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Blend Price: The average price paid to New Brunswick producers who shipped milk in **July 2018: \$72.40/hl or \$18.15/kg of BF** for milk containing: BF **3.9899** kg/hl, Protein **3.2555** kg/hl and LOS **5.7168** kg/hl.

Quota Exchange Deadline:

Tuesday, September 4, 2018
4:00 pm

Please email bids to
quota@nbmilk.org

Credit Exchange Deadline:

Tuesday, August 21, 2018
4:00 pm

Please submit credit bids/offers
on the DFNB Portal at
www.nbmilk.org

No Fall Incentive Days 2018

Over Quota penalty of \$20/hl on
production over +10 days

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Over Quota Levy effective July 1, 2018

DFNB will be collecting \$2.7327 per kg of Butterfat, \$1.9107 per kg of Protein and \$.3917 per kg of Lactose and Other Solids on production that exceeds a producer's monthly quota and credits. The P5 agreed to allow each province to retain their over quota levies and DFNB has chosen to redistribute any over quota levies collected back into the in-quota blend price. The P5 also agreed to pool revenues and program costs on total production instead of in-quota production effective July 1. This change was required because Ontario opted to only allow their producers to use 1 credit day per month combined with a 1.5% quota cut and the other 4 provinces chose to set aside the credit day limit and opted for a 3% quota cut which was deemed to be equivalent to the 1 day limit and 1.5% cut.

Blend vs Cost of Production

On July 20, 2018, the Canadian Dairy Commission announced that it would adjust its butter support price on September 1, 2018 from \$8.0062 per kg to \$8.3901 per kg. The CDC's decision was founded on the fact that the cost of production of milk rose by 5.1% due to higher fuel, feed and interest. The CDC reported that this support price adjustment was expected to increase producer revenue by approximately 4.1%. The CDC also noted that the consumer price index for dairy products decreased by 2.5% since 2013 although the price index for food increased by 9.0% on average.

The CDC's press release indicated that this September price increase would replace the February 2019 price adjustment. Producers should not expect another price adjustment until February 2020 unless exceptional circumstances occur.

DFNB Director Elections

As per New Brunswick Regulation 2002-86 under the Natural Products Act (<http://laws.gnb.ca/en/ShowTdm/cr/2002-86>), three members shall be elected for the three-year term to start after the Board's annual meeting in December 2018. These positions are currently held by Fons deJong (Woodstock); Richard vanOord (Fredericton) and Peter Kaye (At-Large). Nomination forms will be mailed in September. Information on Director's Roles and Responsibilities is available on the Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick website: https://www.nbmilk.org/images/Board-Orders/1A_Director_Role_Resp_Annex_2011_07.pdf

Do you have surplus feed?

Some New Brunswick and PEI livestock producers may need to buy forages this year due to unseasonably dry conditions this summer. The Maritime boards are connecting potential sellers with producers in need. If you have excess feed and are willing to sell some, please provide the following details to dfns@dfns.ca

Feed Type: silage or hay? Grass, alfalfa or corn?

Contact: Name, cell number or email address

Please respond by August 20, 2018 so we can assemble a list of feed sellers to circulate back to all Maritime producers. If the need continues, the boards will consider collecting a second list later in the fall. Please note this effort is for the benefit of producers and any transactions are private treaty between producers.

proAction® Biosecurity Training – Fall 2018

The Atlantic proAction® Coordinators will begin training sessions for the Biosecurity Module in September 2018. In Atlantic Canada, we have been fortunate not to have experienced the devastation that infectious disease outbreaks in dairy cattle can cause to the industry. However, this is not to say that we will continue to be so fortunate; we only must look to our close neighbors in Quebec to see the effect of Salmonella Dublin on herds.

The proAction® Biosecurity Program is designed to increase awareness of disease outbreaks while identifying and reducing the possible risks on our farms. The training sessions will highlight the importance of biosecurity in our country, our provinces and on our farms while also explaining the new requirements of the program. There will be only two training session offered, Fall 2018 and Spring 2019, before module requirements are added to proAction® validations beginning September 1, 2019. Time and location of training sessions will be shared at a later date – We hope to see you there!

**Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick
Quota Exchange for August, 2018**

Price in Dollars	# of Sellers	Kgs Offered By Sellers	Total Cum. kgs	Difference Between Sellers/Buyers	Total Cum. kgs	Kgs Wanted By Buyers	# of Buyers
\$21,000.00		.5	.5	106.7	107.2	.0	
\$22,200.00		.0	.5	106.7	107.2	50.0	
QESP \$24,000.00		3.1	3.6	53.6	57.2	57.2	
TOTALS	3	3.6			107.2	6	

QESP = Quota Exchange Selling Price

QESP = Le prix de vente de quota

3.6 of 57.1 kgs wanted at or above the Quota Exchange Selling Price of \$24,000.00 were purchased.

3.6 des 57.1 kilos demandé au prix de vente de \$24,000.00 ou au dessus ont été acheté.

There was a total of 3.6 kgs offered for sale and total bids to purchase of 107.2 kgs.

Il y avait un total de 3.6 kgs proposés à la vente et le total des offres pour l'achat de 107.2kg.

Next Exchange closes at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday September 4, 2018

Results are available Friday September 7, 2018

Tel. :(506) 432-4330 Fax: (506) 432-4333 Quota: (506) 432-4330

Month	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	6 month avg.
Clearing Price	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$22,997	\$24,000	\$22,200	\$20,000	\$22,866
Kgs on Exchange	3.6	80.0	106.1	97.2	182.9	48.4	86.4
Kgs by Transfer	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0

NB Domestic Milk Pool

Domestic Market	Butterfat Quota	Butterfat Shipped	Fill Rate	Butterfat	Protein	Lactose	HL	Under SNF Incentive
July 2018	538,123	536,773	99.75%	\$10.7058	\$6.6805	\$1.3812	\$72.40	\$25,944.76
Dairy Year	6,617,004	6,594,050	99.65%	\$10.5580	\$6.8566	\$1.4512	\$74.98	\$146,012.67
Marginal Market								
July 2018		2,195		-\$2.7327	-\$1.9107	-\$0.3917	(\$19.33)	
Dairy Year		9,608		-\$0.6242	-\$0.4551	-\$0.0945	(\$4.51)	
Deductions & SNF Ratios	Transport Per HL	Promotion Per Kg of Total Solids	Admin	Lab Fee	Total Ded Per HL		SNF Ratios	Target Ratio
July 2018	\$2.60	\$1.139	\$0.0605	\$0.0011	\$4.87	Current Month	2.2487	2.2937
Dairy Year	\$2.65	\$1.138	\$0.0605	\$0.0011	\$4.97	Past 12 Mo's	2.1780	
Components & Quality	Somatic Cell Count	Standard Plate Count	Lab Past. Count	Butter Fat	Protein	Lactose & O.S.	Total solids	Rejected Loads
July 2018	215,216	8,980	166	3.9899	3.2555	5.7168	12.9622	0
Dairy Year	190,751	8,824	1,578	4.1523	3.3263	5.7174	13.1960	8

July 2018 Credit Exchange \$8.01/kg

<https://www.nbmilk.org/downloads/credit-exchange/Credit%20Exchange%20July%202018.pdf>

12,394 kgs of the 12,478 kgs wanted at or above the Credit Exchange Selling Price were purchased.

Producers above -10 days of credits are eligible to buy credits. Producers below -10 days of credits are eligible to sell credits.

Please review your statement to determine kgs eligible to sell / buy on the August 2018 Exchange.

****DFNB encourages all producers to submit credit bids/offers on the Portal at www.nbmilk.org - click on LOGIN link. ****

Forms are also available on the DFNB website: <https://www.nbmilk.org/en/producer-info/forms-to-download>

Email to submit forms for bids/offers on the Quota Exchange: quota@nbmilk.org

Please provide DFNB with an email at nbmilk@nbmilk.org to keep up-to-date on important dairy industry news.

