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President's Corner

I hope that everyone had a great summer. As we start another fall, I wanted to alert you to some potential activities and reminders of deadlines. First, Marco Palma has been leading the effort on the part of the Association to work with C-FARE and other groups to co-sponsor a webinar on the upcoming Farm Bill debate. Using the webinar platform allows us to reach a much broader audience at a lower cost and in a more timely fashion than traditional conferences or workshops. We will alert the membership with details as they are finalized, but I hope you will take part in the webinar if you have an interest in that subject.

Please remember to submit papers for the SAEA meeting! We hope to have great submissions and a great meeting. I know that Birmingham has not been a popular spot in the past, but I have been assured that the downtown area is much improved and I know that Jeff Jordan has been organizing a great social event and activities for the undergraduates.

Also in this issue are the bios for the candidates for President-elect and Director. We have some excellent candidates for both positions. You will receive instructions for voting soon, but I encourage you to examine these bios closely and exercise your right to vote. The Association needs good leadership to remain relevant and important to our members.

As I noted earlier, we have had a great trend of more undergraduate participation at the meetings. For you graduate coordinators, that means a larger audience of potential graduate students! Between the social events and the quiz bowl, there are many opportunities to visit with and recruit these students. Please consider participating in the Recruitment Fair. It only costs \$100 and offers a great chance to have one-on-one time with the best of these students.

Please remember two items. First, the deadline for awards nominations is quickly approaching. I hope you will consider nominating worthy candidates for awards. These awards are special for the recipients and their departments, and represent the collective recognition of our Association of important accomplishments by our members. Second, it will be membership renewal time as we approach the end of the year. The SAEA membership cost is quite low and, I believe, represents a good value for the money spent. I hope you will renew your membership, but I also hope you will encourage colleagues and students to join/renew as well.

I look forward to a great fall and organizing a great meeting for Birmingham!

Darren Hudson

What – SAEA Annual Meeting
Where – Sheraton Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama
When – February 4-7, 2012
Why – A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.

Registration will begin December 1, 2011.

Paper and poster submissions will close at midnight, Friday, September 16, 2011. Award nominations are due by Friday, September 16, 2011. Get your submissions in by the deadline! Refer to the June 2011 newsletter for details on how to make a submission.

The Sheraton Birmingham is an excellent venue with plenty of restaurants and entertainment within walking distance. All SAEA sessions and the Quiz Bowl Competition will be held at the Hotel. There will be a Sunday Super Bowl Party at an outdoor venue and a Tuesday reception at the McWane Science Center. Graduate student events will take place at the Alabama Hall of Fame. You will not want to miss these meetings!

**ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION AT THE SAEA
ANNUAL MEETING
IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA IN 2012!!!**

Undergraduates and Student Advisors! Please mark your calendars and start your plans for Birmingham! Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA will be coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl competition, and we are hoping for another record turn-out of schools and student participants. We are again planning on hosting a graduate program Recruitment Fair which provides graduate program coordinators an opportunity to meet, greet and recruit Quiz Bowl participants for their respective departments. **Travel grants are available** for students participating in Quiz Bowl. If you have any questions about these plans, please contact **Corey Miller**, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 5187, Mississippi State, MS 39762; phone: 662-325-0848, fax: 662-325-8777, Email: miller@agecon.msstate.edu

Attention Department Chairs, Heads and Graduate Program Coordinators! The organizers of the Undergraduate Academic Quiz Bowl, with the support of the SAEA Executive Committee, will host a **Graduate Program Recruiting Fair** in association with the 2011 Academic Quiz Bowl tournament in Birmingham, Alabama. Refreshments and a sitting area will be set up in the foyer next to the Quiz Bowl tournament room. Departments setting up displays and recruiting at this event will be charged a registration fee to support the cost of refreshments. We had about 90 undergraduates participating in the Quiz Bowl in 2011 and many of them were interested in attending graduate school. This will be an excellent opportunity to recruit from a captured audience – every student will be competing on Sunday and Monday, and many will be available between matches to talk to faculty about graduate programs. Contact: **Corey Miller**, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 5187, Mississippi State, MS 39762; phone: 662-325-0848, fax: 662-325-8777, Email: miller@agecon.msstate.edu (Graduate Program Recruitment Fair Registration Form can be found in this Newsletter or accessed on the Annual Meeting information page at www.saea.org).

