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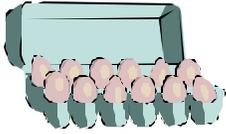
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were 2 cents lower on extra large and medium sizes in New England. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were unchanged to slightly higher in the Southern region, otherwise unchanged. Demand ranged light to good and was mostly moderate. Scattered features generated the best interest. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. The market tone was generally steady on white eggs and steady to barely steady on brown eggs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher in the Eastern region and unchanged in the Central region. Supplies from regular sources were adequate to fully adequate in the Central region and about adequate in the Eastern region. In both areas, however, pricing was higher for breakers in need of additional eggs. Light type fowl were sufficient for current processing schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** Prices paid to producers in New England were 2 cents lower on extra large and medium sizes, unchanged on the remainder of sizes. In Philadelphia and Boston, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady on white eggs and steady to barely steady on brown eggs. Demand ranged fair to good, best into feature activity in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were generally adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources satisfied current needs and the undertone was fully steady to firm. Light type fowl were adequate for processing requirements.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged all week. The market tone was steady. Demand was fair to good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies on all sizes were generally adequate for trading needs.

**MIDWEST** Prices ended the week unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was mixed, mostly fair to instances fairly good, best for scattered retail features activity. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were balanced to adequate with a few breakers bidding the high side for fill-in product as regular supplies were usually satisfactory. Demand was mostly moderate as breakers try to finish out the week. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. The trade sentiment was steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand generally moderate and best where feature activity was a factor. Supplies of all sizes adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Retail demand was light to moderate entering the weekend. Supplies were adequate for all sizes. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were ranging unchanged to slightly higher than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were adequate for processor's needs.

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand mainly moderate. 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.**

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	98-100	87-89	63-65
New York	69-71	66-69	50-53
Philadelphia	66-69	64-67	48-50
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	58-59	56.5-58	39-40
Jackson (1)	68-69	65-66	48-49
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	66-78	62-76	45-59
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	59-64	58-63	42-47
Detroit (2)	59-62	58-61	38-41
Major Ohio Cities (2)	57-63	56-62	39-45
Major Wisconsin Cities	63-70	61-68	42-49
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	73-77	69-72	52-54
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	83-95	80-87	66-72
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	99	90	76
(1) - Prices Reported Weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice Prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings fully adequate. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 119, extra large dozen 109, large dozen buy 77-99, medium 20 pack 99.

**CALIFORNIA**  
PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	120
EXTRA LARGE	99
LARGE	90
MEDIUM	76

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**  
PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	107-117
EXTRA LARGE	83-95
LARGE	80-87
MEDIUM	66-72

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Nest run prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades slightly higher. Demand was mostly moderate as breakers work towards the weekend. Offerings balanced to adequate with a few breakers bidding the high side of the range for fill-in product. A few breakers were reporting fully adequate supplies of nest runs from regular suppliers. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	35-38	36-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-24	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher compared to earlier this week. Checks and undergrades were unchanged. Supplies from regular commitments usually met current processing needs. However, breakers seeking additional product paid higher prices. The market tone was fully steady to firm.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	36-40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-22

EASTERN REGION AREA:  
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 29-Jul-00  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
PW	1,213,970	28,001	11,887	6,186	3,190	4,171
LY	1,116,788	25,821	9,770	5,488	2,109	3,722
% PW	-2	-4	-5	4	-10	-5
% LY	6	4	16	17	36	6
2000	34,941,400	789,929	351,981	189,159	88,298	115,682
1999	32,607,286	752,334	314,417	172,374	78,463	102,651

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
40.94	41.39	40.12

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS** No pasteurized whites were reported. Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43 to 45 cents fob. Trade sentiment fully steady for whole egg, generally steady for whites, and mixed on yolk but usually fully steady to firm. Liquid offerings were closely balanced to available for current needs with yolk in the tightest position. Some whole egg production schedules were shortened throughout the week and some buyers were forced to pay higher prices. Demand was good for whole egg and yolk, and fair for whites. Breaking stock supplies were in close balance to adequate.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 04 August, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	13	32.5-35.5	33.88	.82
WHITES	20	25-27.5	26.73	.97
YOLKS	9	36.25-40	38.61	-.89

