2023: New Product Competition

Innovative Dairy-Based Products for Calming

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There is high consumer interest and projected growth associated with products that calm, and that interest is further increased with Gen Z, 18 – 22 years old (see chart).

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**Source:** Euromonitor 2020 & Hartman Functional Foods 2020

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What are some of the **benefits** consumer associate with “calm” for snacks and beverages?

**Snacks**
- Rejuvenates
- Soothes
- Reduces Anxiety

**Beverages**
- Relieves Stress
- Relaxes
- Calms the Mind

Source: Black Swan Trendscope | Calms Trend Report Beverages & Snacks | July 2022

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What are some of the ingredients consumer associate with “calm” for snacks and beverages?

**Snacks**
- Peppermint
- Lavender
- Rose

**Beverages**
- Chamomile
- Jasmine
- L-Theanine

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Dairy & Calming

For dairy consumers,

- **22%** use dairy products to calm themselves.
- **24%** not currently using dairy products to calm themselves but would like to for this benefit.

Top dairy choices for calming:

- **Ice Cream**
- Milk/Milk-Based Beverages
- Cheese
- Cultured Dairy

Note: Creaminess is a key attribute across all dairy categories that consumers crave for calming products.

Source: Drake, 2022 (American Dairy Science Association Annual Meeting)

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Looking for a little help to sleep better?

- The science is well-established that, in general, protein is more satiating than the same amount of carbohydrate or fat.
- This can contribute to feeling more satisfied, which could possibly help you sleep a little better.
- Plus, protein can help with muscle repair while sleeping – especially those who do rigorous exercise.

Source: National Dairy Council (link)

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What’s in the marketplace? Beverages (dairy and non-dairy)

**Perfy**
Adaptogenic & Nootropic Soda
“A delicious, low glycemic blend of not from concentrate strawberry, pineapple, and lemon juices combined with 50mg of L-Theanine and 30mg of Ashwagandha.”

**La Di Da**
Lavender Oat Milk Latte
“Our soothing Lavender latte melts over your mind & body, winding you down for the night ahead. Our calming, caffeine-free blend combines lavender and hemp to reduce tension, helping you drift into a peaceful rest.”

**Ease**
Sparkling Water Beverage
“Soulboost Ease is made with 200mg L-theanine to help support relaxation and uncomplicate your unwind. Perfect for those days when your roll could use some slowing.”

**Clover**
Blue Moon Blueberry Lavender Milk
“Enjoy a moment of serenity morning, noon or night with Organic Blue Moon Milk. This blend of blueberries and lavender support relaxation, along with magnesium and tryptophan, naturally occurring in milk.”

Source: Perfy [link], LaDiDa [link], Soulboost [link], Clover [link]

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What’s in the marketplace? **Snacks/Foods (dairy and non-dairy)**

**Enlightened**
*Fruit Infusions – Strawberry + Chill*

“Strawberries grow best in plenty of sunshine. We can relate to that. Kick back and bring a little sunshine into your day with the sweetness of ripe strawberries, along with calming lavender, chamomile, and lemon balm.”

**Yi Shi**
*Sweet Osmanthus Oatmeal for Calm*

“Sweet Osmanthus is a flower traditionally used to make Chinese tea, jams and cakes. It’s such a calming, comforting flavor, I knew I had to introduce it to you. Enjoy!”

**Nightfood**
*Sleep-Friendly Ice Cream: Mint Chip*

“Sleep experts formulated Nightfood for guilt-free nighttime snacking with a sleep-friendly nutritional profile.”

Source: Enlightened [link], Yi Shi [link], Nightfood [link]

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➢ Consumer perception of different product “benefits” may differ from the scientific and regulatory views.

For example:
➢ The regulatory definition of “energy” is calories (food energy).
➢ The regulatory definition of “healthy” is defined. Additionally, FDA is providing enforcement discretion here.
➢ “Natural”/“All Natural”/“Made With Natural Ingredients” is not defined, but is being reviewed by FDA. A cautious approach is recommended.

➢ Products in the marketplace convey “benefits” in a variety of ways including by product name, ingredients or images.

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✓ For further considerations, please see this link

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