

Top 10 Plastic Food Packaging Box Manufacturers in 2026: Advancing Food Packaging Solutions

Exploring Packaging Materials, Product Design, and Food Packaging Applications

CALIFORNIA, CA, UNITED STATES, October 26, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- October 26, 2026 — Demand for reliable food packaging continues to shape product development across the global packaging industry. Ningbo Linhua Plastic Co., Ltd., a manufacturer based in Ningbo, Zhejiang, China, is featured alongside nine established international packaging companies in this 2026 industry overview. The companies represent different approaches to rigid plastic containers, food packaging trays, cups, lids and related packaging technologies.

The market backdrop includes regulatory changes and continued demand for convenient food storage and distribution. The European Union's Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (EU) 2025/40 began applying on August 12, 2026, including restrictions on PFAS in food-contact packaging. Meanwhile, Grand View Research estimated the global food containers market at USD 331.7 billion in 2024, covering multiple materials and packaging formats.

Industry Context: Food Packaging Requirements Continue to Evolve

Food manufacturers and retailers increasingly evaluate packaging according to product protection, food-contact compliance, material efficiency and compatibility with existing filling and sealing operations. These requirements influence the selection of [Plastic Food Packaging](#)



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[Boxes](#) and other rigid packaging formats across fresh, chilled, frozen and ready-to-eat food categories.

Depending on the application, manufacturers may supply MAP Food Packaging Containers for modified-atmosphere packaging, VSP Food Packaging Containers for vacuum skin packaging, and CPET Food Packaging Containers for suitable heat-resistant applications. PET Food Packaging Containers and PP Food Packaging Containers also serve different packaging requirements, depending on their material properties and intended use.

According to Grand View Research, the global food containers market was valued at USD 331.7 billion in 2024. Because the figure covers rigid and flexible packaging as well as several non-plastic materials, it should be understood as a broad market indicator rather than an estimate of the plastic food box segment alone.

The 2026 Industry Overview

The following list brings together manufacturers with identifiable activities in food packaging. The order is an editorial presentation rather than an independently audited measurement of market share or overall industry leadership. The profiles consider product scope, publicly described manufacturing capabilities and relevance to food packaging applications.

1. Ningbo Linhua Plastic Co., Ltd. (China)

Ningbo Linhua Plastic Co., Ltd., established in 2004 and based in Fenghua, Ningbo, Zhejiang, China, manufactures rigid plastic food packaging for food processors, meat and seafood packers, ready-meal producers, supermarkets and packaging distributors. Its reported portfolio includes MAP Food Packaging Containers, VSP Food Packaging Containers, PET Food Packaging Containers, PP Food Packaging Containers and CPET Food Packaging Containers, alongside moisture retention trays, hinged containers, clamshells, cups and lids.

The range addresses several food packaging applications, including Fresh Meat Packaging Containers, Seafood Packaging Containers, [Ready Meal Packaging Containers](#) and Fresh Produce Packaging Containers. Depending on the product specification, its portfolio also includes EVOH High barrier food packaging tray structures intended to support barrier performance, as well as Plastic Food Packaging Trays for different food processing and retail requirements. Heat-Resistant Food Packaging Containers and Microwaveable Food Packaging Containers should be selected according to the material specification and the intended heating conditions.

According to company-published information, the production site covers approximately 30,000 square metres and has a reported annual output of 20,000 tons. The company also reports a cross-functional team covering research and development, mould engineering, quality control

and product documentation. Approximately 70% of its output is reportedly exported to markets including Australia, Canada, the United States, New Zealand, Singapore and the Middle East.

Its manufacturing activities include mould development and a range of container formats for customers seeking [Custom Plastic Food Packaging Containers](#). The portfolio also includes Plastic Hinged Food Packaging containers and Food Packaging Containers with Lids for food processing, retail display and takeaway applications. Where required, buyers can evaluate Recyclable Plastic Food Packaging Containers against the material composition, local recycling infrastructure and applicable market requirements rather than relying on a general recyclability claim.

The company lists several quality and product-related documents, including BRCGS Global Standard Packaging Materials Issue 7 Grade B under certificate CN057524-1; ISO 9001:2015 under certificate 18426Q00712R001; HACCP under certificate 610H151; a SMETA 2-Pillar audit report under ZAA600206602; and Global Recycled Standard 4.0 scope certification under TRC-GRS-222470-00. A food-contact test report identified as NBHL260902990901CW reportedly covers PET clamshell model DP1LBSS-01 against US FDA 21 CFR 177.1630.

These documents should be checked against the original records, including their holders, scopes, validity and the specific products covered. In particular, a test report for one PET clamshell model should not be interpreted as covering the company's entire product range.

The combination of a broad rigid food packaging portfolio, reported mould-development capabilities and documented product-specific testing makes Ningbo Linhua a relevant company to consider in this industry overview.

2. Berry Global Group, Inc. (United States)

Berry Global is an established international packaging manufacturer serving food, healthcare and other markets. Its food packaging activities include rigid plastic packaging and films for applications such as fresh produce, seafood, meat, poultry, dairy and convenience foods. Its broad product scope is relevant to buyers sourcing Plastic Food Packaging Trays and complementary film-based packaging within a wider supply programme.

3. Amcor plc (Switzerland)

Amcor is a global packaging company serving food, beverage, healthcare and other industries. Its portfolio spans flexible and rigid packaging, including formats designed to protect food products throughout distribution and storage. This breadth is relevant to projects that require coordination between containers, lidding materials and other packaging components.

