

GLP-1 Use and Protein Demand

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Summary

- Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists altering appetites...demand behavior???
- **Objective**: quantify GLP-1 protein demand transformations
- **Methods**: matching & DCE/OECE with structural demand modeling
- **Results**:
 - Rightward demand shifts across most evaluated proteins...up to 38% increases in WTP
 - Clockwise rotation for some proteins...up to 0.22 increases in own-price elasticities

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Background

GLP-1 Drugs in the U.S. Food System

Motivating the research

Use & Adoption

- Type 2 diabetes
- Appetite suppression
- Rapid growth...8.3% July 2024¹, 12.4% October 2025²

Protein Importance

- Lean proteins,  red meats³ 
- Benefits of protein during weight loss⁴⁻⁶
- Economic importance⁷⁻⁸

Early Observations

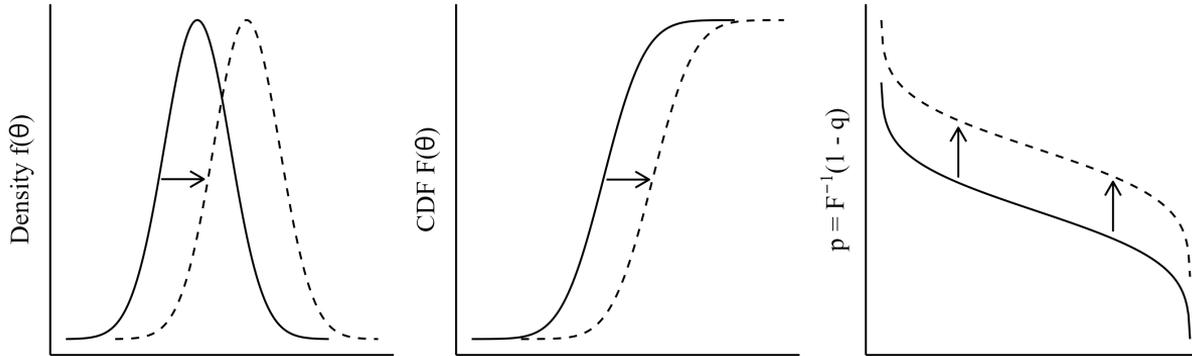
- Shifts toward protein⁹
- Industry supply response¹⁰⁻¹³
- Mixed empirical findings^{1,14-15}

Implications

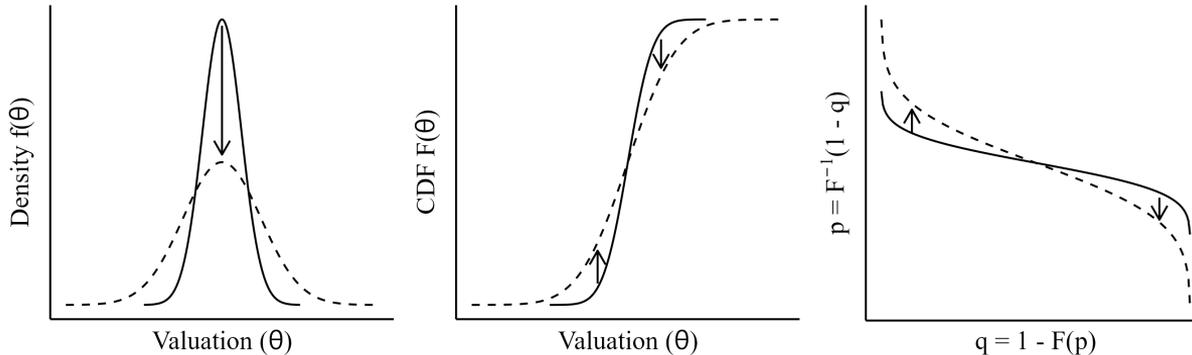
- Labeling and product (re)formulation
- Menu design
- Endogeneity of health and food systems...gov't action
- Sustainability

Framework – Johnson & Myatt (2006)

Shift in Valuations - Shift in Demand



Spread of Valuations - Rotation of Demand



Data

Meat Demand Monitor

Survey data

- Collaboration b/w K-State Research & Extension, U.S. Beef and Pork Checkoffs
- Monthly, online survey of U.S. adults
 - Pooled, cross-sectional
 - ~3,000 usable respondents monthly
 - Tracks domestic retail and foodservice meat demand
- Sociodemographic info, GLP-1 use (since July 2024), and choice experiments

