

Q3 2023

# **EARNINGS**

November 6, 2023









#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS & NON-GAAP MEASURES

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements in this presentation by Freshpet, Inc. (the "Company") constitute "forward-looking" statements, which include any statements related to the the Freshpet Kitchens Expansion, our long-term capacity planning, our net sales and Adjusted EBITDA guidance and the Company's general operating and economic environment. These statements are based on management's current opinions, expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions or projections regarding future events or future results. These forward-looking statements are only predictions, not historical fact, and involve certain risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions. Actual results, levels of activity, performance, achievements and events could differ materially from those stated, anticipated or implied by such forward-looking statements. While Freshpet believes that its assumptions are reasonable, it is very difficult to predict the impact of known factors, and, of course, it is impossible to anticipate all factors that could affect actual results. There are many risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking statements made herein, including our long-term capacity planning, and most prominently, the risks discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's latest annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such forward-looking statements are made only as of the date of this presentation. Freshpet undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forwardlooking statement because of new information, future events or otherwise, except as otherwise required by law. If we do update one or more forward-looking statements, no inference should be made that we will make additional updates with respect to those or other forward-looking statements.

#### **Non-GAAP Measures**

Freshpet uses certain non-GAAP financial measures, including EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA as a % of net sales (Adjusted EBITDA Margin), Adjusted Gross Profit, Adjusted Gross Profit as a % of net sales (Adjusted Gross Margin), Adjusted SG&A and Adjusted SG&A as a % of net sales. These non-GAAP financial measures should be considered as supplements to GAAP reported measures, should not be considered replacements for, or superior to, GAAP measures and may not be comparable to similarly named measures used by other companies.

Freshpet defines EBITDA as net income (loss) plus interest expense, income tax expense and depreciation and amortization expense, and Adjusted EBITDA as EBITDA plus net income (loss) on equity method investment, non-cash share-based compensation, fees related to equity offerings of our common stock, implementation and other costs associated with the implementation of an ERP system, and other expenses, including loss on disposal of equipment, COVID-19 expenses and organization changes designed to support long-term growth objectives.

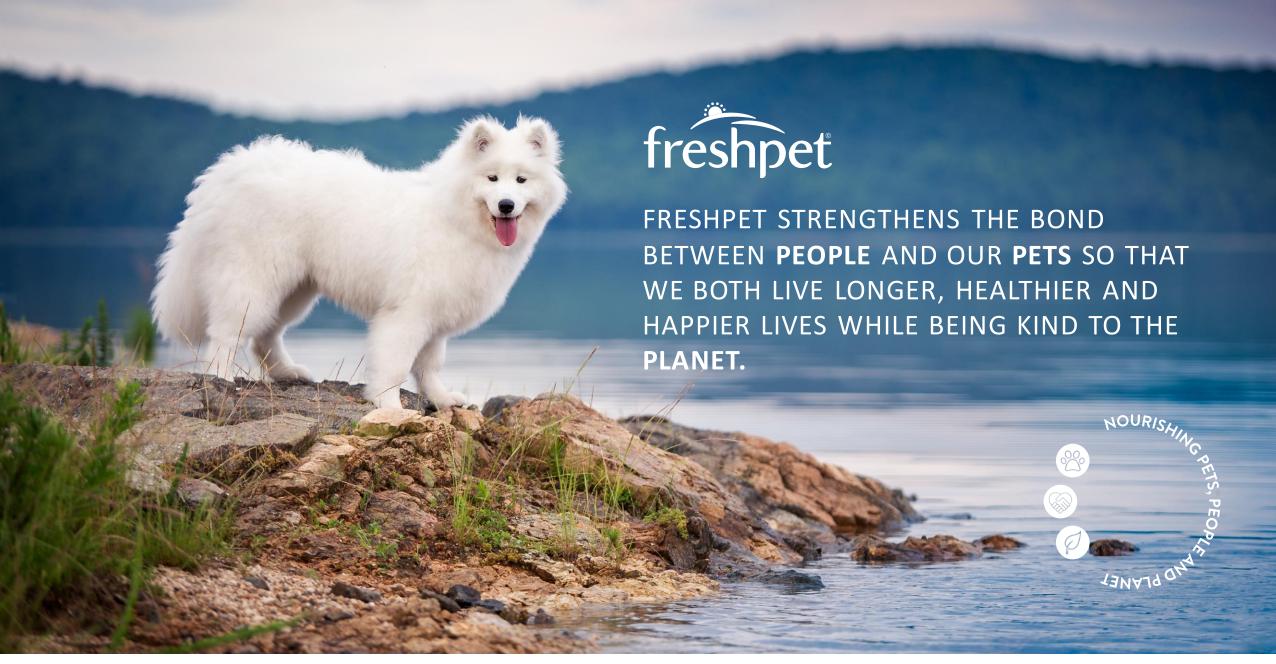
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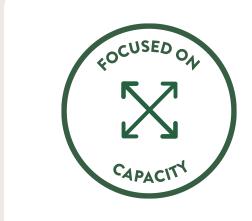
Management believes that the non-GAAP financial measures are meaningful to investors because they provide a view of the Company with respect to ongoing operating results. Non-GAAP financial measures are shown as supplemental disclosures in this presentation because they are widely used by the investment community for analysis and comparative evaluation. They also provide additional metrics to evaluate the Company's operations and, when considered with both the Company's GAAP results and the reconciliation to the most comparable GAAP measures, provide a more complete understanding of the Company's business than could be obtained absent this disclosure. Adjusted EBITDA is also an important component of internal budgeting and setting management compensation. The non-GAAP measures are not and should not be considered an alternative to the most comparable GAAP measures or any other figure calculated in accordance with GAAP, or as an indicator of operating performance. The Company's calculation of the non-GAAP financial measures may differ from methods used by other companies. Management believes that the non-GAAP measures are important to an understanding of the Company's overall operating results in the periods presented. The non-GAAP financial measures are not recognized in accordance with GAAP and should not be viewed as an alternative to GAAP measures of performance.