Student Reception on Monday night!!

All graduate and undergraduate students are invited to the reception on Monday night, February 5, 2012. The reception will follow the Business Meeting and will start at 7pm. The student reception will be at the Alabama Hall of Fame.

2011-2012 SAEA COMMITTEES

The SAEA Executive Committee on behalf of SAEA members would like to thank the following volunteers who are serving on SAEA committees:

Selected Paper Submissions Chair: Albert Allen, Jr. and Ken Hood, Mississippi State University

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Oral “Jug” Capps (2012), Texas A&M University; Michael Wetzstein (2013), University of Georgia; Patricia Duffy (2014), Auburn University

SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee: Luis Ribera (2012), Texas A&M University; John Van Sickle (2013), University of Florida; Gordon Groover (2014), Virginia Tech

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Masters Thesis Award Committee: Mohammed Ibrahim (2012), Fort Valley State University; Ellene Kebede (2013), Tuskegee University; Valentina Hartarska (2014), Auburn University.

Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee: Daniel R. Petrolia (2012), Mississippi State University; Steven T. Yen (2013), University of Tennessee, Krishna Paudel (2014), Louisiana State University

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SAEA President-Elect Nominations

R. Wes Harrison is the Warner L. Bruner Regents Professor of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at Louisiana State University (2006 – present). He received his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Kentucky in 1994, his M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Clemson University in 1988, and his B.S. in Marketing from the University of Florida in 1982.

Teaching: Harrison teaches three classes per year. His courses include Intermediate Food and Fiber Product Marketing, Economic Analysis in Agribusiness, and Advanced Agricultural Marketing Theory. Teaching recognition includes selection for the Gamma Sigma Delta Teacher Merit Honor Roll 7 times, and the LSU Tiger Athletic Foundation Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher in the College of Agriculture in 2005. Harrison has directed 4 Ph.D. dissertations and 9 M.S. theses, and presently directs 4 Ph.D. students and a M.S. student.

Research: Harrison's research focuses on issues that affect food and agribusiness industries in the region and globally, including issues affecting consumer behavior as it relates to food safety and value-added food products. He has published 28 journal articles, refereed bulletins, and book chapters, 51 other research publications and abstracts, and presented numerous research papers at professional meetings. He has been PI or Co-PI on approximately \$1.7 million in extramural grants.

Outreach: Harrison makes numerous presentations to private industry each year. These include presentations at the Louisiana Food Processor's Annual Conference, National Grocers Association's (NGA) Annual Executive Management Workshops, and NGA's National Convention. He has conducted multi-day seminars for meat and seafood associations in Ukraine and Moldova. Harrison served on the Louisiana Council of Farmers Cooperatives' (LCFC) Board of Directors for sixteen years (1995 –present), the Louisiana State Seafood Industry Board for three years (2003-2005), and on the Governor's Taskforce on Louisiana Platforms for Mariculture in 2004. He presently serves as Chair of NGA's Food Industry University Coalition (2006 – present).

University Leadership and Service: Harrison's departmental leadership includes serving as Undergraduate Coordinator for three years (2001 - 2003), Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee twice (1998-1999 and 2001-2003), Internship Coordinator for five years (1994 - 2000), and Chair of the Scholarship Committee (1996-1997). He presently serves as the Coordinator of Curriculum Assessment for Undergraduate and Graduate programs (2006 – present). Service to the College of Agriculture includes membership on the COA Scholarship Committee, the COA Teaching Quality and Recognition Committee, and the Les Voyageurs Selection Committee. He presently serves as a Senator on the LSU Faculty Senate and chairs the Senate's Faculty Workload Committee.

