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Forward Looking Statements & Non-GAAP Measures

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this presentation constitute "forward-looking" statements, which include any statements related to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"), the Freshpet Kitchens Expansion, 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, 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 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 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, plant start-up expense, non-cash share-based compensation, launch expense, 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 and COVID-19 expenses.

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

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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 2022. 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.

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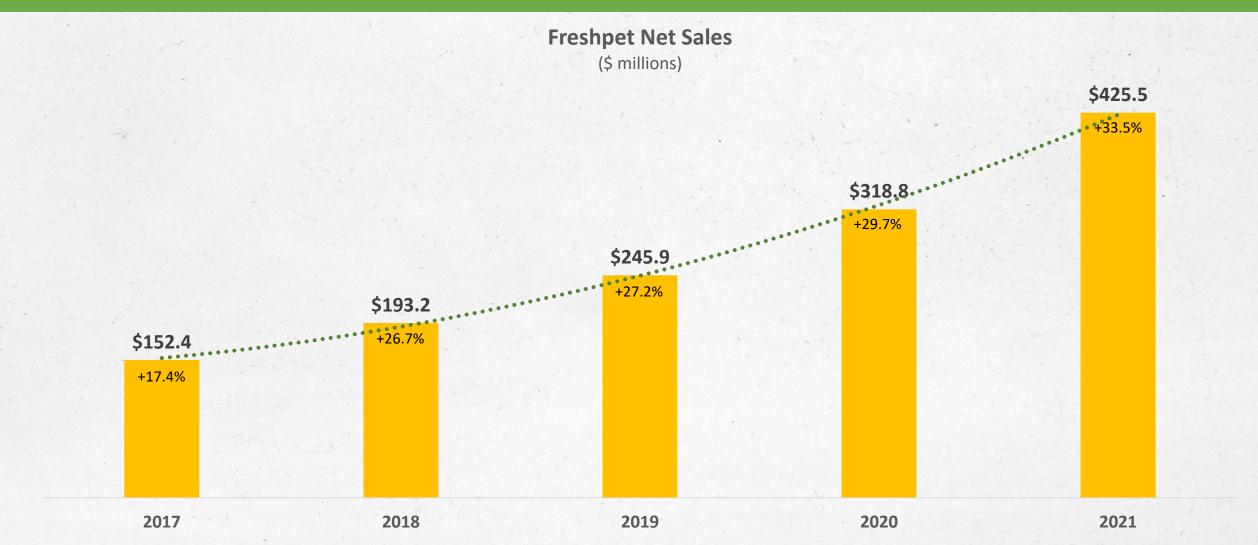
Nourishing Pets, People and Planet

Freshpet strengthens the bond between people and our pets so that we both live longer, healthier and happier lives -while being kind to the planet



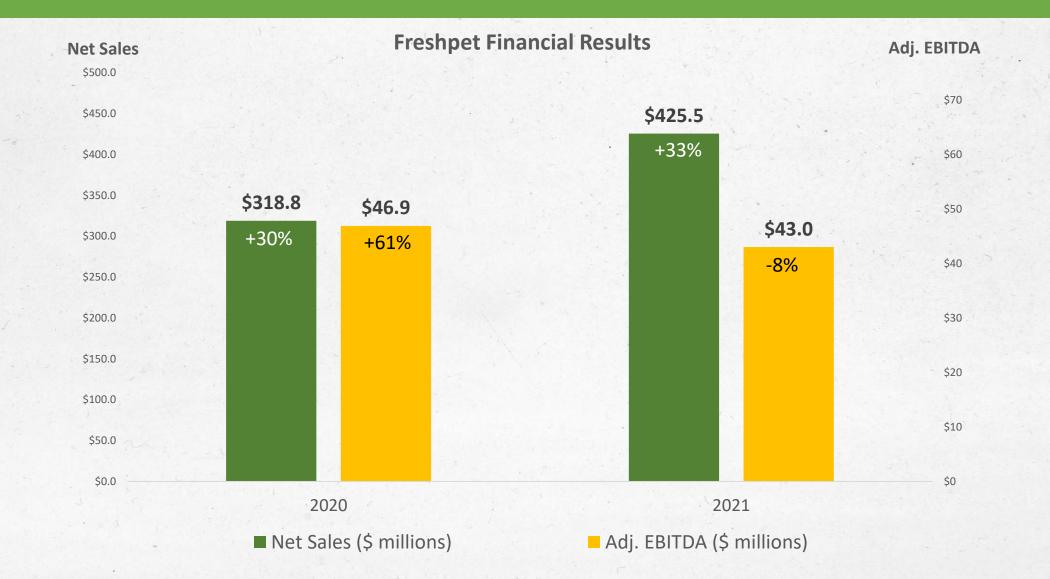


5 consecutive years of accelerating growth



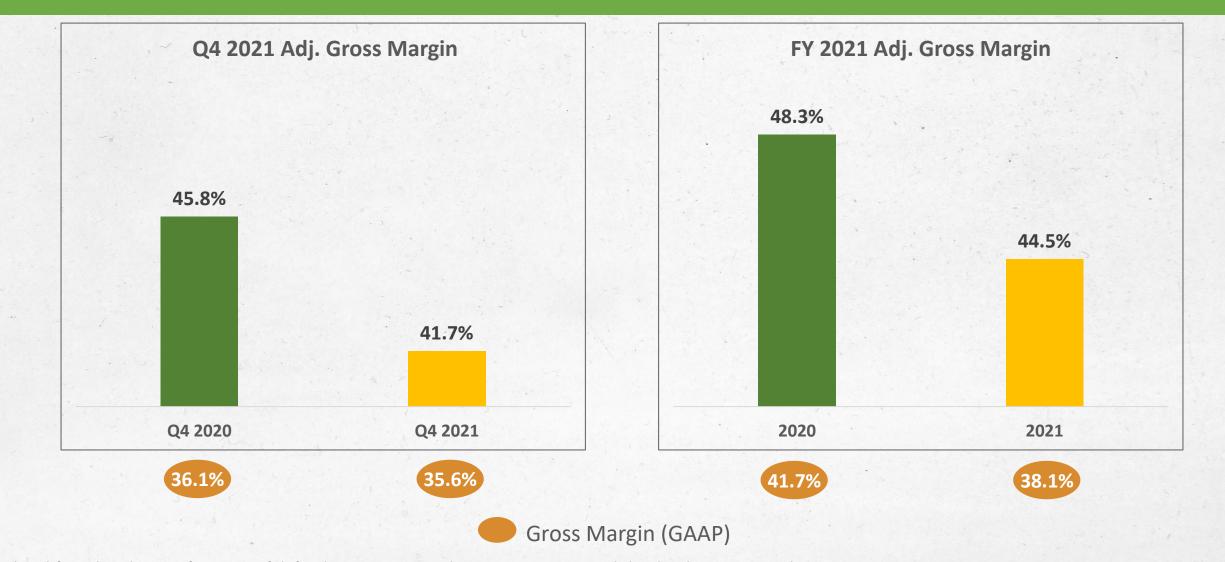
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Despite strong growth, inflation and operating inefficiencies eroded profitability in 2021



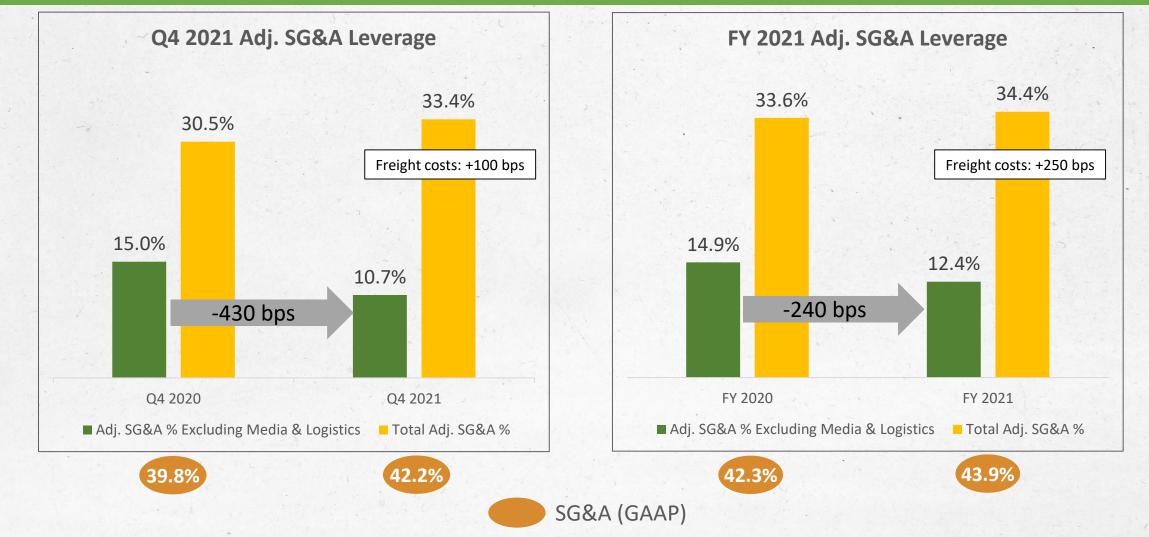
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Adj. Gross Margin impacted by inflation and temporary operating inefficiencies



