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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Regional prices were unchanged throughout the period. Prices in New York increased mid period on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady on all sizes. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to short, but usually closely balanced to tight. Breaking stock prices moved slightly upward during the period. Demand was light to moderate. Offers were short to adequate. Breaking schedules full-time. Floor stocks are in close balance. The trade sentiment was steady. In the north central region spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was moderate to at times good. Offers remained barely adequate. More users of spent hens are beginning to pay for birds to secure them. The trade sentiment was steady.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to instances tight for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks in close balance to tight. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	144-153	147-150
LARGE	143-152	145-148
MEDIUM	135-144	137-140

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand remained moderate to seasonally good. Supplies were about sufficient to short for current buyer and seller requirements. Eastern region breaking stock demand was fair and offerings were in close balance. Light type hens were barely adequate to adequate for an at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	151-167	153-156
LARGE	145-159	150-154
MEDIUM	137-150	142-144

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

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL** 14-DEC-07  
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	154.50	152.00	143.00
SOUTHEAST	157.50	155.50	142.00
MIDWEST	148.50	146.50	138.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	157.50	155.50	151.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	154.59	152.49	144.15

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

	12-18-07	12-11-07	12-19-06
Large	125-134	125-134	65-74
Medium	119-123	119-123	49-55

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT DEC 17, 2007 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	8.5	17.9	8.0	7.5	11.7	53.6
	Change	-0.9	-2.9	-0.9	-3.3	-0.5	-14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.9	30.9	14.7	26.5	34.2	129.2
	Change	-1.6	-10.9	-2.8	-1.7	-9.1	-17%
Large	Curr Wk	33.9	105.5	79.4	116.0	113.7	448.5
	Change	-9.7	-32.0	-39.9	-23.3	-10.0	-20%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.0	40.1	17.7	21.9	36.2	126.9
	Change	2.0	1.6	0.5	5.6	-2.2	6%
Small	Curr Wk	3.4	3.6	1.0	1.5	3.3	12.8
	Change	1.8	-1.2	-0.2	-0.8	0.3	-1%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.0	25.2	8.0	8.4	8.9	52.5
	Change	0.0	2.5	-0.5	-1.9	0.7	2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.3	37.7	21.6	9.5	30.4	112.5
	Change	-2.9	-3.0	-1.7	-4.3	1.3	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	95.0	260.9	150.4	191.3	238.4	936.0
	Change	-11%	-15%	-23%	-13%	-8%	-14%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	936.0	-14%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	170.2	-16%	33
Total Shell Egg	1,106.2	-14%	187

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 154 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. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and 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.

Northeast	- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central	- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central	- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic	- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific	- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 15-DEC-2007	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,265,916	33,553	10,218	5,541	2,204	4,488
PW	1,276,968	33,222	10,488	5,588	2,067	4,504
LY	1,262,206	32,716	10,937	5,676	2,439	4,576
% Chg PWK	-1%	1%	-3%	-1%	7%	0%
% Chg LY	0%	3%	-7%	-2%	-10%	-2%
2007	63,584,405	1,595,382	573,645	307,673	124,002	216,617
2006	64,480,486	1,603,153	591,295	312,783	135,124	217,145
% Chg YTD	-1%	0%	-3%	-2%	-8%	0%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.50	42.13	42.71
(Inedible Excluded)	38.95	38.61	39.08

