

#### Fourth Quarter & Full Year 2017 Results 2018 Plan Review



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Financial Review & 2018 Guidance	Dick Kassar, Chief Financial Officer
2018 Strategic Plan	Billy Cyr, Chief Executive Officer
Q&A	Billy Cyr, Chief Executive Officer Dick Kassar, Chief Financial Officer Scott Morris, Chief Operating Officer



# **Billy Cyr** Chief Executive Officer



#### Freshpet Financial Highlights & Business Performance

- Q4 net sales grew 19.5% with fresh sales +21.9%
  - Double digit growth in all classes of trade
- FY17 net sales grew 17.5% with fresh sales +20.1%
  - Accelerated growth rate from FY16's +15%
- FY17 Adjusted EBITDA of \$17.6 million
  - Flat vs. YA despite +60% increase in media spending
- HH penetration, awareness and buying rate all increased significantly
  - Still significant room to grow
- Velocity grew 16% in FY17



#### **2017 Results Exceed Full Year Guidance**



Grocery/Mass	Q4	2017
Freshpet	+23.8%	+24%
Dog Food Category (Nielsen XAOC)	+2.4%	+0.8%
Pet Specialty/Natural/Other	Q4	2017
Freshpet	+14.8%	+5.6%
Dog Food in Pet Specialty	-7.4%	-7.2%
Total All Channels	Q4	2017
Freshpet	+21.9%	+20.1%
Dog Food Category	-0.5%	-1.7%

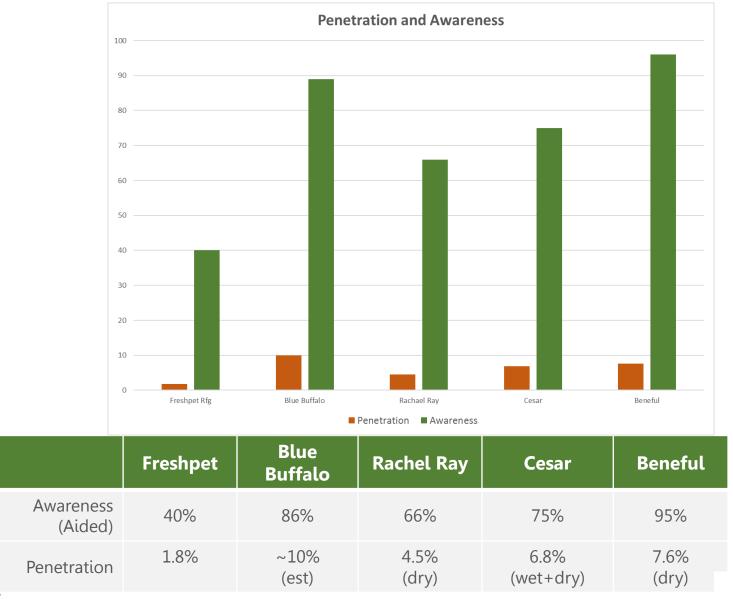


Source: Internal company shipment results by channel and Nielsen 52 weeks ending 12/30/17

#### **Advertising Drives Awareness, Penetration and Buying Rate**

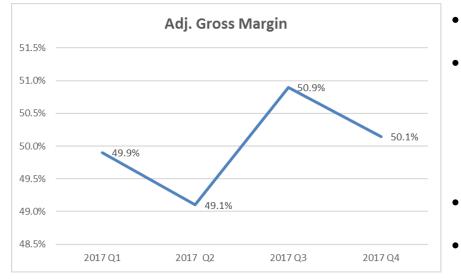


#### **Opportunity to Expand Awareness and HH Penetration**



Source: 2017 Brand Tracker, Nielsen 2017 HH Panel

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Maintained progress on yields in Q4

#### Lower gross margin in Q4 than Q3

- Commodity and inbound freight inflation
- Mix shift to FFTK
- Ongoing testing
- Seasonal labor expenses (e.g. holidays, incentive pay, etc...)
- Eliminated all start-up expenses
- Offset part of mix shift



