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At the beginning of the week, prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums in all areas. As the week progressed, prices in Chicago advanced on the heavier weights and unchanged on mediums. In all other locations, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to at times firm. Demand was moderate to very good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were sufficient to instances tight with the larger sizes in better balance. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were mixed from inadequate to available, mostly barely adequate. Demand was good to very good as breakers continued to be aggressive. Schedules were full-time to mostly over-time. Floor stocks were tight to very closely balanced. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. All liquid products continued to trend higher and were rated as firm. Demand for light type fowl was usually quiet with offerings continuing at least fully adequate to mostly ample.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was in a full range, slow to good. Retail feature on large at 39 cents with coupon. Loose egg movement was generally moderate and noted as seasonal. Supplies were adequate to close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Demand was good to very good with offerings mixed, inadequate to available. Schedules full-time to mostly over-time. Floor stocks tight to closely balanced. All liquid products continued to trend higher with a firm trade sentiment.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-75	68-72
LARGE	65-73	66-71
MEDIUM	50-58	53-55

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,
Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources were short to adequate for a moderate to good demand. Spent hen availability was at least adequate to fully sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-85	75-78
LARGE	67-82	72-74
MEDIUM	51-66	56-58

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,
Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR W/E 18-Jul-03
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	75.50	72.00	57.00
SOUTHEAST	72.50	70.50	56.00
MIDWEST	69.00	67.50	54.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	74.50	70.50	56.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.94	70.13	55.75

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY
REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JUL 21, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.7	20.0	5.7	9.7	10.3	56.4
	Change	-0.9	3.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.7	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.3	48.6	13.9	16.3	31.1	134.2
	Change	1.2	3.5	1.6	-1.4	0.5	4%
Large	Curr Wk	39.8	92.2	60.2	67.5	98.0	357.7
	Change	-1.8	8.2	12.6	5.4	-0.7	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	19.4	36.1	16.9	24.5	36.7	133.6
	Change	-1.3	-1.8	1.1	4.8	1.7	3%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	7.4	4.2	13.3	6.4	35.1
	Change	1.1	1.9	0.6	7.7	0.7	52%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.7	26.5	9.8	13.1	6.4	61.5
	Change	0.6	2.9	0.4	0.3	0.5	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.7	41.1	17.5	25.7	29.9	127.9
	Change	0.6	-5.5	2.0	-0.4	-0.4	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	117.4	271.9	128.2	170.1	218.8	906.4
	Percent Change	0%	5%	17%	10%	1%	6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	906.4	6%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	271.3	-9%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,177.7	2%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 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.

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

	07-22-03	07-15-03	07-23-02
Large	48-52	47-51	32-35
Medium	33-35	33-35	14-18

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 19-Jul-03
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,227,765	29,053	11,792	5,956	2,847	4,190
PW	1,216,309	29,053	11,278	6,145	2,529	4,317
LY	1,317,246	30,919	12,205	6,135	3,429	4,508
% CHG PW	1	0	5	-3	13	-3
% CHG LY	-7	-6	-3	-3	-17	-7
2003	33,021,937	803,507	302,493	165,822	67,816	120,107
2002	34,410,570	797,079	338,853	182,218	83,157	122,710
% CHG YTD	-4	1	-11	-9	-18	-2

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.53	41.76	40.82
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.12	38.21	37.40

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Jul 12 2003	Jul 19 2003	Jul 12 2003	Jul 19 2003
	THOUSAND			
AL	28,780	29,254	21,518	21,614
AR	30,669	29,700	24,296	24,630
DE	3,701	3,882	5,437	5,365
FL	1,329	1,354	*1,732	1,619
GA	32,401	32,720	*25,263	25,460
KY	6,679	6,703	5,330	5,059
LA	3,953	3,953	3,784	3,639
MD	9,482	9,469	5,823	5,307
MS	19,375	19,377	15,939	16,121
NC	17,235	17,341	*14,966	13,487
OK	6,424	6,457	4,721	3,952
PA	*3,728	3,756	*2,816	2,576
SC	*4,492	4,586	*4,555	4,355
TX	14,443	14,740	12,328	11,537
VA	6,259	6,384	5,336	5,298
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,464	16,670	*15,386	15,274
19 State Total	*205,414	206,346	*169,230	165,293
Previous Year Total	209,239	209,219	168,933	166,514
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	100	99

*Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 30-Aug-03 is estimated at 154.0 million head. This compares to 156.8 million head the previous week and to 157.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.6 million head and the composite weighted average 56.31 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUL 17 - 23, 2003

	CURRENT LDS	101.75	FUTURE LDS	50.50	TOTAL LDS	152.25	
	SE	NE	MW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	53.00	55.50	54.17	55.25	55.00	55.50	15.00
GNR W 2	—	55.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	44.25	46.63	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	65.44	65.25	66.24	61.96	61.38	59.00
GL W LG	—	66.33	63.50	64.50	59.68	64.14	41.50
GL W MD	—	51.00	43.67	45.25	42.38	44.00	16.50
GL W SM	31.00	33.13	31.06	33.00	32.00	34.50	10.50
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	75.00	.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	48.50	56.00	53.60	27.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	41.50	3.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 19-Jul-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.9	21.8	0	18
BOSTON	3.5	3.4	3	3
CHICAGO	88.1	61.8	43	134
DETROIT	26.6	27.8	-4	4
KANSAS CITY	3.4	4.4	-23	-23
LOS ANGELES	89.6	85.3	5	5
NEW ORLEANS	11.6	13.7	-15	-5
NEW YORK	28.3	32.2	-12	-17
ST. LOUIS	15.4	18.5	-17	-8
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	22.2	0	-2
TOTAL	310.6	291.1	7	19
4 WK MVG AVG	295.4			

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 19-Jul-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS		
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE		
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
N EAST	866	-2	21.90	(A)	872	21.90
SATL	744	-14	29.80	(A)	750	29.80
N CENT	2,196	-6	30.84	(A)	2,201	30.84
S CENT	473	-1	20.06	(A)	478	20.06
WEST	525	4	23.47	(A)	530	23.47
U.S. TOTAL	4,804(B)	-5	27.22	27	4,831	27.22
TO-DATE 2003	133,076(B)			430	133,506	
TO-DATE 2002	131,261(B)			232	131,493	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 71,000 for the year 1,760,000; last year to date 1,364,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 19-July-2003

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD TOTAL	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	2,010	2,723	71	27	4,831
AVG WT	15.74	35.73	24.82	30.36	27.22
LAST WEEK	2,125	2,901	47	21	5,094
SAME WK YR AGO	2,109	2,820	34	4	4,967
AVG WT	15.98	35.01	24.38	42.16	26.86
TO-DATE/2003	52,910	78,406	1,760	430	133,506
TO-DATE/2002	52,489	77,408	1,364	232	131,493

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 19-Jul-2003

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,206	1,141	1,642	2,783	405
AVG WT	5.14	3.62	8.11	6.27	6.52
LAST WEEK	159,849	1,153	1,515	2,668	347
SAME WK YR AGO	159,974	1,589	1,576	3,165	443
AVG WT	5.01	3.51	7.85	5.67	6.33
TO-DATE/2003	4,409,867	46,181	39,648	85,829	11,993
TO-DATE/2002	4,475,549	51,299	38,964	90,263	12,524

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.1 million head or 1.7 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Jul-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	07/26/03(1)	07/19/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	161,842(2)	162,640
LT HENS	1,217	1,244
HVY HENS	1,548	1,698
TOTAL	164,607	165,582

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Jul-03 is 162.6 million head compared to 163.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.2 million head or 0.4 million less than estimated available. For week of 02-Aug-03 the estimated available is 162.7 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE	14	160.7	100%	5.34
	21	161.7	100%	5.12
	28	167.3	104%	5.37
JULY	5	145.3	90%	5.24
	12	161.8	101%	5.23
	19	159.1	99%	5.14
YEAR TO DATE	4463.5	4525.6	99%	
JULY	26	162.6		
AUGUST	2	162.7		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 07/21/03-07/25/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	52.00-55.00	55.84	37	58.50	73
Los Angeles	73.00	70.97	60	68.84	132
New York	58.00-61.00	58.76	21	60.01	55

