## Food for Thought



## Pre-Covid19: Magazine food content already a strong sector for reach and engagement

13.9

million digital readers

95%

of readers say looking at magazines is time well spent

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## In lockdown magazine food content is increasingly popular



7.8 million page views in one day (a new record) Growth is across all platforms

- video views up 47%
- Alexa users up 44%

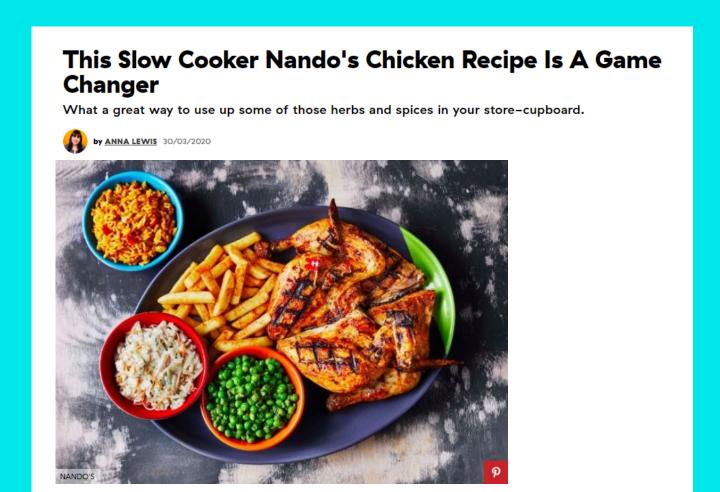
#### GoodtoKnow

Its best week this year was driven by food and recipe content traffic

Best performing content is topical:

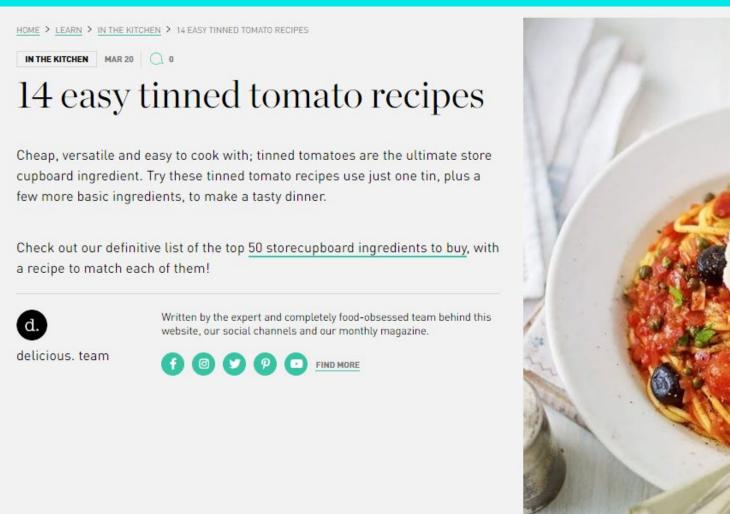
- "Where can you buy Easter eggs online and which stores are doing Easter egg delivery?"
- "This is the one thing you should not forget to disinfect during the Coronavirus outbreak"

## How to Make Your Very Own Big Mac As McDonald's sets to close all 1,270 of its restaurants in the UK, we've come up with the perfect alternative BY MEN'S HEALTH 23/03/2020

