

# AgroFresh

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Banana Shopper
Survey Insights
Driving Freshness and Growth





### Change in Banana Purchasing vs. Year Ago

Seven times as many consumers feel they are purchasing bananas more often than less often. Increased purchases are driven by a preference for bananas over other fruit, their taste, availability, and versatility in recipes.





#### Wanted Today, Tossed Tomorrow



The banana is the biggest culprit for waste in the produce department for grocers.



Approximately 250 million bananas are thrown away every year.



Consumers do not enjoy throwing away bananas.



Consumers have a poor perception of retailer when bananas ripen quickly.



Source: CountryLiving.com
Source: Karlstad University

Source: AgroFresh's NPD Research



#### **Consumer Insight Summary**



#### Banana longevity is one of the biggest aggravations

- Consumers wish bananas would keep longer at home
- Bananas that look too ripe prevent sales



#### Consumers want better bananas and displays

- Consumers look primarily for preferred color, ripeness and freshness on display
- Better bananas project quality image to the entire produce department



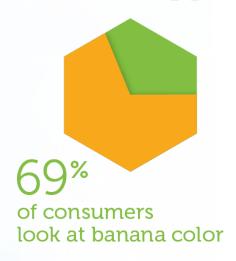
#### Quality bananas and displays impact overall sales

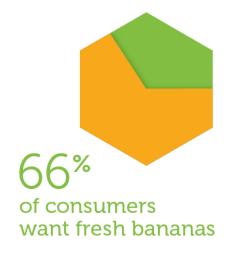
- Bad banana displays turn purchasers into non-purchasers, they wait to buy or shop elsewhere
- With better bananas available, consumers extend shopping for other produce and groceries

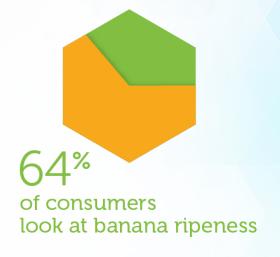




When shopping for bananas:











#### Color Stage of Bananas Purchased



Consumers expect bananas to last less than a week which explains the variety of colors purchased, though there is a tendency to purchase bananas that are more yellow than green.



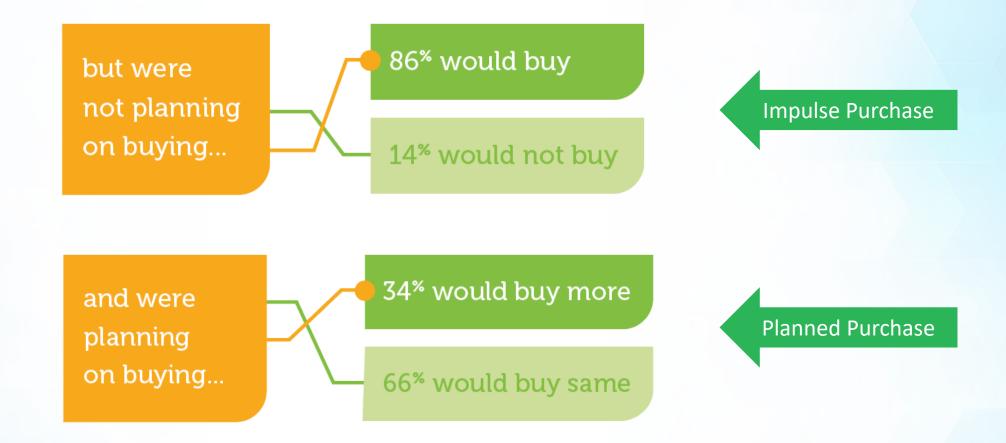
### CONSUMERS <u>PURCHASE</u> MORE AT COLOR STAGE 3.5 THROUGH 6!

"69% of consumers prefer to purchase when the banana on display is between Color 3.5 and 6."

Consumers prefer to <u>eat</u> a sweeter banana at color stages 5 and 6.



### When Consumer See Bananas in their Perfect State...





## Sales are Won When Bananas and Displays are at their Best

A great display Better bananas of bananas also provoke drives unplanned consumers to purchases shop other **Good looking** produce and bananas prevent groceries purchasers turning into nonpurchasers

Retain Sales

Expand Sales

Gain Sales