



# Agricultural Report

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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### DAIRY SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS

By F. Philip Prelli, Commissioner  
Connecticut Department of Agriculture

On July 17, 2009 Governor M. Jodi Rell signed a bill that would help save the state's \$1 billion dairy industry and preserve valuable farmland by providing direct aid for the next two years to farmers struggling with historically low milk prices and high production costs.

"Dairy farms are an irreplaceable part of our landscape and our culture and keeping family farms viable ensures that we retain the ability to produce fresh, local food. We cannot afford to lose them. Once they disappear so do the countless businesses and thousands of jobs the dairy industry supports," Governor Rell said.

Under the new law Public Act 09-229, money for the aid will be generated by revenues raised from a \$40 fee for recording land documents. Public Act 09-229 also changes the grant formula for the Community Investment Account, which is funded by the recording fee. Under the former grant structure, the money was divided in four equal portions or 25 percent each to the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism for heritage preservation, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority for affordable housing, the Department of Environmental Protection for municipal open space and the Department of Agriculture for agriculture viability grants and farmland preservation.

The grant checks are expected to be issued in late October. The Department sent information packets to all dairy farms explaining the process and the forms needed to be completed. The program will sunset on July 1, 2011.

Grant payments will be based on a formula prescribed in the Public Act. The formula uses 82 percent of the cost of production for a New England State, as published by the United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, to establish the "minimum sustainable monthly cost of production". The Department will be using the USDA's estimated cost of production published for the state of Vermont. The grant payment will be equal to the difference between the minimum sustainable monthly cost of production and the "Federal pay price" (Northeast Federal Milk Marketing Order, statistical uniform price for the Hartford zone) multiplied by your monthly production. If the combined total of all the calculated payments exceeds the amount of money in the agricultural sustainability account, grant payments will be made on a proportionate basis, based on your relative level of milk production.

In order to be eligible for the Milk Producer Grant Program you must be licensed to produce milk for pasteurization, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 22-172 and you must complete an energy audit of your facility.

We have identified two options to fulfill the energy audit requirement. The Connecticut Light and Power company has a program to conduct energy audits of small businesses at no cost to you (see attached CL&P letter). CL&P will assign one of their vendors to audit your energy use and provide you with a form verifying the audit was completed. Additionally the USDA NRCS has an online energy awareness tool that can be used to fulfill the Public Act's requirement for an energy audit. The NRCS energy awareness tool can be found at <http://ahat.sc.egov.usda.gov/>. Joyce Meader and Richard Meinert, UConn Cooperative Extension System educators, have agreed to assist milk producers. In order to use the NRCS tool, you must contact Joyce Meader or Richard Meinert and they will provide you with instructions and written verification of your use of the NRCS energy awareness tool.

Grant applications are available online at <http://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=1366&q=445230>

### BEWARE OF INCREASED TICK ABUNDANCES IN JAPANESE BARBERRY INFESTED FORESTS

by Scott C. Williams and Jeffrey S. Ward

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

One hazard agricultural professionals may overlook is exposure to blacklegged or "deer" ticks. These ticks are responsible for transmitting the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the causal agent of Lyme disease in humans and domesticated animals, as well as the pathogens *Babesia microti* and *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*. While most of us are well aware of ticks and perform "tick checks" upon returning home, research conducted at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station has shown that there are specific habitats where blacklegged ticks are both more abundant and are more likely to be carriers of *B. burgdorferi* and other pathogens. A better understanding of which habitats are infested with ticks may help to reduce prevalence of these diseases among members of the agricultural industry.

We studied this problem at three forested sites in Redding, Storrs, and North Branford. An escaped ornamental shrub, Japanese barberry, infested 40-70% of the sites. At each site, we examined an area where barberry was controlled by a variety of methods including mechanical removal, prescribed fire, direct flaming with propane torches, and herbicides; an area where barberry was not treated; and an area where barberry was virtually absent. We trapped white-footed mice, the host for the first two stages of blacklegged ticks and a chief reservoir for *B. burgdorferi* and *B. microti*, and counted the number of larval ticks feeding on mice for two years after barberry control. In addition, we sampled adult tick populations on vegetation and the forest floor. Adult ticks were retained and tested for the presence of *B. burgdorferi*.