Professional Leadership and Service: Harrison served as the Food Distribution Research Society's (FDRS) Past President in 2010, President in 2009, Vice President of Programs in 2007, and Vice President of Education from 2002 to 2006. He served as Chair and Program Chair for the Western Regional Coordinating Committee on Research Emphasizing Agribusiness Competitiveness twice (WCC-72; 1998/99 and later WERA-72; 2008/09). He presently serves on the JAAE Editorial Council, and as Executive Editor for a Special Issue of the International Food and Agribusiness Management Review. Other professional service includes member of the SAEA's Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (2000-2002); panel member for the USDA-NRI Agricultural Markets and Trade Program in 2001; and member of the AAEA Industry Committee (1998-1999).

Awards: Warner L. Bruner Regents Professor, 2006 to present; LSU Tiger Athletic Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Award - Outstanding Teacher in the College of Agriculture, 2005; Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award for Meritorious Teaching Efforts in the College of Agriculture in 2011, 2010, 2007, 2006, 2001, 1998, and 1997; Distinguished Professional Contribution Award, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, 2007; Special Recognition for Service to the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Graduate Student Association, Presented by the Graduate Student Association, 1999; Food Distribution Research Society's Presidential Award for Excellence in Research and Communication for Outstanding Published Journal Article *Journal of Food Distribution Research*, 1999; Special Recognition Award as Chair of the Coordination Committee for Agribusiness Research Emphasizing Competitiveness (WCC-72), 1999.

Vision for SAEA: I would seek to accomplish two goals. First, it is important to maintain continuity. I would listen carefully to advice from the Executive Committee and work closely with them to ensure that our annual conference and journal continues to serve the needs of the membership. My second goal would be to work with the Executive Committee to foster linkages to stakeholders in food and agricultural industries. This will strengthen our value as a profession and improve career opportunities for our students. This is not a new idea. Many of you have cited the need to increase the profession's relevance with non-academic audiences. I have some experience in leading a successful partnership between participating Universities and the National Grocers Association. Engaging industry stakeholders is best accomplished by becoming active in their world,

participating in their meetings, by disseminating research in a way that contributes to solving their problems, and by developing student programs that provides them with high quality talent for their businesses. We should allocate some time at our conference to improve the profession's incentives and expertise in disseminating results in a way industry can use, and for other professional development that directly supports industry outreach.

SAEA President-Elect Nominations (continued)

Mechel Paggi is the Director of the Center for Agricultural Business in the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, at California State University, Fresno. Paggi received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University, his M.S. in Economics from the University of North Texas, and his B.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to his appointment at CSUF in 2001, he served as the principal analyst for agriculture with the U.S. Congressional Budget Office, Executive Director of the Commission for 21st Century Agriculture, Senior Economist with the United Nations, Food and Agriculture Organization Commodities and Trade Division in Rome, Italy, Senior Economist for the American Farm Bureau, and Assistant Professor at Texas A&M University.

Extension: Paggi's extension and outreach programs focus on food and agriculture policy. Paggi has had experience in providing public policy educational programming to county, state, national and international audiences. Over the course of his career Paggi has conducted over 100 extension and other related presentations and produced more than 70 educational bulletins articles.

Research: Paggi research program has covered a wide range of topics. Current efforts include the analysis of domestic farm and regulatory policies impact on farm level profitability, the implications of food safety initiatives for small and medium size farms, strategic analysis of transportation systems for perishable commodities and the impact of policies to control greenhouse gas emissions on food processors. Recent research activities have included collaborative projects in China, India and Mexico. He has authored or co-authored more than 40 scholarly articles and related publications.

Teaching: Paggi has taught undergraduate micro and macro principle classes at the University of North Texas and the University of Arkansas. During the past two semesters he taught the senior level undergraduate agricultural policy courses at CSUF.

