

Introduction to Central

February 2026



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Central and Our Central to Home Strategy

Pet Business

Garden Business

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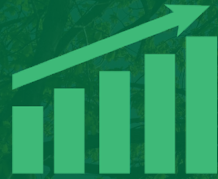
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Central and Our Central to Home Strategy

Key Takeaways



Pet & garden are highly attractive, resilient growth industries



Our long-term strategy sets a bold ambition for the future



Central is an industry leader with a strong foundation and significant untapped potential



We are positioned to deliver meaningful long-term shareholder value

Central – A Scaled Leader Across Pet and Lawn & Garden

Category leader in pet and lawn & garden

One of the largest platforms in both industries

Diversified, premium brand portfolio

60+ high quality brands across leading categories

Strong domestic scale

\$3.1B in FY25 net sales, with 95%+ generated in the U.S.

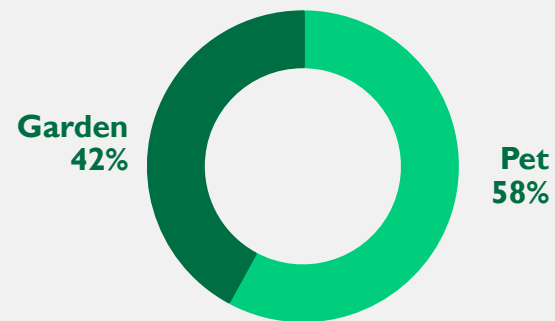
Proven M&A platform

60+ acquisitions completed over four decades

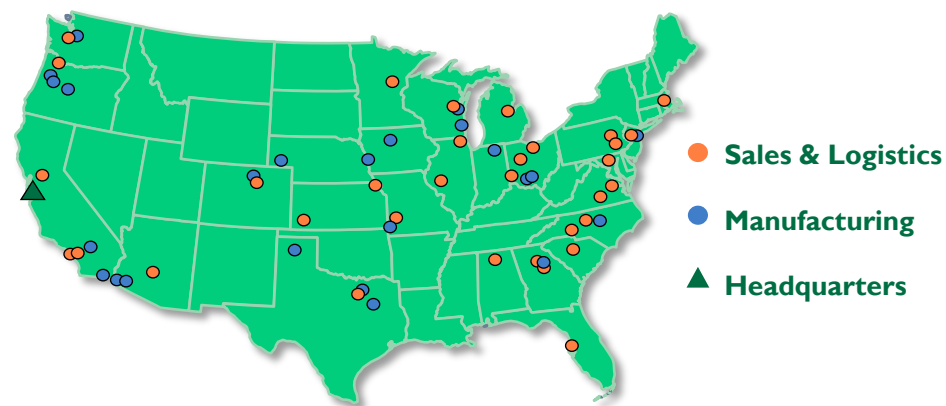
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NASDAQ: CENT and NASDAQ: CENTA

FY25 Sales by Segment



Nationwide Presence



Pet is an Attractive Growing Industry

Large Market

\$158B Industry

Growing & Resilient

Low Single-digit Growth

Broad Consumer Base

Over 90% Household Penetration¹⁾

Strong Tailwinds

Aligned with Consumer Trends

Favorable Pet Industry Trends



Pet Populations

Growing Millennial/Gen Z homeownership expands pet adoption and sustains category growth



Premium Influence

High-spending households drive premium trends with emphasis on product quality and lifestyle alignment



Retail Evolution

Accelerating hybrid shopping behavior: 79% buy pet products in-store, 70% buy online, and 39% use subscriptions



Invested in Health

Longer pet lifespans increase lifetime spend; 76% of owners seek products that enhance pet comfort



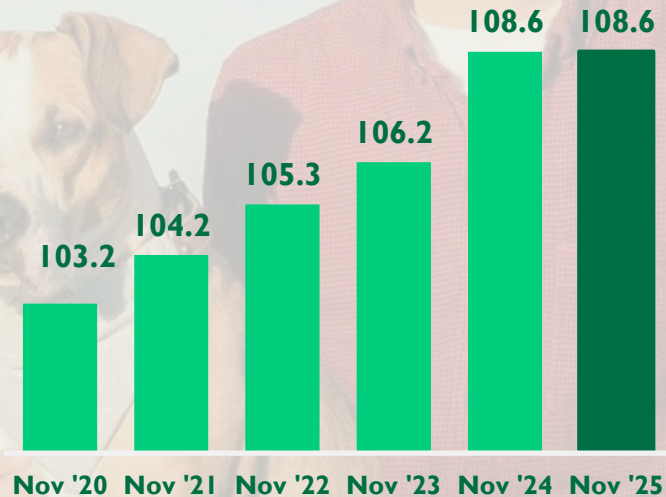
Pets are Health

Over 60% say pets support their mental health, reinforcing resilient spending under economic uncertainty

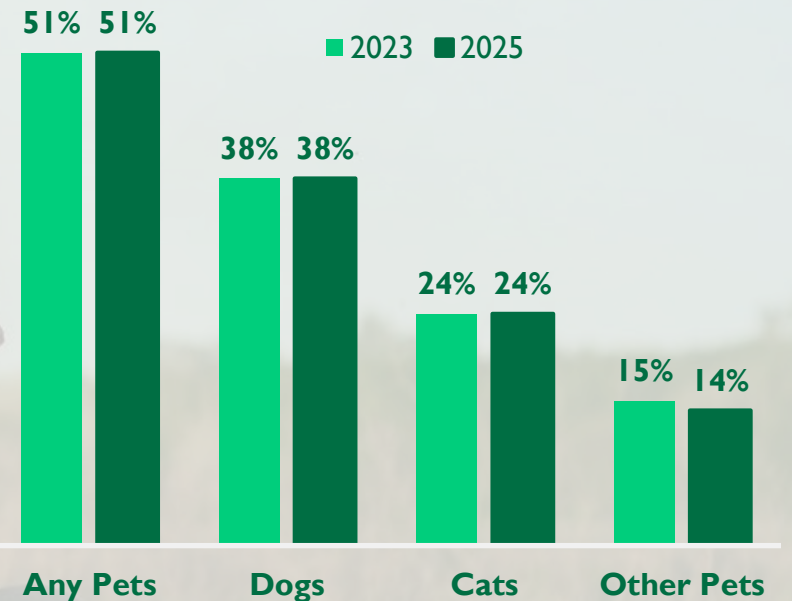
Large Pet Household Penetration

Long-term growth is driven by durable consumer trends

Households Buying Pet Supplies (in millions)



Number of Pet Owning Households (in percent of all households)



Garden is an Attractive Industry

Large Market

\$33B Industry

Resilient Industry

Low Single-digit Growth

Broad Consumer Base

Over 86% Household Engagement¹⁾

High Consumer Engagement

Strong Retention & Loyalty

Strong Garden Industry Trends



Sustainability

66% of Gardeners¹⁾ feel it is important to use environmentally friendly products



Convenience

Growth of ready-to-use products and smaller package sizes outperforms the lawn & garden space



