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[Once a Niche, Local Foods Are Now Big Business](#)

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Like organic products before them, locally produced foods are stepping out of the shadow of their once "quirky niche" designation to claim a much more prominent — and permanent — place in the U.S. food and beverage retail-scape.

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The USDA is revising the grading standards for maple syrup to match international

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[What's the Most Popular Food on Super Bowl Sunday?](#)

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NPD Group, an independent market research firm that tracks Americans' eating habits, says vegetables top the list of most popular foods eaten on Super Bowl Sunday. While baby carrots and veggie trays lead the pack, retailers selling salty snacks, alcohol, wings and pizza also see a sharp spike in sales.

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[New McDonald's CEO Faces Onslaught of Competition](#)

January 30, 2015 2:15 pm | by CANDICE CHOI, AP Food Industry Writer

McDonald's new boss must feel like a freshly crowned king under siege. The world's biggest hamburger chain is facing an onslaught of competition, from better-burger chains like Five Guys to brands like Chipotle that tout the superior quality of their ingredients.

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[Germany Sees First Increase in Beer Sales Since 2006](#)

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The Federal Statistical Office says German breweries saw their first increase in sales volume in 2014 after seven years of declines. The office said overall sales of German beer in 2014 were 9.56 billion liters, or about 2.525 billion U.S. gallons, an increase of 1 percent over 2013.

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[California Firm Recalls Chicken Stew Products Produced Without Benefit of Import Inspection](#)

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Korean Farm Inc., a Santa Fe Springs, Calif., establishment, is recalling



[Hershey Dips Into Meat Market with Purchase of Krave Jerky](#)

January 30, 2015 8:30 am | by CANDICE CHOI, AP Food Industry Writer
The maker of treats like Reese's, Kit Kat and Twizzlers says it's buying Krave Jerky for an undisclosed sum. Krave, based in Sonoma, California, positions itself as a premium jerky with no artificial ingredients and comes in flavors like black cherry barbecue, basil citrus and lemon garlic.

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[Strong Appetite for Shake Shack IPO](#)

January 30, 2015 8:25 am | by Associated Press
Investors apparently have a craving for a better burger. Hamburger chain Shake Shack Inc. has priced its initial public stock offering at \$21 per share, above its proposed range of \$17 to \$19 per share. It sold 5 million shares, raising \$105 million.

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[Pennsylvania Shop Owner Makes Deflated Chocolate Football](#)

January 30, 2015 8:15 am | by Associated Press

A Pennsylvania candy maker is getting a big kick out of the New England Patriots' scandal over some deflated footballs. The (Washington) Observer-Reporter reports that Bill Sarris had his Canonsburg staff make a chocolate football with a big dent in the side. It's not for sale, but he posted it on Facebook as a joke.

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[Nebraska-Based Company to Close Minneapolis Cracker Factory](#)

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According to a statement released this week, ConAgra has decided to stop making RyKrisp crackers due to low demand, although the product was once popular among dieters and Scandinavians. The company said the plant in Southeast Minneapolis will close after production ends in March.

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[Dean Foods Closing Century-Old Wisconsin Plant](#)

January 30, 2015 7:30 am | by Associated Press

Dean Foods says it will close its dairy plant in Sheboygan, Wis. The plant has been in operation for more than 100 years. Dean Foods says it's consolidating operations and will continue to operate its plant in De Pere.

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[McDonald's CEO Steps Down as Sales Decline](#)

January 30, 2015 7:25 am | by CANDICE CHOI, AP Food Industry Writer
McDonald's CEO Don Thompson is stepping down as the world's biggest hamburger chain fights to hold onto customers and transform its image. The company said Thompson, who has been CEO for two-and-a-half years, will be replaced by Steve Easterbrook, a company veteran who rejoined McDonald's as its chief brand officer in 2013.

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[First-Day Frenzy Forces Las Vegas White Castle to Close](#)

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A 24-hour White Castle location on the Las Vegas Strip that opened to long lines of the burger chain's fans had to close for more than two hours to restock after its grand opening.

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[Hershey Shares Fall After Weak Outlook](#)

January 30, 2015 7:00 am | by Associated Press

Hershey said Thursday that its fourth-quarter net income fell 8.8 percent as more shoppers bought meat snacks and baked treats instead of its chocolate, candy and mints. The company's results and earnings outlook for the year missed Wall Street expectations, and its shares fell sharply Thursday.

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[Washington Company Recalls Beef Produced in 2012](#)

January 29, 2015 3:08 pm | by Associated Press

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said Washington Beef produced the product in 60-pound bulk packs on Nov. 28, 2012. The packs were shipped for further processing to a single grinding facility, then on for use in hotels, restaurants and institutions in Oregon and Washington.

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[Silicon Valley Bank Foresees Breakout Year Ahead For US Wine Industry](#)

January 29, 2015 1:55 pm | by Silicon Valley Bank

While the large supply of wines in the cellars should normally indicate continued depressed pricing, Silicon Valley Bank believes 2015 will be a year of both volume and price increases in the fine wine segment, driven by an improving economy and higher demand.

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[Winning the War on Pizza Means Healthier, 'Kid-](#)

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January 29, 2015 1:20 pm | by Packaged Facts

Despite the prevalence of pizza on kids' menus, there is a war brewing. The nationwide shift towards health and wellness has put an unflattering spotlight on these circular receptacles of cheesy deliciousness. And with good reason.

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[Top 100 Most Romantic Restaurants in America](#)

January 29, 2015 12:45 pm | by OpenTable

As diners around the world prepare to celebrate love and loved ones on Valentine's Day, OpenTable announces its 2015 Diners' Choice Award winners for the Top 100 Most Romantic Restaurants in America. From Hawaii to New York, does your favorite restaurant make the cut?

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[Medford's Darigold Plant to Close at End of February](#)

January 29, 2015 12:10 pm | by Associated Press
Medford's last milk processing plant is closing, putting 29 people out of work. Darigold says it would cost too much money to upgrade the plant to meet food safety, employee safety and environmental regulations. The plant is slated to close in February.

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[Rita's Italian Ice Expanding to Middle East](#)

January 29, 2015 11:30 am | by Associated Press
What's better than a cool treat in a hot desert? The Pennsylvania-based chain said it's contracting with a Middle East food executive to open 46 stores in the next decade in Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and five other Arab nations.



[Pabst Brewing Considers Returning to Milwaukee](#)

January 29, 2015 10:10 am | by Associated Press

Pabst Brewing Co. could return to the city of its 19th century birth. Pabst shut down its brewery in Milwaukee nearly 20 years ago, but now its current owner is looking for a location in Milwaukee to open a pilot brewery where new products could be made.

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