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# OVERVIEW

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Authentically Southern, always delicious—that's the heart and soul of *Taste of the South*. Each issue celebrates the South's rich food culture, sharing easy, nostalgic recipes that inspire our readers by reminding them of their most cherished food memories and inspiring them with updated twists to show off the best of the South.





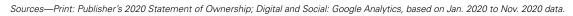
Print Total Distribution 100,000 Frequency 7x

Digital Monthly Page Views 368,337 E-Newsletter Subscribers 89,615

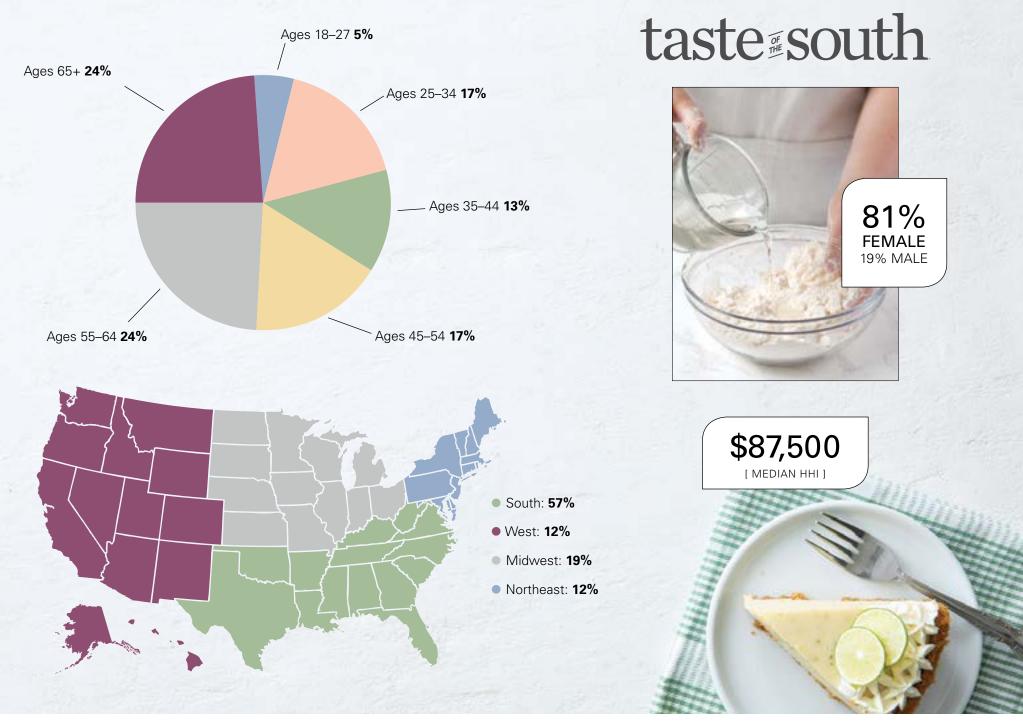
Social **f o p** Followers 494,075

> INSTAGRAM Followers 159,324 Impressions 25,182,788 Engagements 1,041,889 Engagement Rate 4.1%

FACEBOOK Followers 308,938 Impressions 3,673,478 Engagements 257,345 Engagement Rate 7.0%



# AUDIENCE



Sources—Print: Publisher's 2020 Statement of Ownership; Digital and Social: Google Analytics, based on Nov. 2020 data.

# READER STATISTICS



70% save entire issues

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**63%** purchased a product written about or advertised in *Taste of the South* 



83% cut out recipes



53% have been readers for 4+ years



**68%** read 4 out of the last 4 issues



50% would like to see more Southern-made products

## 2021 EDITORIAL CALENDAR

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March | April — Spring Issue Materials Due 11/30/20 | On Sale 2/9

May | June — The Retro Issue Materials Due 1/27 | On Sale 4/6

July | Aug — Summer Celebration Materials Due 3/24 | On Sale 6/1

Sept — Good Home Cookin' Materials Due 5/19 | On Sale 7/27

Oct — Fall Comfort Materials Due 7/5 | On Sale 9/7 Nov | Dec — Celebration of Tradition Materials Due 8/11 | On Sale 10/19

Jan | Feb 2022 — Comfort Food Materials Due 9/28 | On Sale 12/7

In addition to regular issues, *Taste of the South* offers special-issue publications, including *Homestyle Casseroles, Southern Breakfasts, Best Southern Recipes, Fall Comfort Food, Holiday Baking, Christmas Cookbook,* and *Southern Breads*.



