



FOOD OPERATIONS

FLOUR MILLING DIVISION

Wheat flour is the key product of our flour milling division. In addition, we also manufacture processed products made from flour including various premixes, breads and frozen dough products. These products are made at our Kashima Plant, Kobe Plant and Funabashi Plant, as well as at three subsidiaries: Naigai Flour Milling Co. (Mie Prefecture), Kida Flour Milling Co. (Hokkaido) and Niigata Elite Food Co. (Niigata Prefecture, frozen dough). The products are sold for industrial use to various makers of bread and noodles as well as supermarkets.

Wheat flour is one of the most widely used foodstuffs throughout the world. It is an ingredient in a variety of foods such as bread, cake, udon noodles, ramen noodles and tempura. It is an important food that has become integral to our diet. The Showa Sangyo group conducts thorough research and development to create wheat flour products that offer improved quality, functions and reliability to meet the increasingly varied needs of our users.

Premixes are convenient processed flour products that combine sugar, salt, oils and spices in just the right blend. They allow for easy, reliable and speedy preparation of foods such as tempura, fried dishes and bread. Users simply add water. Showa Sangyo pioneered the premix industry in Japan with its blend for tempura, a classic Japanese dish. Our company has many years of experience and many accomplishments in premix research and development.

We sell our frozen dough products primarily to bakeries. By freezing bread dough, we make it possible for bakeries to cut down on labor and streamline operations. The frozen dough also contributes to enhance the bakers' product lineup.

TOPICS

We developed and began marketing two mushroom growing kits, Nameko no Sato and Shiitake no Sato, that make use of wheat bran. The products are part of our efforts to develop diverse uses for wheat bran.

We increased our sales of frozen dough by about 25.6% from the year-earlier result thanks to an expansion of capacities at our manufacturing plant for frozen dough, operated by our subsidiary Niigata Elite Food Co.

