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Forward Looking Statements & Non-GAAP Measures

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Forward Looking Statements & Non-GAAP Measures (cont.)

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Today's Objectives

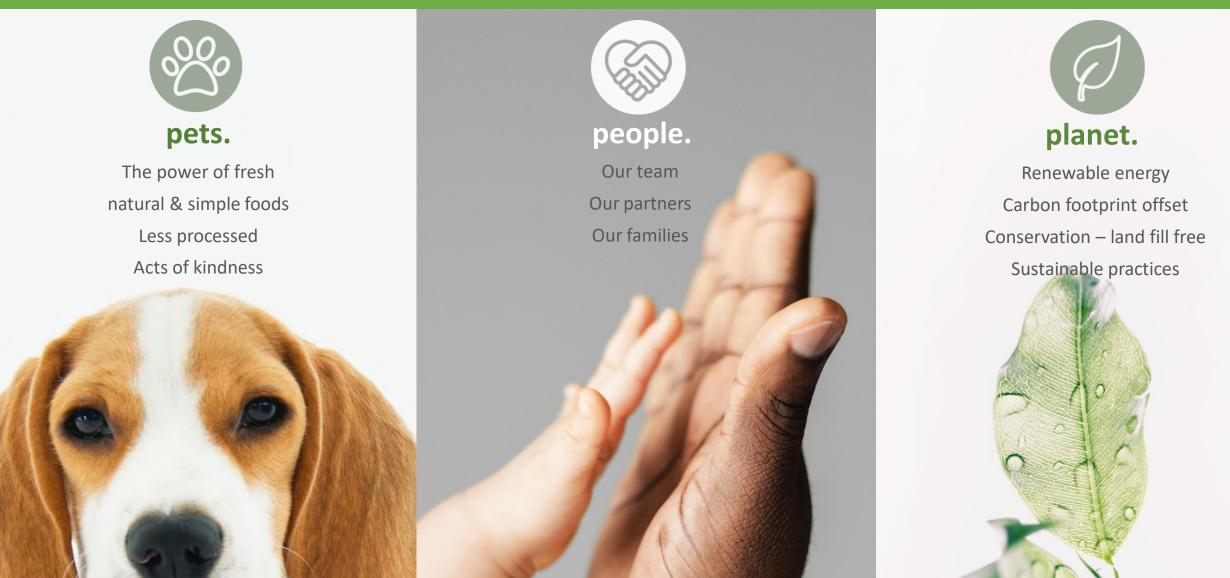
- Brief Intro to Freshpet
- 2025 Goals and Plans to Achieve Them
 - How Freshpet is ideally positioned for the coming generational shift
- Update on Q1 Production and Consumption
- Capacity Addition Progress and Plans



Mission: Awaken the world to a better way of feeding pets



We operate differently: A healthier happier world where pets people and planet thrive

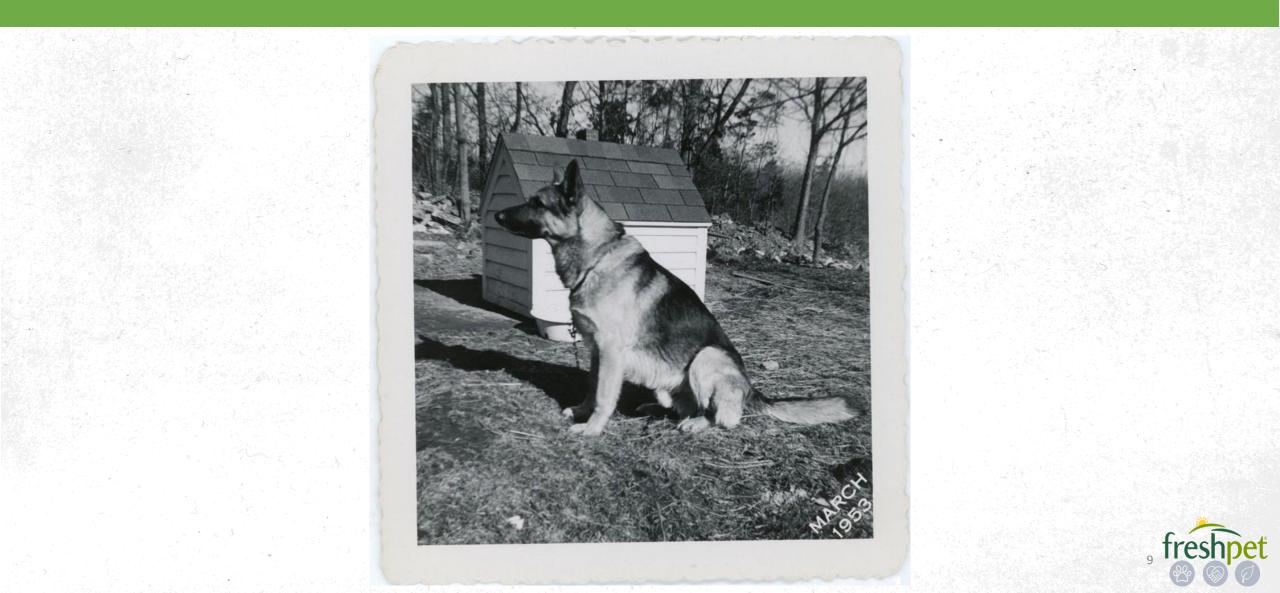


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\$30 billion industry stuck in 1950



Dogs had a different place in families in 1950's



Dogs are now part of our family



Zooeyia (Zoo-ey-ah)

The positive benefits to human health from interacting with animals



Immune System Development



Psycho-Social Development



Support Coping & Recovery



Catalyze Social Interactions



Motivate Regular Exercise



First major innovation since dry kibble in 1956



Freshpet Fresh from the Kitchen is a giant leap forward versus canned dog food





Exceptional palatability



Industry Standard Palatability Testing Methodology

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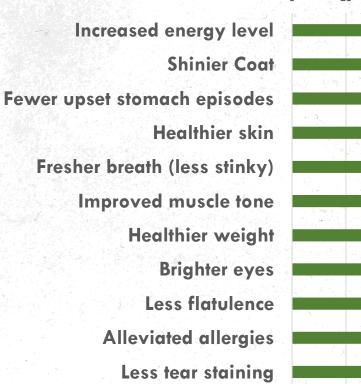
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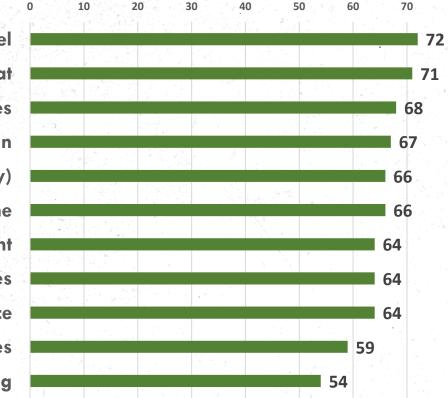
Source: Freshpet Palatability Study

82% of consumers notice a visible difference

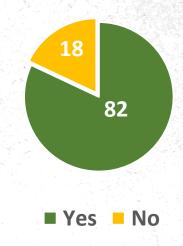
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% Noticed Visible Health Difference





Noticed a Visible Health Difference





High quality products at accessible price points



>22,700 stores with company-owned Freshpet Fridges



>55% ACV



>1 Fridge in 2,477 stores

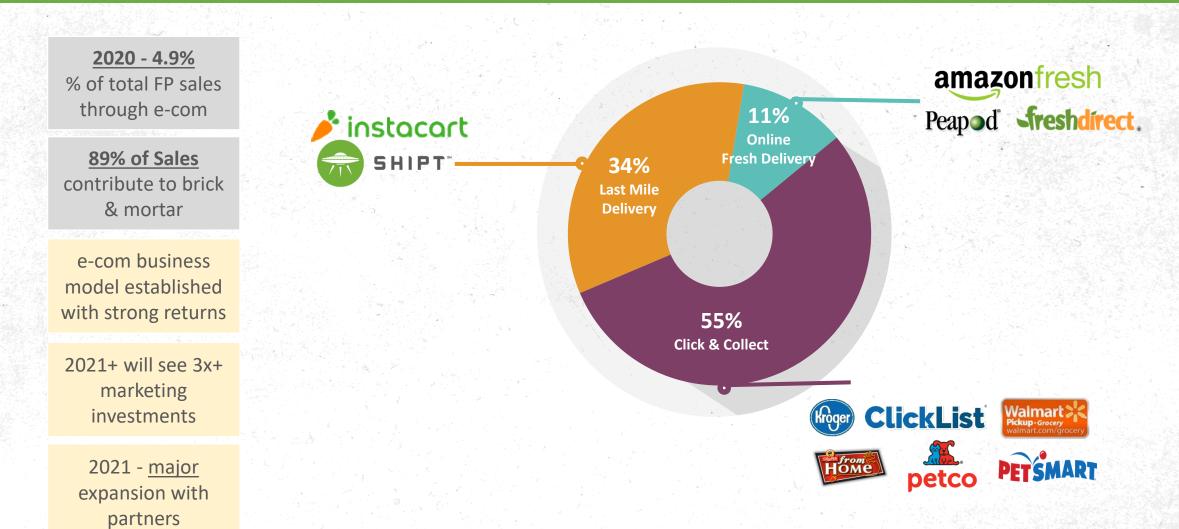


Albertsons SAFEWAY

Walmart : PETSMART petco



Freshpet e-com grew +173% in 2020; accounted for 6.1% of net sales in Q4 2020

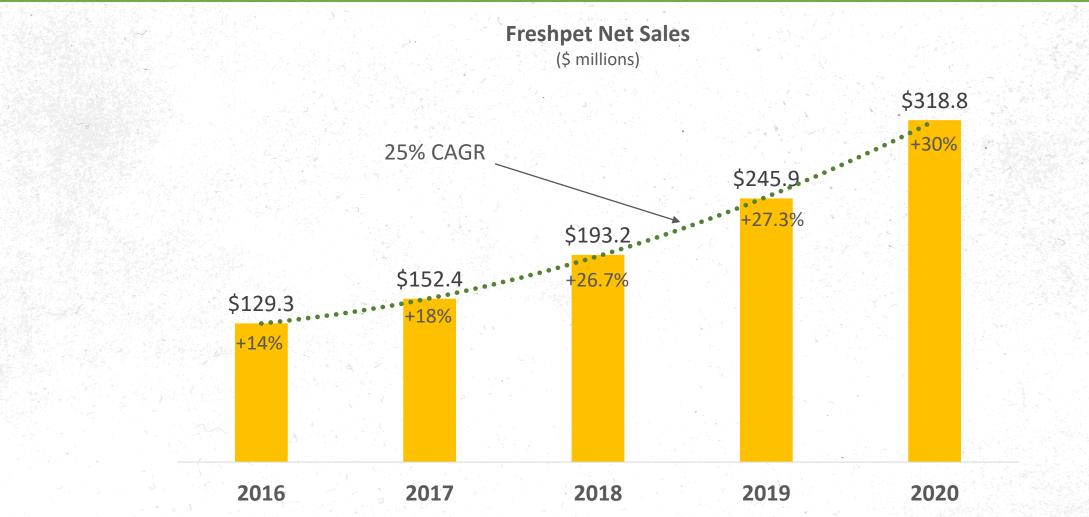


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"Feed the Growth" creates scale and leverage through accelerated growth rate

