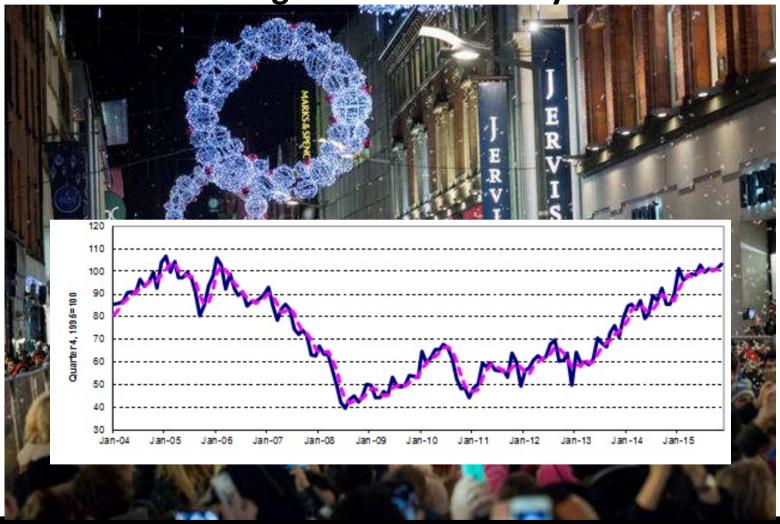


Potato trends in a Modern Market Cliona Lynch - Kantar Worldpanel

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Sentiment at its highest since January 2006



## ROI market growth vs. inflation



## Shoppers relaxed the purse strings this Christmas

	2015	2016
More Trips?	+0.8 trip	-0.2 trip
Average spend	+2.2%	+3.6%
Volume Bought	+2%	+1%
Trip Spend	-2.3%	+5.5%
Price Paid	NC	+2.6%

KANTAR WURLDPANEL High definition inspiration Source: Kantar Worldpanel, data to 3rd Jan 2016

#### We paid more for Fresh Food this year...

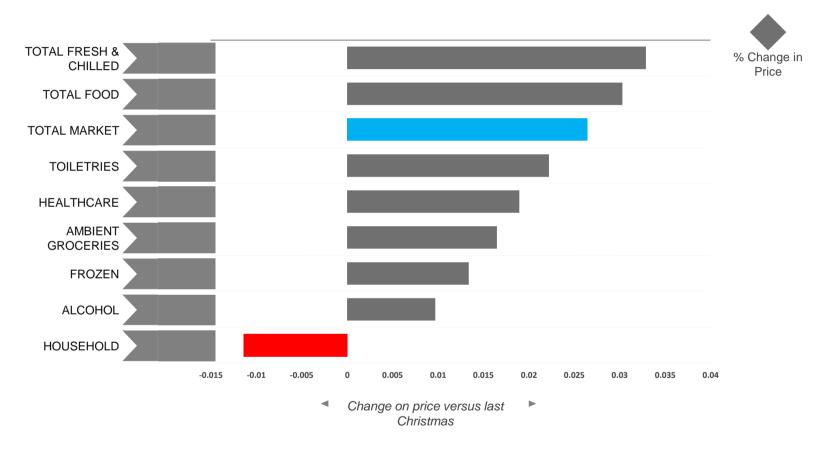
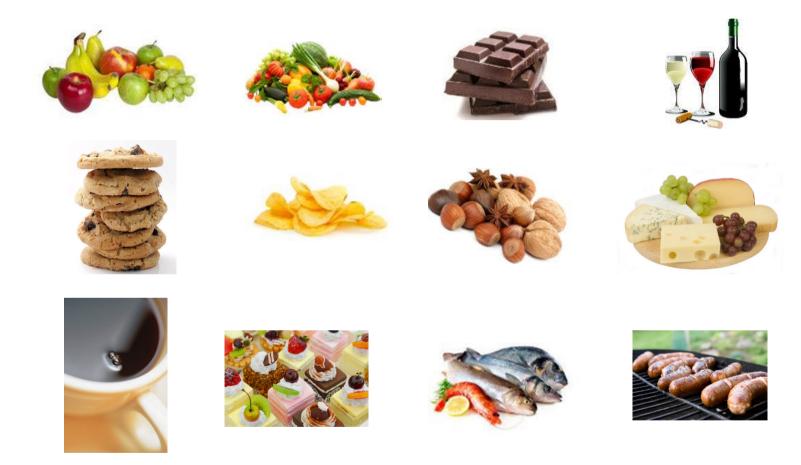


