

# How has COVID-19 influenced the OJ market so far?

## **Background**

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed consumer grocery shopping choices and patterns. As consumers have looked for products that might boost their immune system, OJ has been seen as a convenient option to achieve this. By exploring both Nielsen grocery scanner data and a monthly consumer survey, conducted by UF's Florida Agricultural Market Research Center (FAMRC), we provide a visual description of the dynamic changes in OJ consumers within the year of the pandemic.

#### **Retail data**

Ouantity and dollar sales of OJ increased by

16.8%

and 19.8%

respectively in 2020 compared to 2019.1

# **UF/FAMRC** survey results

### Change in OJ bought due to COVID

28% A

INCREASED OJ PURCHASES

**69%** cited "support a healthy immune system" as the reason for increasing consumption.



**DECREASED OJ PURCHASES** 

50% of those decreased OJ consumption due to budget issues.



**DIDN'T CHANGE OJ PURCHASES** 

Respondents who said they purchased more OJ





April 2020 - March 2021 survey data

77% of all respondents plan to maintain their current level of purchases in the future.

The share of respondents who cited health and nutritional benefits as a top reason for OJ purchases increased



2019



2020

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