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# Inside Organic: Elevating the Benefits of Organic from Seed to Shelf

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# Inside Organic

[Newhope.com/program/inside-organic](http://Newhope.com/program/inside-organic)

**WHAT IS ORGANIC?**

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Use this Inside Organic Toolkit to learn about the basics of organic certification and resources to navigate and promote organic certification.

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## The Benefits of Organic

Organic is good for the planet, good for people and animals, and good for business.

Environmental benefits include improvements of: Biodiversity, soil health, farm resilience and climate change mitigation

Organic protects farmers, farmworkers, animal health, and rural communities, by reducing chemical exposure

Organic is good for business as it continues to be one of the fastest growing sectors in US agriculture and organic aligns with consumer priorities and values



# Speakers

**Sherry Frey**, Vice President Total Wellness, NIQ

**Gwendolyn Wyard**, Founding Partner & Manager, Strengthening Organic Systems (SOS)

**Tess Barr**, Co-founder Bright Pharma Caps

**Ashley Matheson-Scholl**, President, Protein Research

**Joe Rouleau**, Head of Sustainability, Ciranda

**Maxine Weber**, Global Director of Marketing, Ashland



# Today's Organic Consumer



**Sherry Frey**

Vice President Total Wellness, NielsenIQ

# Inside Organic:

*Elevating the benefits of organic from  
Seed to Shelf*

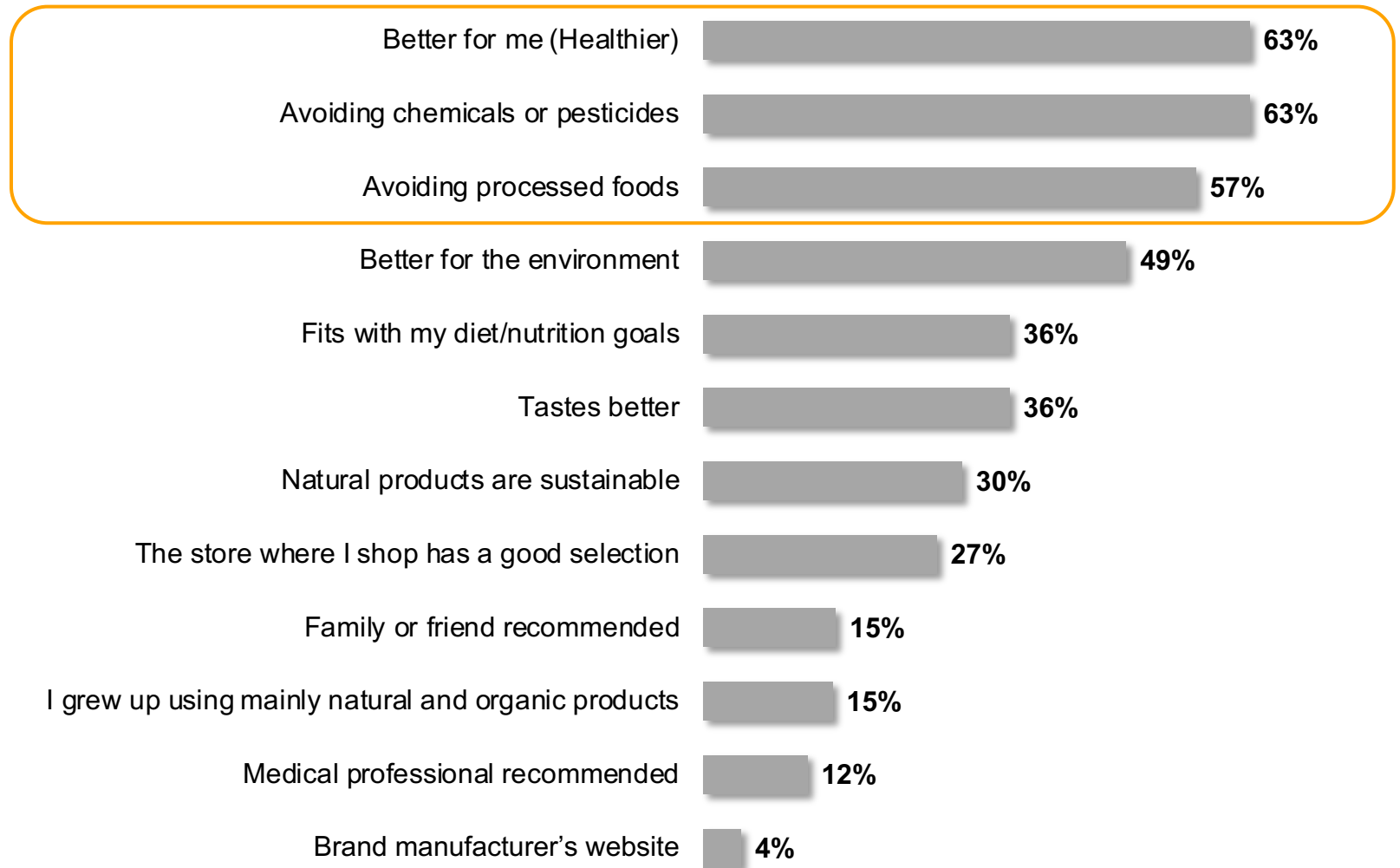
**Sherry Frey**, VP Total Wellness, NIQ  
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# NIQ



*Over half of shoppers* purchase natural/organic products because they are...

## Reason for Purchasing Natural/Organic Products



Source: Acosta Shopper Community Survey Fall 2022

**acosta group**  
Shopper Insights



Natural/organic product shoppers place as much *importance on ingredients as price*, while over half of conventional products shoppers are about price

### Important Aspects of Product Purchases



■ Price of the products ■ Product ingredients ■ Brand names of the products ■ Packaging (size or type) ■ Service provided by associates

Source: Acosta Shopper Community Survey Fall 2022

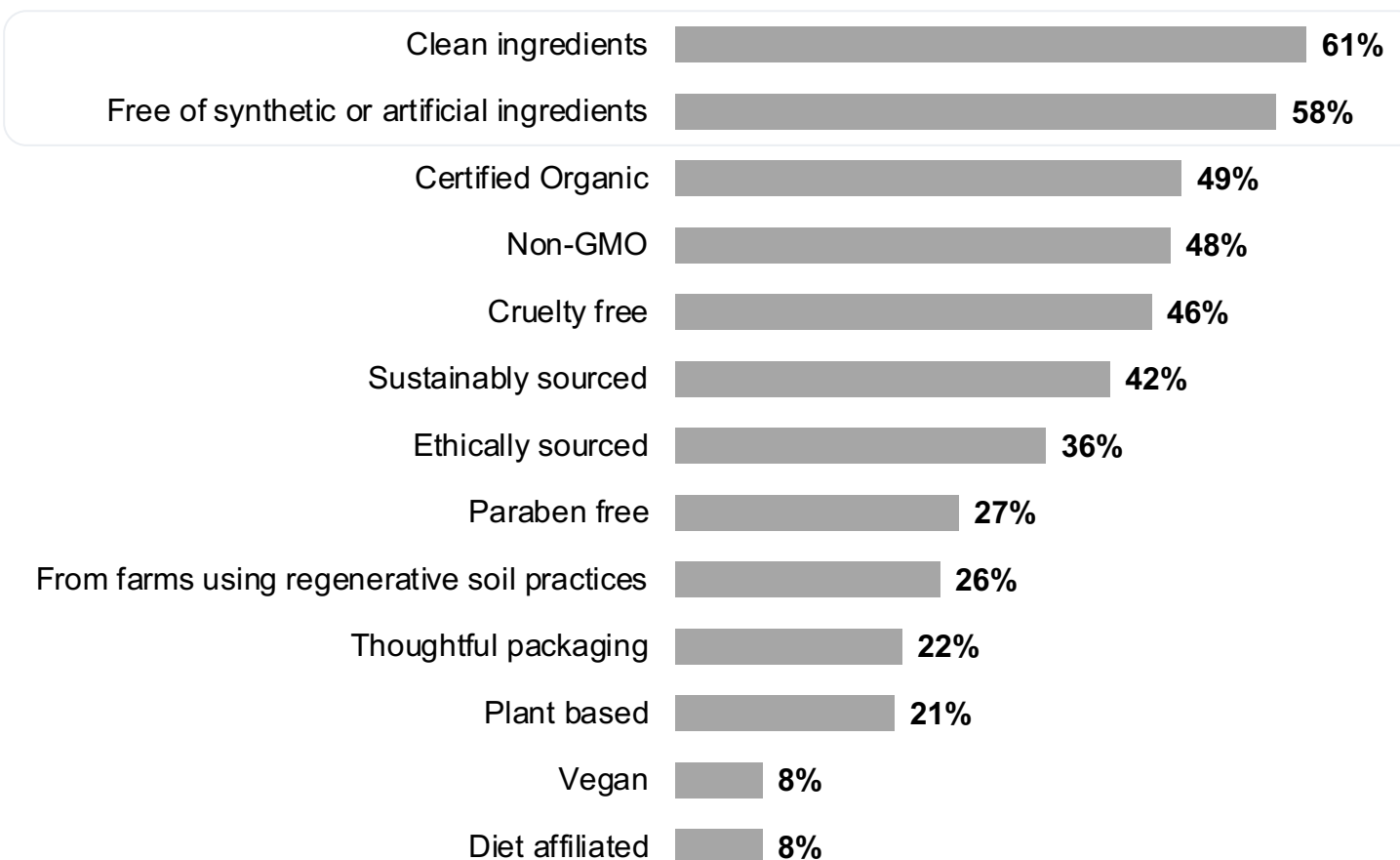
“Because **clean ingredients makes it healthy** and having less chemicals.”