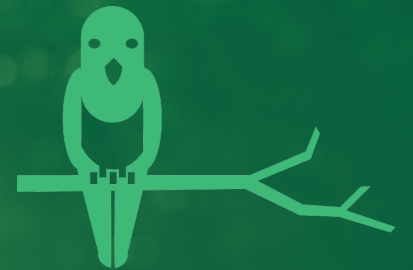
Demographics

Gen Z and Millennials are driving category growth (Berries and indoor houseplants)



eCommerce

Emerging home and garden eCommerce is growing faster than the category



Urbanization

Growth of suburban homes with larger outdoor spaces continues to outpace urban¹⁾

Significant and Growing Lawn & Garden Household Participation



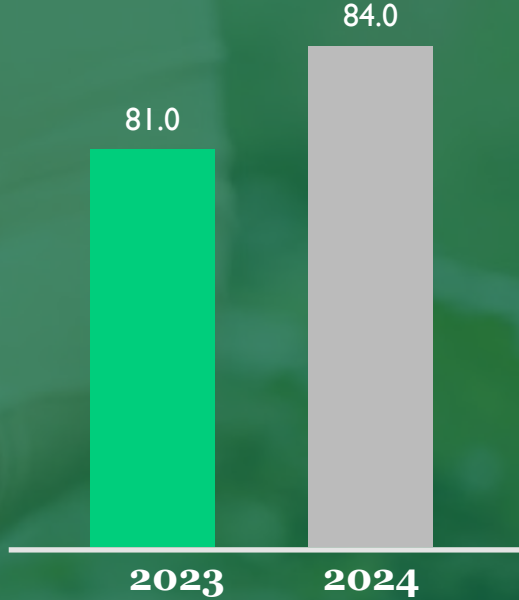
122M

Estimated number of households engaged in gardening

+6%

new households entering the category in 2025 vs PY

+3% Household penetration



Central has a Strong Foundation for Sustainable Growth

Proven track record of M&A

Strong relationships with retailers built over 45 years

Consistent financial performance

Superior manufacturing and distribution network

Leading brand portfolio across key pet and garden segments

Experienced leadership team supported by an entrepreneurial culture

Broad, Diversified Portfolio across Pet and Garden

Garden




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 **Lawn & Garden Consumables**


































Pet

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 **Pet Supplies**
(ex- Dog & Cat Food, Cat Litter)

-  Major Participant
-  Meaningful Participant
-  Minor Participant

				
Controls				
Grass Seed				
Packet Seed				
Wild Bird				
Fertilizer				
Live Plants				
Growing Media & Mulch				

				
Dog & Cat Supplies				
Dog Treats & Chews				
Aquatics Supplies				
Small Animal Supplies				
Pet Bird Supplies				
Reptile Supplies				
Equine Supplies				
Professional				
Live Fish & Small Animals				
Dog & Cat Food				 *
Cat Treats				
Cat Litter				
Services (Vet/ non-medical)				

Leading Brands across Attractive Segments



Pet



#3 in Dog Toys



#2 in Small Animal



#1 in Pet Bird



#1 in Suet



#2 in Aquatics



#2 in Fly Control



#5 in Reptile



#2 in Calming Products

Garden



#1 in Wild Bird



#1 in Packet Seed



#2 in Grass Seed



#3 in Controls

Professional



#1 Farm
Insect
Control



#1 Municipal
Mosquito
Control

Fiscal 2025 Financial Results

**Net
Sales**

**\$3.1B
(2)%**

**Non-GAAP
Operating Income¹⁾**

**\$265MM
+19%**

Non-GAAP EPS¹⁾

**\$2.73
+\$0.60**

Cash & Cash Equiv.

**\$882MM
+128MM**

Proven Track Record of M&A



60+



Acquisitions over the last 40 years



Deep, Long-standing Retail Partnerships



- 45 years of strong partnership with top-tier retailers
- Strong joint business planning
- Private label producer for many retailers in key categories
- Growing leadership in eCommerce

Superior Manufacturing & Fulfillment Network



Large national footprint
with sales, manufacturing
and logistics sites



Strong fulfillment
capabilities in
pet and garden



Low-cost
producer across
several categories



Strong & Experienced Leadership Team



Niko Lahanas

CEO



Brad Smith

CFO



John Hanson

President, Pet Consumer Products



J.D. Walker

President, Garden Consumer Products

Consumer

18 years

19 years

33 years

43 years

Central

18 years

7 years

5 years

14 years



Glen Axelrod

Senior Vice President, Dog & Cat

29 years

27 years



Dan Pennington

Senior Vice President, Wild Bird, Chemicals & Fertilizers

46 years

46 years



Apur Patel

Chief Legal Officer

6 years

1 year



Marilyn Leahy

Senior Vice President, Human Resources

29 years

13 years



Chris Walter

Senior Vice President & Chief Information Officer

27 years

19 years

Combination of Deep Central Experience and Relevant Consumer Industry Experience





Our foundation is strong

and our future is bright



Our New Purpose & Mission

Our Purpose

Nurture happy and healthy homes

Our Mission

Lead the future of the garden and pet industries... one blade of grass and one wagging tail at a time

Our Identity



**Home is central to life,
we are central to home**

Our Long-Term Strategy



CONSUMER

Build and grow brands
Consumers love



CUSTOMER

Win with winning
Customers and
Channels



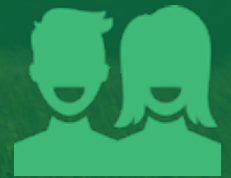
CENTRAL

Fortify the Central
Portfolio



COST

Reduce Cost to
improve margins and
fuel growth



CULTURE

Balance our
entrepreneurial, BU-led,
growth Culture



CONSUMER

Build & grow brands
Consumers love



Deeply understand
our consumer's needs
and expectations



Develop winning brands,
products and platforms



Invest in demand
creation to accelerate
organic growth



Innovating for Growth



- EPA approved long-lasting and highly effective fly control for horses
- Shipping as of early February
- Initial customer feedback has been highly positive

- Powerful 30% vinegar cleaner for tough messes – much stronger than household cleaner
- Pure plant-based, biodegradable, non-toxic
- Initial launch exceeded expectations, achieving targets 50% faster than planned



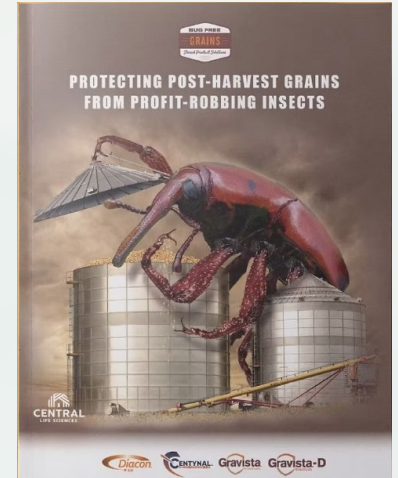
Investing in Digital Marketing



“Monster Bug” campaign

Results

- Generated 26M+ impressions
- Achieved 60,000+ landing page visits
- Increased product adoption



“Red Rocks” campaign

Results

- Brand recognition increased from 8% to 15%
- Totaling over 800K impressions to date
- Increased average cushion sales by 1900%





CUSTOMER

Win with winning
Customers & Channels



Build a leading
eCommerce platform



Strengthen relationships
with winning customers



Quickly adapt and respond
to channel shifts





CUSTOMER

Build a Leading eCommerce Platform

Developing Winning Capabilities

Activation



Assortment



Content



Availability



eCommerce Flywheel



Search

~18%

of total business in fiscal 2025

+2%

2025 eCommerce Net Sales growth

~27%

of Pet business

HSD%

of Garden business in fiscal 2025

amazon
chewy
Walmart

Top 10

Customers for Central



Fortify the Central
Portfolio

- Invest in core and adjacent categories where we have a right to win
- Exit underperforming and non-core businesses
- Ensure a responsible and sustainable future
- Accelerate the transition to a fully digital organization



Pennington - Habitat for Humanity



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M&A Remains a Growth Driver

Our M&A Priorities

- 1 Build scale in core categories
- 2 Enter priority adjacencies
- 3 Enhance key capabilities
- 4 Pursue portfolio optimization

Preferred acquirer in our industries

- Track record of M&A success
- Focused on maintaining entrepreneurial led culture
- Immediate distribution and supply chain scale benefits
- Merchandising, category management leadership
- Stellar balance sheet and access to capital