Certain of these measures represent the Company's guidance for fiscal year 2023. The Company is unable to reconcile these forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures without unreasonable efforts because the Company is currently unable to predict with a reasonable degree of certainty the type and impact of certain items, including the timing of and amount of costs of goods sold and selling, general and administrative expenses, that would be expected to impact GAAP measures for these periods but would not impact the non-GAAP measures. The unavailable information could significantly impact our financial results. These items are not within the Company's control and may vary greatly between periods. Based on the foregoing, the Company believes that providing estimates of the amounts that would be required to reconcile these forecasted non-GAAP measures to forecasted GAAP measures would imply a degree of precision that would be confusing or misleading to investors for the reasons identified above.





#### **2023 PLAN: OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS**



Ample capacity



More efficient logistics



Improved quality



Commodity costs in line with pricing



#### **PROGRESS REPORT**







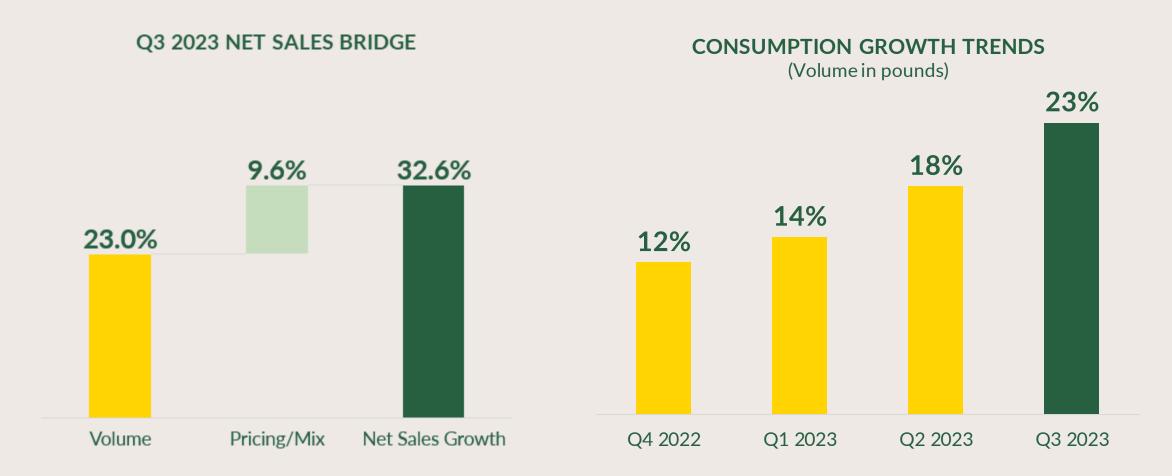
# **Q3 2023 RESULTS**



# STRONG Q3 RESULTS THAT DEMONSTRATE **IMPROVED OPERATING PERFORMANCE & CONTINUING STRONG GROWTH**



# NET SALES GROWTH DRIVEN BY **STRONG VOLUME GROWTH, IMPROVED MIX AND THE BENEFIT OF PRICING**



#### Q3 VOLUME & MIX GROWTH RATE IS IN LINE WITH OUR 2027 NET SALES CAGR TARGET



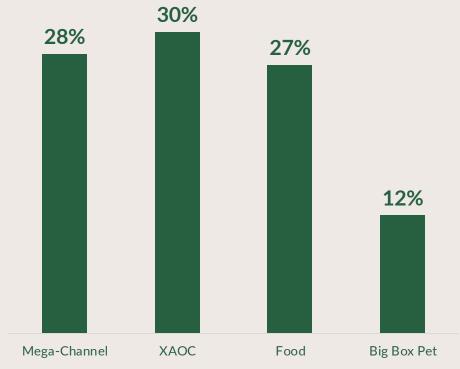


# CONSUMPTION GROWTH IS STRONG ACROSS ALL MEASURED CHANNELS & TIME FRAMES; NET SALES IN UNMEASURED CHANNELS DOUBLED VS YA