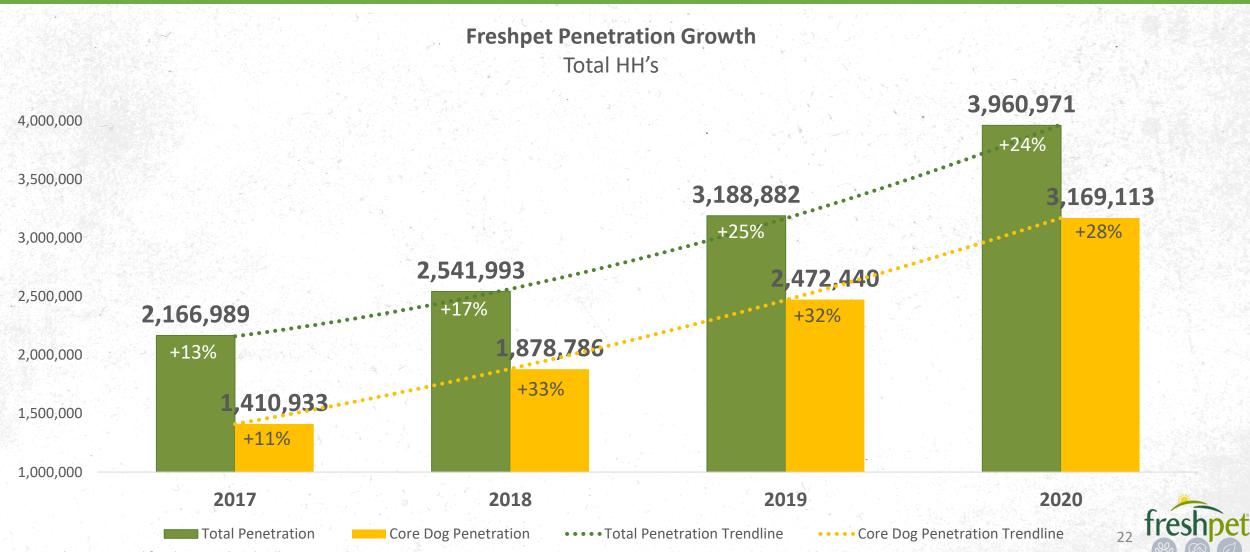


2020: Fourth consecutive year of accelerating growth



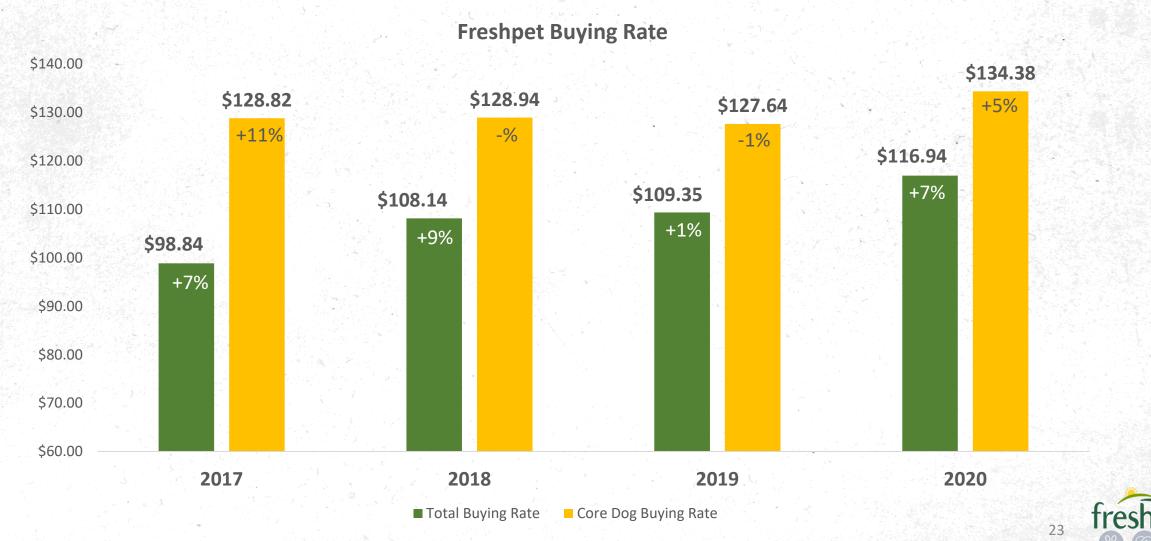


Strong, sustained growth in HH penetration



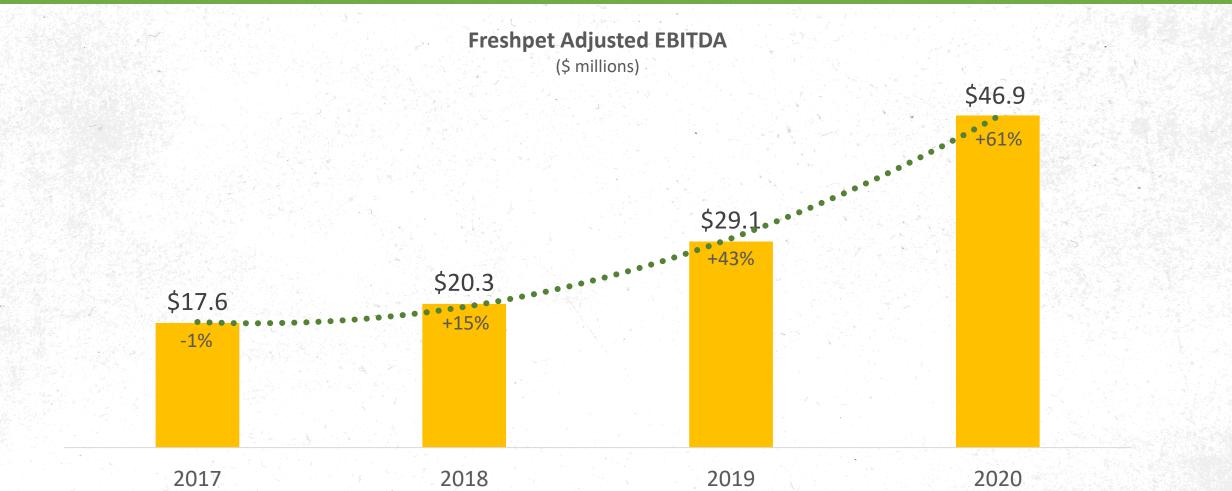
Source: Nielsen HH Panel for the period ending late December 2016-2020

Growing buying rate despite dilution from new HH's



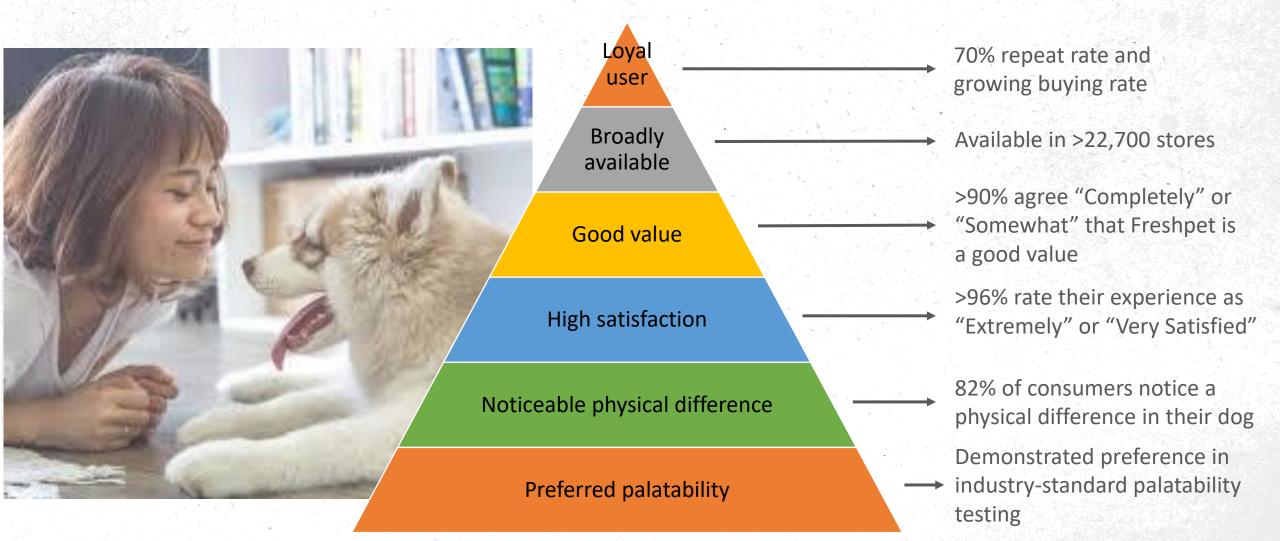
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Benefits of scale are flowing through to the bottom line

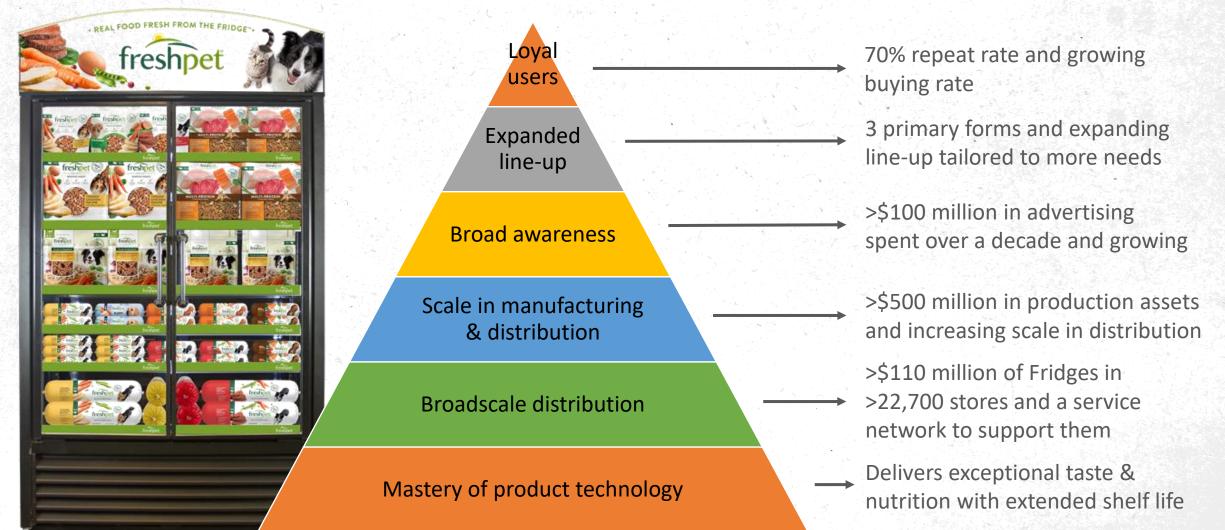




Exceptional consumer experience creates a loyal consumer franchise and competitive insulation



Operational scale and mastery leads to a preferred offering and loyal franchise

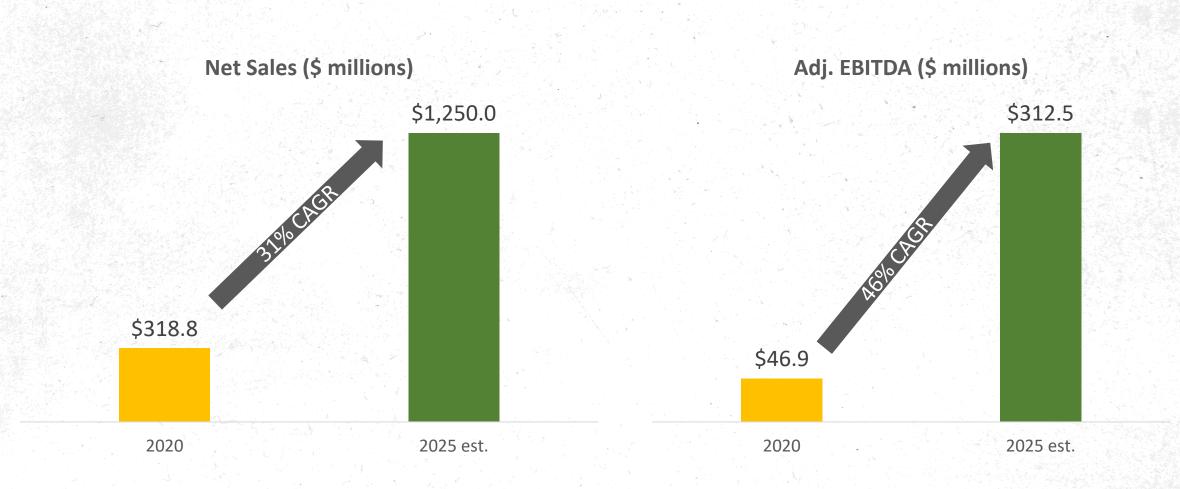




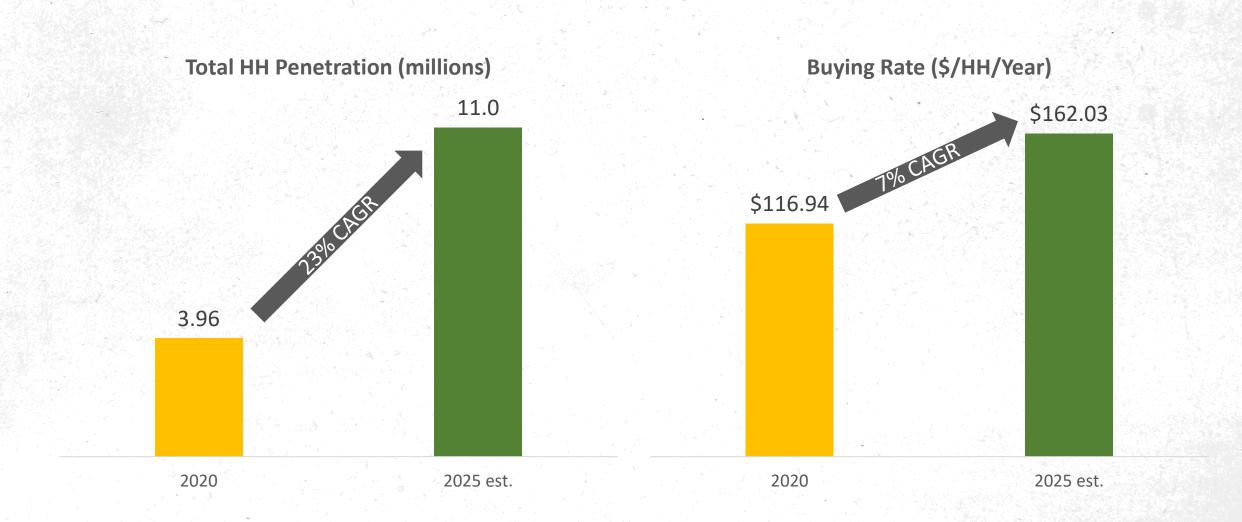
2025 Goals and Building Blocks



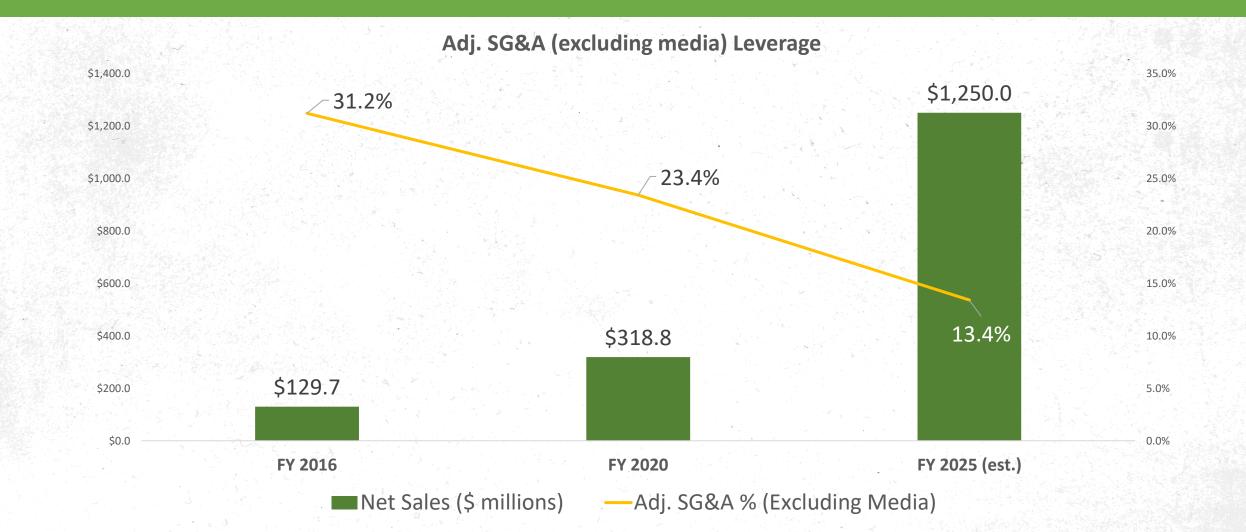
2025 Goals: Growth rates consistent with recent performance



