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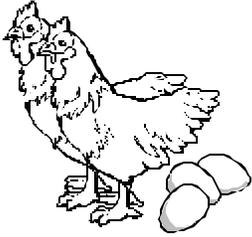
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Early week prices were unchanged from the previous week on all sizes. As the week progressed prices were falling in some regions. The market tone closed the week barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand ranged light to instances good, best for feature activity. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current trade needs. Central States breaking stock nest run and checks and undergrades prices were unchanged to slightly lower by the week's end. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to ample. Most breakers were highly selective for additional nest run as excess graded shell eggs were available to breaker's. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks mostly adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to instances weak. Demand for the light type fowl was mostly moderate to instances good with offerings fully adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	87-93	76-82	68-70
New York	50-54	48-52	44-48
Philadelphia	48-56	47-54	43-50
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	44-48	42-45	38-41
Jackson (1)	51-53	48-50	42-44
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	53-63	50-60	45-56
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	41-45	39-43	34-38
Detroit (2)	41-46	40-45	38-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	43-47	42-45	36-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	44-51	43-49	38-43
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	63-68	60-63	56-58
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	81	76	71

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-02
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	55.50	53.64	49.51
SOUTHERN	51.52	48.76	44.28
MIDWEST	45.71	44.12	39.49
WESTERN	73.06	68.99	63.90
TWELVE METRO AREAS	59.26	56.58	51.94

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	04-30-02	04-23-02	05-01-01
Large	24-27	24-27	26-28
Medium	19-23	19-23	17-19

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 29, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.5	15.0	7.3	11.8	10.2	53.8
	Change	0.1	0.3	-2.0	0.8	-0.3	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.6	48.8	15.5	26.5	29.7	149.1
	Change	0.5	2.4	1.0	3.4	2.9	7%
Large	Curr Wk	59.0	111.6	72.2	96.0	94.1	432.9
	Change	7.8	-7.4	9.8	24.2	12.0	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.8	41.2	24.5	22.5	30.4	133.4
	Change	0.1	-4.7	5.0	5.3	-4.0	1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.2	6.0	3.8	3.9	8.1	25.0
	Change	-0.4	1.0	1.5	-0.5	-1.7	0%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.3	17.5	7.4	11.4	5.5	45.1
	Change	-0.6	0.7	0.9	-2.8	-1.2	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.5	60.6	26.8	30.3	27.6	162.8
	Change	2.2	-0.7	-4.9	0.4	-5.0	-5%
Total	Curr Wk	135.9	300.7	157.5	202.4	205.6	1,002.1
	Change	8%	-3%	8%	18%	1%	5%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1,002.1	5%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	257.0	-7%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,259.1	2%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 27-APR-02

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,223,244	29,091	11,615	6,217	2,877	4,341
PW	1,205,931	28,780	11,641	6,311	3,048	4,264
LY	1,219,529	27,079	12,652	7,539	2,631	4,231
% PW	1	1	0	-1	-6	2
% LY	0	7	-8	-18	9	3
2002	19,365,237	448,313	191,887	102,964	45,757	69,910
2001	18,724,327	425,268	189,815	103,773	39,750	67,733
% YTD	3	5	1	-1	15	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.91	42.29	42.23
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.36	38.75	38.76

FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN WEEKLY PROGRAM

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Apr 20	Apr 27	Apr 20	Apr 27
	Thousand			
AL	29,297	29,268	22,148	22,014
AR	30,175	30,698	23,786	24,331
DE	3,501	3,583	*4,886	5,393
FL	2,363	2,390	2,591	2,428
GA	*32,277	30,935	*25,517	26,800
MD	*9,962	9,803	*6,477	5,903
MS	18,645	18,097	16,057	16,111
NC	20,269	19,585	15,161	15,260
PA	*3,933	3,907	*2,591	2,878
SC	4,668	4,751	*4,377	3,865
TX	15,461	15,544	12,235	12,323
VA	6,451	6,503	*5,180	5,249
CA, TN, & WV	*11,551	11,355	*9,529	10,159
15 State Total	*188,312	*188,553	*150,535	152,714
Prev. Year Total	185,833	185,626	147,931	150,873
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	102	101
KY	6,607	6,292	5,271	5,639
OK	6,592	6,478	4,642	5,489
LA & MO	*9,076	9,147	8,773	8,684
19 State Total	210,828	208,336	*169,515	*172,526
Revised				