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**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.**

September 8, 2009

Prices To Retailers, Sales To Volume Buyers,  
USDA Grade A and Grade A, White Eggs In  
Cartons, Warehouse, Cents Per Dozen

EXTRA LARGE	86-91
LARGE	85-89
MEDIUM	62-64

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, Conn. September 7, 2009

Live animals brought the following average  
prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	25.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	37.00	39.00
76-90 lbs.	40.00	45.00
91-105 lbs.	46.00	50.00
106 lbs. & up	51.00	56.00
Farm Calves	57.50	67.50
Started Calves	27.00	38.00
Veal Calves	72.50	105.00
Open Heifers	62.50	100.00
Beef Heifers	47.00	77.00
Feeder Steers	55.00	60.00
Beef Steers	55.00	74.00
Stock Bulls	50.00	65.00
Feeder Pigs each	35.00	45.00
Sheep each	40.00	180.00
Lambs each	65.00	250.00
Goats each	40.00	160.00
Kid Goats each	25.00	200.00
Canners	Up to	39.50
Cutters	40.00	43.00
Utility Grade Cows	44.00	48.00
Rabbits each	4.00	18.00
Chickens each	5.00	47.50
Ducks each	14.00	30.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

MONDAY, September 7, 2009

Bulk/ High /Low Dressing

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breakers	75-80% lean		
	44.00-47.50	48.00-48.75	38.75-44.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	41.00-45.25	-----	37.50-39.50
Lean	85-90% lean		
	37.00-43.00	43.25-47.00	33.00-36.50

**SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1**

1185-1960 lbs	56.00-61.00
2035-2330 lbs	55.00-57.50

Bullocks: 835-1280 lbs 65.00-69.00

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn**

Choice and Prime 2-3

40-50 lbs	120.00-132.00
50-60 lbs	116.00-128.00
60-70 lbs	113.00-124.00
70-80 lbs	110.00-122.00
80-90 lbs	105.00-118.00
90-110 lbs	98.00-112.00
110-130 lbs	95.00-106.00
130-150 lbs	92.00-100.00

Choice 2-3

40-50 lbs	110.00-114.00
50-60 lbs	105.00-112.00

**SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh**

120-160 lbs	42.00-54.00
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**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

APPLES, Cortland Fcy 2-1/2 up bu	18.00	22.00
APPLES, McIntosh ex fcy 96ct	23.00	24.00
APPLES, McIntosh, US#1 80ct	19.00	19.00
BEANS, Green bu CT	14.00	16.00
BEETS, 25lbs-organic	26.00	26.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct	8.00	10.00
BROCCOLI, Cut Crown 20lbs	9.00	11.00
CABBAGE, Green 50lb med CT	6.00	7.00
CANTALOUPS, bin 24" - price each	1.00	1.40
CORN, 5dz	10.00	12.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9bu super sel CT	14.00	16.00
CUCUMBERS, Pickles 1/2bu	12.00	12.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu med CT	10.00	12.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24ct organic	28.00	28.00
LETTUCE, Romaine 24ct organic	29.00	29.00
NECTARINES, 1/2 bu 2-1/2 up	18.00	26.00
PEACHES, White 1/2bu 2-1/2 up	17.00	24.00
PEACHES, Yellow 2-1/2" 1/2 bu	12.00	16.00
PEARS, Bartlett 4/5 bu	18.00	20.00
PEARS, Clapp 4/5 bu	16.00	18.00
PEPPERS, Cubanelles 1-1/9bu lge CT	14.00	18.00
PEPPERS, Green Bell exlge 1-1/9bu	10.00	12.00
PEPPERS, Long Hot bu	12.00	14.00
PLUM, 1/2bu prune	20.00	22.00
POTATOES, Chef 50lb	11.00	11.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu lge	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu	14.00	16.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2 bu sm-med CT	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, Spaghetti 1-1/9 lge	13.00	14.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu sm-med	18.00	20.00
TOMATOES, 8qt basket	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES, med	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Field 20lb lge two layer	12.00	14.00
TOMATOES, Plum 20lb field med	14.00	15.00
TOMATOES, Cherry 12-1pt CT 10lb med	12.00	12.00
WATERMELON, Sugarbaby lge price each	2.25	2.50
WATERMELON, Seedless 20lb price each	3.50	4.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

