# Northeast Regional Sustainable Grocer Initiative



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# Overview

- Leveraging consumer demand for green products and services to drive sustainable behaviors at grocers
- An introduction to the Northeast Sustainable Grocer Initiative
- Next steps



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44% of consumers consider the 'greenness' of their grocery store, and agree that the environmental impact of the business factors into their purchasing decision.



## LOHAS Segmentation Model: Percentage of U.S. Adults

UNCONCERNED

16%

DRIFTERS

24%

CONVENTIONALS

26%

LOHAS

17%

**NATURALITES** 

17%

#### UNCONCERNED:

 Unconcerned about the environment and society

#### CONVENTIONALS:

- Practical
- Interested in LOHAS behavior when they can make a difference to their budget also

#### DRIFTERS:

- Good intentions, mixed action
- Trendy and engaged in green
- Price sensitive

#### LOHAS:

- Active stewards of the environment
- Dedicated to personal and planetary health
- Lifeystyle-oriented
- Heaviest purchasers of green and socially-responsible products

#### NATURALITES:

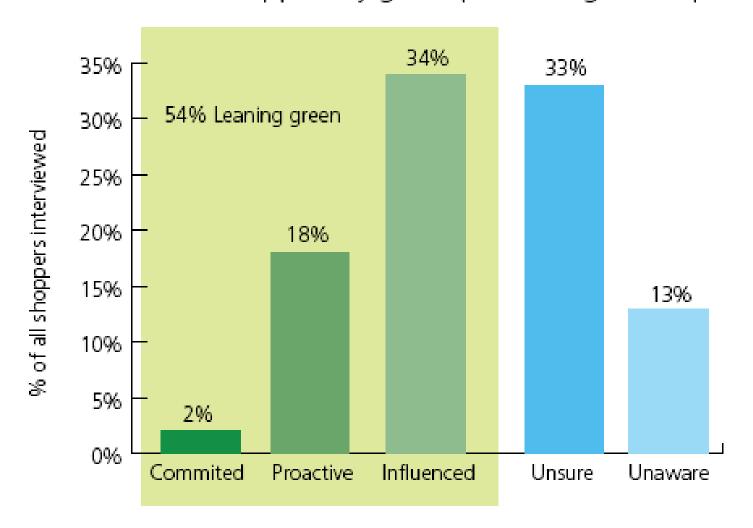
- Secondary target for many mainstream LOHAS products
- Personal health is their primary motivation
- More likely to use LOHAS-related consumables (compared to durables)



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Finding the green in today's shoppers
Sustainability trends and new shopper insights

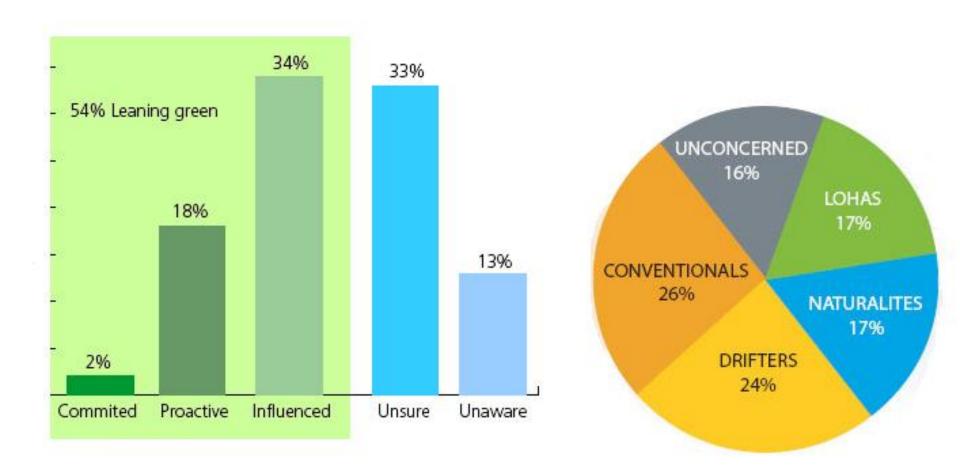
## Breakdown of shoppers by green purchasing development level

