



# Grocery on budget

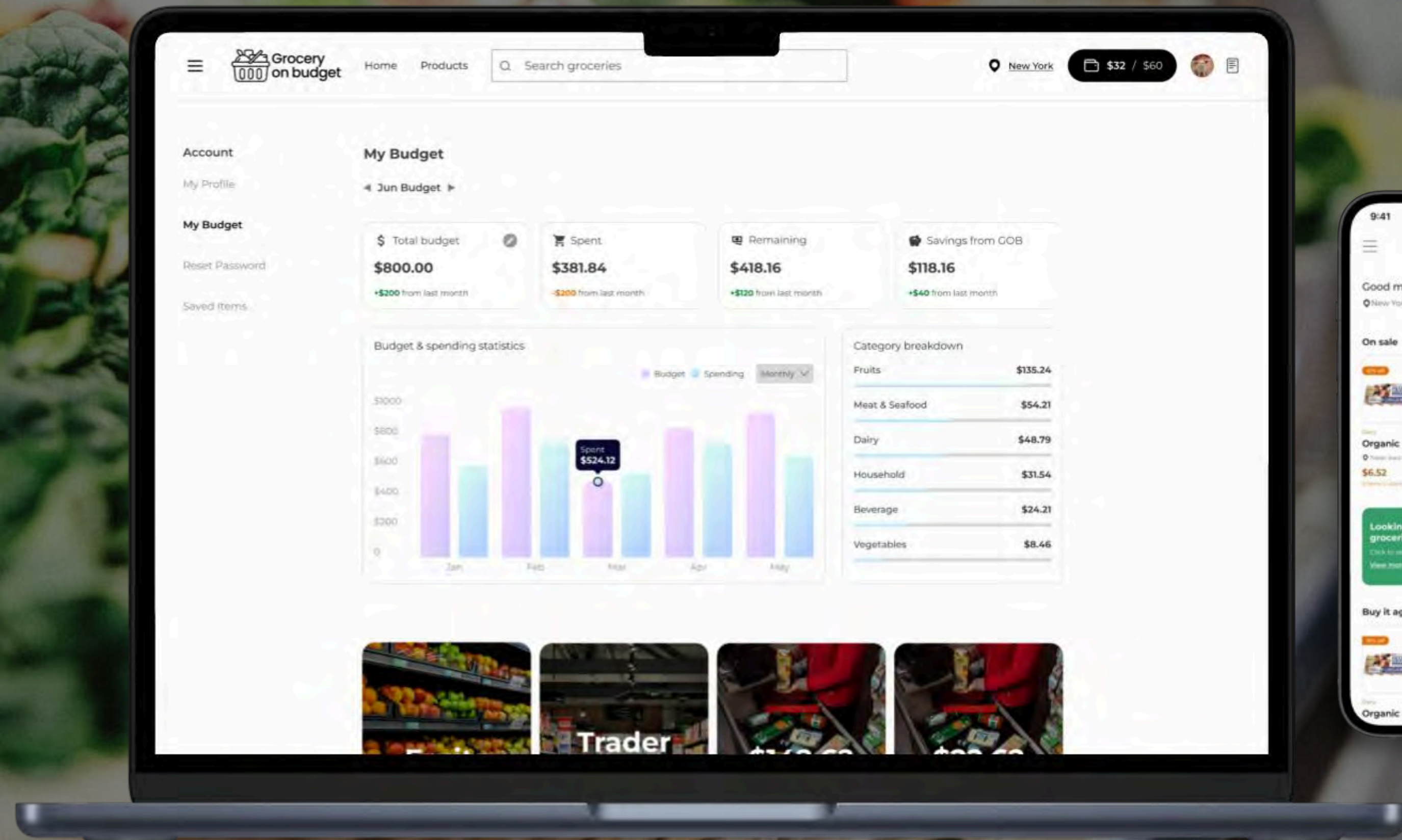
The only way to survive inflation is  
grocery comparison!

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## Desk Research

# Inflation and tipflation is giving pressure for people to dine out

In 2023, the cost of dining out in the U.S. increased by 8.2% compared to 2022. Additionally, a 25% surge in **'tipflation'** has contributed to a growing reluctance among consumers to dine out, shifting behaviors toward more budget-conscious eating habits.



Source: <https://www.chosun.com/economy/weeklybiz/2023/03/23/BTNG4YXDMZEL3PVHTNWQWF3CTY/>



Source: <https://www.mk.co.kr/news/business/10879291>



## Desk Research

# Rising 7.7% grocery prices push consumers to shop smarter

Facing rising food costs, Americans are shifting habits—shopping at budget-friendly markets and cooking at home to save more.