“I don't believe that **artificial ingredients are healthy** and could lead to health problems down the road.”

“I want to be as **healthy as possible** as I can, having product that does not contain synthetic or artificial ingredients I believe is healthier for me.”

Natural/organic product shoppers are specifically *looking for clean ingredients* and products free of synthetic or artificial ingredients

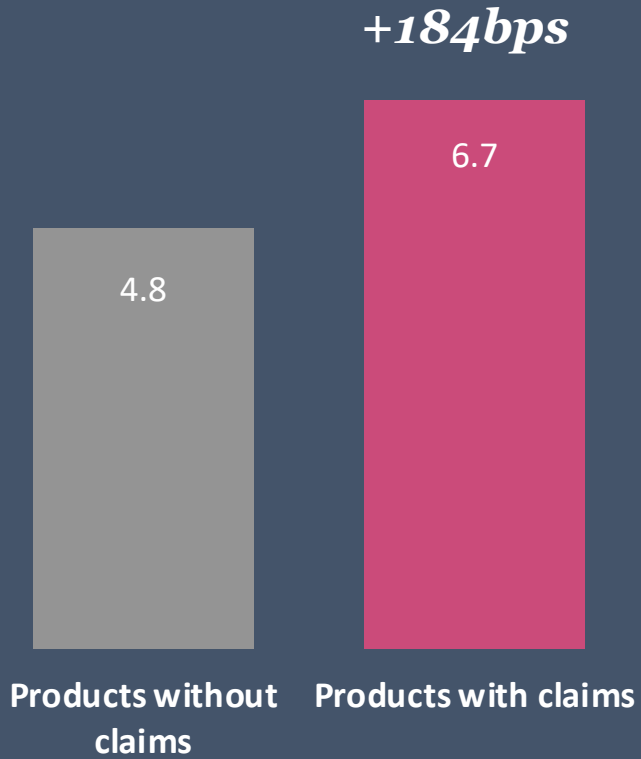
### Important Factors When Choosing Natural/Organic Products