Regulation 2010-19 under the Natural Products Act

<http://laws.gnb.ca/en/ShowTdm/cr/2010-19/>

Plans for construction, extension, alteration, installation or replacement

50(1) Plans for the construction, extension or alteration of a dairy farm, including a dairy barn, milking parlour or milk house, shall be submitted to the Commission or an inspector for approval before the work is undertaken.

50(2) Plans for the installation or replacement of a farm bulk tank shall be submitted to the Commission or an inspector for approval before the work is undertaken.

50(3) Plans for the installation of automatic milking systems shall be submitted to the Commission or an inspector for approval before the work is undertaken.

Quota Exchange Procedures

Bids/Offers must be submitted on forms provided prior to **4:00 p.m. on 1st working day of month.**

All bids must be accompanied by confirmation of funds from your lending institution if bid is greater than prior month's "Due Producer". Producers will not be allowed to combine their "Due Producer" amount with their confirmation of funds from a financial institution to bid for quota equal to the combined amounts. Bids or offers above \$24,000 will not be accepted. Producers selling all of their quota on an exchange will be subject to a security deposit of \$1000/kg that will be returned 30 days after effective date of the transfer.

Credit Exchange Procedures

Bids/Offers must be submitted on forms provided prior to **4:00 p.m. on the 4th working day after the 15th of the month.** Results are available on the morning of 25th. Producers exiting industry may purchase/sell credits one month following effective date of sale. *If you do not receive your statement in time to review your credit position, please call the office and we will fax /email your statement to you.*

Milk Penalty Funding

Re-active funding: Producers subject to milk quality penalty may access \$100 from Milk Penalty Fund to offset, **once per year**, cost of visit from a milk quality technician.

Pro-active funding: Producers advised of second or subsequent milk quality infraction, prior to a penalty assessed, is allowed to offset, **once per year**, cost of a visit from milk quality technician to a **maximum of \$500.** Producers may apply for funding by forwarding paid invoices to DFNB office.

Minimum Quota Holdings Policy

The Board will cease picking milk up when the farm's total daily quota falls below ten (10) kilograms.

Group Insurance Rates

The Co-operators, Group insurance:
Monthly Single Coverage: \$118.53
Monthly Family : \$329.64
Questions regarding claims, rates or enrolment? Please call:

Emily Murphy of Alodium Financial :
1-800-994-5155 or 506-850-1643
Email: emilymurphy@rogers.com

Weekend/After Hour Quality Milk

Problems: Should a producer require alternate transportation due to **quality related concerns**, Agropur will now be the first contact (**432-0476**). *If no answer, please leave a message.* Agropur personnel will advise of DFNB's policy with respect to extra transportation costs.

Weekend/After-Hour Service:

Please call **432-4330**. The Answering Service will contact DFNB staff.

Sussex Holstein Club Scholarship

The Sussex Holstein Club is now accepting applications for its \$500 scholarships. Applicants must be enrolled in a post-secondary institution and be a resident of southern New Brunswick. Applications are available from the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (Sussex office) and Brian Earle at lollipop95@xplornet.ca or 832-9468. Deadline for applications is September 30, 2018.



Atlantic Johne's Disease Initiative 2

There has been continued success with the Atlantic Johne's Disease Initiative (AJDI) and participation with the program continued to be strong and we hope will continue going forward.

In light of keeping this program sustainable, there were some fundamental changes made to the program as part of AJDI 2. One of the first changes made was simplifying the risk assessment form. This condensed form was streamlined to focus on the major areas of risk and eliminated areas that consistently did not produce actions points from previous risk assessments done.

Additionally, to make the form more condensed, we also made the form an optional "self-assessment" that the producer can fill out with the AJDI sampling staff at the time of environmental sample collection. They also have the option of doing the self-assessment online at a later date. One of the other changes made was to stop using the TREK culture system and move to direct fecal PCR to minimize cost and expedite lab time. We tested both methods for a while and realized there was no loss in test accuracy. Overall, across the Atlantic Provinces, we have seen a small decrease in the number of positive testing herds, approximately a 4% reduction. More importantly, we have also seen herds that have had 6 out of 6 six samples positive move to lower infection rates of 1 to 2 sites out of six testing positive.