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	630,215	49.8%	17,599	52.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	634,721	49.7%	17,752	53.4%
LAST YEAR	585,720	46.4%	17,094	52.3%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set In		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	DEC 08	DEC 15	DEC 08	DEC 15
	Thousand			
AL	*32,181	31,880	*20,549	21,589
AR	27,993	28,101	*25,744	26,250
DE	4,160	4,163	5,106	5,366
FL	1,343	1,344	1,341	1,313
GA	35,206	36,213	29,179	29,652
KY	7,487	7,691	*6,131	6,318
LA	3,923	3,846	3,864	3,586
MD	8,707	8,669	5,607	5,465
MS	18,720	18,924	16,461	17,081
NC	*18,743	19,624	*16,218	16,335
OK	6,013	6,560	4,308	3,797
PA	*4,149	4,064	*3,270	3,223
SC	5,156	5,607	4,985	4,363
TX	15,315	14,733	12,135	12,865
VA	6,239	6,226	4,862	5,206
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,388	20,227	*17,584	16,927
19 State Total	*213,723	217,872	*177,344	179,336
Previous Year Total	207,215	211,893	171,423	172,412
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	102	103	104

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING**

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 26-Jan-08 is estimated at 164.2 million head. This compares to 163.8 million head the previous week and to 161.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.60 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/13/07 - 12/19/07							
CURRENT LDS 61.50		FUTURE LDS 35.75		TOTAL LDS 97.25			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	133.50	--	132.40	134.38	--	132.45	29.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	133.00	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	147.75	149.50	130.60	--	7.00
GL W XL	--	--	141.80	143.47	136.66	136.00	15.50
GL W LG	--	149.00	143.00	141.50	128.10	141.00	15.25
GL W MD	136.00	130.00	132.00	134.25	127.42	--	17.75
GL W SM	--	--	86.00	87.67	--	--	4.50
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	130.00	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	175.00	--	--	166.80	--	2.25
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	114.23	11.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	104.00	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 15-DEC-07**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
Atlanta	32.0	28.5	12	6
Boston	3.2	3.0	7	3
Chicago	89.8	83.6	7	3
Detroit	12.6	12.5	1	8
Los Angeles	91.8	77.3	19	-18
New Orleans	7.5	6.8	10	25
New York	34.5	23.6	46	14
St. Louis	21.5	19.0	13	-12
San Francisco	14.6	14.4	1	-21
Total	307.5	268.7	14	-5
4 Week Moving Avg.	293.2			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 15-DEC-07**

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	1,969	2,789	28	5	4,791
Avg Wt	16.31	38.29	25.15	24.48	29.17
Last week	2,260	2,894	33	9	5,196
Same wk yr ago	2,117	2,655	22	12	4,806
Avg Wt	15.60	38.19	29.13	24.48	28.16
To-date/2007	100,120	133,083	1,241	264	234,708
To-date/2006	98,626	129,215	1,356	217	229,414

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

W/E 15-DEC-07 (Preliminary)						
	---Young turkeys---			Old Banded	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		-Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
North East	774	-10	24.53	(A)	775	24.53
South Atlantic	724	2	34.91	(A)	725	34.91
North Central	2,139	-5	33.84	(A)	2,140	33.84
South Central	781	-12	18.14	(A)	782	18.14
West	368	-23	23.90	(A)	369	23.90
U.S. total	4,786(B)	-8	29.17	5	4,791	29.17
To-date 2007	234,444(B)			264	234,708	
To-date 2006	229,197(B)			217	229,414	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date 1,241,000; for last year to date 1,356,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 15-DEC-2007 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	168,456	1,541	1,443	2,984	465
Avg Wt	5.56	3.23	7.99	5.53	6.83
Last week	169,272	1,306	1,586	2,892	524
Same wk yr ago	160,125	1,111	1,518	2,629	540
Avg Wt	5.31	3.44	7.77	5.94	6.45
To-date/2007	8,104,734	55,509	73,243	128,752	24,731
To-date/2006	8,057,771	53,519	74,427	127,946	25,046

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.5 million head, or 7.5 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-07

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK 12/22/07 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/15/07
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	175,791 (2)	171,706
Light hens	1,590	1,565
Heavy hens	1,544	1,420
Total	178,925	174,691

