

# MARKET NEWS for pigmeat

Market analysis

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Week 25

## MARKET SITUATION

Europe: There continues to be a large supply of pigmeat on the European market. Frozen hams and other cuts are traded at declining price levels.

UK: From the UK bacon market, demand is still reported to be subdued.

Far Estern: On the Far Eastern markets, demand remains stable in Japan, South Korea, and Australia, while prices are under pressure in the other Asian markets.

## Slaughterings in Denmark

Weekly slaughter figures from slaughterhouses reporting data to the Danish Agriculture & Food Council's slaughter database.

Condemned pigs/sows are not included in the slaughter figures.

	Week 20	Week 21	Week 22	Week 23	Week 1-23 2026:25
Total receipts	231.447	332.373	249.440	250.372	+7,3 %

## USA

### Futures prices

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcass weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	12/6	5/6	Change	12/6	5/6	Change
June 2026	92,53	94,30	-1,77	108,18	110,48	-2,30
July 2026	97,45	98,80	-1,35	115,00	116,03	-1,03
August 2026	96,35	97,23	-0,88	114,88	114,88	0,00
October 2026	81,38	83,45	-2,07	107,28	107,28	0,00
December 2026	74,60	76,63	-2,03	95,13	95,13	0,00
February 2027	78,25	80,13	-1,88	97,73	97,73	0,00
April 2027	82,78	84,33	-1,55	99,83	99,83	0,00
May 2027	86,13	87,55	-1,42	105,20	105,20	0,00
June 2027	94,63	95,10	-0,47	110,55	110,55	0,00
July 2027	95,40	95,58	-0,18	111,90	111,90	0,00
August 2027	94,33	94,43	-0,10	110,75	110,75	0,00
October 2027	81,03	81,20	-0,17	103,15	103,15	0,00
December 2027	74,25			91,00		

**Conversion to DKK/kg:**  
**1 lb = 0.4536 kg**  
**1 USD = 6.4618 DKK**



EU

### African Swine Fever

Below is the latest update from the EU Commission's reporting system for cases of African swine fever, covering EU countries as well as Serbia, Ukraine, Moldova, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Albania, Montenegro, and North Macedonia.

Countries	Period 4. Jun. - 10. Jun.		YTD 1. Jan. - 10. Jun.		2025		2024	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia		1		62	11	259		36
Latvia		18	1	391	12	1.266	7	961
Lithuania				799	9	788	8	561
Poland		28	1	1.333	18	3.351	44	2.311
Italy		41	1	724	1	667	31	1.205
Ukraine			4	7	19	34	70	15
Czech Republic						1		27
Romania	2	6	97	283	472	281	220	186
Hungary	1	7	1	461		823		474
Bulgaria				277		939	1	717
Slovakia		7	3	116	1	185	1	165
Serbien	28	1	67	64	233	62	310	101
Moldova			11	21	52	26	13	6
Montenegro								1
Bosnien-Hercegovina			1	6	52	27	33	38
Croatia	1		2	84	53	255	6	39
North Macedonia						8	4	51
Kosovo								
Belgium								
Spain*		6		315		27		
Germany		24		571		1.992	10	966
Sweden								8
Greece				1	4	77	5	21
Albanien							1	3
<b>In total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>5.515</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>11.068</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>7.892</b>

\*Data from the World Organisation for Animal Health.

### Foot-and-Mouth Disease

Below is the latest update from the EU Commission's reporting system for cases of foot-and-mouth disease in the EU countries and Turkey.

Countries	Period 4. Jun. - 10. Jun.	YTD 1. Jan. - 10. Jun.	2025	2024
Slovakia			6	
Cyprus		120		
Greece	11	112		
Tyrkiet		53	1.712	97
Germany			1	
Hungary			5	
<b>In total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>1.724</b>	<b>97</b>

 **BRAZIL**
**Pig prices hit the lowest level since 2012**

According to international media, based on calculations by the Brazilian research institute CEPEA, prices for live pigs and pigmeat in Brazil fell in May for the third consecutive month. The development is due to weak demand both on the domestic market and internationally.

CEPEA states that the average price for live pigs in May reached the lowest level in real terms since July 2012.

