If you plan to fire up the grill this holiday weekend, be sure to include local meat from a Connecticut producer. May is National Beef Month - perfect time to enjoy a hamburger or steak. Find local meat at a farm stand, farmers' market or farm store by searching the map on CTGrown.org.

Photo courtesy: New Boston Beef, LLC
Connecticut Farm Wineries rebrand, launches new mobile app for Passport to Connecticut Wine Country

The Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council has rebranded to the simpler Connecticut Farm Wineries, just in time to launch their popular passport program, encouraging consumers to engage with the state’s more than 45 farm wineries — 35 of which participate in the passport program. No longer a physical passport, but rather a user-friendly mobile app available on most devices, the CT Wine Passport is available at both the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

“CT Wine Passport is a great way to have a fun, interactive experience trying new wines, new regions, and new opportunities throughout our great state,” said Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz. “Plan your visits throughout the summer and support local Connecticut businesses along the way, all while exploring all of the hidden gems our great state has to offer.”

The mobile app is a new twist on the familiar passport program which began in 2010 — with users obtaining digital passport stamps which earn rewards to be redeemed for a chance to win one of more than 60 prizes in the prize drawing as they explore Connecticut Wine Country.

“We are so thrilled to have this app roll out today, it means a lot to all of our wineries,” said Hilary Criollo, owner of Hopkins Vineyard, President of CT Vineyard and Winery Association, and CT Farm Wine Development Council member. “All of our wineries have been busy tending our vines, we are open, and looking forward to having you visit us. Download the app, CT Wine Passport, and explore the state.”
The new Connecticut Farm Wineries brand features a stemmed wine glass with a swirl shape of the appropriate color of burgundy. The swirl shape echoes the lines of the new CT Grown brand, with both identities developed by eastern-Connecticut brand firm, Miranda Creative, Inc.

“Through refreshing this brand, we hope to raise public awareness and encourage consumers to engage with our state’s many great farm wineries,” said Connecticut Department of Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt. “We recognize the launch of the new Connecticut Farm Wineries brand presents a great opportunity within our larger mission to develop a broader understanding of the value of the state’s robust agriculture and aquaculture assets.”

For more information about Connecticut Farm Wineries or the Passport to Connecticut Wine Country, visit their new website at ctwinecountry.com.

**About Connecticut Farm Wineries**

A voluntary council made up winery owners, research institutions, and representatives of Connecticut Department of Agriculture and Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. The council is responsible for promoting state wines and related products, offering educational programs, recommending research projects, and advising groups on farm wine development.
CT Wine Country and celebrate National Chardonnay Day on Thursday, May 26.

UCONN SUPPORTS CONNECTICUT'S GREENHOUSE INDUSTRY - AN INTEGRAL PART OF AGRICULTURE

The Romans used controlled environments in 30 A.D. to grow a predecessor of the cucumber; it was the start of the modern-day greenhouse industry. Today, greenhouses are still essential for growing crops. The ongoing research in controlled environment agriculture is creating innovative technologies that maximize the efficiency of agricultural inputs and land use. These innovations provide key solutions to climate adaptation and production demands, including helping food crops transition from open field production to controlled environment agriculture.

Greenhouses in Connecticut represent over one third of the state’s vibrant $4.7 billion agricultural economy and are integral to the success of all agricultural businesses, according to a study by Farm Credit East conducted in 2021. The total economic impact of the 583 greenhouse businesses in the state was $390 million in 2020.

“Greenhouses are critical to the infrastructure that supports all of our state’s farms,” says Interim UConn President Radenka Maric. “The innovation and technology developed in greenhouses also allows growers to be industry leaders in the state and throughout the country. UConn is committed to helping bolster this industry and our farmers through controlled environment agriculture.”

Researchers and educators from UConn Extension within the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (CAHNR) support greenhouse
“Our work with the greenhouse industry ensures a vibrant and sustainable agriculture industry,” says Dean Indrajeet Chaubey from CAHNR. “Greenhouses advance innovative, sustainable approaches to agriculture that align with local resources and markets, while helping expand production and contributing to the state economy.”

**Innovations Address Critical Issues**

New England has a short growing season that limits food crops and ornamental horticulture production. Greenhouse production allows agriculture to continue year-round and in Connecticut includes significant ornamental horticulture operations like flowers and plants that improve homes and landscapes.

“Whenever the flowers grown in the state are sold, there are benefits for the families working in the greenhouses, for the greenhouse owners, and all those involved in selling the crops,” says Rosa Raudales, director of outreach and engagement at UConn, associate professor in CAHNR, and the greenhouse extension specialist. “They are moving money around the state and it supports the livelihood of many people.”