# **Freshpet Fridges: More Placements and Higher Velocity**

#### **Velocity Drivers**

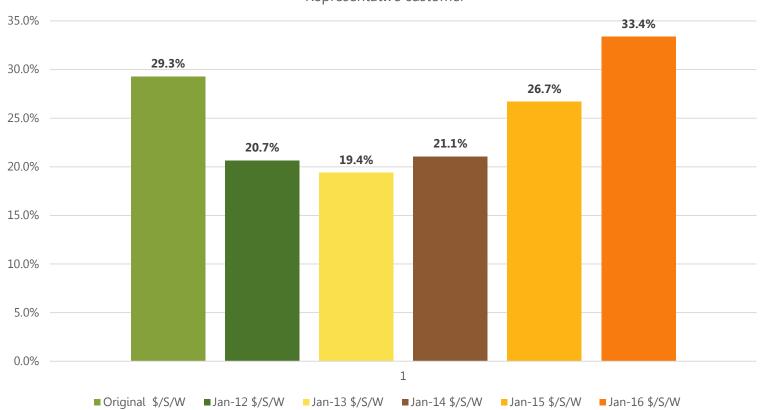
- ✓ # of Fridges✓ Penetration and buying rate
- ✓ In-stock conditions ✓ Fridge size and location/placement
- ✓ Assortment

	Q4	2017	Store Count
Gross Stores	+478	+2,001	
Net Stores	+354	+1,395	18,004
Velocity Increase (\$/\$M ACV – Nielsen XAOC)	+16.5%	+16.4%	



Source: Internal store count and Nielsen XAOC Data for the 12 month period ending 12/30/17

#### **Strong Velocity Growth**



2017 Same Stores Sales Growth By Vintage

Representative customer



# **Dick Kassar** Chief Financial Officer



- No meaningful impact to earnings or the balance sheet
- The Company has a \$175 million NOL that will eliminate most federal taxes for many years
- The NOL was not capitalized so there is no balance sheet impact from the change in tax rates
- Other changes in the tax reform law will have minor impact on the company



### **Revenue Recognition Policy Change**

	P	revious P	olicy		New Pol	icy
	2016	2017	2020 Goal	2016	2017	2020 Goal
Net Sales (\$ millions)	133.0	156.4	300	129.7	152.4	300
Cost of Sales (\$ millions)	72.7	84		69.3	79.9	
Adjusted Gross Margin	49.6%	50.0%	~52%	50.9%	51.3%	53.9%
Adjusted EBITDA (\$ millions)	17.7	17.6	60+	17.7	17.6	60+



Future Economic Model											
	Origin	al Goals	Revised Acco	unting Policy							
	FY 2016	FY 2020	FY 2016	FY 2020							
Growth Rate	15%	15-20%	15%	15-20%							
Stores	16,609	23,000	16,609	23,000							
Adj. Gross Margin	<b>49.6</b> %	~52%	50.9%	53.9%							
Adj. EBITDA Margin	13%	20+%	13%	20+%							
Media Investment	~6% of sales	~9% of sales	~6% of sales	~9% of sales							
Advertising Payback	1.5 yrs		1.5 yrs								
Free Cash Flow	-\$13.9M	~15% of sales*	-\$13.9M	~15% of sales*							

\*Before capacity expansion for sales beyond \$300 million

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## 2018 Guidance

\$ in Millions	2017	2018	% Change
Net Sales	\$152.4	>\$185	21+%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$17.6	>\$20	14+%
Media Spend Increase	+60%	60+%	



# **Billy Cyr** Chief Executive Officer



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## We Operate Differently

Delighting consumers with fresh food & our company ideology



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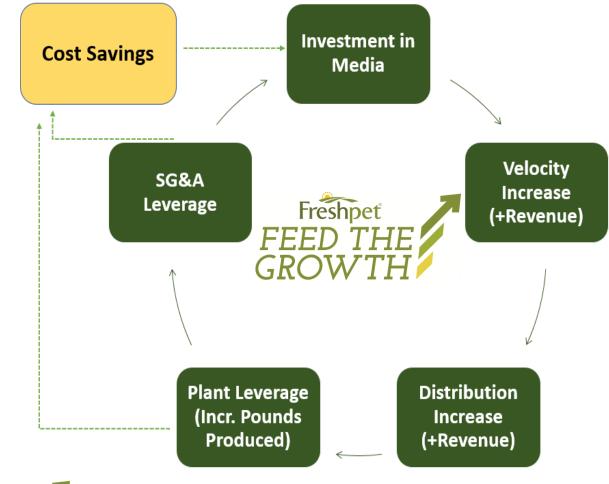