#### FRESHPET \$ SHARE OF WET & DRY DOG ■ Total US Food ■ Total US xAOC ■ Mega-Channel ■ Pet Superstore 17.2 16.8 16.3 28% 15.4 8.7 8.6 8.3 7.8 7.0 6.9 6.7 6.3 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.7 4wk 13wk 26wk 52wk

Freshpet Share of Wet + Dry Dog

#### Q3 2023 CONSUMPTION GROWTH (\$)



#### GENERATED 780 BPS IMPROVEMENT YEAR-ON-YEAR ON KEY OPERATING COSTS:

#### INPUT COSTS/PRICING, LOGISTICS AND QUALITY



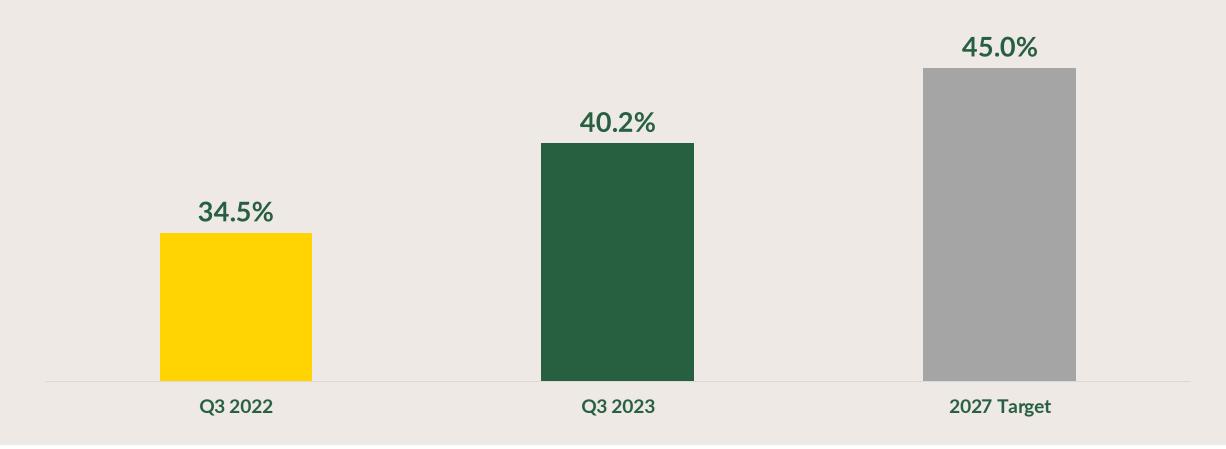
# AHEAD OF PACE TO DELIVER THE CRITICAL COST IMPROVEMENTS EMBEDDED IN OUR FY 2027 MARGIN TARGETS

#### **KEY MARGIN IMPROVEMENT TARGETS & PROGRESS**



#### STRONG PROGRESS ON ADJ. GROSS MARGIN; ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE LONG-TERM GOALS

#### **ADJ. GROSS MARGIN PROGRESS VS 2027 TARGETS**



# **SG&A IMPROVEMENTS ALSO TRACKING TO LONG TERM TARGET;** LOGISTICS IS WELL AHEAD OF PLAN AND G&A WILL FOLLOW AS WE ADD SCALE

**ADJ. SG&A PROGRESS VS TARGETS** 



# ENNIS KITCHEN: **NOW PRODUCING ~25% OF TOTAL FRESHPET PRODUCTION FROM TWO LINES IN THE ENNIS KITCHEN**

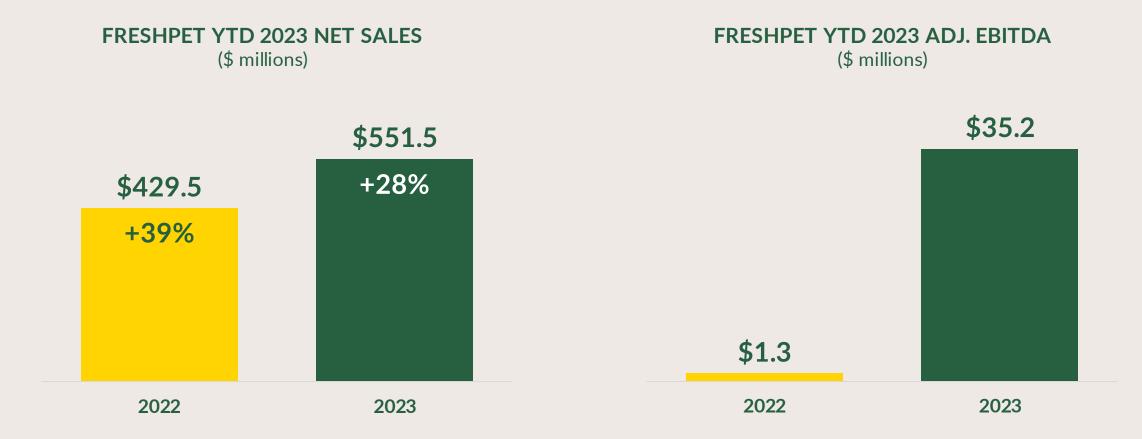
- Both bag line and roll line are operating 24/7
- Chicken processing operation is online & performing well
- Second bag line commissioning has commenced; expect saleable product by end of the year
- Phase II construction is on track or slightly ahead of schedule; expect roll line to begin production by the end of Q3 2024