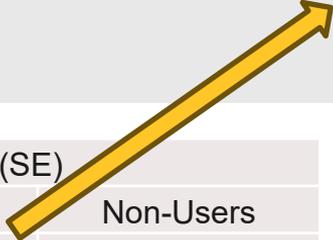


Funded by the Beef Checkoff

Select Summary Statistics

July 2024 – June 2025

11.9%



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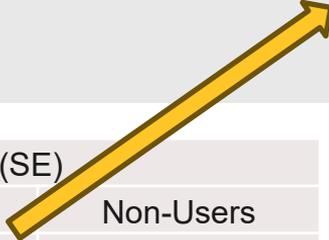
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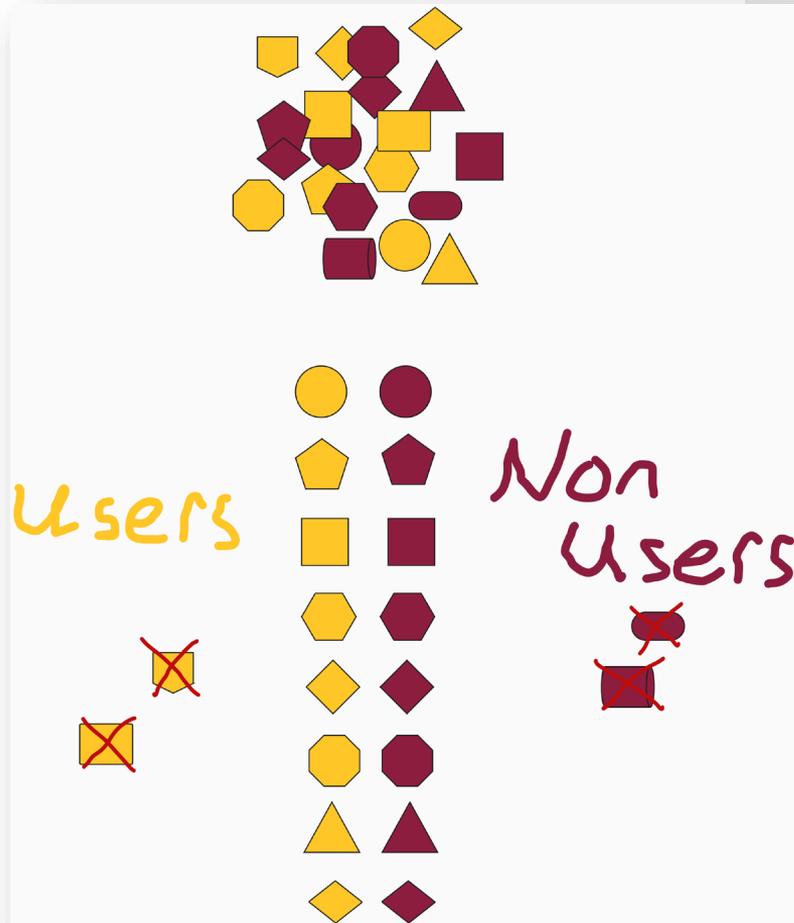
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Less than \$20,000	0.134 (0.002)	0.107 (0.005)	0.137 (0.002)
\$20,000 to \$39,999	0.212 (0.002)	0.176 (0.006)	0.216 (0.002)
\$40,000 to \$59,999	0.205 (0.002)	0.177 (0.006)	0.209 (0.002)
\$60,000 to \$79,999	0.171 (0.002)	0.147 (0.005)	0.174 (0.002)
\$80,000 to \$99,999	0.087 (0.001)	0.090 (0.004)	0.087 (0.002)
\$100,000 to \$119,999	0.056 (0.001)	0.093 (0.004)	0.050 (0.001)
\$120,000 to \$139,999	0.040 (0.001)	0.050 (0.003)	0.039 (0.001)
\$140,000 to \$159,999	0.041 (0.001)	0.081 (0.004)	0.036 (0.001)
\$160,000 and over	0.052 (0.001)	0.075 (0.004)	0.048 (0.001)
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Addressing selection into treatment

Coarsened Exact Matching

- Consumer traits correlated w/ GLP-1 use also correlated w/ meat consumption
- Selection on observables and CEM¹⁷
 - Sex, age, income, education, race, region, household size, diet, quarter
- Matches samples, weights used in structural demand modeling