Service: Paggi has been actively involved in professional societies during his career. He served as Director and President of the American Association of Agricultural Economics (AAEA) Foundation and was the AAEA Member Director for the Counsel for Agricultural Science and Technology. Paggi has also been engaged with industry as public member to the California Pistachio Committee, consultant to the California Farm Bureau Trade Advisory Committee and U.S. Organizing Committee for the 4th World Cotton Research Committee. Paggi is currently a member of the Western Agricultural Economics Association Executive Council.

Awards: Outstanding Research and Scholarly Activities Award, Jordan College of Agricultural Science and Technology, California State University, Fresno (2010); American Agricultural Economics Association, Quality of Communication Award (group, 1987); Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Unit Award for Superior Service (1987). American Agricultural Economics Association, Distinguished Extension Group Program Award (1983).

Vision for SAEA: Globalization, information technology, budgetary constraints, ecosystem concerns and many other areas are contributing to an environment that makes agriculture a much more complex industry. Even more challenging is how to gauge the impact these changes are having on the success of farming, ranching and supporting industries. Accordingly, the SAEA must find a way to adapt in order to keep pace with this change. As an organization we need to embrace the drivers of this change and find a way to engage in activities that create new opportunities. Two examples where this may be possible include globalization and social networking. As a society we should investigate ways to reach out to colleagues within our sphere of influence. Many of our members are actively involved in research, teaching and extension in Mexico and Central America, yet our meetings show little signs of that involvement. We should establish a mechanism to encourage attendance, if not membership, by our colleagues in these areas. Perhaps partnerships with businesses and government agencies could be developed to sponsor delegates from selected Universities. It is also time we establish a task force to determine how the SAEA can best exploit new avenues

available through social networking pathways to better connect with our existing members, distribute educational program materials and appeal to a new generation of potential members.

I have been a member of the SAEA for my entire professional career and have benefited from the opportunities it has provided me. The SAEA provided my first opportunity to gain experience in presenting the results of academic research before an audience of my peers and later it was an avenue to exchange ideas and network with my colleague. Over time little has changed. Inside, the annual meetings remain important for professional development while selected papers and presentations continue to be interesting and informative. But outside on the farms and ranches and for the agricultural businesses that are the foundation for our existence as a professional society, the world has changed dramatically.

SAEA Director Nominations

Dragan Miljkovic is Professor of Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agribusiness & Applied Economics at North Dakota State University. He also served on the faculty at Missouri State University (1999-2004), and as Research Fellow at Montana State University (1996-1999). Dr. Miljkovic holds B.S. (1985) and M.S. (1990) degrees in Economics from the University of Belgrade, and Ph.D. (1996) in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Research areas of interest include agricultural price analysis, international economics, and agricultural and food policy including human nutrition, obesity, and food safety. Dr. Miljkovic authored 55 peer reviewed journal articles (many of them in leading journals such as the American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE), Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE), Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (JARE), Food Policy, Journal of Development Economics, Economic Modeling), several book chapters, edited three books in the area of international agricultural trade and development, and presented his work at more than 60 domestic and international conferences and at many universities in North America, Europe (The Czech Republic, France, Hungary, and Serbia), Asia (South Korea), New Zealand, and Australia. His teaching responsibilities have included undergraduate classes in agricultural prices, agricultural policy, and international trade, and graduate classes in advanced econometrics, mathematical economics, and consumer behavior. Dr. Miljkovic is the Founding Editor and Editor-In-Chief of the Journal of International Agricultural Trade and Development (JIATD), and has also served as the Associate Editor of the Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE). He is an active member of numerous professional organizations and associations including the AAEA, SAEA, WAEA, NAREA, AARES, the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC), and regional projects NCCC-134, WERA-72, and S-1016. Dr. Miljkovic earned many honors and awards throughout his career. More recently, he was awarded the SAEA Distinguished Professional Contribution Award at the 2008 SAEA Annual Meetings in Dallas, TX; 2009 Larson/Yaggie Excellence in Research Award by North Dakota State University Agriculture and Extension; and his paper titled, "Offsetting Behavior and the Benefits of Food Safety Policies in Vegetable Preparation and Consumption," was given the Outstanding Article Award in 2010 of the *Agribusiness: An International Journal*.

