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- Spotlight—Insights into Landmark Calorie Declines in the U.S. Food Marketplace
- One on One
- Funding Opportunity



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# **Today's Panel**



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#### 6.4 Trillion Calories Cut From Unhealthy Grocery Store Foods

Sixteen food and drink companies have banded together to tackle the



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Sayonara To 'Super-Size Me?' Food Companies Cut Calories, So Do We

by ALLISON AUBREY

September 25, 2014 3:24 AM ET



#### Los Angeles Times Science Now Discoveries from the world of science and medicine

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#### Households with kids ate less junk food in 2012 than '07, report says



U.S. households with kids are buying fewer calories, a new report says. (Luke Sharrett /

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6.4 Trillion Calories Cut From Major Food Products





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Insights into Landmark Calorie Declines in the U.S. Food Marketplace:

# Tracking Our Foods From Factory to Fork

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## **Genesis: The HWCF Marketplace Pledge**

Sixteen major consumer packaged goods (CPG) food and beverage manufacturers pledged to cut sales by 1.5 trillion calories by 2015 relative to 2007 (including 1 trillion calories by 2012).

- How do we measure this?
- Who might be most affected? Children; SES subpopulations
- Compare HWCF to non-HWCF brands and private labels (store brands)
- Actual reduction (via reformulation and/or lower caloric options), or other economic or market forces driving the change?

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) funded independent evaluations

- Calories Sold: 2007 vs 2012
- Calories Purchased: 2000-2007 vs. 2008-2012
- Children's Caloric Intake and BMI: 2007-2008 vs. 2011-2012
- Effect of HWCF pledge on purchase disparities: 2007-2013
- Effect of HWCF pledge on diet and BMI disparities: 2007-2012

## How to Measure? Items Sold/Purchased

#### Items sold/purchased from HWCF vs. others (barcode level)

#### Nielsen Scantrack point-of-sale

- Stores represented: food, drug, mass; convenience
- 52 markets; projected to be nationally representative of F/D/M+C
- Sales data of each barcode (product description, brand, manufacturer)

#### Nielsen Homescan household purchases

- Disaggregated data of each barcode purchased at every reported shopping episode (date, store, price)
- Across 35-60K households from 76 markets; household weights for national representativeness

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- Annual demographic information allows us to study specific populations

#### ID HWCF vs. non-HWCF brands vs. private labels (PL) over time

- Brands often acquired/sold from one company to another
- New product lines/brands; retiring product lines/brands

## How to Measure? Calories (& Other Nutrients)

#### Calories (and other available nutrients) of each item

#### Nutrition Facts Panel (barcode level) data

- Multiple sources; records go back to 1996; constantly updated
- Serving size and nutrient information
- Ingredient list
- Pack size and weight information
- Claims

#### Merge with Nielsen Scantrack & Homescan

Based on UPC and NFP date-stamp

Slining M, et al. 2013. "Food companies' calorie-reduction pledge to improve US diet." *Amer J Prev Med* 44(2): 174-184

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## **Evaluations on Sales and Purchases**

#### Two new papers in *American Journal Preventive Medicine*

- Ng SW et al, 2014. "The Healthy Weight Commitment Foundation pledge: Calories sold from U.S. consumer packaged goods, 2007-2012." *Amer J Prev Med* 47(4): 508–519
- Ng SW, Popkin BM, 2014. "The Healthy Weight Commitment Foundation pledge: Calories Purchased by U.S. households with children, 2000-2012." *Amer J of Prev Med* 47(4):520–530.

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# What does this mean for diets (intake) and ultimately child obesity?

 Next steps: Measuring how CPG changes affect diets via factory to fork system

#### Per Capita Calories Reported Consumed (WWEIA 2001-2010) for All Americans Aged 2+ Years vs. Caloric Purchases Per Capita from CPGs (Homescan 2000-2011)



Ng SW, et al. 2014. "A turning point for U.S. diets: Recessionary effects or behavioral shifts in foods purchased and consumed?" American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. 99:609-616.

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# **Economic Conditions or Secular Trends?**

#### Unclear if changes over time are due to:

- Recessionary economic climate
- Food price changes
- Demographic changes
- Secular trends (changes in consumer preferences)

#### Longitudinal model using Homescan data controlling for:

- Unemployment
- Deflated food prices
- Household composition, race/ethnicity, income, education
- Time

Ng SW, et al. 2014. "A turning point for US diets: Recessionary effects or behavioral shifts in foods purchased and consumed?" *Amer J Clin Nutr*. 99:609-616. Work funded by National Institutes of Health.



#### Year Effects Are Strongly Negative and Statistically Significant, Especially for Households with Children



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Ng SW, et al. 2014. Amer J Clinical Nutrition

#### Year-specific Difference in Calories Purchased by NH-Black Households Relative to NH-White Households with Children



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#### Year-specific Difference in Calories Purchased by Hispanic Households Relative to NH-White Households with Children



Shown values are all statistically different from 2000 at p>0.001. Controls for household composition by age and gender, income, education, food prices, and unemployment.

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# **Measuring How CPG Changes Affect Diets**

#### Factory to Fork: Barcode to USDA Food Code Crosswalk



#### Composite Nutrient Profile Weighted by Purchase Volume

UNCFRP creates a new Nutrient Profile for each USDA food code. The composite Nutrient Profile is weighted by sales volume of all UPCs linked with that USDA food code.