The greenhouse industry has led the advancement of innovations on water conservation, nutrient, and energy management; automation; environmental control; infrastructure materials; and pesticide-free production. All these agricultural innovations developed for the greenhouse industry provide an access point to technology for other agricultural sectors. It will also allow food production to expand to controlled environment agriculture systems. These innovations all improve business outcomes, and therefore benefit consumers, says Raudales.

Greenhouses sustainably produce live plants that positively impact the physical and mental health of Connecticut residents as well.

“Consumers benefit from beautiful flowers, and there’s also the benefit to our health,” says Raudales. “When we’re growing plants, we’re moving and getting outside. Having beautiful plants in the environment plays a major role in people’s well-being.”

The green industry employs more than just the people growing the plants too. Engineers, biologists, coders, plant scientists, marketers, and social scientists are all needed to help the industry thrive. Climate change and unpredictable weather patterns continue challenging agriculture and food production globally, and the greenhouse industry provides many of the solutions needed to make an impact.

“There are many career opportunities for those interested, and these will continue expanding,” says Raudales.

The economic contributions of the Connecticut greenhouse industry have a ripple effect on the broader economy, with 70 cents of economic activity generated for the state for every dollar generated by the industry. Greenhouses
Ornamental plant production is the focus of Connecticut's greenhouse industry. The experience and infrastructure offer the potential to expand onto other crops, such as vegetables or pharmaceuticals, and amplify the impact of Connecticut's agriculture in the region.

“Greenhouses are integral to ensure that we maintain Connecticut’s vibrant agricultural economy,” Raudales says. “We need all parts of agriculture to be strong to ensure resilience and that we can provide the ornamental and food crops that our residents depend on. The greenhouse industry’s contributions extend to our collective community health.”

This video is supported a grant from Northeast AgEnhancement, a Farm Credit East program, and UConn Extension. Learn more about our agriculture initiatives at https://cahnr.uconn.edu/extension/

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USDA TO PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY $6 BILLION TO COMMODITY AND SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCERS IMPACTED BY 2020 AND 2021 NATURAL DISASTERS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that commodity and specialty crop producers impacted by natural disaster events in 2020 and 2021 will soon begin receiving emergency relief payments totaling approximately $6 billion through the Farm Service Agency’s (FSA) new Emergency Relief Program (ERP) to offset crop yield and value losses.

“For over two years, farmers and ranchers across the country have been hard hit by an ongoing pandemic coupled with more frequent and catastrophic natural disasters,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “As the agriculture
industry deals with new challenges and stressors, we at USDA look for opportunities to inject financial support back into the rural economy through direct payments to producers who bear the brunt of circumstances beyond their control. These emergency relief payments will help offset the significant crop losses due to major weather events in 2020 and 2021 and help ensure farming operations are viable this crop year, into the next growing season and beyond.”

For impacted producers, existing Federal Crop Insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) data is the basis for calculating initial payments. USDA estimates that phase one ERP benefits will reach more than 220,000 producers who received indemnities for losses covered by federal crop insurance and more than 4,000 producers who obtained NAP coverage for 2020 and 2021 crop losses.

Additional USDA disaster assistance information can be found on farmers.gov, including the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool. For FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent.

Read the full Press Release here!

USDA NASS GEARING UP FOR 2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Conducted once every five years, the ag census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income, and expenditures. It is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Even small plots of land – whether rural or urban – count if $1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The Census of Agriculture tells the story of American agriculture over time.

Key Dates:

https://mailchi.mp/ct.gov/ctagreportmay2072022?e=9ab2788f56
Passport to CT Wine Country Launches Mobile App

[Image]

June 30, 2022 – Sign up for those who do not already receive NASS surveys, and censuses end
November 2022 – ag census mails out and data collection begins
February 6, 2023 – response deadline

Sign up Here to be Counted

**WBDC Equity Match Grant**

**APPLICATION PERIOD: MAY 23 – JULY 3, 2022**

The Women’s Business Development Council’s Equity Match Grant Program is designed to help Connecticut women-owned businesses grow! Grants between $2,500 and $10,000 will be awarded for clearly defined projects that will have a measurable impact on the business, its growth and profitability. The grant funds cannot be used towards operating expenses, payroll, or real estate improvements. Applicants are required to provide a minimum 25% match.