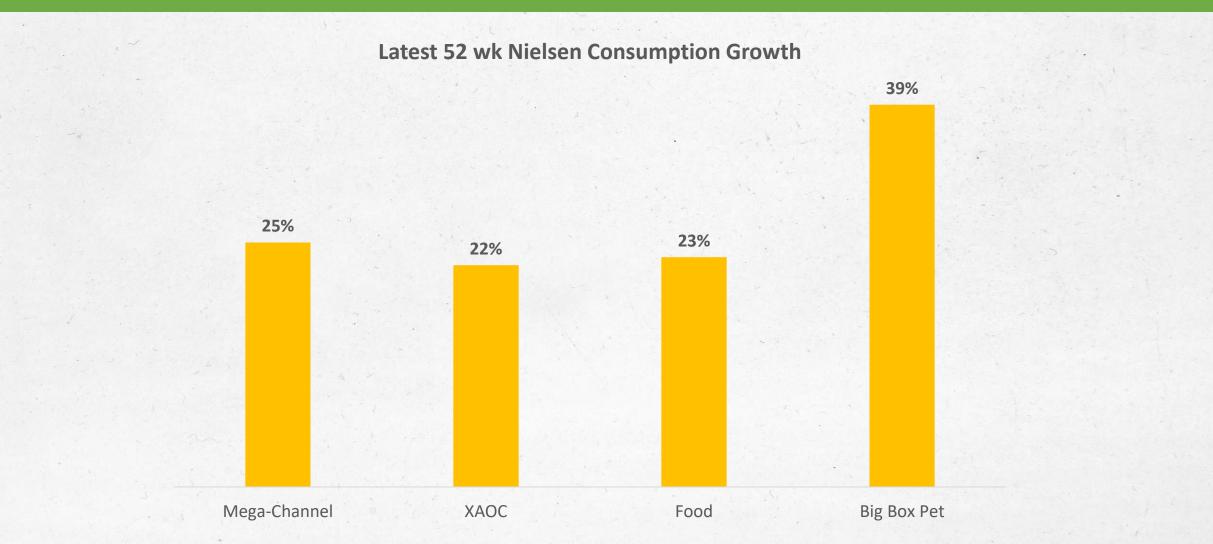
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G&A efficiency gains offset by higher freight costs



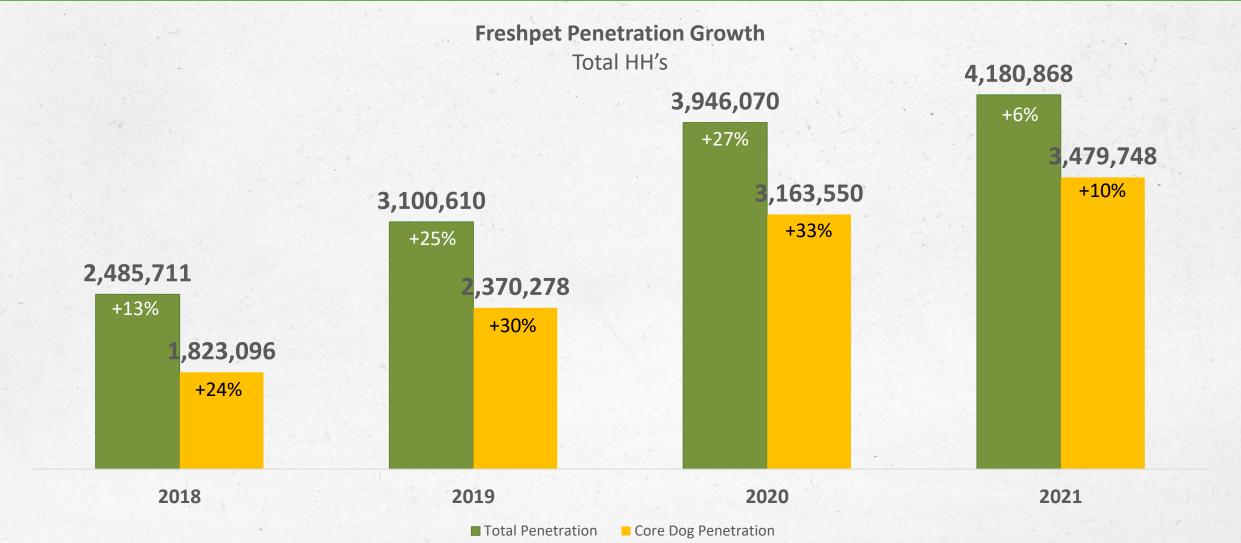
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Strong growth across all channels in 2021



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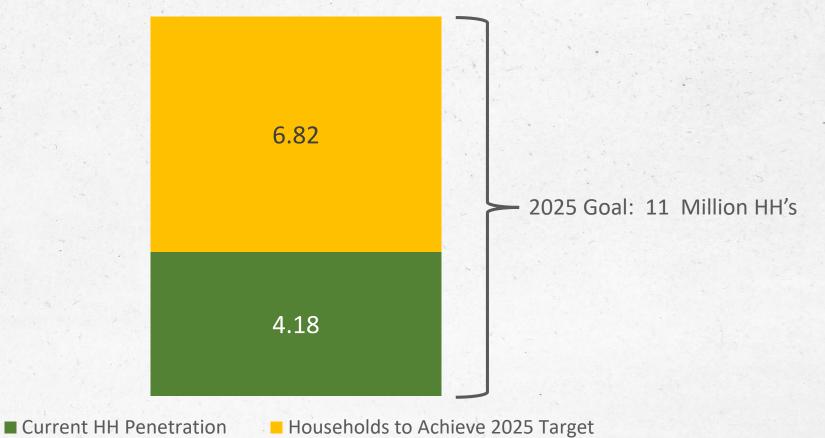
HH penetration growth was well below our historical trend due to massive out-of-stocks and delayed marketing



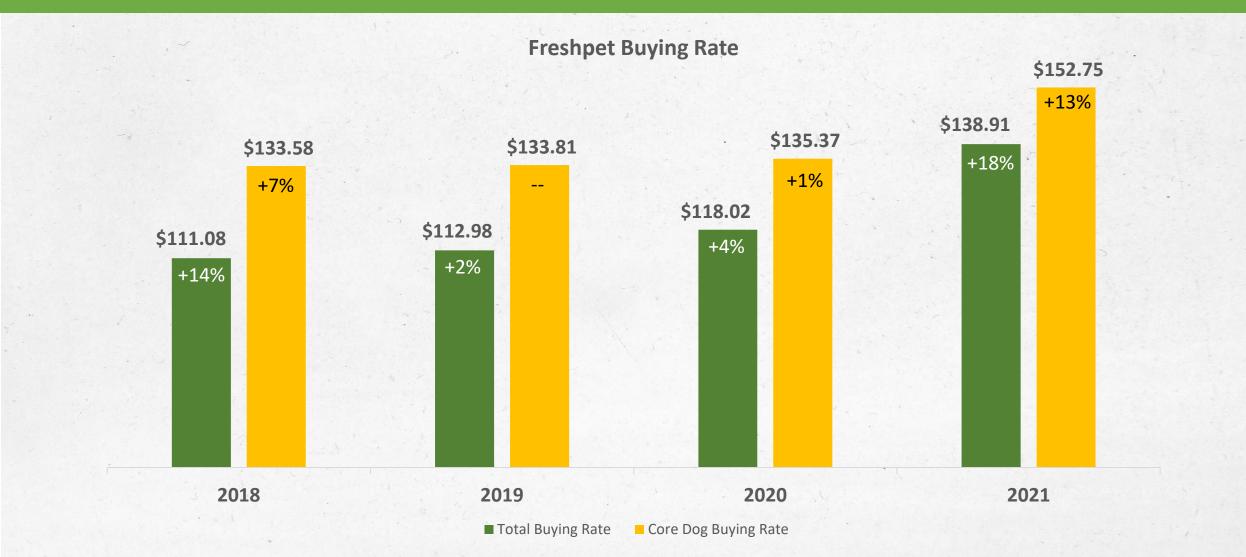
Source: Nielsen HH Panel for the period ending late December/early January 2017-2021

