

10 things You SHOULD KNOW

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1.

Americans will down 55 million lbs. of avocados on Super Bowl Sunday. That's more than Chipotle Mexican Grill chain goes through in a year! — Every Day with Rachael Ray



Globally, avocado-flavored product launches have increased 125% since 2011. Guacamole-flavored product launches rose nearly 140%.



Bacon-flavored everything: There were 945 global new product launches featuring bacon.



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Candied bacon, aka pig candy, is a sweet and savory garnish making appearances in recipes from cupcakes to BBQ cheeseburgers. One journalist described it this way: "It is

very sweet up front; the smoky flavor comes next; then salt, toasted nuts, and slight heat provide the finish, (if you use maple chipotle nut butter)." — NibbleMeThis.com, BurlingtonFreePress.com



Beyond creamer — 5 ways to flavor coffee: flavored milk, vanilla extract, cinnamon & nutmeg, ice cream, chocolate. — HoustonPress.com



Praline-flavored product launches more than doubled from 2011 to 2012. Chocolates and frozen dairy-based treats were the top sub-categories featuring this flavor.



7.

Kale: "It's the It Vegetable for a reason. Bursting with vitamin C, kales makes a wicked Caesar salad, brightens soups, and will even supercharge a pesto." — Real Simple



Kale is also the only dark leafy vegetable to enter the chip category: Pricy kale chips are popping up in stores like Whole Foods and onto restaurant menus. Dietitians and nutritionists say it's a near perfect food, in terms of nutrients per calorie. — Mintel



75% of the adult population understands the importance of taking vitamins and minerals for one's health and takes them regularly. — Mintel Oxygen



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64% of households report eating diet or meal replacement bars, nutritional protein bars, nutritional fiber bars or general nutrition bars. 26% of all non-users and 32% of female non-users report not liking the taste of nutritional food and drink. — Mintel Oxygen