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# Fresh Meats Business Division

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# Fresh Meats Business Division



# **Evolution of the Fresh Meats Business Division** (1) History



The Fresh Meats Business was separated from sales functions for ham and sausage ingredients in 1958. Since then, we have expanded the business by pioneering domestic production and imports, while also laying the foundations for the Processed Foods Rusiness

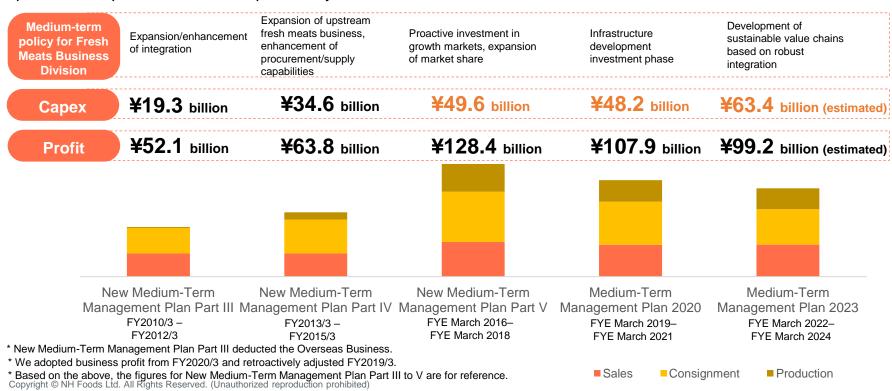
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# **Evolution of the Fresh Meats Business Division**(2) Business Profit and Capex



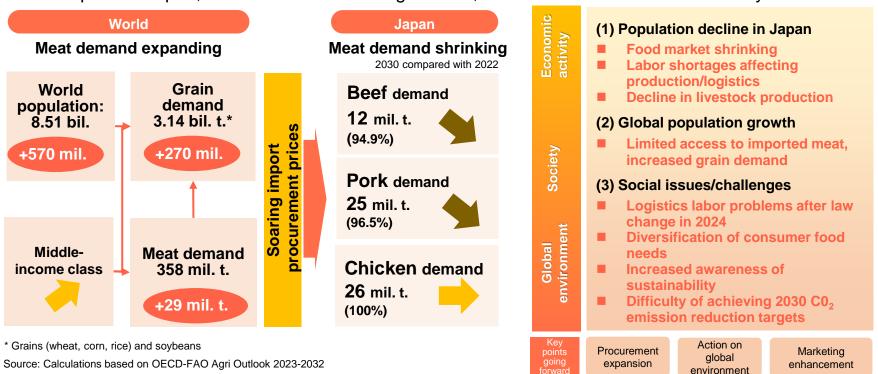
Volatility has started to affect procurement, in part because of dramatic, global-scale changes in the external environment. However, we are building stable profits from production and sales after investment in domestic production operations over the past few years.



# **Challenges**



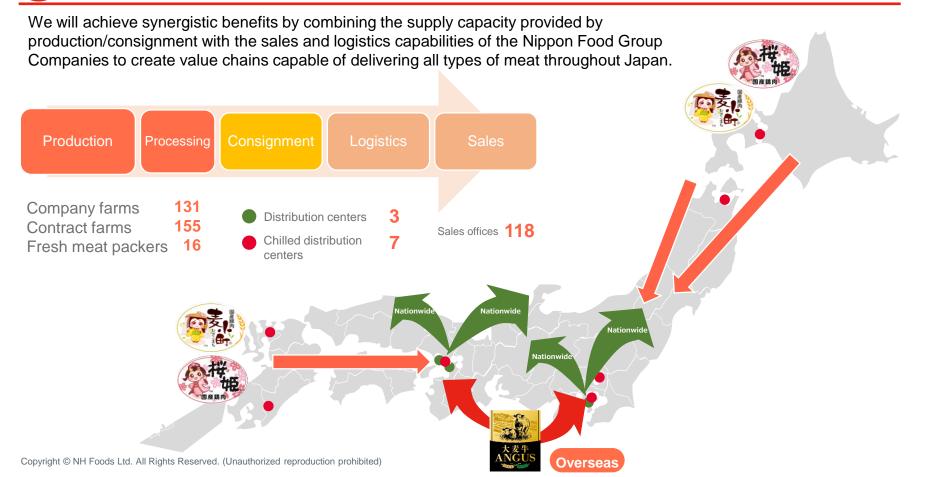
In the past, the growth of the Fresh Meats Business has been determined by the expansion of world meat consumption, changes of the livestock breeding environment, a decline in the volume of meat consumption in Japan, and other factors. Going forward, the focus will shift to the discovery of new value.