Still on path to meet our 2025 HH penetration goal

Progress Towards 2025 Household Penetration Goal

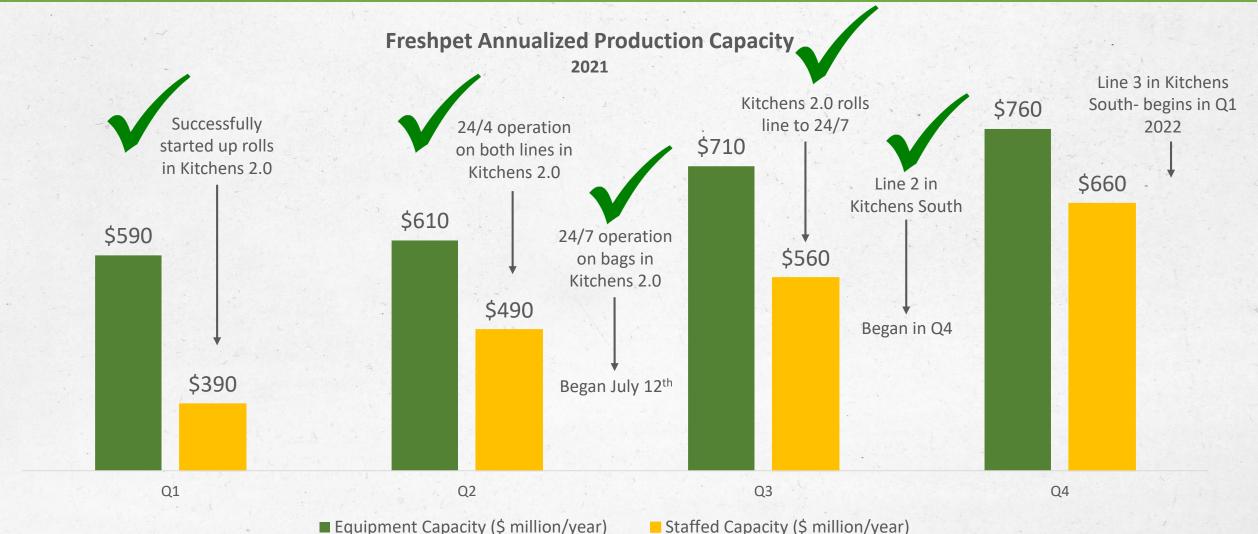


Reduction in new buyers skewed buying rate well above long-term trend



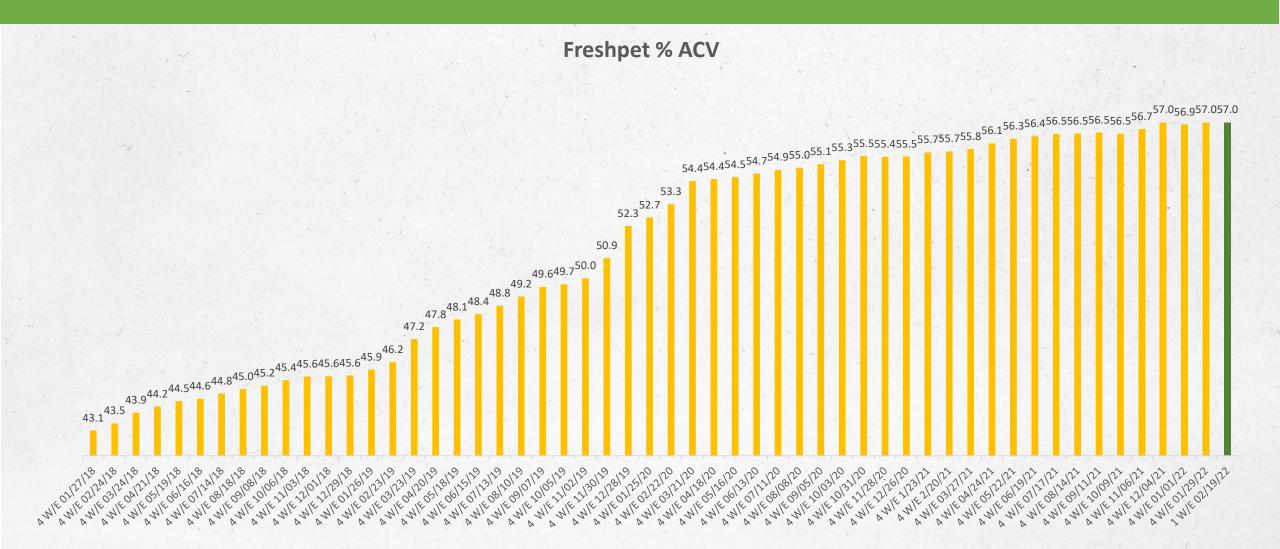
Source: Nielsen HH Panel for the period ending late December/early January 2017-2021 and company internal data

Added significant production capacity in 2021

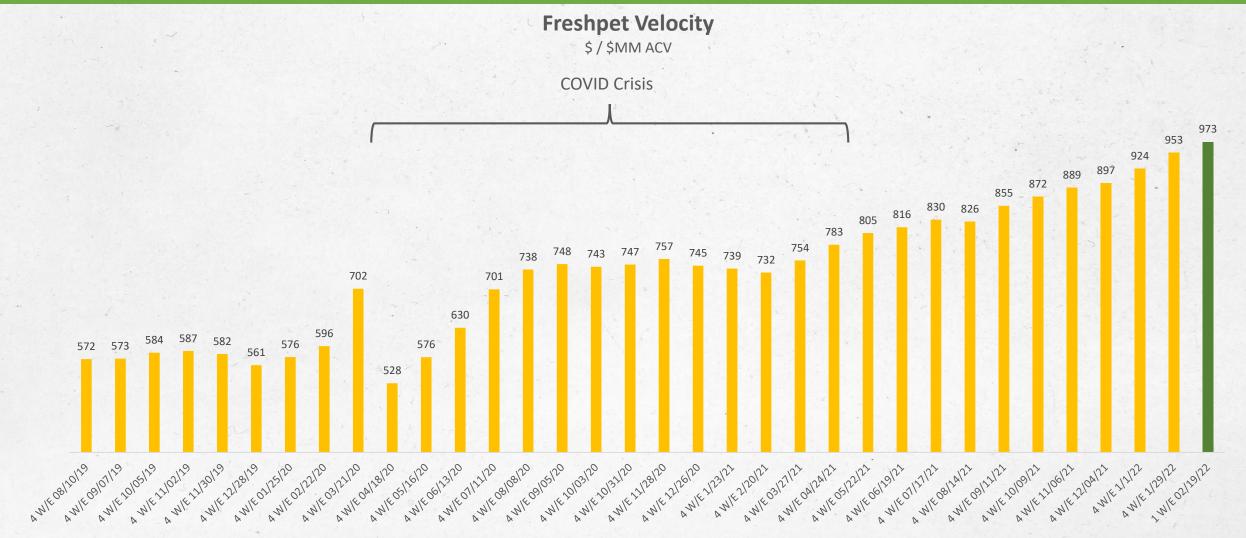


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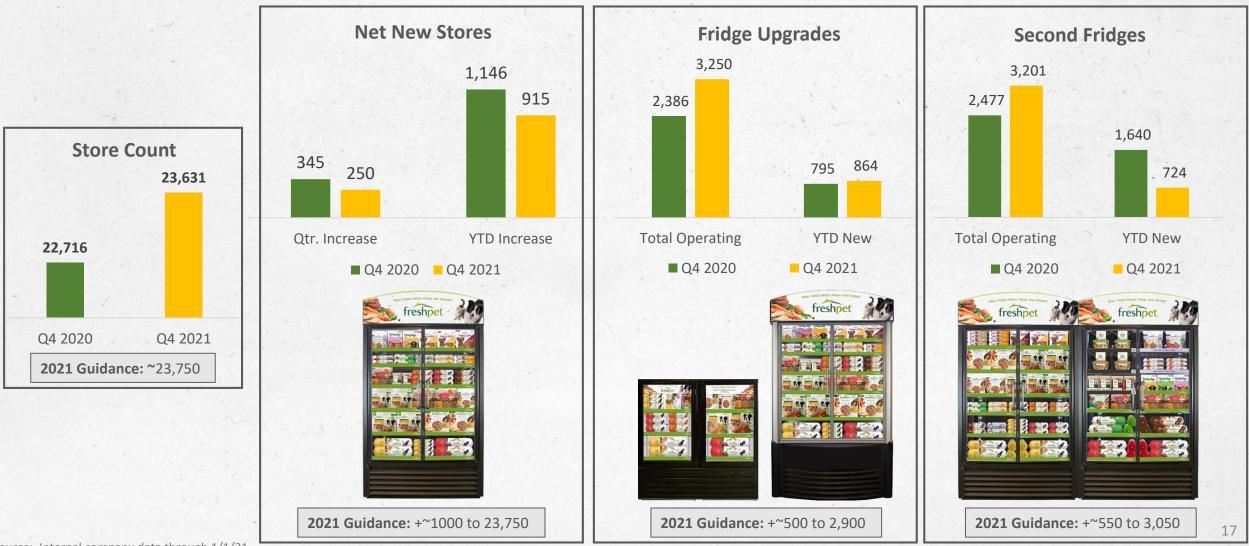
Distribution growth continues despite capacity limits



Continued strong velocity gains



Q4 2021: Strong performance on Upgrades & 2nd Fridges



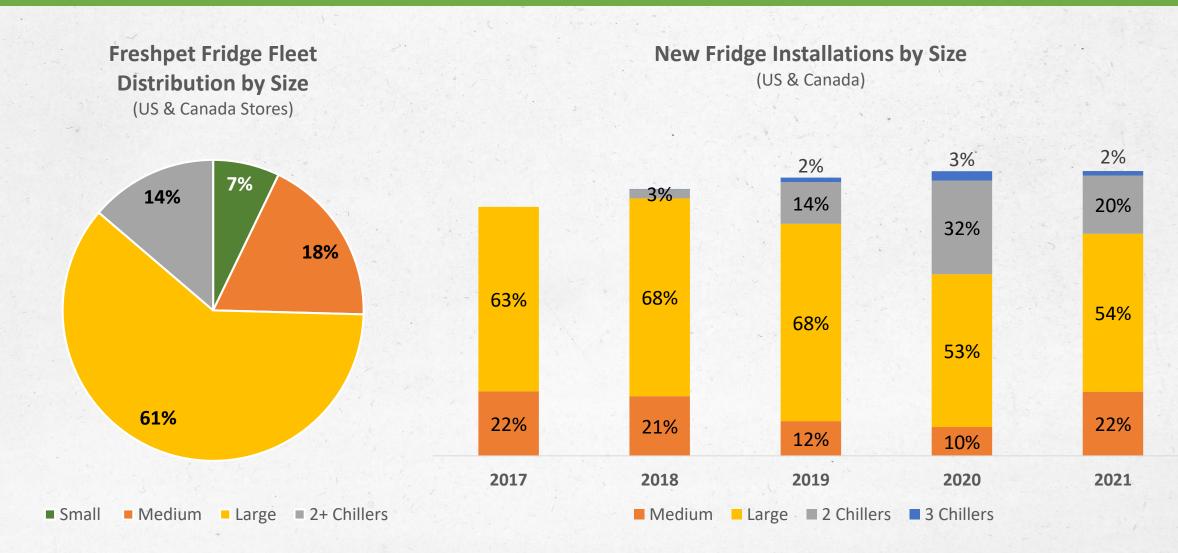
Source: Internal company data through 1/1/21