## YTD 2023 RESULTS



# STRONG FYTD RESULTS THAT DEMONSTRATE **IMPROVED OPERATING PERFORMANCE AND STRONG GROWTH**



#### **GENERATED 610 BPS IMPROVEMENT YTD vs YA ON KEY OPERATING COSTS:**

#### INPUT COSTS/PRICING, LOGISTICS AND QUALITY



## FY 2023 GUIDANCE



#### RAISING 2023 ADJ. EBITDA AND NET SALES GUIDANCE

- Volume cadence: Accelerating consumption growth in Q4; Q4 net sales growth lapping large trade inventory re-fill YA (\$10-15 million) which drives low-mid 20's growth vs YA
- Advertising investment: Q4 media \$ significantly above the YA but lower than Q3
- Adj. Gross Margin: Adj. Gross Margin slightly lower than Q3 due to absorption of start-up costs for 2<sup>nd</sup> bag line in Ennis and incremental staffing
- **Logistics costs**: Continued strong performance based on fewer miles per load, higher fill rate, and favorable lane rates/diesel vs YA

#### FRESHPET FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS



# CAPITAL SPENDING, CASH FLOW & LIQUIDITY



# SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN OPERATING CASH FLOW; CAPITAL SPENDING PLANS REMAIN IN-LINE WITH PROJECTIONS

#### Capital Spending:

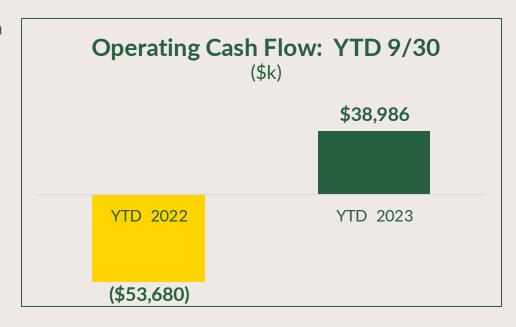
- Key projects remain on track and on budget; estimated 2023 spending of \$240 million
- Only committing to capacity as it is needed; multiple decision points for each increment of capacity minimizes risk of excess capacity
- Once Ennis Phase II is completed next summer, we will have built adequate infrastructure/buildings to accommodate our next 5+ lines

#### Cash Flow:

- Generated almost \$39 million of operating cash flow YTD- an improvement of almost \$93 million driven by improvements in:
  - Adj. EBITDA
  - Working capital position
- Interest income is offsetting interest expense

#### Liquidity:

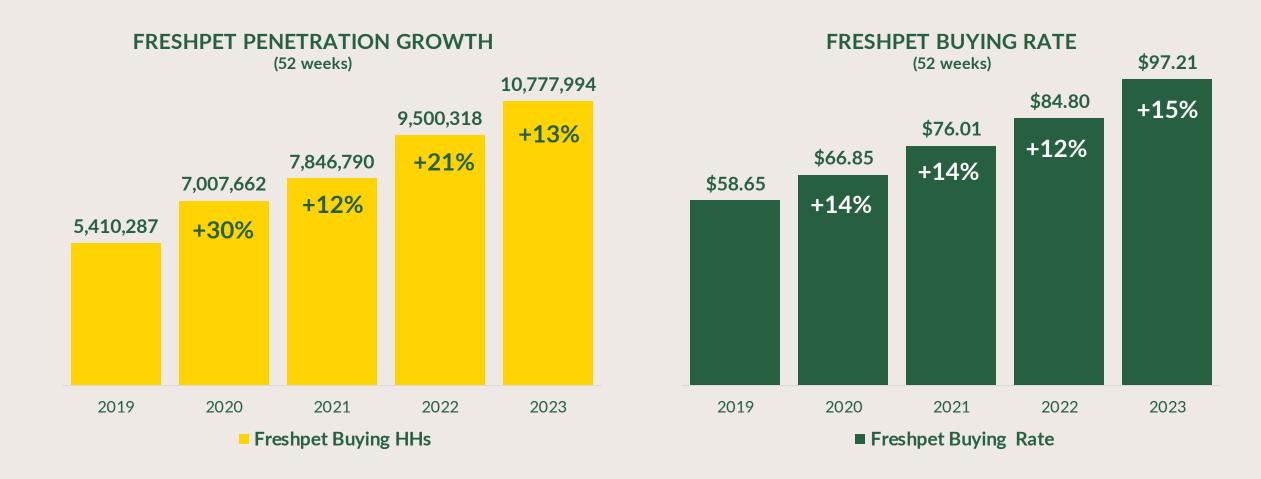
- \$338 million of cash-on-hand as of 9/30/23
- Generating meaningful Adj. EBITDA which could be leveraged to provide increased liquidity in 2025, if necessary