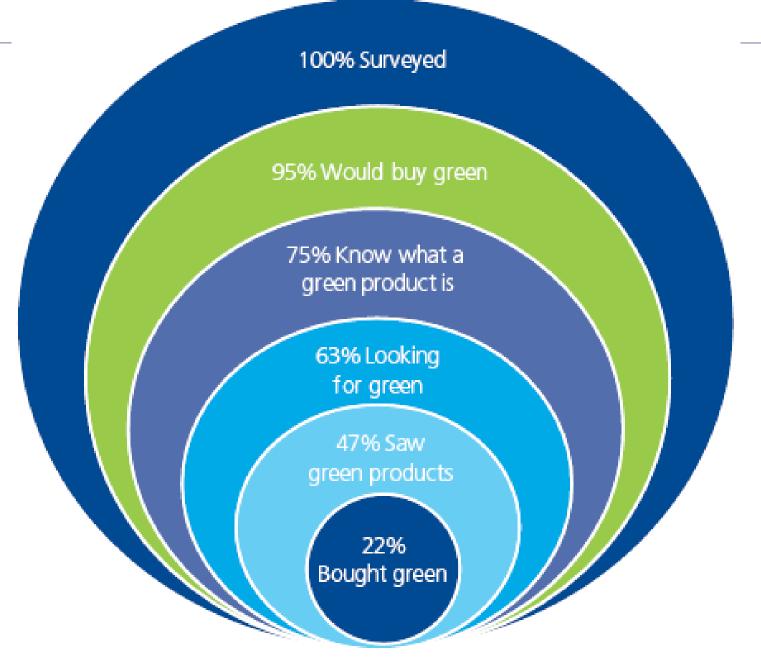


Green purchasing stages of development

Source: 2009 GMA/Deloitte Green Shopper Study

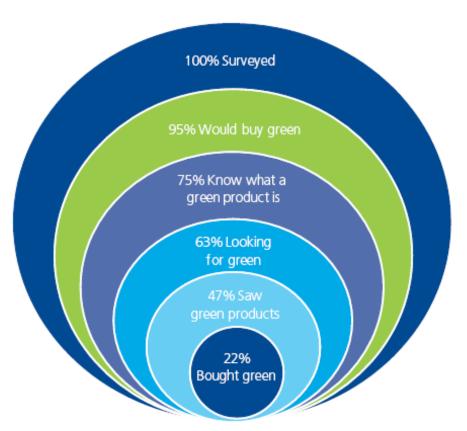
Note: Sample Size is 6,498 Shoppers Interviewed; Stage of Development based on answers to a series of lifestyle questions





Source: 2009 GMA/Deloitte Green Shopper Study

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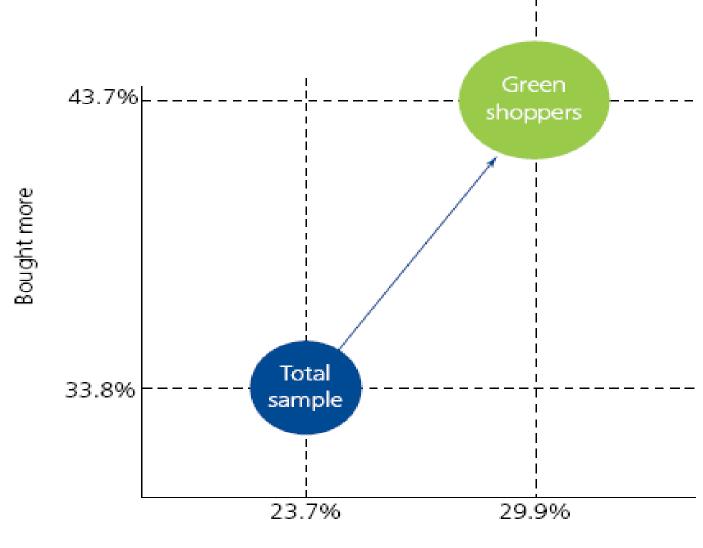


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In line with consumer interest, availability of 'green' products has increased as well, as 54% of consumers say more 'green' products are available at their favorite stores than there were a year ago.

Shopping behaviors of green shoppers versus all shoppers interviewed



Shop more often

Source: 2009 GMA/Deloitte Green Shopper Study

# Purchase Habits

## Deloitte Green Shopper is high value consumer segment that:

- > Buy more products in each trip
- > More brand loyal
- > Likely to product switch for green attributes and then remain loyal to new green product
- > Less price sensitive (not bargain hunters)
- > Visit stores more frequently

#### The LOHAS Consumer is:

- > Price insensitive (29% willing to spend 20% more on sustainable product vs. 1% of non-LOHAS)
- > Early adopters of new products (22% vs. 7% of non-LOHAS)
- > Brand loyal
- Products must be green <u>and</u> feel, taste and perform as well (or better) as their conventional counterparts

Source: Deloitte 2009, Finding the Green in Today's Shoppers & Natural Marketing Institute, LOHAS survey 2006 & 2008











Pest control. Peace of mind."







# Focused On All Aspects of the Operation

- > Food
- > Refrigeration
- > Product displays
- > Administrative offices
- > Waste management
- > Cleaning chemicals
- > Rest rooms
- > Stormwater management

# **Helpful Links**

- http://www.vbep.org/vtGreenGrocery.html
- •http://www.vbep.org/vgg/TemplateGRWorkbookInstEnd.pdf
- •http://www.rit.edu/affiliate/nysp2i/sustainable-grocer-program-pilot-project
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