# **Business Model for the Fresh Meats Business Production, Consignment, Sales**



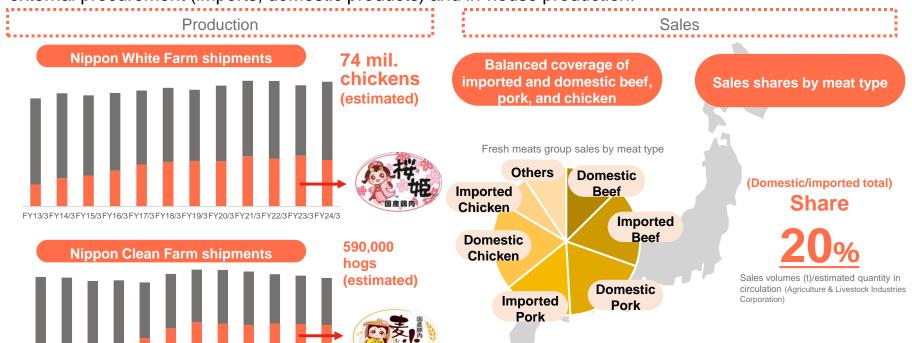




# **Business Model for the Fresh Meats Business Production, Consignment, Sales**



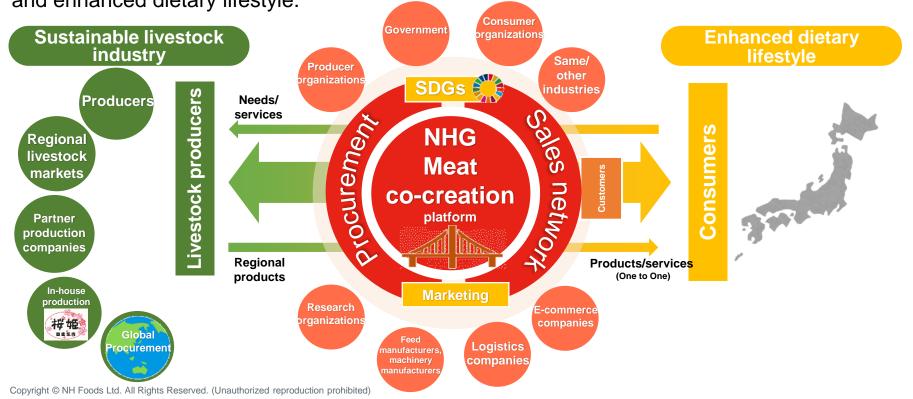
By maintaining our own upstream business, we are able to contribute to the improvement of profitability by developing branded fresh meats. We have also achieved a high market share through a balanced mix of external procurement (imports, domestic products) and in-house production.



# **Target Business Model for 2030**



Our challenge is to work with co-creation participants to build a business model that will link livestock producers with consumers and support a sustainable Japanese livestock industry and enhanced dietary lifestyle.





# **Business Strategy for Medium-Term Management Plan 2026 (1)**



We will use marketing and R&D as platform for transforming our existing businesses and expanding our business operations.

Expansion of procurement

Expansion of domestic chicken business

Reduction of volatility of fresh meat imports

Maximization of profit from domestic pork value chain

**R&D** expansion



**Channel strategies** 

New business models

**Added value creation** 

Action on environmental issues



# **Business Strategy for Medium-Term Management Plan 2026 (2) Expansion of Procurement**



Achieve new development, including export business, in the domestic pork business, which boasts the largest scale Stable procurement of imported products by cultivating new suppliers, reduction of volatility, and utilization of our own base in Australia

### **Domestic products**

### Maximizing the domestic pork value chain

Improvement of productivity at company farms

Establishment of Raiman Farm by Nippon Clean Farm Ltd.