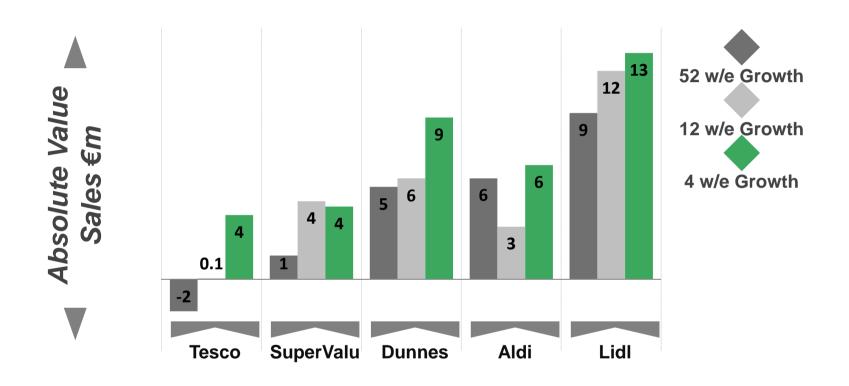
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## Battle between treat and health categories...

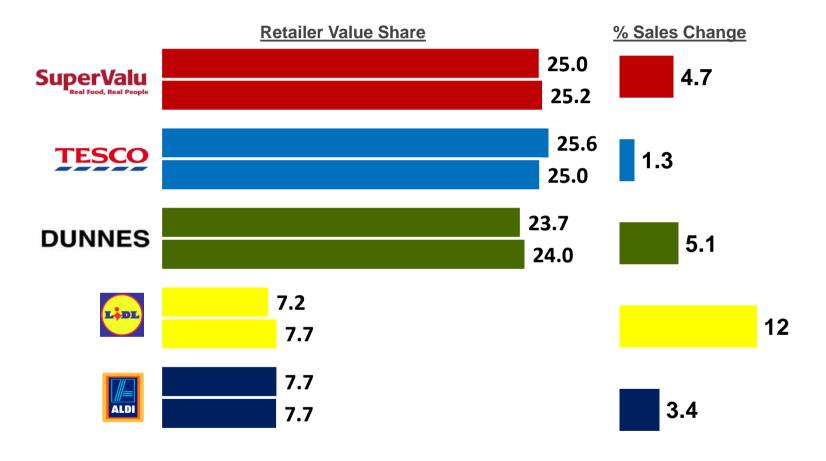


KWP Total Grocery Data 4 weeks to 4th Jan 2015 – growth +5% within Top Markets

## Strong momentum across the retail sector



SuperValu claimed top spot at Christmas with a slight edge over Tesco



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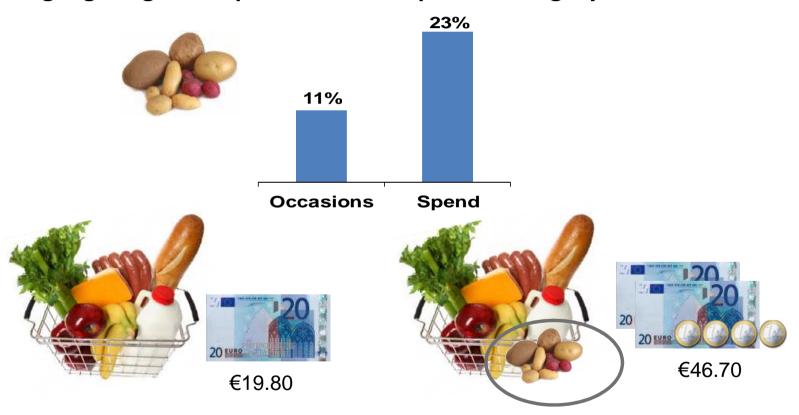
## 143 million\* packs of potatoes sold in 2015