# **YEAR II: Bigger and Faster**

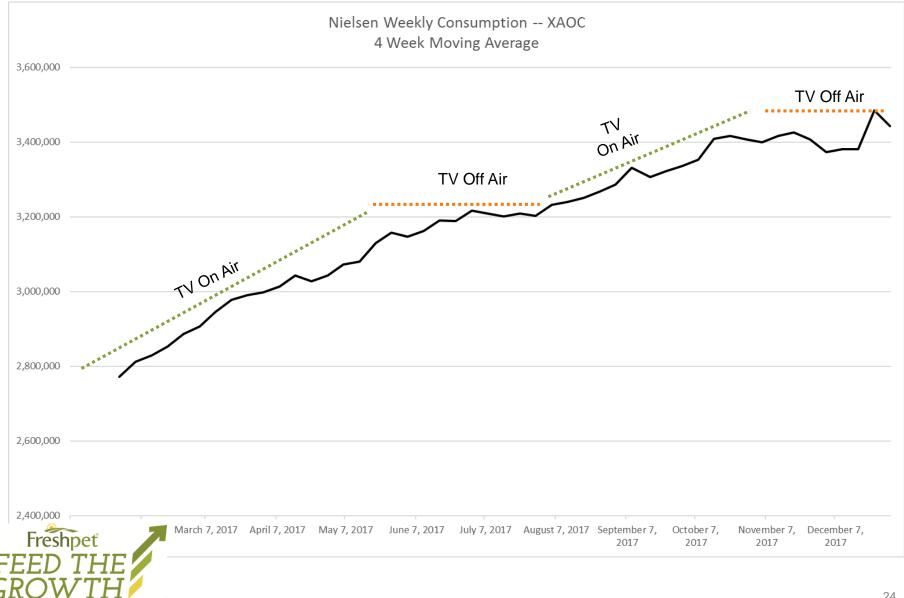


#### **Freshpet Operating Model**

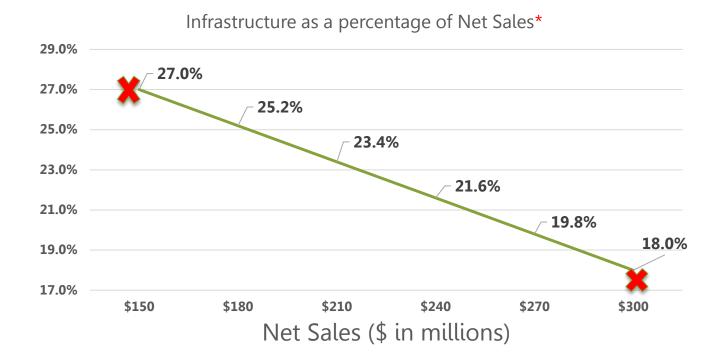




#### **Advertising Investment Drives Consumption** Consistently



## By 2020: 9 pt. reduction in fixed costs



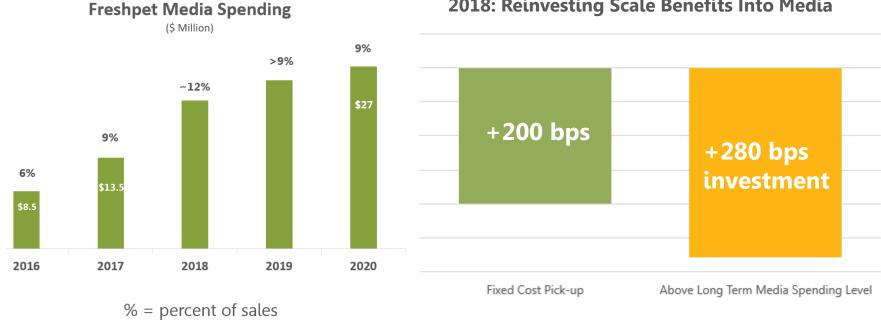


#### **Strong Barriers to Entry: A Difficult Business to** Replicate



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### **Increasing Media Investment to Accelerate Growth**