### Groceries

In an October installment of the Bloomberg News/Morning Consult poll, more than half of voters in several key swing states pointed to grocery prices as the main way inflation had impacted them.

In the four years before the pandemic, grocery prices increased less than 1%, offering shoppers a certain predictability.

Even then, consumers occasionally saw price spikes for specific items due to drought, disease or natural disaster. But the nearly ubiquitous increases of the last few years – and the brisk pace – have been bewildering.

A pound of ground beef, for example, cost \$4.99 in January 2020. Canned vegetables are 10% more expensive, and the price of a single egg was triple

According to the Bloomberg News article, more than half of voters in the annual survey identified **food ingredients inflation** as the primary form of inflation affecting them the most. Food and vegetable prices have risen by 25% since January 2020, with raw fruit and vegetable prices increasing by 14% and the price of a single egg tripling its pre-pandemic value.



86% of all meals throughout the year are prepared at home using ingredients purchased from grocery stores. This trend is reflected in the fact that **60% of food and beverage sales** are associated with **home-cooked meals**. Additionally, 49% of consumers stated that they are turning to affordable grocery stores to mitigate the impact of higher food prices.



Comparison of Four Major Grocery Brands with Online and Offline Stores

Compared four leading U.S. grocery chains with both online and offline operations to analyze pricing and accessibility trends.



**Trader Joe's**  
affordable prices  
provides **only price search**  
options **online**  
9 stores in New York City



**Whole Foods Market**  
organic items  
**only can order through Amazon**  
13 stores in New York City







**H Mart**  
Korean market  
**can order online through their platform**  
97 stores across the US



**Wegmans**  
**can order online and pick up through their platform**  
110 stores across the US

🔍 searching for "egg" on each of the stores above

				
search result	can only see their egg brand	can see multiple egg brands	no result	can see multiple egg brands
price comparison	X	O	X	O
order delivery and pick up	can't order online and pick up	can order online through Amazon, but there is minimum order	can't online order and pick up	online order& pick up available no minimum order
linked with offline market	X	X	X	Upon selecting the location of pick up, can view the stock

Insight

Wegmans seems to provide price comparison and online order pick up however, Wegmans compare prices within themselves so they can't compare prices with any other markets nearby.

## User Research\_Interviews

Conducted interviews with  
students and employees currently living in NYC.

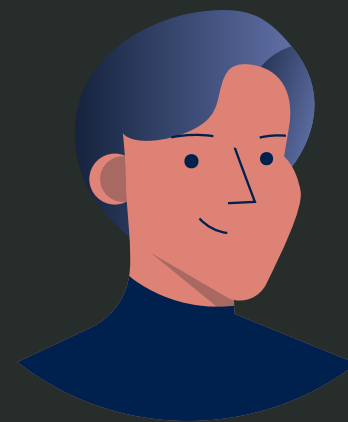


Was there anything that you find **uncomfortable** while doing groceries?  
Was there anything that you **wished to see** in the grocery platform?



**Joanna. Y(32) • employee**

There were so many times that they did not have items in stock when I went for groceries after work. So, I go to the different market near by, but **uncertain that they would have the item I want in stock.**



**Joshua. L(27) • employee**

I usually go for groceries one a week and I seek for affordable groceries. So, I look for promotions going on in the markets. I hope that there is a service where I could **compare prices and see promotions** at a glance.



**Sara. H(22) • student**

I usually order groceries online, but since it is just a click away I tend to spend more.  
I hope there is a service where I could **limit my budget.**



**Michaela. P(24) • student**

Since I live alone, I try to save up on my dining out so I cook at home most of the time. I usually look out for items that is on promotion. I hope I could **see and compare promotions going on in the different stores.**

## Personas

Personas are set according to the data collected

Sophia K. | 23 | student



I have been invited to a house party, so I would like to make some kimbap

#planned

#smart

#freshmen year

### BEHAVIOR

- I've been invited to a house party, so I would like to bring some Kimbap
- I need to purchase ingredients to make Kimbap

### NEEDS

- I want to purchase ingredients in affordable pricing

William. P | 27 | employee



My spending on groceries increased over few months, so I would like to limit my budget

#workaholic

#impulse purchase

#developer

### BEHAVIOR

- Starting this week, I would like to limit my budget on groceries
- I prefer buying in person than online