On the domestic market, demand increased temporarily at the beginning of May, but declined again in the following weeks, contributing to further price declines.

At the same time, demand in export markets was lower. The average daily exports in the first half of May were around 15 per cent below the level in April. Wholesale prices for pigmeat also declined in May, although less than the prices for live pigs.

 **BRAZIL** /  **CHINA**
**China recognises all of Brazil as free from foot-and-mouth disease**

According to several international media outlets, China has recognised all of Brazil as free from foot-and-mouth disease, which Brazil expects will strengthen exports, particularly of pigmeat, to the Chinese market. Until now, only the state of Santa Catarina held this status.

The recognition is the result of many years of technical and diplomatic work and is seen by Brazilian authorities and industry as an expression of increased confidence in the country's veterinary control system.

The decision allows more Brazilian states and slaughterhouses to export to China, including products such as meat with bone and by-products, which were previously only permitted from certain regions.

According to the industry organisation ABPA, the expansion of approved areas could increase Brazil's annual exports to China by more than 40,000 tonnes of pigmeat. This is expected to contribute positively to earnings, employment and export revenues, as well as strengthen Brazil's position in the global market.

 **BRAZIL** /  **RUSSIA**
**Russia recognises Brazil as free from foot-and-mouth disease**

According to Reuters, Russia, like China, has recognised all of Brazil as free from foot-and-mouth disease.

The recognition is expected to improve access for Brazilian products to the Russian market, particularly within animal proteins.

Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture highlights that the decision will contribute to expanding export opportunities and strengthening trade relations between the two countries.

 USA /  MEXICO /  CANADA

### **Mexico and Canada introduce restrictions on imports of live animals from the USA**

Mexico has decided to halt the majority of imports of live animals from the USA following the detection of the so-called “screwworm” in Texas and New Mexico.

The import ban includes, among others, cattle, horses, pigs, sheep and goats and has been implemented in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The purpose is to protect Mexico’s livestock population, particularly in the northern states where no cases have yet been detected. At the same time, since November 2024, Mexico has recorded more than 28,200 cases of “screwworm” in the country.

In the USA, several cases of the parasite have been confirmed since the beginning of June, which has led to increased surveillance and control measures to limit the spread of infection.

At the same time, Canada has introduced temporary restrictions on imports of live animals from Texas as a precautionary measure. This reflects a growing concern about the spread of the parasite, which can cause serious damage to livestock.

There are no reports that the restrictions are affecting trade in meat, and authorities emphasise that food safety is not affected.

 USA

### **Disagreement over animal welfare rules in Farm Bill weakens coalition against Prop 12**

As part of the negotiations on a new Farm Bill, the U.S. Congress is considering limiting states’ ability to impose requirements on livestock production. A key proposal – the Save Our Bacon Act – aims to prevent states from regulating production beyond their own borders and is primarily targeted at California’s Proposition 12 legislation.

Supporters, including parts of the meat industry, argue that differing state regulations increase costs and complexity for producers across the United States. Opponents, however, emphasize that these rules reflect consumers’ demand for higher animal welfare standards and have already led to significant investments in new production systems.

The debate has taken a new turn after Senator Roger Marshall (Kansas) withdrew his support for similar legislation in the Senate (the Food Security and Farm Protection Act). This decision weakens the momentum to overturn Prop 12, even though several Republican senators continue to push for a federal solution.

Uncertainty has therefore increased in the ongoing negotiations. The House of Representatives has already passed a version including restrictions related to Prop 12, while the Senate has yet to define its final position.

 USA

### **Smithfield invests heavily in a new slaughterhouse in South Dakota**

Smithfield Foods has announced an investment of USD 1.3 billion in a new, modern slaughter and processing facility in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The facility will replace the company’s more than 100-year-old plant and represents one of the largest investments in the US pigmeat industry in recent years. The new facility is expected to have a daily slaughter capacity of around 20,000 pigs.

The investment stands out as, in recent years, the focus has primarily been on modernising and improving the efficiency of existing facilities rather than building new ones. The new plant will be among the most advanced in the United States, with a high level of automation and a more efficient production flow.