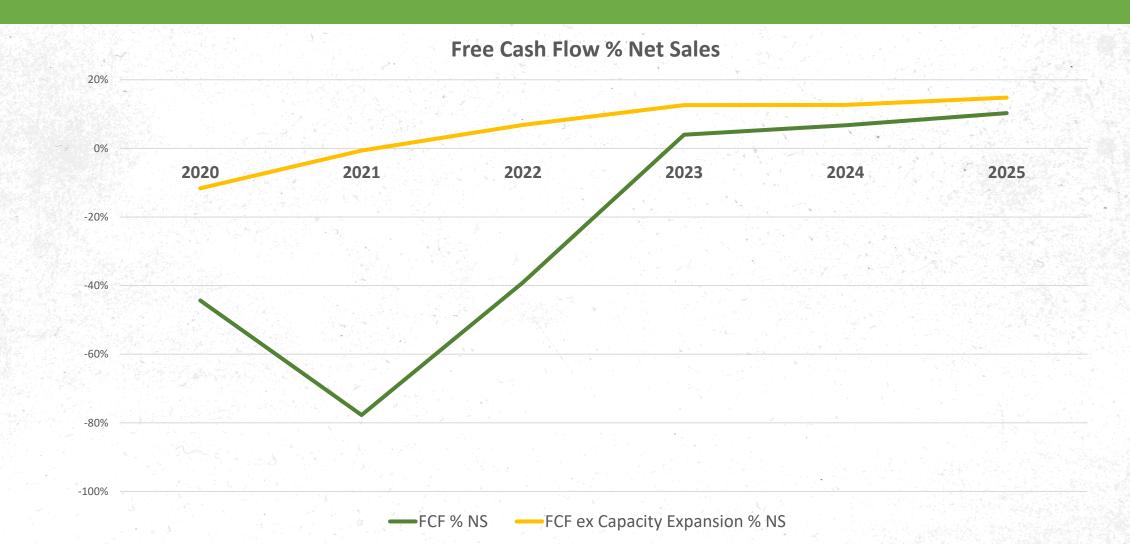
2025 Goals: Continuing HH penetration and buying rate gains at same rate as 2020



Generating 1000 bps of Adj. SG&A (excl. media) leverage



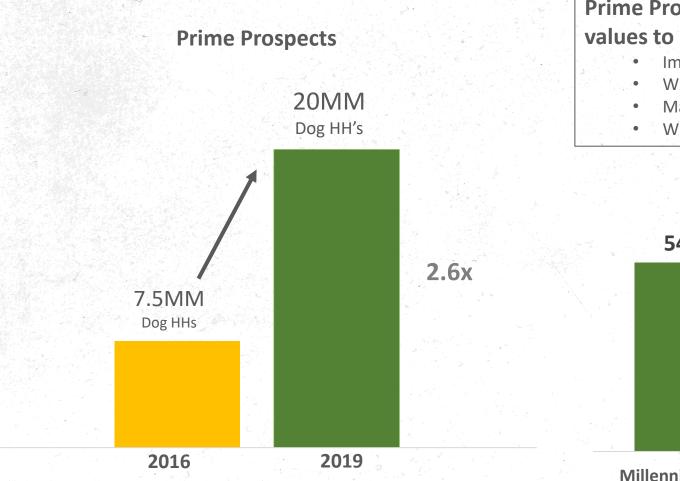
Generating strong free cash flow by 2023







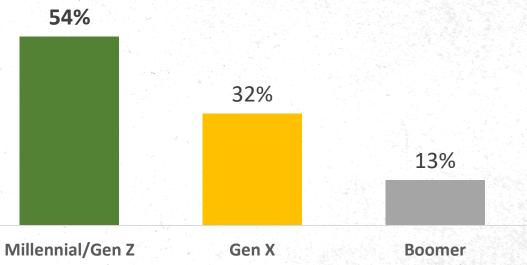
Freshpet's Prime Prospects continue to grow; the values of Prime Prospects are the values of the next generation



Prime Prospects are dog food buyers who share similar values to current Freshpet buyers on factors such as:
Importance of fresh, natural and preservative-free foods
Willing to sacrifice their needs to make their dog happy
Made with humanely sourced and sustainable ingredients

• Willing to pay a premium for good food

% of Prime Prospects by Generation



Millennials are driving the pet food industry today

Millennials Can't Afford Homes or Babies, But They Own All the Pets

With few other luxuries within reach, my peers and I are finding comfort in our fur children

🔊 Minyoung Lee Dec 7, 2020 · 5 min read *

Forbes

Why Are So Many Millennials Opting For Pets, Not Parenthood? 76% of Millennials Are Pet Parents—Here's What They've Been Buying for Them

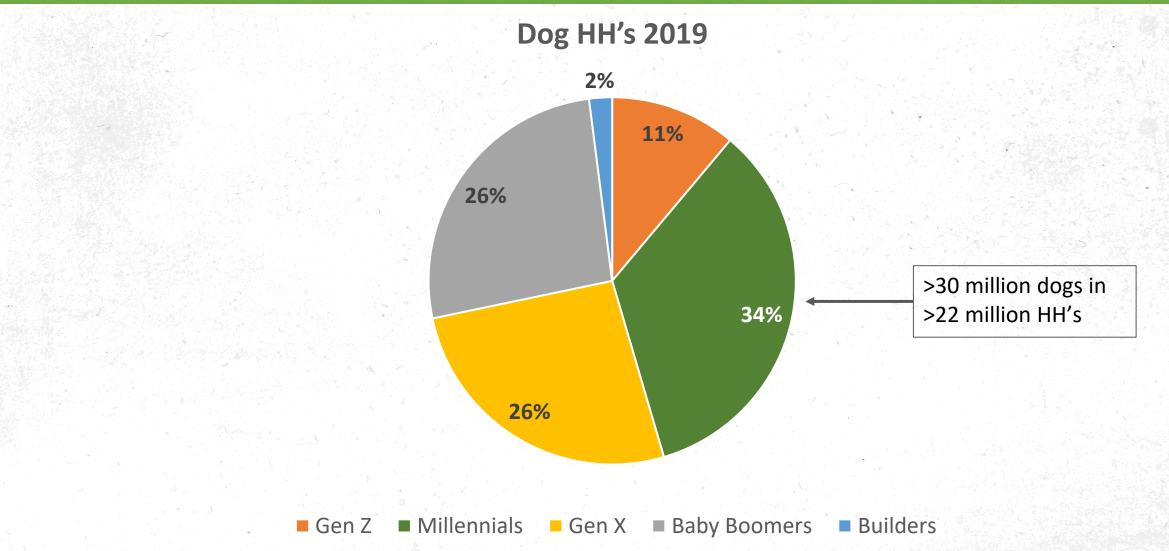
PEOPLE.COM > PETS

New Report on Pet Care Costs Reveals Millennials Spend More on Their Dogs Than Baby Boomers

The average annual cost of owning a dog can range from \$650 to \$2,295, the report found

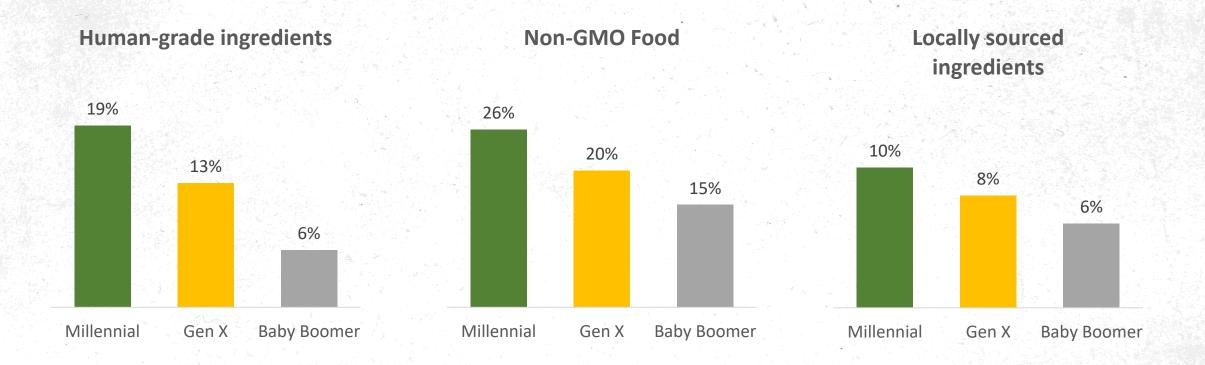
By Ally Mauch August 20, 2020 03:21 PM

Millennials: Largest share of the dog food market today



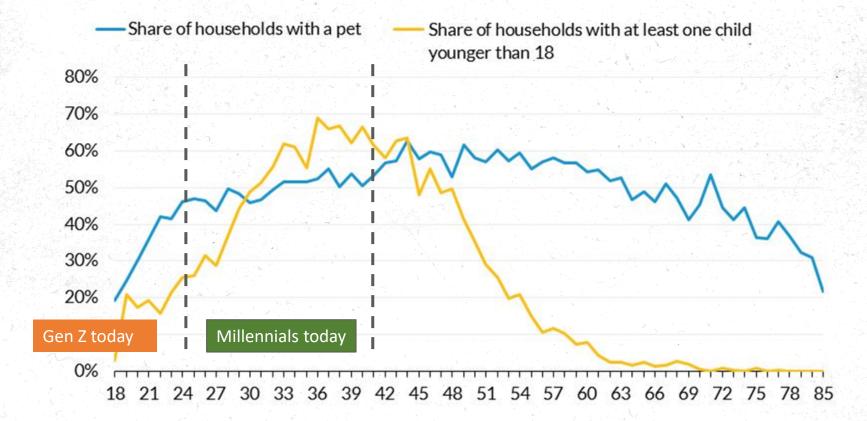
Millennials are seeking pet foods like Freshpet

Purchased pet food with these attributes:



Share of Millennial HH's with a pet will plateau in a few years – while GenZ will be on the rapid rise for the next decade

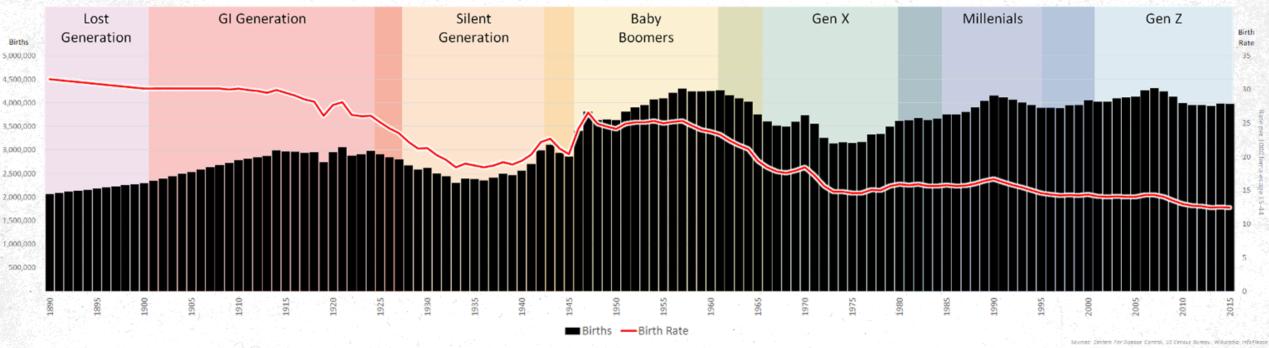
Having Children versus Owning a Pet, by Age



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~4 million Gen Z'ers are entering adulthood each year for the next decade – and having fewer kids

