

Upcycled Pet Ingredients Market Forecasts to 2032 - Global Analysis By Ingredient Type (Proteins, Oils & Fats, Fibers, Starches and Other Ingredient Types), Source, Form, Pet Type, Processing Technology, Application and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Upcycled Pet Ingredients Market is accounted for \$250.2 million in 2025 and is expected to reach \$503.2 million by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 10.5% during the forecast period. Upcycled pet ingredients are components derived from surplus, by-products, or imperfect food materials that would otherwise go to waste, repurposed for use in pet food and treats. These ingredients maintain high nutritional value, including protein, fiber, vitamins, and minerals, while promoting sustainability by reducing food waste and environmental impact. Common sources include leftover grains, fruit pulp, vegetable scraps, and animal by-products from human food production. Upcycled pet ingredients support health-conscious pet diets, offering functional benefits such as improved digestion, immunity, and energy, while aligning with eco-friendly practices, responsible sourcing, and circular economy principles in the pet nutrition industry.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Rising Demand for Sustainable Products

The upcycled pet ingredients market is being driven by growing consumer awareness of sustainability and environmental responsibility. Pet owners increasingly prefer products that minimize food waste and reduce ecological impact, aligning with the circular

economy. Upcycled ingredients transform surplus or by-product food materials into nutritionally valuable pet food components, meeting the dual demand for health and sustainability. This shift in consumer behavior encourages manufacturers to adopt eco-friendly sourcing, reinforcing market expansion and positioning upcycled pet ingredients as a preferred choice.

Restraint:

High Production Costs

The adoption of upcycled pet ingredients faces challenges due to high production costs. Transforming by-products or surplus food into safe, nutritionally balanced pet food components requires advanced processing, stringent quality control, and compliance with regulatory standards. These factors increase manufacturing expenses, limiting accessibility for price-sensitive consumers and smaller pet food producers. Additionally, sourcing consistent, high-quality raw materials can be expensive, creating financial pressures. Such cost barriers may slow market growth.

Opportunity:

Innovation in Food Processing Technologies

Modern techniques such as enzymatic treatment, extrusion, and fermentation can enhance the nutritional value and safety of upcycled ingredients, expanding their functional benefits for pets. Innovative processing allows manufacturers to incorporate diverse by-products like fruit pulp, grains, and vegetable scraps into palatable, high-protein, and fiber-rich formulations. These technologies also improve shelf life and reduce contamination risks, enabling scalability. Embracing innovation positions the market for growth by meeting both sustainability goals and consumer demand for functional, health-oriented pet nutrition.

Threat:

Supply Chain Complexity

Supply chain complexity poses a considerable threat to the upcycled pet ingredients market. Sourcing surplus food and by-products from diverse, often fragmented suppliers involves logistical challenges, including transportation, storage, and quality consistency. Variability in raw material availability due to seasonal fluctuations or market disruptions

can affect production continuity. Ensuring compliance with food safety and traceability standards further complicates operations. Such intricacies can increase costs, delay production, and impact product reliability.

Covid-19 Impact:

The Covid-19 pandemic affected the market through disruptions in supply chains, labor shortages, and fluctuations in raw material availability. Lockdowns and transport restrictions slowed production and increased operational costs. However, rising pet adoption and heightened awareness of pet health during the pandemic created new demands for nutritious pet food. Post-pandemic recovery has been aided by innovations in production and digital supply chain management. The market now benefits from a stronger focus on resilience, sustainability, and health-conscious pet nutrition in a post-Covid landscape.

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

The fibers segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, due to its critical role in supporting digestive health in pets. Fiber-rich by-products, such as grain residues, fruit, and vegetable pulp, enhance gastrointestinal function, promote satiety, and help regulate weight. Increasing awareness among pet owners about functional nutrition drives preference for high-fiber formulations. The segment's versatility allows integration into kibble, ensuring widespread application. The combination of nutritional benefits and sustainable sourcing reinforces the fibers segment as a cornerstone of the market.

The small animals segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the small animals segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, due to rising popularity of pets such as rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, and birds. These pets require specialized diets rich in fiber and micronutrients, which upcycled ingredients can efficiently provide. Growing consumer awareness regarding natural and sustainable nutrition for small pets contributes to market adoption. Additionally, the development of tailored treats and food formulations ensures palatability and functional benefits. This segment represents a dynamic growth opportunity, with the evolving demands of small animal nutrition.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is expected to hold the largest market share, due to rising awareness of pet health, coupled with increasing acceptance of sustainable products, encourages adoption of upcycled pet ingredients. Local initiatives promoting waste reduction and circular economy practices further strengthen market penetration. Manufacturers are investing in regional production and distribution networks to meet consumer demand. The combination of cultural affinity for pets and the growing preference for environmentally responsible nutrition positions Asia Pacific as the leading market for upcycled pet ingredients.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the North America region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, as pet owners increasingly prioritize health-conscious, creating opportunities for innovative upcycled formulations. Advanced food processing infrastructure, and widespread availability of by-products for repurposing facilitate market growth. High awareness of animal welfare, environmental sustainability, and circular economy practices further supports adoption. These factors collectively make North America a high-growth region, for expansion in both small and large pet segments across premium and mass-market categories.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Upcycled Pet Ingredients Market include Nestl?, Purina PetCare, Eggnovo, Mars Petcare, ReGrained, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Rendered, The J.M. Smucker Company, Shameless Pets, NutriSource Pet Foods, Chippin, Champion Petfoods, Bright Planet Pet, WellPet LLC, Petcurean Pet Nutrition, and Blue Buffalo.

Key Developments:

In October 2025, Mars Petcare and Big Idea Ventures have hand-picked three innovative startups for their 2025 Next Generation Pet Food Program, spotlighting sustainable biotech ingredients and circular feed solutions to transform pet nutrition and reduce environmental impact.

In March 2025, Mars, Incorporated has extended its partnership with the Washington Spirit, becoming the team's Official Petcare Partner, with its logo featured on jerseys and signage, community ticket donations, pet-friendly game nights, and collaborative fan and pet experiences.

Ingredient Types Covered:

Proteins

Oils & Fats

Fibers

Starches

Other Ingredient Types

Sources Covered:

Plant-based

Animal-based

Mixed/Blended

Forms Covered:

Dry

Powder

Liquid

Other Form

Pet Types Covered:

Dogs

Cats

Small Animals

Other Pet Types

Processing Technologies Covered:

Fermentation

Drying & Dehydration

Extrusion

Other Processing Technologies

Applications Covered:

Pet Food

Pet Supplements

Treats & Snacks

Regions Covered:

North America

US

Canada

Mexico

Europe

Germany

UK

Italy

France

Spain

Rest of Europe

Asia Pacific

Japan

China

India

Australia

New Zealand

South Korea

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

Argentina

Brazil

Chile

Rest of South America

Middle East & Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

Qatar

South Africa

Rest of Middle East & Africa

What our report offers:

- Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments
- Strategic recommendations for the new entrants
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