## PHILIPPINES

### **12 provinces declared free from African swine fever**

According to Pig333, the province of Ilocos Norte in the Philippines is among the 12 provinces that have been declared free from African swine fever (ASF). Ilocos Norte is an area with significant pig production.

Despite the progress, the province remains in a surveillance zone, as there is still a risk of infection due to a large pig population and extensive trade in live pigs and pigmeat products. [MARKET NEW...belon.docx | Word]  
Since 2019, ASF has affected most of the Philippines, where 76 out of 82 provinces have experienced outbreaks.

However, the situation has improved significantly, and the number of affected local areas has been reduced by 88 per cent compared to the previous year, although isolated outbreaks are still being recorded.

## SOUTH KOREA / EU

### **The EU and South Korea aim to improve market access for, among other things, European pigmeat**

At their most recent bilateral summit in Brussels, the EU and South Korea agreed to strengthen strategic cooperation, including efforts to improve market access for agricultural and food products such as European pigmeat.

The parties will further develop cooperation through new initiatives in areas such as trade, investment and supply chains.

Within the agricultural sector, there is a specific ambition to facilitate access to each other's markets for products such as pigmeat, beef and poultry. In the long term, this may improve opportunities for exports of European pigmeat to South Korea.

## UNITED KINGDOM

### **Rising production in the first five months of the year**

Pig meat production in May was broadly in line with the same month last year. Looking at the first five months as a whole, however, production increased from 404,000 tonnes in 2025 to 424,000 tonnes in 2026, corresponding to a rise of 4.7%.

In May, production increased by 0.3% compared to the previous year, even though the number of slaughterings declined by 1.7% over the same period. The average carcass weight was 92.2 kg, which is lower than in February 2026 (94.3 kg), but still higher than the level recorded the previous year.

The difference between the development in slaughter numbers and production measured in tonnes has therefore narrowed over the course of the year. If this trend continues, it may gradually reduce the upward pressure on the UK pig meat supply in the second half of 2026.