160-200 lbs	32.00-42.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.</b>	
Kids: 30-40 lbs	36.00-42.00
50-60 lbs	50.00-68.00
60-70 lbs	56.00-75.00
70-80 lbs	66.00-84.00
80-90 lbs	80.00-94.00
90-100 lbs	88.00-108.00
100-110 lbs	102.00-114.00
110-120 lbs	114.00-124.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	64.00-72.00
130-180 lbs	70.00-80.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	124.00-136.00
150-250 lbs	140.00-164.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION**

Mon September 7, 2009

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs few	38.00-40.50
45-49	220-270 lbs few	33.50-36.50
40-45	220-270 lbs few	32.50-34.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	24.00-26.00
	500-700 lbs	28.00-30.00

**METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.**

**NEW YORK PRICES**

**WHITE EGGS**

**TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,

Grade A eggs on:

September 8, 2009

EXTRA LARGE	94-98
LARGE	92-96
MEDIUM	69-73

Above quotations based on  
CARTON sales to retailers.

**NEW BEDFORD**

**WHALING CITY SEAFOOD**

**DISPLAY AUCTION**

SEA SCALLOPS LANDINGS &

PRICES IN 1,000 LBS

DATE 9/8/09 - PRICES INCLUDE

DEALERS FEES

SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

LBS MIN HIGH

U/12 CHANNEL	5.1	830	850
U/10	1.4	895	950
10/20	20.5	680	700
20/30	12.4	665	665
30/40	1.0	680	685
U/12	0.5	840	840
10/20	19.2	675	695
20/30	34.6	670	685
U/10 MID ATL	0.9	910	915
10/20	0.3	685	685
30/40	8.7	615	615
U/12 DELMARVA	1.3	870	870
10/20	7.6	685	700

**NEW BEDFORD**

**WHALING CITY SEAFOOD**

**DISPLAY AUCTION**

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN

1,000 LBS & \$/CWT DATE 9/8/09

PRICES INCLUDES DEALERS FEES

1/ 0 MEANS LESS THAN 100 POUND

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
	0.7	132	132
MKT	6.6	144	174
SCRD	0.9	139	142
MIXED	0.2	24	24
GILLNET LGE COD	0.2	112	112
MKT	0.9	87	112
SCRD 1/	0.0	122	122
HADDOCK	5.2	132	162
HADDOCK SCRCD	18.1	78	104
POLLOCK	0.2	67	67
MEDIUM	0.6	52	72
SCRD	0.2	37	51
WOLF	0.0	27	27
HAKE LGE	0.0	104	112
MED	0.0	77	77
SML	0.0	37	37
MIXED	0.0	22	2
SOW HAKE	0.0	247	247
OCN PRCH	0.2	117	140
YELLOWTAIL LGE	3.0	145	154
SM	2.3	87	136
DABS LGE	0.0	160	160
MED	0.0	138	138

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### FOR SALE

1-R. CT. Christmas Tree Growers, CT. Sheep Breeders and CT. Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, [ddonahue01@comcast.net](mailto:ddonahue01@comcast.net) or [www.hobbyfarmusa.com](http://www.hobbyfarmusa.com). Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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4-R. Gallagher High Tensile and portable electric fencing for farms, deer control, gardens. Sonpal's Power Fence (860) 491-2290.

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116-R. Hay for sale – off meadow in Lebanon. Round bales \$45. Call for information 860-886-0716.

136-R. Hay: 1st cutting hay for sale, \$4.50 per bale. Mulch hay \$2.50 per bale. Phone: 860-642-6856.

138-R. Hay 4x4 round bales and small square bales. Call 203-484-0664.

140-R. Lambs, 4 mos - \$125. Hay round bales 4x5, \$50. p.u., square bales 1st & 2nd cut. Guinea hen keets \$4. 1,500 gal. insulated stainless tank \$1,500. or B.O. 860-537-1974.

149-R. Round bales 40"x54" approximately 600 lbs. Real nice mix of Timothy and Orchard grass. Call Steve 860-729-6408 in East Windsor.

152-R. Corn silage for sale – 100-200 tons. North Branford. Call Bob Page 203-484-0664.

155-R. Registered polled Hereford bred cow-calf combinations, feeder steers and heifers, 3 year old registered Hereford bull with low birth weight and high intramuscular fat. Grand View Farm 860-485-5720. [lucasleslie40@hotmail.com](mailto:lucasleslie40@hotmail.com).