Seeking growth and margin accretive, brand-focused companies with talented management teams



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Strengthening the Portfolio with Focus on Sustainability

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CENTRAL

IMPACT

Protecting our Planet




Cultivating our Communities

Empowering our Employees



COST

Reduce Costs to improve margins & fuel growth

-  Simplify operations through continuous improvement and net productivity
-  Capture scale and collaboration benefits across BUs
-  Improve cash conversion cycle





COST

Focus on Cost & Cash While Fueling Long-Term Growth



Control
Cost



Enhance
Efficiency



Leverage
Scale



Simplify
Operations



CULTURE

Balance our entrepreneurial,
BU-led, growth Culture



Recruit, recognize, and retain
high-performing individuals



Build a diverse, collaborative,
data-driven, knowledge-based
learning organization



Make Central a great place to
work where employees can
thrive, continually develop, and
have fun





CULTURE

Maintain our Winning Growth Culture



Committed to Driving Results



**Be the
Destination
for Top Talent**



**Build a Portfolio
of Market Leading
Brands**



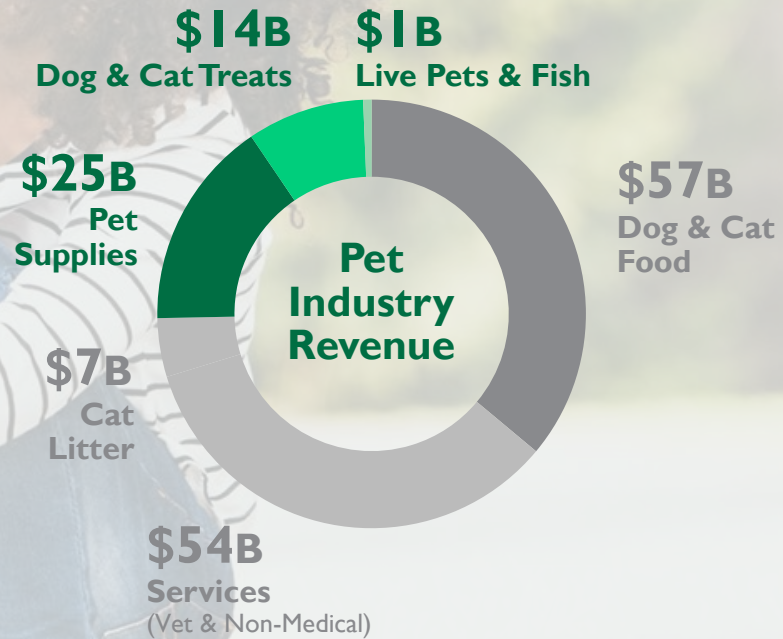
**Deliver Strong
Financial
Performance**



Pet Business

Pet is a Dynamic Growth Industry

Central participates in ~\$40B of \$158B Pet industry



Strong demographic and behavioral tailwinds

Fragmented competitive set across categories

Broad distribution across retail channels

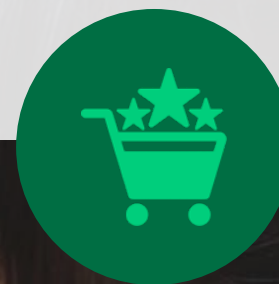
Growing eCommerce channel

Central is a Leader in the Pet Segment

Net sales of
\$1.8B
in FY 2025



Consumer &
professional
businesses with
leading brands



~80% Branded &
Private Label
~20% Distribution



Solid 2025 performance in a
dynamic operating environment

12.5%

Non-GAAP
Operating
Margin













27%

eCommerce
of Pet Sales

Leading Portfolio of Brands and Private Label



Our Leadership Positions

Categories	Leading brands
Dog & Cat	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>#3</p>  <p>CHEWS BEST™ Dog Chew Toys</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>#4</p>  <p>in Dog Pads</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>#2</p>  <p>Calming Products</p> </div> </div>
Aquatics	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>#2</p>  <p>Aquatics</p> </div>
Small Animal	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>#2</p>  <p>Small Animal</p> </div>
Bird	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>#1</p>  <p>Pet Bird</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>#1</p>  <p>Suet</p> </div> </div>
Reptile	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>#5</p>  <p>Reptile</p> </div>
Equine	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>#2</p>  <p>Fly Controls</p> </div>
Live Pets (ex-Dog & Cat)	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>#1</p>  <p>Segrest Farms Live Pet (ex Dog & Cat)</p> </div>
Professional	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>#1</p>  <p>Farm Insect Control</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>#1</p>  <p>Municipal Mosquito Control</p> </div> </div>

Innovation Expands our Industry Leadership

ADAMS

Botanicals Flea & Tick Spray



“Best Flea & Tick Solution: 2025”
by LUXlife Magazine

“Flea & Tick Product of the Year”
2025 Pet Innovation Award

Nylabone
CHEWS BEST

Power Chew Pack



2025 AmeriStar
Award for the
sustainable design
of the Power Chew
packaging

Investing in Demand Creation

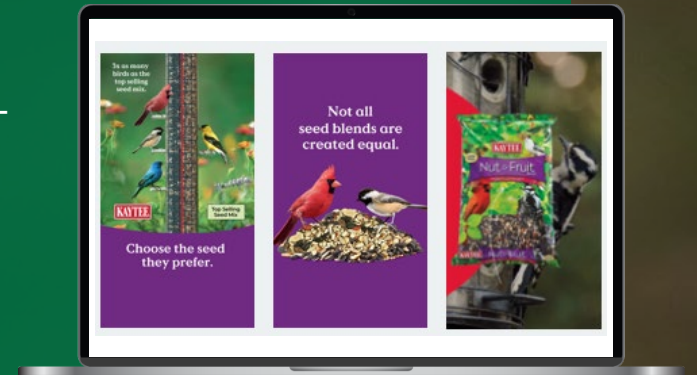


“All About the Little Things” Marketing Campaign

Digital, social media,
including Video

Driving brand awareness, click-through rate and conversion

+160 bpts
Category share growth*





CUSTOMER

Positioned to Win Every Channel

- Leading category insights and solutions to drive industry growth
- Strong relationships across customers and channels
- Growing strength in eCommerce
- Tenured Pet industry sales leadership





Winning in eCommerce

Solid 2025 Results*

~27%

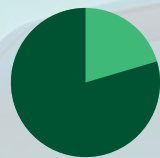
of Pet Sales

Gaining Share
in many categories



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Pet Distribution Generates Competitive Advantage



