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At the beginning of the week prices were unchanged in Chicago and higher for medium in all other reported areas. During the week prices were higher in Chicago and New York and unchanged in most other locations. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels ranged light to good, usually moderate to fairly good. Supplies ranged adequate to close for the larger sizes and very tight for medium and small. Breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were usually adequate to at times close for the light to moderate demand. Sellers of heavy weight breaking stock held with confidence while buyers paid premiums for outside loads. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Values of light type fowl ranged unchanged compared to last week. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand fairly good to mostly good. Removal prices were generally steady at 8 to 12.5 cents per head.



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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for all sizes. Retail demand was moderate to instances good. Food service movement was slow to moderate. Supplies were in close balance to very tight for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Offerings were adequate to close for the light to moderate demand. Sellers held with confidence and buyers paid premiums for outside loads. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83-92	86-89
LARGE	82-90	83-88
MEDIUM	71-79	74-76

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending higher. The market tone ranged fully steady to firm. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were in close balance to tight for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient to fully sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-101	89-93
LARGE	83-98	88-92
MEDIUM	69-84	74-78

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

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL 10-Oct-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	91.00	90.00	74.50
SOUTHEAST	88.50	86.50	73.00
MIDWEST	87.50	85.50	72.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	94.00	93.50	76.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	90.46	89.13	73.99

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

	10-14-03	10-07-03	10-15-02
Large	64-68	64-68	27-30
Medium	54-57	53-56	16-20

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCT 13, 2003

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

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.7	17.7	10.8	13.2	10.5	62.9
	Change	0.6	2.2	0.7	1.7	-1.1	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.9	57.5	11.5	25.5	36.3	154.6
	Change	-1.5	11.4	-9.4	-0.5	-8.6	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	51.3	106.7	86.1	89.2	107.8	441.0
	Change	4.2	-10.5	-2.4	2.4	-12.2	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.6	41.3	12.8	16.2	29.3	109.2
	Change	-4.2	2.4	0.5	-3.2	-4.4	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	7.1	7.3	3.0	4.9	5.1	27.3
	Change	2.7	-0.2	-0.7	0.4	0.9	13%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	21.6	8.1	10.6	5.1	49.7
	Change	-0.5	0.2	1.1	1.1	-0.1	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.6	27.8	15.0	17.9	31.5	116.8
	Change	-1.8	-3.9	-8.0	-5.6	0.0	-14%
Total	Curr Wk	131.5	279.8	147.3	177.5	225.6	961.7
	Percent Change	0%	1%	-11%	-2%	-10%	-5%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	961.6	-5%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	237.3	-1%	37
Total Shell Egg	1198.9	-4%	209

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.

Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**WEEK ENDING 11-OCT-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,257,598	30,867	11,291	5,783	2,337	4,306
PW	1,229,298	30,591	11,064	6,006	2,352	4,317
LY	1,299,785	29,256	12,853	6,981	3,187	4,558
% CHG PWK	2	1	2	-4	-1	0
% CHG LY	-3	6	-12	-17	-27	-6
2003	47,818,677	1,164,528	436,594	237,552	97,472	171,992
2002	49,579,415	1,150,932	479,135	257,517	118,317	176,184
% CHG YTD	-4	1	-9	-8	-18	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.55	42.28	41.27
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.12	38.77	37.77

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Oct 04	Oct 11	Oct 04	Oct 11
	Thousand			
AL	28,070	28,048	20,614	20,421
AR	28,806	29,386	22,702	23,157
DE	3,670	3,529	4,439	4,553
FL	1,369	1,359	1,738	1,609
GA	*30,671	32,016	*24,099	24,260
KY	*6,079	6,626	*4,933	5,482
LA	3,861	3,758	*3,600	3,704
MD	7,842	8,502	5,563	5,232
MS	17,139	17,910	15,221	14,673
NC	15,901	15,940	13,156	12,575
OK	6,056	5,864	5,390	5,769
PA	3,589	3,416	2,614	2,548
SC	*4,578	4,080	4,265	4,188
TX	14,279	14,217	11,670	10,809
VA	5,713	6,360	4,696	4,696
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,306	16,130	*14,566	13,826
19 State Total	*192,929	197,141	*159,266	157,502
Previous Year Total	193,083	192,080	155,770	154,082
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	103	102	102
* Revised				

