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Dear Members of the Media,

New meat processing plant in Hokkaido

Plant adds 40% capacity, strengthens the local production and distribution structure

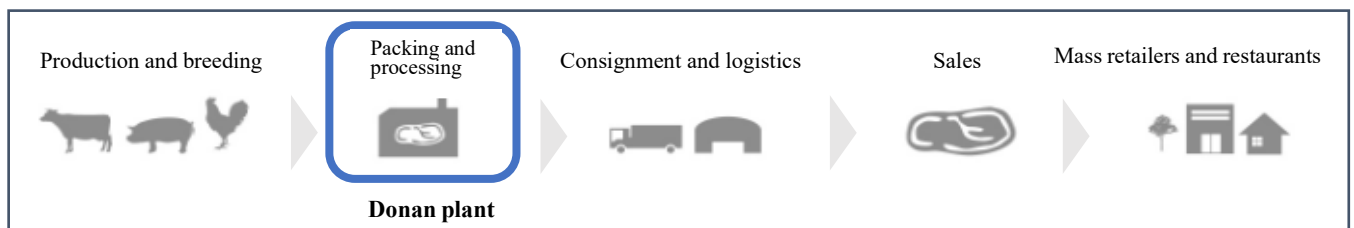
The NH Foods Group company Nippon Food Packer, Inc. (Headquartered in Oirase, Kamikita District, Aomori Prefecture; Representative Director and President & CEO, Hiroaki Yoshihara) announced the completion of construction of the Donan Plant in Yakumo, Futami District, Hokkaido Prefecture. The new Donan Plant strengthens the production and distribution structure of the Group's hog farming business and allows for upscaling of export operations. A completion ceremony was held on January 30.

The new pork processing plant incorporates a machine-automated system that will enable processing of up to 367,500 hogs annually, a nearly 40% expansion of processing capacity compared to prior to the construction. The highly automated system also has the benefits of stabilizing work quality and reducing workloads in sections where it is difficult to secure personnel.

The new plant also consolidates the processing of hogs for shipment outside of Hokkaido and incorporates the NH Foods Group's highly efficient Vertical Integration System supports complete processing from breeding through rearing, and meat processing.

The new plant enables Nippon Food Packer and the NH Foods Group to support local livestock farming by contributing to the continuing development of the regional meat industry while ensuring a stable supply of pork products in Eastern Japan along with increased export volume.

The NH Foods Group Vertical Integration System



*The NH Foods Group's unique Vertical Integration System ensures safe and high-quality pork production by encompassing all steps of the pork production process including production, breeding, and meat processing as well as consignment, logistics, and marketing at its own farms and plants in Japan and overseas.

■ Nippon Food Packer Donan Plant Overview

Name: Nippon Food Packer, Inc., Donan Plant

Location: 356 Tateiwa, Yakumo-cho, Futami-gun, Hokkaido

No. of employees: 265 (as of January 2024)

Representative: Hiroaki Yoshihara

Nature of business: Processing of meat and meat by-products

Products manufactured: Pork meat, pork fat, pork bones, pork offal, edible oil

Production capacity: 367,500 hogs per year (previously: 267,050 hogs per year)

Plant site area: Approximately 69,710 square meters

Total floor space: Approximately 15,258 square meters (previously: approx. 8,001 square meters)

New features: 1) Building: All LED lighting (shatterproof)

2) Processing: Labor-saving technologies with a hot water scalding system and robots

3) Environmental: Energy sources of LNG and natural refrigerants

Hog watering systems designed for animal welfare

■ Comment by Katsunori Iwamura, Mayor of Yakumo

We are delighted with the completion of Nippon Food Packer's new Donan Plant. Nippon Food Packer has contributed greatly to the development of our town's economy over the nearly 50 years since 1975 when it began operations producing healthy and safe food with its packing and processing operations. We sincerely hope you will continue producing safe, secure, and high-value-added products as a leading company deeply rooted in our community.



A panoramic view of the Donan plant



The front entrance