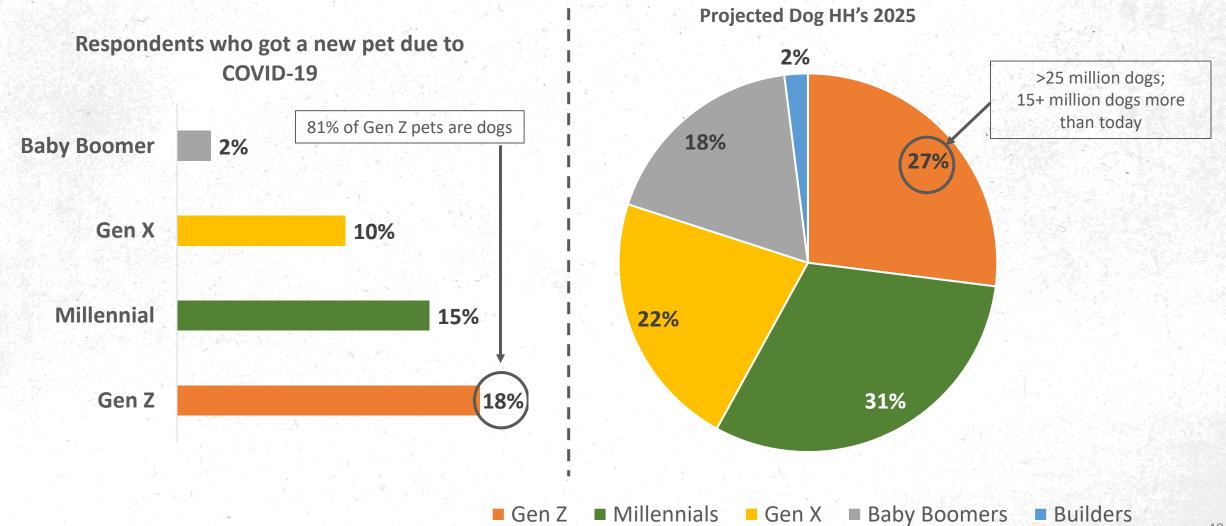
US Generations' Births & Birth Rates 1890 - 2015



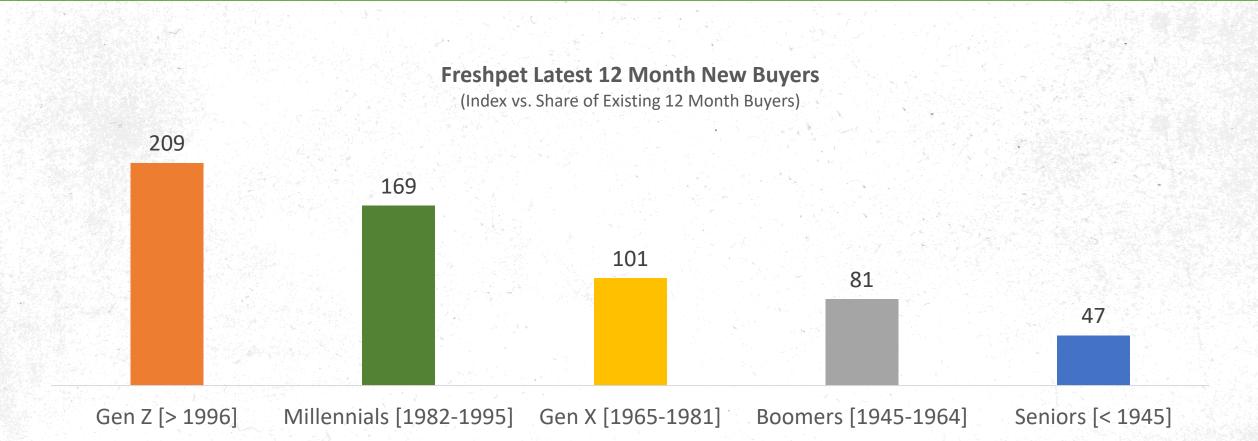
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60% of Gen Z 11 to 17-year-olds have a dog in their household

Gen Z is quickly acquiring pets and will account for a large share of category growth over the next decade

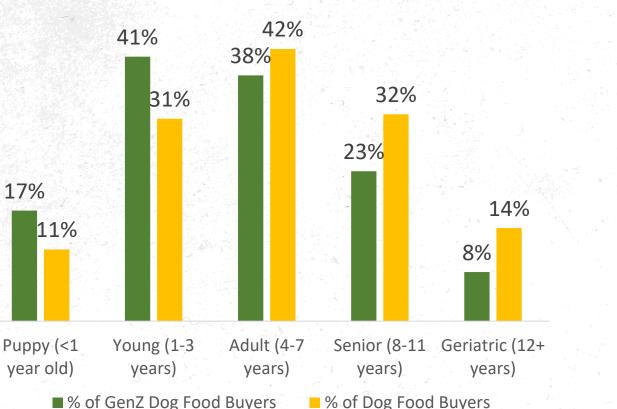


GenZ is choosing Freshpet even more than previous generations

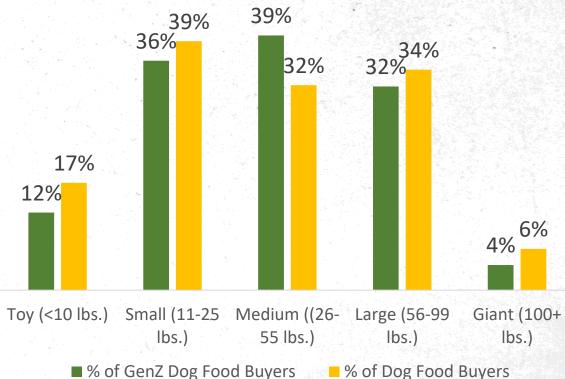


GenZ dogs: Younger and skew towards medium sized dogs





Gen Z Dog Food Buyers by Size of Dog



Source: Numerator, Latest 12 Months, Dog Food = Dry, Wet, Ref/Frozen Food and Treats, 3/6/21