2021: Despite out-of-stocks, store count continued to grow

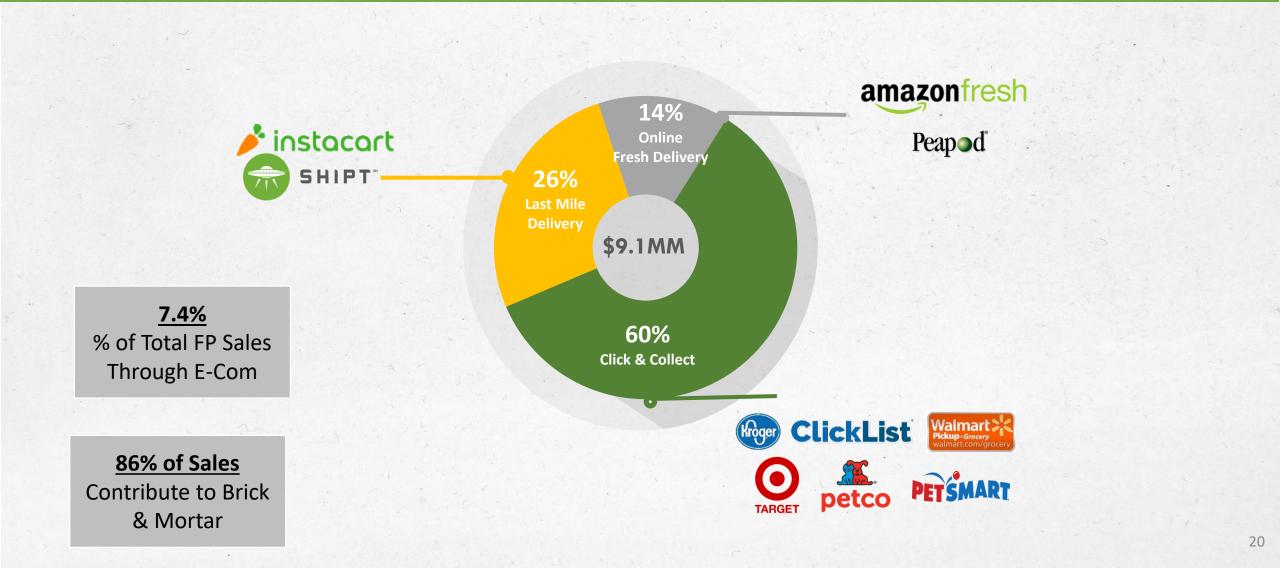


Source: Internal data for the period ending 12/31/21

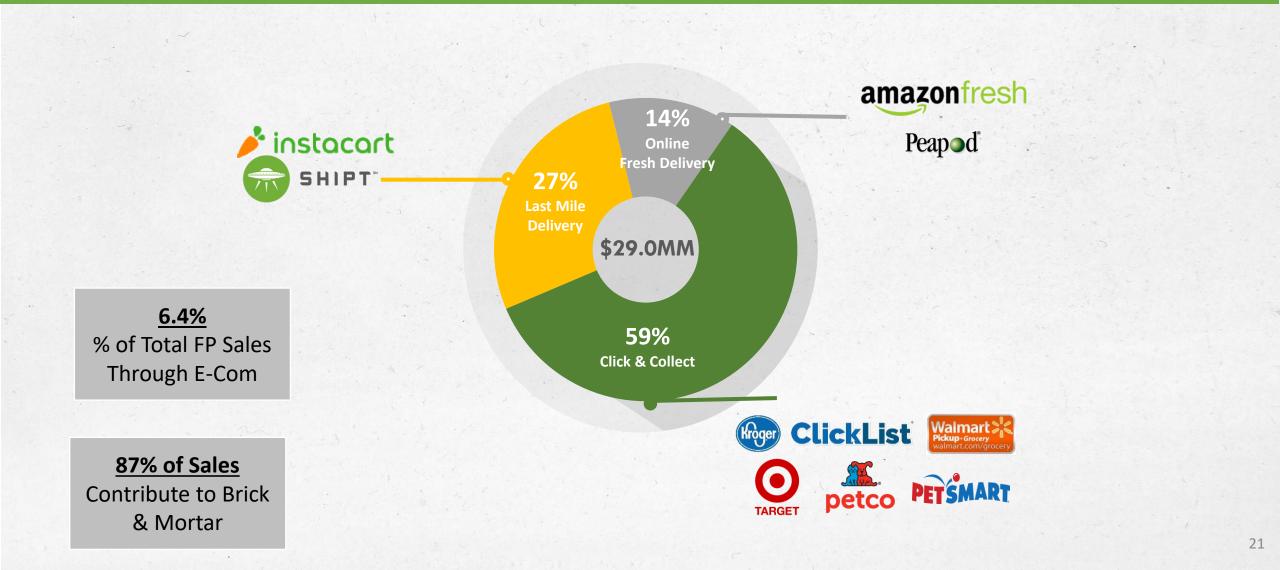
2021: New fridge placements skew heavily to large and multi-fridge stores