### NEEDS

- I want to set my budget for groceries
- I want to save up money

**Solution**

**proposing service where users could  
compare prices and see stocks of offline groceries**

**As Is**

can't compare prices across different stores

no way to check if items are in stock

no tool to plan shopping within budget

no service for budget setting and creating shopping list

**To Be**

**able to compare prices by store**

**able to set real-time inventory**

**able to set budget and track spendings**

**AI suggested tailored shopping lists based on needs**

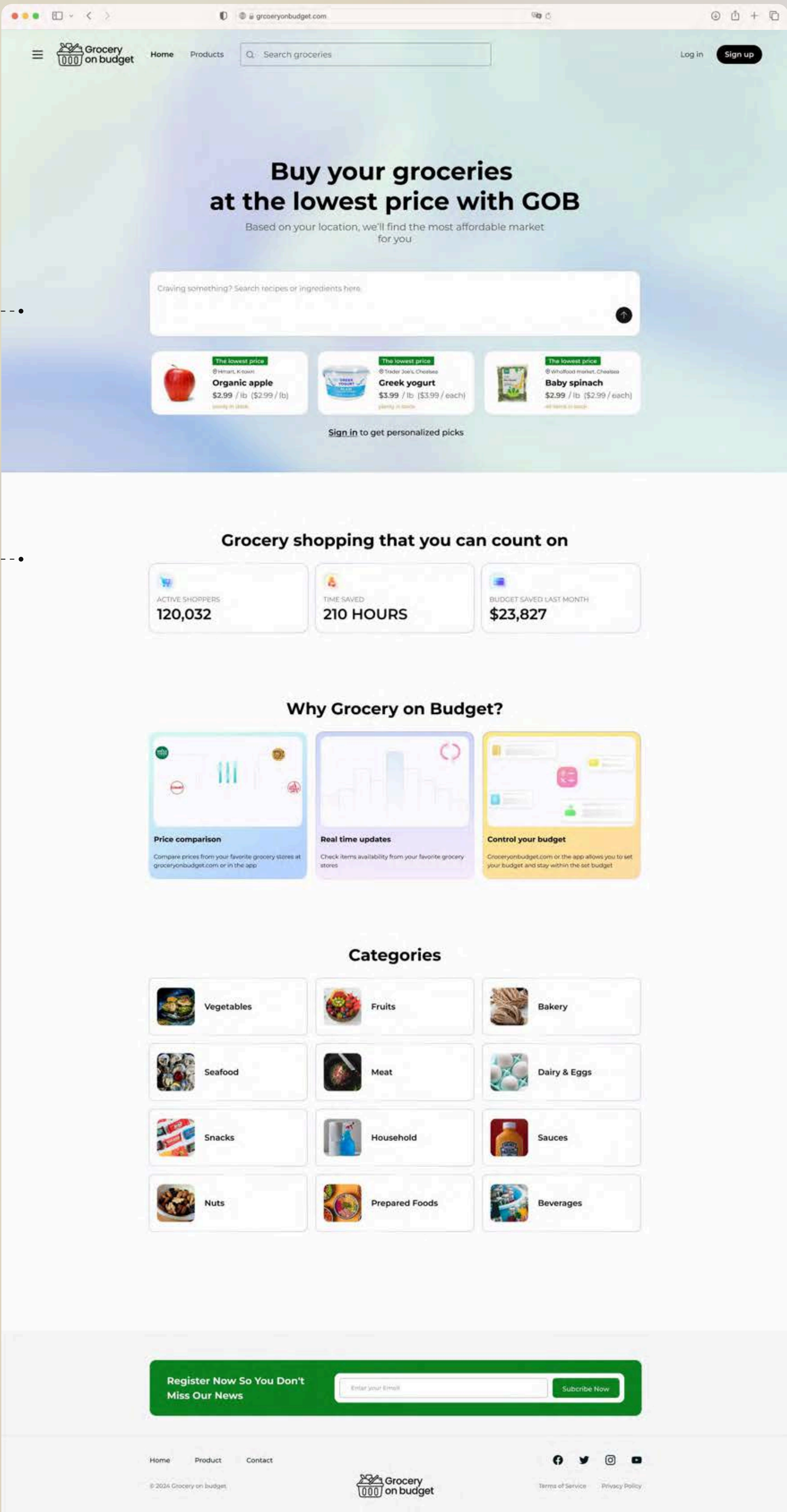
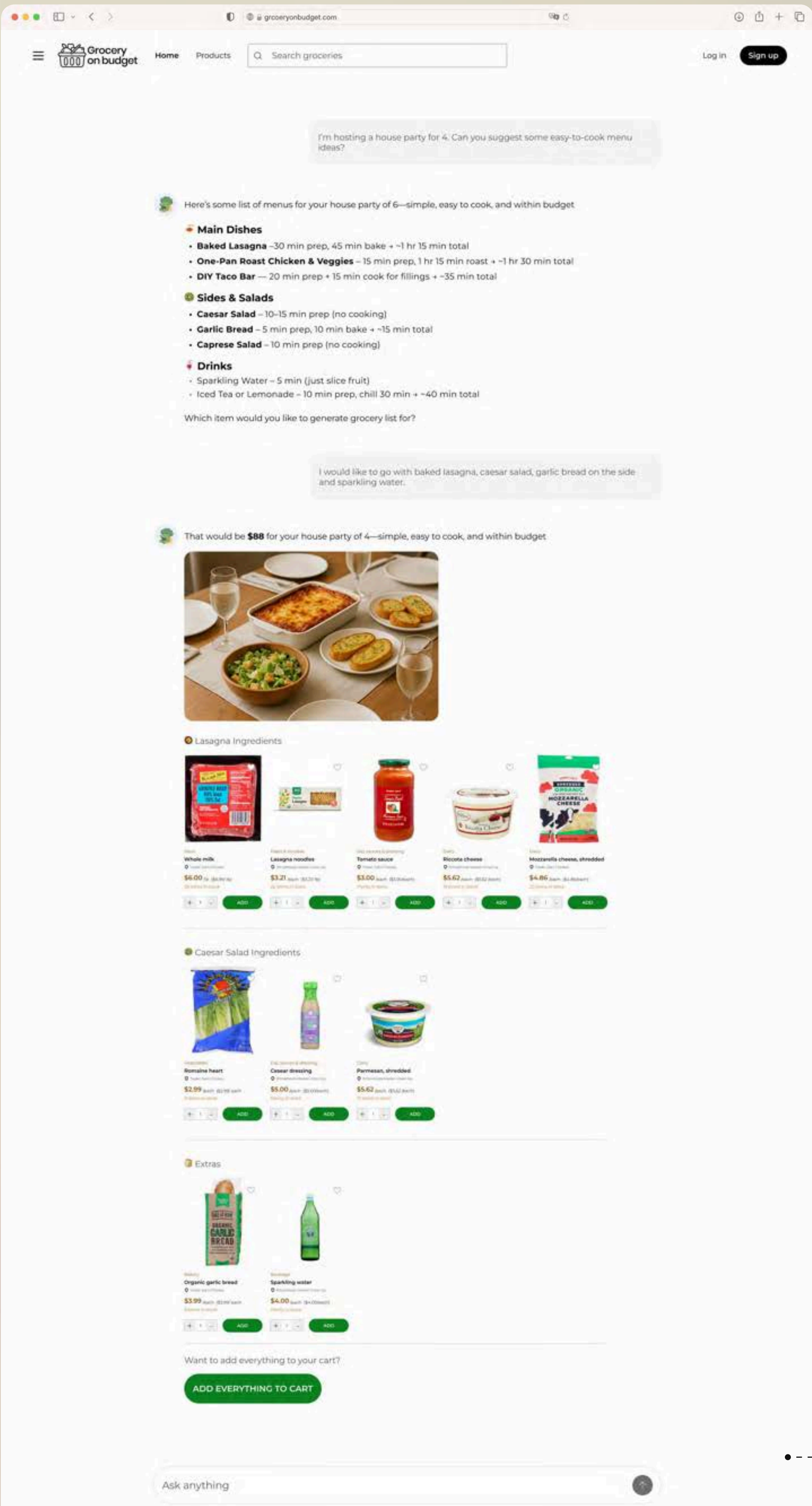