Broiler/Fryer: Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 22-Nov-03 is estimated at 145.8 million head. This compares to 148.4 million head the previous week and to 146.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.5 million head and the composite weighted average price 53.31 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/09/03-10/15/03

CURRENT LDS	64.00	FUTURE LDS	50.25	TOTAL LDS	114.25		
	SE	NE	MW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	71.00	—	74.50	74.80	—	—	13.00
GNR W 3	—	55.00	53.00	—	60.00	63.00	3.00
GL W J	—	—	83.50	85.00	81.00	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	80.00	81.00	82.20	78.58	79.79	41.50
GL W LG	—	83.07	77.50	79.55	77.93	77.00	29.00
GL W MD	—	—	69.96	74.00	68.20	69.00	19.00
GL W SM	—	—	50.00	52.00	50.00	53.50	1.75
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	77.20	15.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	62.00	4.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	63.50	3.00

SHELL EGGS: Weekly Movement of Eggs into Retail Channels

Week ending 11-Oct-2003					
SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW	LY	
ATLANTA	25.5	25.2	1	18	
BOSTON	3.5	3.5	0	17	
CHICAGO	56.1	55.6	1	25	
DETROIT	29.5	23.7	24	-15	
KANSAS CITY	6.8	3.8	79	26	
LOS ANGELES	88.2	88.4	0	5	
NEW ORLEANS	8.6	10.7	-20	23	
NEW YORK	28.7	28.3	1	-11	
ST. LOUIS	18.5	16.8	10	16	
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	21.1	5	15	
TOTAL	287.6	277.1	4	7	
4 WK MVG AVG	282.5				

MISC. POULTRY: LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 11-Oct-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	1,848	2,869	88	10	4,815
AVG WT	15.80	34.86	23.92	26.55	27.33
LAST WEEK	1,929	2,743	78	10	4,760
SAME WK YR AGO	1,631	2,926	93	15	4,665
AVG WT	15.82	35.23	24.70	26.48	28.21
TO-DATE/2003	76,450	111,380	2,577	563	190,970
TO-DATE/2002	75,405	112,047	2,176	359	189,987

TURKEY: Weekly Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants

Week ending 11-Oct-2003						
(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS		
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	THOUSAND	HEAD-	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
N EAST	860	-2	21.79	(A)	862	21.79
SATL	845	8	29.04	(A)	847	29.04
N CENT	2,185	3	30.80	(A)	2,187	30.80
S CENT	447	-7	20.54	(A)	449	20.54
WEST	468	-5	24.77	(A)	470	24.77
U.S. TOTAL	4,805(B)	1	27.33	10	4,815	27.33
TO-DATE						
2003	190,407(B)				563	190,970
TO-DATE						
2002	189,628(B)				359	189,987

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 88,000 for the year 2,577,000; last year to date 2,176,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 11-Oct-03

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	156,092	1,263	1,443	2,706	406
AVG WT	5.14	3.40	8.06	5.88	6.80
LAST WEEK	158,247	1,346	1,444	2,790	435
SAME WK YR AGO	158,073	1,754	1,536	3,290	412
AVG WT	5.08	3.30	8.14	5.56	7.03
TO-DATE/2003	6,297,616	60,316	57,545	117,861	16,929
TO-DATE/2002	6,375,068	71,997	57,620	129,617	17,309

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158 million head or 0.6 million head less than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Oct-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	10/18/03(1)	10/11/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	164,678(2)	165,389
LT HENS	1,268	1,376
HVY HENS	1,425	1,493
TOTAL	167,371	168,258

(1) Estimated

(2) (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Oct-03 is 158.1 million head compared to 156.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.0 million head or 6.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 25-Oct-03 the estimated available is 158.3 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 6	138.7	156.1	89%	5.15
13	160.4	157.1	102%	5.18
20	157.9	158.4	100%	5.30
27	162.0	159.4	102%	5.24
OCTOBER 4	160.2	158.9	101%	4.99
11	158.0	158.6	100%	5.14
YEAR TO DATE	6374.2	6440.9	99%	
OCTOBER 18		158.1		
25		158.3		