Q4 2021 Freshpet E-Com grew +69% vs. YA



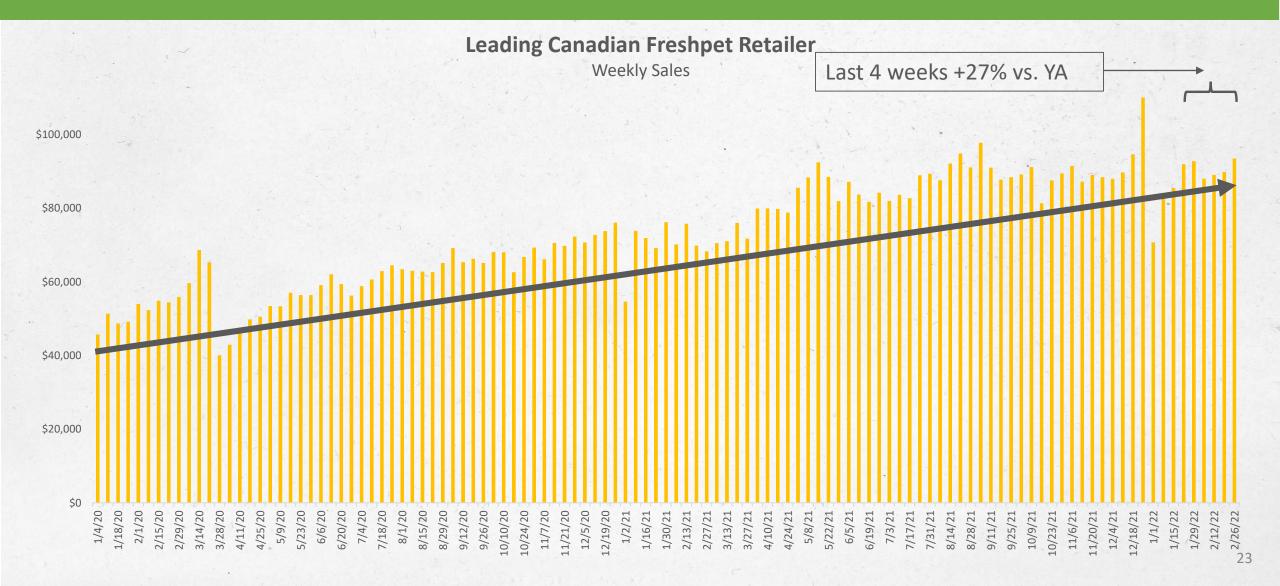
FY 2021 Freshpet E-Com grew +73% vs. YA



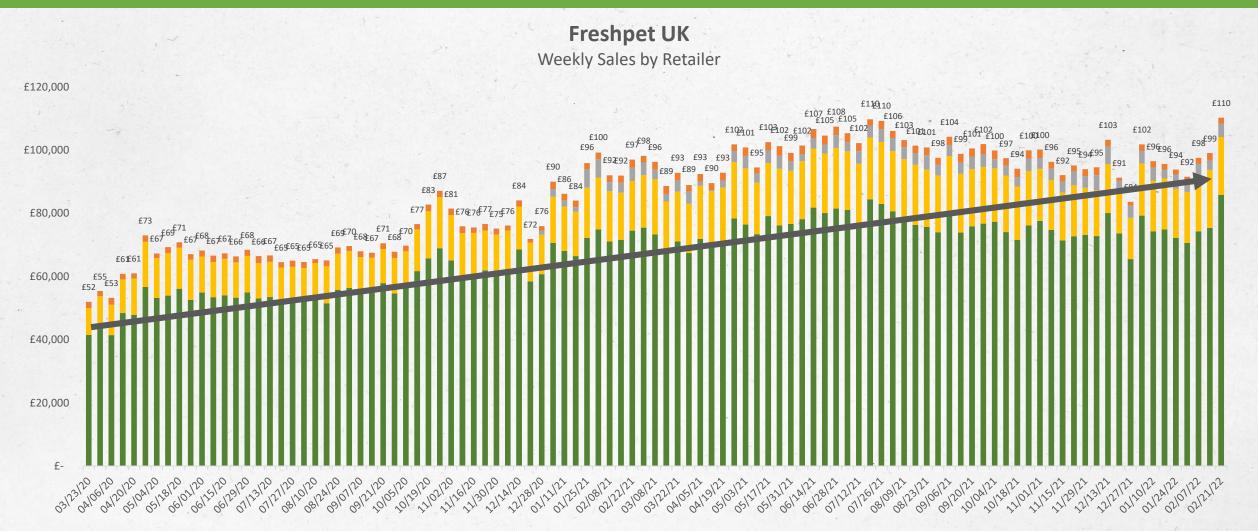


International Business

Canadian business accelerating behind advertising investment



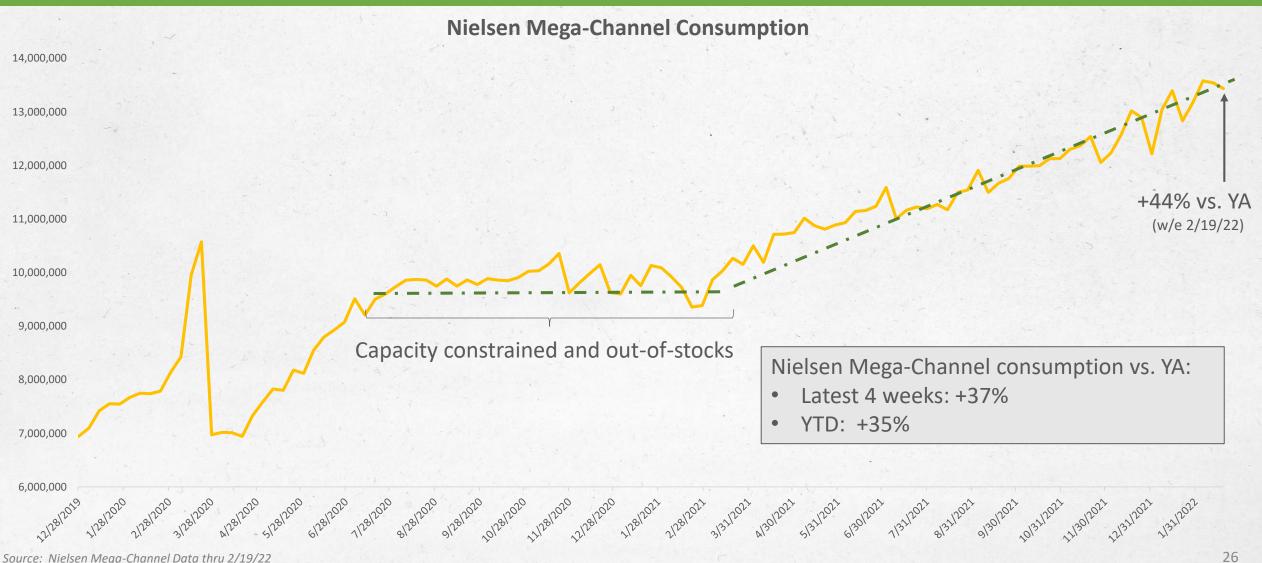
Freshpet's advertising-driven model works in the UK





