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"An increasing percentage of product launches are based primarily on new packaging as packaging continues to become more important in the food marketing mix. Not only does packaging play a central role in communicating key benefits and features, it can also help to shape a consumer's experience with the product, and play a role in the prevention of food waste."

- John Owen, Senior Analyst - Food and Drink

This report looks at the following areas:

- Protecting taste and freshness a top priority for food packaging
- Expiration dates highest on long list of priorities
- Glass jars and metal cans seen as old-fashioned

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