 **DENMARK**
**Denmark's exports of pigmeat, January–March 2026**

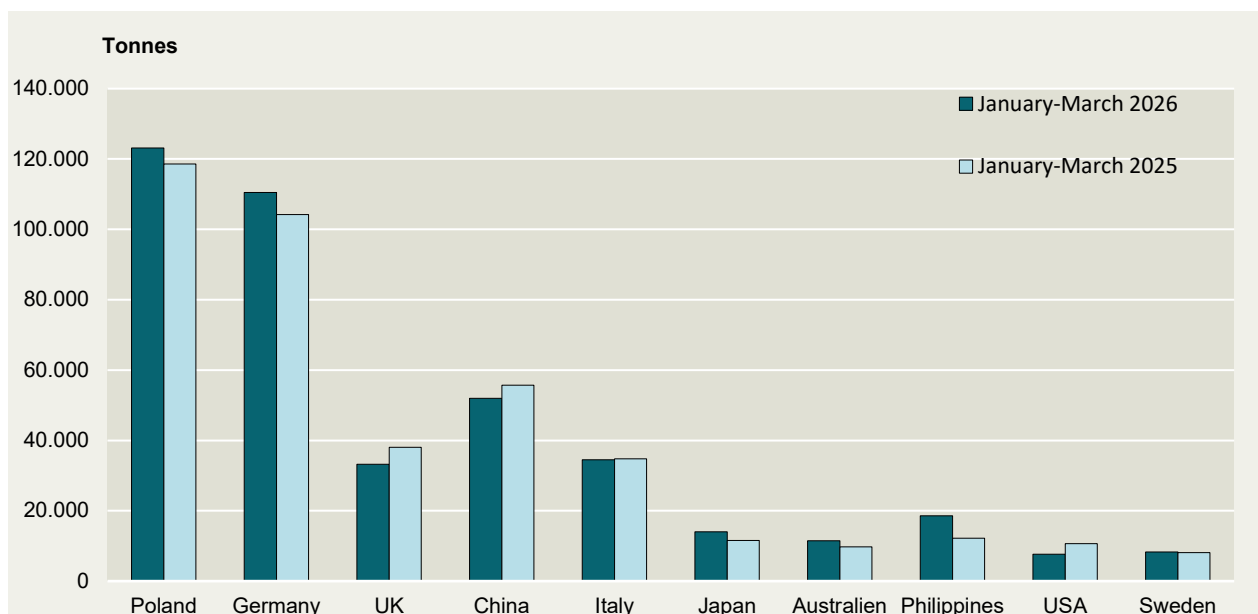
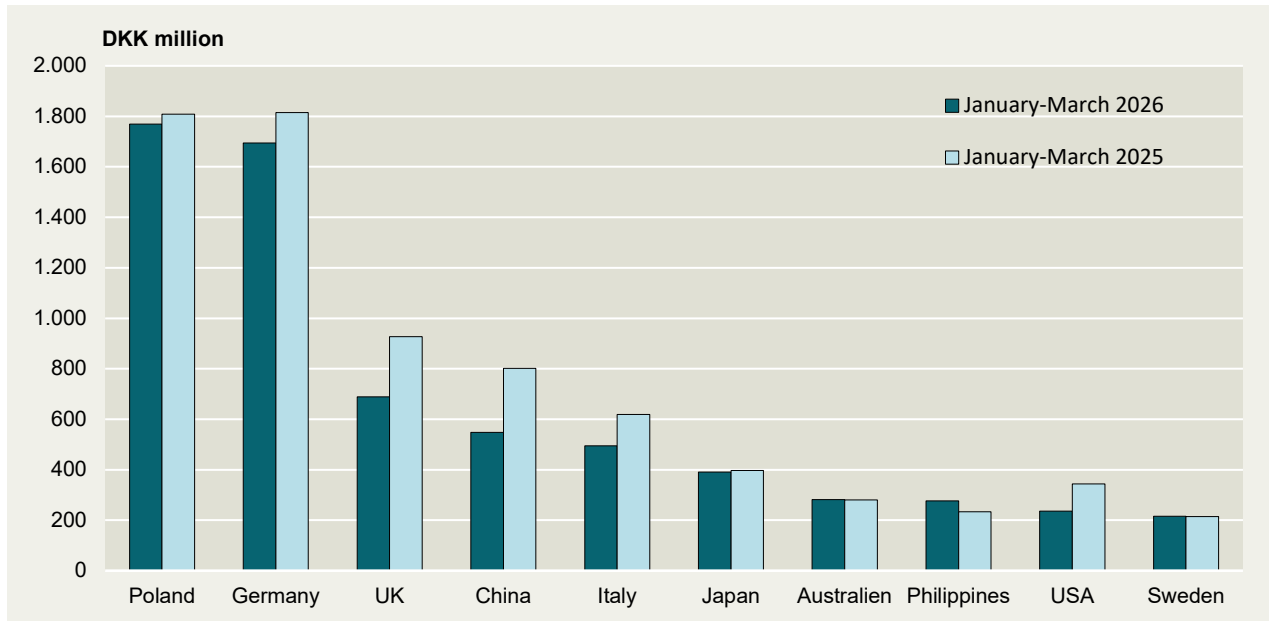
Tonnes	Cuts	By-products	Processed preserved	Bacon	Whole and half carcasses (pigs/sows)	Sausages	Total (excl. live pigs)	Pct.	Live pigs	Total (incl. live pigs)	Pct.
Poland	61.319	500	4	3	0	70	61.895	16,2	61.256	123.151	24,1
Germany	21.306	7.685	2.862	135	23.602	3.196	58.785	15,4	51.669	110.454	21,6
Italy	28.010	915	37	41	108	65	29.176	7,6	5.309	34.485	6,7
Netherlands	3.547	3.194	86	4	57	104	6.992	1,8	2.820	9.813	1,9
Sweden	3.553	2.695	435	679	1	935	8.297	2,2	14	8.312	1,6
Spain	1.854	132	268	0	0	682	2.937	0,8	2.420	5.357	1,0
Greece	4.776	1	88	0	0	6	4.870	1,3	63	4.933	1,0
France	2.842	473	327	62	0	128	3.832	1,0	92	3.924	0,8
Other EU countries	21.472	3.816	697	387	169	993	27.534	7,2	3.169	30.703	6,0
<b>EU In total</b>	<b>148.679</b>	<b>19.410</b>	<b>4.803</b>	<b>1.310</b>	<b>23.937</b>	<b>6.180</b>	<b>204.319</b>	<b>53,4</b>	<b>126.812</b>	<b>331.131</b>	<b>64,8</b>
China	11.917	40.030	0	0	0	33	51.980	13,6	0	51.980	10,2
UK	15.465	790	2.820	10.166	939	3.040	33.220	8,7	20	33.239	6,5
Philippines	10.249	7.926	355	0	0	13	18.544	4,8	0	18.544	3,6
Japan	12.744	267	851	0	0	183	14.045	3,7	1	14.046	2,7
Australia	10.469	903	55	0	0	12	11.439	3,0	0	11.439	2,2
Taiwan	7.692	521	17	0	0	11	8.241	2,2	7	8.248	1,6
USA	5.222	554	1.666	1	0	253	7.695	2,0	0	7.695	1,5
South Korea	5.544	115	456	0	0	17	6.132	1,6	0	6.132	1,2
Ukraine	5.783	20	0	0	0	1	5.804	1,5	192	5.995	1,2
Other third countries	13.806	3.642	2.382	273	2	855	20.961	5,5	1.626	22.587	4,4
<b>3. countries total</b>	<b>98.892</b>	<b>54.768</b>	<b>8.602</b>	<b>10.440</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>4.418</b>	<b>178.061</b>	<b>46,6</b>	<b>1.846</b>	<b>179.906</b>	<b>35,2</b>
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>247.571</b>	<b>74.178</b>	<b>13.405</b>	<b>11.750</b>	<b>24.878</b>	<b>10.598</b>	<b>382.380</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>128.657</b>	<b>511.037</b>	<b>100</b>