TASTE OF THE SOUTH'S MAIN FOCUS is to bring classic Southern foods to the modern supper table. Through our recipes and editorial content, we hope to inspire people to share meals and foodcentric experiences with friends and family and be able to do so with ease. Our readers often cite our magazine as one of their favorites to find the food they grew up on while also learning something new.

In 2021, we're staying true to tradition while also exploring what the future of Southern food holds. Starting the year with a focus on comfort food, our January/February issue offers classic dishes like chicken and dumplings and buttermilk biscuits while exploring who and what makes the South the unique culinary region that it is. Our March/April issue and the start of spring brings fresh sweet rolls, seasonally focused meals with carrots and spring greens, and a look at a group of women who are moving Southern food forward. As we enter the summer months, we

bring two issues packed with recipes that celebrate an abundant harvest—from summer pies and cobblers to fried green tomatoes to watermelon, peaches, and tomatoes. Our July/August issue is bringing back our much-anticipated Taste 50 awards where we feature our favorite products, people, and trends in Southern food. As we wrap up the year, we take a trip to the Appalachian Mountains for a fall festival, explore Holiday Traditions from around the South, and fill our tables with the comfort meals that cold weather implores in three recipe-packed issues.

In each issue, you'll find our tried-and-true departments like Cast Iron Favorites, At the Table, Foodways, Cooking Class, and Southern Staples. One of our most popular features is New Ways where we explore a traditional or classic Southern dish and reinterpret those ingredients and flavors into something just as tasty but with a twist, like Chicken and Dumplings reinvented into a sage-chicken salad with fried dumpling crackers. Or explore an area of the South in Southern Bound where we visit places like Atlanta's Buford Highway, attend a hog roast in North Carolina, or stuff ourselves at the Pepperoni Festival in Morgantown, West Virginia.

This is just a teaser of what 2021 has in store! We can't wait to share all of the wonderful content we have planned for the year, and we hope to have you with

Editor, Taste of the South



# PRINT MARKETING

*Taste of the South* was crafted to allow readers to slow down, unplug, and escape without distraction. Turning the pages is an experience readers can feel in the weight and texture of the paper in their hands, taste in the mouthwatering recipes, and see in the compelling images and clean design.

Success is due to a loyal, engaged readership confident the publication will deliver every time. Combined with a commitment to a **30/70 ad-to-edit ratio**, this stability creates a targeted, trustworthy environment for advertising.

Advertising Rates Cover 2, Page 1 \$8,400 Spread \$7,000 Full Page \$4,000 2/3 Page \$3,200 1/2 Page \$2,600 1/3 Page \$2,000 1/4 Page \$1,550 Cover 4 \$5,500

Ad Specs **Trim Size** 7.875" x 10.5" **Full Page** 8.125" x 10.75" (bleed only)

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### **Digital Editions**

All advertisements run on digital editions at no additional charge. Option to include a hyperlink to direct readers to advertiser website.

Business Reply Card, Polybag, and Inserts Pricing available upon request; all business reply cards must accompany a minimum of a full-page advertisement.



Frequency pricing and custom-program proposals available upon request. All rates are net.





# DIGITAL MARKETING

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Written by the editors of **Taste of the South**, digital placements allow content to travel to meet readers in the right place, through the right platform, and at the right moment on their journey.

Leverage our deep expertise in engaging content creation, and get to know our passionate audience through custom digital and social placements timed to complement your internal marketing campaigns and drive web traffic.

