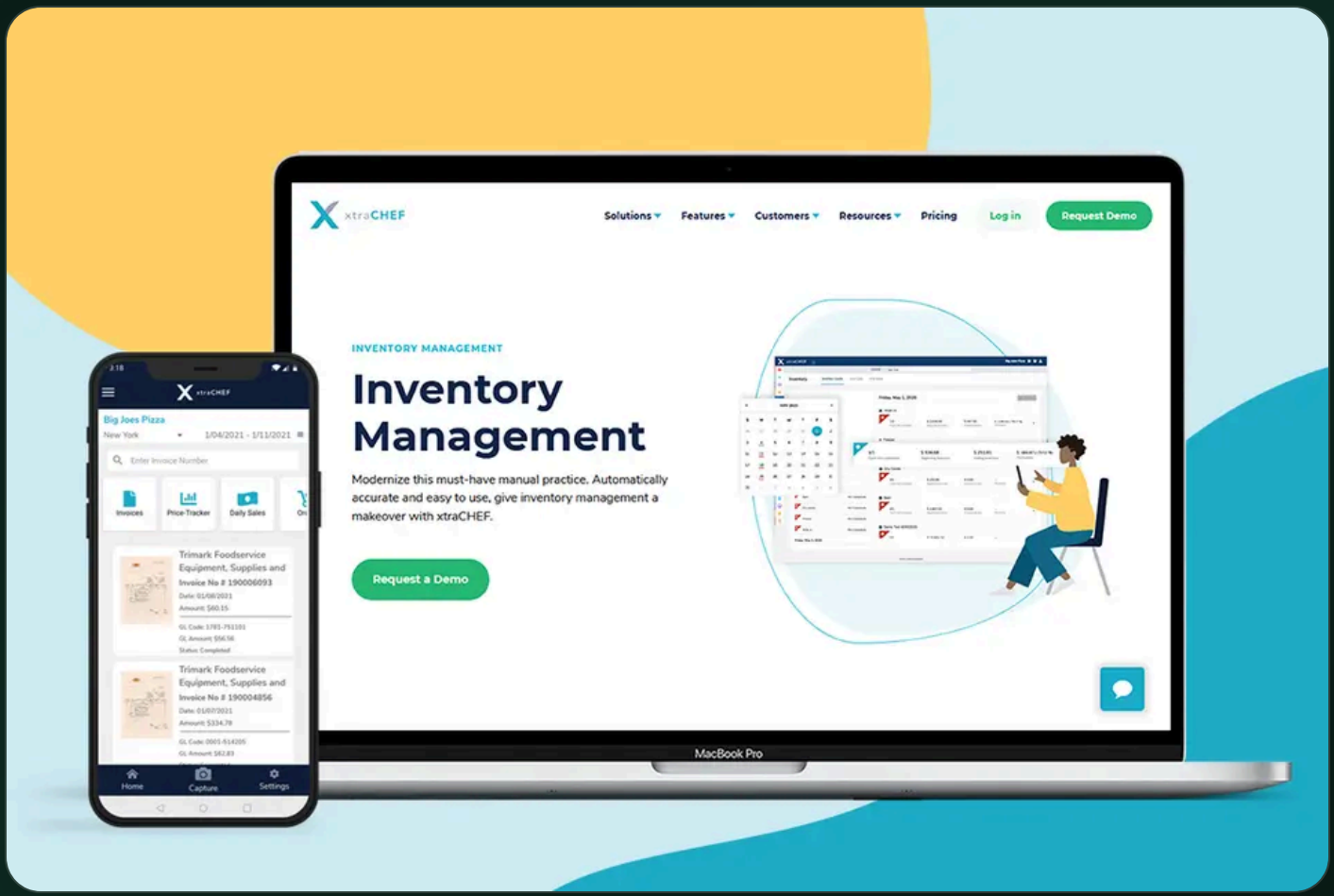
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