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 8-Jun-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 157.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 156.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 144.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.66 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/25/02-05/01/02

CURRENT LDS 95.25 FUTURE LDS 59.50 TOTAL LDS 154.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	28.00	32.20	29.50	30.33	32.45	34.05	38.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	29.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	39.52	33.79	36.87	31.72	—	39.75
GL W LG	—	39.16	29.00	30.50	30.19	36.00	21.25
GL W MD	32.00	34.83	37.05	32.00	—	33.00	14.00
GL W SM	21.75	24.25	22.00	24.75	21.25	22.50	5.00
NRBS - 50	27.00	30.50	27.00	—	—	29.00	6.00
NRBS - 48	—	29.00	—	—	28.27	28.73	47.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	17.50	2.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	11.00	13.00	3.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 27-Apr-02

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	20.3	21.1	-4	0
BOSTON	3.5	3.7	-5	-10
CHICAGO	42.3	38.6	10	2
DETROIT	24.9	22.7	10	12
KANSAS CITY	2.9	2.4	21	123
LOS ANGELES	83.9	87.1	-4	2
NEW ORLEANS	10.5	13.8	-24	33
NEW YORK	32.1	34.9	-8	-12
ST. LOUIS	19.1	17.2	11	30
SAN FRANCISCO	21.6	20.4	6	1
TOTAL	261.1	261.9	0	3
4 WK MVG AVG	260.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 27-Apr-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
HEAD	1,950	2,719	67	10	4,746
AVG WT	16.03	35.97	24.56	33.57	27.60
LAST WEEK	1,936	2,688	80	2	4,706
SAME WK YR AGO	2,006	2,725	36	1	4,768
AVG WT	15.98	35.42	26.24	31.28	27.17
TO-DATE/2002	30,051	44,233	730	124	75,138
TO-DATE/2001	33,079	44,674	642	250	78,645

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 27-Apr-2002

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			BANDIED	TOTAL TURKEYS
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT		
N EAST	904	2	22.99	(A)	906
SATL	808	-3	27.97	(A)	810
N CENT	2,136	2	31.55	(A)	2,138
S CENT	485	1	22.71	(A)	487
WEST	403	-2	22.12	(A)	405
U.S. TOTAL	4,736(B)	1	27.60	10	4,746
TO-DATE					
2002	75,014(B)			124	75,138
TO-DATE					
2001	78,395(B)			250	78,645

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 67,000 for the year 730,000; last year to date 642,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 27-Apr-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,688	1,948	1,368	3,316	513
AVG WT	5.01	3.36	7.85	5.21	6.81
LAST WEEK	158,640	1,910	1,417	3,327	449
SAME WK YR AGO	156,893	1,791	1,396	3,187	492
AVG WT	5.00	3.74	8.01	5.61	6.53
TO-DATE/2002	2,603,211	31,087	22,133	53,220	7,513
TO-DATE/2001	2,550,764	31,505	22,411	53,916	8,510

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.6 million head or -0.9 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-May-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/04/02(1)	04/27/02
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	163,741(2)	163,366
LT HENS	2,123	2,083
HVY HENS	1,422	1,416
TOTAL	167,286	166,865

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-May-02 is 159.6 million head compared to 158.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.1 million head or 4.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 11-May-02 the estimated available is 160.0 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	
MARCH	23	153.5	5.13
	30	147.9	5.31
APRIL	6	154.4	5.07
	13	159.4	5.10
	20	160.6	5.16
	27	159.6	5.01
YEAR TO DATE	2635.0	2653.5	99%
MAY	4	159.6	
	11	160.0	