Grocery On Budget generative AI

This is the first page users see. A generative AI assistant helps guide their grocery planning, while a “Lowest Price” section highlights hot deals at a glance.

Introduction of services

By using banners and cards, the main features of ‘Grocery on Budget’ are designed.



Chat with Grocery On Budget’s generative AI

GOB AI suggests personalized recipes and grocery lists, customized to each user’s budget, preferences, and needs.



Product Page

Products screen

This is the Products page the users will see. The recommendations vary depending on the user's location and filters selected.

Real time inventory

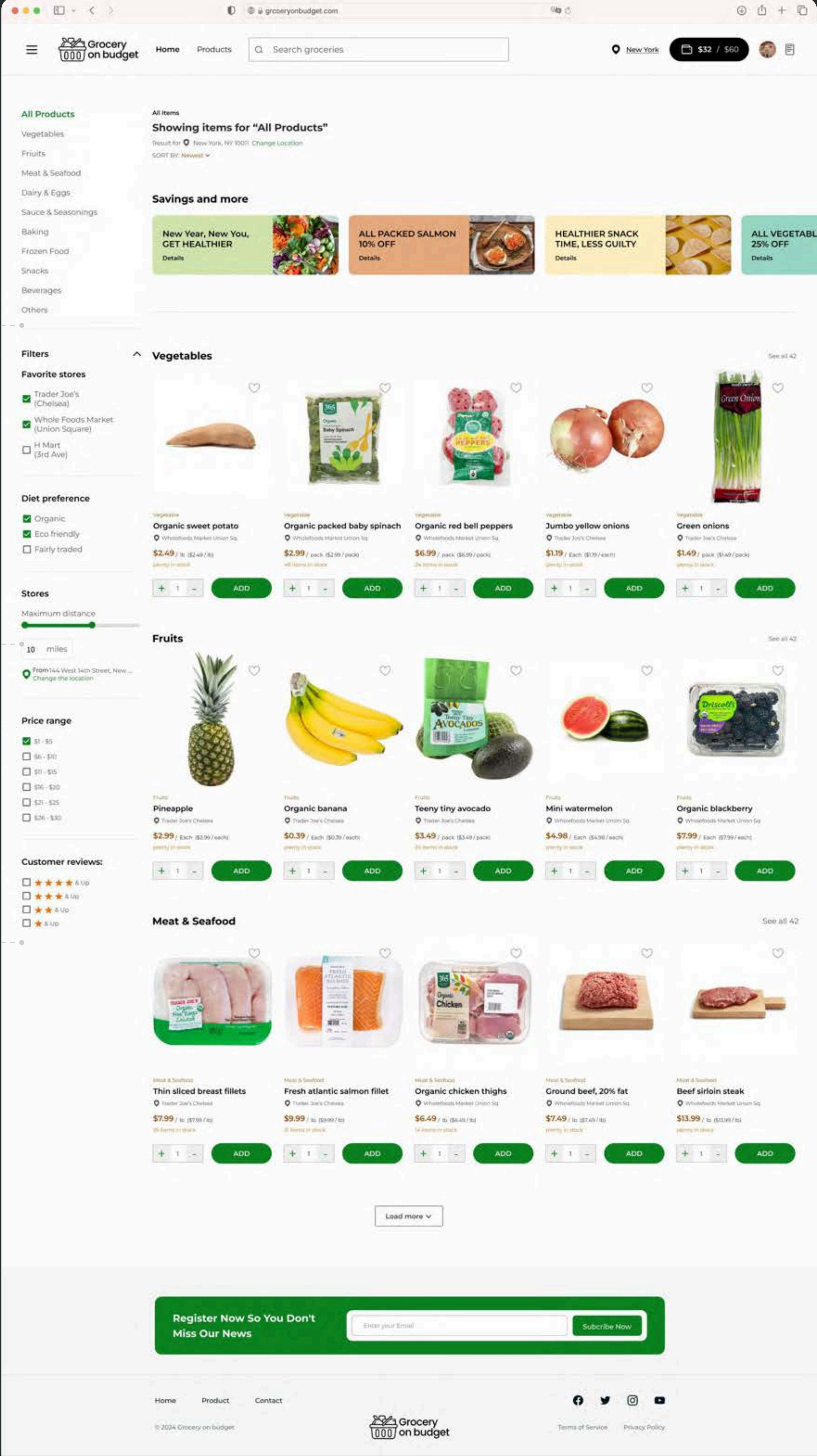
The real time inventory will be updated from each market

28 items in stock

Add tag

Below all the product card, 'add' tag is located so that users could add.