~18%
of Pet
revenue

Largest

Assortment of supplies in
Pet distribution with over 30,000 SKUs

Our Portfolio

Third-Party Brands



~80%

~20%

Who We Serve



10,000+
Retailer locations

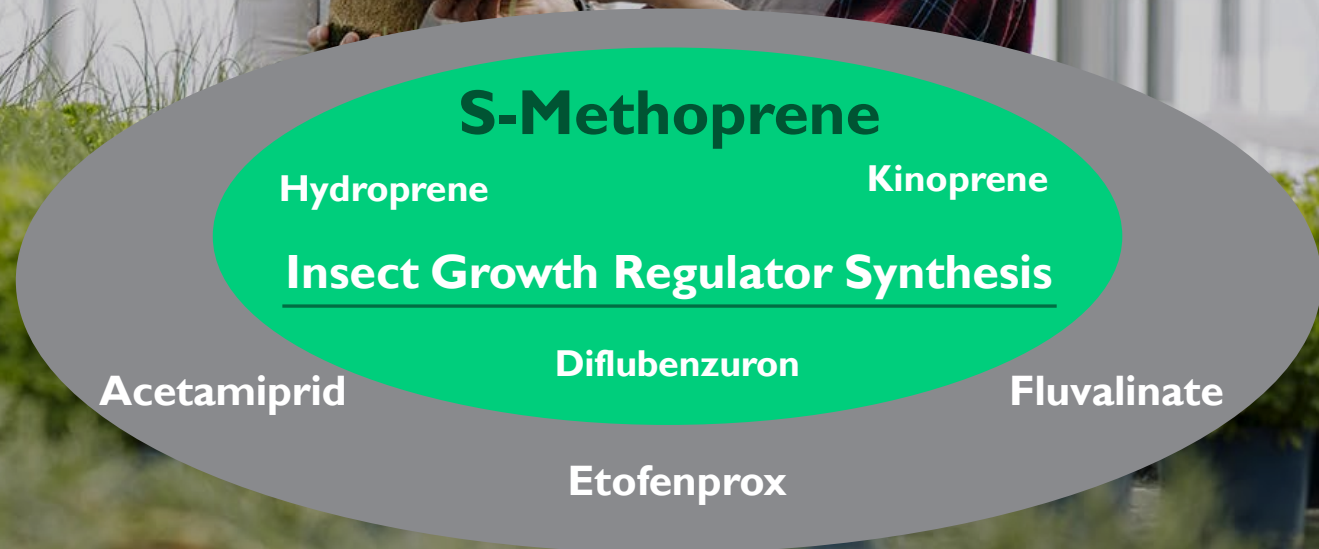
5,600+
Vet clinics

Competitive Advantages

- Insight into leading consumer trends
- Channel leadership in Pet Specialty
- Strengthened category management with top customers
- Access to emerging brands for M&A

Professional Business

- \$1.4B U.S. insect controls market incl. flea, fly, tick, ant, mosquito, roach, grain pests and bed bugs
- S-Methoprene is the “core” of insect growth regulators (IGR’s)
- Central acquired S-Methoprene as part of the 1997 Wellmark acquisition
- Low-cost producer of S-Methoprene worldwide
- Central owns
 - S-Methoprene drug master file
 - Numerous product registrations
 - Patents
 - Manufacturing synthesis process



Professional Business - Verticals



Pest Control

Farm & Ranch

Livestock

Prof. Agriculture

Mosquito Control

Market Size

\$320MM

\$80MM

\$210MM

\$35MM

\$75MM

Customers

- Pest control distribution
- eCommerce

- Agri-/horticulture distribution
- Retailers e.g. TSCO
- eCommerce

- Livestock feed manufacturers

- Agri-/horticulture distribution

- Pest control distribution

Consumers

- Licensed applicators treating hotels, restaurants, office spaces, cruise lines

- Farms, ranches

- Farms, ranches

- Agriculture growers, mills, elevators, ocean vessels

- Municipalities

Professional Business - Capabilities

- Delivering value-added solutions while building scale with key customers
- 450+ EPA registrations, 200+ state registrations, and 1,000+ sub-registrations from key partners



Professional Business - Manufacturing Capabilities

Manufacturing facilities in Dallas, TX and Council Bluffs, IA



Methoprene synthesis



Flea and tick collar injection molding



Dry product mixing and blending



Thermoform and fill



Liquid formulation and filling



Diverse analytical capability

Our Professional Business Powers Pet and Garden Products

Professional



Equine



Health & Wellness



Controls





COST

Generating Savings to Fuel Growth

Rightsizing Footprint

- Consolidated locations

Scaling Strong Businesses

- Acquired Champion USA (Dec. 2025)

Controlling Costs

- Turned inventory into cash

Optimizing Portfolio

- SKU rationalization
- Exit of low margin UK business

Pet Business Key Takeaways:



Pet is a dynamic industry with strong consumer tailwinds



Central is a strong leader in the pet industry with untapped growth potential



We are executing effectively in a dynamic operating environment



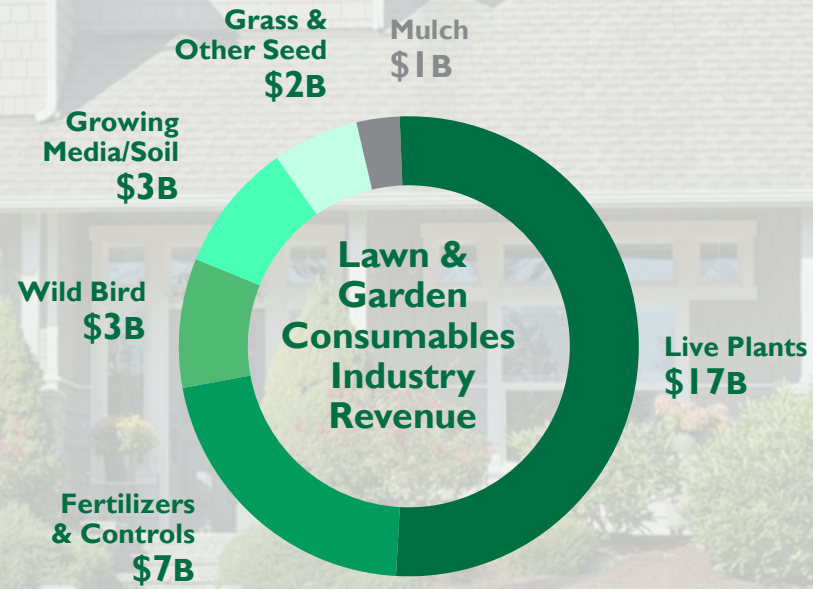
We have a bold, consumer-centric growth strategy supported by clear execution



Garden Business

Garden is an Attractive Industry

Central participates in ~\$32B of \$33B Lawn & Garden Consumables Industry



High-impact seasonal peak, ~2/3 of sales concentrated in Q2-Q3

Scaled national distribution, anchored by leading home centers and mass retailers

eCommerce runway, accelerating online adoption

Central one of the few scaled players in a fragmented industry

Central is a Leader in the Garden Segment

Net sales of
\$1.3B
in FY 2025



>70%
Sales from
Top 3 customers



**~80% Brands &
Private Label**
~20% Distribution



Solid 2025 performance in a
dynamic operating environment

11.1%






Non-GAAP
Operating
Margin

Strong

eCommerce
POS growth

Leading Portfolio of Brands and Private Label

Our Leadership Positions

Categories	Position	Leading brands
Wild Bird	#1	
Packet Seed	#1	FERRY~MORSE®
Grass Seed	#2	
Controls	#3	 
Live Plants	#3	

Garden Distribution Advantage



~18%
of Garden
revenue



**Exclusive
Distributor
of Lawn & Garden
Supplies to the
Top 3 Retailers**



5
**Full-line DCs
providing national
footprint and
coverage**

Competitive Advantages

- Valued partner for largest three retailers and select national accounts
- Strengthened customer partnerships, category management
- Insight into leading consumer trends
- Access to emerging brands for M&A

CONSUMER

Building Brands Consumers Love



Grass Seed

+38%

Sales at Top 3
2025 vs. 2020



Wild Bird

+47%

Sales at Top 3
2025 vs. 2020



Fertilizer

+147%

Sales at Top 3
2025 vs. 2020



Building and Growing Winning Innovation

Brand Building

Expanded into mulch glue category with all new mulch glue



Brand Redesign

HSD

POS \$ growth in the category in a year where category contracted



CUSTOMER

Positioned to Win Every Channel

Winning at the Big 3

- Outstanding customer relationships
- Tenured sales team with deep Lawn & Garden expertise
- Leveraging our unique portfolio and consumer insights to tailor category solutions
- Best in class retail activation and execution with ~1,400 merchandisers in store in peak season



