

Dairy Packaging Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Packaging Type (Bottles, Cartons, Cups and Tubs, Pouches, Cans, Bags and Sachets, and Others), Material, Product Type, Packaging Format, Closure Type, End User, and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Dairy Packaging Market is accounted for \$39.1 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach \$59.1 billion by 2034 growing at a CAGR of 5.3% during the forecast period. Dairy packaging encompasses all materials and containers used to package milk, cheese, yogurt, butter, cream, and other dairy products for consumer and industrial use. This market includes bottles, cartons, cups and tubs, pouches, cans, bags and sachets, and other packaging formats, manufactured from plastic, paper and paperboard, glass, metal, and bio-based materials. Growing global dairy consumption, increasing demand for convenient and sustainable packaging, and rising consumer awareness of food safety and shelf life are key factors driving market growth.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Rising global dairy consumption and changing consumer preferences

Growing global population and increasing dairy consumption across emerging economies are primary drivers for the dairy packaging market. Rising disposable incomes, urbanization, and changing dietary patterns have increased dairy product consumption in developing regions including Asia Pacific and Latin America. Consumer preferences for convenient, on-the-go packaging formats are driving innovation in

portion-controlled and resealable packaging solutions. The growing popularity of functional dairy products including probiotic yogurts and fortified milk creates demand for specialized packaging that maintains product integrity. As dairy consumption continues rising globally, demand for effective and attractive packaging solutions grows correspondingly.

Restraint:

Environmental concerns and sustainability pressures

Growing environmental concerns regarding plastic waste and packaging sustainability represent significant restraints for the dairy packaging market. Plastic packaging, widely used in dairy products due to its barrier properties and cost-effectiveness, faces increasing regulatory and consumer scrutiny. Governments worldwide are implementing stricter regulations on single-use plastics and packaging waste, requiring manufacturers to invest in sustainable alternatives. The transition to sustainable packaging materials may increase costs and require significant investment in new production technologies. Consumer demand for reduced packaging waste may affect traditional packaging formats, requiring industry adaptation and innovation.

Opportunity:

Development of sustainable and bio-based packaging solutions

The growing demand for environmentally friendly packaging presents significant opportunities for the dairy packaging market. Bio-based materials including plant-based plastics, paper-based solutions, and compostable packaging are gaining traction as sustainable alternatives. Manufacturers are developing recyclable and biodegradable packaging solutions that meet environmental standards while maintaining product protection. Innovations in material science are improving barrier properties of sustainable materials, enabling their use in dairy applications. Investment in circular economy approaches, including recycled content and closed-loop systems, creates growth opportunities. As sustainability becomes a competitive differentiator, manufacturers offering eco-friendly solutions gain market advantage.

Threat:

Volatile raw material prices and supply chain disruptions

Fluctuating raw material prices and supply chain challenges pose significant threats to the dairy packaging market. Packaging materials including plastic resins, paper pulp, and aluminum are subject to price volatility driven by global commodity cycles, energy costs, and geopolitical factors. Supply chain disruptions, including logistics bottlenecks and raw material shortages, affect packaging availability and increase costs. Trade policies and tariffs on packaging materials may impact manufacturing economics. Smaller packaging manufacturers may be disproportionately affected by cost volatility, potentially leading to market consolidation. These uncertainties create operational challenges and may affect pricing strategies.

Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the dairy packaging market with initial disruptions followed by recovery. Lockdowns and supply chain challenges temporarily affected packaging production and distribution. However, retail dairy sales surged as consumers stocked up on essential groceries, maintaining packaging demand. E-commerce and home delivery channels expanded, creating demand for durable, transport-ready packaging. Foodservice packaging demand declined with restaurant closures but recovered as dining reopened. The pandemic heightened consumer awareness of hygiene and safety, driving demand for tamper-evident and protective packaging. Post-pandemic, the market has stabilized with sustained growth supported by ongoing dairy consumption.

The Cartons segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The Cartons segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, driven by their widespread use in milk, cream, and juice packaging across retail and foodservice channels. Paper-based cartons offer excellent printability for brand communication, good barrier properties for product protection, and consumer convenience with easy opening and pouring features. The segment benefits from the growing preference for paper-based packaging as a sustainable alternative to plastic bottles. Technological advancements including aseptic filling systems extend shelf life, increasing carton adoption. As sustainability becomes increasingly important, cartons maintain market leadership through improved environmental credentials and consumer acceptance.