Potatoes are bought once every 2 seconds in Irish Retailers

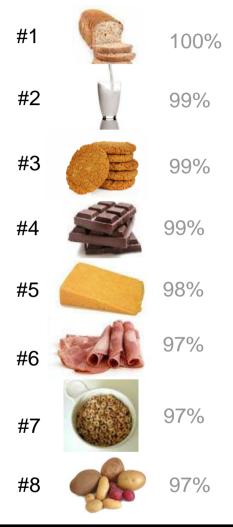


## 1.65 million households purchasing annually

11% of all shopping trips feature potatoes. These trips contribute 23% of all sales. When potatoes are included in the basket, these grocery trips are worth more than average highlighting the importance of the potato category to retailers



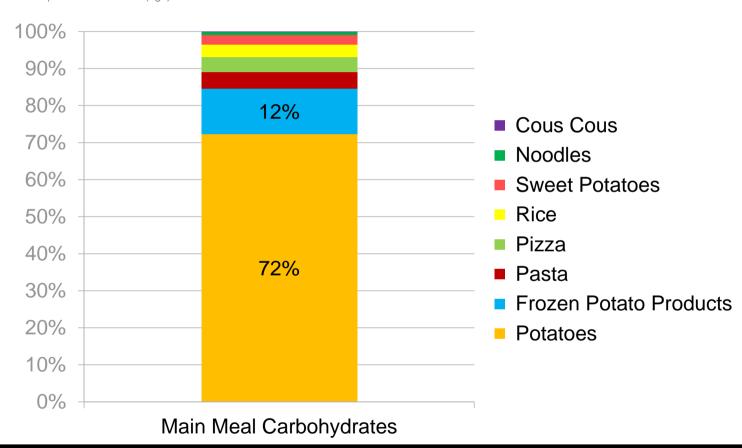
#### % of households buying (penetration)...



From a shopper perspective Potatoes are the 8<sup>th</sup> most important category in store

## Potatoes and Frozen Potato Products together account for 84% of main meal carbs



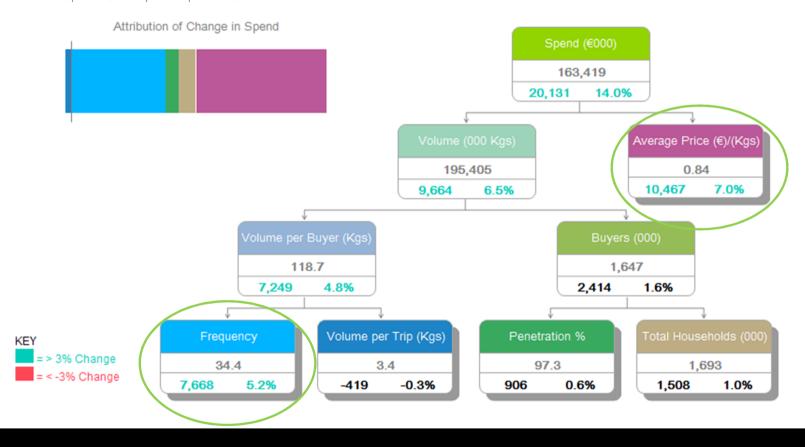


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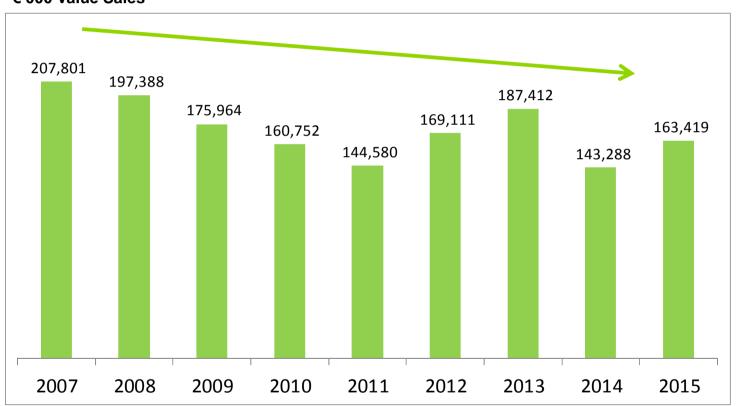
# Potato sales are up from last year as a result of price increases and shoppers making more trips to buy.

