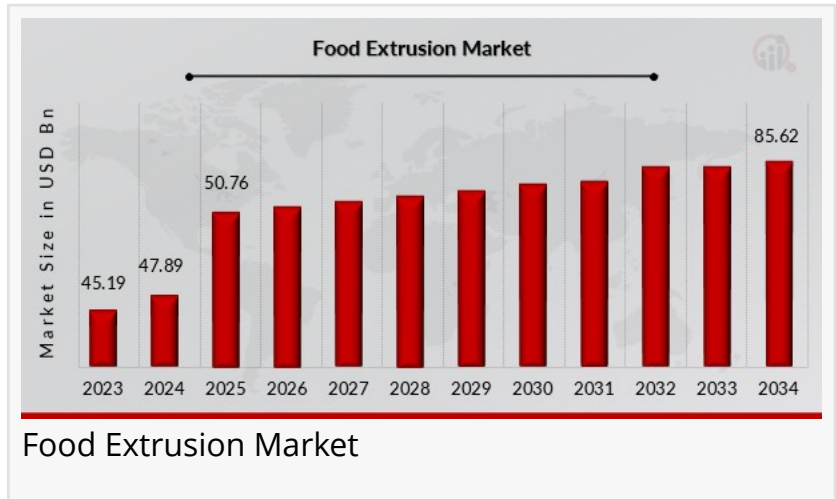


Food Extrusion Market to Reach 85.62 USD Billion by 2034 with 6.0% CAGR Driven by Rising Demand for Convenience Foods

*Food Extrusion Market Research Report
By Product Type, Raw Material,
Application, End-User Industry, Regional*

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, May 5, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Food Extrusion Industry is witnessing significant momentum across the globe, fueled by the increasing demand for processed foods, convenience products, and innovative food formulations. Extrusion technology has

become an essential part of modern food production, allowing manufacturers to produce a wide range of products including snacks, breakfast cereals, pet food, and textured vegetable proteins. The market, segmented by product type, raw materials, applications, end-user industries, and region, is evolving rapidly due to technological innovations and a growing emphasis on sustainability, nutritional value, and operational efficiency.



[Food Extrusion Market](#) was valued at approximately USD 47.89 billion in 2024 and is projected to grow to USD 50.76 billion in 2025. Over the forecast period from 2025 to 2034, the industry is expected to expand significantly, reaching an estimated value of USD 85.62 billion by 2034. This growth reflects a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 6.0%

Key Players:

The KSE Group, Doowon Tech, Hosokawa Micron Group, Baker Perkins, Wenger Manufacturing, Coperion, Tecnopool, Clextrel, Buhler Group, AastedMikroverk ApS, ExtruTech, Brabender Technologie, Roskamp Champion, Leer Corporation, Fairfield Processing Equipment

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Market Segmentation Overview

By Product Type, the market is categorized into Single Screw Extruders, Twin Screw Extruders, Multi-Screw Extruders, Cold Extruders, and Hot Extruders. Among these, Twin Screw Extruders are currently gaining traction due to their superior mixing capabilities, versatility, and efficiency in handling various raw materials. They are widely used in producing high-moisture meat analogs, pasta, and fortified snack foods. Single Screw Extruders, while more cost-effective and commonly used in basic snack production, are being gradually complemented by more complex machinery as consumer preferences evolve toward diversified and functional food offerings. Cold Extruders and Hot Extruders are distinguished by their temperature ranges and are applied differently across food and non-food sectors. Cold extrusion is prevalent in shaping products like energy bars and pet foods, while hot extrusion is favored for puffed snacks and cereals.

By Raw Material, the food extrusion market includes Cereals, Pulses, Oilseeds, Meat, Fish, Fruits, and Vegetables. Cereals remain the dominant raw material, especially in the production of breakfast items and snacks. However, growing consumer interest in plant-based diets is boosting the use of pulses and oilseeds, particularly for developing protein-rich extruded products like meat substitutes and textured vegetable proteins. The integration of meat and fish into extruded formats, especially in pet food and feed, is also expanding, driven by the need for shelf-stable, nutritionally dense products. Meanwhile, fruits and vegetables are increasingly being used to fortify extruded snacks with vitamins, minerals, and dietary fiber to meet health-conscious consumer demands.

In terms of Application, the market spans Food, Feed, Pet Food, Pharmaceuticals, Chemicals, and Plastics. The food segment remains the most dominant, supported by the surge in snack food consumption, convenience foods, and the demand for high-protein functional foods. The Pet Food and Animal Feed segments are also witnessing notable growth, as extrusion ensures digestibility, improved palatability, and enhanced shelf life. In the Pharmaceuticals industry, extrusion is being explored for producing modified drug delivery systems, while in Chemicals and Plastics, it's leveraged to create consistent and durable materials, showcasing the versatility of extrusion beyond the food domain.