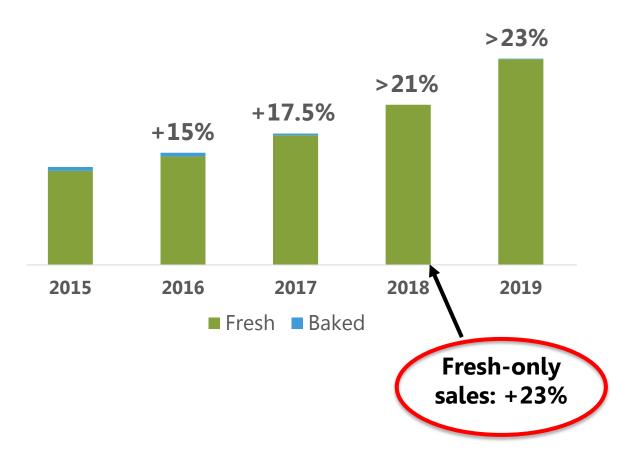






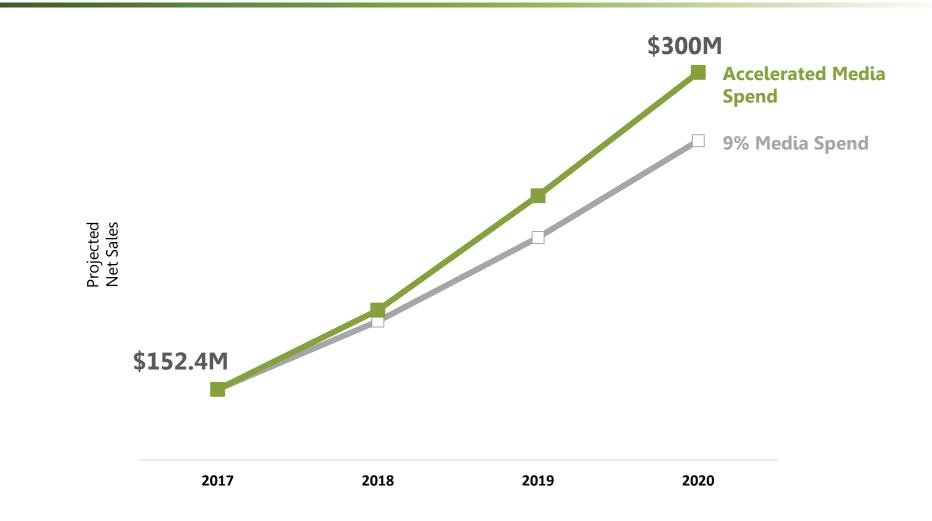
#### In 2018, We Expect to Accelerate Fresh Growth... and Carry Momentum into 2019

**Freshpet Net Sales** 





#### Putting Freshpet Well On Its Way to Our \$300M Goal ...





## While Driving Both *Distribution and Velocity*...

	<b>Distribution Drivers</b>	Significant White Space
•	More stores	Kroger H-E-B, Publix.
•	Right stores	

#### Velocity Drivers

- HH Penetration
- Buying Rate
- In-store conditions







## **Fridge Upgrades Drive Incremental Velocity**



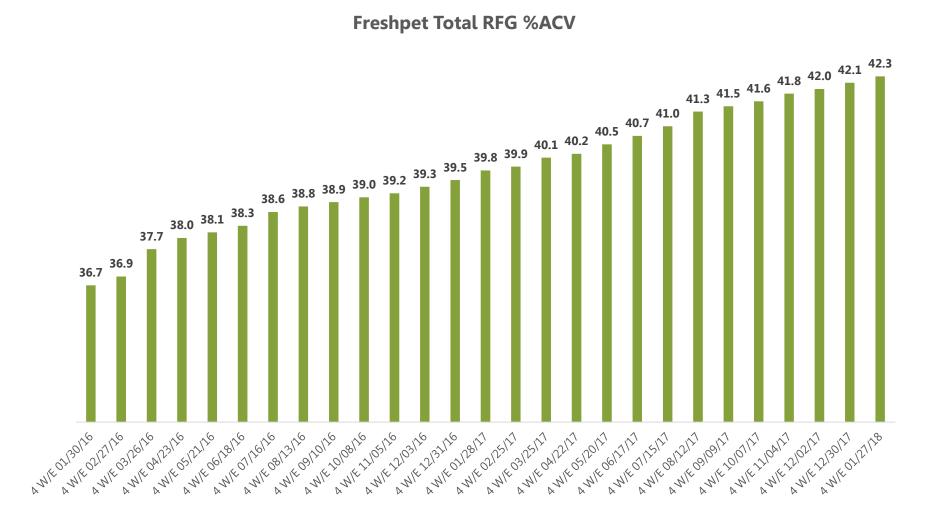
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#### Growing sales by distribution point

