

# Business Results and Progress in the Medium-Term Management Plan

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- 1) First Half of FY2014/3 Results Overview
- 2) Outlook for FY2014/3 and the Medium-Term Management Plan
- 3) New Medium-Term Management Plan Part IV: Progress and Outlook
- 4) Key Factors

Target unachieved but secured higher revenues and earnings year on year

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#### Operating Income Target and Reasons for Operating Income Decrease

\*Target revised as of the 1st quarter

(¥ billion)

Business Division	Target	Result	Difference	Reason
Processed Foods Business Division	3.0	1.7	(1.3)	<ul> <li>Worsening profitability of products made overseas</li> <li>Higher general expenses due to stepped-up marketing</li> <li>Failure to reach cost-cutting targets</li> </ul>
Fresh Meats Business Division	8.3	9.1	0.8	<ul> <li>Significant progress with Australian businesses</li> </ul>
Affiliated Business Division	0.4	0.2	(0.2)	<ul> <li>Slowness in passing on price rises for raw materials</li> </ul>
Eliminations, Adjustments and Others	0.8	0.9	0.1	
Total	12.5	11.9	(0.6)	

Improvement in Australian businesses

Expanded sales of Australian beef (reflected in first-half results)

Major sales country	Share by volume	Volume change year-on-year
Japan	21%	96%
U.S.A.	18%	159%
South Korea	11%	158%
China	10%	495%
Taiwan	5%	106%
Australia (domestic)	24%	117%

#### **Overall volume change year-on-year 134%**

- Overhaul of marketing platforms, strengthened sales of brand-name products
- Procurement prices for live cattle, exchange rate stabilization (of weak Australian dollar)
- Improved productivity at farm businesses, better capacity utilization at processing plants



# Full-Year Operating Income for FY2014/3

# (Forecast) ¥34.0 billion

No change to operating income targets

FY2015/3 (Final year of Plan) Operating income: ¥43.0 billion Net income: ¥22.0 billion



#### Positive factors

Fresh Meats:Significant improvement in Australian businessesRecovery in United States pig-farming operationsRecovery in domestic fresh meat market prices<br/>and rise in sales

Processed Foods: Benefits of price adjustments and higher volumes

#### Negative factors

Processed Foods: Rebound after Nippon-Ham Fighters, pro baseball team, promotion in previous fiscal year

Affiliated: Persistently high raw material costs



Policy highlights announced in May 2012

# (1) Aggressive investment in growth and efficiency strategies

(2) Shareholder-focused management

(3) Capital strategy

(4) Enhance the Group brand value

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## (1) Aggressive investment in growth and efficiency strategies

#### Processed Foods Business Division: Rebuild Ibaraki Plant

(facility for commercial-use products) Investment: Around ¥7.0 billion, completion scheduled for April 2014  $\rightarrow$ Install high-productivity line



Nippon Ham Factory Co., Ltd.'s Ibaraki Plant with new facility (artist's impression)



#### Processed Foods Business Division: Rebuild Kamakura Ham Tomioka Co., Ltd.'s plant

Investment: Around ¥2.0 billion, completion scheduled for September 2015 →**Strengthen high value-added products** 



Refurbished Kamakura Ham Tomioka Co., Ltd.'s Plant (artist's impression)

#### Fresh Meats Business Division: Strengthen domestic poultry farm businesses

Investment: Around ¥2.0 billion  $\rightarrow$ (FY2014/3) Targeted shipment capacity: 67.5 million birds (up 5%)

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Affiliated Business Division:

Relocation and rebuilding of Hoko Co., Ltd.'s Yamato plant for ROLF-brand products

Investment: Around ¥7.0 billion, completion scheduled for summer 2015  $\rightarrow$  Increase in production capacity

50% increase in production capacity
↓
(After new facility comes onstream)
Overall output of new Yamato plant
Around 10,000 tons/year



Refurbished Hoko Co., Ltd.'s Yamato plant for ROLF-brand products (artist's impression)

Affiliated Business: Hoko Co, Ltd.'s Nishinomiya Plant (ROLF)

Investment: Around ¥500 million → Strengthen ROLF Baby Cheese line



# (2) Shareholder-focused management

Consolidated payout ratio of 30%, improved EPS through acquisition of treasury stock

# (3) Capital strategy

#### Emphasis on FY2014/3 net income

First-half net income target:  $\pm$ 6.0 billion $\rightarrow$  Actual result:  $\pm$ 7.6 billion

## ROE focus

→Improve ROE while boosting capital efficiency





# (4) Enhance the Group brand value

Continue corporate communication activities

#### In-store fairs for the Group products (July and August)

 Aim to enhance the Group brand value and publicize the breadth of the Group product range (at 43 chain stores)



#### Public relations activities

- Dispatch experts to give hands-on food-preparation lessons
- Hamrins food education seminars
- Cookery classes for the visually impaired, etc



Hands-on foodpreparation lesson



Hamrins Food education seminars



- (1) Measures to expand volumes in Processed Foods
- (2) Improve profitability of farm businesses in Japan
- (3) Current state of Australian and Americas businesses
- (4) **Progress in overseas operations**

#### Second half

#### $\rightarrow$ Step up marketing of priority product groups

(Ahead of 30th anniversary of the SCHAU ESSEN sausage next year)





New SCHAU ESSENTV ad

## $\rightarrow$ Expand sales of year-end gift sets

(Summer gift-giving season:

2% year-on-year increase in 2013; aim for 3% increase at year-end)





Flagship gift product *Utsukushi-no-Kuni* Target: 20% year-on-year sales increase (to 18% of all our gift-sets)



(Comparison of number of units year-on-year)

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#### (Market price outlook)

- -Beef: Persistently high (due to a drop in the number of cattle head in Japan)
- •**Pork:** High compared year-on-year
- -Chicken: Rising (tightness in supplies due to heatwave in Japan in August)



#### Measures for second half

- → Prospects for improved earnings from farm businesses in Japan
- → Aim to increase production of fresh meat brand and improve productivity

#### Australian businesses

- -Rise in live cattle procurement costs due to seasonal factors
- -Continue to improve productivity and cut costs
- Continue to develop brands and strengthen marketing



#### **Americas businesses**

(Pig-farming operations) Improvement in earnings, with higher productivity(Marketing in Japan) Opening of San Francisco branch to ensure stable earnings by strengthening local marketing

#### Vietnam

Establishment of new direct-sales bases (Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City) Creation of platform for sales expansion, entry into processed-food product markets

#### Philippines

Establishment of office in Manila and expansion of sales of Australian beef

#### Taiwan

Launch of extract business through joint venture with local company (plant to come onstream in March 2014)

#### Germany

Establishment of office in Düsseldorf and expansion of sales of German pork

#### Myanmar

Launch of poultry business and preparations for operation of farms from FY2016/3

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