03-Jan-16 vs. Previous Year
Potatoes | Total Outlets | 52 w/e | Previous Year

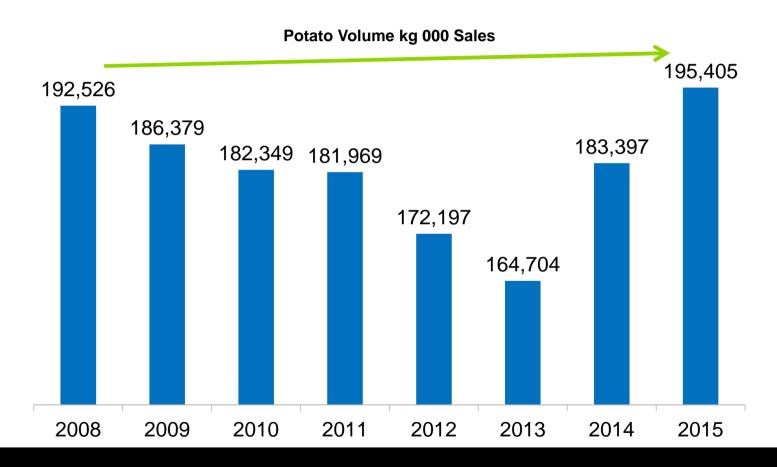


# After a drop in 2014 Potato sales have recovered again in 2015 but are still below 2007/8 levels

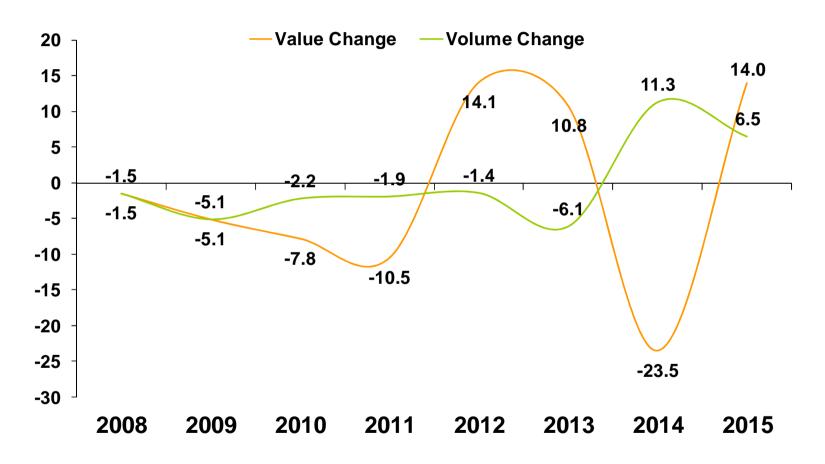
#### € 000 Value Sales



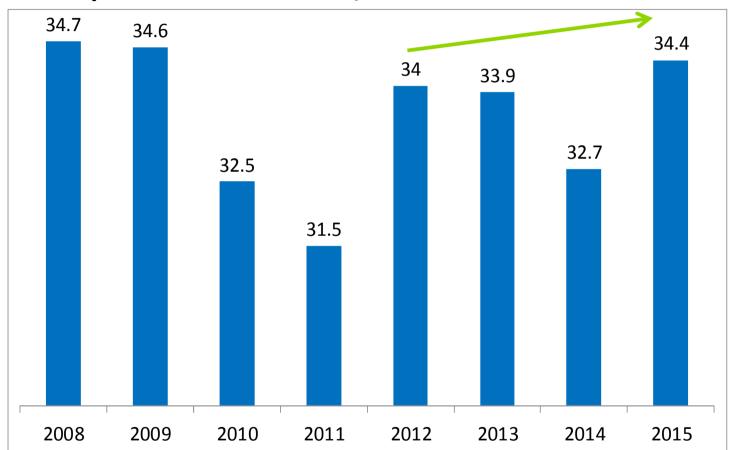
# In volume terms however, Potatoes are back to 2008 levels with a strong recovery in the last two years