**2025**

Tonnes	Cuts	By-products	Processed preserved	Bacon	Whole and half carcasses (pigs/sows)	Sausages	Total (excl. live pigs)	Pct.	Live pigs	Total (incl. live pigs)	Pct.
Poland	47.134	389	2	41	344	7	47.917	13,8	70.703	118.620	24,5
Germany	21.265	6.209	2.274	32	22.029	908	52.717	15,1	51.513	104.230	21,5
Italy	29.229	936	85	30	90	167	30.537	8,8	4.222	34.760	7,2
Netherlands	2.606	1.532	107	21	0	401	4.668	1,3	4.102	8.769	1,8
Sweden	3.886	2.221	316	616	2	1.079	8.120	2,3	4	8.123	1,7
France	6.174	171	301	43	0	131	6.820	2,0	48	6.868	1,4
Greece	4.650	1	100	0	0	3	4.754	1,4	98	4.852	1,0
Spain	1.466	126	394	0	0	551	2.537	0,7	1.799	4.336	0,9
Other EU countries	18.527	3.981	946	116	64	1.032	24.668	7,1	2.889	27.557	5,7
<b>EU In total</b>	<b>134.937</b>	<b>15.566</b>	<b>4.527</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>22.529</b>	<b>4.279</b>	<b>182.738</b>	<b>52,5</b>	<b>135.378</b>	<b>318.116</b>	<b>65,7</b>
China	16.757	38.679	171	0	0	45	55.652	16,0	30	55.681	11,5
UK	18.310	675	2.742	11.273	2.076	2.963	38.040	10,9	3	38.042	7,9
Philippines	5.844	6.176	131	0	0	2	12.154	3,5	6	12.160	2,5
Japan	10.419	0	1.055	0	0	100	11.574	3,3	0	11.574	2,4
USA	7.587	1.036	1.706	48	0	251	10.628	3,1	0	10.628	2,2
Australia	9.443	248	42	0	0	0	9.734	2,8	0	9.734	2,0
Taiwan	6.089	232	0	0	0	21	6.342	1,8	5	6.347	1,3
Malaysia	4.748	216	86	0	0	54	5.104	1,5	3	5.107	1,1
Ukraine	2.163	20	0	0	0	0	2.183	0,6	122	2.306	0,5
Other third countries	6.826	2.313	2.794	520	2	1.448	13.903	4,0	379	14.282	3,0
<b>Third countries in total</b>	<b>88.187</b>	<b>49.595</b>	<b>8.726</b>	<b>11.842</b>	<b>2.078</b>	<b>4.885</b>	<b>165.313</b>	<b>47,5</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>165.860</b>	<b>34,3</b>
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>223.124</b>	<b>65.161</b>	<b>13.253</b>	<b>12.741</b>	<b>24.607</b>	<b>9.164</b>	<b>348.051</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>135.925</b>	<b>483.976</b>	<b>100</b>

