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"The grocery industry is arguably the most dynamic and fragmented retail sector there is. Groceries are deemed necessities so this industry remains somewhat protected from outside influencers that could cause steep sales
variances."

- Diana Smith, Associate Director

This report looks at the following areas:

- Sales rise in a deflationary market
- Online shopping still a Wild West
- Multistop shopping process

The largest factor right now impacting the category is declining foods costs. This benefits the shopper but not so much the supermarkets or farmers. Yet, sales through MULO (multi outlet) channels are expected to reach $\$ 649$ billion this year, and keep growing to hit $\$ 727$ billion by 2021 ( $+12 \%$ ). Common areas of strategic focus in the industry include produce/perishables improvement, click-andcollect services, e-commerce, and creating experiences that enhance the shopping process.

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