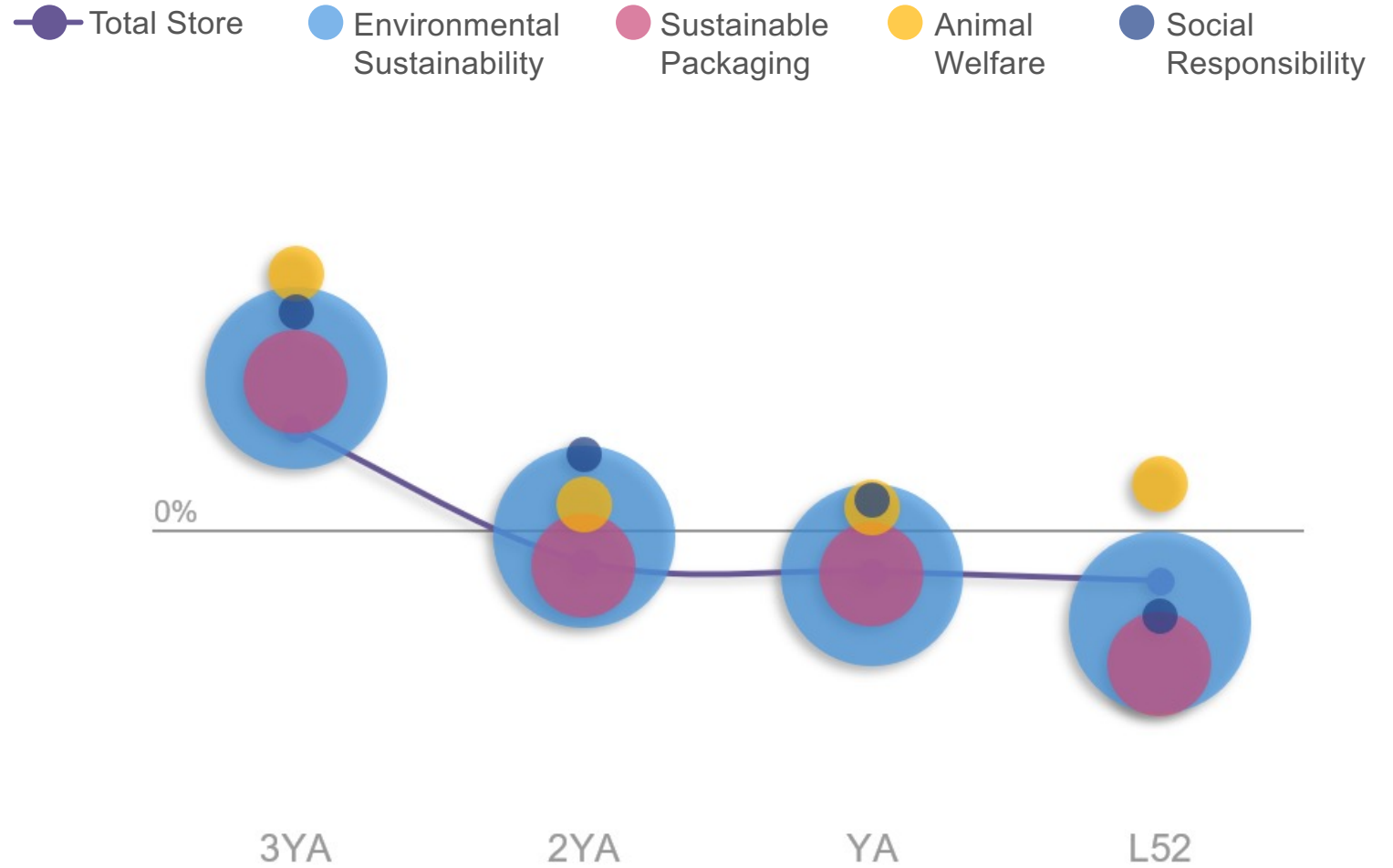
# The Business Case

## Retail sales growth rate

CAGR Latest 52 weeks vs 4 years ago

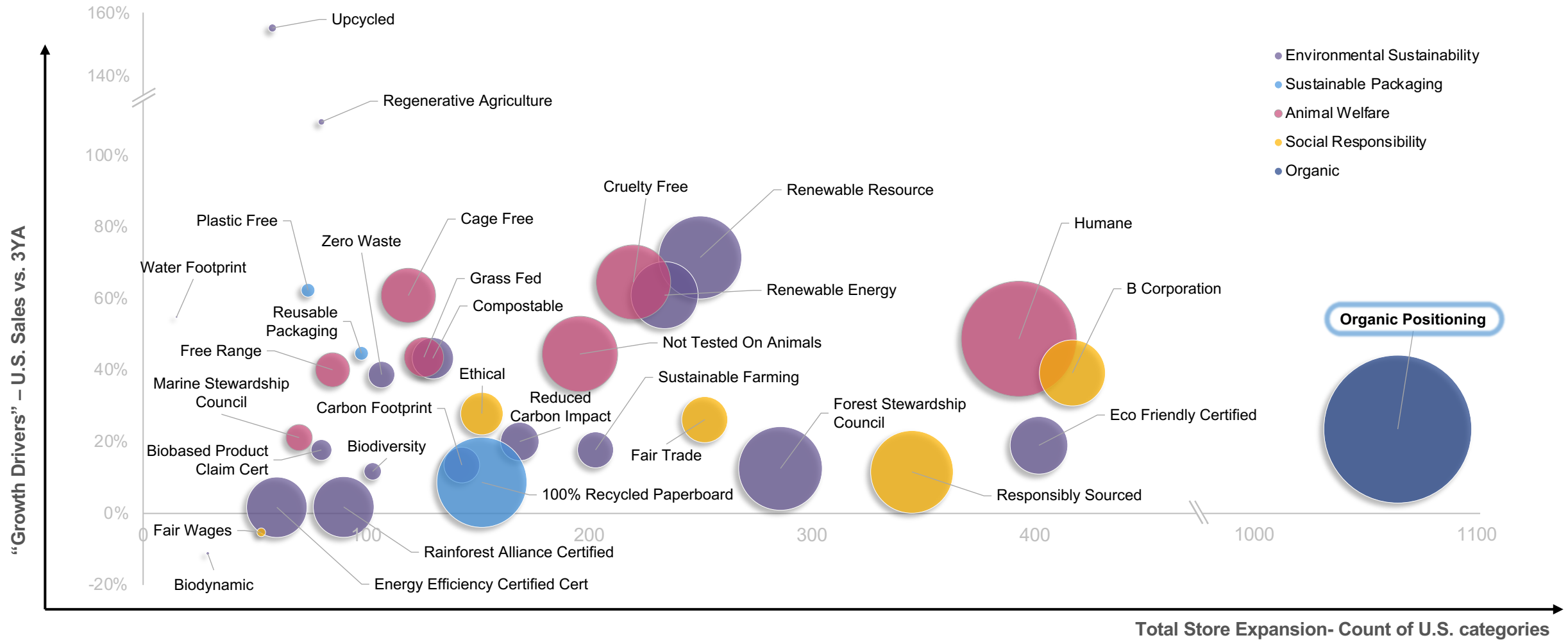


## Retail unit growth rate last four years



Source: NielsenIQ Retail Measurement Services, NIQ Product Insight, powered by Label Insight, Total Store; Total US xAOC; 52 weeks W/E 07/15/23

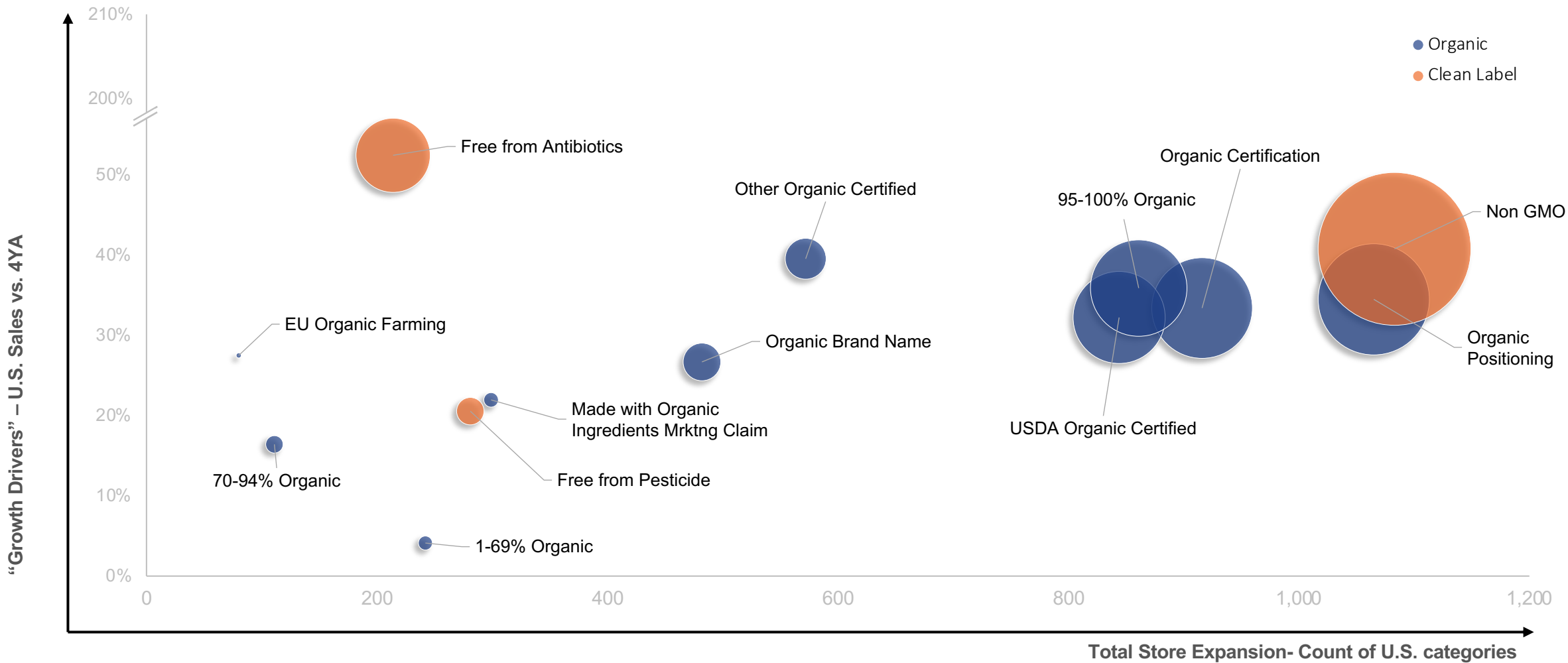
# Sustainability claims growing across the store