# **HOUSEHOLD PENETRATION** & BUYING RATE

#### CONTINUED GROWTH IN CONSUMER FRANCHISE;

#### ADDED >1 MM HH'S AND ACCELERATED BUYING RATE

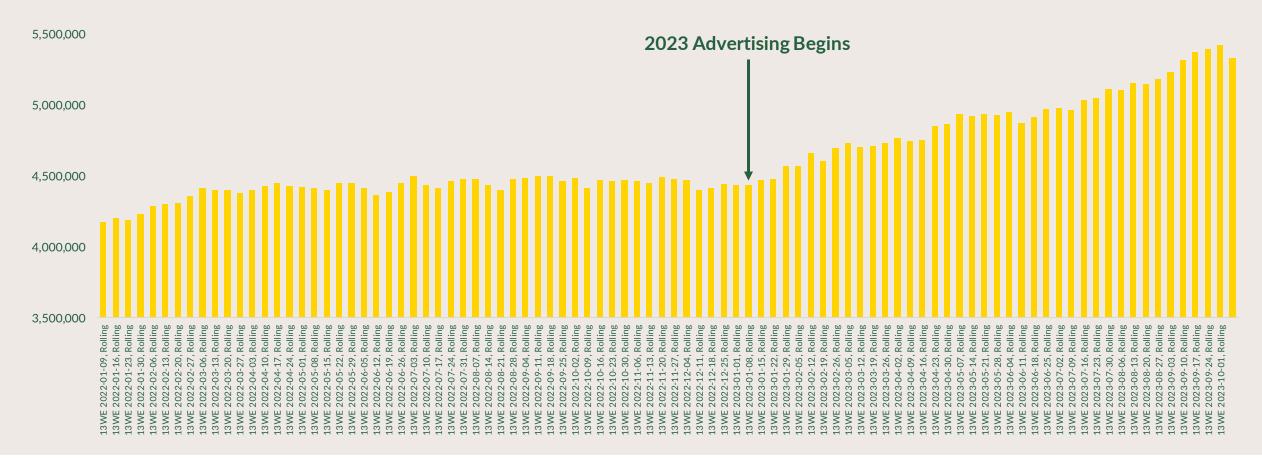


**Q3 2023 EARNINGS PRESENTATION** 

#### **HH PENETRATION GROWTH RE-ACCELERATED IN 2023**

#### FRESHPET BUYING HH'S: ROLLING 13 WEEKS

6,000,000

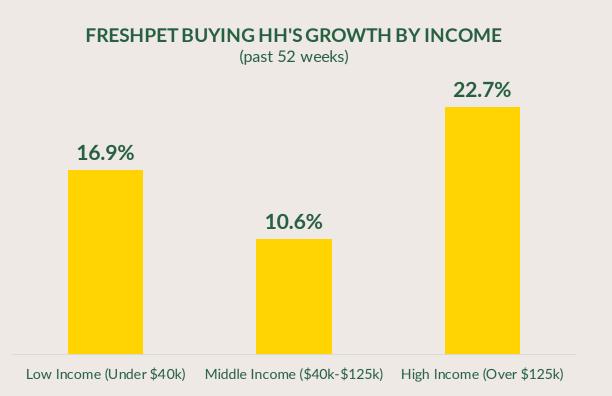