### Top 10 importers of Danish pigmeat by value

Countries	Jan. – Mar. 2026		Jan. – Mar. 2025	
	Value (DKK million)	Tonnes	Value (DKK million)	Tonnes
Poland	1.770	123.151	1.809	118.620
Germany	1.694	110.454	1.815	104.230
UK	689	33.239	927	38.042
China	548	51.980	801	55.681
Italy	494	34.485	619	34.760
Japan	390	14.046	397	11.574
Australia	282	11.439	280	9.734
Philippines	277	18.544	233	12.160
USA	236	7.695	344	10.628
Sweden	216	8.312	215	8.123
<b>Top 10 total</b>	<b>6.595</b>	<b>413.346</b>	<b>7.440</b>	<b>403.552</b>
Other countries	1.975	97.691	1.851	80.424
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.570</b>	<b>511.037</b>	<b>9.292</b>	<b>483.976</b>



 **JAPAN**
**Development in pigmeat stocks**

The figures below show the development in pigmeat stocks in Japan up to the end of April 2026.

Quantities in tonnes	Domestic production		Imported quantities		Total stocks
	Fresh	Frozen	Fresh	Frozen	
End of January 23	814	17.724	11.067	177.599	207.204
End of February 23	782	19.123	11.214	177.907	209.026
End of March 23	1.016	19.216	12.909	176.663	209.804
End of April 23	1.070	19.503	12.096	191.949	224.618
End of May 23	1.047	19.146	14.590	209.312	244.095
End of June 23	978	18.608	13.751	211.457	244.794
End of July 23	969	19.789	11.542	208.525	240.825
End of August 23	867	29.165	13.596	204.108	238.736
End of September 23	1.045	20.407	9.463	194.014	224.929
End of October 23	930	18.759	10.827	181.985	212.501
End of November 23	945	19.209	13.058	171.195	204.407
End of December 23	1.437	19.944	11.764	158.356	191.501
End of January 24	549	20.287	13.292	159.880	194.008
End of February 24	578	20.861	12.454	153.232	187.125
End of March 24	614	22.503	12.269	153.850	189.236
End of April 24	496	22.174	15.011	159.048	196.729
End of May 24	455	23.784	15.137	174.788	214.164
End of June 24	747	24.003	14.575	187.581	217.906
End of July 24	497	22.730	13.510	182.019	218.756
End of August 24	289	21.819	12.959	187.331	222.398
End of September 24	527	21.053	13.729	187.468	222.777
End of October 24	505	20.879	15.087	186.835	223.306
End of November 24	456	20.933	13.070	181.727	216.186
End of December 24	814	21.644	13.763	171.973	208.194
End of January 25	455	23.081	14.607	175.901	214.044
End of February 25	518	23.603	14.300	178.519	216.940
End of March 25	560	23.864	15.256	176.859	216.539
End of April 25	685	23.833	13.952	183.304	221.774
End of May 25	499	23.592	14.157	199.992	238.240
End of June 25	510	23.599	13.035	209.239	246.383
End of July 25	516	21.883	12.007	207.098	241.504
End of August 25	480	21.375	11.787	204.391	238.033
End of September 25	460	21.085	12.432	200.743	234.720
End of October 25	386	21.557	13.169	196.288	231.400
End of November 25	396	21.803	12.449	184.482	219.130
End of December 25	806	22.122	11.573	170.496	204.996
End of January 26	502	22.408	13.934	176.243	213.087
End of February 26	511	22.954	14.747	171.447	209.659
End of March 26	398	24.497	17.014	168.999	210.908
End of April 26	469	23.356	14.098	179.074	216.997

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