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Hormone (rBST) Free Cheese

def. hormone *noun* | hor·mone | hawr-mohn a regulatory substance produced in an organism and transported in tissue fluids to stimulate specific cells or tissues into action; any synthetic substance having the same effects







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Those that prefer the 'hormone (rBST) free' callout on cheese tend to be educated consumers with higher income and come from all walks of life.

Hormone (rBST) free fans are more likely to look at the nutritional labels and do research before purchasing new products. They also prefer organic and GMO-Free claims as well as foods they view as more 'animal friendly'. While they do shop at larger chain stores, they are also likely to shop specialty and co-op stores. These fans will avoid adding hormones and antibiotics to their bodies at all costs and are not as price sensitive. Reasons for disliking this claim include lack of familiarity, a higher price, or they are just generally not concerned about it.

Report Overview

- Qualitative Research
- 1000 Respondents
- Ages 18-64, Primary Grocery Shopper (80% Female), Past 6 Month Cheese Purchasers
- Fielded May 2016
- DCM Analysis

Hormone Free Buyer Profile



Age

18-34 35% 32% 35-49 50-64 33% Mean 42 yrs



Region





Gender Male

City Size

22%

39%

22%

17%

Major city

Small town

Rural area

Suburb

18% Female 82%



Education Level

Less than Bachelor's **57%** Bachelor's or higher 42%

Household Size

Kids in Household

No Kids in Household 55%

49%

51%

45%

Small Household

Large Household

Kids in Household



Under \$35K \$35-\$75K \$75K or more



30%



Ethnicity

Hispanic	7%
White	78 %
Non-White	21 %

Red indicates Under-Indexing, Green indicates Over-Indexing

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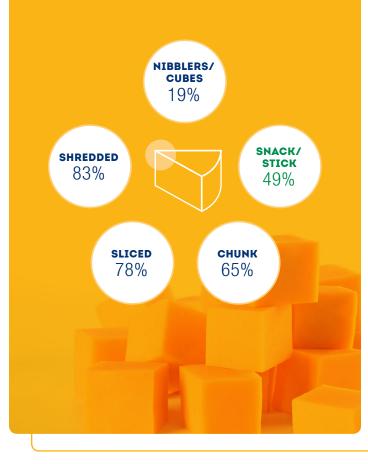




Defining Attributes of Hormone (Rbst) Free Fans

I look at nutritional labels for foods and beverages	83%
I would prefer that cows producing dairy products eat grass vs. corn	71%
I do my research before purchasing a new product	69%
I am educating myself in understanding the use of GMO in farming practices	63%
I try to eat natural/organic foods as much as possible	63%
I make an effort to buy animal friendly products	61%
I eat whatever I want and don't worry about my health or weight	26%

FORMS CURRENTLY PURCHASING



Stores Currently Shop for Cheese		
Walmart (Net)	61%	
Walmart Supercenter	16%	
Walmart (not Walmart Supercenter)	52%	
Target (Net)	31%	
Target (not Super Target)	20%	
Super Target	15%	
Trader Joe's	24%	
Aldi	23%	
Kroger	22%	
Whole foods	19%	
Costco	17%	
Sam's Club	17%	
Publix	12%	
Local natural food store/co-op	12%	
Albertsons	11%	

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What Consumers are saying



- "It's important to me to avoid hormones and antibiotics in dairy products so that we aren't putting those items in our own bodies."
- "I will not buy anything that was produced by cows that were fed growth hormones."
- "I don't want to be eating anything with growth hormones. It is not good for your body and it' not natural."



Disliked/Not Preferred

- "I don't know what rBST means."
- "Until this survey I never even associated hormones with cheese, the mention of it is very off putting."
- "I think all milk, and therefore cheese, is now rBST free."
- "I don't care about rBST very much, certainly not to the point of paying so very much more for it."
- "It's too trendy and I don't think it's all that bad for you"



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