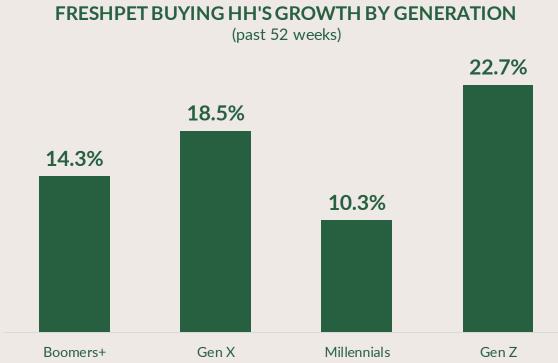




#### FRESHPET IS BECOMING MORE "MAINSTREAM":

#### HH PENETRATION GROWTH IS BROAD-BASED ACROSS AGE GROUPS & INCOME LEVELS

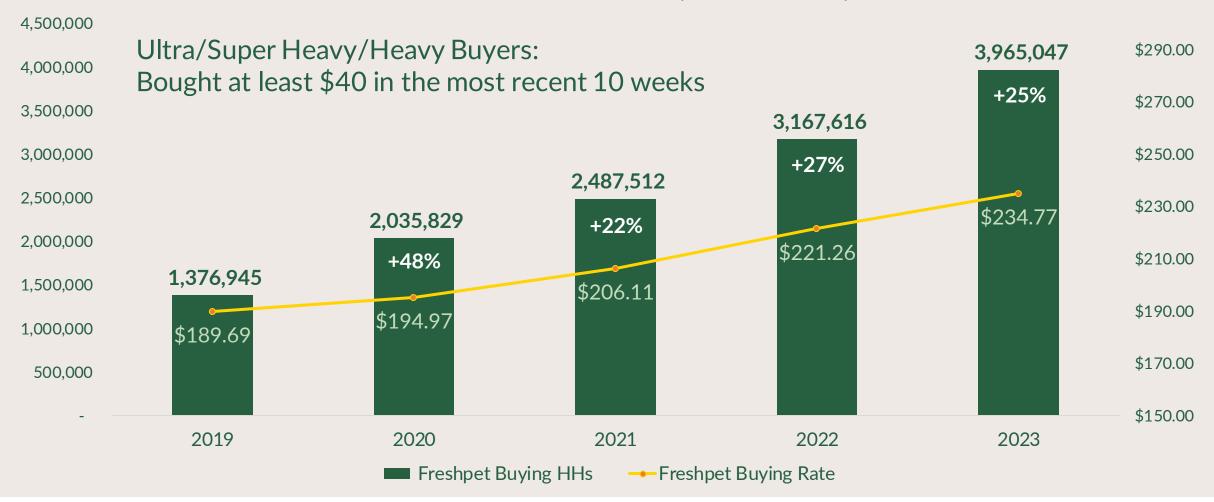




#### FRESHPET IS BECOMING MORE "MAIN MEAL":

~4 MILLION SUPER HEAVY/HEAVY USERS (HIPPOHs) ACCOUNT FOR 88% OF OUR VOLUME