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Prices on whole and sugared yolks were unchanged to higher, whites were unchanged to lower and salted yolks were mixed. Demand ranged light to good and was best for yolk products. Supplies were generally adequate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on whole and yolks and was about steady on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending July 29, 2000 were 9% less than last week and 3% less than the same week last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	41-46	42-44	48-51
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		52-59
WHITES	37-39	37-38	44-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-51	49-50	52-57
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	43-48	45-46	49-60

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen prices were in a range of unchanged to higher with whites continuing unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady on whites, fully steady to firm for whole egg and yolk. Offerings were adequate with buyers confidently holding whole egg and yolk and asking higher prices for next week. Demand was generally moderate to good with a few buyers pricing loads for future delivery. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

Breaking stock supplies in close balance to adequate.  
WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-46	43-44
WHITES	37-39	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-51	49-51
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	44-48	45-47

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 1 cent higher on whole and sugar yolks, 3 cents higher on salt yolks, unchanged on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 7/29 was 13% less than the previous week. Breaking stock offerings adequate. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.  
WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT  
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)  
LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	48-51
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-56
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-52

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** The majority of trading was generally unchanged, except yolks were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was light to moderate. Some buyers who were not already covered through the end of the year sought future deliveries. Supplies were usually adequate. Trade sentiment was steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending July 29, 2000 were 10% less than last week and 36% more than the same week last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.45-1.60	MOSTLY	1.50-1.55
YOLKS	1.00-1.20	MOSTLY	1.10-1.15
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.85-3.15	MOSTLY	2.90-3.00
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.25		

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUL 28, 2000-AUG 03, 2000

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS					
76.50				118.25				194.75					
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	42.00	—	43.00	44.75	—	—	40.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	27.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	37.00	40.00	5.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	67.00
GNR W 3	28.33	—	—	32.00	31.00	—	4.00	GL W XL	49.70	—	—	—	59.22
GNR BR 1	—	—	43.00	44.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	48.68	—	54.50	52.00	56.98
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	27.09	—	29.00	—	31.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.50	—	1.50	GL W SM	15.00	—	—	—	22.50
GL W XL	—	48.50	50.00	51.60	48.90	—	24.25						23.93
GL W LG	—	—	44.80	48.00	47.63	56.00	27.50						
GL W MD	—	—	28.43	29.93	35.25	—	19.25						
GL W SM	18.25	21.25	18.85	20.81	18.75	20.00	6.25						
NRBS - 50	—	—	34.13	35.63	—	—	1.00						
NRBS - 48	—	40.00	—	—	35.75	38.00	31.50						
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	33.50	36.00	3.00						
NRBS - 42	—	—	23.00	24.50	27.67	29.60	5.25						
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	19.75	22.00	5.00						
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	14.00	16.50	1.00						

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Supplies continued to be adequate for processors needs. However, offerings have declined and are not as burdensome as earlier weeks. Processing schedules for next week are about normal. Finished product was fully adequate for trade requirements. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for in balance to mostly adequate offerings of light fowl. Finished sales were currently slow, and hopefully awaiting seasonal increases in interest. Schedules were at or near capacity. Trade sentiment weak.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged to lower. Offerings were ample for current production requirements and many spent hens were finding their way into rendering facilities at this call. Demand was mostly moderate. Trade sentiment weak.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample.

