional Insights:

Seoul Capital Area

Yeongnam (Southeastern Region)

Honam (Southwestern Region)

Hoseo (Central Region)

The report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of all the major regional markets, which include Seoul Capital Area, Yeongnam (Southeastern Region), Honam (Southwestern Region), Hoseo (Central Region), and others.

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE:

The market research report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of the competitive landscape. Competitive analysis such as market structure, key player positioning, top winning strategies, competitive dashboard, and company evaluation quadrant has been covered in the report. Also, detailed profiles of all major companies have been provided.

KEY QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN THIS REPORT

How has the South Korea vegan food market performed so far and how will it perform in the coming years?

What is the breakup of the South Korea vegan food market on the basis of product?

What is the breakup of the South Korea vegan food market on the basis of source?

What is the breakup of the South Korea vegan food market on the basis of distribution channel?

What is the breakup of the South Korea vegan food market on the basis of region?

What are the various stages in the value chain of the South Korea vegan food market?

What are the key driving factors and challenges in the South Korea vegan food market?

What is the structure of the South Korea vegan food market and who are the key players?

What is the degree of competition in the South Korea vegan food market?

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