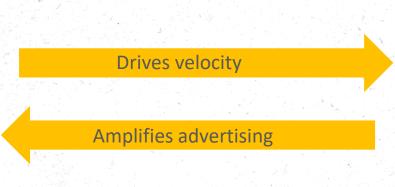
Proven Business Model

Business model creates increasing synergy as we scale

Advertising



Result: Improving Customer Acquisition Cost



Visibility/Availability



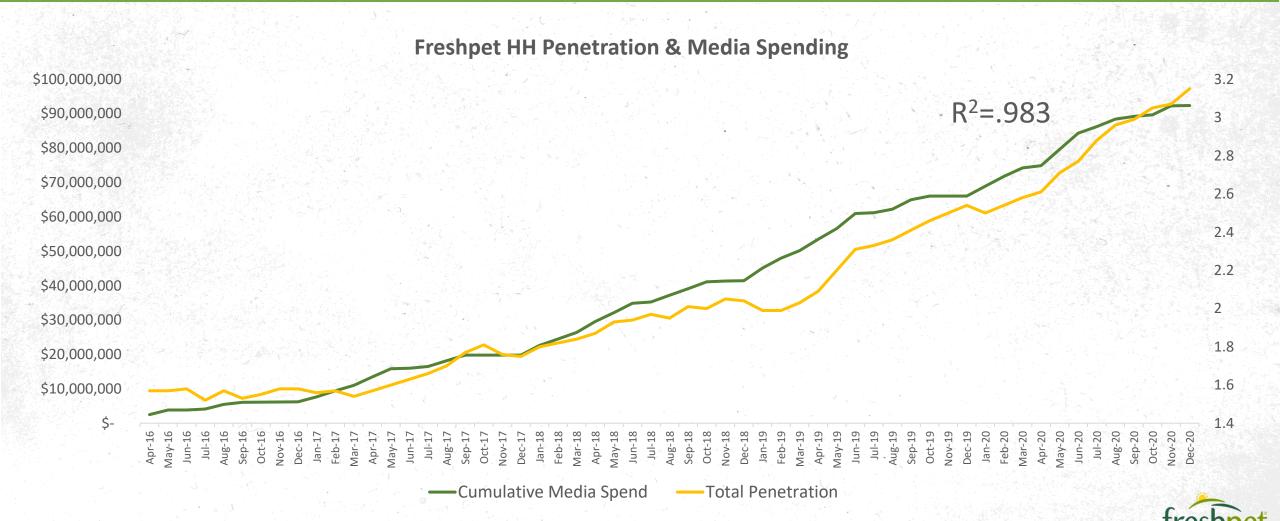
Result: More and bigger fridges

Space for innovati



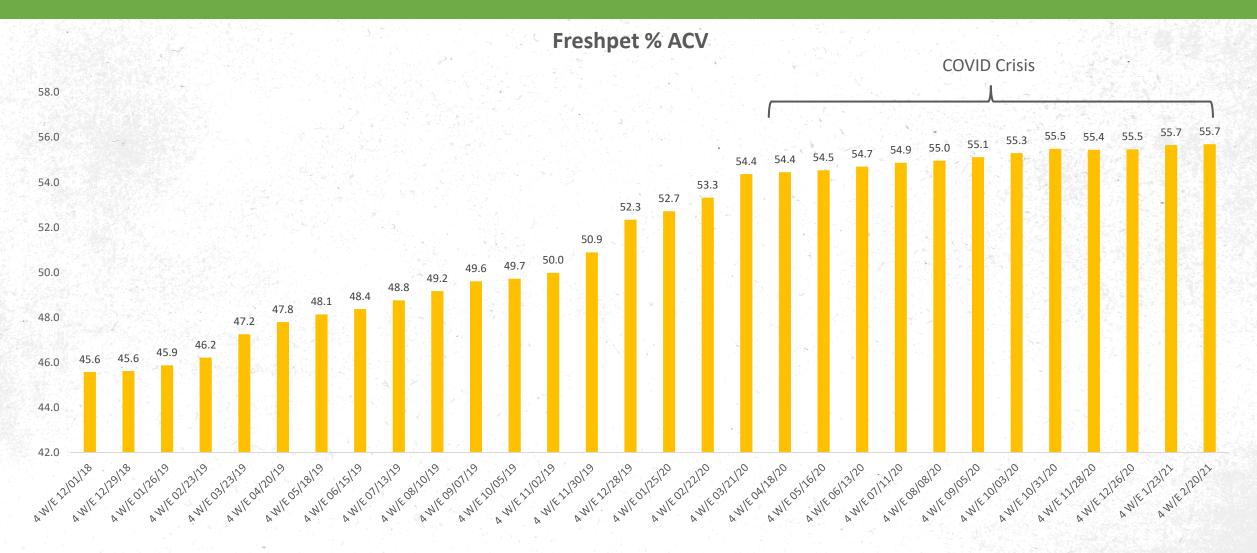
Result: More broadly appealing line-up

Demonstrated track record of driving HH penetration gains via media investment

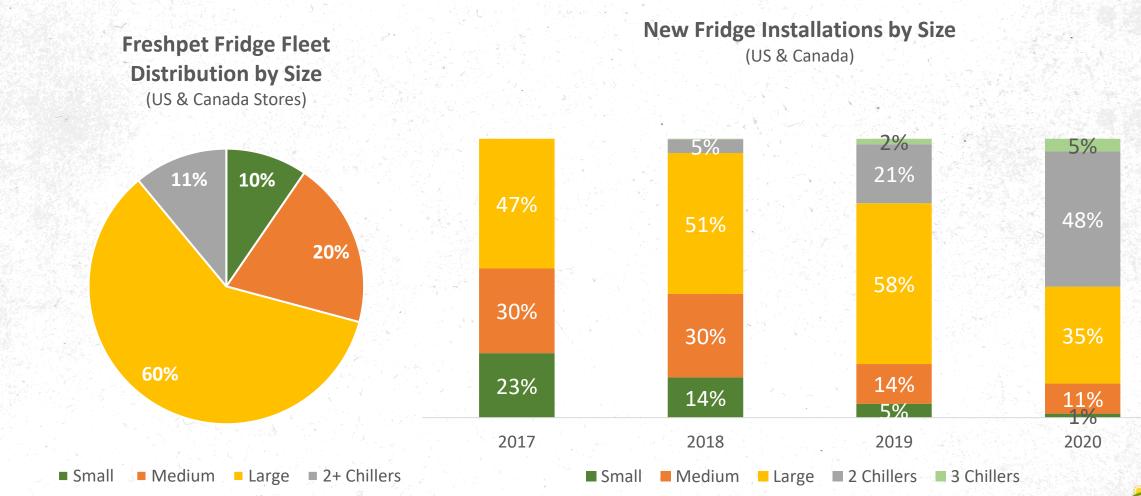


Source: Nielsen 52-week HH panel through 12/26/20 and internal data

Retailers respond to strong velocity gains with more Fridge placements



New fridge placements skew heavily to second fridges

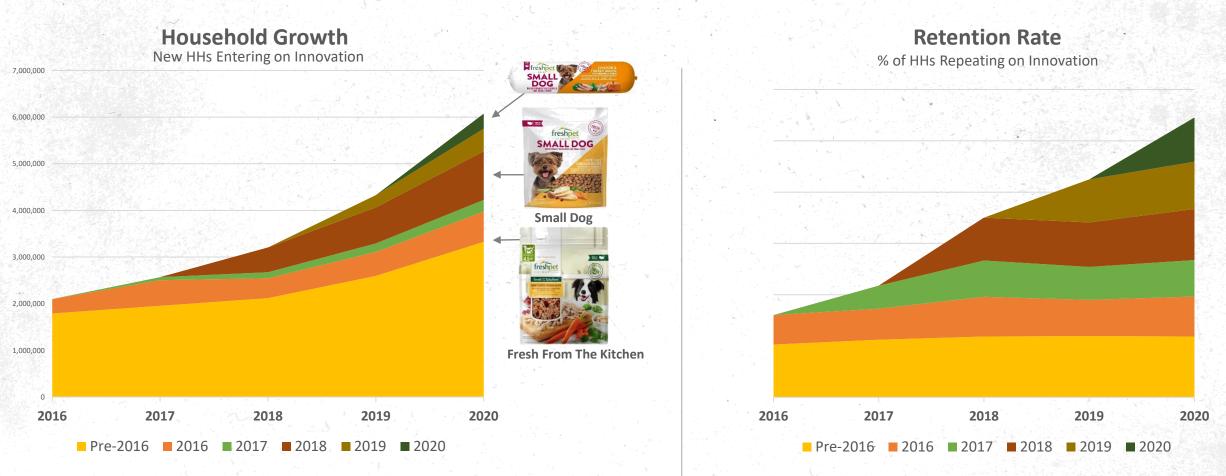




Leading customers are leaning into second fridges



Robust innovation program drives HH penetration growth

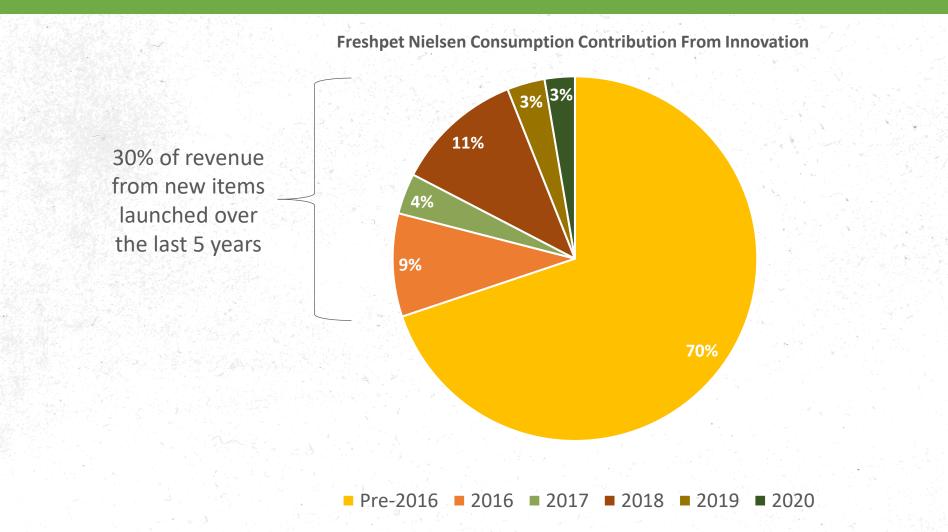


*HH's may purchase both new and old items. Total exceeds net HH penetration.



Source: Nielsen HH Panel – 1/23/21

New items launched in the last 5 years account for 30% of current volume

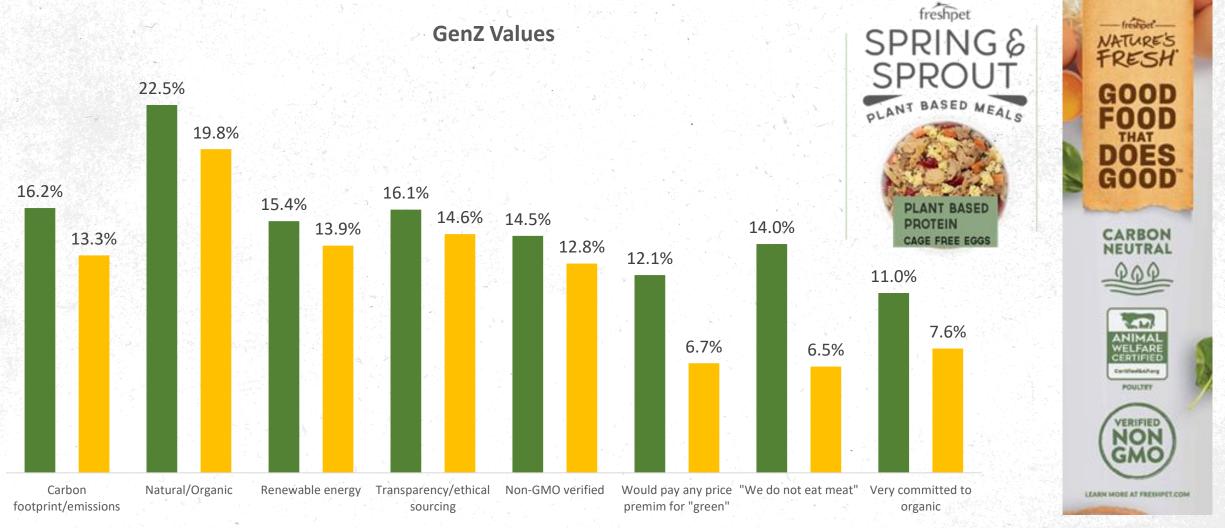




2021 innovation increases relevance & impact of the brand

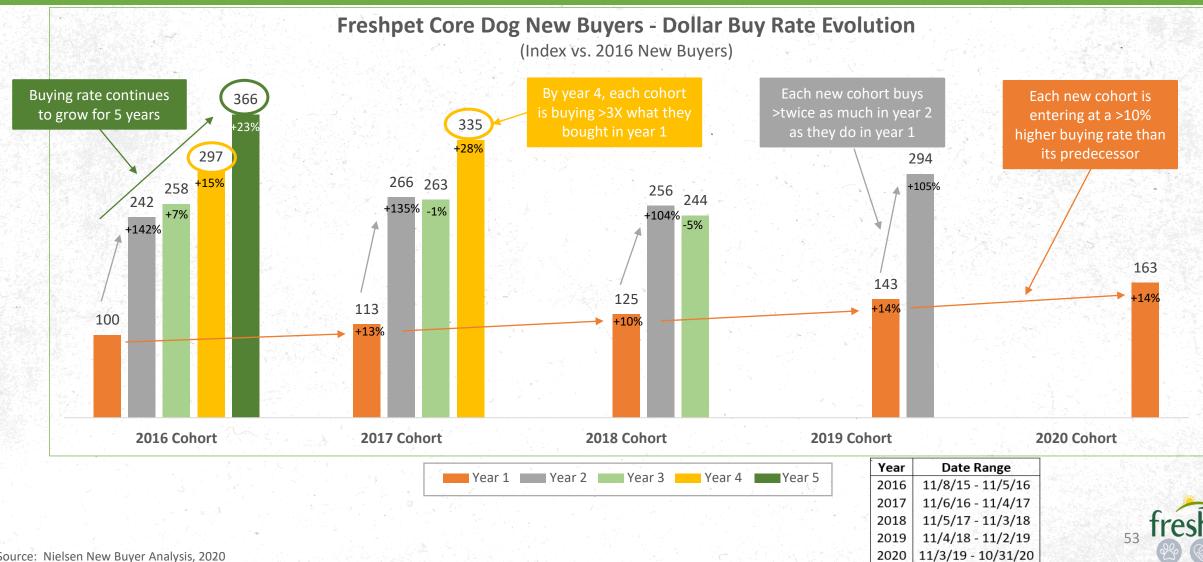


Innovation that is highly relevant to GenZ values



■ % of GenZ Dog Food Buyers ■ % of Dog Food Buyers

Product innovation and satisfaction drives increased buying rates



Source: Nielsen New Buyer Analysis, 2020



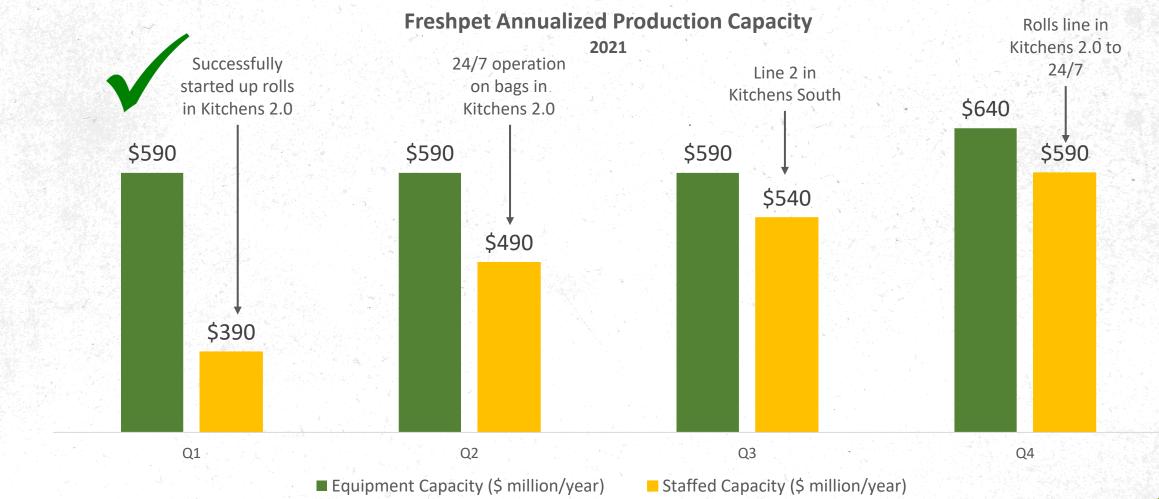
2021 Progress to Date

2021 Guidance Re-Affirmed

\$ in Millions	2020	2021	% Change
Net Sales	\$318.8	>\$430	+35%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$46.9	>\$61	+30%

- **ERP Conversion**: Tentatively targeted for 10/1/21
- COVID Addback: Anticipating \$2.0 million in COVID-related costs until broadscale vaccination has occurred

Steady increases in capacity throughout the year





Momentum will build throughout the year as we replenish trade inventory in Q1 and increase advertising investment in Q2

Q1 Expectations

- Moderating consumption growth due to out-of-stocks
- Net sales in excess of consumption as we re-fill trade inventory – slight acceleration in growth rate from Q4
- Adj. gross margin in line with Q4
 due to higher staffing levels to drive
 higher throughput, beef costs, lost
 production due to storms and mix
 shift to bags
- U. S. advertising investment delayed to allow for improved instocks— in line with previous year
- Low new store additions until trade inventory is replenished in April

Q2 Expectations

- Accelerating consumption growth behind improved retail conditions and strong advertising investment
- Improving adj. gross margin due to increased throughput and increased roll capacity improving mix
- Heaviest advertising investment of the year
- Resumption of fridge placements

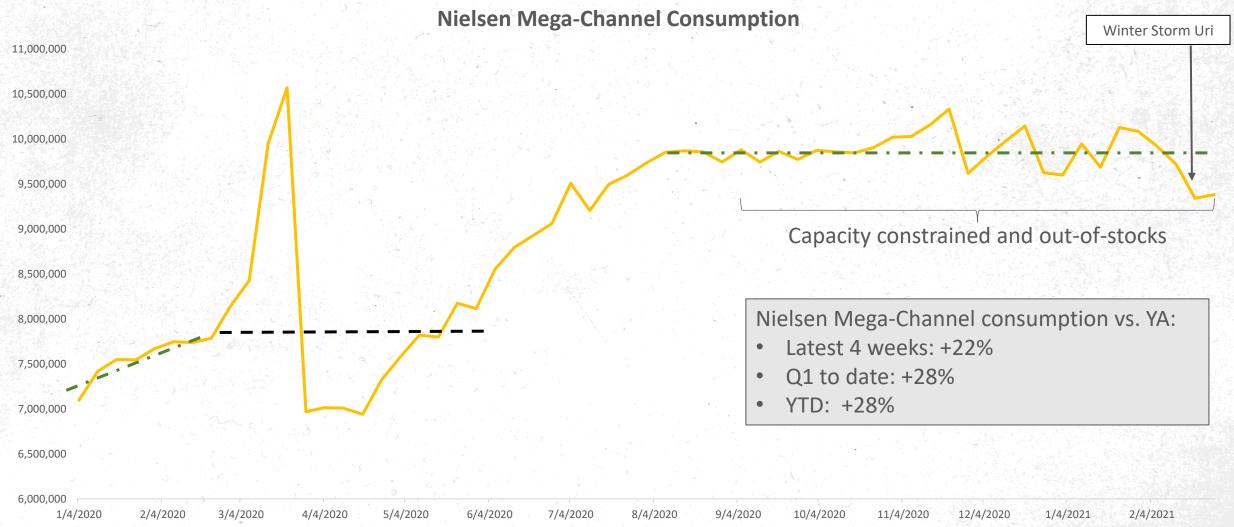
Q3 & Q4 Expectations

- Very strong consumption growth behind advertising investment and strong supply
- Improving gross margin due to increased throughput
- Continued heavy advertising investment
- Renewed store count growth

