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# **Bovine Collagen**

### Driving Sustainable Innovation in Health and Wellness

In the rapidly growing health and wellness industry, bovine collagen is emerging as a key ingredient driving product innovation and market growth. This summary review explores the applications, market trends and some strategic considerations for manufacturers and product developers looking to capitalise on this versatile ingredient.

## The versatility of Bovine Collagen is fueling demand

- In the **Beauty from Within market**, collagen supports skin elasticity and hydration, promoting a youthful appearance through nutricosmetics and supplements.
- Within the Sports Nutrition sector, it aids in muscle recovery, joint health, and overall physical performance, making it a staple in protein powders and recovery drinks.
- Additionally, in the Functional Food and Beverage sector, bovine collagen enhances product appeal by offering health-boosting benefits, such as improved bone strength and gut health, while seamlessly integrating into formats like bars, gummies, and fortified beverages.

## Navigating Sustainability and Traceability in a Demanding Market

Bovine collagen, derived from beef by-products, has long been a popular ingredient in the health and wellness industry. However, verifying the sustainability of the source of the collagen, while always important, is becoming increasingly complex.

Supplement manufacturers are increasingly challenged to meet growing demands for traceability, transparency, and ethical practices from both end consumers and regulatory bodies. Consumers are driving this shift by seeking detailed information about the origins of products, ethical sourcing, and sustainability practices, pushing brands to provide verifiable assurances.

At the same time, the upcoming Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) requires manufacturers to report comprehensively on their environmental and social impacts, including supply chain transparency and traceability. Navigating these pressures requires manufacturers to collaborate closely with suppliers, and embrace sustainable practices, ensuring compliance while maintaining consumer trust in an evolving market.

## Market Overview and **Growth Projections**

The global collagen market is experiencing significant expansion, with a projected **Compound Annual** Growth Rate (CAGR) of 7.06% through 2030. This growth is driven by increasing consumer

awareness of collagen's health benefits and its diverse applications across multiple sectors



## How are these challenges being addressed?

Amidst these challenges, innovative solutions are emerging. Many collagen producers are embracing advanced technologies and sustainable practices to meet consumer demands head-on.

#### **Eco-Friendly Processing**

Cutting-edge processing methods are being developed to minimise their environmental impact. These innovations not only reduce waste and energy consumption but also appeal to environmentally conscious consumers.

#### **Circular Economy Approach**

By utilisng beef by-products that would otherwise go to waste, some manufacturers are contributing to a circular economy. This approach not only improves sustainability but also resonates with consumers looking for responsible products

#### **Traceability Systems**

Some producers leverage innovative traceability systems to create a verifiable record of their collagen journey. This allows consumers to trace the product from its origin to their shopping cart, building trust through unprecedented transparency

#### A Commitment to Excellence

A solution for manufacturers of collagen supplements is to source hydrolysed bovine ingredient that embodies these principles. Sourced responsibly, fully traceable from field to application, and processed in a way that is less harmful to the planet – this collagen offers manufacturers a way to meet consumer and regulatory requirements without compromising on quality or ethics.

#### A Sustainable Future

The ongoing success of collagen supplement manufacturers will increasingly depend on their ability to tell a compelling story of sustainability and traceability.

Discover the benefits of our Bovine Collagen (Ref: SKU 3002465).

Contact our sales team at sales@willowsingredients.ie for full details!



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