Study 1 – Demand Shifts

Discrete Choice Experiments

Retail & foodservice



**Ribeye
Steak**
\$19.49/lb



**Ground
Beef**
\$6.99/lb



**Pork
Chop**
\$7.49/lb



Bacon
\$5.49/lb



**Chicken
Breast**
\$1.49/lb



**Plant-
Based
Patty**
\$14.49/lb



Shrimp
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**Beans
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3 price levels



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Outcome & Effect Estimation

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 - $\theta_{ij} = \delta_j + \sum_{k=1}^K \delta_{jk} z_{ik} + \pi_j GLP_i$
 - $\gamma_i = \alpha + \omega GLP_i$
- Estimate retail and foodservice MNL models w/ matched data and weights
- Doubly robust standardization¹⁹
- Estimate θ_{ij} and γ_i among treated under both treatment regimes
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Study 1 Results

Retail

Full (unmatched) sample estimation...difference in mean WTP b/w groups



Retail WTP (\$/lb)				
Product	Users	Non-Users	Difference	ATT
Ribeye steak	22.99	16.00	6.99	2.30*
Ground beef	14.76	7.64	7.12	1.69*
Pork chop	12.67	6.34	6.33	1.19*
Bacon	10.20	5.40	4.80	1.30*
Chicken breast	12.80	7.56	5.24	1.52*
Plant-based patty	9.42	6.96	2.46	1.55*
Shrimp	12.64	9.22	3.42	1.06*
Beans and rice	5.38	2.87	2.51	0.14

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Retail

9.6% (shrimp) to 38.1% (chicken breast) increases in WTP over midpoint retail DCE prices

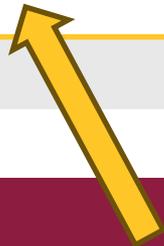


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18.0% (bacon) to 36.1% (chicken breast) increases over August 2025 BLS prices



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Foodservice

8.4% (salmon) to 31.1% (hamburger) increases in WTP over midpoint foodservice DCE prices



Foodservice WTP (\$/meal)				
Product	Users	Non-Users	Difference	ATT
Ribeye steak	37.84	25.19	12.66	3.87*
Hamburger	31.31	18.41	12.89	3.73*
Pork chop	24.55	15.11	9.43	2.34*
Baby back ribs	26.20	17.82	8.38	3.07*
Chicken breast	25.30	17.41	7.90	3.22*
Plant-based patty	12.33	10.86	1.47	-0.23
Shrimp	25.02	17.18	7.84	3.20*
Salmon	25.04	18.64	6.40	1.42*

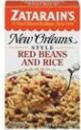
Study 2 – Demand Rotations

Open-Ended Choice Experiment

Retail

How many of the following retail products would you purchase given these asking prices?

Zero (None) One, 1-lb package Two, 1-lb packages Three, 1-lb packages Four, 1-lb packages Five or More, 1-lb packages



Beans and Rice
\$0/package



Pork Chop
\$0/lb



Ground Beef
\$0/lb

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Chicken Breast
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Bacon
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Ribeye Steak
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Plant-Based Patty
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Multi-product,
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Prices randomly generated,
exogenous



