We asked 450 consumers to evaluate three plant-based foods that mimic dairy cheese to understand if the packaging and descriptions are confusing...



This is what they told us:



CHEESE TYPE

Nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ (48%) of consumers think that plant-based foods that mimic cheese are a cheddar or mozzarella cheese





About ¼ of consumers purchase plant-based foods that mimic cheese because they believe them to be low in calories (**25%**) and fat (**26%**), and contain no additives (**24%**). In reality, plant-based foods that mimic cheese contain an equal or comparable amount of fat and calories and contain substantially more additives than dairy cheeses.





plant-based food that mimics cheddar



About 1/3 (**36%**) of consumers think that plantbased foods that mimic cheese contain protein and about 1/5 (**21%**) think that it is of a higher quality than dairy even though plant-based foods that mimic cheese have little to no protein.

plant-based food that mimics mozzarella shreds

PROTEIN

plant-based food that mimics mozzarella slices

34%

INGREDIENTS INGREDIENTS

¹/₄ (**23%**) of consumers think that plantbased foods that mimic cheese contain pasteurized milk.



CALCIUM

2 in 5 (41%) consumers think that plant-based foods that mimic cheese contain calcium even though the amount present is substantially less than dairy, or not present at all.

37%