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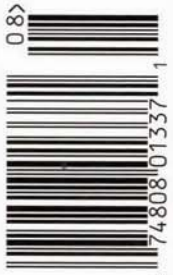
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## THE 20 BEST BURGERS

100%  
Vegan



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plus! 85 red-hot, sizzling summer eats



# VegPicks

Searching for today's hottest vegan products? Look no further. Count on VegNews editors to taste and test all products we recommend to our readers.

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## Tuna tonight

Vegan seafood is the future, and **Good Catch Foods** is getting in on the game with its genius, convincingly fishy Fish-Free Tuna. Made from a six-bean blend including soy, chickpeas, and navy beans, these casserole-ready pouches (developed by sibling-chef team Derek and Chad Sarno) will leave even the staunchest New Englander dreaming of a sea of fish-free possibilities.



## Link up

Following its massively successful Beyond Burger launch, **Beyond Meat** is at it again with its game-changing Beyond Sausages. We're pairing the juicy, succulent, and totally grillable Brat Original with beer cheese sauce, the Hot Italian with grilled sweet peppers, and the Sweet Italian with caramelized onions and grainy mustard for the sausage party of our dreams.



## Snacking sweet

The chocolate bark we love so much during the holiday season is getting a year-round makeover, courtesy of **Alter Eco's** Dark Chocolate Coconut Clusters. We can't get enough of the Cherry + Almond Butter, with dollops of creamy almond butter, tart dried cherries, and toasted coconut atop slabs of dark chocolate. The cherry on top? They are good enough for a 3 o'clock snack break or sprinkled over our sundaes.



## Birthday bash

It's not our birthday, but hey, rules are meant to be broken. So we're celebrating with **Rule Breaker Snack's** addictive Birthday Cake Blondies. These sweet, decadent squares are studded with vegan white chocolate, finished with a flourish of vegan sprinkles ... and are made from chickpeas! No need to light any candles—our wish has already come true.





## Cheese, please

From hard parmesan wedges to delicate brie, there's virtually no cheese the vegan world hasn't mastered. Case in point: **Plant Snacks'** new Beet with Vegan Goat Cheese chips. Gluten-free cassava root squares are infused with savory vegan goat cheese and given a rosy tinge from earthy beets for a sophisticated, crispy snack we think is the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time).



## Eat your smoothie

Our morning smoothie and a delicious energy bar all mixed into one? Yes, please! **Clif Bar's** new Fruit Smoothie Filled Bars infuse luscious cashew butter with fruit, and then stuff it inside a moist, protein-packed bar. Plus, in flavors such as Wild Blueberry Açaí, Strawberry Banana, and Tart Cherry Berry, we'll be saving a fortune at our smoothie shop.



## Pizza party

When's the last time frozen pizza has blown you away? For us, it was the first bite of **Sweet Earth Foods'** new Veggie Lovers Pizza. A crisp, flavorful, corn-chia crust holds marinara and creamy cauliflower sauces, Follow Your Heart cheese, and roasted vegetables like broccolini, Brussels sprouts, and mushrooms. Sweet Earth, without a doubt, has earned a *pizza* our hearts.



## It's a wrap

Frozen convenience is now at our fingertips, thanks to the new line of microwaveable plant-based burritos from **Alpha Foods**. Flavors such as Chick'n Fajita, Philly Sandwich, and Pizza are made with melty dairy-free cheese, vegan meats, and zesty sauce, for the perfect done-in-a-minute, handheld meal. Plus, they're available in Walmart, bringing the power (and deliciousness) of plants to the masses.



## Iced to meet you

Our editors have been known to indulge in cup after cup of steamy, hot chai to help fuel long workdays. Now, **Bhakti** is serving up a summer-ready version with its Iced Chai line. The company teamed up with New York-based Elmhurst Milked to combine expertly spiced chai with super-creamy cashew milk. Our advice: go for a bottle of the chocolate-ginger Mocha, featuring cocoa, warming spices, and the perfect amount of sweetness—a must-*chai* for sure.



## Pint perfect

When a 70-year-old California dairy company switches gears and launches an out-of-this-world line of dairy-free ice cream made with pea protein, you know we're paying attention. That's why we've fallen in love with **McConnell's Fine Ice Cream's** new über-smooth pints, including Eureka Lemon & Marionberries, Turkish Coffee, and Cookies & Cream. Now if you'll please excuse us, we have sundaes to make.