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Early week prices were higher for all sizes in all locations. As the week progressed, prices in New York advanced on the larger sizes but remained unchanged on mediums. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Demand continued in a full range of light to very good. Supplies were sufficient to well balanced. Breaking stock prices were unchanged throughout the week, while check and undergrade prices were slightly higher. Demand was light with offerings unavailable while bids at higher levels fail to secure additional breaking stock. Breakers schedules centered around current inventories with regular commitments and contractual agreements taking center stage. Floor stocks closely balanced to tight. Trade sentiment fully steady to mostly firm. Light type fowl prices were unchanged. Offerings continued tight to adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Removal prices were steady at 4 to 7 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 Producer prices were 2 cents higher for large and small with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm, mostly firm. Cartoned egg movement was in a full range of light to very good, mostly good. Food service demand was mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to well balanced. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Demand was light with offerings unavailable while bids at higher levels fail to secure additional breaking stock. Floor stocks closely balanced to tight. Trade sentiment fully steady to mostly firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-112	107-109
LARGE	103-111	105-108
MEDIUM	93-99	96-98

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. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies of the larger sizes remained close, but mediums moved into an adequate position. Breaking stock demand was fair for usually adequate to occasionally short offerings. Light type hens were about adequate for processing needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	110-124	112-117
LARGE	106-120	111-115
MEDIUM	95-108	100-102

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

COMBINED REGIONAL Mar 05, 2004
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	102.50	101.00	89.00
SOUTHEAST	102.50	100.50	88.00
MIDWEST	96.00	94.50	85.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	101.50	100.50	89.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	100.64	99.17	87.95

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

	03-09-04	03-02-04	03-11-03
Large	87-94	74-81	46-50
Medium	77-81	64-68	31-35

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-MAR 08, 2004

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

		No					5-Area
		Northeast	Cent	So	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.3	19.8	8.1	14.8	13.4	68.4
	Change	2.0	0.2	-1.0	1.8	-1.0	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.6	33.6	12.2	20.4	34.7	127.5
	Change	0.9	-8.2	0.7	-0.9	-1.4	-7%
Large	Curr Wk	51.0	107.2	70.3	100.4	112.6	441.5
	Change	8.6	8.6	-7.8	1.0	4.0	3%
Medium	Curr Wk	20.4	33.7	12.8	20.6	26.5	114.0
	Change	5.0	4.5	-2.8	1.9	-1.2	7%
Small	Curr Wk	6.6	4.1	1.4	4.0	5.6	21.7
	Change	2.6	0.6	0.0	-0.2	1.9	30%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.1	23.1	8.3	13.5	7.1	56.1
	Change	0.4	-0.8	-2.2	0.2	1.4	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.6	35.4	16.3	31.7	30.3	136.3
	Change	10.5	-11.2	-0.2	1.3	-6.2	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	143.6	256.9	129.4	205.4	230.2	965.4
	Change	27%	-2%	-9%	3%	-1%	1%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	
Shell Egg		965.4		1%		170	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		220.0		-2%		35	

Total Shell Egg 1,185.4 1% 205
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA
NORTHEAST	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY
113.5	263.4	142.7	200.2	232.7
				952.5

Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**WEEK ENDING 06-MAR-04**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,184,079	29,179	10,820	6,342	2,418	4,156
PW	1,203,647	28,684	11,451	6,371	2,852	4,063
LY	1,092,767	27,579	9,310	5,396	2,094	4,029
% CHG PW	-2	2	-6	0	-15	2
% CHG LY	8	6	16	18	15	3
2004	10,428,723	244,974	101,312	56,746	24,287	36,744
2003	10,064,207	241,443	92,806	51,543	23,155	37,381
% CHG YTD	4	1	9	10	5	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE-	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.65	42.01	42.38
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.14	38.64	38.70