In combination, the revised risk assessment and "self-assessment" along with the changes in laboratory testing make the continuation of the AJDI very feasible. We have shown gradual reduction of herd level prevalence and within herd prevalence through the continued efforts of dairy producers.

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Holstein Canada to Conduct Cattle Assessments



<https://www.dairyfarmers.ca/news-centre/news/policy/holstein-canada-to-conduct-cattle-assessments>

July 27, 2018 - Ottawa

Dairy Farmers of Canada and Holstein Canada are pleased to announce the signing of a four-year agreement reaffirming Holstein Canada as the preferred supplier for proAction Animal Care cattle assessments across Canada. Both national organizations renewed their agreement in July, which takes effect starting this fall.

"This step of assessing animals is part of our commitment to transparency and continuous improvement," said Pierre

Lampron, president of Dairy Farmers of Canada. "In this day and age, it is essential to demonstrate our world-class standards in producing high quality milk and meat in a sustainable way, and to measure how we improve over time. This agreement ensures that our industry stays in line with Canadian values."

In September 2017, Dairy Farmers of Canada and its members developed and added two new modules to the proAction validation process: Animal Care and Traceability. Holstein Canada has been a key partner in assisting farmers to prepare for both of these modules, including providing animal care assessments independently to all farms since October 2016. The assessment is based on the *Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Dairy Cattle*. This renewed agreement between the two national organizations solidifies Holstein Canada's position as the preferred supplier of proAction assessments. "Holstein Canada is very pleased to continue our well-established partnership with DFC to deliver a key service to farmers, which ultimately serves consumers," said Holstein Canada President Harry Van der Linden. "Our Team members are highly trained in animal observation and it is great to have two national organizations work together to deliver a consistent program coast to coast."

Holstein Canada evaluates a random sample of animals in the herd to verify indicators of animal comfort, such as body condition, locomotion or lameness, and the state of the hocks, knees and neck. Afterwards, when validators visit farms, farmers must show this completed independent assessment, Standard Operating Procedures, and records to meet the requirements of the proAction initiative. The initiative is how dairy farmers across the country demonstrate they implement good management practices that enhance animal well-being, care and comfort.

SERVICES

Maritime Quality Milk: www.milkquality.ca

NB Research & Productivity Council (RPC) 452-1212

RPC Building, 921 College Hill Rd, Fredericton NB

Composition testing, contact: Jill.Hay@rpc.ca

Microbiology testing, contact Corrie.Maston@rpc.ca

Quality Milk Management: Don Anderson 432-5598 or udder1@nb.aibn.com

Antibiotic Testing: Agropur Cooperative. 432-1950, Ext 245. Sample bottle must include Name, Producer#, Email, Phone #, Cow#, Drug Used.

Dairy Specialist: Brian MacDonald Cell: 433-0509

Email: brian.macdonald@gnb.ca

Livestock Feed Specialist: David Dykstra phone: 434-5755

david.dykstra@gnb.ca; @NbForage

AgExpert Analyst Certified Adviser:

Kim Waalderbos 260-3004

Hoof Trimming:

E. Duivenvoorden 433-1864; Peter Jones 866-0531

NB Environmental Farm Plan

John Russell 452-8101 or 381-2887 john@fermeNBfarm.ca

Sussex Co-op Livestock Auction:

Sales every other Wednesday at 11:30 am Call: 432-1841

Bob Calve Prices : <https://app.milk2020.ca/beefreport/default>

NB Beef Cattle Research Council: Free webinars:

<http://www.beefresearch.ca/resources/webinars.cfm>

Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia newsletter:

<https://www.dfns.ca/resources-links/newsletters/>

Milk Producer magazine

<http://www.milk.org/Corporate/Content.aspx?id=1941>

Canadian Dairy Commission : <http://www.cdc-ccl.gc.ca/>

AgWeather Atlantic:

<http://atl.agrometeo.org/index.php/weather/local>

Dairy Farmers of Canada News Centre:

<https://www.dairyfarmers.ca/news-centre/document-library>

Atlantic Dairy Industry Central Event Calendar

<http://www.valacta.com/EN/Atlantic/Pages/Atlantic-infos.aspx>

If you have events to add, email :

Jeff Gunn at jgunn@valacta.com ;

Fred Vanderkloet fsvanderkloet@gov.pe.ca or

Brian MacDonald brian.macdonald@gnb.ca

AgriStartNB: <https://www.agristartnb.ca/>

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Bulk Milk Tanks: All bulk milk tanks needing calibrated will be coordinated by DFNB staff using the calibration services of both Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) and International Dairy Calibrations Atlantic Ltd. (Eric Hope-Rapp). If you are planning to install a new tank or have installed one recently, please call **432-4330** so your farm can be added to the schedule.

Before replacing your bulk milk tank remember:

New tanks of 1000 US gallons (3780 liters) must have a minimum outlet of 3 inches with a butterfly valve; New tanks less than 1000 must have a minimum tank outlet of 2 inches with a butterfly valve; **Used tanks of any size must have a minimum tank outlet of 2 inches with a butterfly valve.**

Additional Pickups: Producers can request (if bulk milk transporters have the equipment/capacity) up to 45 pickups over 24 months at an extra charge of \$2.00 per hl over monthly transportation rate and between 46 and 90 everyday pickups over 24 months at an extra charge of \$4.00 per hl over monthly transportation rate. The \$2.00 and \$4.00 per hl will be the minimum charge. If additional equipment has to be dispatched, the charge will be equivalent to the actual transportation costs.

Transportation 2018

If you have concerns about your pickups, you can contact:

Eagle Transportation — 432-9128 Ext 284 — (Cell) 432-0476

R.F. Mason Ltd. — 435-0500

Veronica McEwen — 432-4330 Ext. 102 — (Cell) 432-0092

Advertising Rates:

Active producers may submit dairy related word ads at no charge. *Producer ads will be advertised for two months only, unless otherwise notified. For other parties interested in advertising, the monthly rates will be \$400 (full page), \$225 (½ page), \$120 (¼ page) and \$65 (1/8 page).* All ads must be received by 8th of the month.

2 Office Spaces For Lease: 29 Milk Board Road, Roachville
1500 sq feet — 4 Offices, Boardroom, Reception and Storage Room
1000 sq feet — 3 Offices, Reception and Storage Room
Please call: 432-4330 or email: nbmilk@nbmilk.org

Wanted:

Due to dry weather conditions throughout the 2018 growing season, the NBCP has received many inquiries from beef producers seeking to purchase hay or silage. If you have hay or silage for sale, please contact Brenda at the NBCP office by phone: 506-458-8534 or email: financialofficer@ams-sag.ca

For Sale:

- **Square bale silage & hay 3X3X6** (Individually wrapped). Please contact 434-2525.
- **Custom Square Baling:** Wrapping available. Baler makes 3X3X6 bales. For more information, please contact 433-0867.
- **Jersey cows, fresh, dry, mid-lactation.** Please contact : 506-654-0777 or greenacresfarminc@ymail.com
- **BOUMATIC ProVantage milking parlour double 7; Auto detacher, keypad metre system; Boumatic vacuum pump; Boumatic computer feed system including collars.** Please contact 506-654-0777 or greenacresfarminc@ymail.com
- **80 Michigan style free stall dividers for mature cows (you dismantle); 50 heifer free stall dividers (different sizes); 4, 10' head locks for calves (ages 2-5 months); 80 stall mats, many fairly new (you dismantle).** Call Stephan at (506) 251-2747 or email at: stephenhwt@yahoo.ca
- **Purebred Holstein Heifers due in September.** Please call 433-1971.

