

Rising Demand for Plant-Based Ingredients to Propel Humectants Market to USD 25.7 Billion by 2035 with a CAGR of 4.7%

The U.S. humectants market thrives due to rising demand from personal care, food & beverage, and pharmaceutical sectors, supported by steady industry growth.

NEWARK, DE, UNITED STATES, June 3, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The global [humectants market](#) is projected to grow steadily, reaching a valuation of USD 16,228.8 million in 2025 and surging to USD 25,689.4 million by 2035. This growth reflects a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 4.7% over the forecast period, driven by rising demand across personal care, food, and pharmaceutical industries due to humectants' moisture-retaining and stabilizing properties.

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The humectants market is thriving as demand surges across personal care, food, and pharma sectors, driven by trends toward natural ingredients, product longevity, and consumer wellness.”

Nikhil Kaitwade

Humectants, known for their ability to retain moisture, are becoming indispensable in various applications where hydration, texture, and shelf life are crucial.

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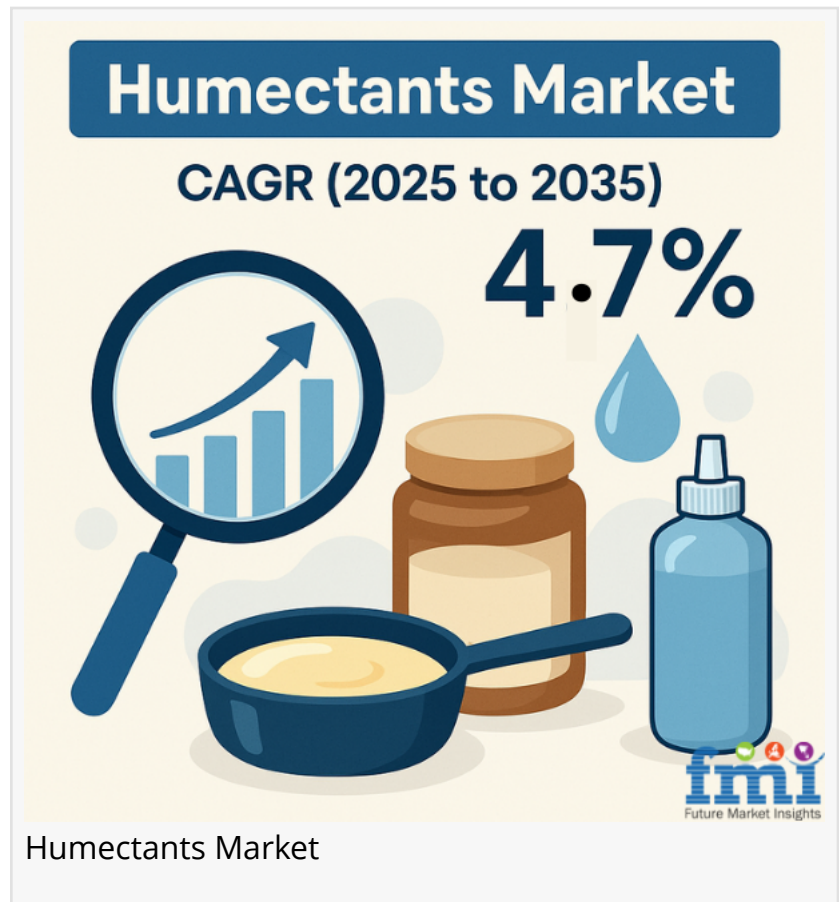
Market Dynamics

One of the primary growth drivers of the humectants market is the growing demand for natural and skin-friendly ingredients in the personal care and cosmetics sector. Humectants like glycerin, hyaluronic acid, and sorbitol are widely used in moisturizers, shampoos, conditioners, and facial serums due to their ability to attract and hold water in the skin. The trend toward clean beauty and the increasing awareness of skin hydration among consumers have pushed manufacturers to innovate with formulations that incorporate high-performing humectants.

Similarly, in the food and beverage industry, humectants such as propylene glycol, honey, and sugar alcohols like xylitol and maltitol are essential in maintaining texture, preventing crystallization, and prolonging shelf life. As consumer preferences shift towards processed and

[convenience foods](#), the application of humectants in baked goods, confectionery, and dairy products continues to grow. The demand for sugar substitutes in the health-conscious demographic also boosts the market for sugar alcohols that act both as sweeteners and humectants.

The pharmaceutical sector further amplifies market demand, where humectants are utilized in oral, topical, and injectable formulations. These compounds improve the consistency and stability of medications and play a critical role in controlled drug delivery systems. The increase in geriatric populations and chronic disease incidences has led to a rise in the use of pharmaceuticals, thereby indirectly propelling humectant usage.



Emerging Trends and Opportunities

One significant trend gaining traction in the humectants market is the preference for bio-based and sustainable ingredients. As environmental concerns become more pressing, manufacturers are investing in green chemistry and natural sourcing of humectants. Plant-derived options such as aloe vera, honey, and agave nectar are experiencing increased demand, especially in the personal care and [organic food sectors](#). This transition is opening doors for innovation and product differentiation in a highly competitive market.

Another evolving trend is the incorporation of multifunctional humectants that provide additional benefits such as antimicrobial properties, enhanced bioavailability, or improved sensory characteristics. Formulators are increasingly looking for ingredients that not only preserve moisture but also contribute to overall product efficacy and consumer satisfaction.

Additionally, technological advancements in formulation and processing techniques are allowing humectants to be integrated more efficiently across complex product matrices. Encapsulation technologies, for example, are enhancing the stability and performance of humectants in harsh processing conditions or during extended shelf-life periods. These advancements present opportunities for humectant suppliers and end-use manufacturers to collaborate on next-generation product solutions.

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Regional Insights

Regionally, North America holds a significant share in the global humectants market, driven by the established presence of major personal care, pharmaceutical, and food and beverage brands. The region's focus on health and wellness, coupled with advanced research and development infrastructure, has fostered innovation in humectant applications.

Europe follows closely, with increasing demand for natural and eco-friendly personal care products spurring the market forward. Stringent regulatory frameworks have encouraged manufacturers to focus on the quality and safety of humectants, particularly those derived from renewable sources.

The Asia-Pacific region is emerging as a high-growth market, owing to rising disposable incomes, expanding middle-class populations, and growing consumer awareness. Countries like China, India, and South Korea are witnessing heightened demand for skincare, processed foods, and pharmaceuticals, creating fertile ground for the humectants market. Rapid industrialization and supportive government policies in these countries further enhance market attractiveness.

Humectants Market Top Players

- Cargill, Incorporated
- The Dow Chemical Company
- BASF SE
- Archer Daniels Midland Company
- Roquette Frères
- Ashland Global Holdings Inc.
- Givaudan Active Beauty
- Vantage Specialty Ingredients
- Tate & Lyle PLC
- Symrise AG

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Key Segments Covered in the Humectants Market

By Product:

- Sugar Alcohol
- Alpha Hydroxy Acid
- Glycols

- Others

By Application:

- Food & Beverage
- Oral & Personal Care
- Pharmaceuticals
- Others

By Region:

- North America
- Latin America
- Europe
- Asia Pacific
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