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Dec-07 is 159.6 million head compared to 161.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 176.1 million head or 16.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 29-Dec-07 the estimated available is 156.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MILLION HEAD				
Nov	10	172.0	164.0	105%
	17	169.4	160.5	106%
	24	131.1	161.4	81%
Dec	1	171.1	161.8	106%
	8	171.3	162.1	106%
	15	170.5	163.0	105%
Year to date	8,202.9	8,244.6	99%	
Dec	22	159.6		
	29	156.2		

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 17-DEC-2007 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	61.00-64.00	64.41	30	63.17	60
Los Angeles	84.00	81.85	54	77.00	123
New York	65.00-68.00	66.60	20	67.49	43

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

Change from			
17-DEC-2007	10-DEC-2007	10-DEC-2007	18-DEC-2006
70.52	.12	70.40	66.39

NUMBER OF LOADS 500

**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/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-78	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	76-78	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	76-78	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	76-78	-	-	-

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 CENTERS (INCL GOV'T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Poultry LBS
AM	12/17/07	3,080	39,526	87,555
AM	12/01/07	3,052	37,974	89,689
CHG		28	1552	-2134
PCT CHG		1%	4%	-2%

**HEN MARKETS****HEAVY TYPE**

(7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-DEC-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	7-12.25 CENTS/LB.		9.42
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	6.25-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.37

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

**LIGHT TYPE – REMOVAL COSTS**

Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 07-DEC-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-12	5-8
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-10.5	0-5

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 15-DEC 07

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	188.6	1	1
East North Central	678.1	8	7
West North Central	289.1	3	-5
South Atlantic	198.8	6	1
South Central	61.0	-1	0
West	196.0	-1	-5
Total	1,611.6	5	1

Matched plants reporting

81

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Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)

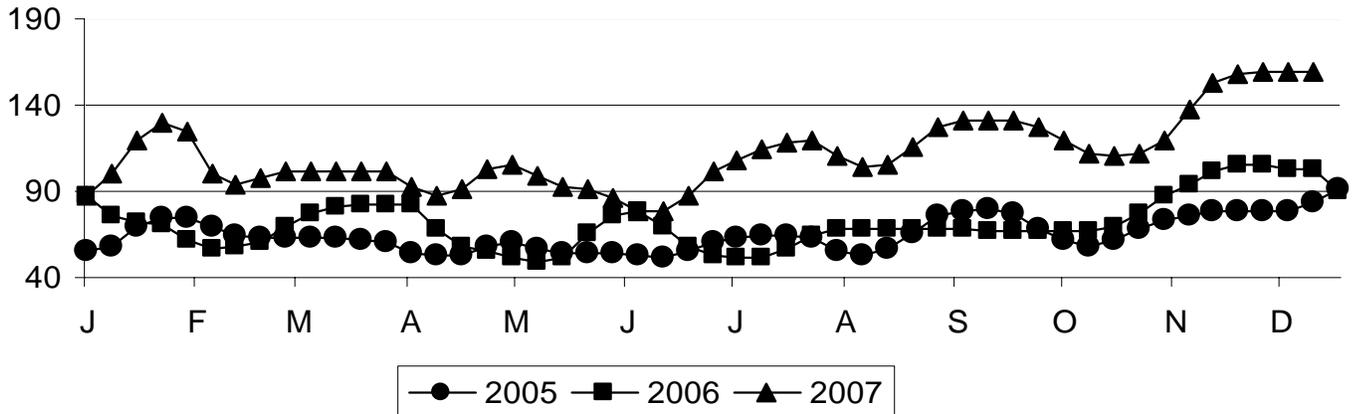
West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

