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Using Social Media to Build Your Brand and Drive Traffic

Topics Include:

- 1. Why you should use social media
- 2. How to determine what social channel is best for you
- 3. How to craft content and what content is best
- 4. Fast tracking online promotion
- 5. Key IFT Food Expo dates
- 6. Leveraging IFT Food Expo social and digital tools
- 7. Ideas for using Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Instagram



- Increases your brand's awareness and reach (pre, during, and post show)
- Helps to ______ your brand
- Has the power to increase customer loyalty and build community (i.e. brand ambassadors)
- Relatively lower cost
- Measurable
- 78% of small businesses use social media to attract new customers
- _____% of customers have identified social media as how they identify new brands products and services
- _____% of consumers who search for businesses online are more likely to use ones with an informative social media presence
- 71% of consumers who received a quick response on social media would recommend the brand to others

Exhibitor Magazine 2018 Social Media Survey

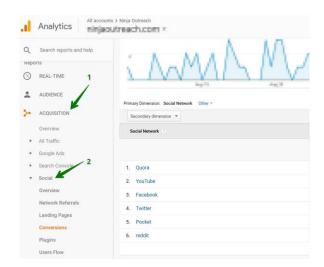
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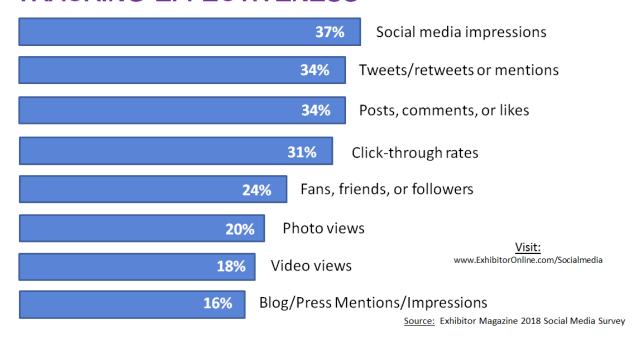
What Social Channel is Best For You

Google knows best

- 1. Analytics dashboard
- 2. Acquisition > Social
- 3. Network Referrals
- 4. Acquisition > Social > Conversions view



TRACKING EFFECTIVENESS



Craft Your Content Carefully

- Make sure to use the #IFT19 hashtag
- Tailor content for each social network
- Incorporate images or videos in your post.
- Incorporate IFT19 branded graphics for authenticity
- Have a clear call to action and provide a link to register at iftevent.org
- Link to info about your company and products on Map Your Show Site
- Piggyback on IFT's promo efforts (follow IFT and reshare content)



We cant wait to unveil our new product line to you at #IFT19. Check us out at Booth #XXXX and register for IFT19 today! {link to MYS site}

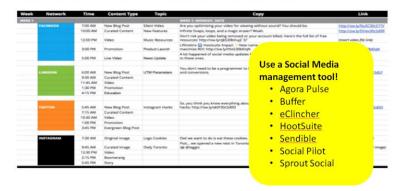
What Content is Best

- Know your customers
- Develop/share content to help them _____ their problem
- Describe what they will SEE, ______, LEARN, & GET by visiting your exhibit
- Use your website's google search metrics to identify topics
- Incorporate a clear call to action (See us at IFT19 to learn more!)
- Keep posts short and to the point
- Post this content on your website or landing page
- Share it on social *and* via email
- Boost it/Create an Ad/Share with Influencers

Social Media is a Two-Way Street

- Social media is about engagement, not selling!
- Be _____
- Be helpful
- Develop a tone/personality that fits your brand
- Be consistent
- Post regularly
- Thank followers for liking or sharing your content
- Metrics are your friend

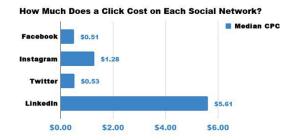
BUILD A SOCIAL POSTING SCHEDULE



Fast Tracking Online Promotion

Best ways to fast track your online promotion:

- Social media ads
- Organic post boosting



Source: Falcion.io

Key Dates – Early Registration Discounts

Through April 19 (post weekly)

