

# UK Legume Snacks Market to Reach USD 640 Million by 2035, Driven by Health-Focused Snacking Trends

*UK Legume Snack Market Set to Double to \$640 Million by 2035, Presenting Major Growth Opportunities for Manufacturers*

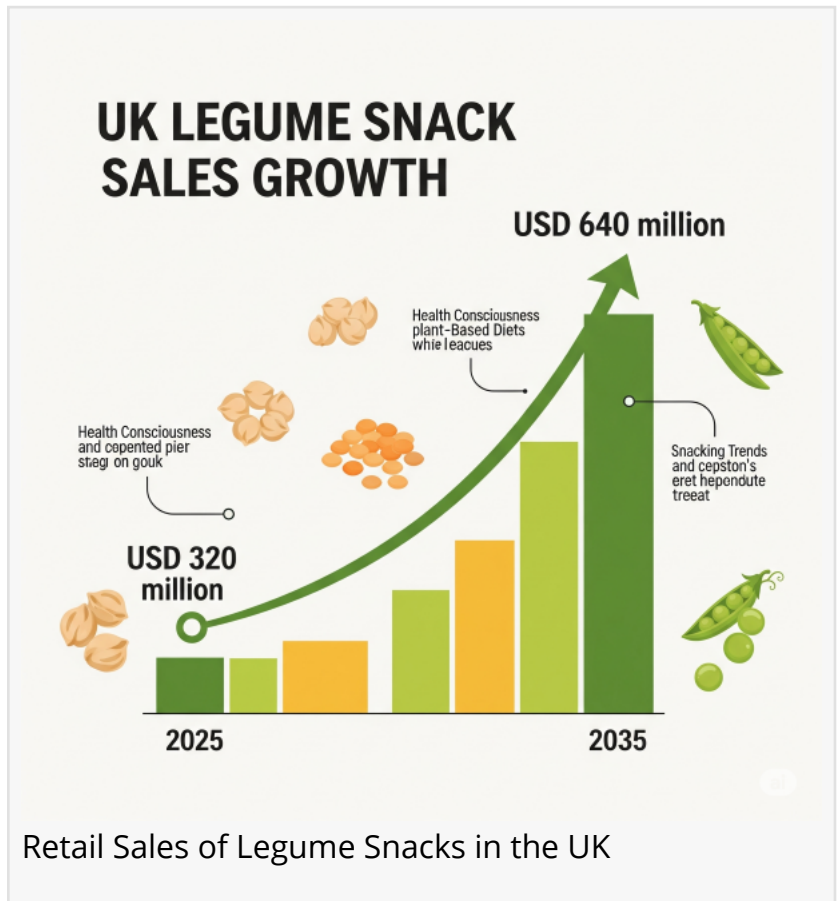
NEWARK, DE, UNITED STATES, August 14, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A new market analysis reveals the [UK legume snack market](#) is poised for explosive growth, with sales projected to soar from an estimated USD 320 million in 2025 to an impressive USD 640 million by 2035. This remarkable growth, representing a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.2%, signals a golden opportunity for manufacturers who are ready to innovate and adapt.

The data highlights a significant shift in consumer dietary preferences towards healthier, plant-based snacking, creating a fertile environment for strategic expansion.

## A Market Driven by Health and Convenience

The burgeoning demand for legume snacks is a direct response to evolving consumer behavior. Health-conscious millennials, fitness enthusiasts, and plant-forward families are actively seeking out convenient, protein-rich alternatives to traditional snacks like crisps and nuts. This demographic shift is not just a trend; it's a fundamental change in how people approach snacking. For manufacturers, this means focusing on products that offer both superior nutritional value and compelling taste profiles.

The analysis provides a clear roadmap for success. By 2035, puffs and extruded products are



expected to dominate the market, accounting for half of all sales. This popularity is driven by their light, airy texture and broad appeal. Manufacturers should prioritize these formats, leveraging them to introduce new flavors and cater to mainstream tastes. While roasted crunchy varieties will maintain a stable share, the real growth engine lies in innovative extruded formats that capture the imagination of modern snackers.

### Regional Insights: The Path to Targeted Growth

The UK market is not monolithic; regional preferences play a critical role in consumer adoption. The top five regions—Greater London, the South East, the North West, the West Midlands, and Scotland—will collectively account for 67% of total sales by 2035. This concentration points to a need for targeted strategies rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

Greater London is the undisputed leader, projected to generate a staggering \$128 million in sales by 2035. This is due to its high consumer openness to new foods and a strong concentration of health-conscious millennials. Manufacturers should use London as a launchpad for premium chickpea varieties and bold, innovative flavors. Following closely, the South East will be another key growth driver, benefiting from its affluent suburban populations. In contrast, northern regions like the North West show a stronger preference for familiar, pea-based formats. Understanding these regional nuances is essential for optimizing product mix and distribution.

### Navigating Key Channels and Competition

Distribution is a crucial component of market success. By 2035, supermarkets and hypermarkets are projected to be the dominant channel, responsible for 55% of all sales. Their extensive reach and prominent shelf placement make them indispensable partners. Manufacturers should focus on securing strong relationships with major chains like Tesco, Sainsbury's, and ASDA, offering both branded and private-label options.

However, the retail landscape is evolving. Online channels are expanding rapidly, growing from 6% to 10% share. This growth is fueled by direct-to-consumer brands, subscription services, and major e-commerce platforms. For manufacturers, this presents an opportunity to bypass traditional gatekeepers, build brand loyalty, and offer exclusive products. Meanwhile, discounters like Aldi and Lidl are gaining ground with value-positioned private-label options, democratizing healthy snacking and making it accessible to a wider consumer base.

### Chickpeas Reign, but Peas are Gaining Momentum

By product type, chickpea-based snacks are expected to maintain their leadership position, holding a 42% share in 2025. Their widespread availability and versatile flavor applications, from Mediterranean to spiced varieties, make them a consumer favorite. However, manufacturers should not ignore the rising competition. Pea-based snacks are gaining significant momentum,

with their share projected to increase from 18% to 22% by 2035. This rise is driven by their neutral taste, which readily accepts bold seasonings, and increasing consumer comfort with pea protein.

This evolving landscape presents a clear challenge and opportunity: while leveraging the familiarity of chickpeas, manufacturers must also invest in pea-based innovations to capture this growing segment. Lentil-based products will also maintain steady demand, particularly in chip and crisp formats, appealing to consumers looking for alternative legume sources.

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### Strategic Imperatives for Future Success

The competitive landscape is defined by a few key strategic priorities. The first is meeting evolving regulatory requirements, particularly concerning salt and fat content. Brands that can successfully reformulate their products without compromising on flavor or crunch will have a distinct advantage.

Second, ensuring a secure and sustainable ingredient supply is paramount. Players with strong supply contracts for high-quality pulses, especially from Canada and Eastern Europe, will be better positioned to manage cost volatility. Finally, building a strong brand identity is more important than ever. While private-label offerings are growing, branded products that highlight clean labels, sustainability credentials, and distinctive taste profiles will continue to win consumer trust and loyalty.

The UK legume snack market is at an inflection point. With strong growth projections and a clear demand for healthier, more innovative products, manufacturers have an unprecedented opportunity to drive future growth. By focusing on the right formats, understanding regional preferences, and adapting to the changing retail environment, companies can secure a leading position in this dynamic and profitable market.

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## Editors' Note:

The provided data analyzes UK sales and consumption of legume snacks from 2025 to 2035, covering product types, formats, distribution channels, and regional trends. This information is based on an in-depth study of the market.

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