Vision for SAEA: Promote the SAEA and JAAE outside the boundaries of the southern region of the United States and internationally

I am honored to be nominated to serve as a director of the SAEA. There are many reasons why the SAEA has been the prime regional association in our discipline. SAEA publishes a very high quality publication, JAAE. JAAE is a highly selective research outlet that publishes papers of highest quality and as such has one of the highest impact factors of all agricultural economics journals published in the United States. This high ranking of JAAE has perpetually attracted professionals from not only Southern United States but entire country to submit and publish their best research in the Journal. High quality and visibility of SAEA's journal coupled with low cost of annual dues has helped maintain current membership and attract new membership from Southern and other states. I would be promoting this journal in its current format and low annual dues for members since they create good image of the SAEA. I also believe how the format of the SAEA meetings being held in conjunction with annual meetings of other Southern agricultural associations is very attractive to most researchers who are engaged in multi-disciplinary research. This aspect is not known to many younger professionals outside the southern region, and promoting it is likely to further enhance the attractiveness of both the annual meetings and the association itself. The identity of SAEA will be best served and protected by primarily discussing many issues pertinent to our region. However, given the size of the Southern United States and its agricultural, geographic, and demographic diversity, and many linkages with the rest of the economy and

abroad (especially Mexico), our annual meetings are certain to be attractive not only to professionals from this region, but to agricultural economists from the entire country, and even globally. Therefore, SAEA annual meetings should serve to prompt collaboration among the members as well as to serve as a powerful tool to attract other professionals to join the SAEA.

SAEA Director Nominations (continued)

Daniel Petrolia is an assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Mississippi State University. He received his Ph.D. degree in agricultural and applied economics from the University of Minnesota in 2005; his M.S. degree in agricultural economics from Louisiana State University in 2001; and B.S. and B.A. degrees in poultry science and political science, respectively, from LSU in 1999.

Research: Dan's research focuses on environmental and natural-resource economics, with a particular focus on non-market valuation of coastal resources, behavior under coastal risk, and feasibility/demand for alternative energy. He has published 15 peer-reviewed (and 1 invited) journal articles since 2006, and has presented numerous times at professional meetings. He has served as principal investigator for the economic research component of the Northern Gulf Institute since 2007. Dan is an active participant/officer in SERA-30 (a USDA information exchange group) and W-2133 (a USDA multistate research project), and is an affiliate member of the Center for Natural Resource Economics & Policy at LSU. Dan received the 2007 Ph.D. Dissertation Award in Water Policy & Socioeconomics from the Universities Council on Water Resources, and the 2004 Policy Article Prize from the Center for International Food & Agricultural Policy at the University of Minnesota.

Teaching: Dan's teaching responsibilities include undergraduate and graduate environmental economics, undergraduate principles of microeconomics, and graduate mathematical economics. Dan's most significant contributions to teaching and curriculum at MSU are his leadership in developing and implementing the new Environmental Economics & Management major, and development of a relationship between his department and the MSU Honors College. The former accomplishment includes the development of a new upper-level natural-resource economics course and a graduate-level welfare economics/environmental economics course. Regarding the latter, his department now boasts of three honors faculty members and regularly offers honors sections of two courses. Dan believes that these two contributions have helped, and will continue to help, the efforts of his department to attract more high-quality students, and should help the department to remain "up-to-date" both within the profession and with regard to the job market. Dan received the 2010 *College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award* (Lower Division).

Outreach: Dan's limited outreach experience includes serving as an invited speaker at a Farm Foundation extension conference, as a presenter for a congressional staff "webinar" sponsored by the Council on Food, Agricultural, & Resource Economists, and representing MSU at several regional meetings in the wake of the 2010 BP oil spill.