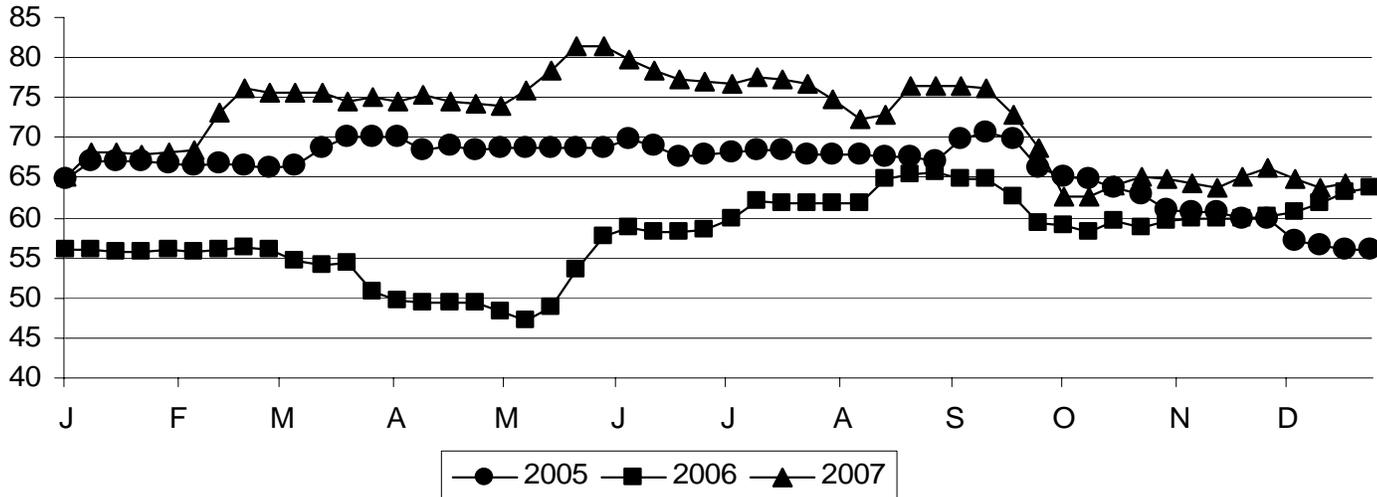
South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

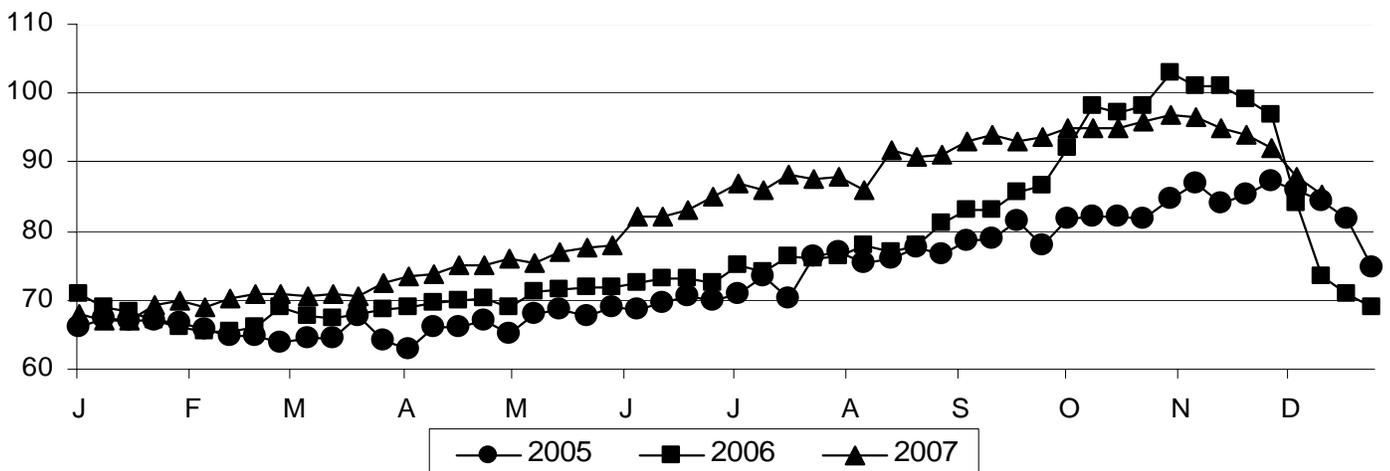
### New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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