The Bio-based Materials segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the Bio-based Materials segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, fueled by increasing regulatory pressure on plastic waste, growing consumer demand for sustainable packaging, and continuous innovation in bioplastic technologies. Bio-based materials including polylactic acid, cellulose-based films, and plant-derived polymers offer renewable alternatives to petroleum-based plastics. These materials are increasingly competitive in barrier properties and cost as production scales up and technology improves. The segment benefits from corporate sustainability commitments and government incentives for bio-based material adoption. As brands prioritize environmental credentials and consumers seek eco-friendly options, bio-based dairy packaging accelerates, delivering superior market growth.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is expected to hold the largest market share, driven by massive dairy consumption, growing population, and expanding dairy processing industries across China, India, and Southeast Asian countries. India remains the world's largest milk producer and consumer, with significant packaging demand for traditional and processed dairy products. The region's rapidly growing urban population and rising disposable incomes drive demand for packaged and convenience dairy products. Government dairy development programs and investments in cold chain infrastructure support market growth. With large population and expanding dairy consumption, Asia Pacific maintains market leadership.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, driven by continued population growth, urbanization, and increasing dairy consumption across emerging economies. Countries including India, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines are experiencing expanding dairy consumption as diets modernize and incomes rise. Growing demand for packaged and processed dairy products, including UHT milk, yogurt, and cheese, drives packaging demand. Modern retail expansion and e-commerce growth increase packaged dairy availability. Sustainable packaging adoption accelerates as environmental awareness grows. As dairy consumption continues rising and packaging evolves, Asia Pacific delivers the fastest market growth globally.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Dairy Packaging Market include Amcor plc, Berry Global

Group, Inc., Sealed Air Corporation, Sonoco Products Company, Mondi plc, DS Smith Plc, Smurfit Westrock plc, Tetra Pak International S.A., SIG Group AG, Huhtamaki Oyj, Constantia Flexibles Group GmbH, Coveris Holdings S.A., ProAmpac Intermediate, Inc., Elopak ASA, Stora Enso Oyj, Graphic Packaging International, LLC, Greiner Packaging International GmbH, and Pactiv Evergreen Inc.

Key Developments:

In April 2026, Tetra Pak collaborated with Italian dairy producer Sterilgarda Alimenti to launch the industry's first 1-liter aseptic carton featuring a fully integrated, paper-based structural barrier, successfully lowering the container's overall carbon footprint by up to 50%.

In April 2026, Mondi announced it would debut its newest collection of functional barrier papers, corrugated shipping materials, and mono-material plastic options live at Interpack 2026, highlighting a series of engineering partnerships with 15 separate Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to optimize how sustainable dairy and beverage packaging runs on fast production lines.

In March 2026, Amcor launched an enhanced, lightweight version of its bestselling UniPak 1kg rigid container pot line for the global yogurt and fresh dairy market, utilizing 100% polypropylene to maintain top-load stability while securing a 9% reduction in overall carbon emissions.

Packaging Types Covered:

Bottles

Cartons

Cups and Tubs

Pouches

Cans

Bags and Sachets

Others

Materials Covered:

Plastic

Paper and Paperboard

Glass

Metal

Bio-based Materials

Product Types Covered:

Milk

Yogurt

Cheese

Butter

Cream

Ice Cream

Dairy Desserts

Other Product Types

Packaging Formats Covered:

Rigid Packaging

Flexible Packaging

Semi-Rigid Packaging

Closure Types Covered:

Screw Caps

Snap-On Lids

Peel-Off Lids

Other Closure Types

End Users Covered:

Dairy Processors

Dairy Cooperatives

Foodservice Providers

Retail Brands

Regions Covered:

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

Europe

United Kingdom

Germany

France

Italy

Spain

Netherlands

Belgium

Sweden

Switzerland

Poland

Rest of Europe

Asia Pacific

China

Japan

India

South Korea

Australia

Indonesia

Thailand

Malaysia

Singapore

Vietnam

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Chile

Peru

Rest of South America

Rest of the World (RoW)

Middle East

Saudi Arabia

United Arab Emirates

Qatar

Israel

Rest of Middle East

Africa

South Africa

Egypt

Morocco

Rest of Africa

What our report offers:

Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments

Strategic recommendations for the new entrants

Covers Market data for the years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2030, 2032 and 2034

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Strategic recommendations in key business segments based on the market estimations

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