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
	21-Jul-03	14-Jul-03	14-Jul-03	22-Jul-02
	62.57	-1.54	64.11	57.64

NUMBER OF LOADS 591

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/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	55.5-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-57	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	55-58	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	55-56	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	57	-	-	-

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 - (INCL GOVT STOCKS) SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	07/21/03	3,384	217,974	55,745
AM	07/01/03	3,240	206,919	57,844
CHG		144	11055	-2099
PCT CHG		4%	5%	-4%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 21-Jul-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.32
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.43

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

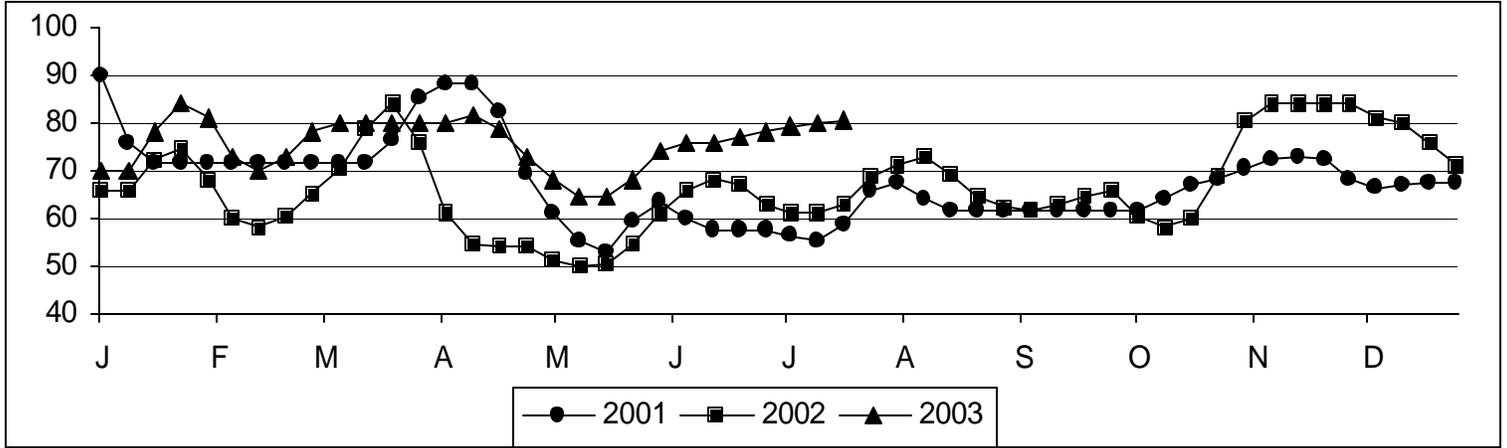
LIGHT TYPE 18-Jul-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-12	9-11
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-11	10-11