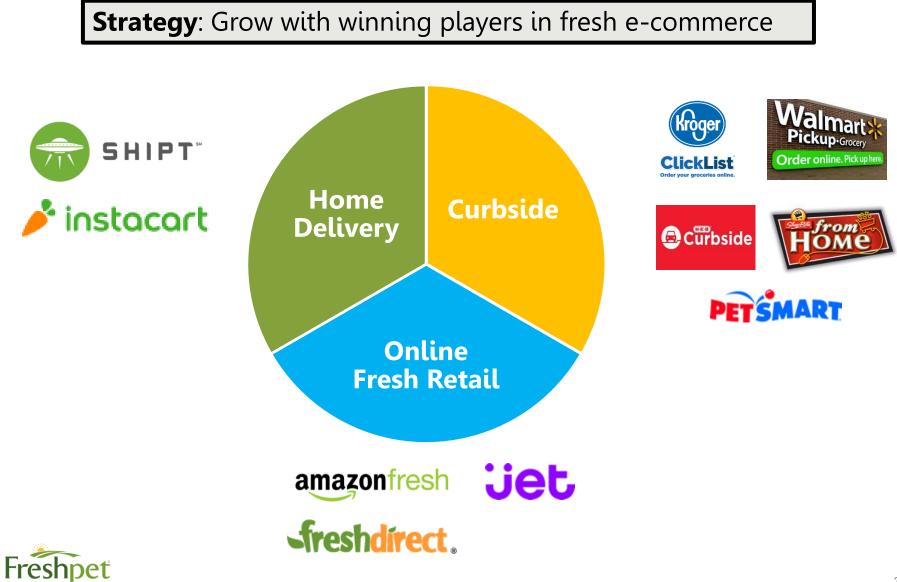
- Fridge upgrades have yielded significant incremental growth
- Maximizes existing retail location sales opportunities
- Payback in ~36 months
- Upgrades provide:
  - Expanded space
  - 22% -200% larger
  - Opportunity for wider assortment
  - Significantly improved visibility and merchandising
  - Easier stocking
  - More holding power

#### With Consistent Ability to Drive Product Availability





#### And With Growth Potential in Fresh E-commerce



### **Freshpet Long-Term Capacity Planning**

- Existing Kitchens can support \$300M to 400M in net sales depending on product mix
- If we deliver our 2020 goals, we will need new bag capacity sometime in 2020, rolls in 2021
- It takes two years to add capacity:
  - Year 1: Planning and permitting plus ordering long lead-time equipment
  - Year 2: Construction and start-up
- Need to have a plan in place before the end of 2018
  - Location
  - Size and Scope
  - Technology
- Financial commitments would be made in late 2018 and throughout 2019
  - We will update plans and commitments later in the year

