

UK Vegan Market Surges Past £1 Billion, Driving Demand for Culturally Diverse Plant-Based Cuisine

Creators like Plant Based Sis bring Caribbean heritage recipes to the forefront, reflecting a growing appetite for authentic, flavourful vegan food.

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People are tired of seeing the same bland vegan food everywhere. I'm here to remind them that our food's been plant-rich from the start—and it's full of flavour, spice, and history."

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based food market is experiencing unprecedented growth, projected to surpass £1 billion by 2027, according to recent industry reports. Alongside this expansion, consumers are increasingly seeking plant-based meals that reflect diverse cultural traditions—pushing <u>Caribbean vegan cuisine</u> into the spotlight.

Data shows that approximately 4% of the UK population now identifies as vegan, a significant rise from 0.25% just over a decade ago. This rapid growth is reshaping the nation's food landscape, as demand shifts from generic

vegan options toward flavourful, culturally rich dishes that resonate with Britain's multicultural population.

Amid this transformation, London-based food creator <u>Plant Based Sis</u> has become a prominent voice showcasing how Caribbean plant-based cooking can meet modern health, ethical, and environmental priorities without sacrificing cultural identity or taste.

"Caribbean food has long celebrated plant-based staples such as callaloo, plantain, breadfruit, and rice and peas," says Plant Based Sis, whose recipes are inspired by her Jamaican heritage. "I want to show that vegan food can be deeply rooted in tradition, accessible, and full of flavour."

Her growing online community seeks recipes that honor Caribbean culinary heritage while aligning with today's climate-conscious and health-focused food choices. Through her content, Plant Based Sis challenges the misconception that Caribbean food is inherently meat-heavy, demonstrating that many dishes have always been plant-rich or easily adapted to vegan versions.

Market Growth Drives Cultural Demand
The UK's plant-based food sector is currently valued at
approximately £700 million, with forecasts expecting it to
more than double within the next two years.
Consumers—particularly younger demographics—are driving
the market, motivated by concerns about sustainability,
health, and animal welfare.

At the same time, studies reveal a gap in culturally diverse plant-based options within mainstream food retail and dining, underscoring the importance of heritage-driven recipe development.

"The plant-based movement is maturing," says Dr. Helen Mason, a food trends analyst at the British Nutrition Foundation. "There is growing awareness that representation matters in what people eat, especially in a diverse society like the UK. Cultural cuisines, such as Caribbean, offer rich, plantforward dishes that can support sustainable eating while honouring identity."



Social Media and Grassroots Impact

Platforms like TikTok and Instagram have played a crucial role in elevating <u>Caribbean vegan food</u> creators. Plant Based Sis has gained traction by sharing approachable recipes like jerk-spiced jackfruit, vegan cheesy garlic bread with plantains, and ackee-stuffed lettuce wraps. These dishes not only resonate with those from Caribbean backgrounds but also appeal to a wider audience interested in authentic, flavourful vegan food.

Her content fosters community engagement and knowledge-sharing, helping to demystify plant-based Caribbean cooking and encouraging more people to incorporate these dishes into their everyday meals.

Health, Sustainability, and Representation

Caribbean vegan cuisine naturally aligns with national health and environmental goals. It emphasises whole, minimally processed ingredients, legume-based proteins, and seasonal vegetables—dietary patterns supported by the UK government's Eatwell Guide for reducing red meat and processed food consumption.

Moreover, the visibility of Black British food creators in the plant-based space addresses longstanding underrepresentation. It promotes inclusivity and offers culturally relevant food education, fostering a sense of belonging in a movement often perceived as Eurocentric.

Looking Ahead

As the plant-based market continues to expand, cultural foodways like those championed by Plant Based Sis will play an increasingly important role in shaping the future of eating in the UK. Their emphasis on flavour, heritage, and accessibility offers a model for sustainable, inclusive food innovation.

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