ADD



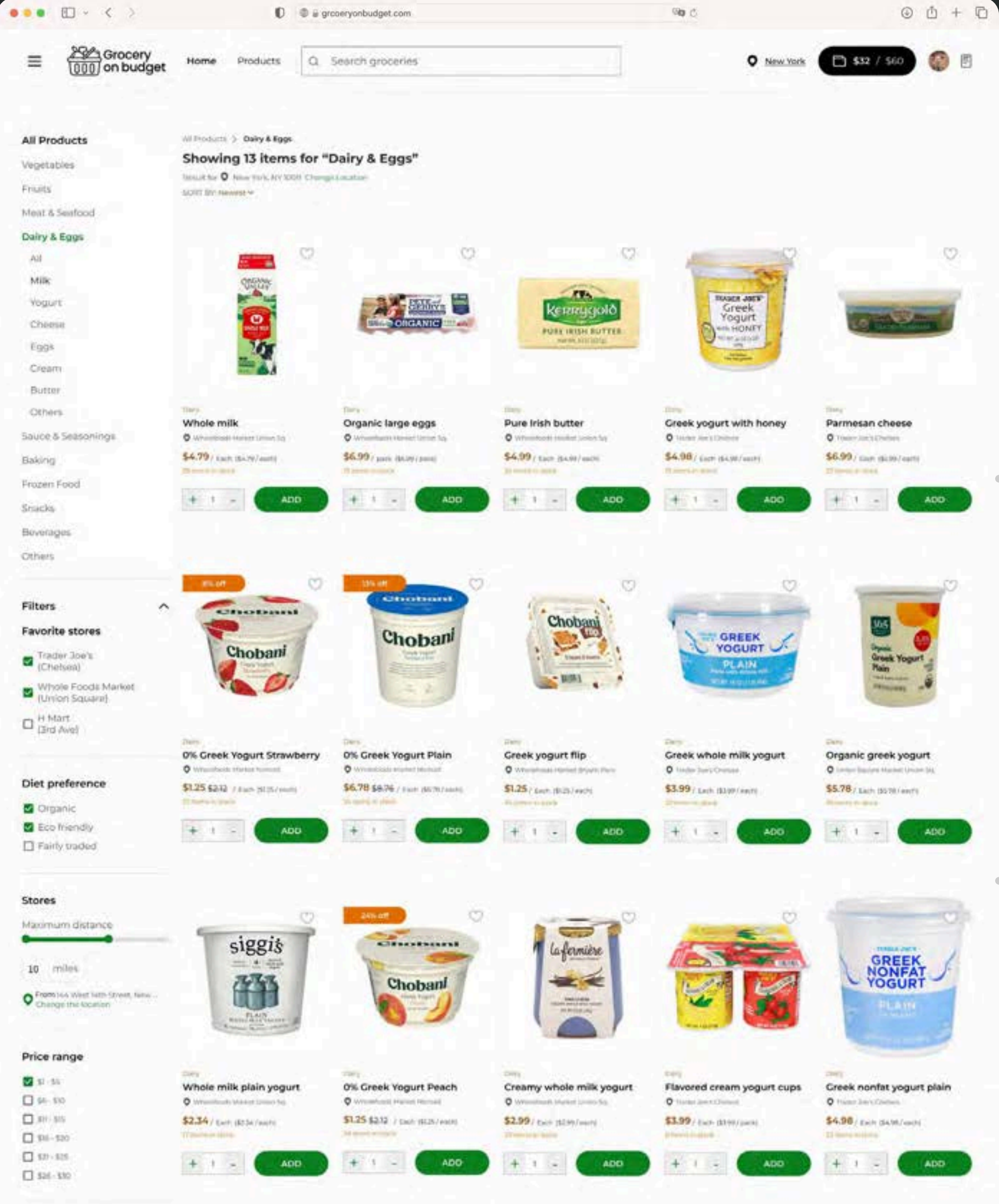
Detail search page

This is the page when user looked up for “dairy”. Users could see all the items including promotional products. Users could only compare the market prices from what they have set on their profile.