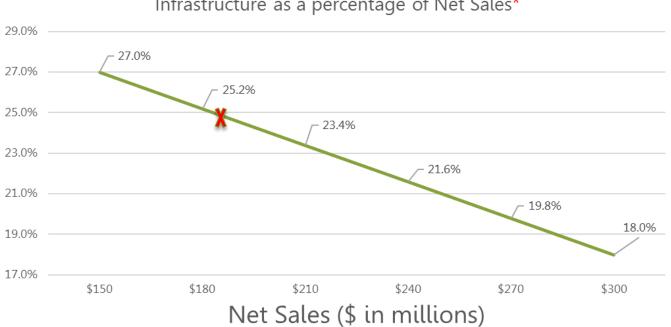


## **Guiding Principles for Capacity Expansion**

- Freshpet has tremendous growth potential ahead of it
  - Capacity increases must envision and enable future expansions in a cost effective way
- Manufacturing expertise must remain a competitive advantage
  - We will continue to advance our mastery of the technology
  - Particular focus on efficiency, reliability and safety improvements
- We will not dilute our focus on gross margin improvement efforts in the existing facility
  - We will dedicate engineering staffing to design and build the next facility
  - We will replace that staffing in the existing facility with full-time operating talent
- The location decision will consider the full range of risks/opportunities that come with each location
  - Considerations will include access to raw material supply, labor, utilities, technology transfer risk, freight costs, local incentives, supply diversification, etc.



#### **Gaining 200 Basis Points of Fixed Cost Leverage in 2018**



Infrastructure as a percentage of Net Sales\*



\* Leverage adjusted to projected inflationary growth of infrastructure

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### Further Strengthening Our Barriers to Entry ...



# While delighting pet parents, pets, shareholders and employees . . .







# Freshpet FED THE GROWTH



#### Historical Impact of the upcoming Revenue Recognition Policy (ASC 606) - Annually

		Year Ended December 31,											
	\$ amounts in thousands												
		2014	2015			2016	2017						
<u>Current</u> Policy under ASC 605													
Net Sales	\$	86,764	\$	116,186	\$	133,054	\$	156,379					
Cost of Sales	\$	44,546	\$	61,537	\$	72,683	\$	83,963					
Gross Profit	\$	42,218	\$	54,649	\$	60,371	\$	72,416					
Gross Margin		48.7%		47.0%		45.4%		46.3%					
Adjusted Gross Margin		51.6%		49.2%		49.6%		50.0%					

#### New Policy under ASC 606

Net Sales	\$ 84,154	\$ 113,505	\$ 129,707	\$ 152,359
Cost of Sales	\$ 41,936	\$ 58,856	\$ 69,336	\$ 79,943
Gross Profit	\$ 42,218	\$ 54,649	\$ 60,371	\$ 72,416
Gross Margin	50.2%	48.1%	46.5%	47.5%
Adjusted Gross Margin	53.2%	50.4%	50.9%	51.3%



#### Historical Impact of the upcoming Revenue Recognition Policy (ASC 606) - Quarterly

	Inree Wonths Ended															
		\$ amounts in thousands														
	3/:	31/2016	6/	/30/2016	9/	/30/2016	12	2/31/2016	3/	/31/2017	6/30/2017		9/30/2017		12,	/31/2017
<u>Current</u> Policy under ASC	605	,														
Net Sales	\$	31,454	\$	33,002	\$	34,536	\$	34,061	\$	34,514	\$	39,969	\$	41,200	\$	40,697
Cost of Sales	\$	16,566	\$	18,090	\$	19,185	\$	18,841	\$	18,711	\$	21,799	\$	21,697	\$	21,756
Gross Profit	\$	14,888	\$	14,912	\$	15,351	\$	15,220	\$	15,803	\$	18,170	\$	19,503	\$	18,940
Gross Margin		47.3%		45.2%		44.4%		44.7%		45.8%		45.5%		47.3%		46.5%
Adjusted Gross Margin		50.2%		48.7%		49.6%		49.9%		49.9%		49.1%		50.9%		50.1%
<u>New</u> Policy under ASC 60	6															
Net Sales	\$	30,529	\$	32,100	\$	33,768	\$	33,310	\$	33,678	\$	38,728	\$	40,125	\$	39,829
Cost of Sales	\$	15,641	\$	17,188	\$	18,417	\$	18,090	\$	17,874	\$	20,559	\$	20,622	\$	20,888
Gross Profit	\$	14,888	\$	14,912	\$	15,351	\$	15,220	\$	15,803	\$	18,170	\$	19,503	\$	18,940
Gross Margin		48.8%		46.5%		45.5%		45.7%		46.9%		46.9%		48.6%		47.6%
Adjusted Gross Margin		51.8%		50.1%		50.7%		51.1%		51.2%		50.7%		52.2%		51.2%