Bubble size denotes total sales in L52 week All attributes represent claims STATED on package unless indicated by an \* symbol  
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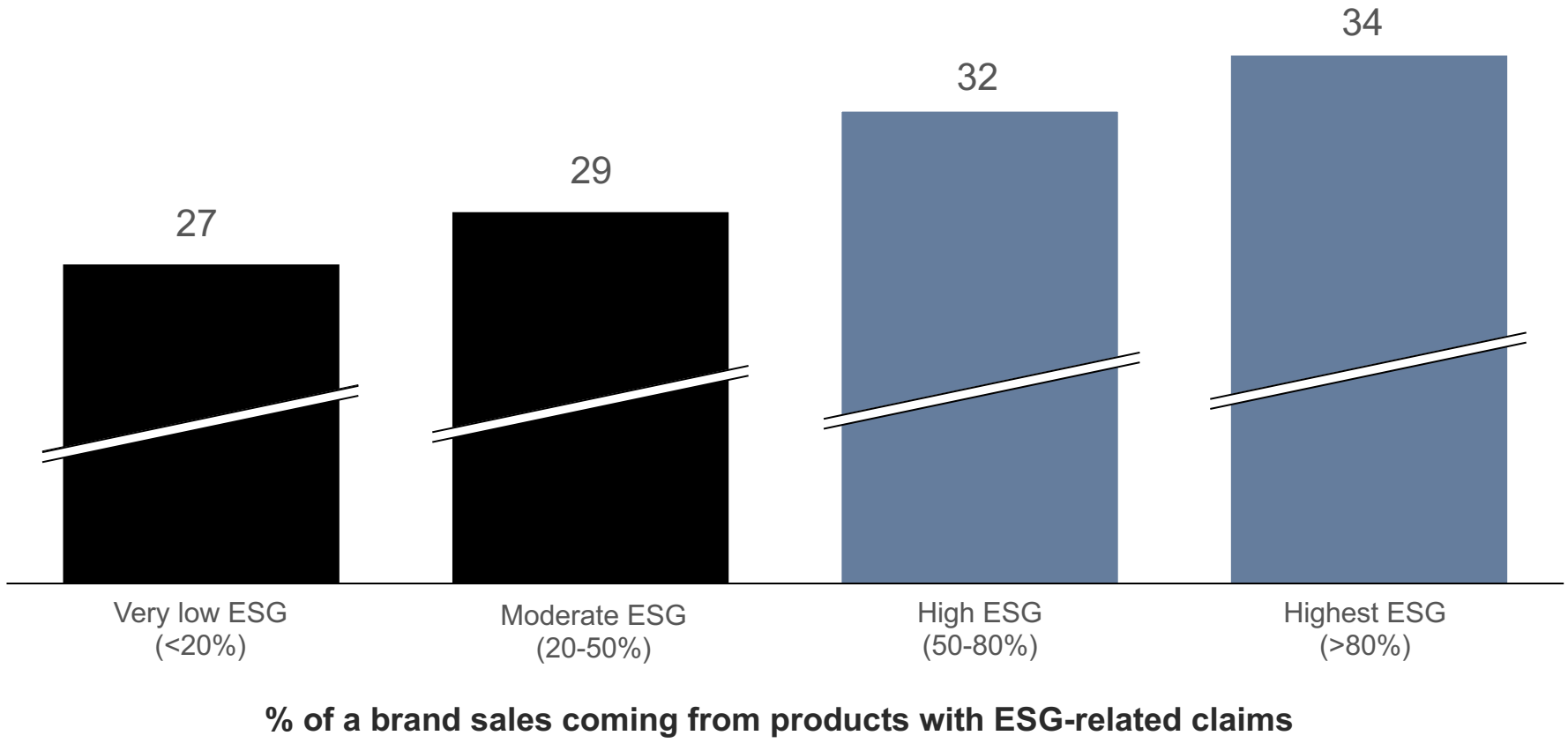


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# Brands with a higher degree of ESG1-related claims enjoy higher loyalty

Brand repeat rate<sup>1</sup> by ESG-brand groups, % of households buying 3+ times



**Brands with >50% of sales from products with ESG-related claims achieve repeat rates of up to 34%**

+2% differential CAGR for products with 40%+ prevalence over those without claims, +5% for products with 10-40% prevalence); Brands with a higher % of sales from products with claims enjoy greater loyalty (higher repeat rates)

Organic products are *growing faster* than non-organics<sup>1</sup>

+6.5% | -0.3%

Total non-organics

+7.6% | +2.3%

Organic positioning stated

+7.2% | +2.2%

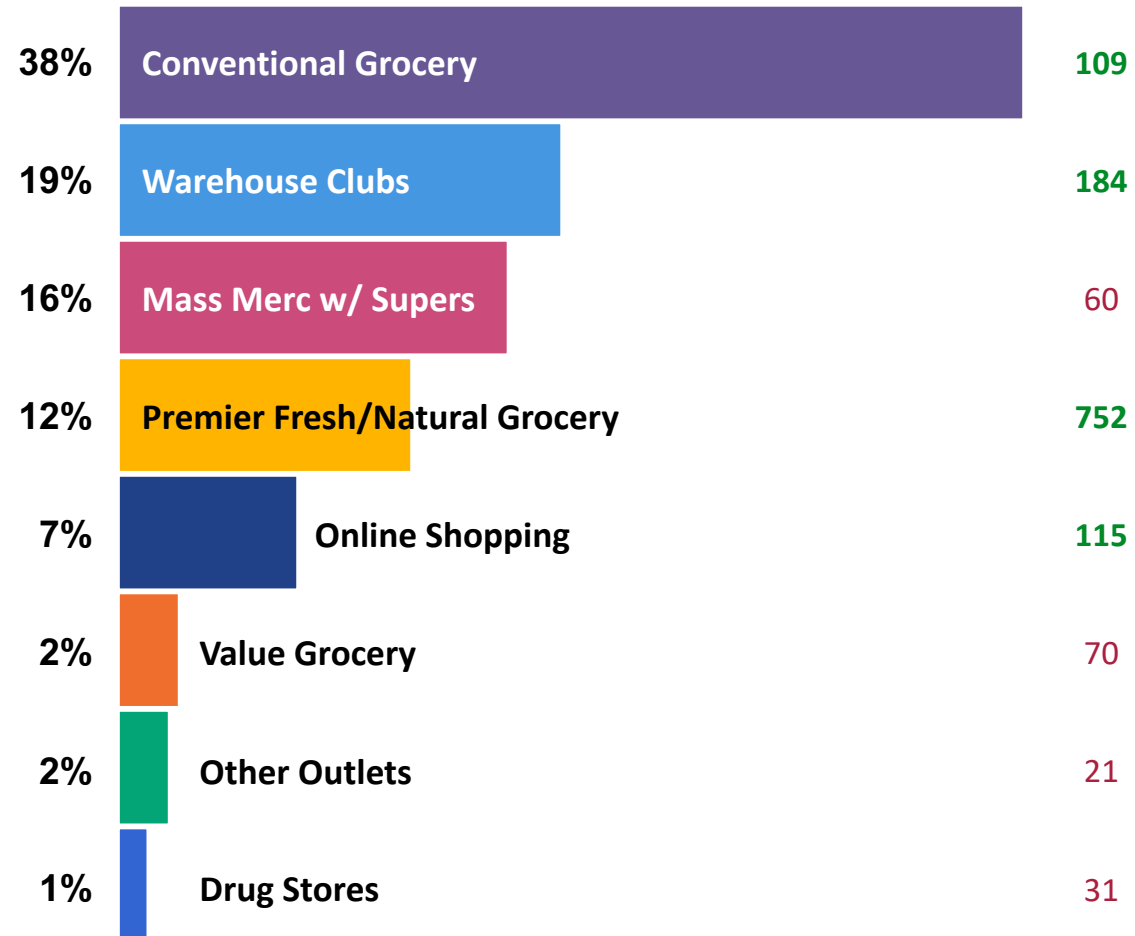
USDA Organic certification

4-year CAGR

\$ Vol | Units

## Share of Organic sales in Total US

Index to  
Total Mkt Shr



Source: NielsenIQ Homescan Panel; Total U.S., All Outlets; Total Panel; Product: PI Organic Positioning Stated; 52 weeks W/E 05/06/23  
1- NielsenIQ Retail Measurement Services, NielsenIQ Product Insight, powered by Label Insight, Total Store; Total US xAOC; 52 weeks W/E 05/20/23 vs 3YA

# Organic trends more nuanced than ever, growth slowing in the past year

Organic Product Insight Attribution	Sales growth vs YA		Sales growth vs 4YA	
	\$ Vol	Units	\$ Vol	Units
<b>NON-ORGANIC</b>	+6.0%	-3.3%	+22.8%	-7.7%
<b>PI ORGANIC POSITIONING STATED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organic symbols, logos, certifications</li> <li>Products that position themselves as organic in any way</li> </ul>	+3.9%	-4.1%	+26.0%	+1.2%
<b>PI ORGANIC MARKETING CLAIM STATED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marketing Claim</li> <li>Organic Brand Name</li> <li>Made with Organic Ingredients</li> </ul>	+3.7%	-4.2%	+24.9%	+0.4%
<b>PI ORGANIC CERTIFICATION STATED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USDA and Other Organic Certification</li> </ul>	+4.2%	-4.2%	+26.1%	+1.8%
<b>PI ORGANIC DEGREE STATED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>95-100% organic</li> <li>70-94% organic</li> <li>1-69% organic</li> </ul>	+4.1%	-4.2%	+16.5%	+26.2%
	+4.4%	-3.5%	+27.6%	+3.4%
	+0.2%	-12.1%	+8.8%	-19.5%
	-5.5%	-13.8%	-11.6%	-32.9%
<b>PI EU ORGANIC FARMING STATED</b>	+30.0%	+23.4%	+70.8%	+69.0%

