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Edible Insect Flour Market Forecasts to 2032 – Global Analysis By Product Type (Whole Insect Flour, Defatted Insect Flour, Blended Insect Flour, Protein-Enriched Insect Flour and Other Product Types), Insect Type, Distribution Channel, Technology, Application and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Stratistics MRC, the Global Edible Insect Flour Market is accounted for $1.1 billion in 2025 and is expected to reach $3.8 billion by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 18.8% during the forecast period. Edible insect flour is a protein-rich powder produced by finely grinding dehydrated insects such as crickets, mealworms, or grasshoppers. It serves as a sustainable alternative to conventional animal proteins, offering essential amino acids, vitamins, and minerals. Commonly used in baked goods, snacks, and nutritional supplements, insect flour supports eco-friendly food production due to its low resource requirements and minimal environmental impact. It is gaining traction among health-conscious and environmentally aware consumers seeking novel, nutrient-dense ingredients.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

High nutritional value & government NGO support

Governments and NGOs are actively promoting insect-based diets to combat food insecurity and reduce reliance on conventional livestock. These initiatives include awareness campaigns, subsidies for insect farming, and inclusion in school meal

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programs. The low carbon footprint and efficient feed conversion rates of insects further support their adoption in sustainable food systems. As global protein demand rises, insect flour is positioned as a viable alternative for both human and animal consumption.

Restraint:

Consumer aversion due to traditional food norms

In many regions, insects are not traditionally viewed as food, leading to psychological barriers and limited acceptance. This aversion is compounded by lack of awareness, unfamiliar taste profiles, and concerns over food safety and hygiene. Marketing efforts must overcome these biases through education, culinary innovation, and transparent labeling. Until mainstream perception shifts, consumer hesitancy will remain a significant hurdle to widespread adoption.

Opportunity:

Expanding applications in aquaculture and pet nutrition

Insect-based feed offers a sustainable and protein-rich alternative to fishmeal and soy, which are increasingly expensive and environmentally taxing. Black soldier fly larvae and mealworms are being incorporated into feed formulations for fish, poultry, and companion animals, improving growth rates and gut health. Regulatory approvals and pilot programs are paving the way for commercial scale-up, while pet owners are showing growing interest in eco-friendly, hypoallergenic protein sources for their animals.

Threat:

Misleading coverage or safety concerns

Reports of contamination, improper farming practices, or exaggerated health risks may deter adoption, even when unfounded. Regulatory gaps and inconsistent safety standards across regions exacerbate these concerns. To mitigate this threat, industry stakeholders must invest in rigorous quality control, third-party certifications, and transparent communication. Building trust through traceability and scientific validation will be critical to counteract skepticism and ensure long-term viability.

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Covid-19 Impact

The COVID-19 pandemic had a dual impact on the edible insect flour market. On one hand, supply chain disruptions and labor shortages affected insect farming operations and delayed product launches. On the other, the crisis accelerated interest in resilient and locally sourced protein alternatives. As consumers sought immune-boosting and shelf-stable foods, insect flour gained visibility for its nutritional density and long storage life. The pandemic also highlighted vulnerabilities in global meat supply chains, prompting governments and startups to explore insect-based solutions.

The blended insect flour segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The blended insect flour segment is estimated to have a lucrative growth, due to its versatility and improved palatability. By combining insect powder with conventional flours such as wheat, rice, or millet, manufacturers can create protein-enriched products that appeal to a broader audience. These blends are being used in bakery items, snacks, and pasta, offering nutritional upgrades without compromising taste or texture. The segment benefits from rising demand for functional foods and growing interest in alternative proteins among health-conscious consumers.

The rearing & feedstock types segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

The rearing & feedstock types segment is anticipated to witness the fastest CAGR growth during the forecast period, driven by technological advancements in insect farming and feed optimization. Innovations in vertical farming, climate-controlled rearing environments, and AI-based monitoring systems are enhancing yield and scalability. Additionally, the use of organic waste and agricultural by-products as feedstock is improving cost-efficiency and sustainability. This segment is attracting investment from agritech firms and environmental startups aiming to commercialize insect farming as a circular economy model.

Region with highest share:

North America Asia Pacific is projected to hold the highest market share during the forecast period owing to strong regulatory frameworks, consumer awareness, and investment in food innovation. The region hosts several pioneering insect protein companies and research institutions focused on sustainable nutrition. Government

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agencies such as the FDA and USDA are actively evaluating insect-based products, facilitating smoother market entry. Growing interest in clean-label and high-protein foods among millennials and fitness enthusiasts is also boosting demand.

Region with highest CAGR:

Asia Pacific is projected to have the highest CAGR over the forecast period, fueled by rising population, protein demand, and favorable climatic conditions for insect farming. Countries like Thailand, Vietnam, and India have longstanding traditions of entomophagy, which are now being commercialized through modern processing techniques. Government support for agri-innovation and food security is encouraging startups and cooperatives to scale insect flour production. The region is also witnessing increased use of insect-based feed in aquaculture and poultry, driven by cost advantages and environmental benefits.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players profiled in the Edible Insect Flour Market include Ynsect, Protix, Entomo Farms, Chapul, Cricket One, Next Protein, Hexafly, Bugsolutely, Jimini’s, Eat Grub, Aspire Food Group, Innovafeed, Beta Hatch, Micronutris, Hargol FoodTech, Nordic Insect Economy, and Goterra.

Key Developments:

In September 2025, Innovafeed partnered with BioMar and Auchan to launch insect-fed shrimp in Europe. The collaboration spans Ecuador to France, integrating insect protein into aquafeed. It marks a milestone in sustainable aquaculture.

In May 2025, ?nsect announced a strategic pivot to focus on pet food and fertilizer markets. It paused construction of its Amiens facility and reduced headcount. The company aims to streamline operations amid market challenges.

In April 2025, Entomo Farms launched its first monthly newsletter and confirmed tariff-free status under CUSMA. It emphasized spring growth and sustainability in cricket farming. The farm continues to expand its retail and wholesale footprint.

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- Defatted Insect Flour
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- Protein-Enriched Insect Flour
- Other Product Types

Insect Types Covered:

- Crickets
- Mealworms
- Grasshoppers
- Black Soldier Fly
- Silkworms
- Other Insect Types

Distribution Channels Covered:

- Online
- Retail
- Foodservice
- B2B
- Other Distribution Channels

Technologies Covered:

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- Rearing & Feedstock Types
- Harvesting, Killing, Drying, Milling Processes
- Scale-up Technologies & Automation
- Cost Structure & CAPEX/OPEX
- Other Technologies

Applications Covered:

- Bakery & Confectionery
- Protein Bars & Shakes
- Snacks
- Pasta & Noodles
- Pet Food
- Animal Feed
- Nutraceuticals
- Other Applications

Regions Covered:

- North America
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