159-R. Registered Hereford Bull and Cow/Calf Pairs for sale. Excellent blood lines [www.doublehacres.net](http://www.doublehacres.net) or call Herb at 860-250-3311.

160-R. New Holland Super 717 Corn Chopper 1-row. New Holland Super 717 with grass head. Alis Chamlers table ensilage blower PTO driven. New Holland #56 hay rake. 1989 Ford 8000 diesel engine has less than 30K miles with 18ft Dion self-unloading box. Papec 14' unloading wagon. Crop sprayer. 18" thickness planer. 12" Jointer. Power hacksaw. Richardton 1200 dump wagon with 6" riser dumps 10'-3". 5ft dia x 7ft long rotary manure spreader. 10ft Culti packer. Bale collector 7x10. 20ft feeder with rubber roof. 40ft hay elevator on wheels. 24ft hay elevator. 30ft hay elevator. 2-row JD corn planter. Call evening before 9:00 – 860-635-1379.

163-R. 1955 Chevy ¾ ton truck with rack body. Best Offer. Call for more information at 860-712-2919.

164-R. Wholesale pumpkins. Premium quality – all sizes and varieties. Delivery available. 860-712-2919.

166. New Holland corn chopper model 718 with hydraulic shoot and hydraulic hook ups for a dump wagon. Comes with either a two-row head or a 1-row head. Used only 11 years to chop approx. 30 acres per year. Stored inside. \$3,000. 860-489-5665.

167. Four pieces potato sorting, etc. for warehouse, one price. + 14pt elect conveyor good for loading cordwood \$200. One row J.D. sub soiler \$175. Call for information at 860-684-2206.

168. Straw for sale regular bales 50-60lbs. Phone 860-675-9252.

169-R. Hay 2nd cutting, 90% alfalfa \$5.00 per bale. Brush hog #306 heavy duty rotary mower \$1,250. (203) 623-2956.

### WANTED

1-R. Producers Wanted: Connecticut Farm-to-Chef is a free program that helps connect local culinary professionals with producers and distributors of CT Grown products. Informational newsletters, workshops, networking, promotions and other opportunities are provided to members as part of the program. Additional Connecticut producers and distributors are needed for this popular and expanding program. Please help us get your product

into the hands of local chefs! Contact Linda at the CT Department of Agriculture, [Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov](mailto:Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov) or 860-713-2558, for more information.

16-R. Wanted: Farmers for the CT Farm-to-School - The Farm-to-School Program is a statewide effort designed to incorporate CT Grown fresh fruits and vegetables into local schools cafeteria meals and snacks. This project is intended to be twofold: to support local farms and to offer more nutritious school meals as a result of buying local, fresh, produce. If you are interested in selling to one, several, or to a whole school district of schools (through a wholesaler or direct), call Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588 or at [Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov](mailto:Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov)

154-R. Ford Tractor Wanted – 1953 NAA and up or 600 or 700 Series. Please call Bill at 860-653-0491.

162-R. Farm Land - Looking for 1-2 acres of tillable land to rent/lease in the Windsor area where I can grow chemical free vegetables and develop my small CSA business. Contact: Kim 860-688-6020.

165-R. 3-pt hitch hydraulic forklift wanted. Call 860-712-2919.

### MISCELLANEOUS

6-R. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has established the Farm Link Program. It is a matchmaking service to help new farmers find farm land owners (for rent or for sale) and to aid in the process of land rental and/or farm transfer to the next generation of farmers. A website will be developed to aid linking farm seekers and farm owners. Persons interested in the process can receive applications now available at [www.farm-link.uconn.edu](http://www.farm-link.uconn.edu) or calling the CT Dept. of Agriculture at (860) 713-2503. The Department is encouraging all next generation farmers and transitioning family farms in Connecticut to participate. For further information, please contact Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588.

7-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

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### TICKS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Results from our research showed that captured white-footed mice in dense barberry infestations had ten larval ticks/mouse compared to seven larval ticks/mouse in areas of no barberry. Controlling Japanese barberry reduced the number of questing adult ticks by 229%. Results were of particular interest because there were eight times more adult ticks in Japanese barberry infested sites than areas without barberry. Moreover, prevalence of infection by *B. burgdorferi* was nearly 60%. In other words, there were 162 *B. burgdorferi* infected ticks/acre in Japanese barberry infestations and only 18/acre in areas without barberry. Thus, eliminating Japanese barberry infestations has the potential to reduce the risk of a person encountering an infected tick by nearly 90% when working in those areas.