Strengthening our Positions in Emerging Channels¹⁾

+75%

Growth in eCommerce vs. 2020²⁾

+54%

Growth in Farm & Ranch vs. 2020

+12%

Growth in Mass & General Merch. vs. 2020



COST

Generating Savings to Fuel Growth

Rightsizing Footprint

- Consolidated fulfilment centers and external storage into new DC in Salt Lake City

Streamlining Operations

- Consolidated and closed several live plants facilities

Controlling Costs

- Turned inventory into cash

Optimizing Portfolio

- SKU rationalization
- Exit of underperforming pottery business

Garden Business Key Takeaways:



Garden is a resilient industry with a broad base of loyal consumers



Central is a strong leader in the garden industry with untapped growth potential



We are executing well in a challenging environment



We have a bold, consumer-centric growth strategy and a clear path forward



Central Impact

Sustainability is Integral to Our Long-Term Strategy



Grounded in our purpose to nurture happy and healthy homes



Important to our long-term profitability



Integrated within our growth strategy



Critical to our mission to lead the future of the garden and pet industries

Our Central Impact Strategy has three priorities and 10 focus areas

Protecting our Planet



Energy &
Greenhouse Gases



Water



Waste



Biodiversity

Cultivating our Communities



Philanthropy



Employee
Volunteering



Product
Stewardship

Empowering our Employees



Health &
Safety



Inclusion &
Belonging



Learning &
Development



Protecting our Planet

Our Goals

Protect our Planet by Embedding Sustainability in our Processes and Products

Our Focus Areas

- Energy & Greenhouse Gases
- Water
- Waste
- Biodiversity

2023 Highlights

33 million pounds of recycled materials in our Kaytee small animal bedding

19 metric tons of GHG saved compressing Wee-Wee training pads during transport

100 million gallons of water use avoided using drip irrigation

12 million pounds of waste diverted from the landfill to be sold and repurposed from our bird feed



Community Health

Our Goal

Cultivate our Communities by Giving Back and Providing Better Products

Our Focus Areas

- Philanthropy
- Employee Volunteering
- Product Stewardship

2023 Highlights

\$1.5MM in monetary and product donations





Empower our Employees

Our Goal

Empower our Employees by Providing a Safe and Inclusive Workplace

Our Focus Areas

- Health & Safety
- Inclusion & Belonging
- Learning & Development

2023 Highlights

10 Percent reduction in safety incidents on average over the last four years

400 educational courses taken by our employees



People & Culture

Our People



Passionate Engaged Employee Base

6,000 employees primarily in North America



Broad Domestic Footprint

Domestic offices, manufacturing plants and fulfillment centers

Additional locations in Mexico, Canada, the U.K. and China



Deep Experience & Expertise

6+ years Average tenure of Hourly FTEs

11+ years Average tenure of Salaried FTEs

Building Central as a Great Place to Work



Develop, recruit &
retain top talent



Build winning
capabilities



Embrace
inclusion &
belonging

Develop, Recruit & Retain Top Talent



Strong succession & talent management planning with focus on critical roles



Targeted external hires to complement internal talent



Extended leadership community



Robust development & career planning

External Hires to Complement Internal Talent

40+ Internal promotions to director and above roles in the past year

- Finance
- Supply Chain
- Sales & Marketing
- Human Resources
- In several business units

5+ External hires in director and above roles in the past year

- Finance
- Marketing
- Supply Chain



Building Winning Capabilities



Marketing

Consumer Insights
Brand Building
Innovation



eCommerce

Omni-Channel Expansion
Supply Chain Fulfillment
Direct to Consumer



Data & Analytics

Business performance
Marketing, Sales & eCommerce
Supply chain



Embracing Inclusion & Belonging

35%

Of leadership
positions* held
by women

Mentorship

- Mentorship Program and education subsidies to build a strong pipeline of future leaders

Leadership Development

- Inclusive Leadership embedded in our leadership development programs

Recruiting

- Recruiters/hiring managers apply inclusion outreach tools and track usage of system

Employee Education

- Learning Central includes rich content and can be accessed by all employees



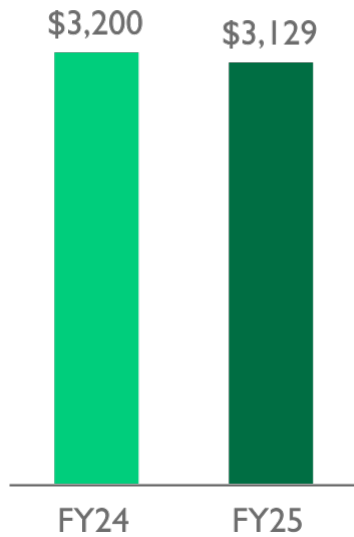
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Solid FY25 Performance - GAAP

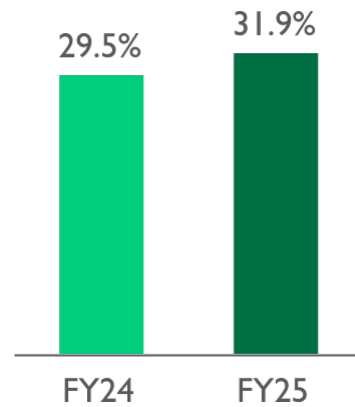
Net Sales *(in \$ millions)*

(2)%



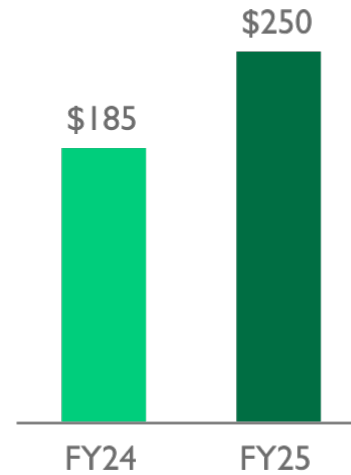
Gross Margin *(as a percentage of Net Sales)*

+240bps



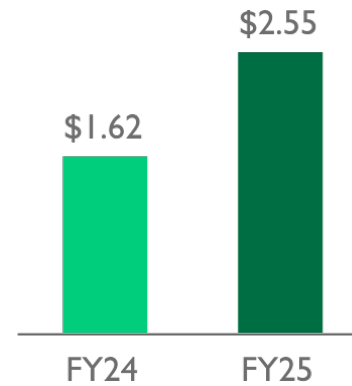
Operating Income *(in \$ millions)*

+35%



EPS *(in \$)*

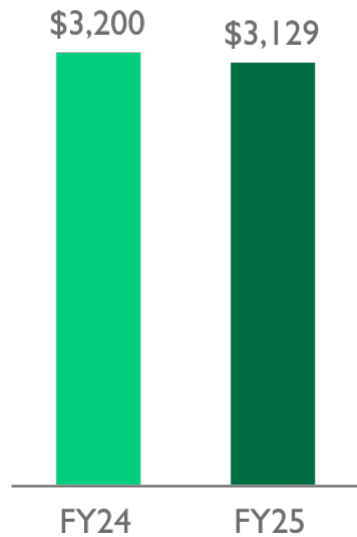
+\$0.93



Solid FY25 Performance - Non-GAAP

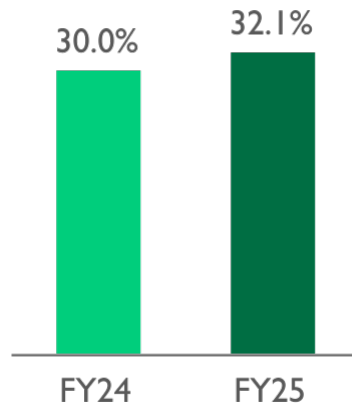
Net Sales *(in \$ millions)*

(2)%



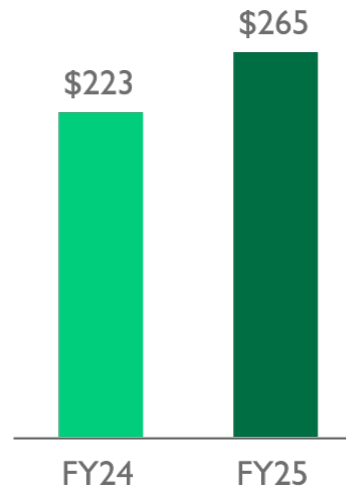
Non-GAAP Gross Margin *(as a percentage of Net Sales)*