- Share IFT branded graphics Join us at IFT19!
- Link to your IFT19 branded landing page to collect leads
- Share teasers about _____products and services you're going to feature
- Share who's coming from your staff
- Share product _____
- Caption Contest
- Encourage customers/prospects to register early to save on registration and hotel
- Use IFT19 hashtag #IFT19

Key Dates – Hotel Discounts

April 20 – May 6 (post 2-3 times per week)

- Encourage customers/prospects to register early to take advantage of hotel discounts through May 6
- Share videos of your staff talking about products you'll be sharing
- Talk about the fun things you plan to do in New Orleans
- Reshare IFT posts to feature value add experiences

Key Dates

May 7 – June 5 (post 3-5 times per week 1-2 weeks before show)

- Share IFT branded graphics Join us at IFT19!
- Link to your IFT landing page
- Share _____ about product you're going to feature
- Still time to register! messaging

June 3-5 (daily)

- Stop by our booth...
- Incentives
- Photos with booth visitors

<u>Key Dates – Post Event</u>

June 6-27 (post 2-3 times per week after the show)

- Share fun picks from the show
- Share unveiled products shared at the show
- Tag customers (with their permission) in photos you share
- Get customers talking about your products on _____ and share
- Engage with followers liking/commenting on your posts

Leveraging IFT19 New Social and Digital Tools

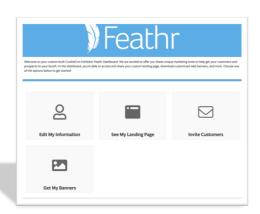
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Take advantage of these new tools to promote your IFT19 booth:

- Banners
- · Social media graphics
- · Website graphics
- Email footers
- Promotional invite web page
- Promotional invite email



PARTNER INFO

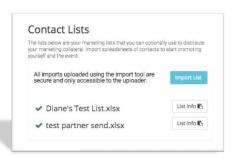
What's on your dashboard:

- Upload Logo
- Parent Name
- Email Address
- Website
- Description
- Lead notification



CONTACT LISTS

- Contact lists are groups of people that Partners can send their email invites to.
- You can import multiple lists of customers, colleagues, etc., and send them an IFT19 branded email invitation
- Contact lists should have only have two columns:
 - Name and
 - Email



EMAIL INVITES

- Use to invite anyone you'd like to attend the event.
- You can upload your email lists and use the email tool to send the message
- Or you can export the message and send it using any email tool that supports custom email templates



Email Invite

- IFT19 branded
- Automatically inserts company info:
 - · Company name
 - Booth location
 - Link to your company MYS webpage



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LANDING PAGE DASHBOARD

- Copy link button
- Views and clicks metrics
- Ability to share via social media



LANDING PAGE

- Company name
- Company logo
- Booth location
- Company description



LANDING PAGE Lead capture form: Message Name Email

BANNER GRAPHICS DASHBOARD

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- Click Get Banners button to access different options
- Social Media #IFT19
- Website
- Email Footer
- Embedded Company name and Booth #





JOIN US at IFT19!

Food Expo: June 3-5 | New Orleans

Name of Company

Social + Web: 250 px x 150 px

See us at IFT19!

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Name of Company

Booth #XXXX

Feod Expo: June 3-5 | New Orleans

Name of Company

Booth #XXXX

Social + Web: 350 px x 450 px

Email: 600 px x 150 px

Food Expo: June 3-5

Event: June 2-5

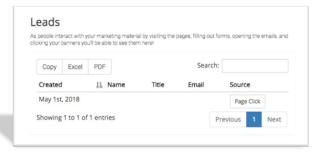
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LEADS DASHBOARD

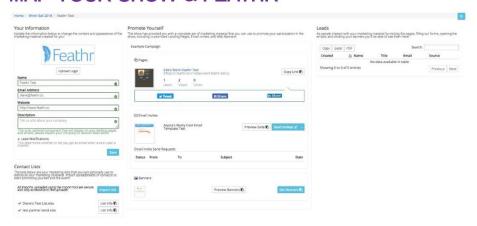
 Keep track of any Leads that are captured through your landing page

FEED YOUR FUTURE New Orleans, LA

- Created when someone from your list submits the form
- You can also share the landing page from your social channels
- Partners have the ability to export the list as a spreadsheet or PDF.