It is evident that Japanese barberry infestations in our forests promote increased abundances of blacklegged ticks and that a bite from a tick in these areas is much more likely to result in Lyme disease. The mechanisms behind the increased tick abundances and prevalence of *B. burgdorferi* infections in Japanese barberry infestations are being examined by scientists at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. In the meantime, we encourage agricultural professionals be especially vigilant when working in areas infested with Japanese barberry. Remember that adult blacklegged ticks are most active on warm days through April and May and again in October-December. Nymphal blacklegged ticks typically have lower infection rates for *B. burgdorferi* and are most active during late May through mid-July.

Please contact Scott Williams ([scott.williams@ct.gov](mailto:scott.williams@ct.gov), (203) 974-8609) with questions or comments. More information on ticks and tick-borne infections can be found at (<http://www.ct.gov/caes/lib/caes/documents/publications/bulletins/b1010.pdf>) or call (203) 974-8446 to request a copy of the Tick Management Handbook written by Dr. Kirby C. Stafford, III.

**RESEARCHERS DEVELOP NEW GLUE FROM CORN**

From the Agricultural Research Service, USDA

After the oil is extracted from corn germ meal, the corn germ is typically fed to poultry and other livestock animals. But a new, value-added use could be on tap for this "leftover," thanks to studies by an Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientist in Peoria, Ill.

There, at the agency's Plant Polymer Research Unit, chemist Milagros Hojilla-Evangelista has determined that corn germ can be used as a protein extender for plywood glues, potentially opening the door to a new market for the agricultural byproduct. Glue extenders reduce the amount of main binder, or resin, used in such glues and enhance their adhesive action.

The conventional extender for most plywood glues is industrial-grade wheat flour, according to Hojilla-Evangelista. However, she has sought to expand the list of agricultural extenders in the event glue manufacturers needed a comparable alternative—for example, because of a spike in wheat-flour prices or drop in supply.

Drawing on earlier work with soy-flour-based glues, Hojilla-Evangelista devised a corn-germ formulation for use in sprayline coating, a procedure that applies a liquid adhesive to wood surfaces using overhead nozzles.

In tests, she applied the corn-germ-based glue to one side of 12-inch by 12-inch southern pine veneers, then hot-pressed them following industry-standard conditions to produce three-ply panels. Her analysis of the material found the bonding strength of the corn-germ-based glue to be similar to that of the wheat-flour-based formula. Its viscosity and mixing properties also compared well, adds Hojilla-Evangelista, who first reported the findings in June 2008 at the Corn Utilization and Technology Conference in Kansas City, Mo.

Her focus now is increasing the amount of corn germ used in the glue to try and reduce the amount of resin needed, which would potentially cut manufacturing costs.

ARS is the principal intramural scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR NEW CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

TOLLAND, CT—Douglas Zehner, Connecticut State Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced the agency will hold three informational meetings regarding the new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

The meetings will be held at the following locations:

**East** - Monday, September 14, 2009 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Lisbon Meadows Community Ctr., Newent Road (across from Town Hall), Lisbon

**Central** - Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 10:00 AM – 12 Noon, Wallingford USDA Service Center, North Farms Exec. Park, Suite A, 900 Northrop Road, Wallingford

**West** - Thursday, September 17, 2009, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Torrington USDA Service Center, 1185 New Litchfield St., Torrington

Last month, the agency announced the continuous sign-up for the new program – which began August 10 and for ranking purposes has a first cut-off date of September 30, 2009.

CSP is a voluntary conservation program designed to encourage agricultural and forestry producers to adopt additional conservation practices and improve, maintain, and manage existing ones.

"CSP changed dramatically in the 2008 Farm Bill," said Zehner. "NRCS took the time to develop a program that would appeal to our diverse customers and offer them an equal chance to participate. We hope that agricultural and forestry producers in Connecticut take full advantage of the benefits this newly-revised program offers."

Eligible lands include cropland, grassland, improved pastureland, non-industrial private forestland—a new land use for the program—and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe. Land currently enrolled in the Conservation Security Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Grasslands Reserve Program, and Wetlands Reserve Program is ineligible.

For more information, visit [www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/CSP/CStP.html](http://www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/CSP/CStP.html).



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