Promotion tag

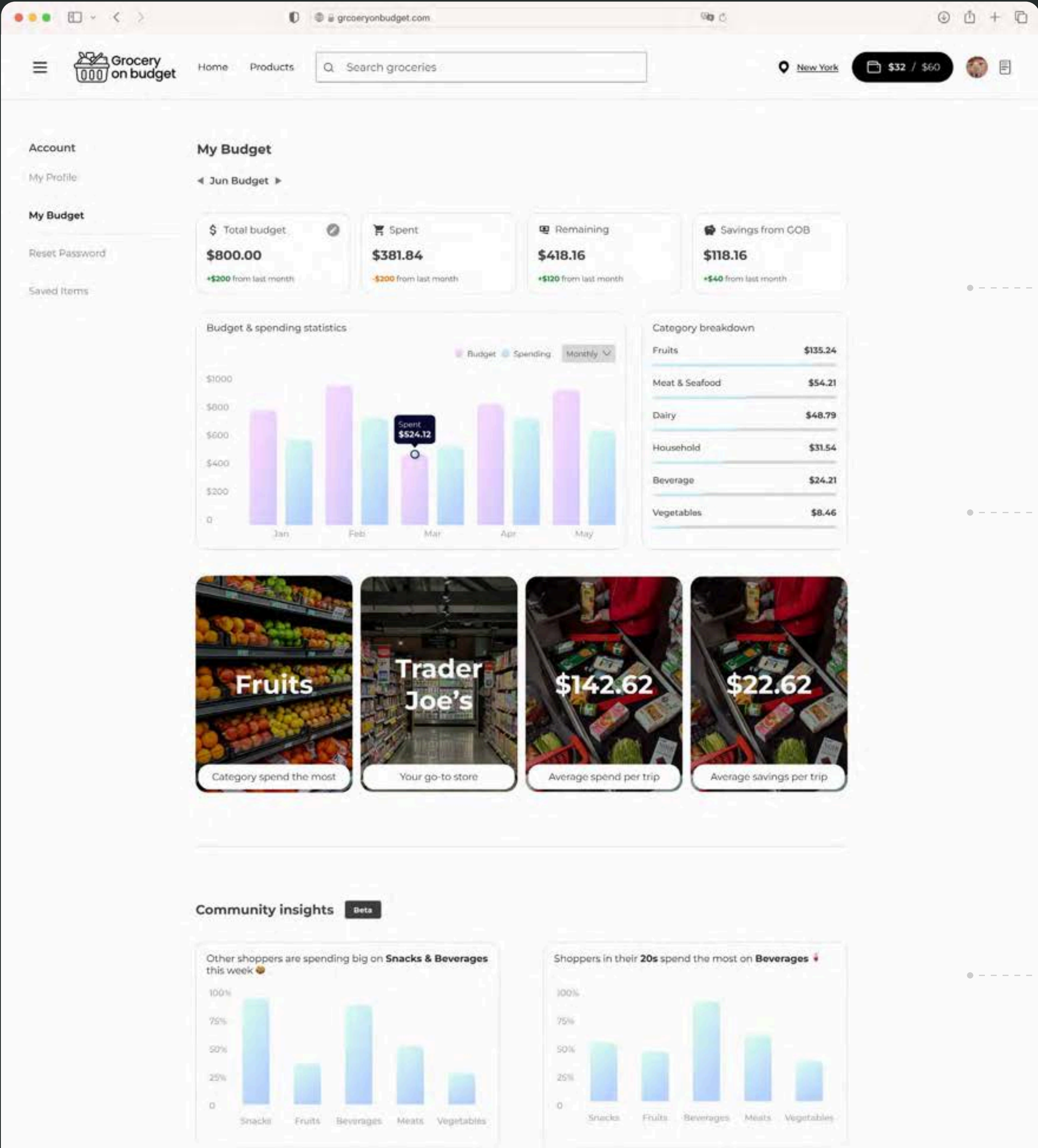
Products on promotion is marked with the promotion tag.

8% off





# My Budget Page



## My budget page

Users can set their budget here. Once their lists exceeds the set budget, users will not be able to add anymore items to their list.