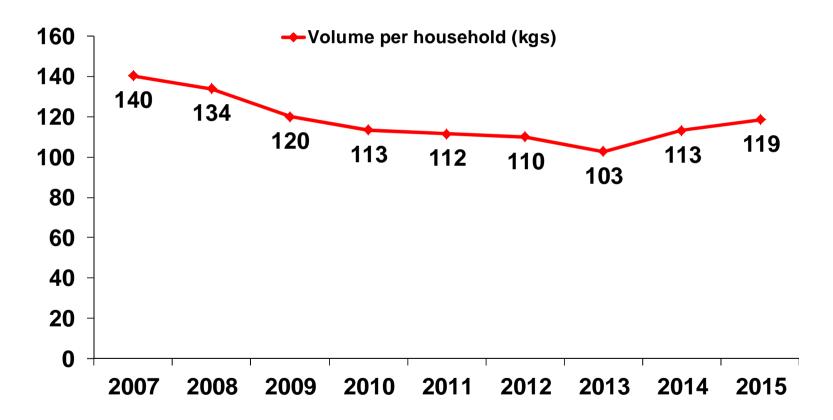
# For the first time in 7 years, Potatoes saw growth in both Value and Volume terms in 2015



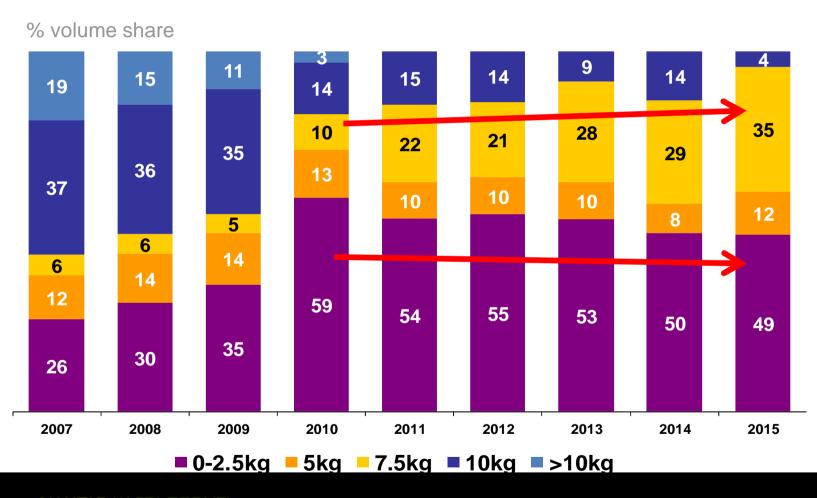
Frequency of purchase has recovered since lows of 2011 and last year's dip with shoppers now buying Potatoes more than 34 times a year – in line with 2008/9 levels



Since 2013 we have also seen recovery in the volumes that households buy – as they are willing to purchase more potatoes on each trip but this remains much lower than 2007/8 levels