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 04/29/02-05/04/02

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.52	44	47.26
Los Angeles	67.00	64.28	72	62.73
New York	45.00-47.00	46.15	20	48.92

12-CITY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
	22-Apr-02	22-Apr-02	30-Apr-01
29-Apr-02	53.84	0.75	58.88
NUMBER OF LOADS	561	53.09	

MONTHLY 12-CITY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
APRIL	53.47	2645.40

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	64	64.00	560
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	56-59	59	59.00	440
CENTRAL REGION	56-57	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	55-56	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 29-Apr-02	1,736	123,692	70,543
AM 1-Apr-02	1,480	164,226	77,627
CHG	256	-40534	-7084
PCT CHG	17	-25	-9

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of **04/29/02**

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.68
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	6-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.98

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. **04/26/02**

Eastern (1)	0-0
Eastern (2)	0-0
So. Central (2)	TFEWR*
No. Central (1)	TFEWR*
No. Central (2)	0

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

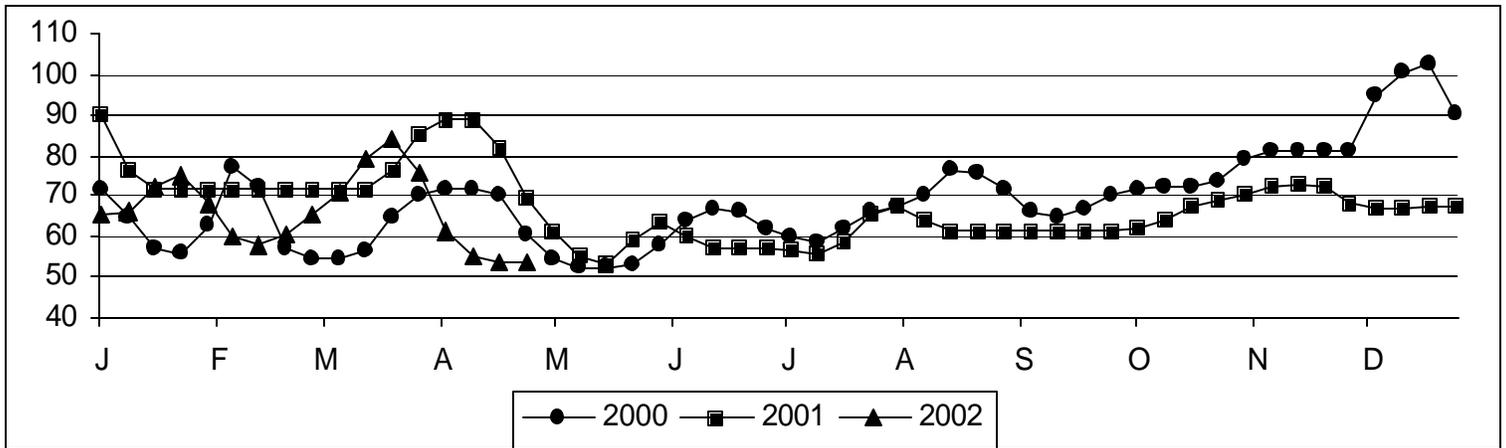
*TFEWR - Too Few to Report

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 27-Apr-02 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	219.8	-3	5
E.N. CENTRAL	458.0	-17	-6
W.N. CENTRAL	242.3	-15	-10
S. ATLANTIC	168.7	-5	-7
S. CENTRAL	79.9	1	7
WEST	179.4	-8	-3
TOTAL	1348.1	-11	-4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		89	88