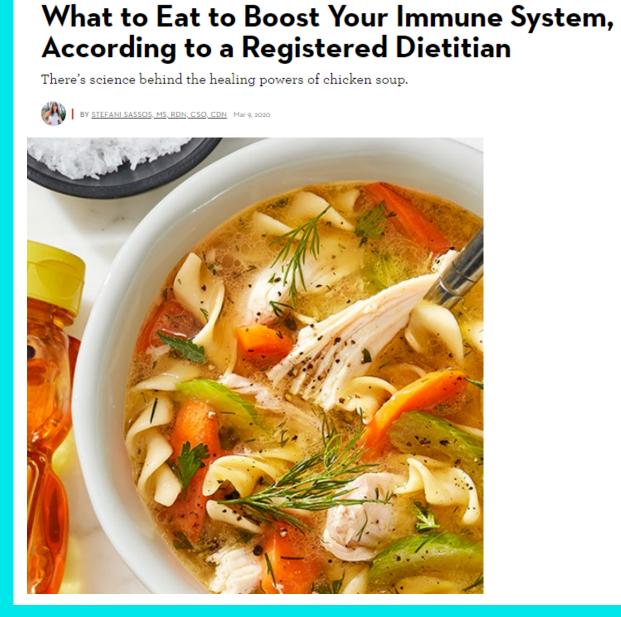


Men's Health

Delish







Delicious

**Good Housekeeping** 

A virtual cheese festival is happening next month and we're brie-ly excited

APRIL 18, 2020 1:24 PM





#### Freezable family recipes

47 Recipes

Get ahead in a busy week with family meals you can freeze. Just batch cook from our variety of tasty recipes then freeze the leftovers for another day.











#### **BBC Good Food**

#### **Marie Claire**

Best coffee machine 2020: The finest machines we've tested

**♦** COFFEE MACHINES Sasha Muller 20 Apr 2020





Easy three-ingredient cocktails

This is where you can still order food and drink online – without huge wait times

These brands are still delivering during the pandemic.



**Expert Reviews** 

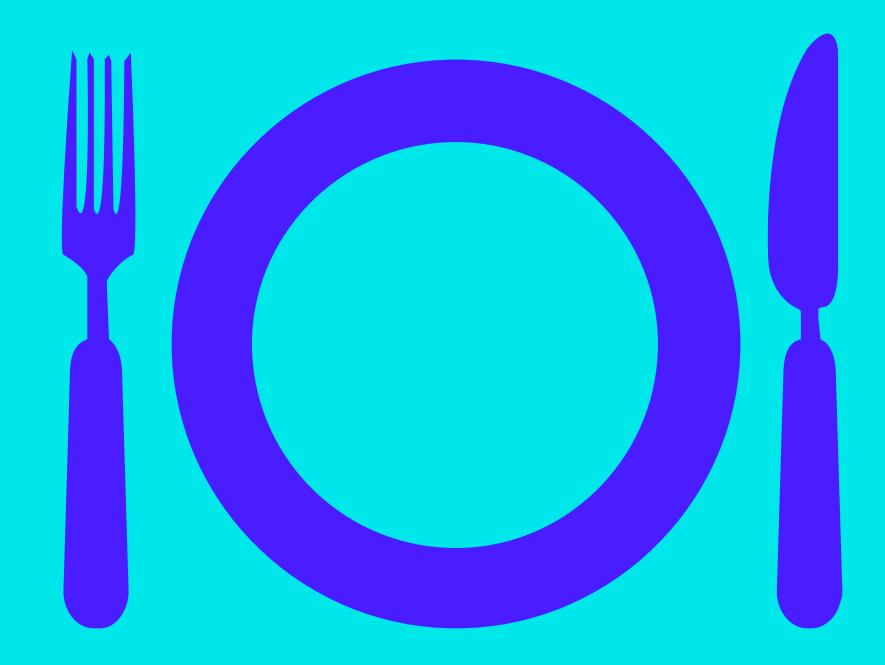
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# Changing consumer behaviour

#### A new normal





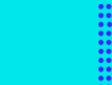
Under normal circumstances 27% of evening meals are eaten out of home according to Kantar

#### Returning to normal will take time





The government recently suggested that pubs and restaurants will be the last to leave lockdown



#### And it will bring about new behaviours

Only 9% want things to revert to "normal" after the outbreak is over

More than half (54%) hope they will make some changes in their own lives and for the country as a whole

#### Shopping habits shifting under lockdown





An extra £63 of food per household was purchased in March as people prepared for lockdown



90% of the 285 subcategories tracked in retail showed growth as more consumers purchased more categories

#### Shopping habits shifting under lockdown



86%

Of people who have changed supermarkets will return to their supermarket of choice