+210bps



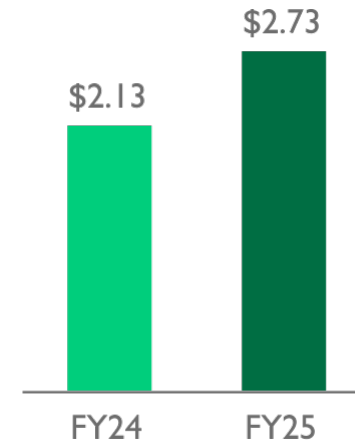
Non-GAAP Operating Income *(in \$ millions)*

+19%

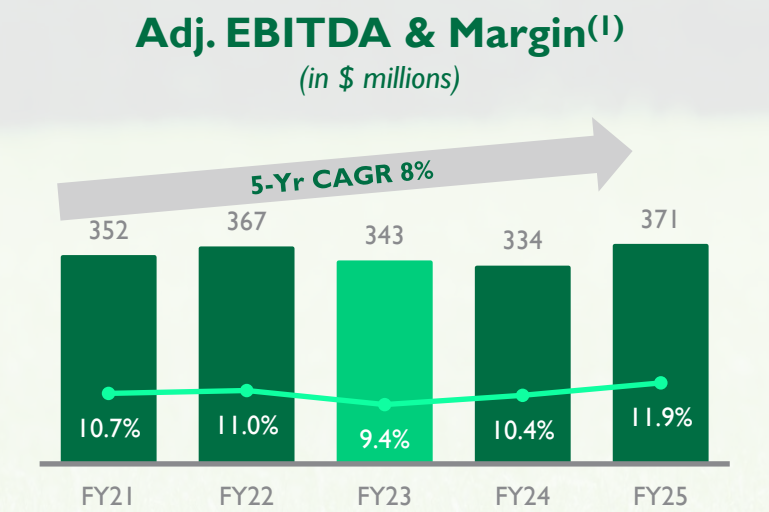
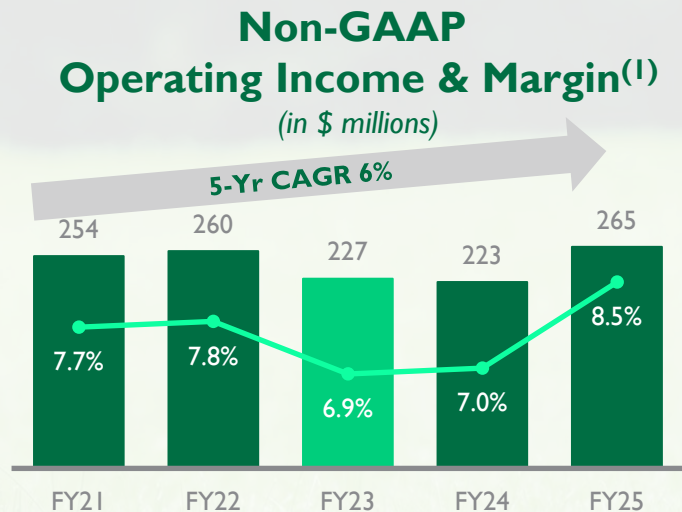
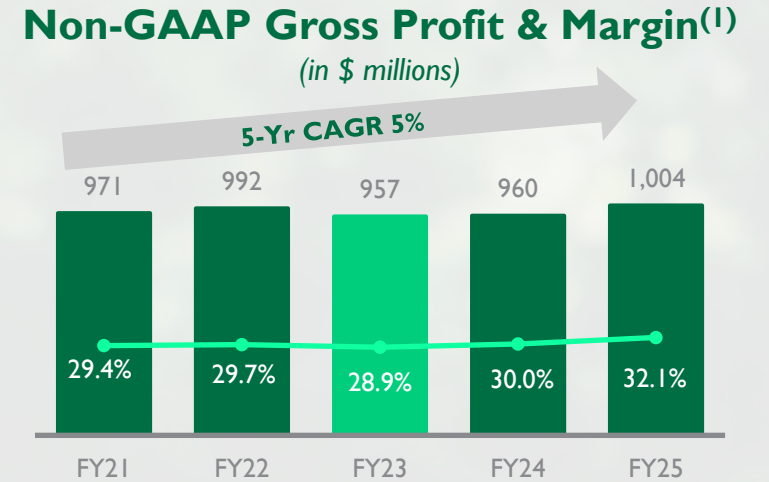
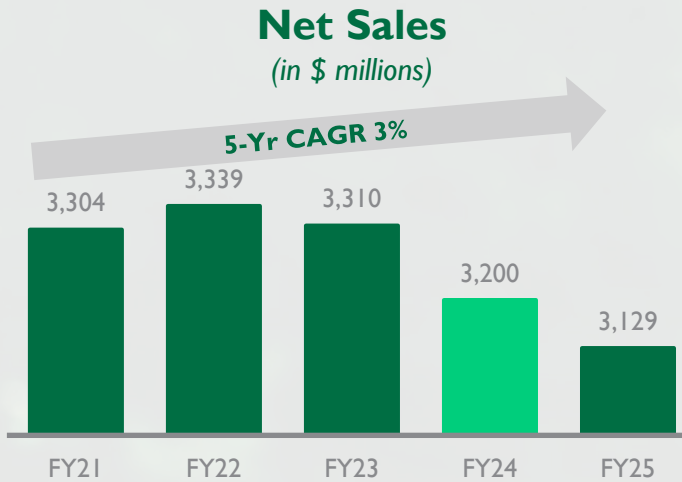


Non-GAAP EPS *(in \$)*

+\$0.60



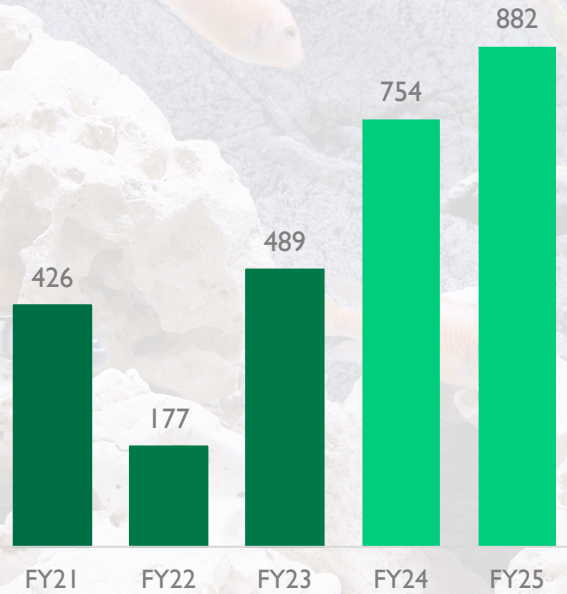
Our Metrics Accelerated Over The Last Five Years