UPC Description	Sales (%)		1
Brand A	40%	<b>→</b>	J \\
Brand B	30%		
Brand C	20%		
Brand D	10%		

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Slining, M. et al. In Press. "A method of monitoring foods and nutrients from Factory to Fork". J Acad Nutr Diet.

# **Factory to Fork: Key Findings**

Food/Beverage Groups	# USDA food codes	# UPC codes linked to USDA food codes
Sugar Sweetened Beverages	50	14,567
Energy Drinks	10	641
Sports Drinks	4	519
Fluid milk	58	8,839
Fruit juice	46	9,373
Yogurt products	17	6,645

- When UNCFRP nutrient profile is applied to reported consumption:
  - Small, significant differences in consumption compared to USDA's FNDDS 4.1
- 2007-2008 (baseline) differences not expected to be large
- Value and importance of UNCFRP Nutrient
   Database is in capturing changes (in product offerings and formulations of existing products) over time
- Ability to create subpopulation specific nutrient profiles using subpopulation specific purchase weights
- Completing 2007-2008 and moving to 2009-2010 and 2011-2012 soon with completion by fall 2015
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# **Critical Issues that We Can Begin Addressing**

- A. Identify new products and formulations that emerge
- B. Measure degree of processing and convenience and their nutritional implications
- C. Understand where people shop and nutritional implications
- D. Understand sodium trends and sources
- E. Estimate added sugars in products, purchases, and diets

Select examples in the next slides

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### A2. Examine Degree of Reformulation

# Monitor changes in nutrient density of Grain Based Dessert (GBD) products

- Energy and sugar density of GBD products remained the same (2005-2012)
- Increase in saturated fat density

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Energy Density (kcal/100 g)	2005	314	424	500	411 ± 4	
	2012	306	424	510	413 ± 5	
Sat Fat Density (g/100 g)	2005	1.8	5.5	12.8	6.5 ± 0.02	
	2012	2.1	7.1	14.5	7.9 ±0.02*	

Mathias K, et al, In Press. "Monitoring Changes in the Nutritional Content of Grain-Based Dessert Products Manufactured and Purchased Between 2005 and 2012." *J Acad Nutr Diet* 



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# **Factory to Fork: Extensions**

Improved and more timely understanding of changing nutrient composition (calories, sodium, added sugars) of 600,000 CPGs and their impact on individual dietary intake once crosswalk completed for 2007-2012

- Children of various race/ethnicity, maternal education, SES
- Are there certain food groups where largest changes are coming from?

#### Distributions of dietary intake (focus on top end)

- Usual intake adjustments to each individual using NCI method
- Quantile regressions to look at differential affects at different points on the intake distribution
- Build off earlier work by Mendez et al (*J Nutr* 2014) to evaluate effect of industry changes on usual dietary intake over time, then determine BMI/obesity change

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## **Question:**

# What other insights can the data offer?



### **Estimate Added Sugars (NIH-funded)**

#### Estimate added sugar content of products

- In labs, added sugars are not distinguishable from intrinsic sugars (e.g., lactose in milk)
- Similar method used by USDA for imputing missing nutrient values
- Uses Nutrition Fact Label information on nutrients per serving, serving sizes, and ingredient lists (ordered by weight)

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#### Identify added sugars; operational definitions may change under new FDA regulations

- Fruit juice concentrates? Fruit juice?
- Batch-mode allows use to change parameters as needed

#### Done for CPG beverages purchased in 2007-2008; working on CPG foods

#### Next steps

- Expand to other years to estimate amounts of added sugars in products over time
- Estimate amounts of added sugars in purchases over time
- Estimate amounts of added sugars in <u>diets</u> over time

Ng SW, et al. 2014. Under Review.

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## **Question:**

# What kinds of surveillance opportunities are now possible?



### **A3. Identifying Presence of Sweeteners**

# In NHANES, products that contain both low-calorie sweeteners (LCS) and caloric sweeteners (CS):

- Cannot be identified as the descriptions only indicate one sweetener or the other;
- Likely not included in food composition tables as these are newly introduced; or
- Misclassified as LCS or CS.

# In Nielsen-NFP data, can identify products that contain CS, LCS and both using ingredient lists:



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Piernas C, et al, 2013. "Trends in purchases and intake of foods and beverages containing caloric and low-calorie sweeteners over the last decade in the U.S." *Pediatric Obesity* 8(4):294-306

### **A3. Identifying Presence of Sweeteners**



\* Means per capita for beverages (mL/d) and foods (g/d). LCS, low-caloric sweetened beverages or foods; CS, caloric-sweetened beverages or foods

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# **One on One**

# **Question:**

How does this data shed light on opportunities to collaborate with industry leaders to find solutions that benefit both the health of Americans and companies' bottom line?

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# **Questions from the Audience**



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# Understanding Factors in Infancy, Early Childhood (Birth to 24 months) that Influence Obesity Development (R01)

#### • Funder: NIH

- **Open date**: Jan. 5 (earliest submission)
- Purpose: To identify novel risk factors in early childhood that influence obesity and/or to fill methodological/measurement research gaps relevant to understanding the development of obesity in children.
- Note: Applicants requesting more than \$500,000 direct costs in any year must contact NIH program staff at least six weeks before submission, and follow all applicable policies.
- RFA: <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-323.html">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-323.html</a>

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