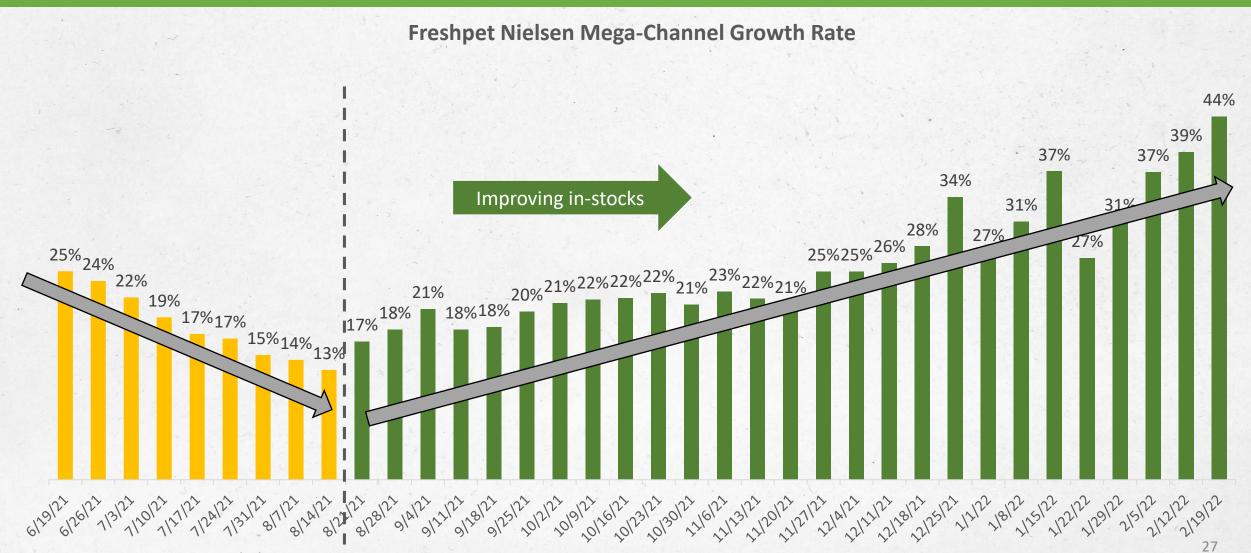
Current Business Trends

Strong, sustained growth

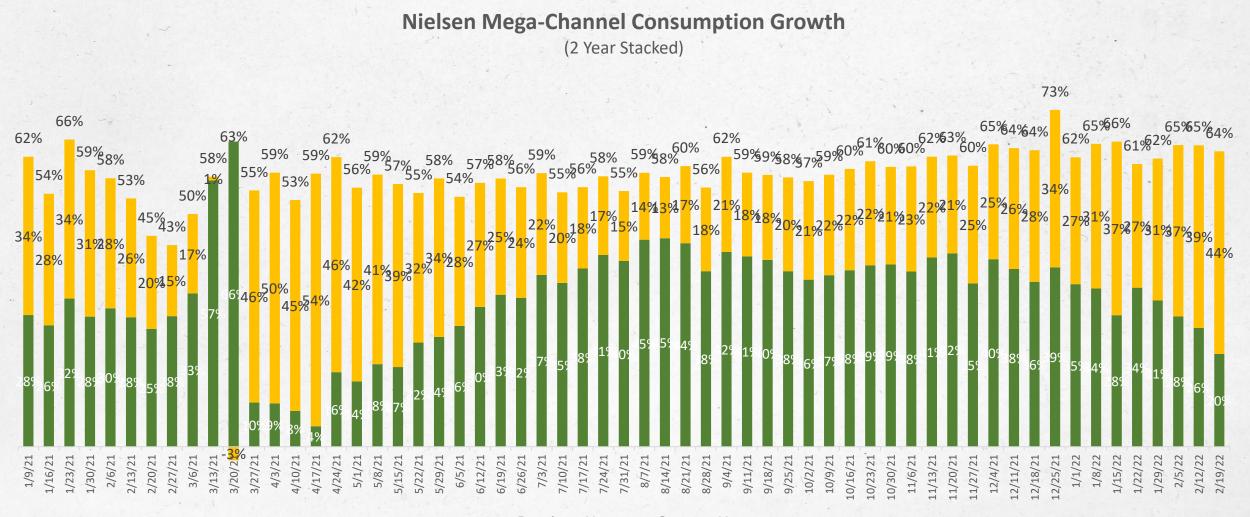


Source: Nielsen Mega-Channel Data thru 2/19/22

Growth continues to accelerate

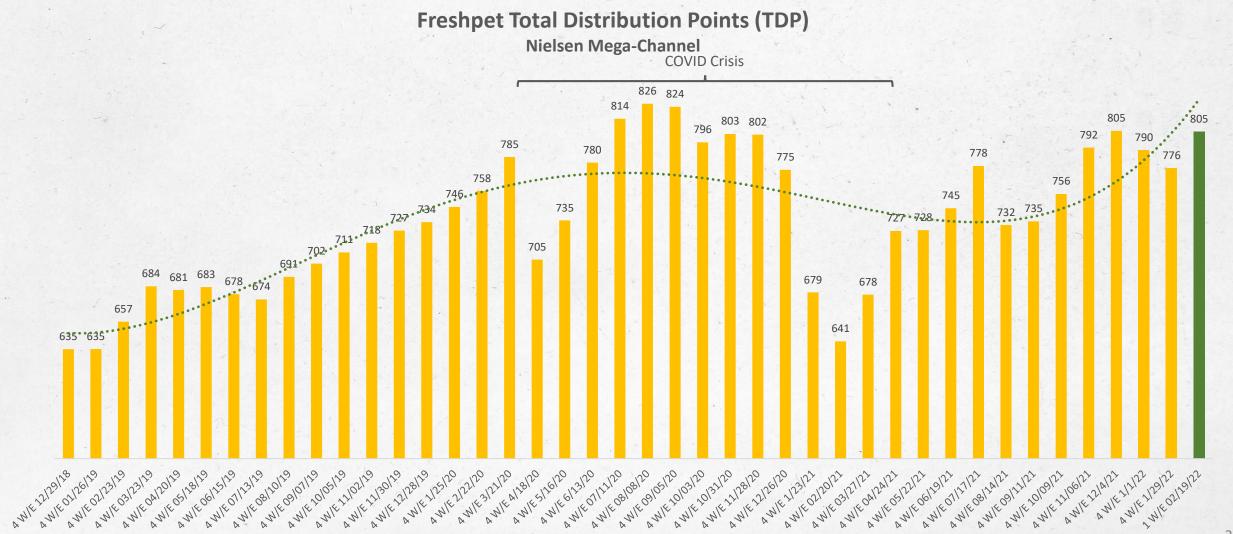


2-year stacked growth rate consistently above 60%

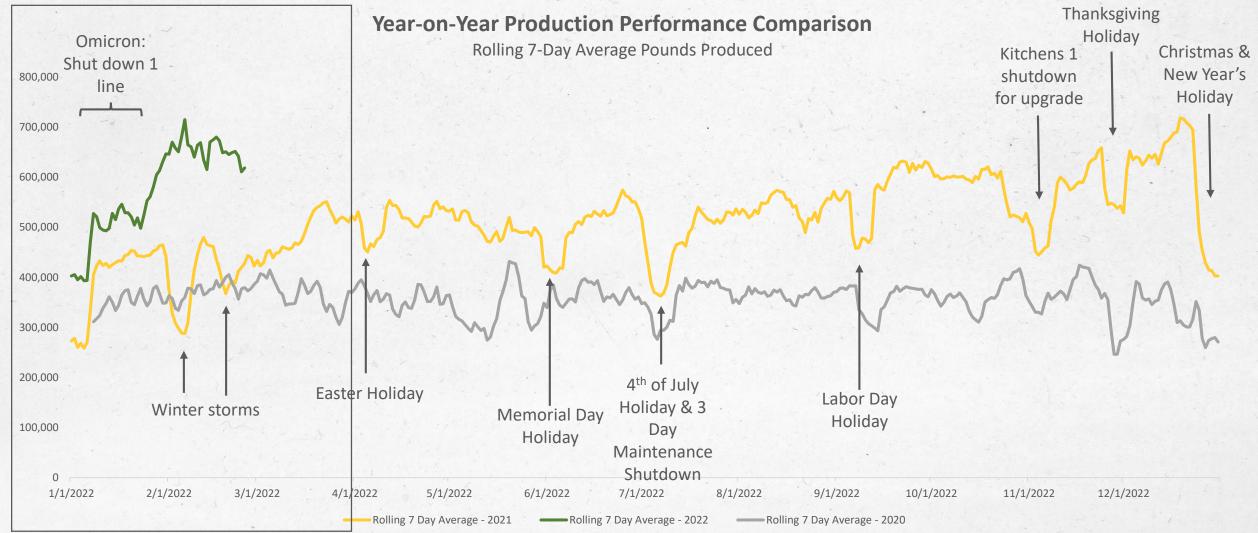


Previous Year Current Year

Retail availability at the highest level since September 2020



Buffer capacity enabled us to meet customer demand in January despite Omicron

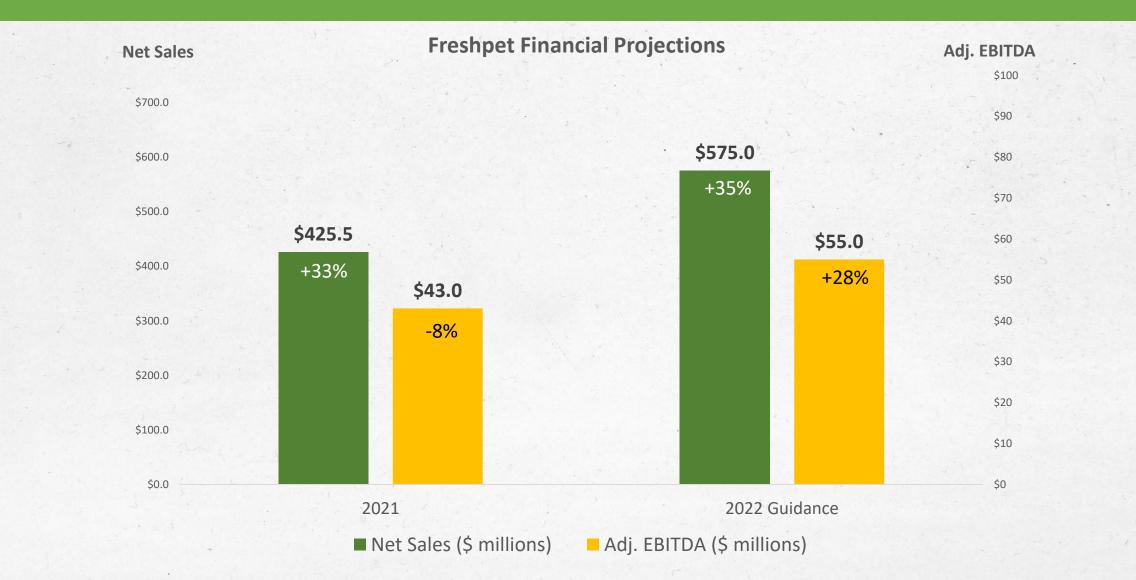


Source: Internal company data through February 25, 2022



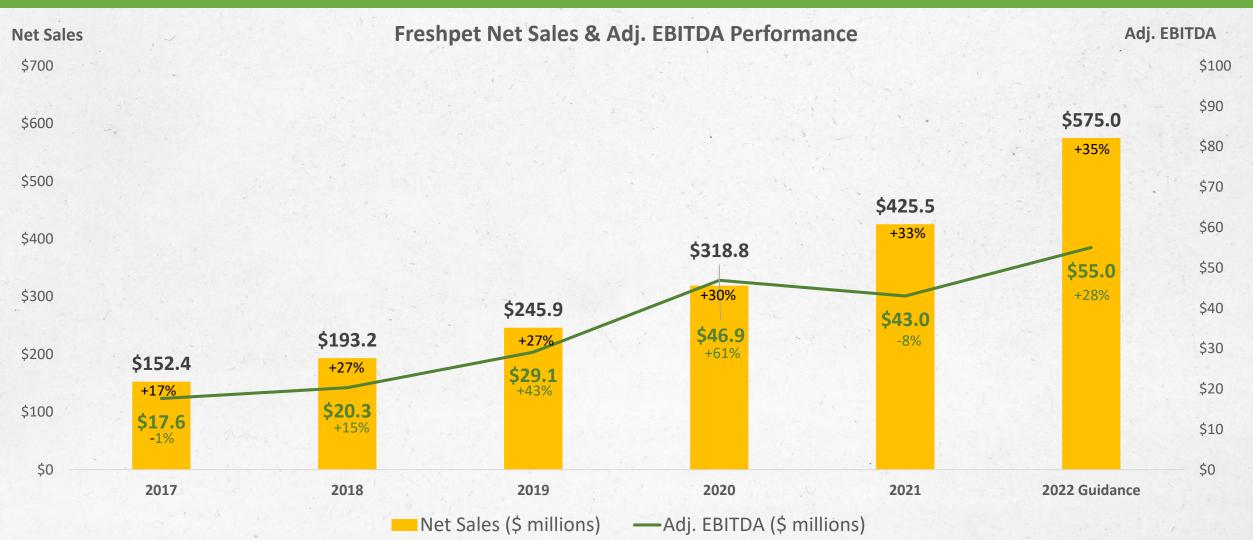
2022 Guidance & Plan

2022 Guidance: Accelerating growth and rebuilding profitability

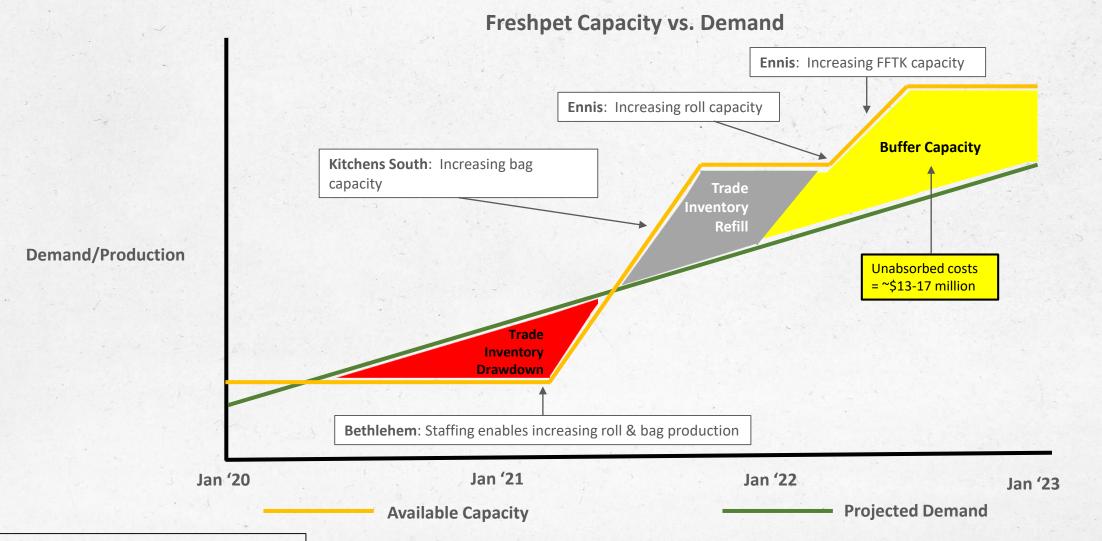


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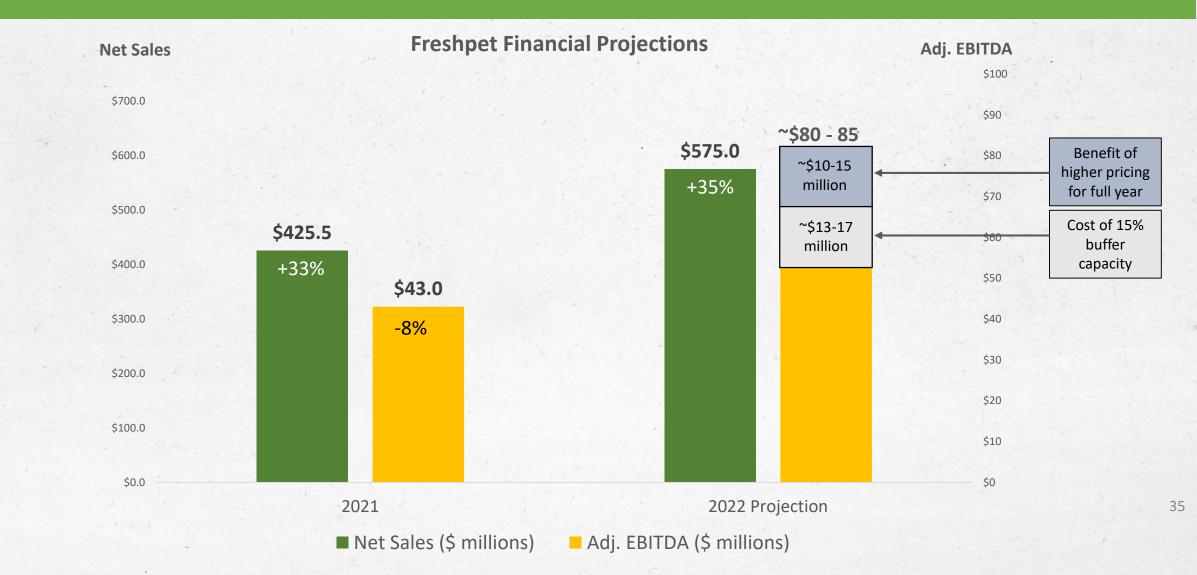
Delivering 6th consecutive year of accelerating growth