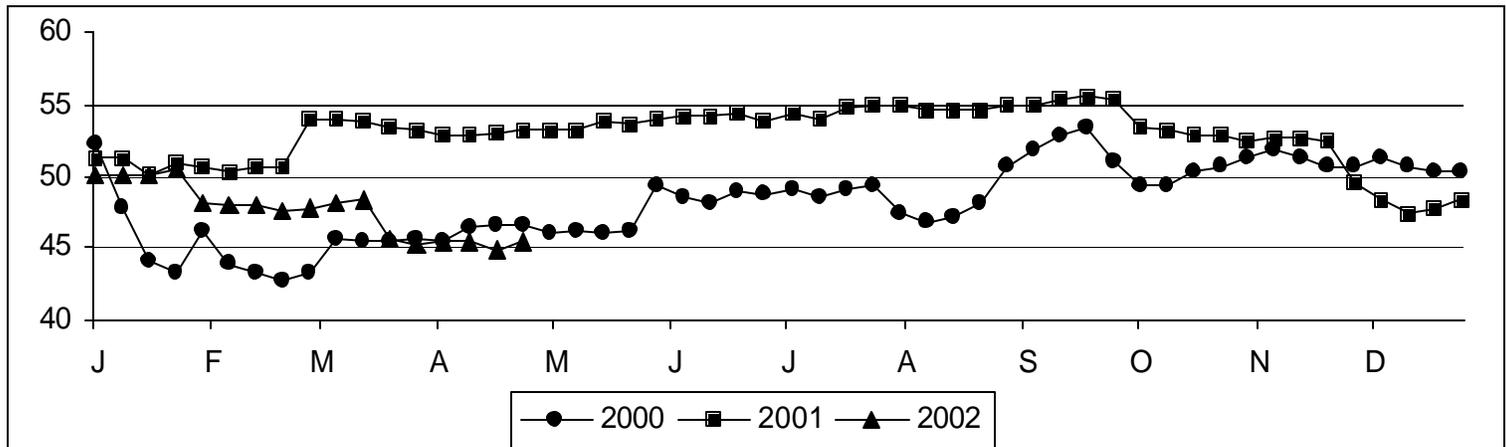
New York Large Weekly Average Price

Cents per Dozen



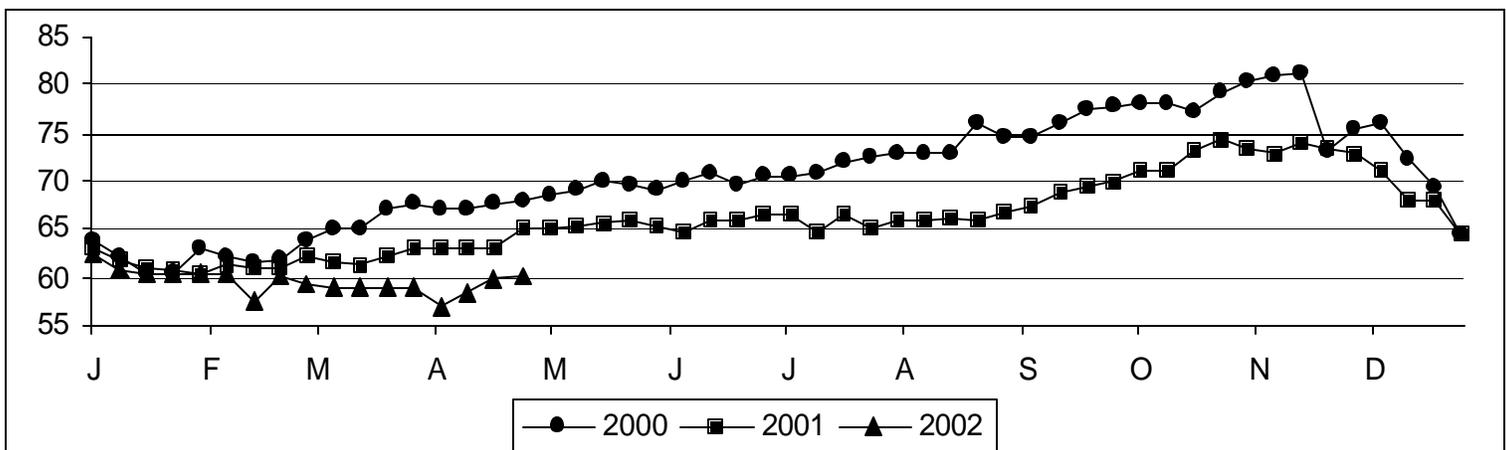
Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices

Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys

Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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