#### Shopping habits shifting under lockdown





Only 27% of consumers completely agreed that they were buying the same brands as usual









'How to cook a jacket potato in a microwave' +170% - Google Trends

> 'How to cook a soft boiled egg' +50% - Google Trends

Consumers are seeking recipes that don't rely on core ingredients that are hard to come by eg. Flourless cake +250% - Google Trends

#### Family meal times are increasingly important



"Mealtimes have become more important to me/my family at the moment"

16%

ABC1 families

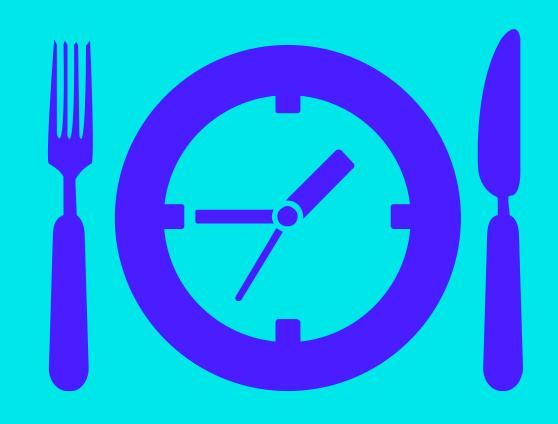
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C2DE families

