

# **Fermented Food Products Market Forecasts to 2032 – Global Analysis By Type (Dairy-Based, Vegetable-Based, Beverages, Soy-Based, and Other Types), Ingredient (Legumes, Dairy, Vegetables, Cereals & Grains, and Other Ingredients), Distribution Channel and By Geography**

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## **Abstracts**

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Fermented Food Products Market is accounted for \$615.2 billion in 2025 and is expected to reach \$1007.5 billion by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 7.3% during the forecast period. Fermented food products include items like yogurt, kimchi, sauerkraut, kefir, and kombucha, produced through controlled microbial processes enhancing flavor, preservation, and nutritional value. This market is expanding due to rising awareness of gut health, probiotics, and functional foods. Innovation in flavors, packaging, and convenience formats drives adoption. Key players focus on quality, microbial diversity, and health claims. The market serves health-conscious consumers and functional food enthusiasts seeking immunity-boosting, digestive-friendly, and natural products, creating opportunities in retail, e-commerce, and foodservice channels.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Health Consciousness

The growing awareness of health and wellness has significantly influenced consumer preferences, leading to an increased demand for fermented foods. These products, rich

in probiotics, are recognized for their benefits to gut health, digestion, and immunity. As consumers become more health-conscious, they are actively seeking foods that contribute to overall well-being. This shift in dietary habits is driving the growth of the fermented food market, as individuals prioritize functional foods that support a healthy lifestyle.

Restraint:

### Shelf Life Concerns

Despite the advantages of fermentation, maintaining the shelf life of fermented products remains a challenge. Factors such as improper storage, contamination, and the natural degradation of live cultures can lead to spoilage and reduced product quality. This poses a significant concern for manufacturers and consumers alike, as it can result in food waste and decreased consumer confidence. Addressing these issues requires advancements in packaging technologies and preservation methods to ensure the longevity and safety of fermented foods.

Opportunity:

### Development of new fermented products

The evolving consumer preferences and the quest for innovative flavors present a significant opportunity for the development of new fermented products. Manufacturers can explore various substrates and fermentation techniques to create novel offerings that cater to diverse tastes and dietary needs. This innovation can lead to the introduction of functional foods that provide additional health benefits, thereby attracting a broader consumer base and expanding market reach. Embracing such opportunities can drive growth and differentiation in the competitive fermented food market.

Threat:

### Potential disruptions in the supply of raw materials

The fermented food industry relies heavily on the consistent availability of quality raw materials, such as specific grains, vegetables, and dairy products. Disruptions in the supply chain, caused by factors like climate change, geopolitical tensions, or economic instability, can lead to shortages and increased costs. Such challenges can affect production schedules, product availability, and pricing, ultimately impacting the

profitability and sustainability of businesses within the sector. Proactively addressing these risks through diversified sourcing and strategic planning is essential for long-term resilience.

#### Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the fermented food market. While it led to initial disruptions in production and distribution, the increased focus on health and immunity during the pandemic boosted consumer interest in probiotic-rich foods. This shift in consumer behavior has resulted in a sustained demand for fermented products, as individuals seek dietary solutions to enhance their health and well-being. The pandemic has thus acted as a catalyst for growth in the fermented food sector.

The dairy-based segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The dairy-based segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period. Products like yogurt, kefir, and cheese are rich in probiotics, which are beneficial for gut health and digestion. The widespread consumer preference for these products, coupled with their established presence in various cultures, contributes to their dominance in the market. Additionally, continuous product innovation and the introduction of functional variants are expected to further bolster the growth of this segment.

The online retail segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the online retail segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate. The convenience of online shopping, coupled with the increasing consumer inclination towards purchasing health-related products from e-commerce platforms, drives this trend. Online retailers offer a wide range of fermented food products, often with detailed product information and customer reviews, facilitating informed purchasing decisions. This shift towards online retail is reshaping the distribution landscape of the fermented food market.

#### Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is expected to hold the largest market share. This dominance is attributed to the long-standing tradition of fermentation in

Asian cuisines, with products like kimchi, miso, and soy sauce being staples in many households. The cultural acceptance and integration of fermented foods into daily diets, combined with a growing awareness of their health benefits, contribute to the region's leading position in the market. Furthermore, the increasing urbanization and rising disposable incomes in countries like China and India are fueling the demand for fermented products.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR. This rapid growth is driven by the expanding middle-class population, urbanization, and a shift towards healthier dietary habits. Countries in this region are increasingly adopting fermented foods due to their perceived health benefits, such as improved digestion and immunity. Additionally, the modernization of traditional fermentation practices and innovations in product offerings are attracting a younger, health-conscious demographic, further propelling market growth.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Fermented Food Products Market include Danone S.A., Nestlé S.A., Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd., Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited, Groupe Lactalis S.A., Chobani LLC, PepsiCo, Inc., General Mills, Inc., Kikkoman Corporation, Ajinomoto Co., Inc., Kerry Group plc, International Flavors & Fragrances Inc., Chr. Hansen Holding A/S, Lee Kum Kee Company Limited, FAGE International S.A., Lifeway Foods, Inc., Meiji Holdings Co., Ltd., and Royal FrieslandCampina N.V.

Key Developments:

In July 2025, Nestlé expanded its air fryer food range across the Americas, including new ready meals and seasonings that fit into modern cooking trends. While not exclusively fermented foods, this indicates innovation in food convenience aligned with changing consumer preferences. Nestlé also announced the creation of a bio and deep tech center to strengthen biotechnology capabilities, which could impact fermented food innovation.

In June 2025, Lactalis completed acquisition of General Mills' U.S. yogurt business, expanding its fermented dairy portfolio. Its focus remains on growth through providing healthy and tasty dairy products, supported by facility expansions and supply chain improvements.

**Types Covered:**

Dairy-Based

Vegetable-Based

Beverages

Soy-Based

Other Types

**Ingredients Covered:**

Legumes

Dairy

Vegetables

Cereals &amp; Grains

Other Ingredients

**Distribution Channels Covered:**

Supermarkets &amp; Hypermarkets

Convenience Stores

Health &amp; Specialty Stores

Online Retail

Other Distribution Channels

## Regions Covered:

### North America

US

Canada

Mexico

### Europe

Germany

UK

Italy

France

Spain

Rest of Europe

### Asia Pacific

Japan

China

India

Australia

New Zealand

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Rest of Middle East & Africa

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