#### FRESHPET ULTRA/SUPER HEAVY/HEAVY BUYERS 5 YEAR TREND (PAST 52 WEEKS)

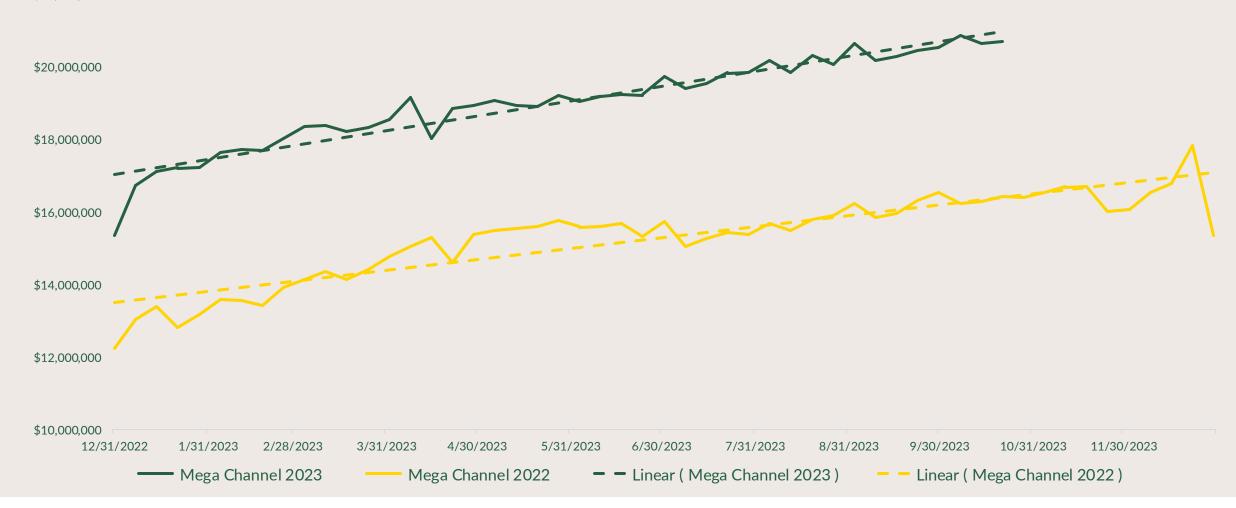




#### **CONSUMPTION CONTINUES GROW AT A STRONG & STEADY RATE**

#### **NIELSENIQ MEGA-CHANNEL CONSUMPTION (\$)**

\$22,000,000

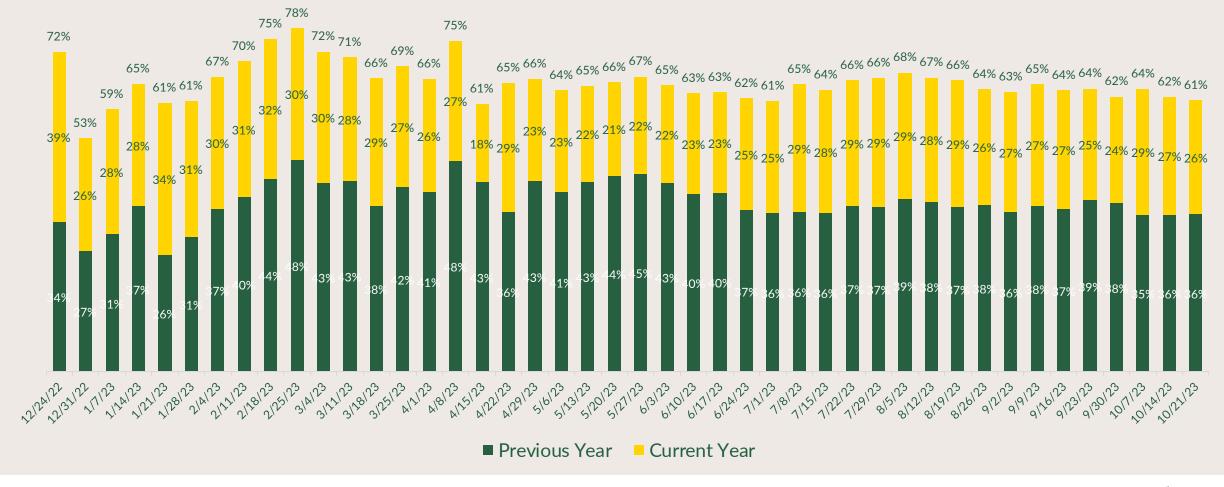




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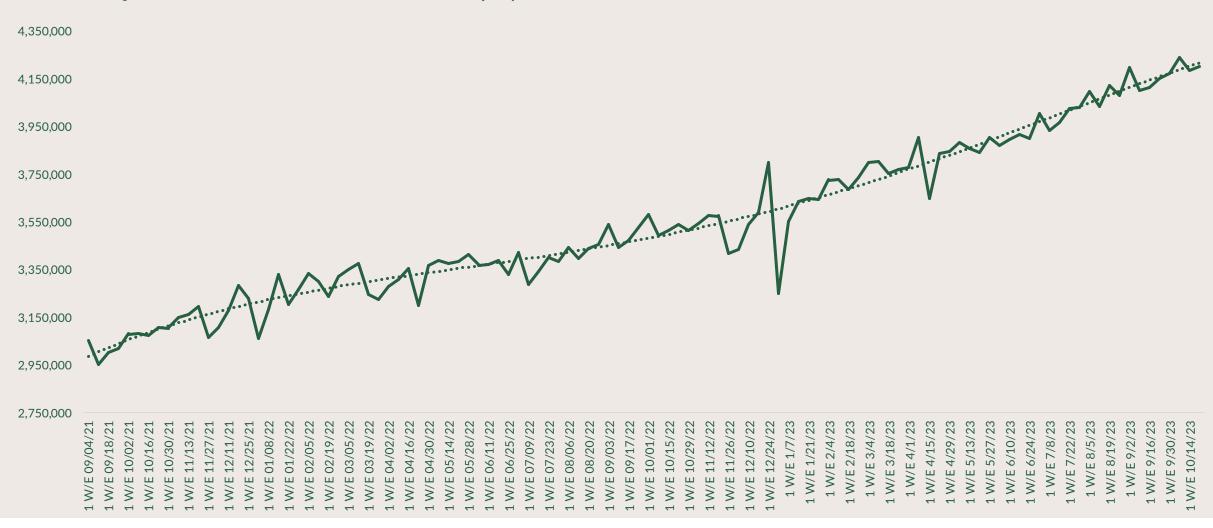
#### 2-YEAR STACKED GROWTH REMAINS STRONG

