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MONTHLY NEWS BRIEF

Date	Source	Article	Summary
6/1/2026	QSR	McDonald's Launches New Global Strategy to Stay Ahead of Competition	The burger giant's framework focuses on menu innovation, fan engagement, restaurant productivity and hospitality
6/2/2026	C-Store Dive	How 5 Super Regional C-Store Chains Are Reshaping the Competitive Landscape	Companies like Wawa, QuikTrip and Sheetz are pushing aggressively into new states and challenging incumbent players both small and large
6/3/2026	Food Navigator	Keurig Dr Pepper's Meteoric Rise in Energy Offers Blueprint for CPG Category Expansion	From partnerships to acquisitions, Keurig Dr Pepper's 'build-buy-partner' model underpins its rapid rise in energy drinks and signals how large beverage companies may enter future growth categories
6/4/2026	C-Store Dive	How 3 Major Food and Beverage Execs View the State of C-Stores	Leaders from brands like PepsiCo and Athletic Brewing discussed growth opportunities and key challenges in convenience retail
6/4/2026	Grocery Dive	How Grocers Are Catering to GLP-1 Users	Weight loss medications have changed the game of health and wellness. From protein-focused private label to wellness guides, here's how grocers are keeping up
6/4/2026	Supermarket News	Resilient Beef Gives a Boost to the Meat Case	Sales are on the upswing but competition from lower-cost proteins persists
6/11/2026	Food Dive	Why Molson Coors Is Betting on Cheap Beer	The brewer is reviving Keystone Ice and expanding Miller High Life to reach younger drinkers and budget conscious consumers
6/15/2026	Food Processing	Fiber Fever! Suddenly, the Nutrient Is Everywhere	Food-makers are creating many new fiber-rich products, or simply promoting longstanding ones better
6/16/2026	CNBC	Yum Brands Sells Pizza Hut to Private Equity Firm LongRange Capital and Yum China for \$2.7 Billion	Yum Brands is selling Pizza Hut for \$2.7 billion, capping off years of struggles for the pizza chain
6/16/2026	Food Business News	Nestle USA Completes Removal of Artificial Colors from Portfolio	Nestle USA has completed its program to fully remove all artificial FD&C (Food, Drug and Cosmetic) colors — including petroleum-based synthetic food dyes — from its US food and beverage portfolio
6/16/2026	CNBC	As Hormuz Crisis Eases, Gas Prices May Drop—Other Costs Like Groceries and Home Goods Could Stay High	While gasoline prices tend to respond relatively quickly to changes in crude oil, lower energy costs can take much longer to show up in groceries, household goods and other everyday expenses
6/19/2026	WSJ	Local Burger Chains Are Winning the Fast-Food Wars	In-N-Out, Culver's and Whataburger drive sales and location growth with fresh food and friendly service
6/20/2026	WSJ	Protein-In-Everything Craze Has a Problem: Not Enough Whey Protein	Food companies pack whey into more products, depleting supplies
6/20/2026	CNBC	SNAP Restrictions Could Change What Shoppers Buy — And Food Giants Are Watching	SNAP purchase restrictions are now approved in 23 states, affecting about one-third of recipients and potentially reducing food and beverage sales by up to \$830 million this year
6/30/2026	WSJ	Trump Administration Plans to Pay Smaller Meatpackers to Keep Slaughtering Cattle	Agriculture Department aims to offer up to \$500 million in payments as meat processors navigate livestock shortage

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