#### With more time being spent on meals

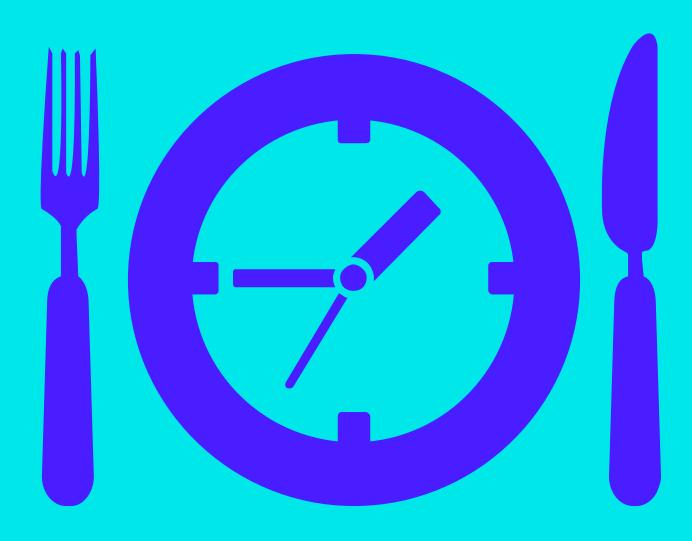






33%

#### Working from home



48%

#### Lockdown = a new wave of cooking enthusiasts



33% are spending more time cooking/baking

3% either plan to take up cooking/baking or have taken already started

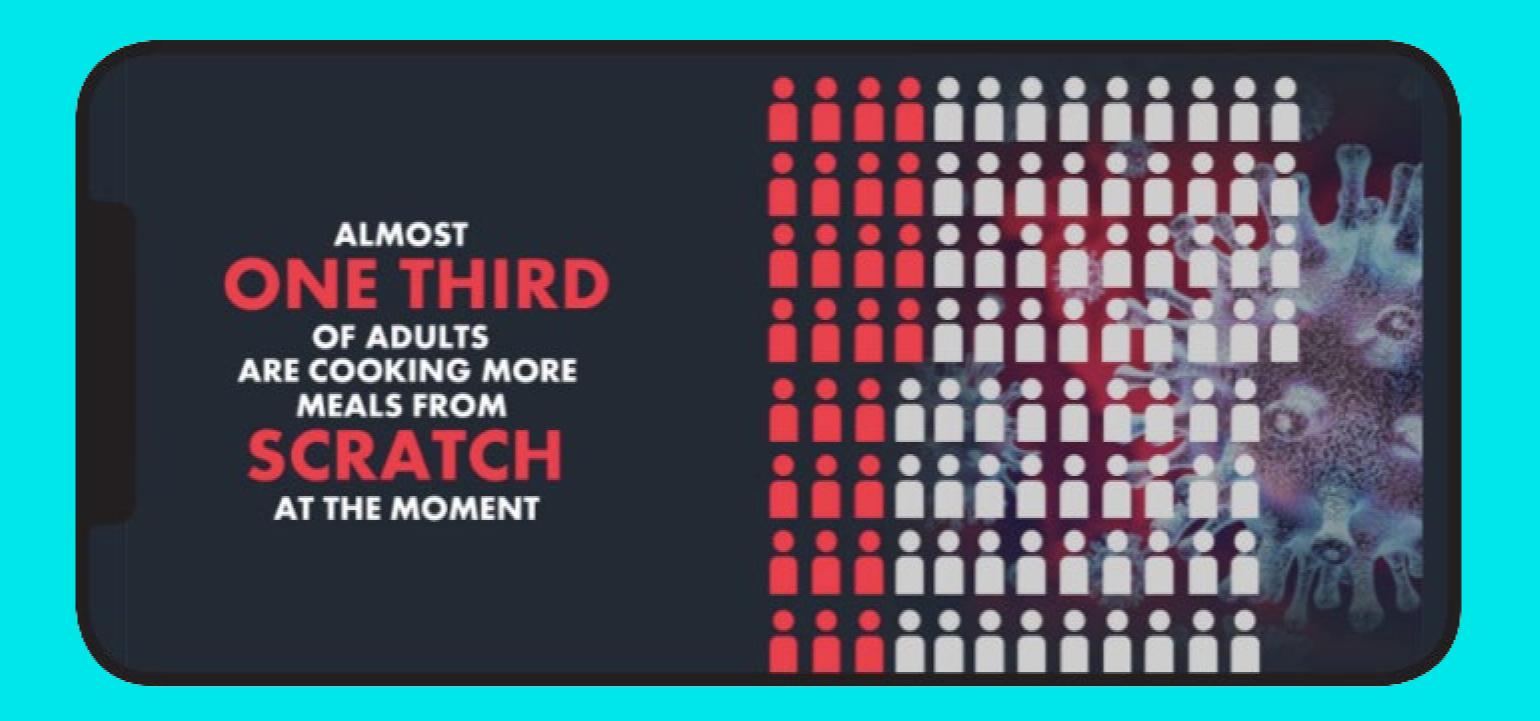
#### Creativity in the kitchen is rising