## Expense summary

Users can keep track of their spendings

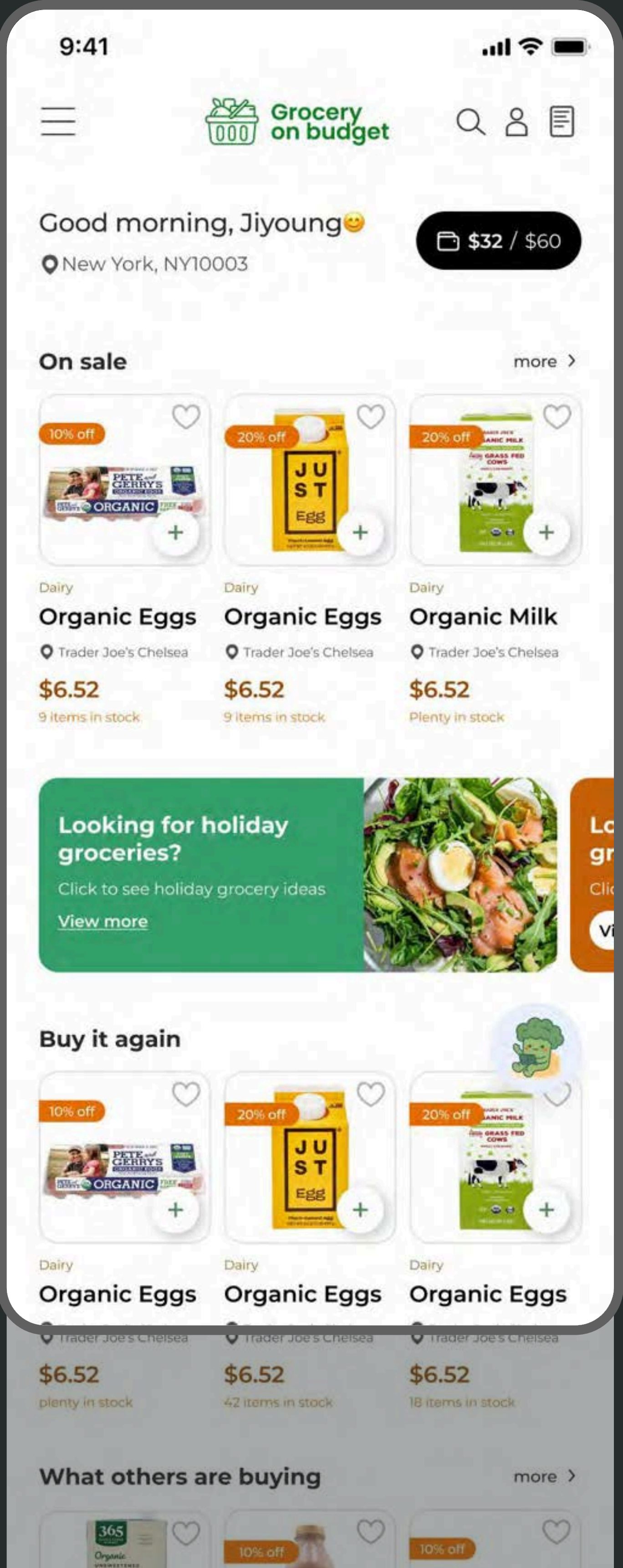
## Beta version

In the Beta version, users can set what people in their age is purchasing

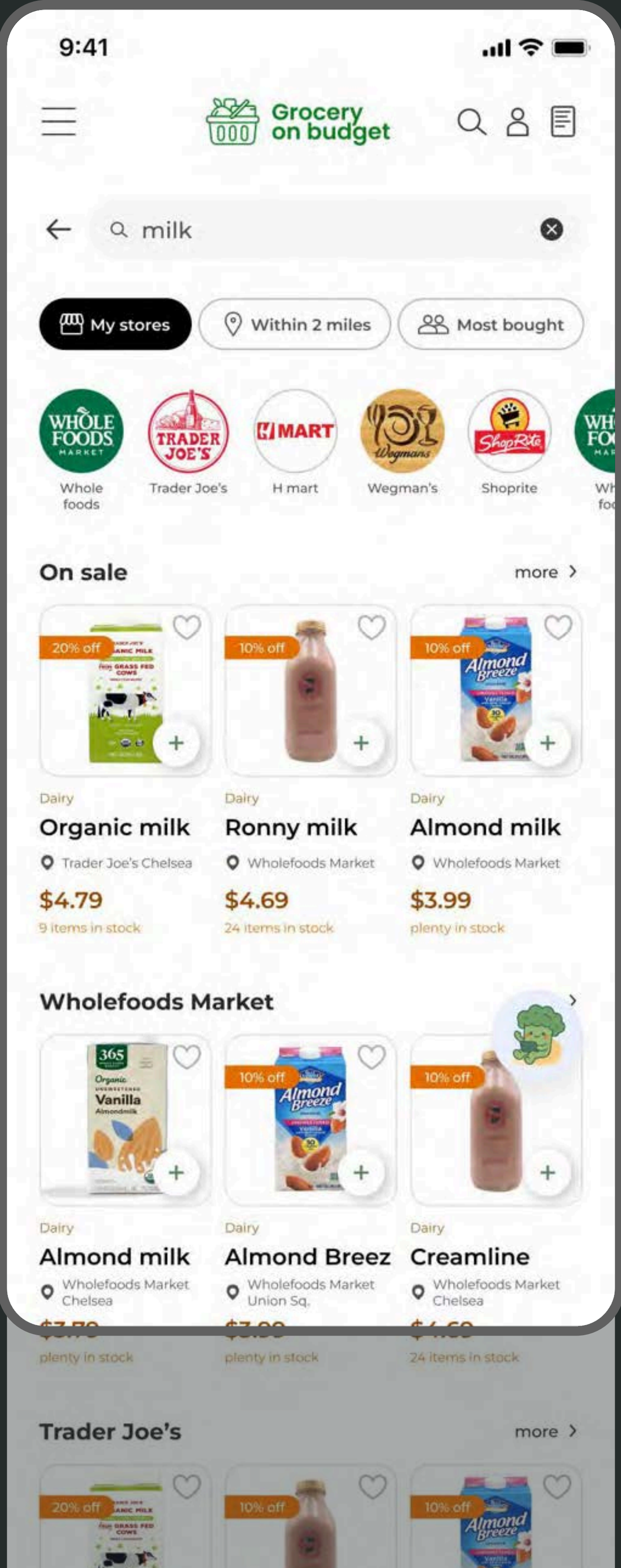


Responsive mobile screens

Main screen



Product search



GOB gpt chat

