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[Maraschino Cherry Owner Kills Himself Amid Drug Raid on Factory](#)

February 25, 2015 | by Kari Imberg, Associate Editor, Food Manufacturing | [Comments](#)

The owner of Dell's Maraschino Cherries committed suicide yesterday after his marijuana-growing operation was discovered at the Brooklyn factory.

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[Report: FDA Recalls Fell in Fourth Quarter of 2014](#)

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A dog owner has filed a lawsuit against a pet food company alleging that thousands of dogs have...

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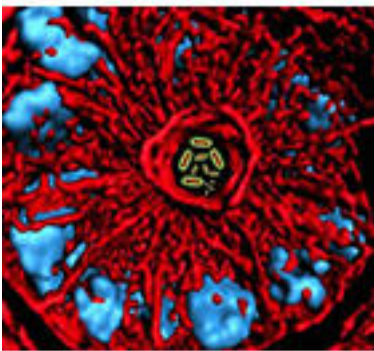


[Gas Prices Lead to 'Positive Near-Term Economic Outlook'](#)

February 27, 2015 3:45 pm | by Andy Szal, Digital Reporter
A new report from the Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation anticipates modest economic growth in 2015, in large part due to the impact of lower gas prices on consumer spending.

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[Study: Chemical 'Emulsifiers' in Food Are Making Us Fat](#)

February 27, 2015 2:10 pm | by Georgia State University
Emulsifiers can alter the gut microbiota composition and localization to induce intestinal inflammation that promotes the development of inflammatory bowel disease and metabolic syndrome, new research shows.

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[Oil Decline Likely to Benefit Food Prices](#)

February 27, 2015 1:45 pm | by Andy Szal, Digital Reporter
Falling oil prices in recent months dramatically reduced prices at the gas pump, which in turn contributed to a spike in consumer confidence early this year. But there's another place where low crude prices will likely benefit pocketbooks: the supermarket.

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[The Impact of Supermarkets on Children's Diets](#)

February 27, 2015 12:30 pm | by NYU Langone Medical Center/ New York University School of Medicine

A new study says locating full-service supermarkets within neighborhoods considered to be "food deserts" may not result in healthful dietary habits or

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reductions in childhood obesity.

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[As Tastes Change, Big Food Makers Turn to Hipster Offerings](#)

February 27, 2015 11:45 am | by CANDICE CHOI, AP Food Industry Writer
Major companies are testing whether it would pay to tuck away their world famous logos in favor of more hipster guises: PepsiCo, for instance, introduced a craft soda called Caleb's last year.

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[New Ultrasensitive Test For Peanut Allergies](#)

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February 27, 2015 9:55 am | by University of Connecticut
With an estimated three million people in the U.S. allergic to peanuts and tree nuts, having a more precise and reliable allergy test could prevent hospitalizations and allow for better monitoring of individuals suffering from peanut allergies.
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[Common Foodborne Illnesses Becoming Resistant to Drugs](#)

February 27, 2015 9:25 am | by EFSA
Salmonella and Campylobacter are among two of the most common bacteria showing significant levels of resistance to antimicrobial drugs.
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[Wisconsin Moves Closer to 'Right-to-Work' Status](#)

February 27, 2015 9:10 am | by Andy Szal, Digital Reporter
The Wisconsin state Senate passed "right-to-work" legislation late Wednesday, moving the state one step closer to prohibiting membership in a union as a condition of employment.

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[PepsiCo to Utilize E-Commerce For India Sales](#)

February 27, 2015 8:40 am | by Andy Szal, Digital Reporter
Food and beverage giant PepsiCo is preparing a big push into India's burgeoning e-commerce market. The company plans to sell imported products exclusively through online platforms in the world's second-largest nation.

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[Nebraska Meat Plant Closure to Cost 125 People Their Jobs](#)

February 27, 2015 8:00 am | by Associated Press
The Land O' Frost meat plant in West Point, Nebraska told its employees that production will continue into the second quarter of the year at the former Wimmer's plant, giving them time to find other jobs.
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[Farmers Turn to Robots as New Farm Hands](#)

February 26, 2015 3:20 pm | by The Lempert Report
With a growing produce demand and a shortage of farm workers, agricultural areas like Salinas Valley, California are tuning to technology investment programs like Thrive Accelerator to improve farming practices.
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[Oat Breakfast Cereals May Contain Common Mold-Related Toxin](#)

February 26, 2015 1:35 pm | by American Chemical Society
A new study reports that some oat-based breakfast cereals in the U.S. contain a mold-related toxin called ochratoxin A (OTA) that's been linked to kidney cancer in animal studies. The findings could have implications for consumer health.
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[First Lady: US Experiencing 'Culture Change' Around Food](#)

February 26, 2015 1:10 pm | by DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press
Michelle Obama says the U.S. has seen a "culture change" in the five years since

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she started raising awareness about childhood obesity. The first lady says food companies are "racing like never before" to create and sell more nutritious food.

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[Coca-Cola Plans Big Celebration of Centennial of its Iconic Bottle](#)

February 26, 2015 12:40 pm | by KATE BRUMBACK, Associated Press
The curvy Coca-Cola bottle is celebrating its 100th birthday, and an art museum is exploring the origins and influence of a bottle design that's so recognizable, you'd know the brand if you held it in the dark.

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[American Food Trends 'Heat Up' Via Social Food Sharing](#)

February 26, 2015 10:25 am | by National Pork Board

Based on social media posts shared by Americans across all 50 states, a new study revealed that nearly half of socially shared food content included smoked, hot and spicy flavors paired with popular proteins, while the most common ethnic flavor was Cajun.

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[Coffee Lover? Cookie Fanatic? Now You Can Have Both in One!](#)

February 26, 2015 9:50 am | by Kari Imberg, Associate Editor, Food Manufacturing

KFC restaurants in Britain are soon rolling out the Scoff-ee Cup, an edible coffee cup made from a cookie. The chain will debut the wafer-coated, sugar-papered white chocolate cups around the same time the it plans to introduce Seattle's Best Coffee.

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[Fruits, Veggies to Get Celebrity-Studded Marketing Push](#)

February 26, 2015 8:30 am | by CANDICE CHOI, AP Food Industry Writer
What if cauliflower got the same type of marketing firepower as candy bars and potato chips? A new campaign looks to put that premise to the test by enlisting celebrities to shill for fruits and vegetables.

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[Agriculture Secretary: Smartphones Could End Debate Over GMO Labeling](#)

February 26, 2015 8:05 am | by MARY CLARE JALONICK, Associated Press
In the ever-complicated debate over labeling of genetically modified foods, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack says he has an idea: use your smartphone.

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[Newest UPS & FedEx Competitor: Waffle House?](#)

February 25, 2015 2:35 pm | by Andy Szal, Real Time Digital Reporter
A new ridesharing service has an unlikely ally in its quest to enter the package delivery marketplace: Waffle House. Officials called the company's new role "a natural extension of what our restaurants are right now."

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[Jack Nicklaus to Have His Own Ice Cream](#)

February 25, 2015 12:15 pm | by Associated Press
The Schwan Food Company in Minnesota is teaming up with the 18-time major

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champion to create Jack Nicklaus premium ice cream. It will be sold by the pint and available in grocery stores in select markets.

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