Completion scheduled for Nov. 2024

(Yearly shipments: 87,000 hogs) Approx. 15% of total shipments by NH Foods

- Full-scale introduction of PIG LABO® Breeding Master
- · Actions on animal welfare

Establishment of Donan Plant by Nippon Food Packer, Inc.



(Total units processed per year: 367,500 hogs)
Approx. 20% of total processed by NH Foods

- 40% increase in processing capacity
- Factory equipped for exporting to Asia
- Overseas expansion of the domestic pork business



Progressive implementation from September 2024 onwards (tentative)

Export destinations: Singapore, Thailand Hong Kong, Vietnam

### **Expansion of domestic chicken business**

Expansion of output of domestic chicken business
 Increase in share of our branded meat

### **Imported products**

### Reduction of volatility of imported fresh meats

- Development of new suppliers, especially in Latin America
- Thorough management of inventory turnover ratios, rationale-based purchasing
- Use of AI demand forecasting

### ■ Proposal of Omugi Beef ANGUS

We will create an integrated brand made possible by our status as the only Japanese meat company with infrastructure in Australia.



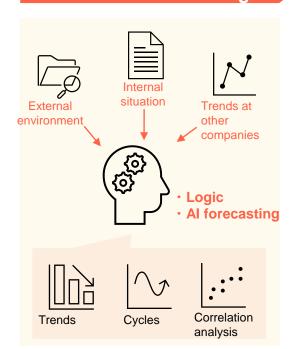


# **Business Strategy for Medium-Term Management Plan 2026 (3) Enhancement of Procurement Network**

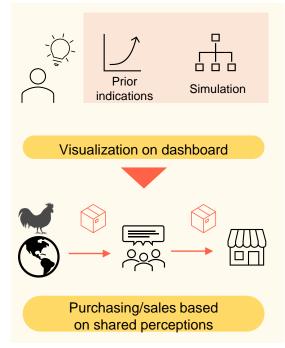


We will use data to reduce risks associated with volatile commodities (especially imported chicken and other imported frozen meats).

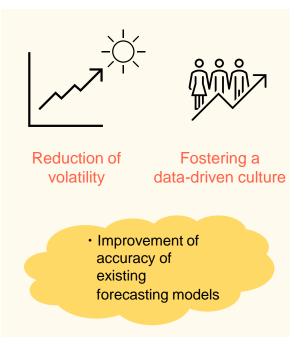
# Logic formulation, Al-based forecasting



# **Data-based decisionmaking**



# Achievement of steady profits



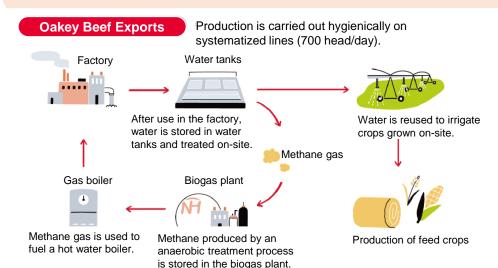
# **Business Strategy for Medium-Term Management Plan 2026**(4) Addressing Global Environmental Issues (Sustainability)

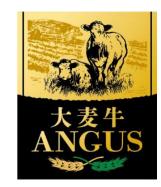
These sustainability initiatives will enable us to ensure reliable supplies of proteins.