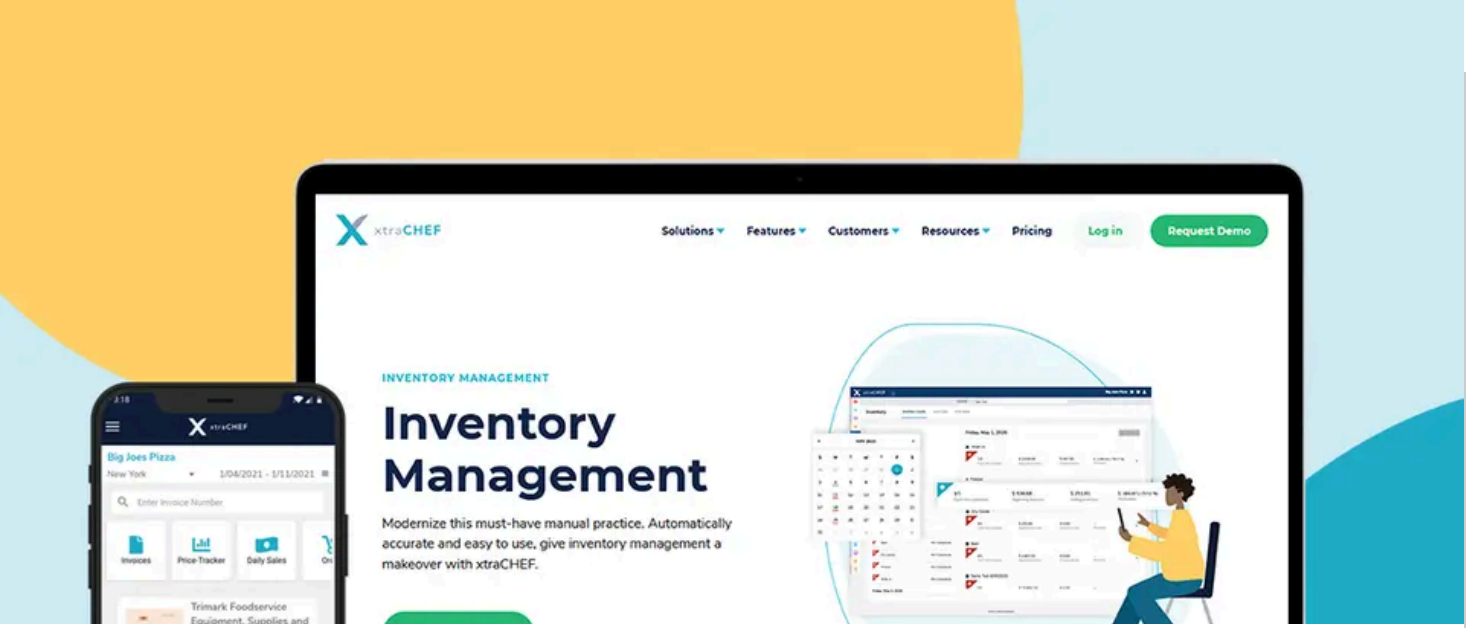
Invoice automation, food cost and inventory for restaurants



