# 2018/2019 Fresh Asparagus

# Category Trends, Demographics & Marketing Tips

#### August 2019

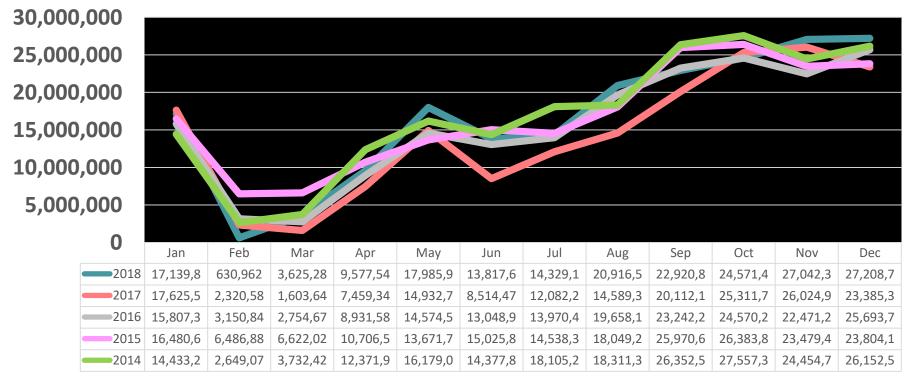
# Market Summary Peru 5 Year Review

In 2018:

✓ U.S. imported 567 million pounds of fresh market asparagus.

 $\checkmark$  US imported close to 200 million pounds from Peru.

US Fresh Asparagus Imports From Peru Quantities / Pounds



**—**2018 **—**2017 **—**2016 **—**2015 **—**2014

## Key Buying Trends Peruvian Fresh Asparagus

#### Why are consumers buying Peruvian asparagus?

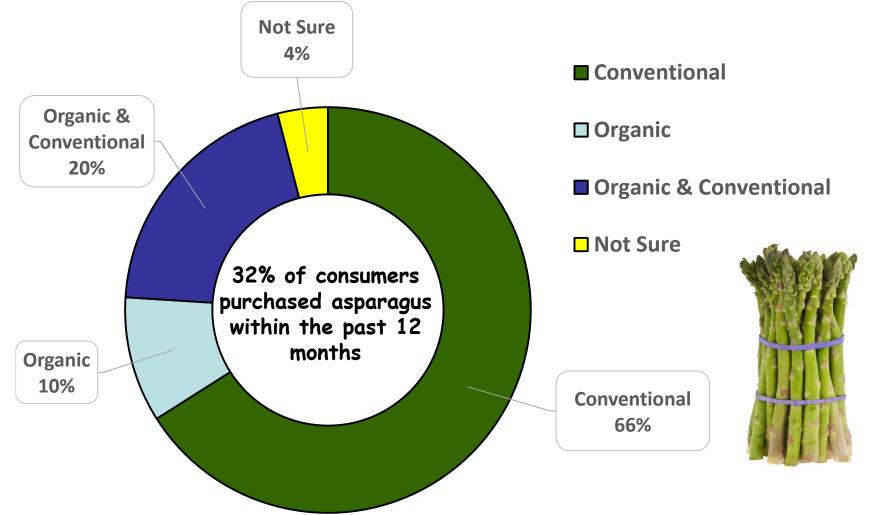
- **Convenience, Taste and Savings:** 
  - ✓ Fresh asparagus is easy to prepare and the perfect meal solution
  - ✓ Peruvian asparagus delivers diversified flavor profile
  - ✓ Peruvian asparagus offers value-added offerings
- Nutrition: Peruvian asparagus is <u>highly nutritious!</u>
  - ✓ Asparagus is a good source of potassium, vitamin A and vitamin C
  - ✓ Asparagus is low in fat and contains no cholesterol
  - ✓ Asparagus is also rich in rutin and folacin, which has been proven important in the duplication of cells for growth/repair of the body

#### **Quality and Availability:**

- ✓ Peruvian Asparagus is available 365.
- Quality Peruvian Asparagus peaks just in time for family/friends gatherings; summer barbeques and holiday parties

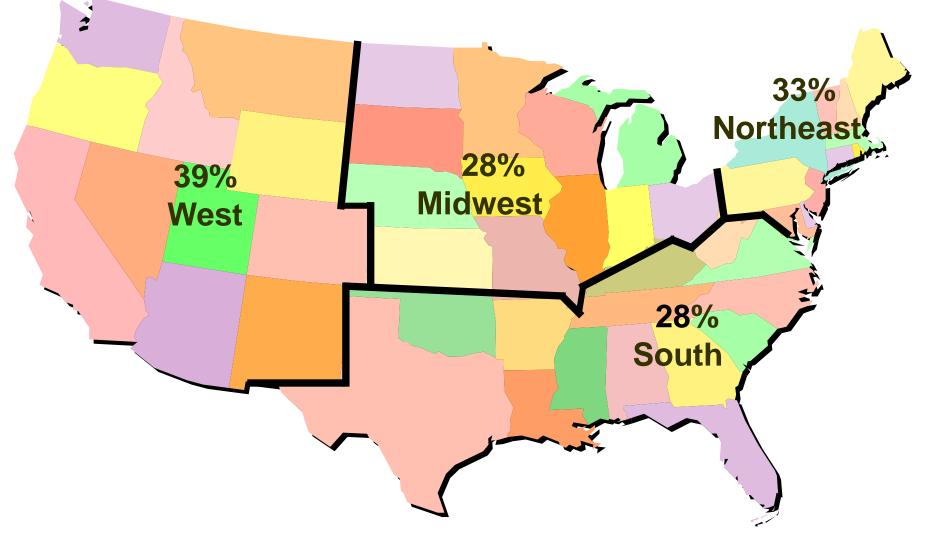
### **Conventional or Organic?**

#### **Types of asparagus purchased in 2018:**



### **Likelihood of Asparagus Purchase**





Source: Fresh Trends 2019/The Packer

#### **Demographics of Asparagus Purchase**



Fresh Asparagus – Ranked in the <u>top 20</u> <u>best sellers</u> for *fresh vegetables in 2019!* 



#### **Based on Household Income:**



Source: Fresh Trends 2019/The Packer

### **Tips to Increase Asparagus Sales**

#### **Vibrant Displays:**

- ✓ Visible asparagus sells! Go bold! Create attractive displays!
- Cross promote with other items. Steaks, seafood and salads, etc.
- ✓ Offer options and convenience. Peruvian asparagus offers variety of packaged options and value added selections.
- ✓ Freshness sells. Ensure the asparagus displays are stocked with Peruvian asparagus, the highest quality.
- Colorful displays attract consumers. Fresh Peruvian asparagus is available in green, white and purple.
- Promote health benefits of Peruvian asparagus!