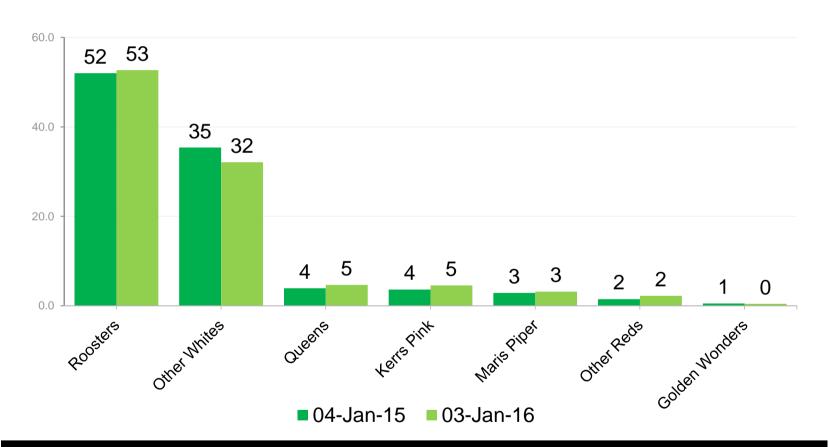


# The trend towards less than 2.5kg packs has reversed with 7.5kg packs now at 35% share and growing steadily



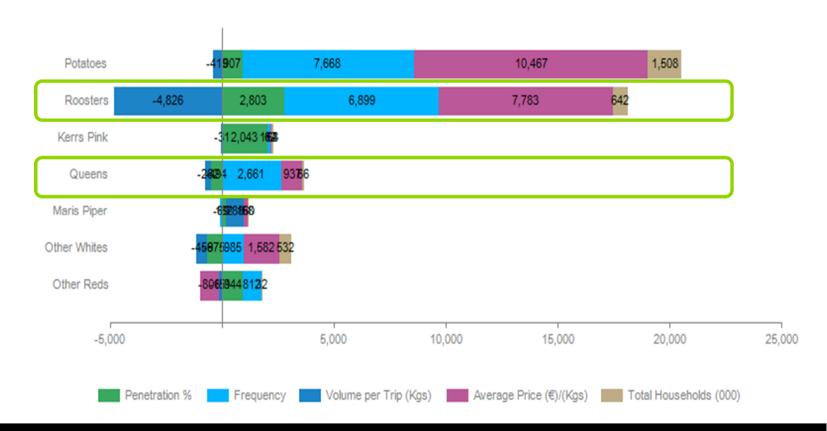
#### In volume terms Roosters have a clear lead and over 50% of the category sales. Queens & Kerr Pinks are also growing share

Product % of Category Volume | Actual | Total Outlets | 52 w/e



# Roosters and Queens are winning more trips, this along with price increases for these types is driving market growth

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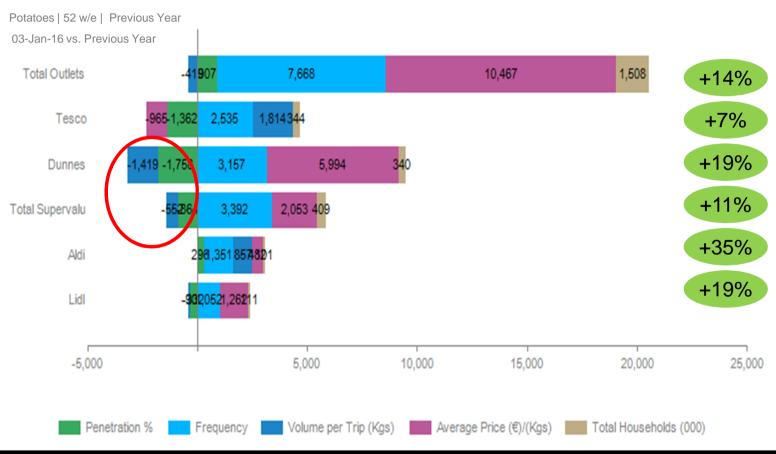


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Where are the retailer opportunities? KANTAR WURLDPANEL High definition inspiration 26 © Kantar Worldpanel

# Discounters are making strong gains in the market. Tesco, Dunnes and SuperValu are all losing Potato shoppers. Dunnes and SuperValu are also losing volumes per trip



#### What are the opportunities for Potatoes?



Recruit back lost shoppers & improve volumes per trip



Under-trading vs Fruit & Veg overall – win back shoppers & increase volume per trip