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among inventory management tools, read from xtraCHEF's own pages.

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Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

ToolGPA put this guide together from xtraCHEF's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on xtraCHEF's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 3 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade

xtraCHEF is restaurant back-office software now branded xtraCHEF by Toast. It automates accounts payable by reading invoice line items, and uses that data for food cost tracking, recipe costing, inventory, purchasing and budgets. The vendor sells it through demos and publishes no prices.

To get you started, here are **7 things to know about xtraCHEF**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **No price is published, the site now carries Toast branding, and several features are described for Toast POS users.**
>
> From our report card of xtraCHEF

1 **Best for invoice and food cost software, now by Toast**

xtraCHEF reads invoice line items for accounts payable and uses them for food cost, recipes, inventory and budgets.

2 **It runs on Web**

Web.

3 **AP automation**

Extracts line items from supplier invoices to cut manual bookkeeping and feed the rest of the product.

4 **Food cost management**

Price alerts, cost trend reports and declining budgets for tracking ingredient costs.

5 **Recipe costing**

Plate costs update from invoice data, so recipes reflect current ingredient prices.

6 **A 1.6 GPA, above 3 of 72**

That is against the other inventory management tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

7 **Keep it**

To replace xtraCHEF you would be making live feeds from your bank, which take an agreement with each bank or a service that has them. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

xtraCHEF at a glance

PRICING Paid	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY xtraCHEF by Toast	CATEGORY Inventory Management
OUR GRADE 1.6 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for invoice and food cost software, now by Toast

xtraCHEF reads invoice line items for accounts payable and uses them for food cost, recipes, inventory and budgets. No price is published, the site now carries Toast branding, and several features are described for Toast POS users.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	xtraCHEF	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published and the site only offers a demo, so there is no figure to set against this category's $91 middle price.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan or trial; the site offers a demo request.
Features	C	AP automation, food cost, recipe costing, inventory and variance reports. Several features are described for Toast POS users, and it suits operators who already track recipes.
Ease of use	C	Recipes and invoices must be loaded before the numbers mean anything. No store rating is on record.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, and the only integration listed is Toast.
Grade point average		Weak, out of 4.0 **1.6**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who xtraCHEF is for

- ✓ Fits if you run Toast and want invoices turned into food cost
- ✓ Works for multi-unit operators who already track recipes

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you want a price on the page, as none is published
- ✕ Not for you if you do not use Toast, as several features are described for Toast users
- ✕ Watch out: the site is now branded xtraCHEF by Toast
- ✕ Watch out: no free plan or trial is shown, only a demo

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Restaurant groups that want invoices, food cost and inventory in one place
- ✓ Toast users who want sales mapped to recipes
- ✓ Outsourced accountants serving restaurant clients

Worth knowing

- ⓘ No prices are published; the site only offers a demo request.
- ⓘ The site now carries Toast branding, and several features are described for Toast POS users.
- ⓘ Ties inventory to invoices and recipes, so it suits operators who already track recipes.

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

xtraCHEF's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **No free plan or trial; the site offers a demo request.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

We could not confirm xtraCHEF's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. xtrachef.com has them.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Invoice automation, food cost and inventory for restaurants. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: reports, bookkeeping, inventory.

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AP automation, food cost, recipe costing, inventory and variance reports.

From our grade for features

AP automation

Extracts line items from supplier invoices to cut manual bookkeeping and feed the rest of the product.

Food cost management

Price alerts, cost trend reports and declining budgets for tracking ingredient costs.

Recipe costing

Plate costs update from invoice data, so recipes reflect current ingredient prices.

Inventory management

Inventory counts with par level reporting and depleting inventory when sales data from Toast is mapped to recipes.

Variance and margin reports

Actual versus theoretical variance and product mix margin reports using POS sales data.

Multi-unit dashboards

Compare locations on COGS, category food cost and GL codes, with weekly food cost dashboards.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Toast

xtraCHEF is made by xtraCHEF by Toast.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

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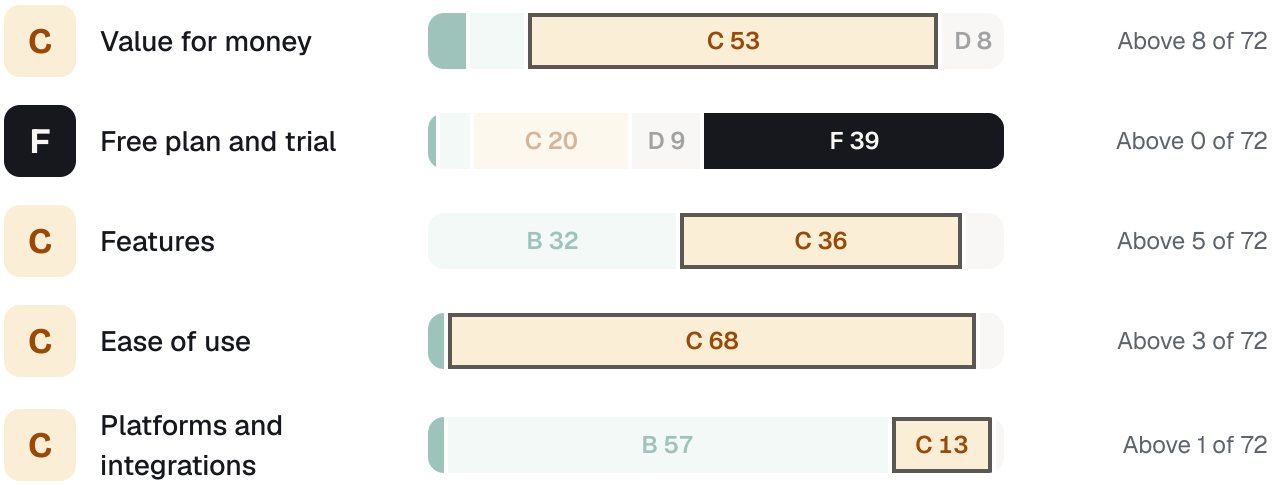
Other inventory management tools it is graded above