Source: NielsenIQ Retail Measurement Services, NielsenIQ Product Insight, powered by Label Insight, Total Store, Total US; 52 weeks W/E 08/12/23 vs YA and vs 4YA

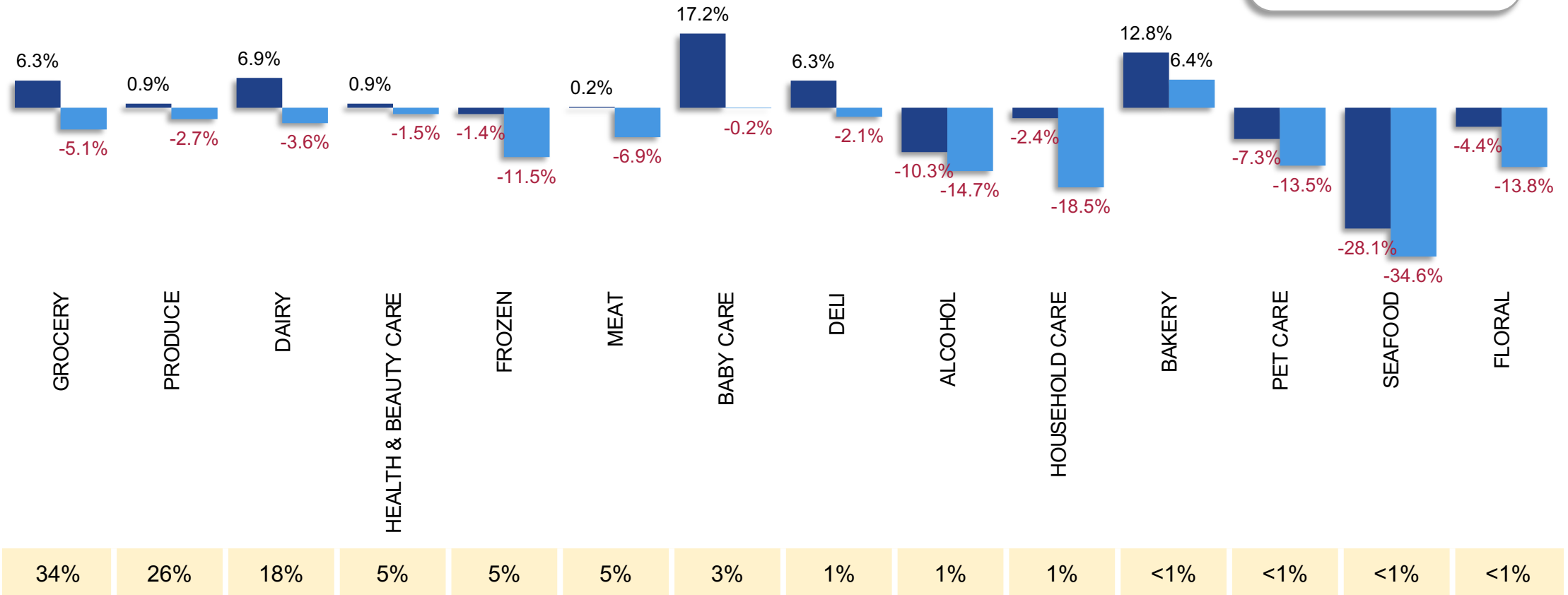


# Organic dollar sales up, but units down in many categories

## Organic Sales Trends

■ \$ % CYA ■ Units % CYA

**+4% | -4%**  
**Total Store sales**  
 (% CYA, \$ | Units)



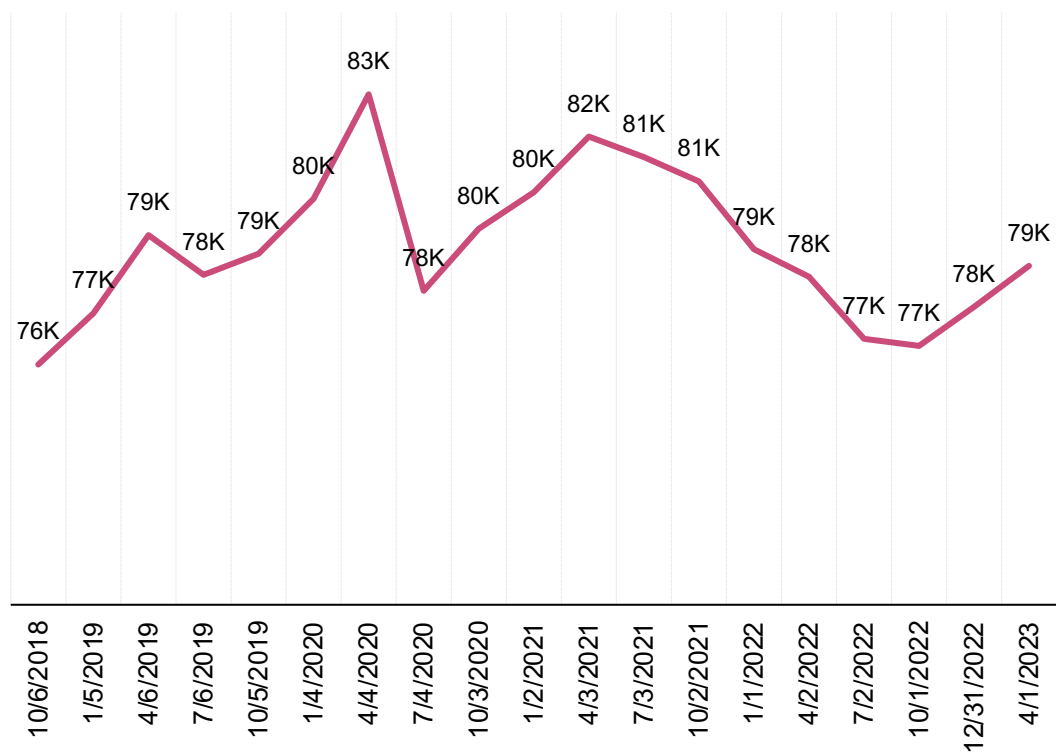
\$ Share of Organic

Source: NielsenIQ Retail Measurement Services, Total Store; PI Organic Positioning; Total US; 52 weeks W/E 08/12/23 vs YA  
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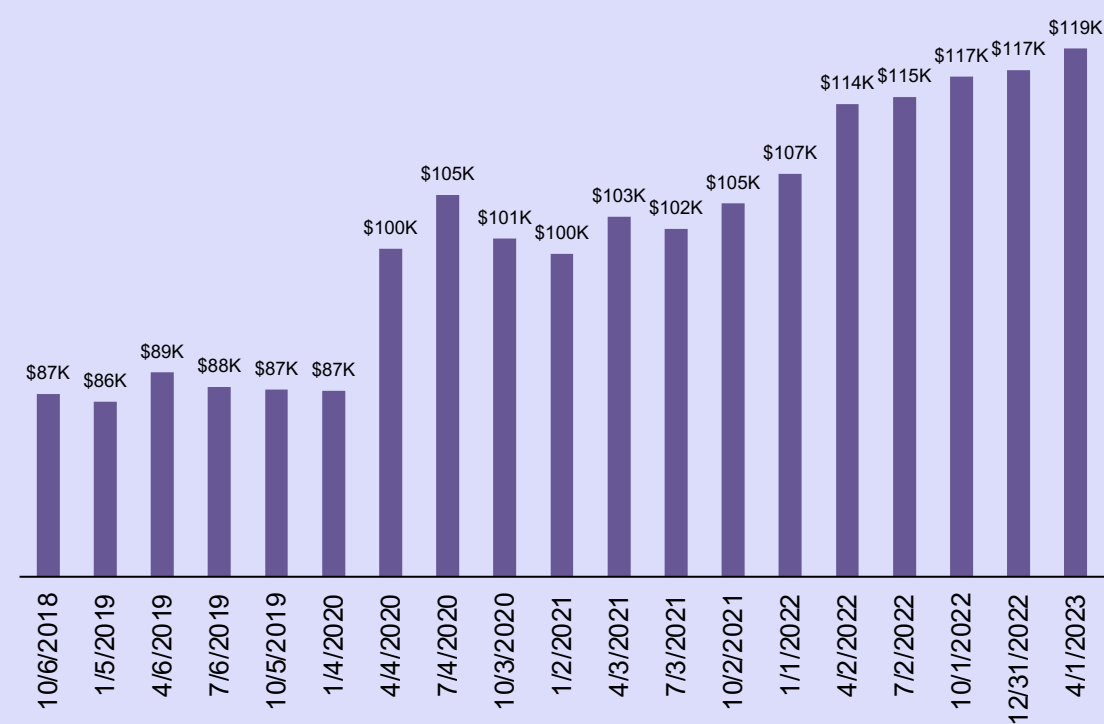
**-1.4% Organic household penetration<sup>1</sup>**