#### Cooking from scratch on the rise







### Lockdown = a third more trying out new cuisines

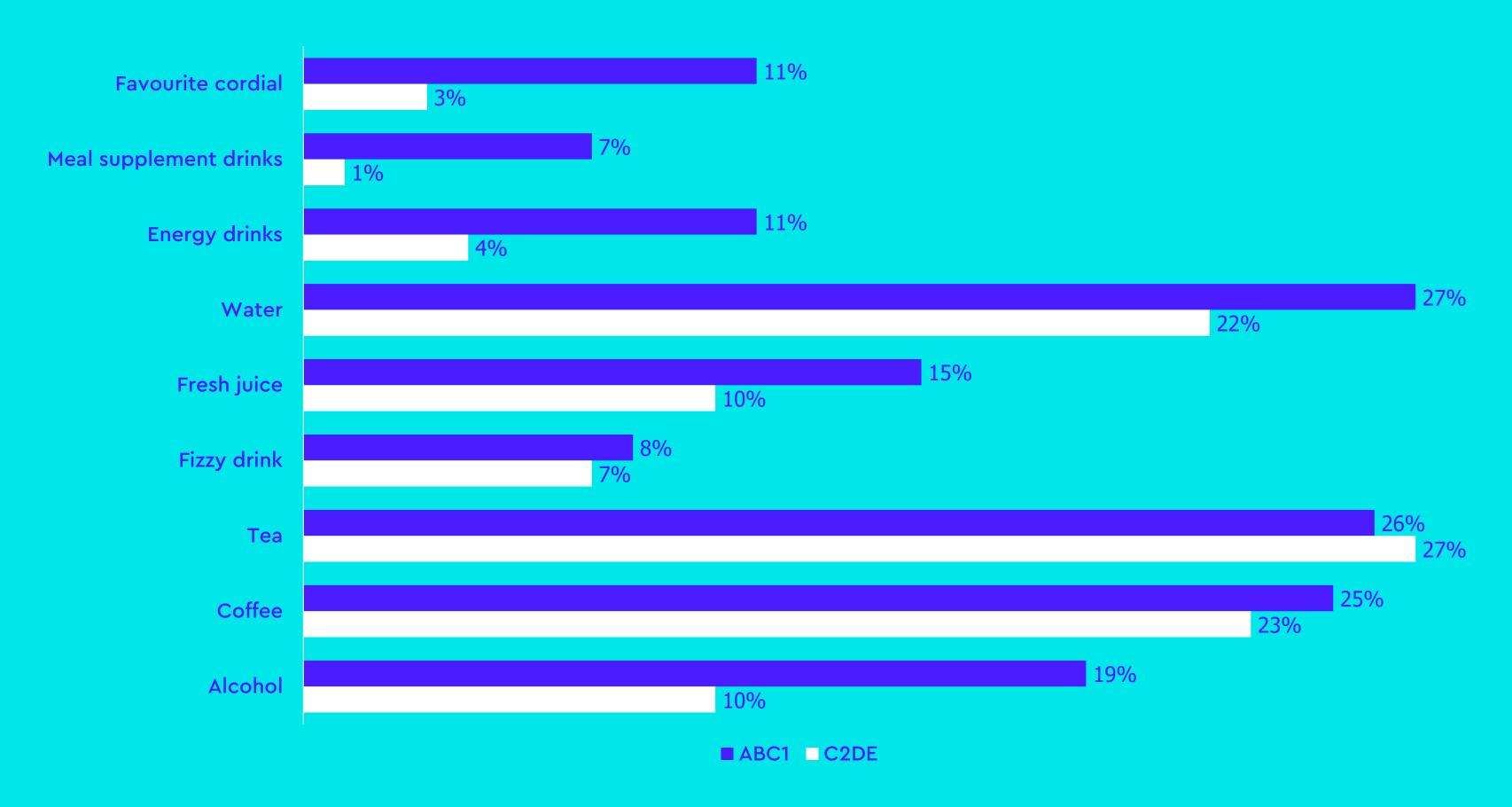
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Working from home

28%
Not working from home

#### An opportunity for beverage brands

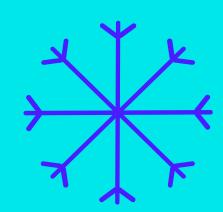


'Are you and you family consuming more of the following things during this crisis?'









ao.com freezer sales up 200% YoY in the two weeks prior to lockdown



For the week of 20<sup>th</sup> March, Google searches for 'can I freeze...?' were around 10 times higher than normal

'can I freeze milk?' and 'can I freeze eggs?' topped the searches

Now that more people have fully stocked freezers, 32% claim to be defrosting something for their evening meal more than usual