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 10/13/03-10/17/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	53.00-56.00	56.58	38	58.63	68
Los Angeles	74.00	70.84	74	68.58	158
New York	58.00-60.00	59.87	23	59.48	51

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
	6-Oct-03	6-Oct-03	14-Oct-02
13Oct-03	63.07	-0.56	63.63
			52.70

NUMBER OF LOADS 617

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

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
	EASTERN REGION 3/	65-70	65-68	66.50
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	65-67	65.26	108
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-67	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	63-65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	63-64	64	64.00	14
WESTERN REGION	63-65	-	-	-

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 10/13/03	6,009	200,892	47,795
AM 10/01/03	5,164	205,956	49,344
CHG	845	-5064	-1549
PCT CHG	16%	-2%	-3%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 13-Oct-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.75	8.40
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.55

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

LIGHT TYPE 10-Oct-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

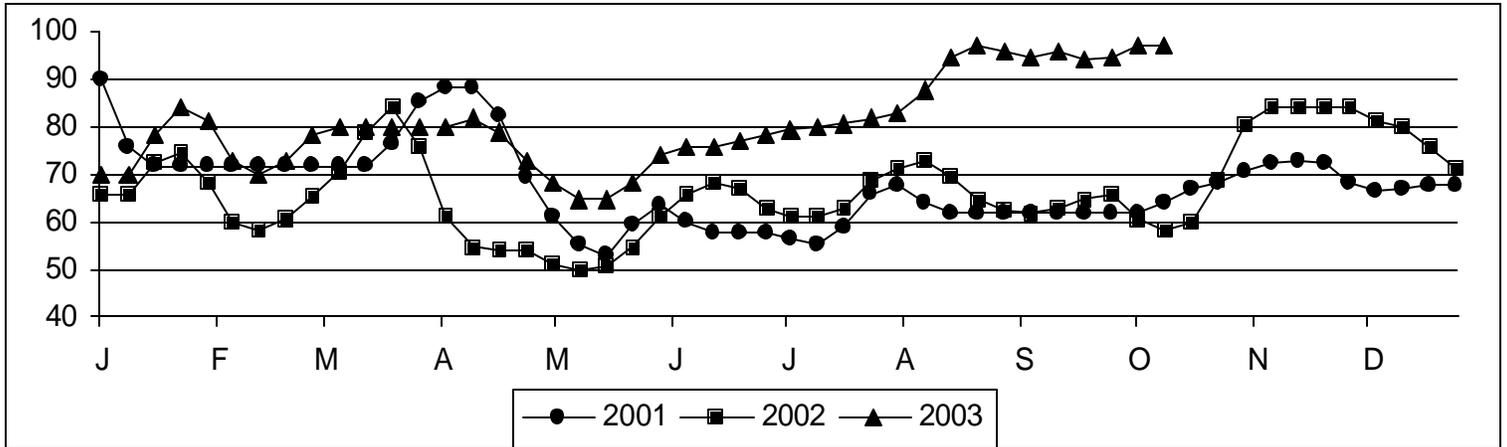
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COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