# Shelf placements fell with demand and are now rising

## Organic TDPs



## Organic \$/TDPs



Source: NielsenIQ Retail Measurement Services, Total Store; PI Organic Positioning; Total US; Quarterly trend through Q1 2023

# A deeper look at the categories driving the growth

*Food and Beverage where organic is most penetrated....but growth and consumer interest across the store*

## Top 10 Organic Categories (Fair Share Index)

1	Baby Feeding
2	Packaged Tea
3	Cooking Wine & Vinegar
4	Diet and Nutrition
5	Pancake, Waffle, French Toast Toppings
6	Extracts, Herbs, Spices & Seasonings
7	Milk Products
8	Vegetables
9	Eggs
10	Beans

## Top 10 **Fastest Growing** Organic Categories\*

1	Feminine Care
2	Bagels
3	Alcoholic Beverage Mixers
4	Vitamins and Supplements
5	Creams & Non-Dairy Creamer
6	Baby Feeding
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\* Categories chosen had strongest growth with Fair Share > 100

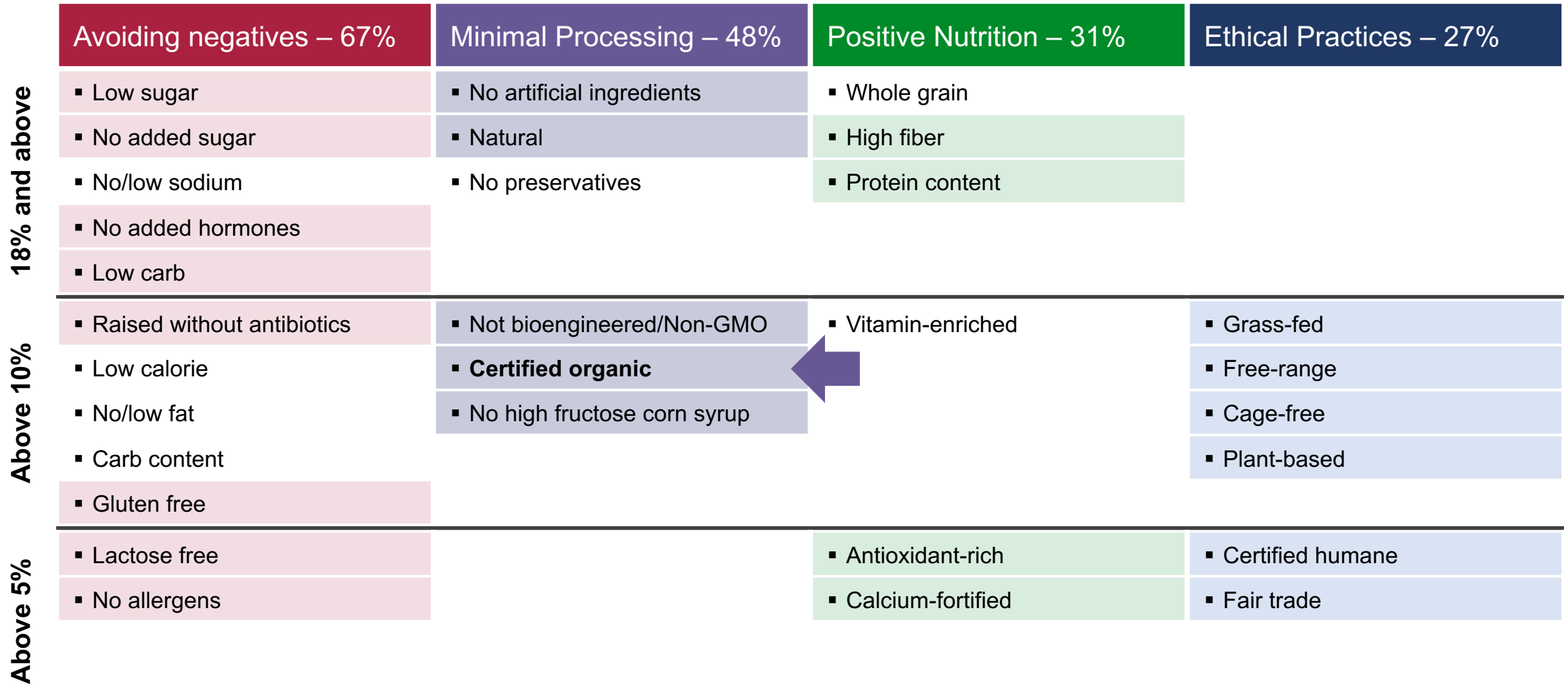
## Top Searched Categories for “Organic”<sup>1</sup>

Vegetables  
 Fresh and Frozen Fruit  
 Milk  
 Herbs and Spices  
 Eggs  
 Poultry  
 Nuts and Seeds  
 Tea  
 Health & Recovery Drinks & Powders  
**Grains & Seeds**  
**Baby Food**  
**Cookies**  
**Functional Beverages**  
**Bath Preparations/Body Wash**  
**Lip Preparations**

**Bold indicates growing vs previous year**

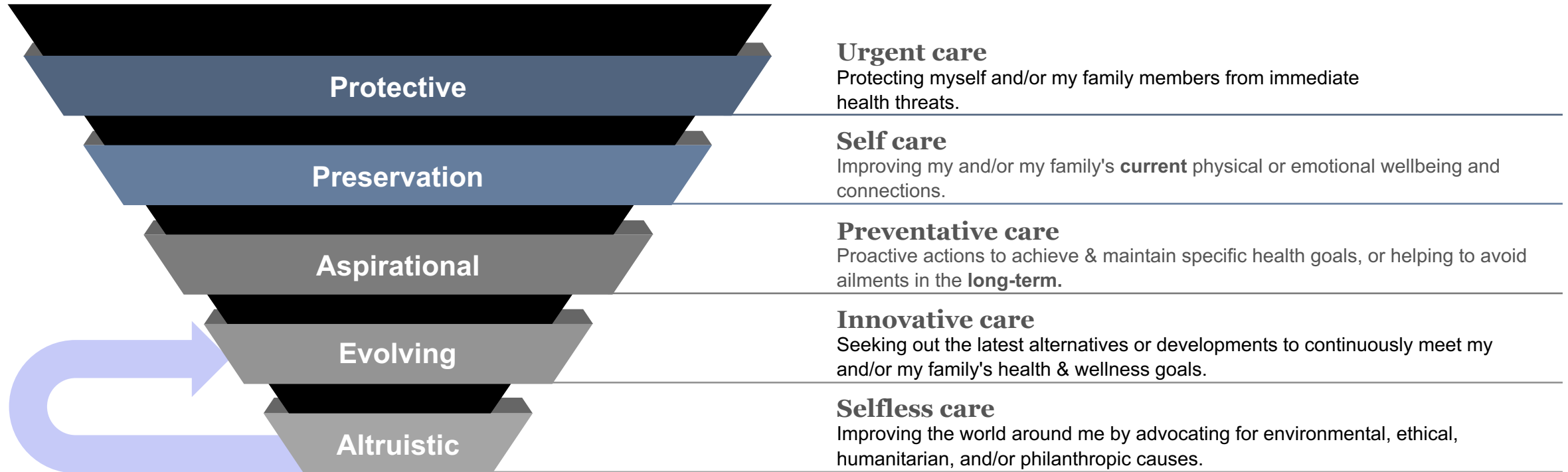
Source: NielsenIQ Retail Measurement Services, NielsenIQ Product Insight, powered by Label Insight, Total Store; PI Organic Positioning Stated; Total US; 52 weeks W/E 05/22/23 vs 4YA  
 1 – Label Insights Trending Attributes; “Organic” search volume; All Channels; 12 months May 2023 – April 2023