**LIVE TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-25 (2)	0

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading  
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 04-AUG-00  
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	69.39	67.01	50.88
SOUTHERN	69.74	67.40	46.84
MIDWEST	61.37	60.26	42.78
WESTERN	88.80	84.74	69.80
TWELVE METRO AREAS	74.58	71.91	55.58

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Prices were irregular, but about unchanged on light canners, slightly lower on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of canners were adequate but not as available as the previous week. Demand was light and unaggressive. The undertone was unsettled but still cautious and barely steady. USDA-AMS reopened the purchase program under Announcement PY-225, as amended, for canned boned poultry in 29-ounce cans for domestic food nutrition assistance programs.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25 MAJORITY	25-26.75 MAJORITY
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-25.25 MAJORITY	26-28.5 MAJORITY 27-28.5

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 29-JUL-00  
(PRELIMINARY)

	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY		
(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,799	1,723	3,522
LAST WEEK	1,959	1,609	3,568
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,097	1,270	3,367
TO-DATE/2000	58,783	42,358	101,141
TO-DATE/1999	64,943	40,666	105,609

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	665	19	684
LAST WEEK	332	29	361
SAME WEEK YR AGO	378	0	378
TO-DATE/2000	14,669	143	14,812
TO-DATE/1999	14,736	192	14,928

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,464	1,742	4,206
LAST WEEK	2,291	1,638	3,929
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,475	1,270	3,745
TO-DATE/2000	73,452	42,501	115,953
TO-DATE/1999	79,679	40,858	120,537

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending Jul 22, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)	1999/1	(000)	1999
Liquid	187	134	3,548	8,095
Frozen	0	0	126	6
Dried	36	22	340	355
Total	223	156	4,014	8,456

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending Jul 22, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)	1999/1	(000)	1999
Liquid	48	166	3,282	2,484
Frozen	0	15	406	173
Dried	0	0	643	141
Total	48	181	4,331	2,798

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending Jul 22, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Jumbo	120	17	981	584
Extra Large	910	1,300	24,495	19,049
Large	2,052	1,400	80,862	68,200
Medium	766	1,349	19,351	29,276
Ungraded	13,320	9,080	156,964	309,711
Misc	900	0	7,887	3,588
Total	18,068	13,146	290,540	430,408

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**DETROIT** PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
67-70	58-64	56-61	36-41	22-26

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

CENTS PER DOZEN	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
		39-41	24-26

**NEW ENGLAND** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
119-122	77-80	68-71	42-45	15-18

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

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

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 31-Jul-00	3,817	161,786	94,065
AM 1-Jul-00	3,234	150,279	93,719
CHG	583	11507	346
PCT CHG	18	8	0

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 29-Jul-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	22.2	17.0	31	-18
BOSTON	3.2	4.0	-20	-26
CHICAGO	53.5	40.8	31	42
DETROIT	24.3	32.8	-26	-2
KANSAS CITY	4.3	3.1	39	39
LOS ANGELES	92.2	101.1	-9	14
NEW ORLEANS	11.1	9.3	19	9
NEW YORK	34.6	34.8	-1	0
ST. LOUIS	15.4	17.8	-13	50
SAN FRANCISCO	22.4	21.2	6	22
TOTAL	283.2	281.9	0	13
4 WK MVG AVG	274.7			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 29-Jul-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	219.3	0	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	506.7	2	11
W.N. CENTRAL	254.5	-3	9
S. ATLANTIC	184.8	-1	-2
S. CENTRAL	75.1	-1	0
WEST	197.5	2	-10
TOTAL	1437.9	0	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

**EGG PRODUCTS****SHELL EGGS BROKEN UP 3 PERCENT**

Shell eggs broken totaled 162 million dozen during June 2000, up 3 percent from June a year ago. Regional percentage changes were: North Atlantic, down 10 percent; North Central, up 9; South Atlantic, down 8; South Central, down 12; and Western, up 5. June 2000 contained 22 week days and four Saturdays, the same as June 1999. Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication were used.

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, AUGUST 01, 2000.** PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>48</b>
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>105-109</b>	<b>96-100</b>	<b>70-74</b>	<b>41-45</b>
MOSTLY	107-108	98-99	72-73	43-44
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<b>108-112</b>	<b>97-101</b>	<b>73-77</b>	<b>44-48</b>
MOSTLY	108	97	73	44
<b>VERMONT</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>104-105</b>	<b>79-80</b>	-
MOSTLY	-	104	80	-

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