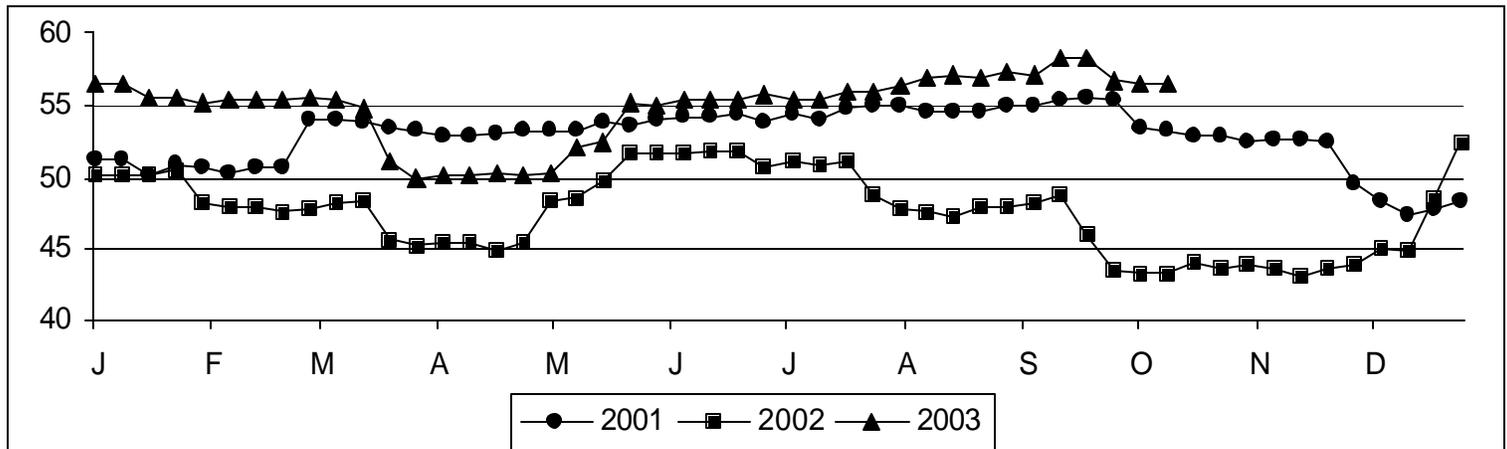
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REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	221.8	1	0
E.N. CENTRAL	525.0	-1	-5
W.N. CENTRAL	275.7	1	-4
S. ATLANTIC	182.5	0	12
S. CENTRAL	109.1	1	23
WEST	186.3	0	-3
TOTAL	1500.4	0	0
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

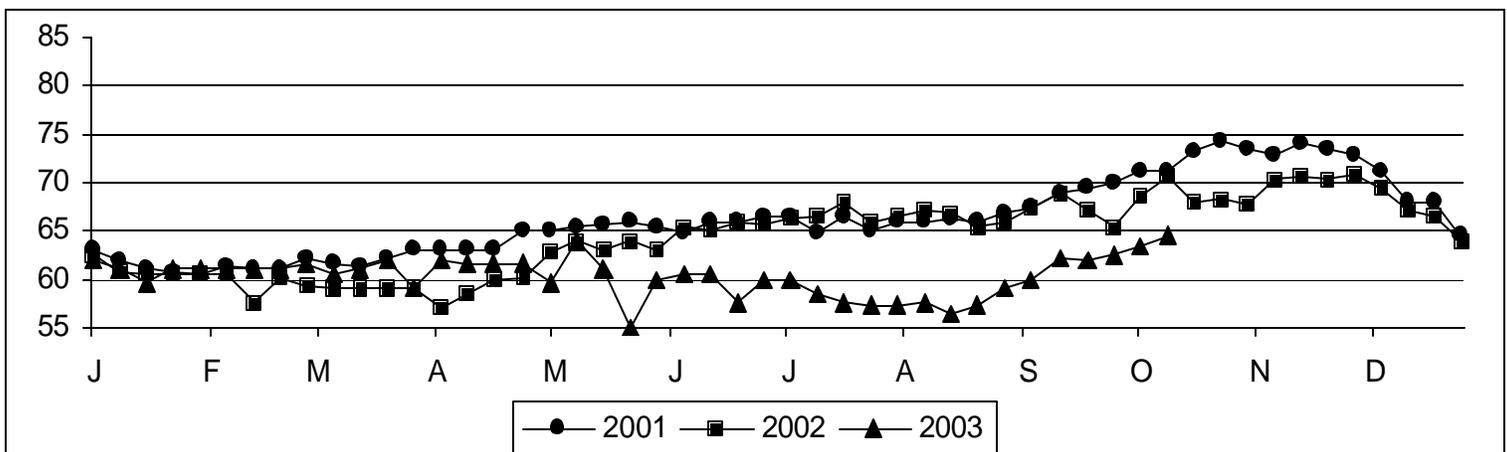
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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