SAEA Service: Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee, 2009-2012; reviewer for *JAAE*, 2009-present; developer, moderator, and presenter for organized symposia, selected, and invited papers sessions, various years, 2008 – 2011

AAEA Service. Reviewer for *RAE*, 2006-2009; Selected paper and poster reviewer, 2007-2010; moderator and presenter for selected paper and poster sessions, various years, 2002-2007

Other Service: In addition to the journals named above, Dan has served as reviewer for 14 other journals, as well as for MS-AL Sea Grant, TX Sea Grant, NIFA's Biomass Research & Development Initiative, USDA's PREISM program, and USDA/Univ. of California's Pierce's Disease Program. Departmental committee service includes 5 departmental faculty search committees, most recently as chair; as well as service on the curriculum, awards, and long-term planning committees; Dan recently completed MSU's Faculty Leadership Program (2010-2011).

At the end of your term, what changes/new initiatives would you like to have helped create?

Vision for SAEA: An oft cited goal of SAEA officers is to "increase attendance and membership", but this is difficult without any concrete ways to affect the incentives of potential attendees and members. My belief is that only an increase in the quality and scope of meeting fare will affect one's marginal propensity to attend. One specific example would be to re-allocate some portion of conference fees and other revenue for inviting multiple "high-profile" speakers, ideally drawn from outside of the membership and the southeast, that appeal to diverse sets of attendees. These could

be some combination of speakers for plenary sessions, invited paper sessions, or to put on workshops. The idea is that individuals on the margins of attending would do so if they were certain they would be able to attend sessions featuring these individuals. This same strategy may perhaps be beneficial in regard to the association's journal, the *JAAE*. Perhaps inviting prominent authors to write one of the articles each issue would increase the readership of the journal. Anyway, the point is to give the marginal member/reader/attendee an incentive to join/subscribe/attend. Furthermore, with regard to the journal, I would advocate for any efforts to increase the online accessibility of the journal, such as affiliating with one of the more widely-accessible online publishers, and to continue efforts to have the journal listed in the Science Citation Index. The short of it is that the journal will simply not be read and its articles will not be cited if researchers cannot find it and access it conveniently and in a timely fashion. Once they do find it, however, they must find in it quality work. My third "long-shot" priority would be to begin the discussion of whether attendees really benefit from having the annual meeting held in conjunction with other agriculture-based associations. Most other joint sessions of meetings highlight in their advertisements the various participating groups, whereas no almost mention is made of the joint nature of the SAEA meeting in our calls for proposals and advertisements. I suspect that we do not highlight this fact because we do not consider it relevant. In other words, nobody cares. Although I recognize some of the historical and administrative constraints, I think it useful to at least consider the tradeoffs of meeting in conjunction with other associations (perhaps other economics associations or periodically with AAEA when feasible) that would provide some degree of actual overlap and mutual benefit to attendees.

Voting Procedures for SAEA 2012 Officer Elections

All members in good standing will receive an e-mail message with voting instructions by the end of September. For your vote to count, you must be a member in good standing (i.e., dues paid for the current year) as of September 30, 2011. All ballots must be POSTED between October 1 and October 31, 2011 to be counted.

Do you have suggestions for future officers ? Submit those suggestions to an Executive Committee member.

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

February 4-7, 2012

Birmingham, AL

RECRUITMENT FAIR REGISTRATION FORM

SAEA ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL RECRUITMENT FAIR

Sunday and Monday, February 5th and 6th, 8am to 4pm

School/Agency/Business: _____

College/Department/Division: _____

Contact Person : _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Department Head/Chair :

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Graduate Program Coordinator or HR Director (if different from Contact Person):

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Fee for registering & participating in the Recruiting Fair is \$100.00. Please make checks payable to: SAEA or go to www.saea.org and pay by credit card. If paying by card, please also send this form by mail. Mail to the address listed below. Note: The registration fee will be used to help defer the costs of providing refreshments during the recruitment fair. Our intention is to place all refreshments at the back of the room, forcing students to walk past your displays in order to access them.

Please Return this form and payment by **January 20, 2012** to:

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