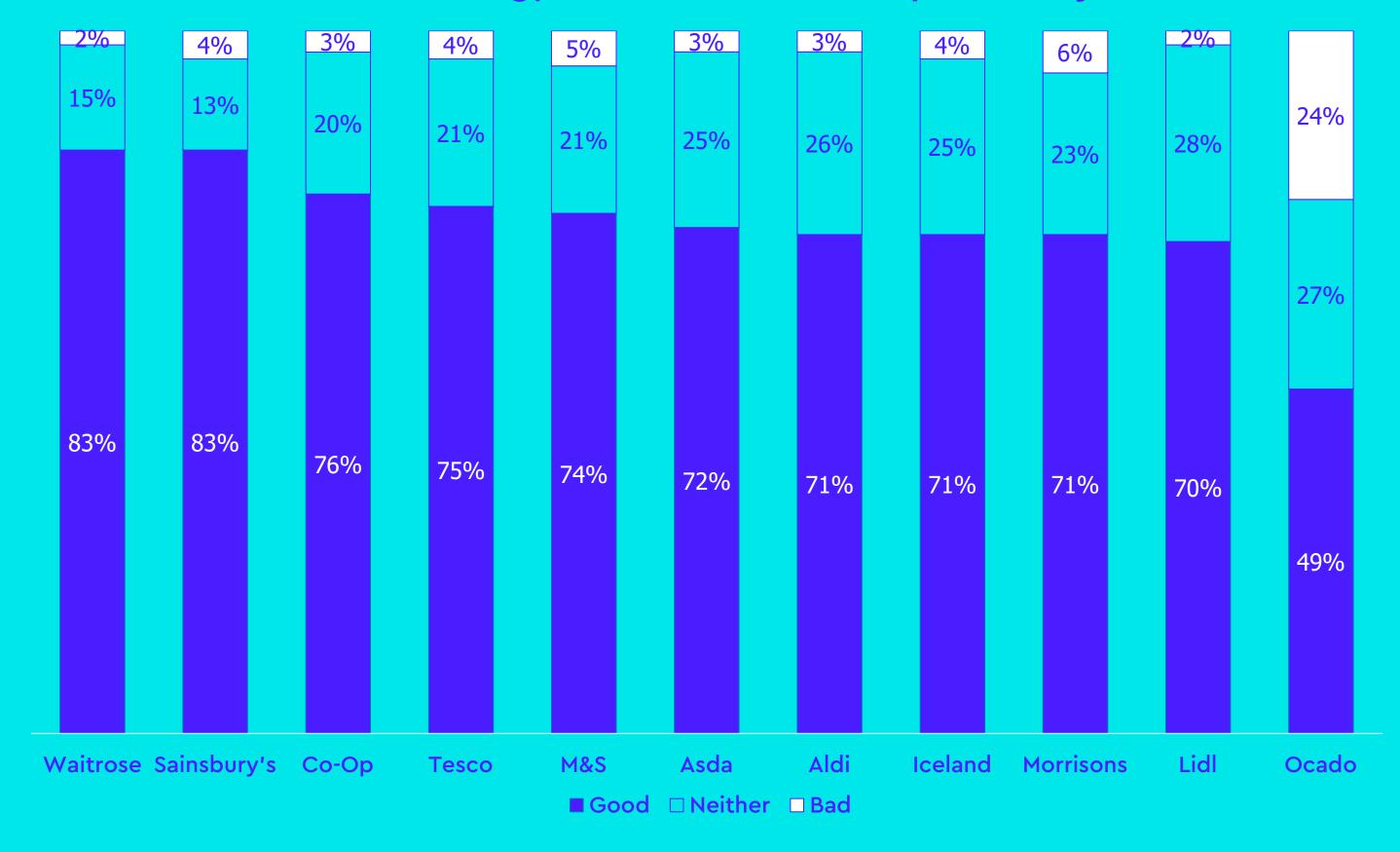
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## Consumer endorsement of the approach supermarkets are taking

Consumers are appreciative of the supermarket community advertising, which most rated positively

81%

Of people believe supermarkets have been successful in supporting the community. Only 6% believe they haven't been successful



#### Methodology details



Hearst sample: 4,213 consumers from the Hearst panel from 3-8 April. The profile of the respondents was weighted to match Hearst's PAMCo profile and from an age and demographic profile. This means that the audience is more affluent, female and positive than a nationally representative sample. They are also more into food, cooking, new products and eating out according to TGI

TI sample: nationally representative sample of 500 UK adults each week, online

Immediate sample: 2,468 responses from Immediate audience. Research conducted across 4th- 6th April 2020

Bauer sample: sample size of 1636, weighted to be nationally representative, data gathered between 16th -20th April on the Bauer Media Insiders panel.