Maintaining at least 15% buffer capacity to ensure continuity of operations in preparation for projected demand

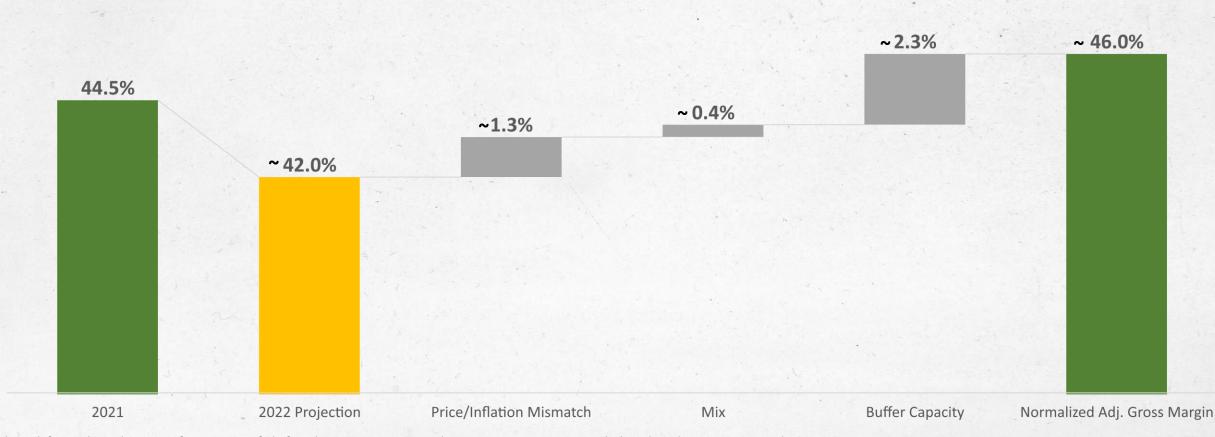


Excluding cost of buffer capacity and including the full year benefit of higher pricing, Adj. EBITDA would almost double



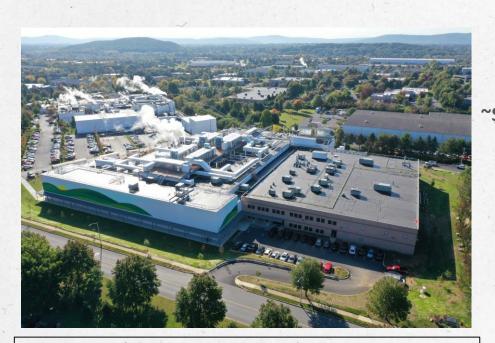
2022 Adj. Gross Margin is negatively impacted by cost of buffer capacity and price/inflation mismatch

2022 Adj. Gross Margin Projection



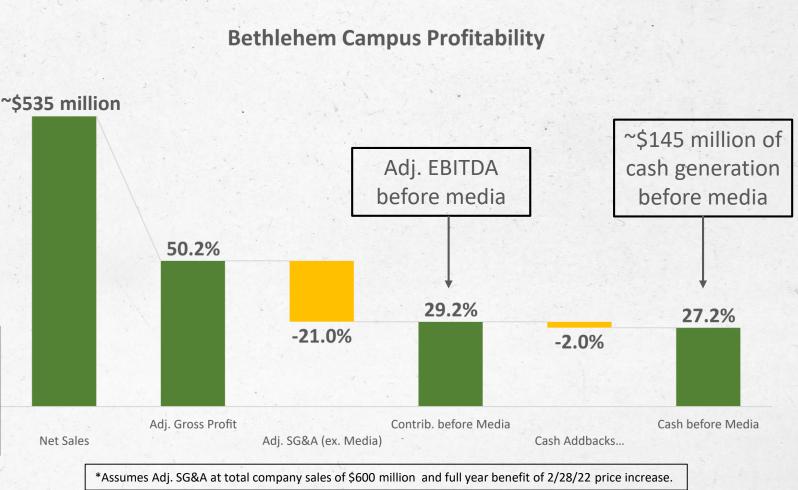
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At scale, Bethlehem Kitchens campus produces significant profitability and cash – with opportunity to improve further



Significant opportunities for further margin improvement include:

- Scale in SG&A
- Further efficiency improvements in manufacturing
- Logistics benefits from 2nd DC and ERP implementation

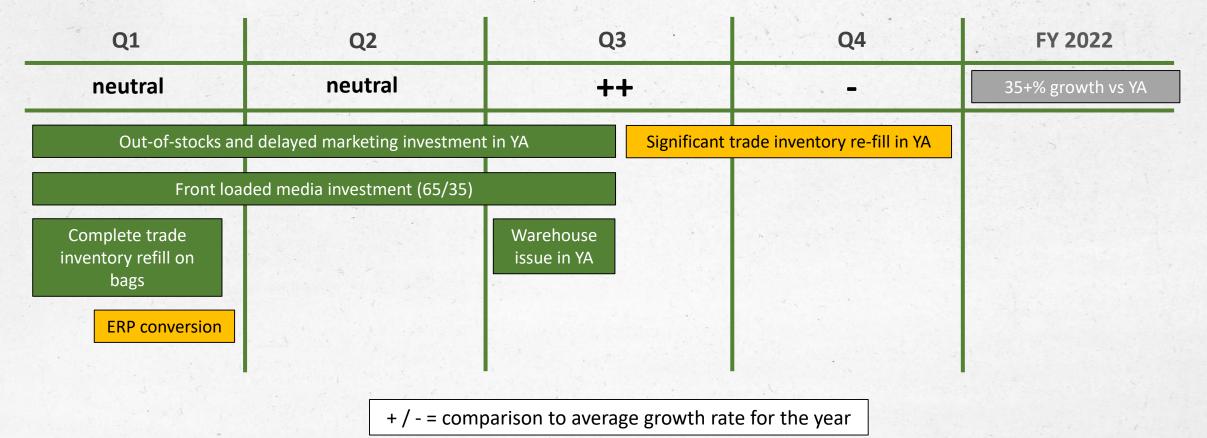


2022 Freshpet Guidance

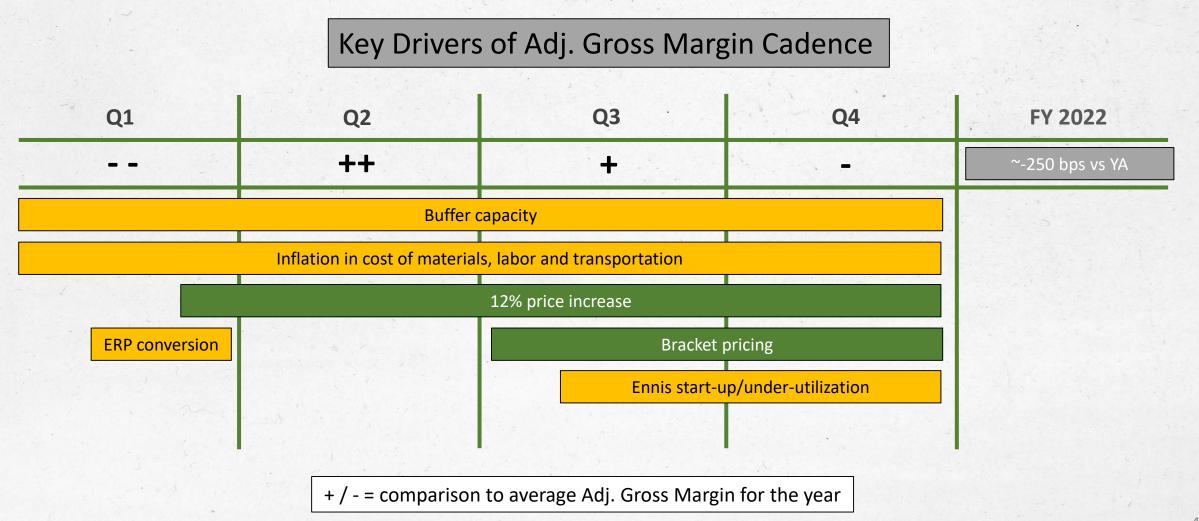
\$ in Millions	2021	2022	% Change
Net Sales	\$425.5	>\$575	+35%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$43.0	>\$55	+28%