# Consumers prioritizing various claims when choosing food products



FMI/NIQ The Power of Plant-Based Foods and Beverages, 2022, highlighting indicates the sales growth of the attributes in the last 52 weeks is greater than the growth of total store sales

# NIQ Total Wellness Consumer Needs



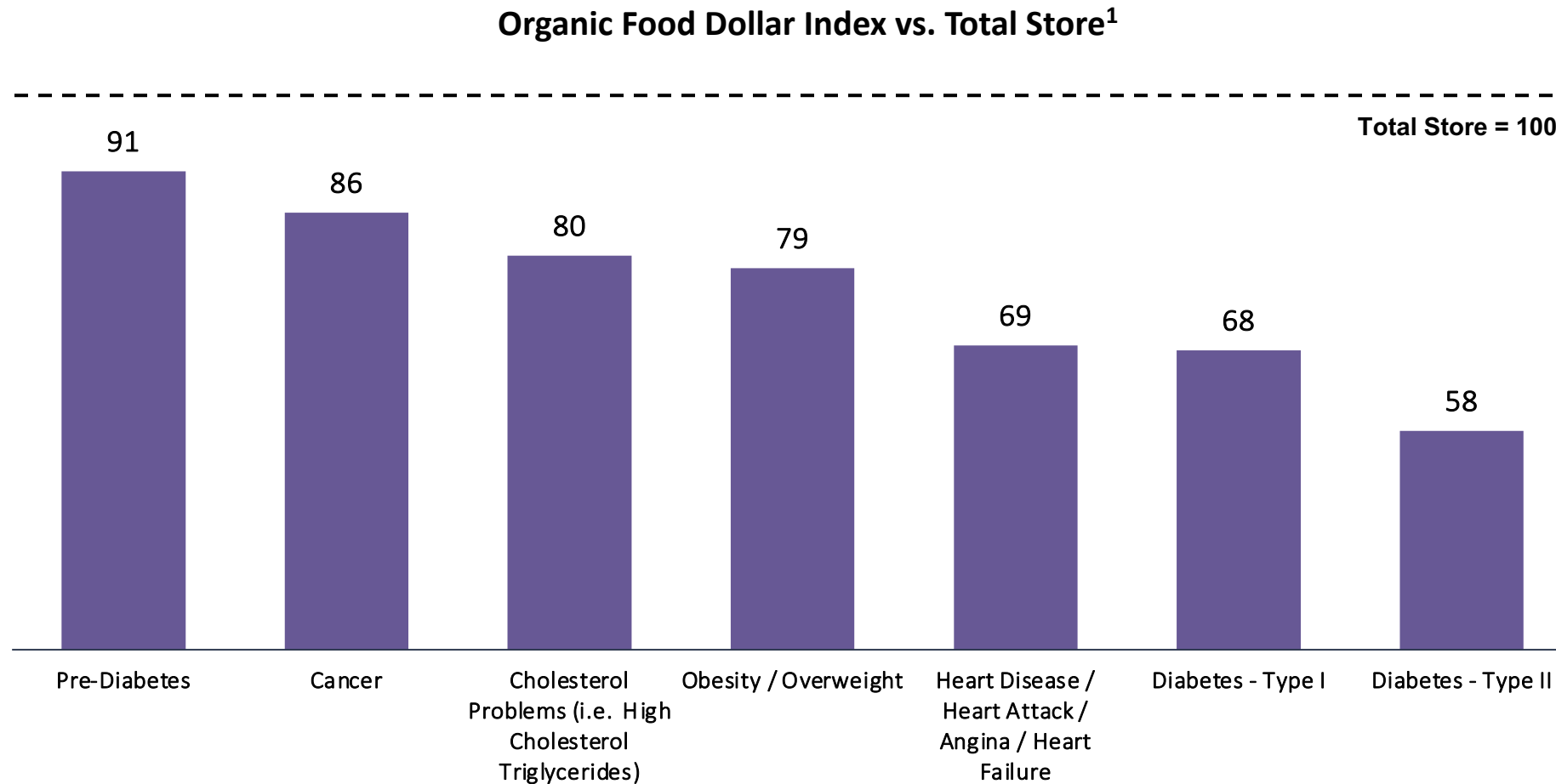
## 39%

of consumers who are **proactive** with their health are also heavy organic shoppers

## 52%

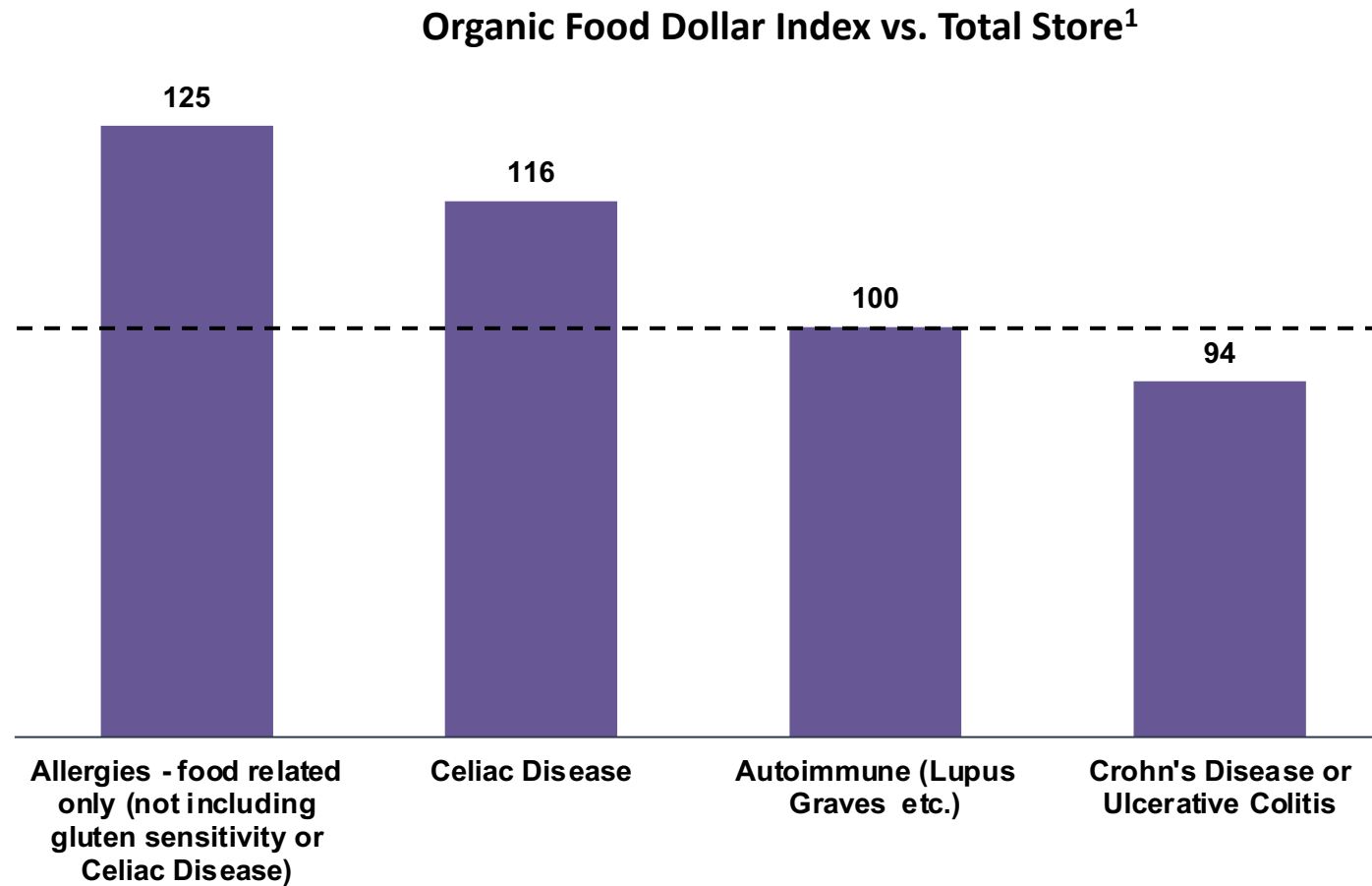
of **heavy environmental** shoppers are also heavy organic shoppers