Strong Financial Metrics

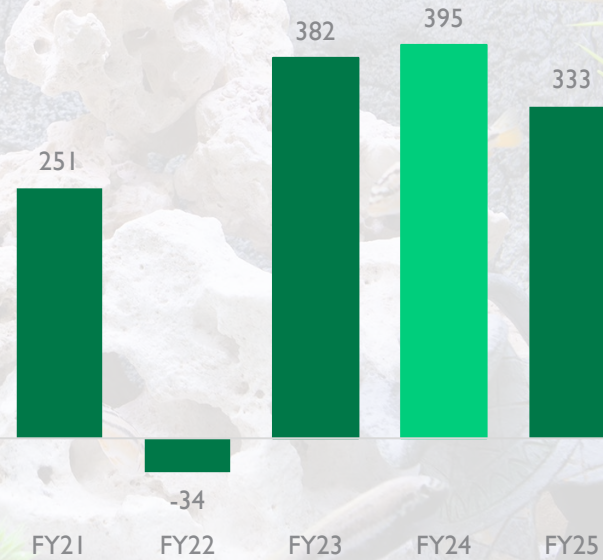
Cash & Cash Equivalents

(in \$ millions)



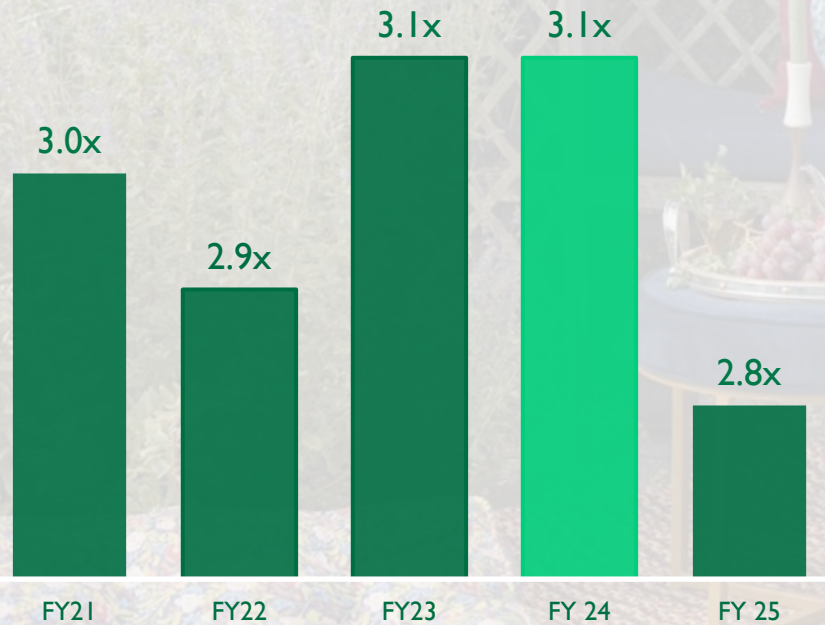
Cash Flow from Operations

(in \$ millions)



Financial Resilience

Gross Leverage



- Strong and resilient balance sheet
- Refinanced debt at lower rates
- Future leverage target of 3-3.5x, willing to go higher for the right target, then quickly de-lever
- Reach investment grade rating

Multi-year Journey to Reduce Cost and Simplify our Business

PRINCIPLES

Simplify our business, focus our portfolio and supply chain

Improve our efficiency across everything we do

Execute in market with excellence

Take a disciplined and phased approach, avoid a “big bang”

FOCUS AREAS



Procurement



Manufacturing



Logistics



Portfolio



Administration

OUTCOMES

Significantly reduced complexity: fewer SKUs, fewer plants, fewer distribution centers

Lower COGS through lower logistics costs, better procurement

Greater focus on higher margin consumer product Pet and Garden businesses

Lower administrative costs through scale leverage and efficiency

Capital Allocation Priorities

Invest for Growth

- Expand capacity and increase automation
- Selectively invest in brand building, ecommerce, digital marketing, consumer insights

Share repurchases

- Opportunistic and programmatic share repurchases

Targeted M&A

- Build scale, fill white spaces and enter priority adjacencies
- Enhance key capabilities and pursue portfolio optimization

Debt Repayment

- Maintain flexibility for opportunistic M&A
- Reach investment grade rating

Long-Term Algorithm for Profitable Growth

Organic Net Sales

Outlook:

LSD

Grow at or above category average

Drivers:

Strengthened capabilities and increased investment in marketing and sales

Operating Income

Outlook:

MSD

Grow faster than Net Sales

Drivers:

Operating leverage and cost excellence

Earnings per Share

Outlook:

MSD-HSD

Grow faster than Operating Income

Drivers:

Leverage improvement

Share Class Structure: CENT, CENTA, and CENTB

- All three share classes represent the same economic ownership in Central Garden & Pet
- Differences relate only to voting rights and liquidity, not financial returns
- CENTB shares are not publicly traded and are primarily held by founders and insiders

	<u>CENT</u>	<u>CENTA</u>	<u>CENTB</u>
Class	Common Stock	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock
Exchange Listing	NASDAQ	NASDAQ	Not listed
Voting Rights	1 vote per share	No voting rights	10 votes per share
Economic Interest	Identical	Identical	Identical
Dividends	Same per share	Same per share	Same per share
Liquidation Rights	Same	Same	Same
Public Float	Yes	Yes	No
Typical Liquidity	Lower	Higher	Not applicable
Primary Holders	Long-term institutions, generalist investors	Liquidity-focused investors	Founders / insiders

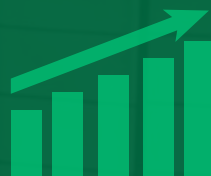
Key Takeaways: Financial Overview



Robust financial performance



Fortress balance sheet and strong cash generation



Opportunities to expand margins and fuel growth



Proven track record of M&A



Long-term strategy designed to drive shareholder returns



Summary



Long-term Strategy

OUR PURPOSE

Nurture happy and healthy homes

OUR MISSION

Lead the future of the garden and pet industries... one blade of grass and one wagging tail at a time

OUR STRATEGIES



CONSUMER

Build and grow brands
Consumers love



CUSTOMER

Win with winning
Customers & Channels



CENTRAL

Fortify the
Central portfolio



COST

Reduce Cost to improve
margins & fuel growth



CULTURE

Strengthen our entrepreneurial,
business unit led, growth Culture

Recap: Key Takeaways



Pet & garden are highly attractive, resilient growth industries



Our long-term strategy sets a bold ambition for the future



Central is an industry leader with a strong foundation and significant untapped potential



We are positioned to deliver meaningful long-term shareholder value



CENTRAL

GARDEN & PET

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Appendix

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measure

We report our financial results in accordance with GAAP. However, to supplement the financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP, we use non-GAAP financial measures including non-GAAP net income and diluted net income per share, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP gross profit and gross margin, non-GAAP selling, general and administrative expense and adjusted EBITDA. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures that exclude the impact of specific items (described below) in making financial, operating and planning decisions and in evaluating our performance. Management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures may be useful to investors in their assessment of our ongoing operating performance and provide additional meaningful comparisons between current results and results in prior operating periods. While management believes that non-GAAP measures are useful supplemental information, such adjusted results are not intended to replace our GAAP financial results and should be read in conjunction with those GAAP results.

Adjusted EBITDA is defined by us as income before income tax, net other expense, net interest expense, depreciation and amortization and stock-based compensation expense (or operating income plus depreciation and amortization expense and stock-based compensation expense). Adjusted EBITDA further excludes one-time charges related to facility closures, exits of businesses, intangible and investment impairments and gains from litigation. We present adjusted EBITDA because we believe that adjusted EBITDA is a useful supplemental measure in evaluating the cash flows and performance of our business and provides greater transparency into our results of operations. Adjusted EBITDA is used by our management to perform such evaluations. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for cash flow from operations, income from operations or other income statement measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. We believe that adjusted EBITDA is frequently used by investors, securities analysts and other interested parties in their evaluation of companies, many of which present adjusted EBITDA when reporting their results. Other companies may calculate adjusted EBITDA differently and it may not be comparable.