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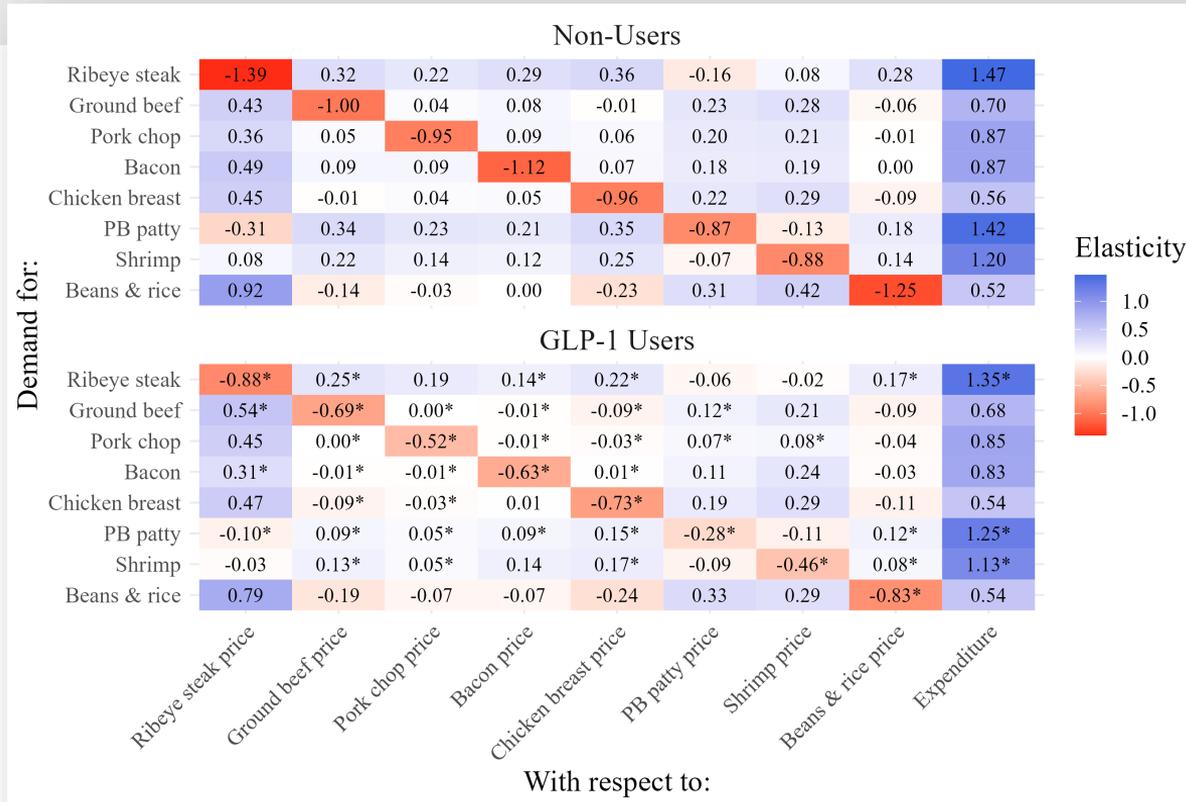
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Demand Estimation

- Almost Ideal Demand System²⁰
- $w_j = \bar{\alpha}_j + \sum_{l=1}^8 \gamma_{jl} \ln(p_l) + \beta_j \ln(X/P)$
 - $\ln(P) = \alpha_0 + \sum_{j=1}^8 \bar{\alpha}_j \ln(p_j) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^8 \sum_{l=1}^8 \gamma_{jl} \ln(p_j) \ln(p_l)$
 - $\bar{\alpha}_j = \alpha_j + \sum_{k=1}^K \delta_{jk} Z_k$
- Weak separability of 8 OECE goods
- Homogeneity, adding up, symmetry imposed
- **Split-sample estimation** using matched sample & weights
- Expectation Maximization algorithm used to adjust for censored expenditures²¹
- Bootstrap resampling and Poe, Giraud, and Loomis (2005)²² complete combinatorials for differences in elasticities b/w groups

Study 2 Results

Unmatched sample “associations”