# People with Life Threatening Ailments Eat Less Organic



<sup>1</sup> – NielsenIQ Homescan Panel; Total Panel, All Outlets, PI Organic Positioning Stated; 52 weeks W/E 05/06/23  
Health Shopper Ailment Survey: Please select the condition(s) that anyone in your household, including yourself, has experienced during the past 6 months.

# Do ailments that require label scrutiny result in more organic purchases?



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Consumer engagement with sustainability varies

**Say**  
How important is sustainability?

**Do**  
What actions do they take?

**Meaning**  
What sustainability means to them

Over-index in Dollar Channel



34%  
**Skeptics**

*Low awareness and priority*



*Low association to any aspect*



14%  
**Idealists**

*Passionate but struggle to put into practice*



*Better conditions for farmers  
Giving back to society  
Support of minorities*

Under-index



22%  
**Minimalists**

*Basic awareness of sustainability but no strong motivation*



*Reduced pollution*



11%  
**Healthy 'me' & 'planet'**

*Embrace importance with a focus on health and take some action*



*Almost all aspects from planet to people*

Under-index



19%  
**Evangelists**

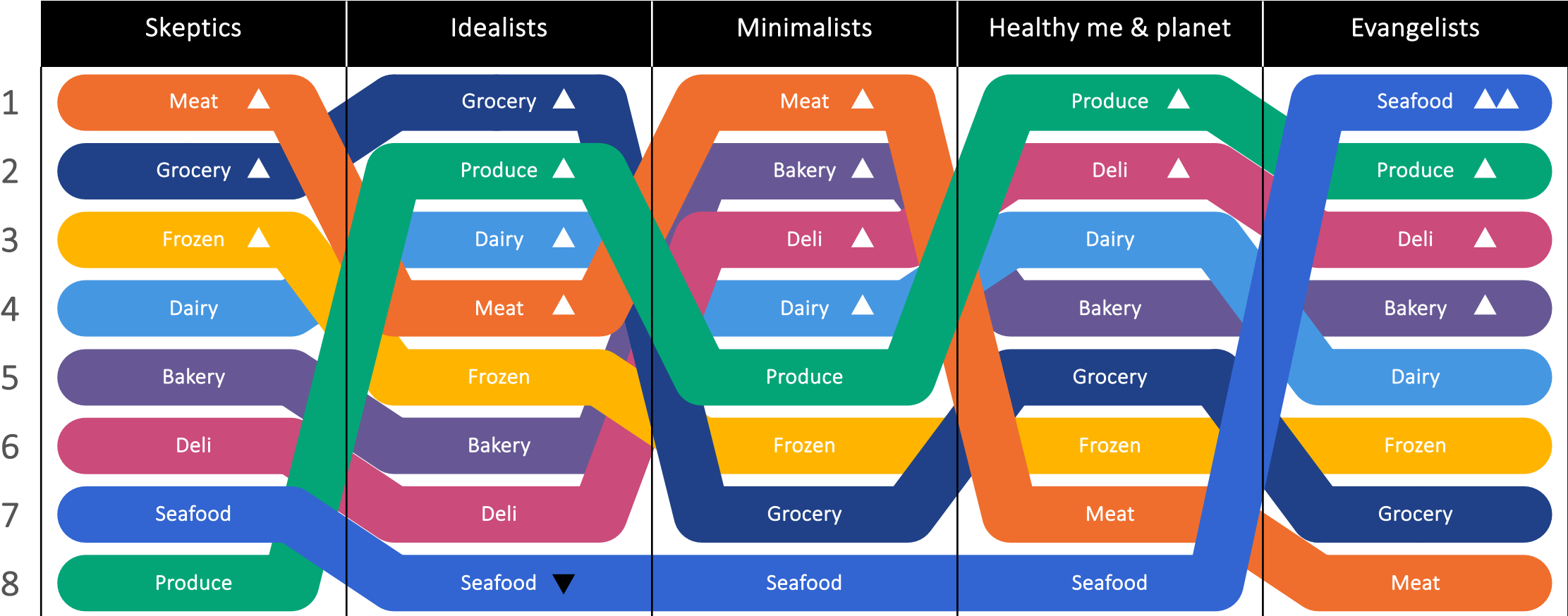
*"Walk the talk"*



*All aspects from planet to people*



# Green Divide segments prioritize differently across the store

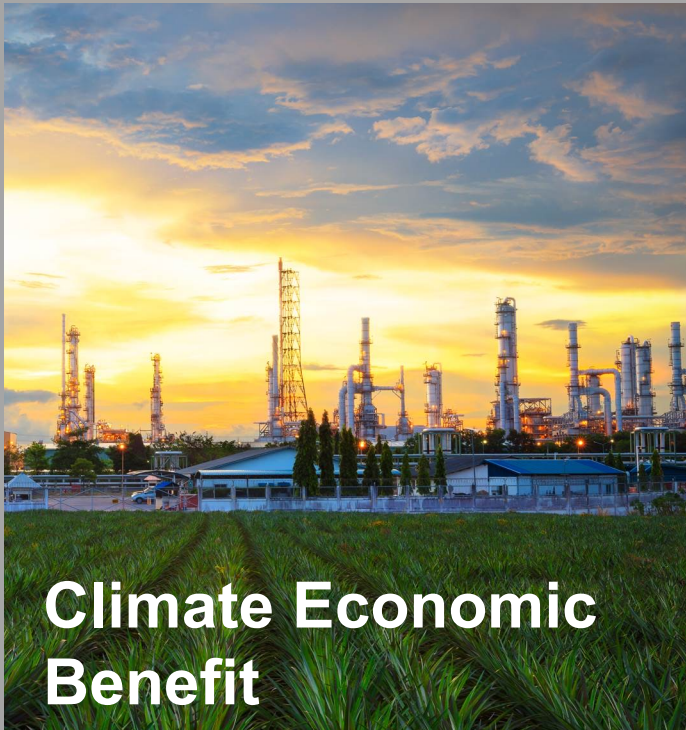


▲ = Indicates where segments index higher than expected

▼ = Indicates where segments index lower than expected

**Index** = Segments' share of total sales compared to Total Panel

Source: NielsenIQ Homescan Panel; Total U.S., All Outlets; NIQ Green Divide segmentations; 52 weeks W/E 06/03/23



## Climate Economic Benefit

- Carbon sequestration with soil health improvement
- Reduced fertilizer **reduces nitrous oxide**
- Organic animal agriculture **reduces methane** from conventional feed



## Farm Economic Benefit

- Organic yields are **more resilient** during climate stresses
- Pollinators are protected from Neonicotinoids
- **Soil health retains water** – less water need reduces costs



## Human Health Benefits

- Synthetic pesticides **threaten health of farmers** even more than diners
- Fertilizers **contaminate drinking water**
- Antibiotic resistance is helped because organic doesn't require it
- Nutrient density

# Discussion

Moderated by Gwendolyn Wyard



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