Under-trading vs Total Grocery – win back shoppers & look at increasing prices



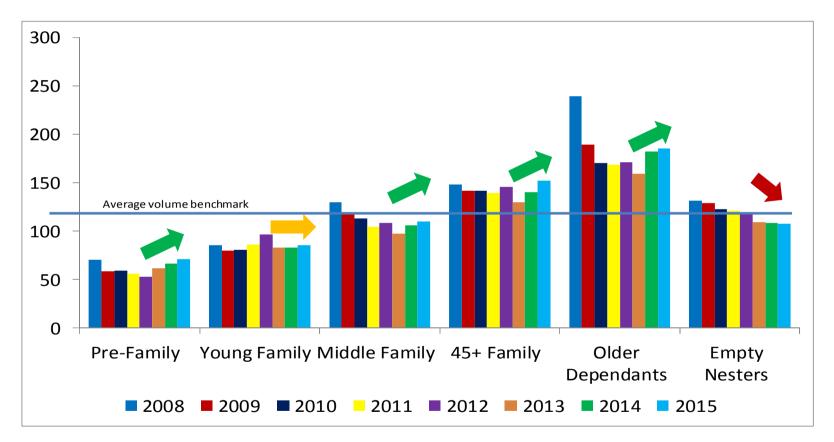
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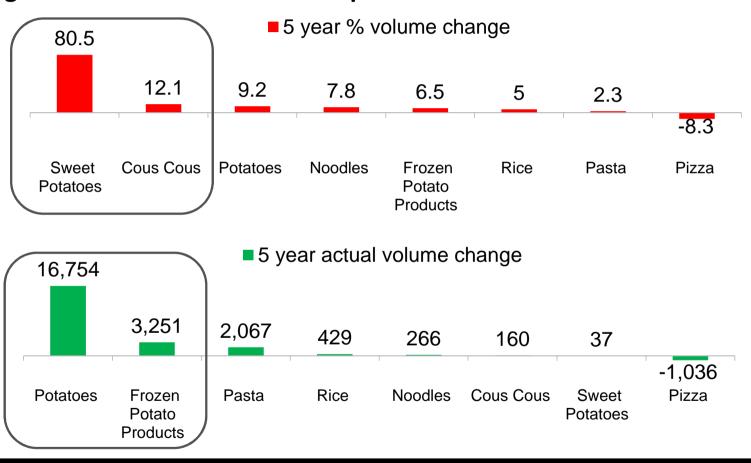
Which shoppers should we focus on? KANTAR WURLDPANEL High definition inspiration

Pre-Family households have increased their volumes since 2012 but are still below the market benchmark. Young Families remain flat while Empty Nesters are decreasing

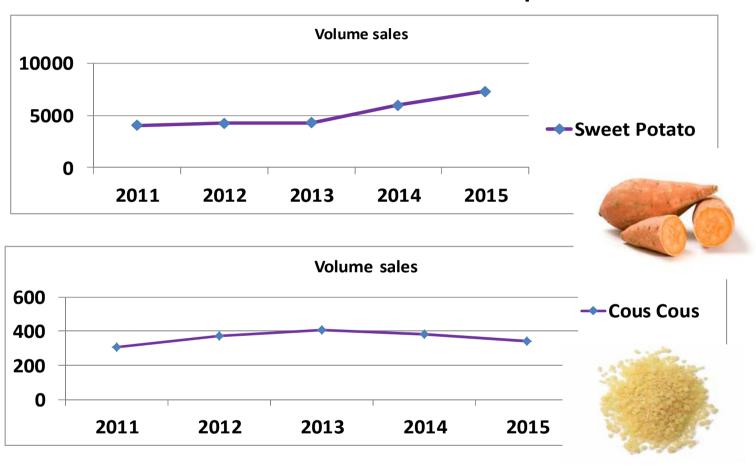


Are other carbs stealing share from Potatoes? KANTAR WL'RLDPANEL High definition inspiration