Study 2 Results

GLP-1 effects

Difference = user *less* non-user elasticity

Quantity of:	With respect to:	Unmatched Sample	CEM Sample
Ribeye steak	Expenditure	-0.13*	-0.08
Ground beef		-0.02	0.01
Pork chop		-0.02	-0.02
Bacon		-0.04	-0.07
Chicken breast		-0.02	0.00
Plant-based patty		-0.17*	-0.11
Shrimp		-0.08*	-0.09
Beans & rice		0.01	-0.15
Ribeye steak	Own price	0.51*	-0.20
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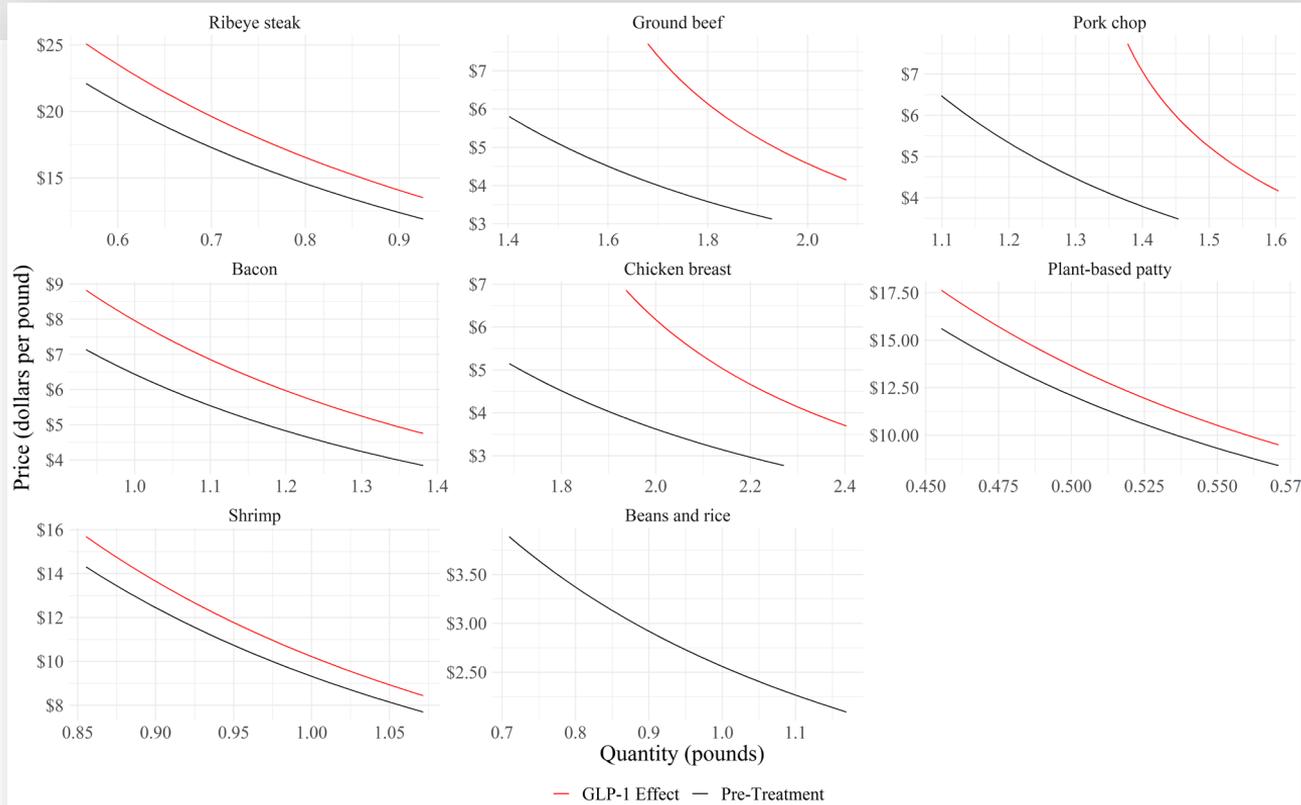
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Who Cares?

Illustration of Demand Transformations

Our findings in a nutshell



Purely illustrative!

“GLP-1 premium”

Some evidence of reduced price sensitivity

Implications

& recommendations

- **Market participation**

- Distribution of preferences...lower *aggregate* price sensitivity¹⁶
- Market composition in contraction phase of cattle cycle

- **Industry response**

- “GLP-1 premium” is opportunity to offset volume reductions
- Labeling/product (re)formulation
- Menu design

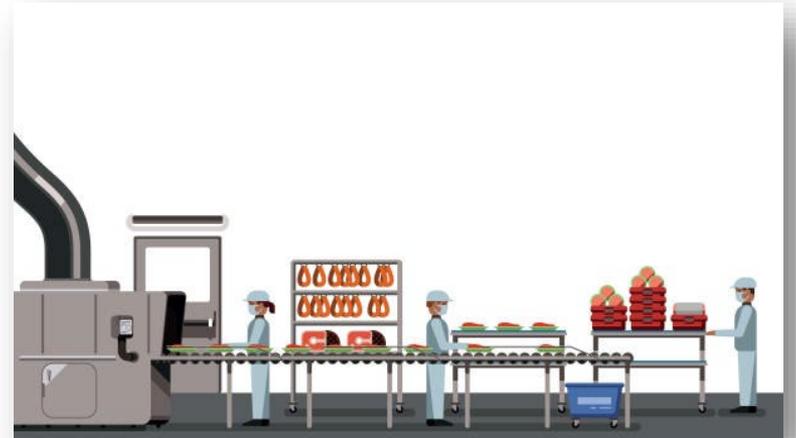
- **Policy**

- Externalities to food system
 - Lower income access to protein
 - Industrial policy?
- Data
- Interagency collaboration
- Sustainability

Future Research

What we have in store

- Expanded demand assessment using revealed preference data
- Equilibrium industry response in price and attribute (protein content) space
- Demand-side sustainability assessment



Questions?



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