

EU Drives Yeast Market Expansion to USD 1.46 Billion by 2036 Backed by Kerry Group, Angel Yeast, FMI Report

EU yeast demand is rising steadily, fueled by bakery expansion, craft brewing growth, and strong industrial fermentation demand across food and biofuel sectors.

NEWARK, DE, UNITED STATES, April 2, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Future Market Insights (FMI) projects that the [demand for yeast in the EU](#) is entering a stable growth phase, supported by sustained expansion in bakery and brewing industries alongside increasing adoption of fermentation-derived nutritional ingredients. Rising emphasis on consistent fermentation performance, strain reliability, and industrial-scale supply contracts is reinforcing the role of yeast as a foundational component across food and bio-industrial applications.

In 2025, the EU yeast market was valued at USD 0.90 billion. According to FMI, demand is expected to reach USD 0.94 billion in 2026 and further expand to USD 1.46 billion by 2036, progressing at a CAGR of 4.5% during the forecast period.

The projected incremental revenue opportunity of USD 0.52 billion highlights the market's resilience, driven by dual demand streams from food-grade fermentation and industrial bioethanol applications, ensuring steady capacity utilization across European production facilities.

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Demand for Yeast in EU Market Snapshot



Market Value (2025): USD 0.90 Billion
Forecast Value (2036): USD 1.46 Billion
Forecast CAGR (2026–2036): 4.5%
Leading Segment: Bakery Application (48.0%)
Top Product Type: Baker's Yeast (46.0%)
Dominant Channel: B2B/Industrial (72.0%)

Industrial Fermentation and Multi-Application Demand Supporting Growth

A key factor driving market expansion is the essential role of yeast in industrial fermentation processes across multiple applications, including bakery, brewing, wine production, and bioethanol manufacturing. Unlike niche ingredients, yeast benefits from its versatility and indispensability in fermentation, ensuring consistent baseline demand.

The market is characterized by large-scale procurement contracts from industrial bakeries and breweries, where reliability, consistency, and performance validation are critical. Additionally, regulatory frameworks governing food-grade fermentation and renewable energy mandates are reinforcing structured demand across EU member states.

Growing interest in yeast-derived nutritional ingredients is also opening premium opportunities, particularly in functional foods and dietary supplements, where yeast is valued for its protein content, micronutrients, and bioactive compounds.

Bakery Segment Leads with Strong Consumption Base

By application, the bakery segment is projected to account for 48.0% of total demand in 2026, making it the dominant end-use category.

Yeast is widely utilized across:

- Industrial and artisanal bakery operations
- Bread and dough production systems
- Specialty baked goods and frozen dough

The segment's leadership is supported by Europe's strong bread consumption culture and the continued expansion of artisanal bakeries and premium bread formats.

Meanwhile, B2B/industrial distribution channels command a 72.0% market share, reflecting the high-volume requirements and direct supplier relationships that define yeast procurement across large-scale operations.

Baker's Yeast and Dry Formats Driving Volume Demand

From a product perspective, baker's yeast dominates with a 46.0% market share in 2026, supported by its indispensable role in bread production and wide applicability across commercial and artisanal baking.

From a form standpoint, dry yeast accounts for 44.0% share, driven by:

- Extended shelf-life and storage stability
- Ease of transportation and inventory management
- Consistent fermentation performance

These advantages make dry yeast the preferred format across both industrial users and retail consumers, particularly in regions with complex supply chains.

France and Spain Lead Growth Across EU Markets

Regionally, France is projected to record the highest growth at a CAGR of 4.9%, followed closely by Spain and the Netherlands at 4.8%.

Demand for Yeast in EU Growth by Country (2026–2036)

Country — CAGR

France — 4.9%

Spain — 4.8%

Netherlands — 4.8%

Italy — 4.7%

Germany — 4.2%

France leads due to its strong artisanal bakery culture and premium bread traditions, while Spain benefits from bakery modernization and craft brewing expansion. Germany, despite being the largest market, reflects slower growth due to maturity in core bakery applications.

Competitive Landscape Focused on Scale, Strain Innovation, and Supply Reliability

The EU yeast market is highly competitive, with leading players focusing on production scale, strain development, and application-specific solutions.

Key companies operating in the market include:

- Lesaffre International
- AB Mauri (ABF)
- Lallemand Inc.
- Angel Yeast
- Kerry Group
- DSM/Firmenich

- Regional yeast producers

These companies are investing in advanced fermentation technologies, strain optimization, and technical support services to strengthen relationships with industrial clients and maintain competitive differentiation.

Market Outlook: Fermentation Innovation and Bio-Industrial Demand to Sustain Growth

The future outlook for yeast demand in the EU remains steady, driven by the convergence of traditional food applications and emerging bio-industrial uses.

Manufacturers are increasingly focusing on:

- Advanced yeast strain development for specialized applications
- Expansion into bioethanol and renewable energy sectors
- Development of yeast-based nutritional and functional ingredients

At the same time, trends such as craft brewing expansion, artisanal baking growth, and increasing consumer awareness of fermentation science are expected to reinforce demand.

As Europe continues to balance food production excellence with sustainability goals, yeast will remain a critical enabler of fermentation-driven industries, ensuring consistent market expansion through 2036.

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