Key Takeaways

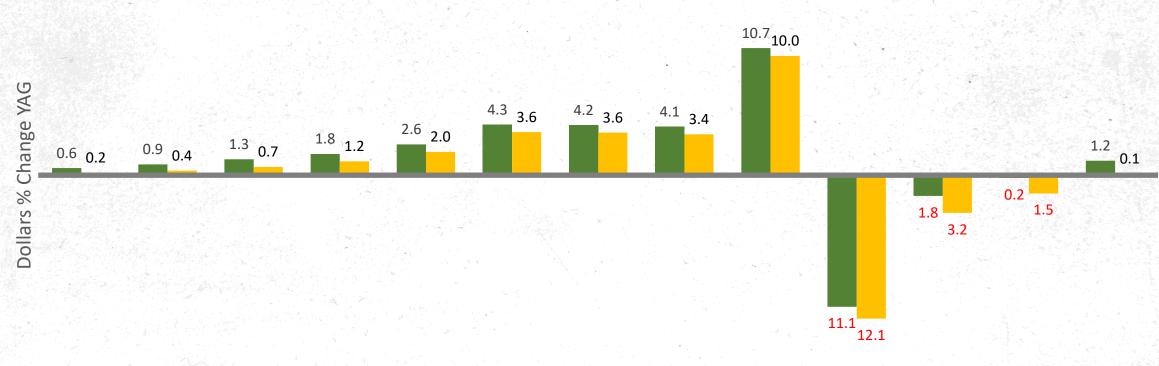
- Strong production performance: On track to re-fill trade inventory by the end of April
- Capacity additions are on-track:
 - Kitchens 2.0 roll line produced saleable product slightly ahead of schedule
 - On track to add shifts in Q2
 - Second line in Kitchen South on track for Q3 start-up
- Strong advertising program: Heavy advertising begins in late April to re-accelerate growth
- Year-on-year Nielsen consumption comparisons not indicative of shipment performance: Due to out-of-stocks in Q1 and COVID surge/trough in March-June, year-on-year comparisons will not be meaningful. Period-to-period Nielsen will be best measure from January-June.
- Adj. gross margin progress: Will track with increased throughput

Consumption continues in tight band due to out-of-stocks and delayed advertising; ramping soon behind increased production



Year-on-year comparisons will be distorted by the impact of COVID in 2020

Wet & Dry Dog Food Category Growth Rates by Quarter



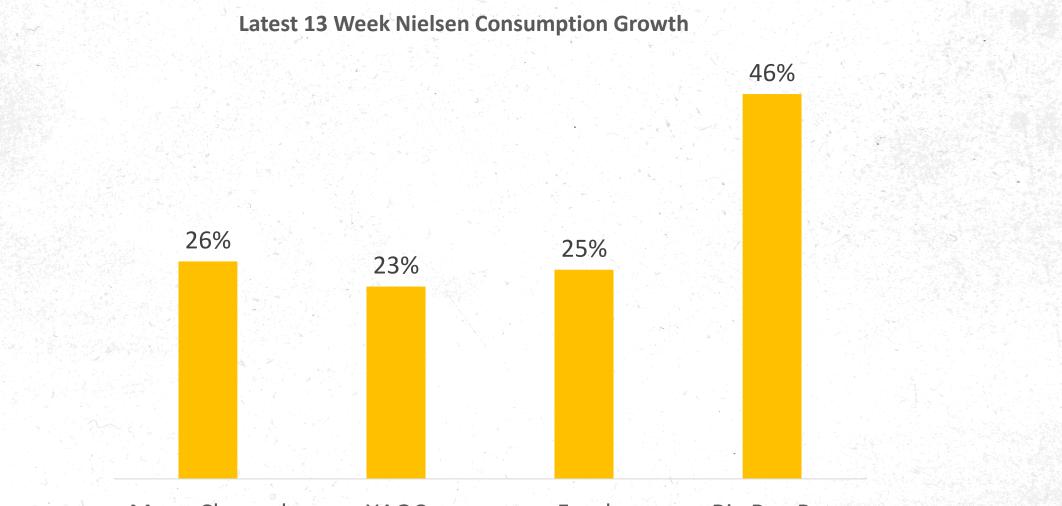
Q1 2018 Q2 2018 Q3 2018 Q4 2018 Q1 2019 Q2 2019 Q3 2019 Q4 2019 Q1 2020 Q2 2020 Q3 2020 Q4 2020 Latest 13wks

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Dog Food Wet+Dry (inc. Freshpet)

Dog Food Wet+Dry (wo Freshpet)

Capacity constraints limit growth; continued strength in pet specialty



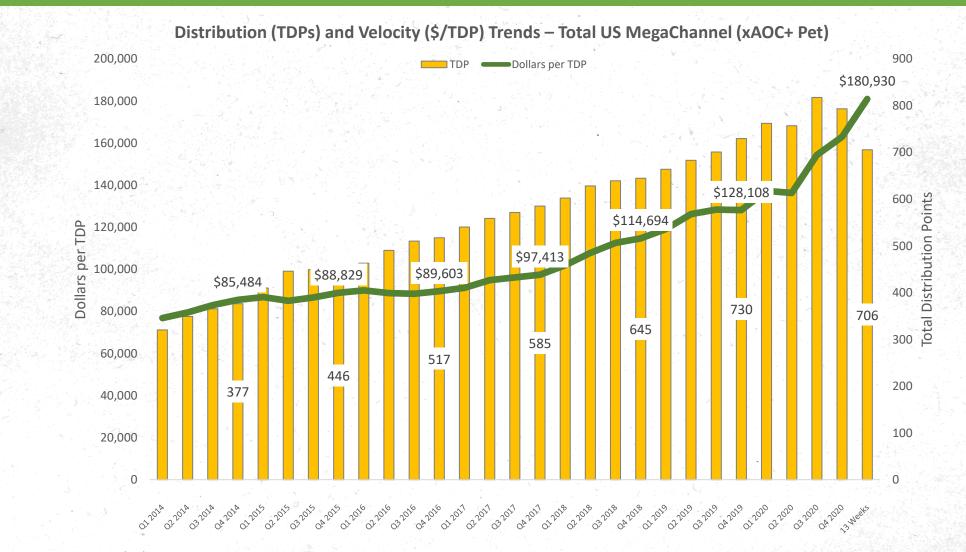
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Big Box Pet

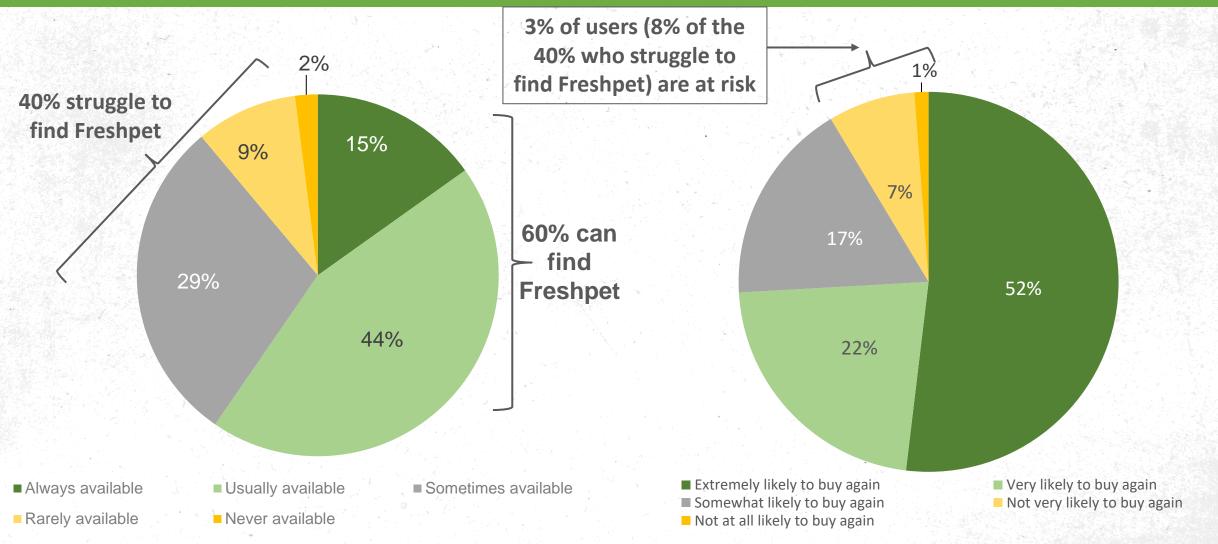
Velocity gains are making up for out-of-stocks



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Source: Nielsen Mega-Channel Data thru 2/20/21

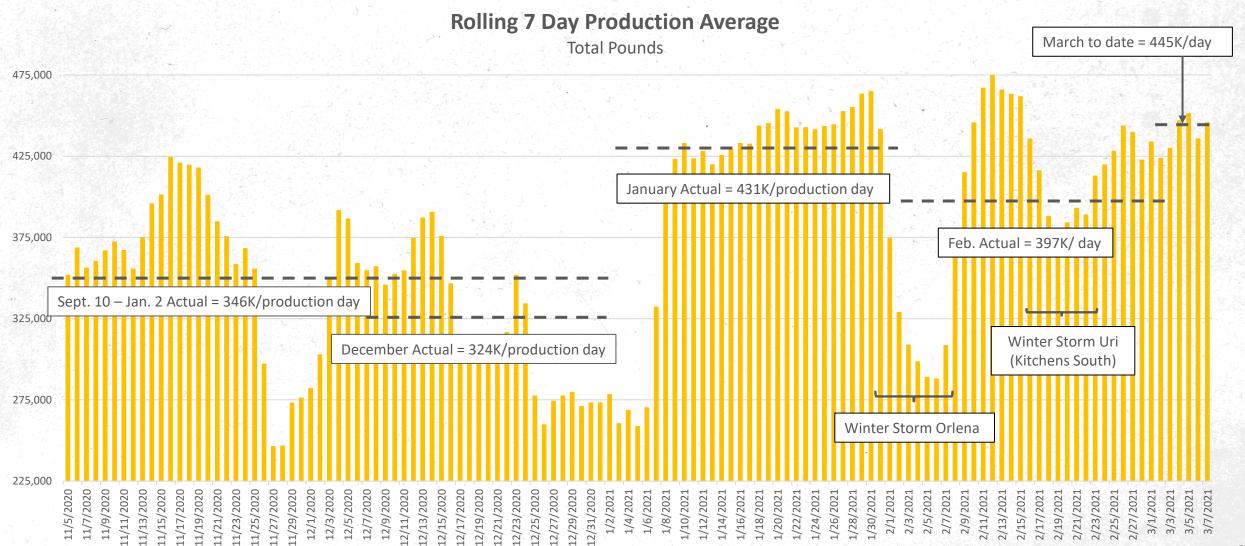
The vast majority of users are likely to remain with the brand despite out-of-stocks



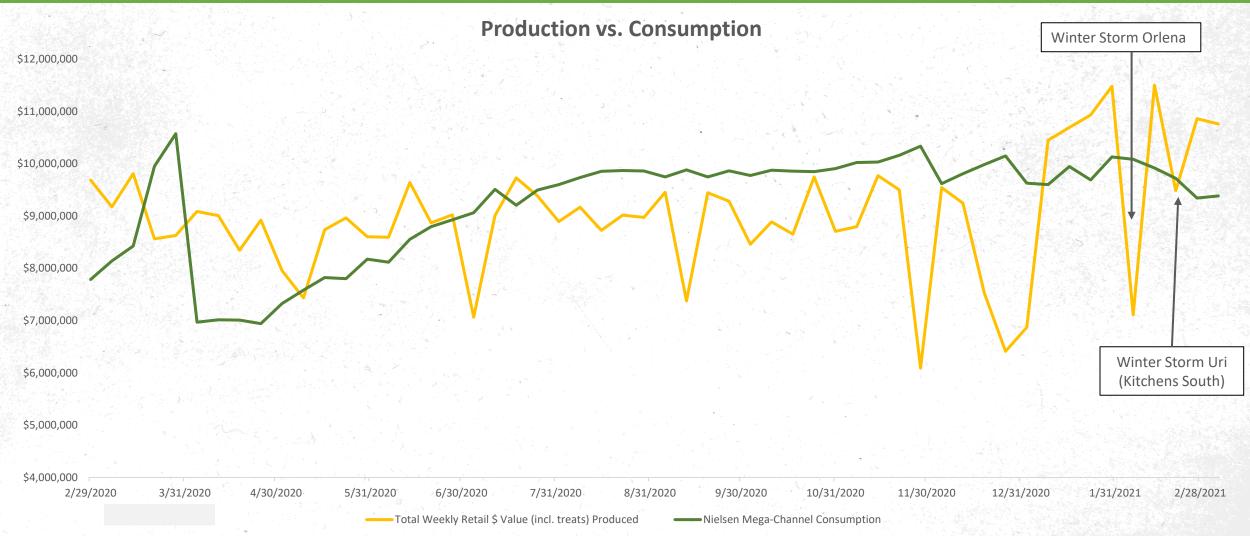
Source: Numerator Custom Survey 2/25/21-3/1/21