# Sustainable, eco-friendly beef production

- 1. Use of farm/plant wastewater for irrigation
- 2. Use of methane from wastewater treatment as gas boiler fuel
- Use of cattle waste as fertilizer
- 4. Reduction of feed waste through management of residual feed data



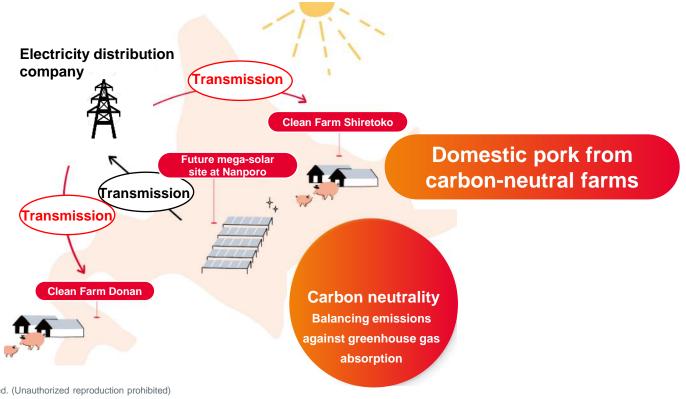


Expansion of domestic sales through the Fresh Meats Business Division

# Business Strategy for Medium-Term Management Plan 2026 (5) Addressing Global Environmental Issues (Carbon-Neutral Meats)



We are expanding our external networks for initiatives to address CO<sub>2</sub> and other environmental issues. We will also consider the creation of brands for new eco-friendly products.



# Business Strategy for Sales Division (Nippon Food Group companies)



# Four Nippon Food Group Companies —Profile of NH Japan Food



Business sites established since the 1970s form a sales and logistics structure capable of delivering products throughout Japan within 1–2 days. Established in 2016 to specialize in sales to the restaurant industry, NH Japan Food is expanding its sales in the Tokyo area.