xtraCHEF's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 3 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade, and level with 7.

It stands best on value for money (C, above 8 of 72) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 73 inventory management tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. xtraCHEF's own letter is outlined.



Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

To replace xtraCHEF you would be making live feeds from your bank, which take an agreement with each bank or a service that has them. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 62 of the 72 other inventory management tools grade higher.

What you could make

- Inventory and reports: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- Live feeds from your bank, which take an agreement with each bank or a service that has them.

What this rests on. xtraCHEF's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives



The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side

MarginEdge, MarketMan, Restaurant365, BevSpot and Crunchtime

The 5 tools xtraCHEF is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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MarginEdge

From $350/mo

Restaurant back-office software for invoices, costs and inventory.

- xtraCHEF also covers bookkeeping.
- MarginEdge also covers expense tracking and bill pay.

xtraCHEF and MarginEdge compared in full

1.8 GPA

MarketMan

From $249/mo

Inventory, ordering and recipe costing for restaurants.

- Only MarketMan lists iOS and Android apps.
- xtraCHEF also covers bookkeeping.

xtraCHEF and MarketMan compared in full

2.0 GPA

Restaurant365

Paid

Restaurant accounting, inventory, scheduling and payroll platform.

- Restaurant365 also covers payroll and shift scheduling.

xtraCHEF and Restaurant365 compared in full



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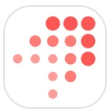
BevSpot

Free trial · from $948/yr

Bar and restaurant inventory, ordering and recipe costing.

- xtraCHEF also covers bookkeeping.

xtraCHEF and BevSpot compared in full



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Crunchtime

Paid

Multi-unit restaurant operations suite with inventory control.

- xtraCHEF also covers bookkeeping.
- Crunchtime also covers shift scheduling and dashboards.

xtraCHEF and Crunchtime compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is xtraCHEF free?

No. xtraCHEF is a paid product.

What platforms does xtraCHEF work on?

xtraCHEF is available on Web.

Does xtraCHEF have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. xtraCHEF is listed for Web.

Does xtraCHEF have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. xtraCHEF is listed for Web.

Is xtraCHEF open source?

xtraCHEF is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

What does xtraCHEF integrate with?

xtraCHEF's listing names Toast. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes xtraCHEF?

xtraCHEF is made by xtraCHEF by Toast.

What are the alternatives to xtraCHEF?

The closest alternatives to xtraCHEF in our directory are MarginEdge, MarketMan, Restaurant365, BevSpot and Crunchtime.

How does xtraCHEF compare with other inventory management tools?

xtraCHEF's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 3 of the 72 other inventory management tools we grade, and level with 7.

Could I make my own version of xtraCHEF?

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Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from xtraCHEF's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from xtraCHEF's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by xtraCHEF by Toast. Prices change, so check xtrachef.com before you buy.

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PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

7,721

Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at **toolgpa.com**.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

xtraCHEF, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/xtrachef

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Prices and grades as they are today

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Inventory Management Insider's Guide

Every one of the 73 inventory management tools we grade, compared

Zoho Inventory Insider's Guide

Online inventory and order management from Zoho, with a free plan

3.4 GPA

Sortly Insider's Guide

Phone-first inventory app for tracking equipment, tools and supplies

3.0 GPA

Busy Insider's Guide

GST accounting and inventory software for Indian small businesses

2.8 GPA

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