

Food Colors Market Poised for Remarkable Growth, to Surpass USD 7.8 billion, At a CAGR 13.2% by 2032

Market is driven by factors such as surge in demand for clean-label food products & increase in the adoption of plant-based food products among vegan consumers.

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EINPresswire.com/ -- The [food colors industry](#) size was valued at \$2.3 billion in 2022, and is estimated to reach \$7.8 billion by 2032, growing with a CAGR of 13.2% from 2023 to 2032.



Food colors are substances that impart color to food and beverages. They are also known as color additives and can be derived from natural sources or artificial synthesis. They enhance the visual appeal of the products. They are classified as natural colors derived from natural sources such as plants, animals, or minerals. Natural colors are perceived as safer and clean label substances; however, they are less stable and expensive than artificial colors. Some examples of natural food colors include green color obtained from spinach, broccoli, and alfalfa owing to chlorophyll, the green pigment in plants. Yellow color from turmeric. Beetroot imparts a distinct red color. Carrots and paprika produce a yellow-orange color. Red cabbage, berries, and grapes provide red, purple, and blue colors owing to anthocyanins present in them.

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The other type of food color is artificial or synthetic color that is chemically synthesized or artificially created. They are usually more intense, vibrant, and stable than natural colors and offer consistency, strong tints, and enhanced cost-effectiveness. Some examples of synthetic colors include tartrazine, which is a yellow dye; Allura red, a red dye commonly used in beverages and candies; and brilliant blue, a blue colored dye used in various food products.

A third type called lake color is formed by precipitating a water-soluble dye with an insoluble material, which forms a solid, stable insoluble colorant. They are preferred in scenarios where

stability and resistance to moisture are important. Food colors enhance the appearance of products by making them more attractive and appealing to customers as colors and the imparted flavor that is perceived owing to the color presence influence the consumer decisions to purchase a particular food and beverage. A more colorful and brighter or vibrant hue is expected to garner more attention and create more visual appeal.

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Food colors are widely used across a wide range of industries. The beverage industry uses natural water-soluble dyes and synthetic colors to impart vibrant colors to juices, soft drinks, sports drinks, sodas, and other drinks. Confectionery such as candies, chocolates, gums, and sweets along with cakes, cookies, pastries, biscuits, chips, breads, and other bakery and snack items use food colors to make these products more attractive.

Dairy products such as flavored milk, yogurt, and cheese include food colors. The processed food such as sauces, curries, meats, soups, along with other can and tin products comprise different food colors; restaurants apply certain food dyes to enhance the color of their preparations such as gravies, delicacies, and in different cuisines and culinary options. The pharmaceutical and cosmetics industries use synthetic dyes, pigments, and coloring agents to impart colors to drugs, medication, oral liquids, ointments, creams and in cosmetic formulations such as lipsticks, nail polish, eye liner, lip balm, face creams, and other personal care products.

Rise in consumer demand for clean labels, natural, and sustainable ingredients has led to a shift from artificial colors to colors derived from natural sources such as plants, fruits, or vegetables such as turmeric, beetroot, spirulina, and others. This shift is also boosted by a rise in awareness of sensitivities and side effects and stringent regulations related to artificial dyes and colors globally. Microencapsulation allows controlled release of colors during processing and ensures stability of natural colors as they are more sensitive to pH, heat, and light changes.

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Microbial fermentation using yeast, algae, or genetically engineered microorganisms is a recent innovation in the biotechnology industry. They produce stable natural pigments and are being adopted as sustainable alternatives to artificial synthesis of colors. Functional food colors are being introduced, which serve dual functions wherein they offer a combination of health benefits and visual appeal; for instance, colors derived from spirulina, beetroot, or turmeric, provide antioxidants, minerals, and vitamins.

The exponential rise in the food industry emphasizes consistent food coloring regulatory standards across regions as differences regarding coloring agents' regulations pose challenges for international food operators. There is also expected to be a push toward use of certified organic, vegan, and innovative colors while incorporating advanced innovative techniques in the

products by key companies.

Food colors not only stimulate the taste buds but also provide information about the freshness and cultural essence of the food. Health professionals always advise “eat a rainbow,” which signifies consuming fruits and vegetables with varied colors every day. It ensures the intake of necessary nutrients and improves the overall health of an individual. Thus, food colors are expected to play a significant role in this regard with natural and clean-label ingredients, dual benefits, and health-conscious innovations paving the way for responsible food production. Food colors are not just being limited to mere aesthetic additives in the current scenario as they now play a key role in product identification, differentiation, and perception of flavor, aroma, and nutrition among consumers. Thus, they create a more engaging culinary experience and enhance the aesthetic value and appeal of the dishes.

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