Higashi Nippon Food, Inc. 22 sites

Kanto Nippon Food, Inc. 34 sites

Naka Nippon Food, Inc. 31sites

Nishi Nippon Food, Inc. 28 sites

NH Japan Food Ltd. 3 sites

• Total sites: 118

• Employees: 2,754

• Truck fleet: 1,300 vehicles

Compound average growth rate (CAGR) in FY2012/3 and FY2023/3

Sales volumes

**Net sales** 

**Profit** 

<u>1.9%</u>

4.3%

**4.4**%

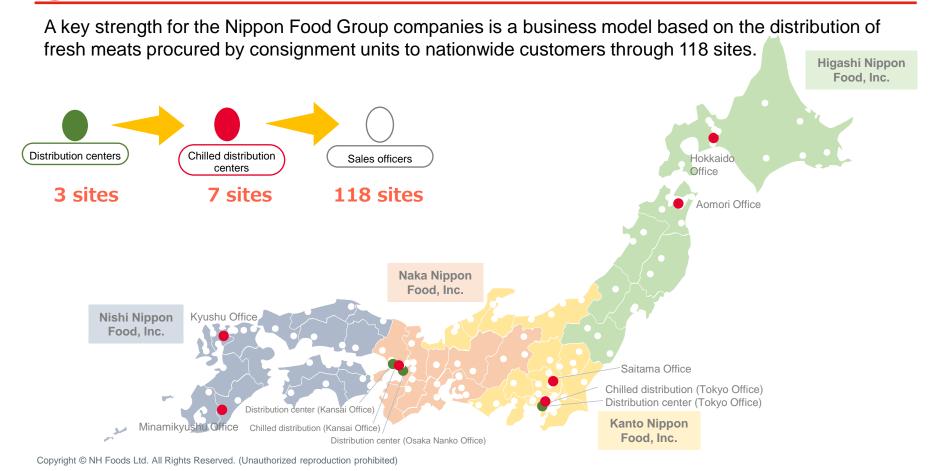
Profit growth higher than volume growth

<sup>\*</sup> As of FY2023/3



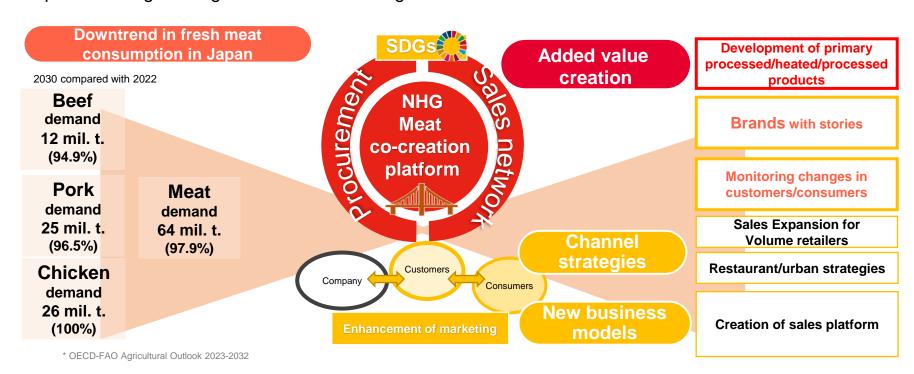
# **Strengths of the Sales Division (Nippon Food Group Companies)**





# **Issues and Future Sales Strategies**

The growth of the fresh meat market has peaked, and demand is now shrinking. We will respond by identifying the needs of consumers and customers as the basis for the provision of new value. We will expand earnings through enhanced marketing.



# **Sales Strategies**

# (1) Creation of Added Value—Marketing Enhancement



We will address customers' labor shortages and identify consumer needs. We will raise product processing levels ,expand the range of variations offered, and improve customer value and profitability.

# **Enhancement of marketing**

## **Marketing department**

- 20 people at 4 companies
- Analyzing and providing information on market research and statistical surveys
- Formulation of sales promotion measures, dissemination of proposal information, proposal-based sales
- Planning of various study sessions and seminars and support for their implementation
- Future expansion of data-based proposals using ID-POS data

### Food advisors (FA)

- 60 FAs at 4 companies
- Proposal of products to customers (volume retailers, etc.)
- Emphasis on proposals that reflect consumer perspectives
- Distribution of cooking methods, menu proposals, recipes based on market conditions and trends, etc.

# Food Future Lab Naka Nippon Food

- Envisioning the role of the Food Future Lab
- Verification of current kitchen needs for each channel, sales negotiations

Boxed meats



Packed & sliced products

Proceed products

Introduction of new primary processed products and case-ready imported and domestic products in collaboration with consignment units

# Sales Strategies (2) Channel Strategies



We will improve profitability by proposing optimal product items for each channel and area from an area sales system that covers all channels.

# **Existing sales style**



Establishment of organizations specializing in volume retailers and restaurants in urban areas

### **Volume retailer channel strategy**

Restaurant channel strategy











sal of processed products







Primary processing













Heated products

Sales of processed foods through
the channels of Nippon Food Group
companies (e.g., volume retailers,
restaurants/yakiniku restaurants).





New proposals to 7,400 customers of Nippon Food Group companies that have no dealings with Processed Foods Business Division

# **Sales Strategies**

# (3) New Business Model (Sustainable Business Model)



We will pursue digitalization measures in order to address labor shortages and accommodate diverse workstyles.

We will develop sustainable sales models that allow employees to reach their full potential.



Linking systems, processes, and information

**Designing diverse working scenarios** 

Transition to sustainable business models that reflect labor shortages, delayed retirement, and other factors









# Sustainable Sales Structure (Logistics Network)



We will address logistics problems resulting from law changes to be introduced in 2024 by working with the Sales Division to normalize logistics charges, while ensuring full compliance with laws and regulations.

### Fresh meats distribution centers/ transportation companies

### **Nippon Logistics Center, Inc.**

This company's distribution centers in Kawasaki City (Kanagawa Prefecture), Nishinomiya City (Hyogo Prefecture), and Osaka City (Osaka Prefecture) have the largest storage capacities in Japan.

### **Nippon Chilled Logistics, Inc.**

This company collects and delivers fresh meats produced or imported by the NH Foods Group, as well as livestock feed.

### Addressing logistics problems after 2024 law changes

We will ensure full compliance with laws and regulations. We will ensure the sustainability of our logistics structures by normalizing and revising unit prices storage and transportation.

- Revision of operation plans and delivery methods
  - →Changes to relay points, trailer swapping, modal shift verification, etc.
- Normalization of storage/transportation charges/reflection in prices
- Centralization of external storage locations, reduction of transportation between sites