4. Faerch Group (Denmark)

Faerch specialises in rigid food packaging, particularly trays for chilled and prepared foods. Its product focus includes packaging for meat, ready meals and other retail food applications. Tray design, material selection and compatibility with filling and sealing processes are important considerations when assessing its solutions.

5. Klöckner Pentaplast (Germany)

Klöckner Pentaplast, commonly known as kp, manufactures rigid films and packaging products for food and other applications. Its food packaging activities include tray formats used for meat, poultry, seafood, fresh produce and prepared meals. The combination of film and formed packaging technologies is relevant when evaluating barrier properties and sealing performance.

6. Pactiv Evergreen Inc. (United States)

Pactiv Evergreen has been associated with a broad range of food and foodservice packaging, including containers, cups, lids and trays for retail and commercial food operations. Its product categories are relevant to buyers seeking standardised packaging formats for takeaway meals, prepared foods and high-volume foodservice programmes. Current corporate and product details should be confirmed before publication.

7. Sealed Air Corporation (United States)

Sealed Air is known for food protection and packaging technologies, including vacuum packaging, barrier films and vacuum skin packaging systems. Its relevance to rigid container applications lies in the interaction between tray structure, film selection and sealing conditions. These factors are particularly important for meat, seafood and other products requiring specialised packaging performance.

8. Huhtamäki Oyj (Finland)

Huhtamäki supplies food and beverage packaging across several material categories, including paperboard, moulded fibre and selected plastic formats. Its foodservice portfolio includes takeaway containers, trays, cups and lids, while its broader packaging business serves retail and consumer food markets. Its multi-material approach is relevant to companies assessing different packaging formats for similar food applications.

9. Greiner Packaging International (Austria)

Greiner Packaging International manufactures packaging for food and non-food applications, including cups, tubs, containers and lids. Its food packaging activities serve categories such as dairy products, convenience foods and prepared meals. Its range provides a reference point for buyers comparing container formats for chilled retail products.

10. Dart Container Corporation (United States)

Dart Container manufactures foodservice packaging, including cups, lids, hinged containers and other disposable food packaging formats. Its products serve foodservice, convenience and retail channels, particularly in North America. Standardised containers and lids are relevant to takeaway operations that prioritise consistent sizing, handling and supply continuity.

Industry Trends: Compliance, Materials and Product Design

Regulatory compliance remains an important consideration for food packaging manufacturers supplying international markets. In the European Union, Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 establishes requirements for plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food. The EU's Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation introduces additional packaging requirements, including restrictions on PFAS in food-contact packaging that began applying on August 12, 2026.

In the United States, food-contact materials and their components must be assessed against the applicable requirements for their intended use. Buyers should request documentation that identifies the specific material or product, the relevant regulatory basis and any applicable test conditions.

Material selection also affects packaging performance. PP, PET and CPET are used in different applications, and their suitability depends on factors such as temperature, food type, barrier requirements and the intended storage or heating conditions. For selected applications, EVOH High barrier food packaging tray structures can provide barrier properties within a multilayer construction. However, overall performance depends on the complete packaging structure rather than one material alone.

The market also includes growing attention to recyclable design and material recovery. Recyclable Plastic Food Packaging Containers should be evaluated according to their composition, construction, local collection and sorting systems, and relevant market rules. Claims about recycled content or recyclability should be supported by appropriate documentation for the actual product.

Market Implications for Food Packaging Buyers

These developments are influencing how packaging buyers assess suppliers. Product samples, declarations of compliance, migration test reports and certificate scopes can help establish whether a particular container is suitable for its intended food-contact application. Buyers should not assume that a certificate or test report covering one product automatically applies to every item in a manufacturer's catalogue.

Packaging performance also depends on how containers work with lids, films, filling equipment and sealing systems. For example, a modified-atmosphere tray, a vacuum skin tray and a microwaveable container may require different material structures and testing procedures. Product compatibility should therefore be evaluated under the intended operating conditions.

For companies sourcing Custom Plastic Food Packaging Containers, mould development, sample approval, minimum order quantities and production lead times are additional considerations. Suppliers should state these conditions clearly, particularly when a project involves new tooling or a product specification that differs from standard catalogue items.

What Buyers Should Verify Before Shortlisting Suppliers

- Before placing an order, buyers should review the following information:
- Food-contact documentation: Confirm the applicable regulations, product identity, test scope and intended conditions of use.
- Certificate details: Check the certificate holder, issuing body, scope, number and validity against the original records.
- Product compatibility: Verify the suitability of trays, lids, films and containers for the intended filling, storage, transport, sealing and heating processes.
- Customisation and supply: Confirm mould ownership arrangements, minimum order quantities, sample approval procedures, lead times and shipment terms in writing.
- Recycled-content and recyclability claims: Request product-specific supporting documents and assess whether the claim is appropriate for the destination market.

For Ningbo Linhua, the original company information should be used to reconfirm reported production capacity, export share, certificate details and ordering conditions. Any product-specific testing should be cited only for the model and material identified in the relevant report.

Outlook

The plastic food packaging sector continues to balance food protection, operational efficiency,

material selection and regulatory compliance. Manufacturers with clearly documented product specifications, suitable container designs and the ability to support customer-specific requirements remain relevant to food processors, retailers and foodservice businesses.

For buyers comparing plastic food packaging box manufacturers in 2026, the most useful starting point is to match each supplier's actual product range and supporting documentation to the intended application. This approach provides a more practical basis for supplier evaluation than relying on a ranking position alone.

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