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What's next:

- IFT and MYS finalizing dashboard set up
- You will receive an email when set up is complete
- Email will provide helpful instructions
- Request an IFT <u>Feathr</u> Concierge to walk you through how to use the system



- Set up a Company page.
- Set up an Event page.
- Add a custom tab to your Facebook page to showcase your upcoming tradeshows.
- Use targeting tool to focus your efforts on the specific demographics you want to reach.
 - There are online tutorials on how to create these.





Post Ideas:

- Announce your exhibit provide show name, dates, venue, booth number, what you'll be displaying, why they should be interested.
- Post pictures/videos of your product/service in action, client testimonials, your exhibit being created, etc.
- Tell what visitors will SEE, DO, LEARN & GET at your exhibit.
- Share stories about how your product/service solved problems that your audience may be experiencing.
- Mention giveaways, new product demonstrations, theater presentations, celebrities, and hospitality events.



- Use the show's hashtag to connect with the right audience.
- Create an event hashtag for your booth and promote it. Use it before and during the show.
- 120-130 characters, place link at ¹/₄ mark of text message.
- Place a Twitter video screen or wall in booth.
- Encourage customers/booth visitors to tweet.

Post Ideas:

- Announce your exhibit provide show name, dates, venue, booth number, what you'll be displaying.
- Create a short video promoting your exhibit and what's new.
- Tell what visitors will SEE, DO, LEARN & GET at your exhibit.
- At show, mention special giveaways, new product demonstrations, theater presentations, celebrity arrivals.
- Offer rewards, create polls, games and other interactive devices.
- Encourage people to retweet your messages.







- Set up a Company page use keywords.
- Set up a Showcase page to create a dedicated page for your upcoming tradeshows.
- Join industry related groups.
- Join the tradeshow's LinkedIn group.
 - There are online tutorials on how to create these.



Post Ideas:

- Send event invites to all connections.
- Post pictures/videos of your product/service in action.
- Announce your exhibit provide show name, dates, venue, booth number, what you'll be displaying.
- Tell what visitors will SEE, DO, LEARN & GET at your exhibit.
- Share stories about how your product/service solved problems that your audience may be experiencing.
- Mention giveaways, new product demos, theater presentations, educational sessions and celebrities.
- For prospect connections, use InMail, suggest setting up a meeting time to view your company's solutions and offer a reward, discount or other incentive to meet.



- Set-up a YouTube channel.
- Place YouTube video on your website homepage.
- Consider re-purposing existing product/service videos.
- Add target search terms to each video title to improve search results.
 Be sure to use the show name!
- Distribute links via email and other social media channels.





Post Ideas:

- Create short teaser videos about what will be happening at the show.
- Tell what visitors will SEE, DO, LEARN & GET at your exhibit.
- Mention special giveaways, new product demonstrations, theater presentations.
- Share stories about how your product/service solved problems that your audience may be experiencing.
- Capture video content from in-booth activities and educational sessions and post video daily to channel.



- Sign up for an account, load your business logo, link to your website, connect your account to Facebook.
- Add the show's and your booth's hashtag to your photos so attendees can find them.
- Use geo-tags and tag your photos with the venue name.
- Use same videos as YouTube, if possible.



Post Ideas:

- Post pictures/videos of your product/service in action, client testimonials, your exhibit being created, etc.
- Take advantage of the web page to tell a story with images. Have a balance of fun images and business pictures.
- Capture your company's important moments in 15-second videos. Preview products and upcoming events by adding visual context.
- If you're holding a contest or promotion, take a well-composed photo including your logo, what you're giving away, and the word "giveaway." Ask followers to like, retweet, and follow your account for a chance to win.

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His Tradeshow Turnaround philosophy and practices are the exposition industry's definitive guide to quickly turning tradeshows from "expensive appearances" to "productive, profitable investments."

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