The reconciliations of these non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP are shown in the tables below.

Non-GAAP financial measures reflect adjustments based on the following items:

- Facility closures and business exit: we have excluded charges related to the closure of distribution and manufacturing facilities and our decision to exit the pottery business as they represent infrequent transactions that impact the comparability between operating periods. We believe these exclusions supplement the GAAP information with a measure that may be useful to investors in assessing the sustainability of our operating performance.
- Asset impairment charges: we exclude the impact of asset impairments on intangible assets and investments as such non-cash amounts are inconsistent in amount and frequency. We believe that the adjustment of these charges supplements the GAAP information with a measure that can be used to assess the performance of our ongoing operations.
- Gain from litigation settlement: we exclude the gain from a litigation settlement as it is a one-time occurrence. We believe that the exclusion of this gain supplements the GAAP information with a measure that can be used to assess the performance of our ongoing operations.
- Tax impact: adjustment represents the impact of the tax effect of the pre-tax non-GAAP adjustments excluded from non-GAAP net income. The tax impact of the non-GAAP adjustments is calculated based on the consolidated effective tax rate on a GAAP basis, applied to the non-GAAP adjustments.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measure

From time to time in the future, there may be other items that we may exclude if we believe that doing so is consistent with the goal of providing useful information to investors and management.

We have not provided a reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to the corresponding GAAP measures on a forward-looking basis as we cannot do so without unreasonable efforts due to the potential variability and limited visibility of excluded items; these excluded items may include facility closures and exit costs, impairment charges and restructuring costs, among others.

The non-GAAP adjustments made reflect the following:

Facility closures and business exits

1. During fiscal 2025, we recognized incremental expense of \$5.0 million in our Garden segment in the consolidated statement of operations related to closing a distribution facility in Ontario, California and executing the consolidation of our Western distribution network. Additionally, the charge includes costs related to the closure of a live goods facility.
2. During fiscal 2025, we recognized incremental expense of \$10.0 million in our Pet segment in the consolidated statement of operations related to our decision to wind-down our operations in the U.K. and the related facility as we move to a direct-export model.
3. During fiscal 2024, we recognized incremental expense of \$20.3 million in our Garden segment in the consolidated statement of operations, from the closure of a manufacturing facility in California, the consolidation of our Southeast distribution network, the decision to exit the pottery business, the closure of a live goods distribution facility in Delaware, the relocation of our grass seed research facility related, and facility closures announced in fiscal 2023
4. During fiscal 2024, we recognized incremental expense of \$7.5 million in our Pet segment in the consolidated statement of operations, from the closure of manufacturing facilities in California and Arizona.

Intangible Impairments

5. During fiscal 2024, we recognized a non-cash impairment charge in our Pet segment of \$12.8 million related to the impairment of intangible assets due primarily to changing market conditions resulting from the decline in demand for durable products and increased international competition.

Gain from litigation and investment impairment

6. In fiscal 2024, within corporate, we received \$3.2 million in settlement of litigation, the gain of which is included in selling, general and administrative expense. Additionally, we recognized a \$7.5 million non-cash impairment charge for two related private company investments that is included within Other income (expense) in the consolidated statement of operations.

**GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation
for the Fiscal Year Ended**
(in thousands, except for per share amounts)

Net Income & Diluted Net Income Per Share Reconciliation

		September 27, 2025	September 28, 2024
GAAP net income attributable to Central Garden & Pet Company		\$ 162,843	\$ 107,983
Facility closures & business exits	(1)(2)(3)(4)	15,005	27,842
Intangible impairments	(5)	—	12,790
Litigation settlement	(6)	—	(3,200)
Investment impairment	(6)	—	7,461
Tax effect of adjustments		(3,654)	(10,437)
Non-GAAP net income attributable to Central Garden & Pet Company		174,194	142,439
GAAP diluted net income per share		\$ 2.55	\$ 1.62
Non-GAAP diluted net income per share		\$ 2.73	\$ 2.13
Shares used in GAAP and non-GAAP diluted net income per share calculation		63,815	66,860

GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation
for the Fiscal Quarter Ended
(in thousands)

Operating Income Reconciliation

	September 27, 2025		
	GAAP	Adjustments ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Non-GAAP
Net sales	\$ 678,178	\$ —	\$ 678,178
Cost of goods sold and occupancy	481,634	921	480,713
Gross profit	196,544	(921)	197,465
Selling, general and administrative expenses	202,944	4,830	198,114
Loss from operations	\$ (6,400)	\$ (5,751)	\$ (649)
Gross margin	29.0%		29.1%
Operating margin	(0.9)%		(0.1)%

Pet Segment Operating Income Reconciliation

	September 27, 2025		September 28, 2024	
GAAP operating income	\$	27,618	\$	14,310
Facility closures	(2)(4)	3,008		7,549
Intangible impairments	(5)	—		12,790
Non-GAAP operating income	\$	30,626	\$	34,649
GAAP operating margin		6.4%		3.3%
Non-GAAP operating margin		7.2%		8.0%

Garden Segment Operating Income Reconciliation

	September 27, 2025		September 28, 2024	
GAAP operating loss	\$	(1,741)	\$	(28,806)
Facility closures	(1)(3)	2,743		3,908
Non-GAAP operating income (loss)	\$	1,002	\$	(24,898)
GAAP operating margin		(0.7)%		(12.3)%
Non-GAAP operating margin		0.4%		(10.6)%

GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation
for the Fiscal Year Ended
(in thousands)

Operating Income Reconciliation

	September 27, 2025		
	GAAP	Adjustments ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Non-GAAP
Net sales	\$ 3,129,064	\$ —	\$ 3,129,064
Cost of goods sold and occupancy	2,131,728	5,582	2,126,146
Gross profit	997,336	(5,582)	1,002,918
Selling, general and administrative expenses	747,294	9,423	737,871
Income from operations	\$ 250,042	\$ (15,005)	\$ 265,047
Gross margin	31.9 %		32.1 %
Operating margin	8.0 %		8.5 %

Pet Segment Operating Income Reconciliation

	September 27, 2025		September 28, 2024	
GAAP operating income	\$	215,688	\$	203,425
Facility closures	(2)(4)	10,018		7,549
Intangible impairments	(5)	—		12,790
Non-GAAP operating income	\$	225,706	\$	223,764
GAAP operating margin		12.0 %		11.1 %
Non-GAAP operating margin		12.5 %		12.2 %

Garden Segment Operating Income Reconciliation

	September 27, 2025		September 28, 2024	
GAAP operating income	\$	142,402	\$	81,893
Facility closures	(1)(3)	4,987		20,293
Non-GAAP operating income	\$	147,389	\$	102,186
GAAP operating margin		10.7 %		6.0 %
Non-GAAP operating margin		11.1 %		7.5 %

GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation
for the Fiscal Year Ended
(in thousands)

Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

	September 27, 2025	September 28, 2024
Net income attributable to Central Garden & Pet Company	\$ 162,843	\$ 107,983
Interest expense, net	32,812	37,872
Other expense	480	5,090
Income tax expense	52,787	33,112
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	1,120	1,330
Income from operations	250,042	185,387
Depreciation & amortization	84,894	90,807
Noncash stock-based compensation	21,060	20,583
Non-GAAP adjustments	(1)(2) 15,005	(3)(4)(5)(6) 37,432
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 371,001	\$ 334,209