## **ADVERTISING PLACEMENTS**

#### **Blog Post**

- Advertiser logo
- 3+ images
- Links to advertiser website
- 300–500 words
- Option to embed video

#### **E-Newsletter Ad**

- 300x250 px ad
- Link to advertiser website
- GIF or JPEG accepted

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### **ADVERTISING PLACEMENTS**

#### **Sponsored E-Newsletter**

- Advertiser logo
- 3+ images
- Links to advertiser website
- Up to 300 words
- GIF accepted

#### Facebook

- Single image, series of 2-5 images, or short video
- Link to advertiser website
- Advertiser handle and hashtags
- Paid promotion included

#### Instagram

- Single image, series of 2-5 images, or short video
- Link to advertiser website in bio
- Advertiser handle and hashtags

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Social Media Platform Takeover Influencer Network Program Reader Sweepstakes

We accept third-party impression and click tracking pixels on digital placements. Sponsorship verbiage included in compliance with the Federal Trade Commission.

**[SPONSORED E-NEWSLETTER ]** 

[FACEBOOK]

# MARKETPLACE



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The editors of *Taste of the South* have launched a special marketplace section to answer the most common question asked by readers: **What are your favorite products?** 

It's no secret readers are constantly on the hunt for hidden gems and new finds. This new section will appear in each issue and feature up to two pages of beautiful, must-have products perfect for *Taste of the South* enthusiasts. This special section provides higher impact to our product partners.

Space in each issue is limited, guaranteeing your latest product is front and center for a targeted, engaged audience in your ideal demographic.

RATE <b>\$500</b>	SIZE <b>3.375" x 4.625"</b>
RATE <b>\$900</b>	SIZE 6.875" x 4.625"

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# BRANDED CONTENT



# STORYMAKER

Hoffman Media's branded content division, StoryMaker, offers advertisers access to an in-house team of writers, designers, photographers, videographers, event planners, and content creators to help tell their story.

Promoting your custom program across multiple platforms provides for a complete, well-rounded opportunity to generate dynamic conversations with current and new customers in an editorial style.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Advertorial Content Co-Op Partnership Tipped Cover Test Kitchen Partnership Recipe Development
- Food and Prop Styling Photography Videography Custom Book Publishing Catalog Development and Production

# SUBMITTING ARTWORK





## For submitting Print Advertising:

For print ad creative 10MB or less, send directly to **Kimberly Lewis**, **klewis@hoffmanmedia.com**. We accept any size file via Dropbox or WeTransfer.

### For submitting Digital Advertising:

Creative for custom content and digital placements should be directed to **Lindsay Jones Edmonds**, **ledmonds@hoffmanmedia.com**.

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# INFLUENCER PROGRAMS



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Leveraging influencers allows us to tap into their creative voice and expertise to create content that is original, unique, and inspiring for your brand.

## **PROGRAM DETAILS**

- Source the right influencers based on the brand's goals and provide our recommendations on which influencers we think are best
- Manage all contracting with the influencers
- Work with the influencers to ideate and concept recipes that inspire their community
- If recipes are utilized, Hoffman Media will test each recipe as if it were our own to make sure it works for the end consumer
- Manage all content development, go-to marketing timing
- The brand is sent all content for review ahead of publishing
- Provide a full result report for the influencer programs that capture engagement and reach

# HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDES



brim with honey-roasted peanuts alongside roasted and salted cashews pecans, pistachios, and more. WHERE TO FIND IT- stonemountain

Ferrum Technology Reserve and Estate 8-inch Chef Knives

WHERE TO FIND IT: ferrumtechnology.com

thoroughly cleaned, seasoned, and b original beauty, this online company sells vintage pieces from makers like Griswold. Martin, Wapak.

Cast-Iron Cookware

like Griswold, Martin, Wapa and other treasured brands. Purchase a piece now, and rest assured it will be passed down for

WHERE TO FIND IT:





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Readers are on the hunt for holiday gifts, recipes, and entertaining inspiration. Capitalize on this busy season with holiday offerings specifically geared to Taste of the South.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Print advertising in Holiday Gift Guide special section for the Nov/Dec issue (also available for digital audience as a blog post)
- Cooperative marketing campaigns with complementary product partners, such as 12 Days of Cookies and Holiday How-To IGTV cooking classes
- Social sweepstakes and gift giveaways
- Q4 Digital bundles, including editorial e-newsletter ads and social posts

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