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Feb 28	Mar 6	Feb 28	Mar 6
	Thousand			
AL	30,416	30,426	21,906	21,665
AR	30,948	31,160	*24,831	25,759
DE	3,091	3,085	4,512	4,145
FL	1,359	1,359	1,425	1,695
GA	33,352	32,686	26,370	26,205
KY	*6,945	7,016	*6,228	5,730
LA	3,831	3,787	3,448	3,522
MD	8,854	8,861	5,815	6,312
MS	19,061	19,219	16,379	16,404
NC	18,615	18,437	14,229	14,409
OK	*6,430	6,516	*4,842	4,087
PA	3,755	3,764	2,641	2,651
SC	3,810	3,781	3,795	3,980
TX	15,032	15,015	12,107	12,269
VA	6,520	6,544	4,890	5,093
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,891	17,791	*14,940	15,225
19 State Total	*209,910	209,447	*168,358	169,151
Previous Year Total	206,547	207,539	163,548	165,230
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	103	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 17-Apr-04 is estimated at 155.2 million head. This compares to 155.1 million head the previous week and to 154.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 146.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 57.87cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/04/04-03/10/04

	SE	NE	MW	LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	94.25	109.78	96.93	97.70	113.00	—	54.00
GNR W 3	—	—	86.00	87.00	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W J	—	—	108.00	109.00	111.08	—	8.00
GL W XL	—	116.34	111.00	112.13	113.61	106.50	38.75
GL W LG	—	115.83	108.50	111.55	110.20	105.50	37.25
GL W MD94.00	103.50	91.00	—	95.47	99.25	100.00	27.50
GL W SM	—	—	61.00	62.00	—	69.50	1.25
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	113.00	.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	91.50	94.00	95.00	6.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	88.00	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 06-Mar-04

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW LY
ATLANTA	29.5	27.9	6 38
BOSTON	3.3	3.2	3 -6
CHICAGO	82.5	61.3	35 51
DETROIT	27.8	46.5	-40 7
KANSAS CITY	5.3	4.8	10 20
LOS ANGELES	91.1	96.5	-6 7
NEW ORLEANS	6.5	8.0	-19 -41
NEW YORK	29.4	31.1	-5 -11
ST. LOUIS	17.9	16.7	7 21
SAN FRANCISCO	21.8	19.5	12 -3
TOTAL	315.1	315.5	0 14
4 WK MVG AVG	302.3		

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 06-Mar-04

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,729	2,515	73	24	4,341
AVG WT	15.38	35.86	26.17	30.35	27.51
LAST WEEK	1,744	2,466	34	9	4,253
SAME WK YR AGO	1,858	2,732	79	5	4,674
AVG WT	15.87	36.33	27.23	32.46	28.03
TO-DATE/2004	15,197	21,991	353	81	37,622
TO-DATE/2003	15,453	23,525	574	121	39,673

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending W/E 06-Mar-04 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
THOUSAND	--YOUNG TURKEYS--			BANDIED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	PCT CHG	AVG	THOUSAND		HEAD-	LIVE WT
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
NEAST	1,013	26	21.00	(A)	1,018	21.00
SATL	650	5	31.05	(A)	655	31.05
N CENT	1,861	-6	32.22	(A)	1,866	32.22
S CENT	492	-1	20.50	(A)	497	20.50
WEST	301	-12	23.91	(A)	305	23.91
U.S. TOTAL	4,317	(B) 2	27.51	24	4,341	27.51
TO-DATE						
2004	37,541	(B)		81	37,622	
TO-DATE						
2003	39,552	(B)		121	39,673	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 73,000 for the year 353,000; last year to date 574,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 06-Mar-04

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,459	1,129	1,250	2,379	440
AVG WT	5.41	3.22	7.8	5.63	5.39
LAST WEEK	152,700	1,139	1,252	2,391	471
SAME WK YR AGO	151,538	1,465	1,255	2,720	380
AVG WT	4.94	3.22	7.89	5.52	6.6
TO-DATE/2004	1,379,453	11,393	11,481	22,874	4,081
TO-DATE/2003	1,350,673	15,069	12,288	27,357	3,779

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.3 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 13-Mar-04

CLASS	Current Week 03/13/04(1)	Previous Week 03/06/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	157,083(2)	154,615
LT HENS	1,381	1,325
HVY HENS	1,398	1,333
TOTAL	159,862	157,273

