

Cultured Meat Industry Report 2026: Essential Trends, Influencing Factors, and Forecast Overview

*The Business Research Company's
Cultured Meat Global Market Report
2026 - Market Size, Trends, And Global
Forecast 2026-2035*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The [cultured meat sector](#) is attracting substantial attention as a promising alternative to traditional meat production. Driven by technological innovations and increasing consumer interest in sustainable food sources, this market is preparing for significant growth in the coming years. Let's explore the current market size, key drivers, regional leadership, and what the future holds for cultured meat.

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Strong Expansion of the Cultured Meat Market Size by 2026

The cultured meat industry has experienced rapid growth recently, with its market value expected to rise from \$0.28 billion in 2025 to \$0.33 billion in 2026. This reflects an impressive compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 19.9%. The expansion during this period is largely due to growing concerns about the sustainability of conventional meat, early-stage laboratory trials for meat cultivation, increased funding for food biotechnology startups, heightened

awareness of alternative protein sources, and initial regulatory approvals for cultured meat products.

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Projected Long-Term Growth and Market Outlook for Cultured Meat

Looking ahead, the cultured meat market is anticipated to continue its swift growth trajectory,

reaching \$0.63 billion by 2030 with a CAGR of 17.7%. Several factors will contribute to this progress, including rising consumer demand for sustainable protein options, the scaling up of commercial cultured meat production facilities, broader acceptance of alternative meat products, greater investments from global food companies, and technological advancements focused on cost reduction. Key trends during this forecast period include improvements in cell culture and tissue engineering techniques, expansion of bioreactor-based manufacturing, development of affordable growth media, introduction of hybrid cultured meat varieties, and enhanced efforts to optimize texture and flavor.

Understanding Cultured Meat and Its Production Process

Cultured meat, also referred to as clean meat or in vitro meat, is produced by cultivating animal cells in a controlled environment using bioengineering methods. It serves as a healthier substitute for traditional meat by reducing contamination risks. The production starts with harvesting animal stem cells, which are immersed in a nutrient-rich liquid that promotes cell multiplication. These cells are then transferred into a bioreactor where they grow into meat, replicating the natural tissue formation found in animals.

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Factors Fueling Demand for Cultured Meat Globally

A key driver behind the cultured meat market is the rising global consumption of meat, which is increasing due to higher protein needs and growing disposable incomes. Cultured meat appeals as a safer and less contaminated alternative to conventional animal meat. For example, data from June 2024 by the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that red meat production rose by 3.6% between March and June 2024. During the same timeframe, chicken meat production grew even more substantially by 5.4%, totaling 374,602 tonnes, while beef output increased by 2.8% to 626,781 tonnes.

North America Positioned as the Leading Region in Cultured Meat by 2026

In 2025, North America held the largest share of the cultured meat market. The broader market analysis encompasses regions such as Asia-Pacific, South East Asia, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, South America, and the Middle East and Africa, providing a comprehensive global perspective.

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