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The food industry is currently interested in a variety of novel production and processing technologies that may result in economical and improved quality products. However, consumer attitudes toward and conceptions of these new technologies can greatly influence their success in the marketplace.

The results of this study show that “perceived risks” of the technologies are the most important determinant of interest in their use by consumers. This and other data uncovered in this study suggest that industry must be vigilant in their knowledge of consumer attitudes toward these processes in order to avoid unexpected failure of these products upon market introduction. In West Africa, 75% of agriculture-related firms are micro- or small-enterprises, 20% are semi-industrial, and 5% are industrial value chains in many African countries feature an informal chain that serves lower-income consumers and a formal chain that caters for high-income domestic consumers or exports. In many sectors the vast majority of the volume moves through the smaller, less formal businesses.

More than 55% of the fruit and vegetables produced in Nigeria move through smallholders and small and medium enterprises (SMEs).Policymakers need to support agribusiness and technology incubators, export-processing zones and production networks. They must also sharpen the skills associated with the sectors. African countries also need to make a concerted effort to leverage expertise in the diasporas. This cohort provides links to existing know-how, can establish links to global markets and train local workers to perform new tasks. Much is already known about how to support Agricultural development. for food processing: The available policy tools include:

* Direct financing via matching grants;
* Government or public procurement policies
* Advance purchase arrangements of modern equipment for processing food.
Must be considered.