#### NIELSENIQ MEGA-CHANNEL CONSUMPTION GROWTH 2-YEAR STACKED



#### **CONSISTENTLY STRONG VOLUME GROWTH TRENDS**

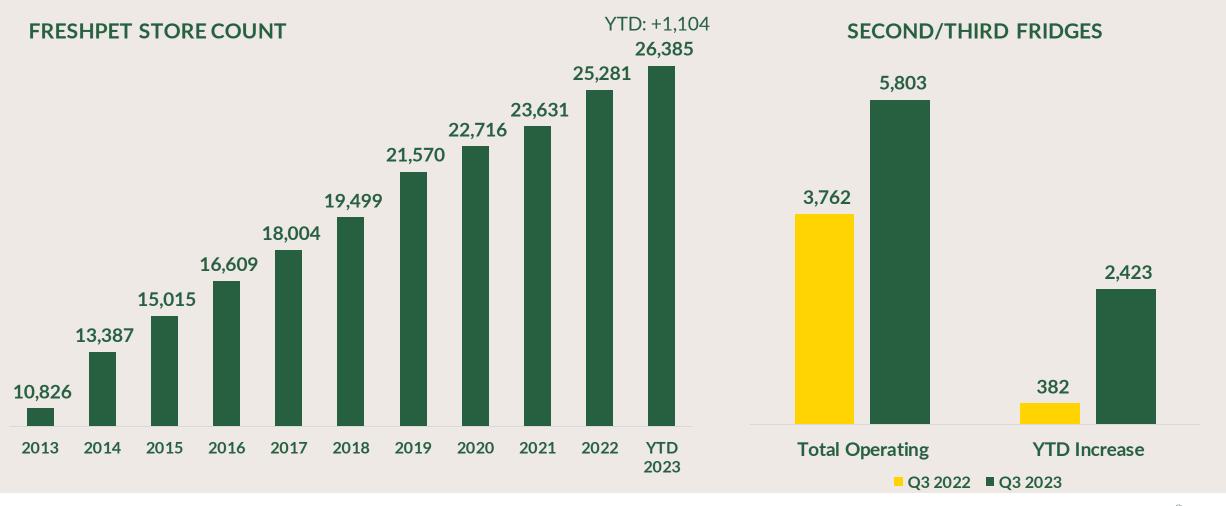
#### **NIELSENIQ MEGA-CHANNEL CONSUMPTION (lbs)**



# Q3 2023 VISIBILITY, AVAILABILITY & INNOVATION



#### STORE COUNT CONTINUES TO GROW: 20% OF ALL STORES HAVE MULTIPLE FRIDGES



#### RETAIL AVAILABILITY AT RECORD LEVELS

#### FRESHPET TOTAL DISTRIBUTION POINTS (TDP'S)

NIELSENIQ MEGA-CHANNEL





# PRODUCT INNOVATION CONTINUES TO EXPAND THE APPEAL OF FRESHPET TO A BROADER AUDIENCE OF POTENTIAL USERS



Top 10 velocity item



Entry price point item will be in >9500 stores by year end

#### **APPENDIX**



### FRESHPET, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION BETWEEN GROSS PROFIT AND ADJUSTED GROSS PROFIT

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	 2023		2022		2023		2022		
	 (Dollars in thousands)								
Gross profit	\$ 66,293	\$	44,545	\$	176,297	\$	140,324		
Depreciation expense	11,767		5,159		33,106		14,208		
Non-cash share-based compensation	2,579		2,450		8,696		4,789		
Adjusted Gross Profit	\$ 80,639	\$	52,154	\$	218,099	\$	159,321		
Adjusted Gross Profit as a % of Net Sales	 40.29	6 <del></del>	34.5%	6 ===	39.5%	. <u></u>	37.1%		

#### FRESHPET, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION BETWEEN SG&A EXPENSES AND ADJUSTED SG&A EXPENSES

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2023		2022		2023			2022	
			(Dollars in th			thousands)			
SG&A expenses	\$	73,371	\$	60,449	\$	221,638	\$	190,241	
Depreciation and amortization expense		4,452		3,387		12,043		10,216	
Non-cash share-based compensation		5,511		5,371		16,256		15,620	
Loss on disposal of equipment		226		124		688		203	
Enterprise Resource Planning (a)		212		1,937		1,550		4,946	
Capped Call Transactions fees (b)		_		_		113		_	
Activism engagement (c)		5,548		_		8,177		_	
Organization changes (d)		_		734		(67)		734	
Adjusted SG&A Expenses	\$	57,422	\$	48,896	\$	182,878	\$	158,522	
Adjusted SG&A Expenses as a % of Net Sales		28.6%		32.39		% 33.2%		36.9%	

<sup>(</sup>a)Represents implementation, amortization of deferred implementation costs and other costs associated with the implementation of an ERP system.

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#### FRESHPET, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION BETWEEN NET (LOSS) AND ADJUSTED EBITDA

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2023		2022		2023			2022	
			(Dollars in t			thousands)			
Net loss	\$	(7,166)	\$	(18,449)	\$	(48,904)	\$	(56,577)	
Depreciation and amortization		16,219		8,546		45,149		24,424	
Interest expense, net of interest income		18		1,817		1,463		4,060	
Income tax expense		70		41		210		123	
EBITDA	\$	9,141	\$	(8,045)	\$	(2,082)	\$	(27,970)	
Loss on equity method investment				943	\$	1,890		2,969	
Loss on disposal of equipment		226		124		688		203	
Non-cash share-based compensation		8,090		7,821		24,952		20,409	
Enterprise Resource Planning (a)		212		1,937		1,550		4,946	
Capped Call Transactions fees (b)		_		_		113		_	
Activism engagement (c)		5,548		_		8,177		_	
Organization changes (d)		_		734		(67)		734	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	23,217	\$	3,514	\$	35,221	\$	1,291	
Adjusted EBITDA as a % of Net Sales		11.6%		2.3%		6.4%		0.3%	

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