2022 Freshpet Guidance: Net Sales

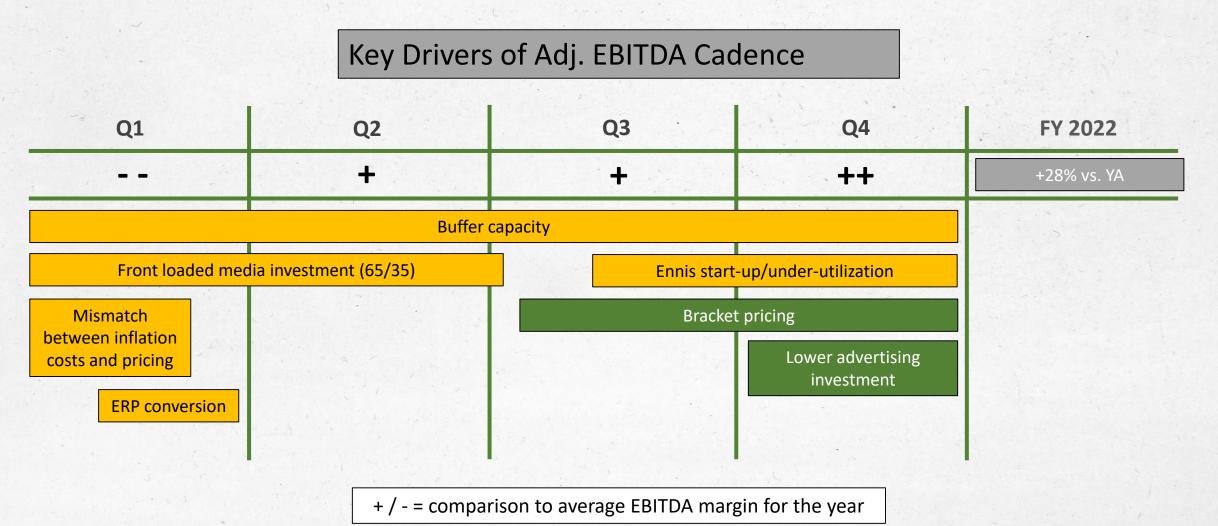
Key Drivers of Net Sales Cadence



2022 Freshpet Guidance: Adj. Gross Margin



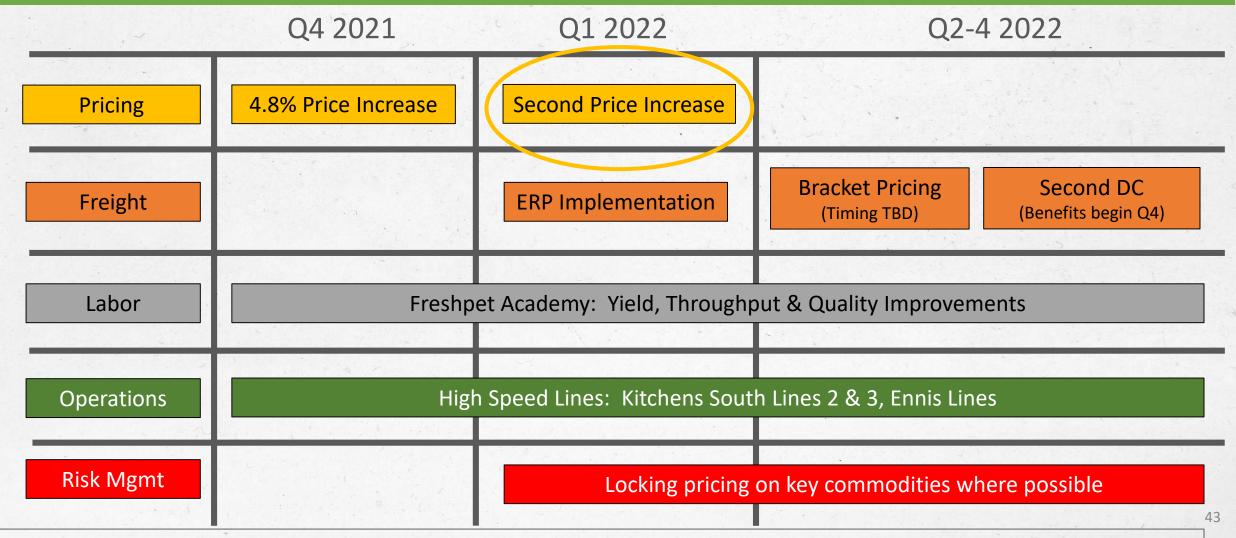
2022 Freshpet Guidance: Adj. EBITDA





Margin Improvement Plan

Pricing is just one piece of comprehensive plan to restore margins



Note: Initiatives must also offset ongoing mix shift towards lower margin bags and outsourced production at Kitchens South production



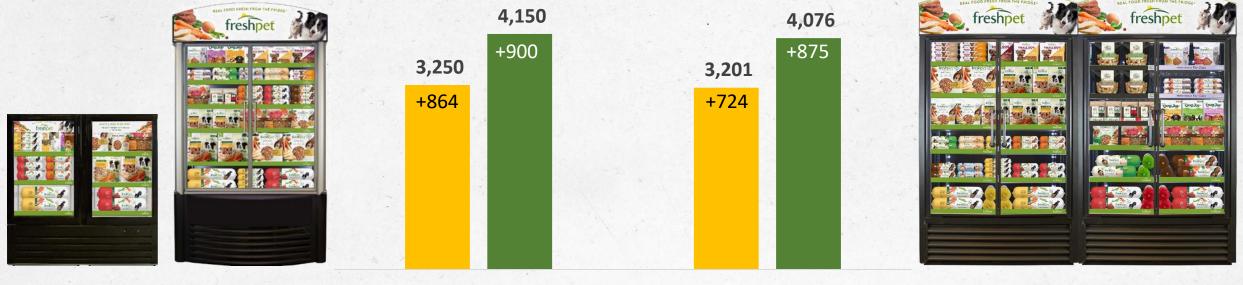
Visibility & Availability: 2022

2022: Continued increases in retail availability



2022: Continued increases in retail visibility

Upgrades & Second Fridges



Cumulative Upgrades

Cumulative Second Fridges

2021

■ 2022 Projected

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







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

	Three Months Ended					Ended				
	December 31,					December 31,				
		2021	2020		2021			2020		
			(Dollars in thousands)							
Gross Profit	\$	41,216	\$	30,533	\$	162,146	\$	132,910		
Depreciation expense		4,649		3,153		16,545		9,576		
Plant start-up expense (a)		1,306		2,942		4,868		5,962		
Non-cash share-based compensation		1,182		707		4,152		2,132		
COVID-19 expense (b)				1,340		1,753		3,497		
Adjusted Gross Profit	\$	48,352	\$	38,675	\$	189,464	\$	154,077		
Adjusted Gross Profit as a % of Net Sales		41.7%		45.8%		% 44.5%		48.3%		

- (a) Represents additional operating costs incurred in connection with the start-up of our new manufacturing lines as part of the Freshpet Kitchens expansion projects.
- (b) Represents COVID-19 expenses including (i) costs incurred to protect the health and safety of our employees during the COVID-19 pandemic, (ii) temporary increased compensation expense to ensure continued operations during the pandemic, and (iii) costs to mitigate potential supply chain disruptions during the pandemic included in cost of goods sold.

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

	Three Mor Decem			Ended 31,				
	2021		2020		2021		2020	
		Dollars in	thousands)					
SG&A expenses	\$ 48,854	\$	33,635	\$	186,809	\$	134,908	
Depreciation and amortization expense	3,330		3,026		13,923		11,549	
Non-cash share-based compensation	5,300		2,407		20,846		8,793	
Launch expense (a)	819		1,019		3,130		3,421	
Loss on disposal of equipment	482		505		1,000		1,805	
Equity offering expenses (b)	_		_		_		58	
Enterprise Resource Planning (c)	256		852		1,379		1,682	
COVID-19 expense (d)	_		74		5		357	
Adjusted SG&A Expenses	\$ 38,667	\$	25,753	\$	146,526	\$	107,243	
Adjusted SG&A Expenses as a % of Net Sales	 33.4%		30.5%		% 34.4%		33.6%	

- (a) Represents new store marketing allowance of \$1,000 for each store added to our distribution network, as well as the noncapitalized freight costs associated with Freshpet Fridge replacements. The expense enhances the overall marketing spend to support our growing distribution network.
- (b) Represents fees associated with public offerings of our common stock.
- (c) Represents implementation and other costs associated with the implementation of an ERP system.
- (d) Represents COVID-19 expenses including (i) costs incurred to protect the health and safety of our employees during the COVID-19 pandemic, (ii) temporary increased compensation expense to ensure continued operations during the pandemic, and (iii) costs to mitigate potential supply chain disruptions during the pandemic, included in SG&A.

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

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,												
	2021			2020		2019		2018				2017	
				(Dollars in thousands)									
Net loss	\$	(29,699)	\$	(3,188)		\$	(1,383)		\$	(5,361)		\$	(4,262)
Depreciation and amortization		30,468		21,125			15,921			14,068			12,692
Interest expense		2,882		1,211			991			296			910
Income tax expense		162		65			144			77			75
EBITDA	S	3,813	S	19,213		\$	15,673		\$	9,080		S	9,415
Loss on equity method investment	s	2,005	\$	_		\$	_		\$	_		s	_
Loss on disposal of equipment		1,000		1,805			787			142			104
Non-cash share-based compensation		24,998		10,925			7,834			—			4,438
Launch expense (a)		3,130		3,421			4,563			6,808			3,066
Plant start-up expenses (b)		4,868		5,962			—			3,540			335
Warrant fair valuation (c)		_		—			—			—			—
Equity offering fees (d)		—		58			302			362			—
Leadership transition expenses (e)		—		_			—			—			63
Enterprise Resource Planning (f)		1,379		1,682			—			—			—
Litigation expense (g)		—		—			—			348			145
COVID-19 expense (h)		1,758		3,854							_		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	42,951	\$	46,920		\$	29,159		\$	20,280	_	\$	17,565
Adjusted EBITDA as a % of Net Sales		10.1%		14.7%			11.9%			10.5%	_		11.5%

- (a) Represents new store marketing allowance of \$1,000 for each store added to our distribution network, as well as the non-capitalized freight costs associated with Freshpet Fridge replacements. The expense enhances the overall marketing spend to support our growing distribution network.
- (b) Represents additional operating costs incurred in connection with the start-up of our new manufacturing lines as part of the Freshpet Kitchens expansion projects.
- (c) Represents the change of fair value for the outstanding common stock warrants. All outstanding warrants were converted to common stock in September 2017.
- (d) Represents fees associated with public offerings of our common stock.
- (e) Represents charges associated within our former Chief Executive Officer's separation agreement as well as changes in estimates associated with leadership transition costs.
- (f) Represents implementation and other costs associated with the implementation of an ERP system.
- (g) Represents fees associated with two securities lawsuits.
- (h) Represents COVID-19 expenses including (i) costs incurred to protect the health and safety of our employees during the COVID-19 pandemic, (ii) temporary increased compensation expense to ensure continued operations during the pandemic, and (iii) costs to mitigate potential supply chain disruptions during the pandemic.

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