Upcoming Events

DFNB BOARD MEETING: August 28-29, 2018

NB Provincial Holstein and Coloured Breeds Show

Saturday September 9, 2017 at 8:30 am at the Fredericton exhibition grounds in conjunction with the NBEX. There will be a Holstein show for all calf and cow classes and a coloured breed show with all breeds showing together in 6 calf classes and 2 cow classes. NBEX will pay \$40/head for animals that stay from Wednesday to Saturday at 6pm. Additional prize money from our generous sponsors including \$1000 for grand champion, \$500 for reserve, \$250 jr. champion, and \$50 for each class winner. Also the money received from milk sales will be split up evenly between the milking animals. Please send entries to Karen Versloot by September 2 to avoid late fees tkversloot@gmail.com home 506-363-8902 or cell 506-461-3209. For further information regarding the show please contact Bliss Hayward 506-461-7652.

OPEN FARM DAY: September 16, 2018

For more information or to register, please email alliance@fermenbfarm.ca

DFNB Fall Meetings: October 16-19, 2018

DFNB AGM: December 4-6, 2018



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JEN VAN OORD

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Maritime Quality Milk
www.milkquality.ca

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Evaluation of screening methods for bovine viral diarrhoea virus in Maritime dairy herds

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea virus (BVDv) is a significant production limiting disease of cattle that can remain active within herds due to persistently infected (PI) cows that are infected in the womb yet look like normal cows. To identify a PI, samples from every animal must be tested. Therefore, costs of identifying the PI individuals and eradicating them from the herd is expensive. In order to reduce the costs associated with identification of PI animals within a herd, we evaluated various screening methods to reduce the number of animals tested.

The screening methods evaluated included the use of sentinel (unvaccinated) animals and a consumption surface swab assay (CSSA), or feedbunk swabs. It was assumed that if a BVDv PI animal were present within the herd the screening methods would indicate BVDv on the farm. We found that 1.5% of dairy herds in the Maritime Provinces had animals persistently infected with BVDv.

The CSSA test classified all PI-free herds correctly, and when a herd tested positive on CSSA, there was likely a PI individual on the farm and we could determine which group they were in. However, the CSSA test only detected 3 of 7 herds with PI animals. Therefore, it is not a perfect test, but was an easy sample to collect and further evaluation may better determine if it can replace sentinel animal testing for BVD herd level screening.

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DairyExpress+: DFC's New App For You!

The new DairyExpress+ app will provide the latest DFC news directly in dairy farmers' pockets, quickly and efficiently – because getting updates faster makes a difference. This app will also allow you to share your reaction to articles and updates with DFC! The app contains a comprehensive FAQ of consumer questions on topics ranging from human nutrition and the value of dairy products, to farming practices and the impact of dairy on the environment to better equip dairy farmers when it comes to answering questions. DFC put rigorous vetting process in place to ensure that this app remains only available to farmers. We review all subscriptions requests in collaboration with provincial dairy organizations. DFC is confident this app will bring value to farmers and members, and is eager to continue improving it and adding services.

Links to download the DairyExpress+ app: App Store (iOS):

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/dairy-express/id1339813305?mt=8>

Google Play (Android):

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.dairyfarmers.app&hl=en>

If you have trouble finding the app or registering, please send an email to question@dfc-plc.ca.

Dairy Farmers of Canada

Are you passionate about the dairy industry? Do you participate in various local events or offer farm tours? Do you enjoy teaching people about how milk gets from the farm to the table? If so, Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) can help by providing you with various promotional items, resources as well as material (i.e. outdoor tent, table top game, table cover, etc.). Note that all requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and should be put-in **at least 6 weeks** prior to your event.

To learn more about what we can offer, contact DFC's Regional Project Manager, Michelle Arseneau Leger, at 1-800-465-2697 (ext. 3) or michelle.arseneauleger@dfc-plc.ca.

Warmer months are here! Check that bulk milk tank cooling times are within specs:

All producers should make sure that their bulk milk tank(s) are cooling the milk quickly and keeping at the proper temperature. The Food Safety Module of proAction®, section 6.1, provides the following helpful reference points: The first milking must be cooled to 10°C or less within one hour and to a temperature greater than 0°C and less than or equal to 4°C within two hours after milking and maintained at that temperature. When subsequent milkings enter the tank, blend temperature shall not rise above 10°C for longer than 15 consecutive minutes, and milk shall be cooled to a temperature greater than 0°C and less than or equal to 4°C within one hour after milking and maintained at that temperature.

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