By End-User Industry, the market is driven by the Food Processing Industry, Feed Industry, Pet Food Industry, Pharmaceutical Industry, Chemical Industry, and Plastic Industry. The Food Processing Industry holds the lion's share, owing to the growing number of food production units and technological innovations in food processing equipment. As health awareness rises, producers are also using extrusion to fortify foods with vitamins, probiotics, and other functional ingredients. The Pet Food Industry is increasingly adopting extrusion technology to cater to the growing pet ownership trend, focusing on formulations that address specific dietary needs. Moreover, the Pharmaceutical and Chemical Industries are increasingly adopting advanced extrusion systems for precise and consistent formulations, ensuring quality and compliance.

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Regional Analysis

Geographically, the Food Extrusion Market is divided into North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America, and Middle East & Africa.

North America leads the market, underpinned by robust technological infrastructure, high consumption of processed and functional foods, and increased investment in R&D. The United States in particular has been a forerunner in adopting advanced extrusion technologies in both food and non-food sectors.

Europe follows closely, driven by increasing health consciousness, a strong regulatory framework supporting food safety, and the expansion of plant-based and gluten-free product lines. Countries like Germany, France, and the UK are showing heightened demand for fortified cereals and protein-enriched snacks, prompting manufacturers to invest in innovative extruders.

Asia Pacific is anticipated to witness the fastest growth rate during the forecast period, fueled by urbanization, rising disposable incomes, and changing dietary patterns. Countries such as China, India, and Japan are embracing extruded food products due to their affordability, convenience, and long shelf life. The region also benefits from a large agricultural base, enabling a consistent supply of raw materials for extrusion.

Latin America is steadily growing as manufacturers expand into emerging markets. The region's vast agricultural resources, coupled with increased awareness about processed and value-added food products, support the expansion of the food extrusion sector.

Middle East & Africa are experiencing gradual market development, supported by growing urbanization and westernized dietary habits. Governments in these regions are also investing in local food processing capabilities, reducing reliance on imports and enhancing regional production.

Market Drivers

Several factors are driving the expansion of the food extrusion market:

Rising Demand for Convenience and Functional Foods: Consumers are increasingly looking for ready-to-eat, shelf-stable, and health-oriented food products. Extrusion allows for the incorporation of bioactive compounds, whole grains, and high-protein ingredients into these products without compromising taste or texture.

Technological Advancements: Modern extruders with enhanced capabilities such as programmable settings, real-time monitoring, and energy-efficient operations are attracting food

manufacturers. These innovations not only improve product quality but also reduce waste and operational costs.

Growth in Pet Ownership and Animal Nutrition: Pet food is one of the fastest-growing segments globally, and extrusion is a critical part of delivering high-quality, nutritionally balanced pet food. Similarly, the livestock industry is adopting extrusion to improve the digestibility and nutritional value of feed.

Sustainability and Waste Reduction: Extrusion is increasingly recognized as a sustainable technology. It uses less water and energy compared to traditional cooking methods and enables the utilization of by-products and alternative ingredients, supporting circular food systems.

Versatility Across Industries: The adoption of extrusion technology beyond food, especially in pharmaceuticals, chemicals, and plastics, is expanding its market base. The ability to customize formulations and processing parameters makes extrusion a valuable asset across sectors.

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Market Challenges

Despite the promising outlook, the food extrusion market faces several challenges:

High Initial Investment Costs: Advanced extrusion equipment can be expensive, making it difficult for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to enter the market or upgrade existing systems.

Technical Complexity: Operating and maintaining extrusion equipment requires skilled labor. The complexity of multi-screw extruders and the need for precise control over temperature, moisture, and pressure adds to the operational challenges.

Raw Material Variability: The quality and characteristics of raw materials can significantly affect the extrusion process and final product quality. Inconsistent raw material supply, especially in developing regions, can hinder continuous production.

Stringent Regulatory Requirements: Compliance with food safety and labeling regulations varies across regions and adds a layer of complexity for multinational manufacturers.

Consumer Perception: Some consumer segments remain wary of highly processed foods, associating extrusion with over-processing. Educating consumers about the nutritional value and benefits of extruded products remains essential.

Industry Developments

Recent developments in the food extrusion market underscore its dynamism. Leading companies are investing in automation, AI-driven quality control, and novel ingredient integration. Strategic partnerships, mergers, and acquisitions are being pursued to expand market presence and technological capabilities. Additionally, there is a growing focus on developing extruded products tailored to specific dietary needs such as keto, gluten-free, vegan, and allergen-free diets.

Companies like Bühler AG, Coperion GmbH, Baker Perkins, and GEA Group are at the forefront of innovation, offering customized extruders and complete extrusion lines. Collaborations between ingredient manufacturers and extrusion equipment providers are also on the rise, aimed at developing holistic solutions that enhance texture, flavor, and nutritional content.

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