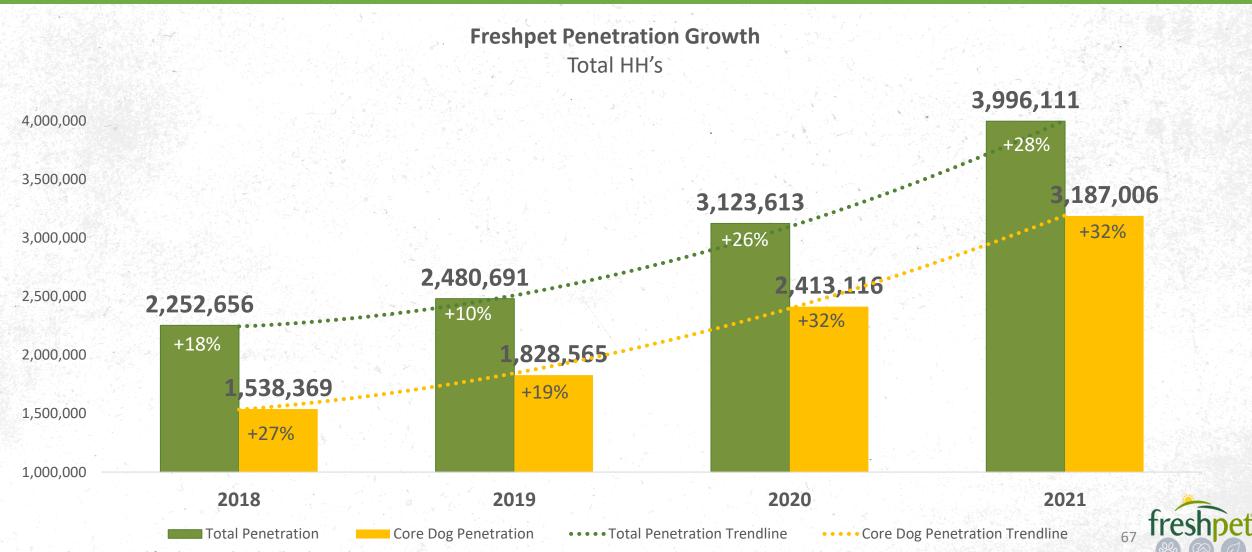
Winter storms interrupted progress, but production has improved significantly from Q4



Outside of winter storms, production consistently exceeds consumption since January 1

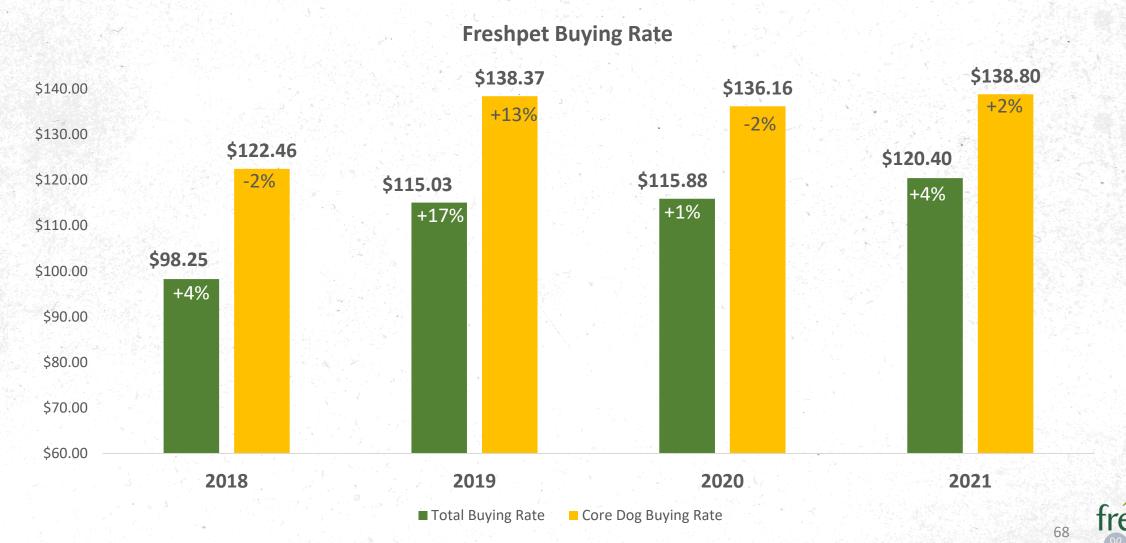


Continued strong HH penetration growth despite out-ofstocks



Source: Nielsen HH Panel for the period ending late late February 2017-2021

Buying rate continues to grow despite out-of-stocks

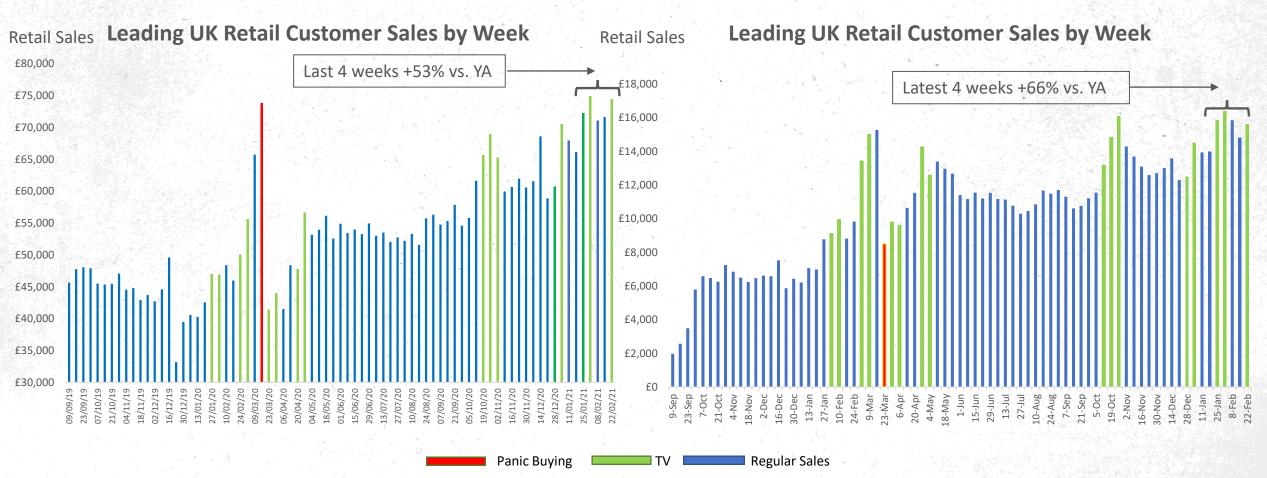


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Canadian business accelerating behind advertising investment

Retail Sales	Leading Canadian Retailer Weekly Sales
\$70,000.00	
\$60,000.00	
\$50,000.00	
\$40,000.00	
\$30,000.00	Last 4 weeks +31% vs. YA
\$20,000.00	
\$10,000.00	
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Freshpet's advertising-driven model works in the UK





Accelerating and Increasing Capacity

Significant achievements in 2020 demonstrate our capability to add capacity and the value of our partnership



Completed construction and started up **Kitchens 2.0** – despite limitations imposed by COVID



Proved that we could create and operate **higher throughput lines** with more automation that drives better margins



Started up operations with long-term partner at Kitchens South



Broke ground on our biggest project yet – Ennis Phase 1



Installed and are operating an innovation line



Advanced **new manufacturing technology** with potential to produce more in less space

Kitchens 2.0: Proving that higher speed/more automated operations work as expected



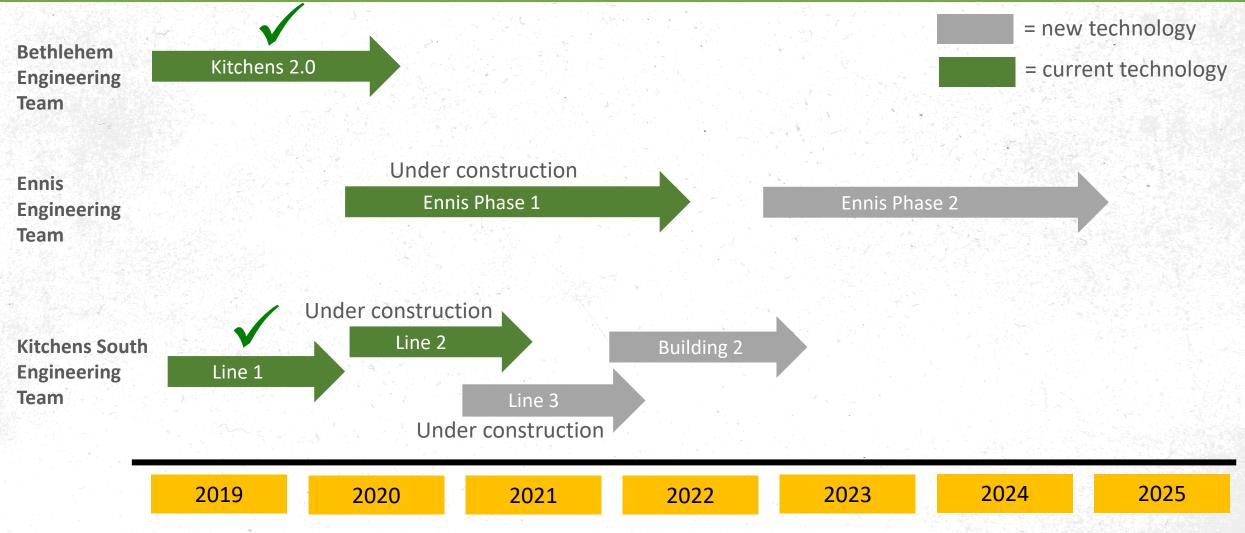
Kitchens 3.0 in Ennis, TX is being pulled forward and will produce more



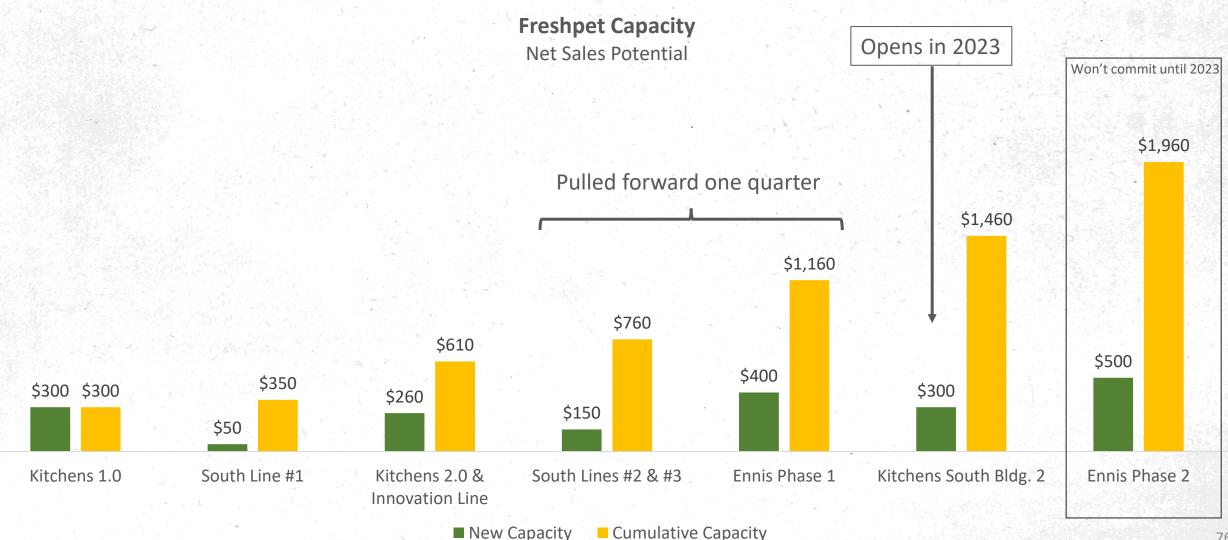
Phase 1 is being pulled forward to start producing in Q2 2022

Increasing projected capacity by ~30% to reflect higher speed equipment

Expanded capability to deliver capacity expansion



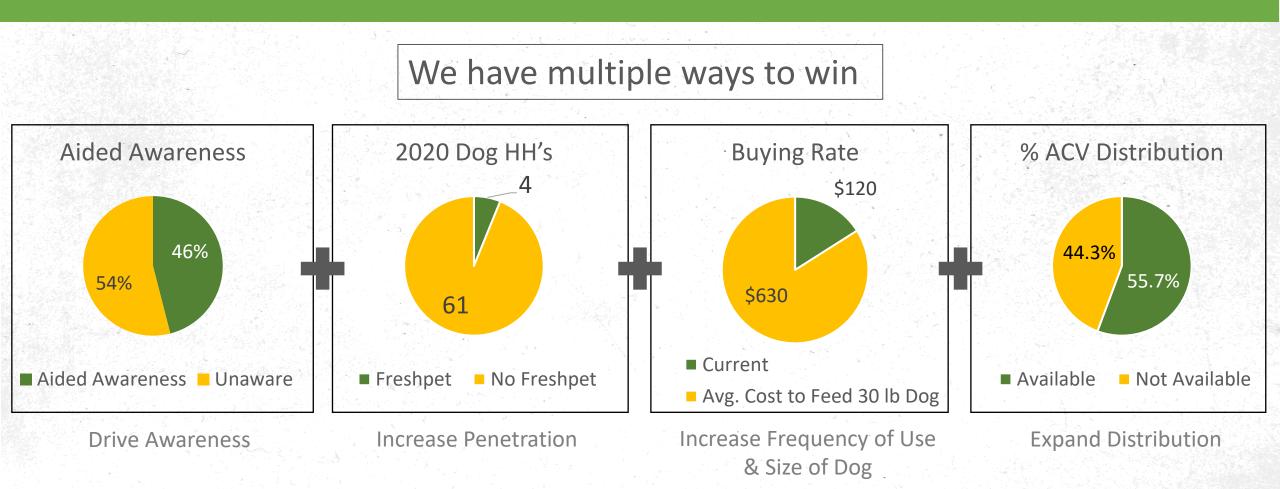
Almost \$2 billion in net sales production capacity by 2025







