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This report looks at the following areas:

- Purchase details of dips and savory spreads
- Usage occasions for dips and savory spreads
- Motivations to increase dips and savory spreads consumption
- Interest in dips and savory spreads innovations
- Dips and savory spreads attitudes and behaviors
- Associations with specific dips and savory spreads

Versatility is the cornerstone of growth for dips and spreads, and brands have a few paths to get there. Certainly, product innovation is an option, but versatility can be fostered through pairing ideas without altering products at all. This strategy is particularly effective, as dips/spreads that have well-established associations with pairings are among those purchased most often. Salsas, cheese dips/spreads and creamy dips/spreads, specifically, are most associated with salty snacks – a natural opportunity for the market to embrace. Products that can create more solidified associations with pairings beyond salty snacks and across different dayparts will increase their presence in households.

Even still, consumers will need good reason to increase use of dips/spreads, as the competition is stiff. The majority of consumers don't note significant motivation to increase usage of dips/spreads related to specific concepts, but parents and younger generations have more open minds and diverse needs to be met. As consumers continue to navigate evolved routines and economic circumstances, brands that can provide added convenience and a sense of premium will win.

While dips/spreads aren't an essential purchase at the grocery store, their accessibility and ability to boost at-home eating occasions is helping the market during a time of inflation. In fact, some segments (eg cheese dips/spreads, creamy dips/spreads, bean dip) are most often purchased by those who are struggling with their financial situations. Meaning that, dips and



"As consumers continue to eat and snack at home, dips and spreads can be there to amplify snacks, meals and appetizers with flavor and texture. Products that can prove their versatility at a variety of occasions will help earn their spot in both routine and special occasions."

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spreads can continue to show up for consumers even as budgets are tighter, perhaps proving additional value through versatile uses that stretch one product to meet many needs.

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