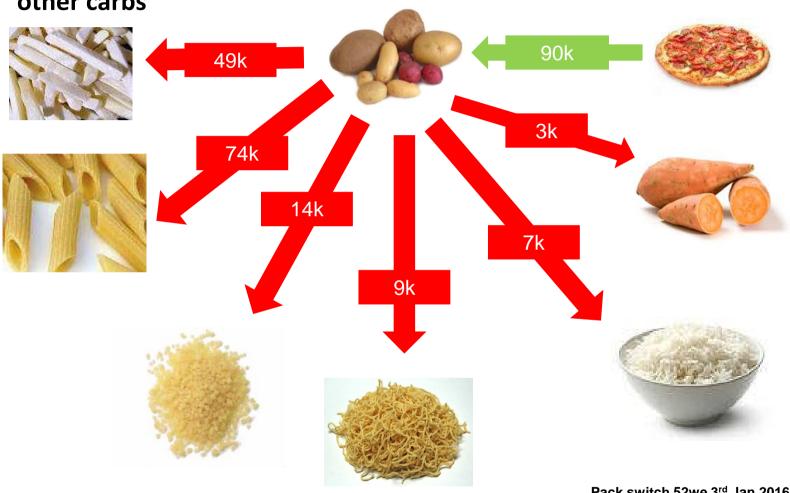
# In % terms Sweet Potatoes and Cous Cous see strong growth but if we look at actual volumes Potatoes are contributing the most growth both in fresh & frozen processed



# While Sweet Potato growth has accelerated since 2013, Cous Cous has started to lose volumes in the same period



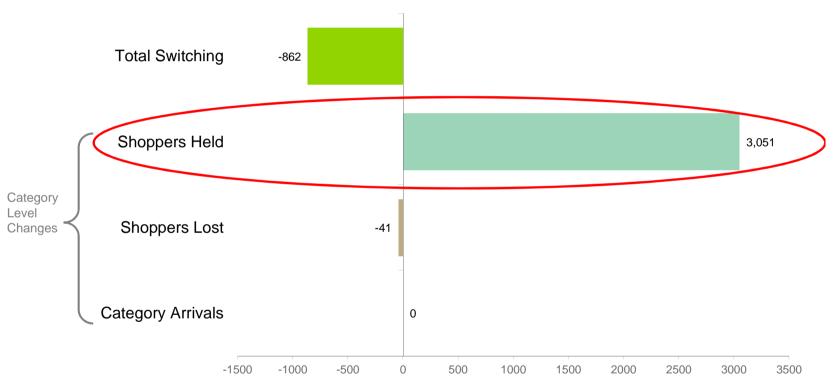
#### Volume switches show shoppers moving less spend directly to other carbs



Pack switch 52we 3rd Jan 2016

# Although Potato sees some switching losses spend with existing shoppers has increased as more packs are purchased YoY

#### Source of Potatoes Packs (000s) Change - year ending 03 Jan 2016



An eye on trends KANTAR WLTRLDPANEL High definition inspiration 36 © Kantar Worldpanel

#### Health remains high on shoppers' agenda

## Coeliac cases in children triple in UK over 20 years

Children from less well-off backgrounds only half as likely to be diagnosed, study finds





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# Eating purple potatoes could help people beat cancer, experts say

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#### Staying in touch with your consumer



#### Birds Eye launches social media inspired Potato Shapes

February 19th, 2014 by FDIN | Newsdesk









UK food brand Birds Eye is launching Mashtags this month, a new product inspired by social media.



#### McCain leads the pack on NPD













#### An eye on the competition





Where to from here? KANTAR WLTRLDPANEL High definition inspiration

## Key take aways



**Vital Category** 

**Drive Footfall** 

Key to high € trips

Back in Value & Volume growth – prices up and shoppers returning more often



Sweet Potato in strong % growth but Potato growing more in actual volume

Potatoes now also growing ahead of Rice, Noodles & Pasta

Gaining switched volumes back from Pizza



Shopper frequency now driving growth – next step = grow volume on each trip

Growing younger shopper interest – increase focus on young families

Ensure we continue to engage older generation

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