Significant opportunities to grow





Source: Nielsen HH Panel data ending 2/20/21, Scanner data through 2/20/21, and Freshpet 2019 A&U

Fortified business model that provides strong competitive insulation



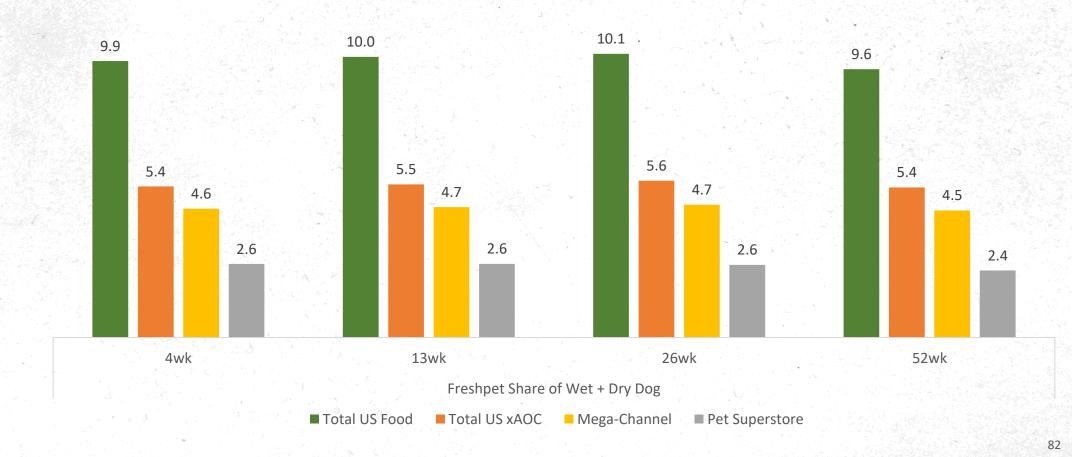




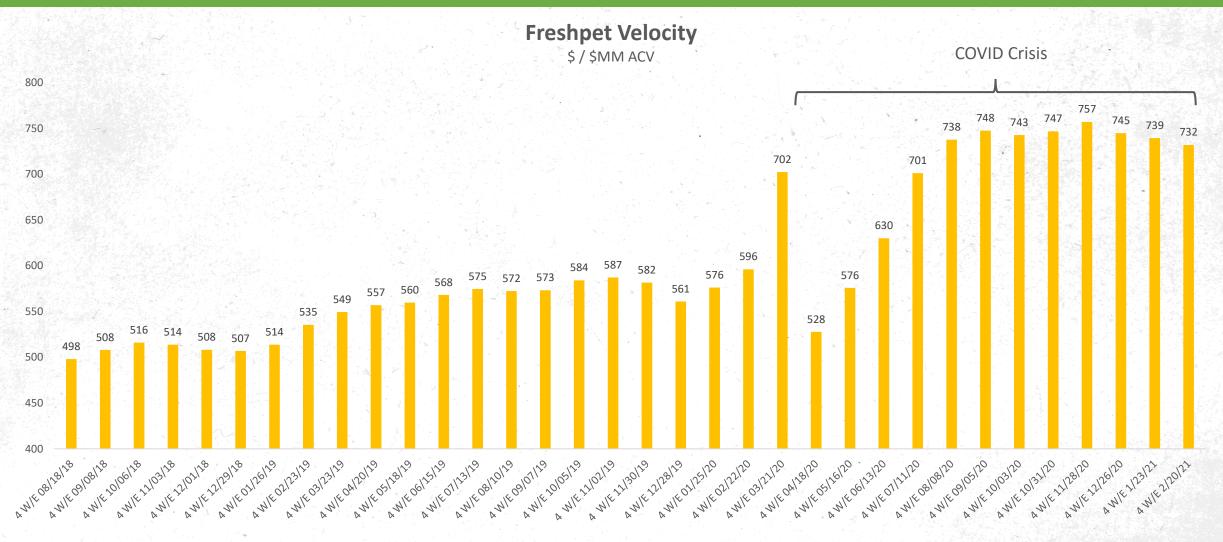


Building meaningful share of the category

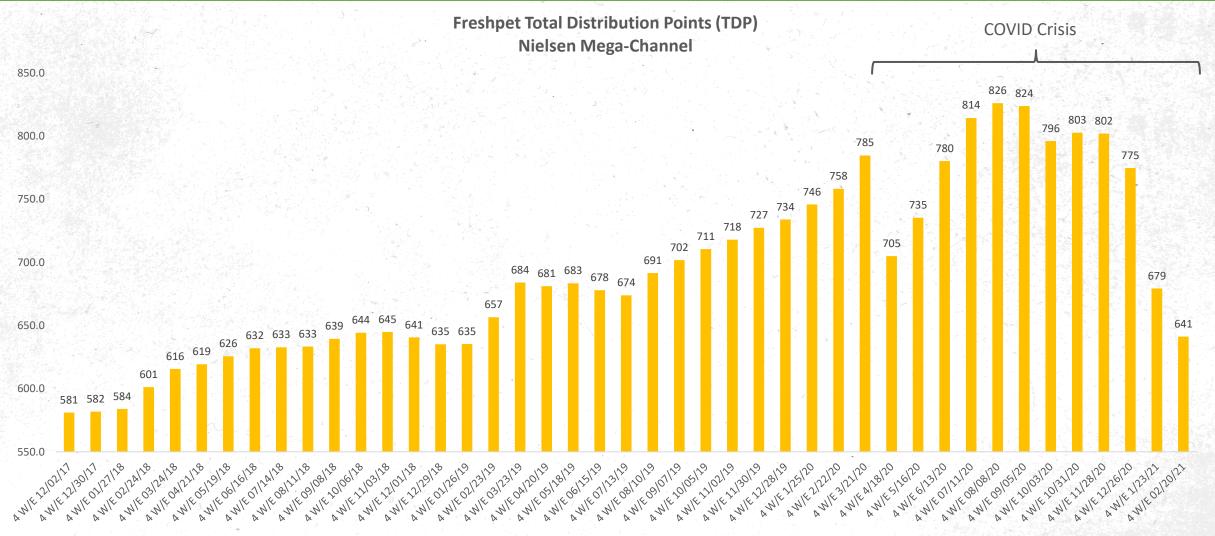
Freshpet \$ Share of Wet & Dry Dog



Continued strong velocity during COVID crisis



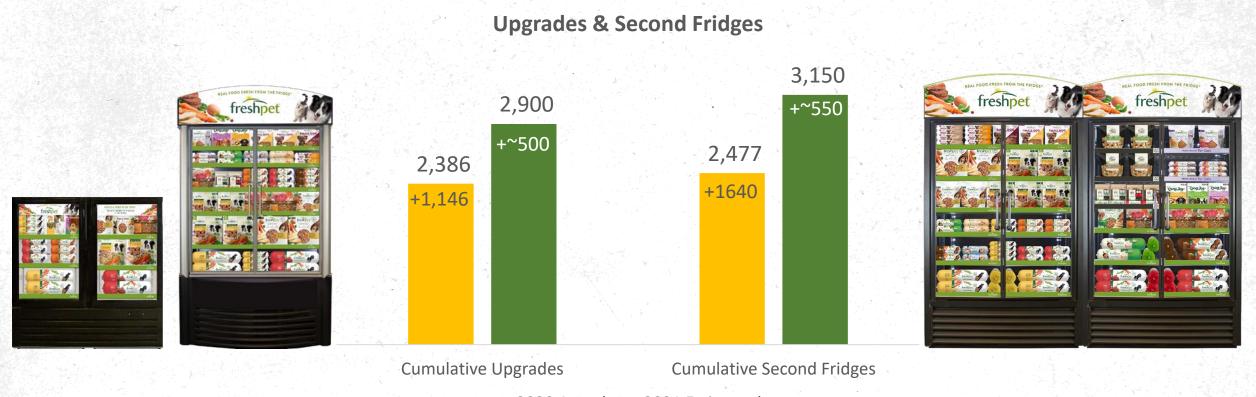
Out-of-stocks are temporarily eroding TDP's



Continued increases in retail availability

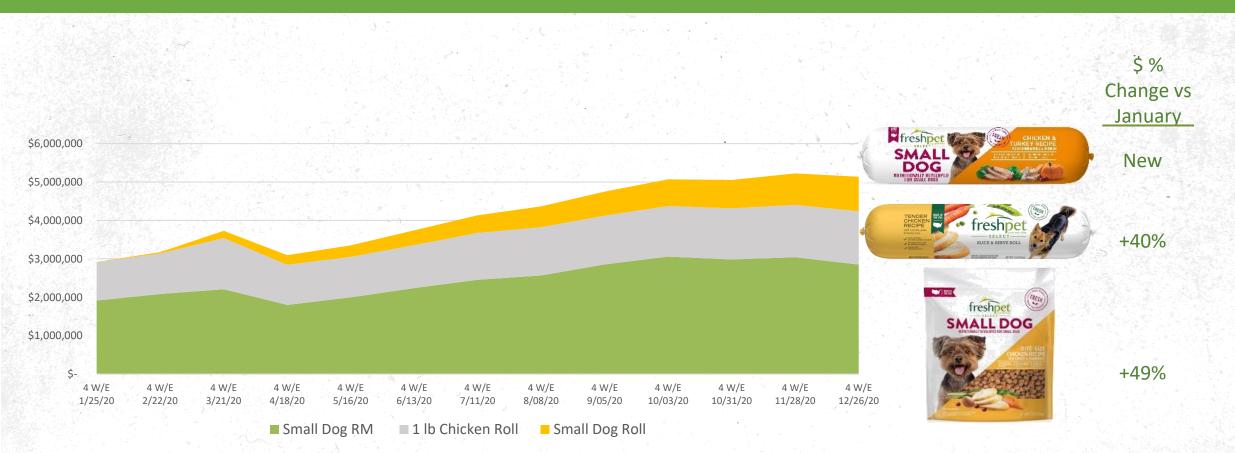


Continued increases in retail visibility



2020 Actual 2021 Estimated

Innovation continues small dog growth



Total Small Dog Portfolio: +76.2%



Source: Nielsen Mega-Channel data through 12/26/20

Strategy: Accelerating and increasing capacity investments to meet increased demand expectations



Pulling forward Ennis start-up

- Ennis Phase 1 to begin production in Q2 of 2022 vs. Q3 and have higher speed lines
- Investing in round-the-clock construction to meet demand at Ennis



Pulling forward Kitchens South Line #2 and adding a third line at Kitchens South sooner:

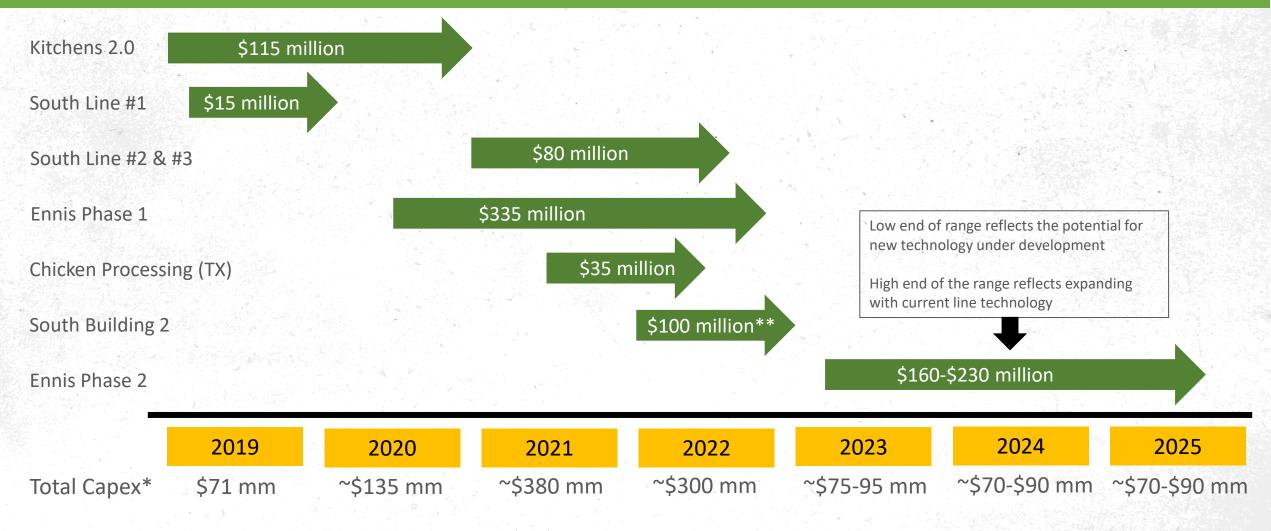
- Kitchens South Line #2 to start production in Q3 of 2021 vs. Q4
- Kitchens South Line #3 to start production in Q1 of 2022 vs. Q3 of 2022



Adding a second building at Kitchens South:

- Adding ~\$300 million in sales capacity in 2023
- Same intellectual property protections that have worked in existing facility
- Ideally located to supply both Bethlehem and Dallas DC's
- Deep engineering bench to enable more rapid capacity expansion

Capital spending plan supports up to ~\$2 billion in capacity



At ~\$2 billion in net sales, we will have a 75/25 split between self-manufacture and partner production