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Mar-04 is 157.0 million head compared to 153.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.4 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 20-Mar-04 the estimated available is 158.6 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY 31	152.7	158.4	96%	5.26
FEBRUARY 7	155.7	159.1	98%	5.22
14	154.4	158.5	97%	5.16
21	154.1	157.7	98%	5.05
28	154.6	156.8	99%	5.17
MARCH 6	155.3	156.2	99%	5.41
YEAR TO DATE	1396.3	1411.5	99%	
MARCH 13		157.0		
20		158.6		

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 3/08/04-03/12/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	69.00-72.00	72.16	40	74.75	75
Los Angeles	78.00	78.25	57	80.63	136
New York	75.00-77.00	75.77	24	73.82	53

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from				
	8-Mar-04	1-Mar-04	1-Mar-04	10-Mar-03
	75.92	0.40	75.52	61.12
NUMBER OF LOADS	596			

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)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	60-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	60-62	-	-	-

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	03/08/04	3,103	169,031	39,627
AM	03/01/04	3,548	169,441	39,330
CHG		-445	-410	297
PCT CHG		-13%	0%	1%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 08-Mar-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.25 CENTS/LB.	8.75-9.25	8.89
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.5-12 CENTS/LB.	9-9.5	9.26

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

LIGHT TYPE 05-Mar-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REMOVAL COST

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	0-12	9-11
So. Central	Too Few To Report	
No. Central	4-7	6-7

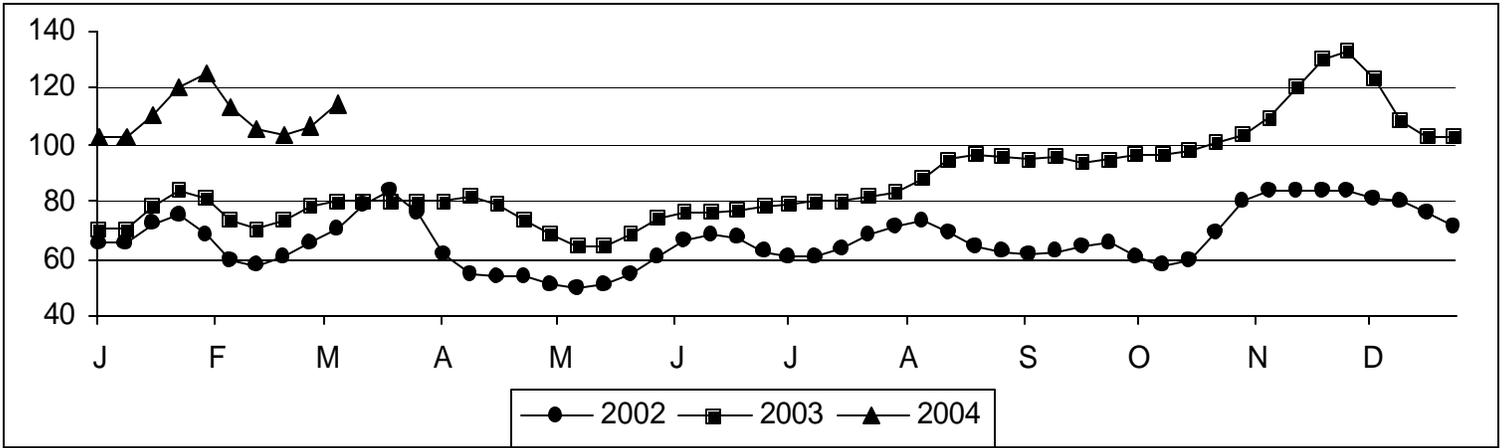
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(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