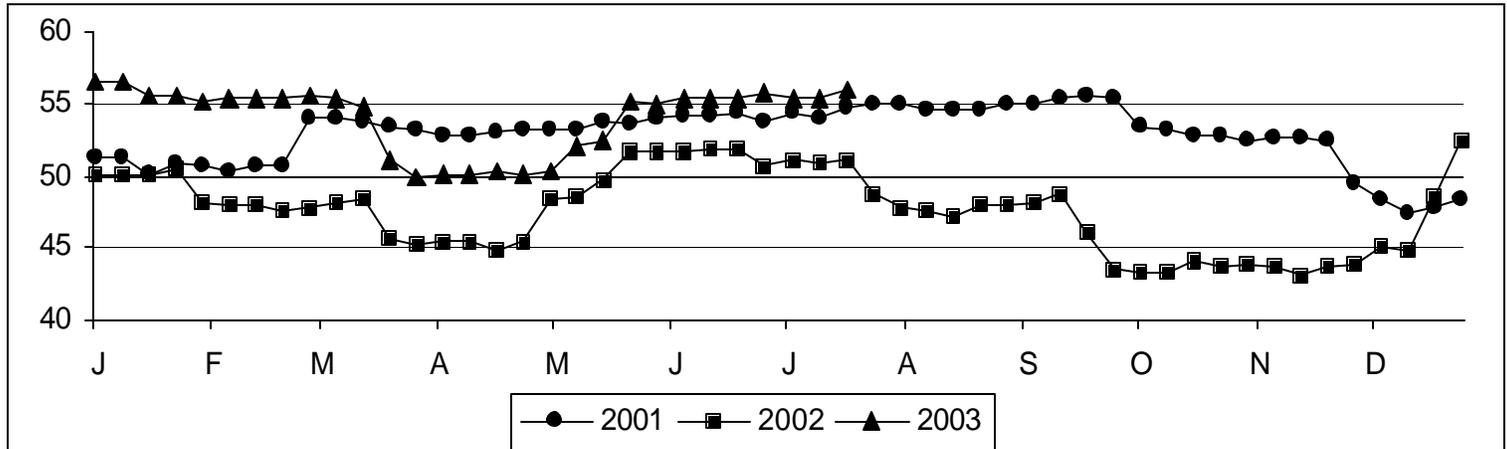
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 19-Jul-03 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	211.1	3	-6
E.N. CENTRAL	544.8	6	2
W.N. CENTRAL	286.2	1	4
S. ATLANTIC	174.1	-1	10
S. CENTRAL	103.9	0	30
WEST	192.2	0	-6
TOTAL	1512.3	3	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

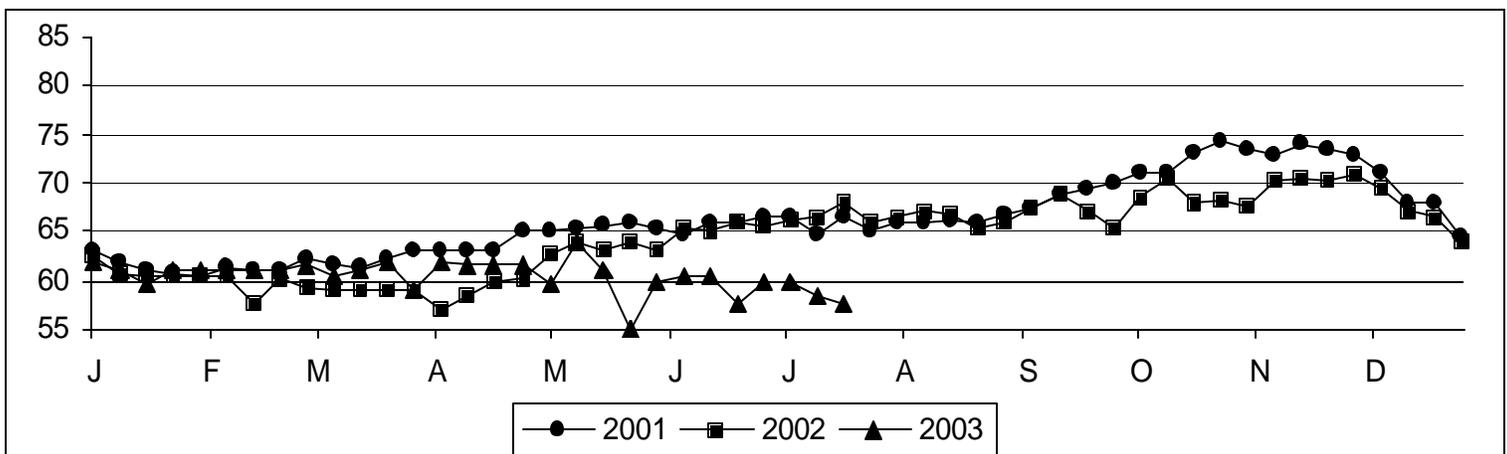
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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