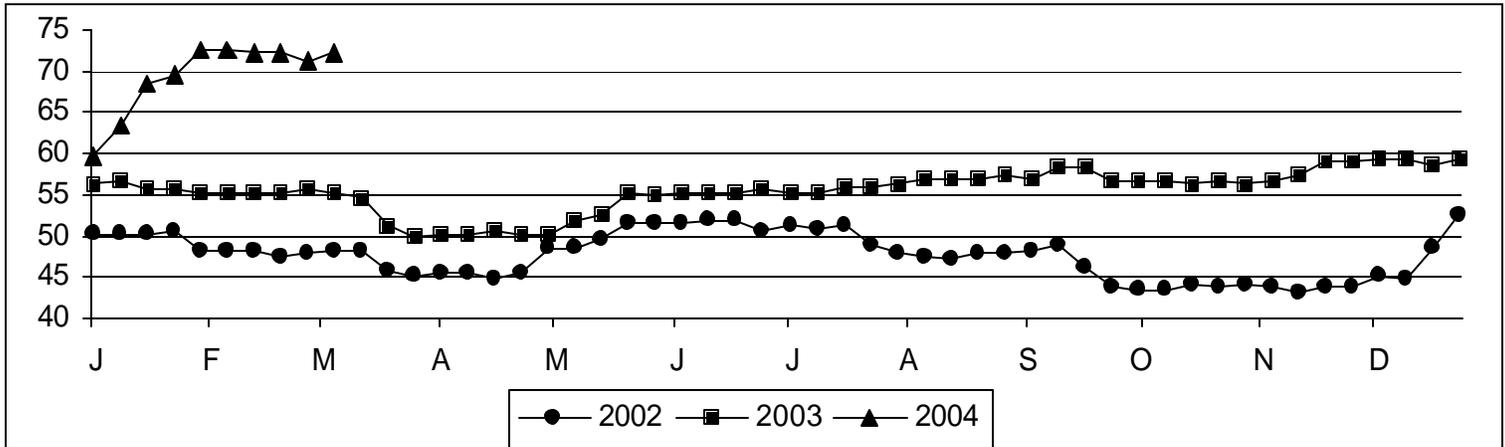
W/E 06-Mar-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	222.7	7	3
E.N. CENTRAL	568.2	-4	-3
W.N. CENTRAL	278.5	-6	-2
S. ATLANTIC	176.0	-2	1
S. CENTRAL	100.1	-3	-1
WEST	199.4	4	19
TOTAL	1544.9	-2	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

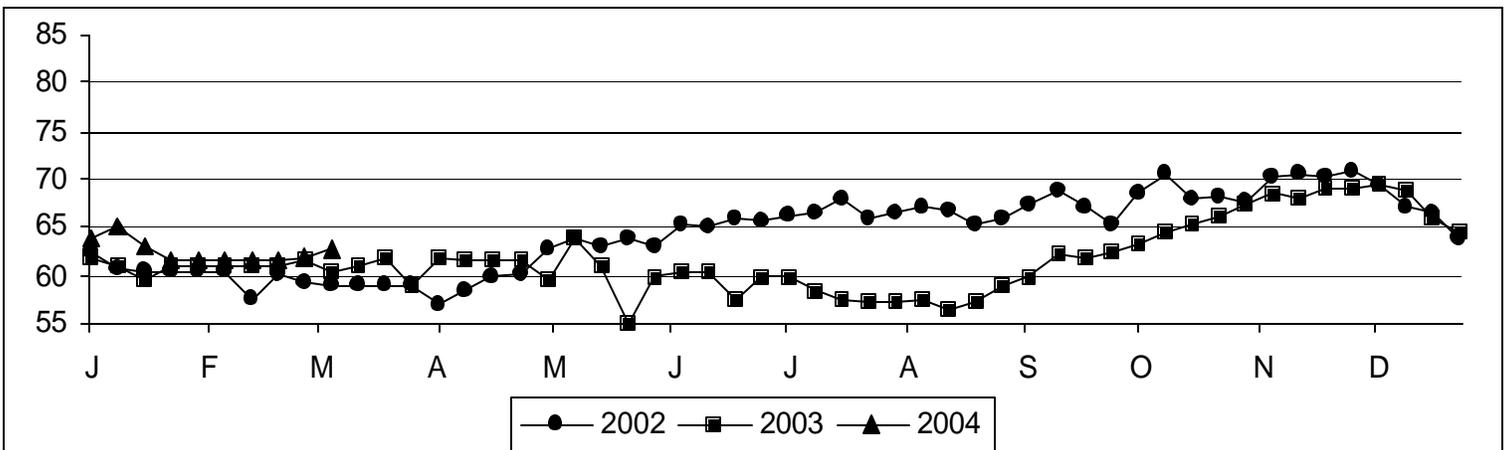
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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