**Eligibility**

Businesses must:
- be at least 51% woman-owned
- have been established for at least two years
- have a record of annual sales/revenue in the last twelve months greater than $25,000 and less than $2,000,000
- be headquartered in CT, registered in the state of CT and owned by a CT resident
- be owned by a woman at least 18 years old
- be in good standing with the CT Department of Revenue Services (DRS) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- have an established business checking account
- utilize a formal, digital bookkeeping/financial system (e.g., QuickBooks)
- be a for-profit business, or a non-profit that derives 75% or more of the organization’s revenue from a social enterprise

The following businesses are not eligible:
Child care businesses (see https://ctdwdc.org/childcare-business/ for info on funding opportunities for child care businesses), businesses that have received a grant from WBDC in the last two years, medical marijuana, liquor stores and alcohol distributors, adult businesses such as strip clubs, used retail stores in nautical and marine, businesses having to do with gambling, pawn shops and nurseries, cash advance, check-cashing, or pawn shops, bail bond, collection agencies or services; and auction or bankruptcy or fire or "lost our lease" or "going-out-of-business" or similar sale

**Match Requirement**

Applicants are required to provide a minimum 25% match.

For example, if the business receives a $10,000 grant for the purchase of new software, the business must have invested $2,500 in their business over the past 12 months OR be able to invest an incremental $2,500 of their own funds in that purchase.

**What Previous Recipients are Saying**

"The grant has given me the support I needed to grow my business. In the short amount of time since I received it, I have grown my clients, my space, and online presence. More importantly, I feel confident in the success and continued growth of my company."

"The WBDC Equity Match Grant allowed me to put in place systems that have streamlined and optimized our sales process. Without the extra "push" of preparing to apply for this grant, I would have less specific financial data and fewer strategic plans to use to grow the business. It has also encouraged me to take the leap into hiring employees. I'm grateful for WBDC, not just for the funds, but for the extra motivation."

Stamford - New Haven - New London | ctwbdc.org | info@ctwbdc.org | 203-353-1750

Learn more at ctwbdc.org/equity-match-grant-program/
ANNOUNCING NE-DBIC DAIRY FOOD SAFETY & CERTIFICATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center (NE-DBIC) is pleased to announce awards for 12 projects through 2022 Dairy Food Safety & Certification Grant, for a total of $290,540.09.

This grant program helps dairy farmers, processors, and/or producer associations take actionable steps to improve the safety of dairy products and improve marketability. The funds allow eligible entities to access support through technical assistance, audits, food safety plan development, training, testing fees, and certain infrastructure upgrades.

Grants were awarded to businesses in Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. Projects range from $10,000 - $40,000 with a 25% match commitment requirement.

This grant opportunity is expected to open again in Fall of 2022.

Learn About the Grant Projects

DAIRY MARKETING & BRANDING SERVICES GRANT

This grant program will provide funds for established value-added dairy processors and producer associations to access professional marketing and branding services to elevate value-added dairy businesses. Projects funded by this grant will increase the exposure and promotion of regionally produced dairy products guided by marketing/branding professionals. Funded projects will increase consumer awareness of products, develop market channels and distribution opportunities to increase product placement, support innovative strategies to increase consumption, and/or increase business revenues. Additionally, up to 25% of the grant funds may be used to implement the strategy and/or content developed by the contractor.

Grant range: $10,000 - $50,000, with 25% match requirement

Deadline: June 23, 2022

Learn more and apply here
FREE Consultations from SOLID GROUND

FREE VEGETABLE PRODUCTION, LIVESTOCK, SOIL, LAND ACCESS, AND CONSERVATION CONSULTATIONS FOR FARMERS

Schedule a FREE consultation with one of our experts from UConn Extension! Schedule a consultation now before the season starts throwing problems at you left and right and feel a little more prepared on how to deal with pests, disease, soil health, and livestock production issues.

As part of our Solid Ground programming, funded by the USDA, we are able to offer these limited free one on one consultations, with specialists in certain fields of knowledge, to Beginning Farmers in Connecticut. They will meet you in person at a convenient time and follow up as needed with email, phone calls, or even a video field walk with you!

Please note: These consultations are intended for Commercial Farmers and Farm businesses. If you are homesteading, have a hobby farm, or simply love gardening, please access the UConn Home and Garden Education Center.

Sign up while they're available and here! https://newfarms.uconn.edu/consultations/

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY: NOW HATCHING
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station has issued a Quarantine Order with defined restricted areas for the exotic pest spotted lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula* (SLF for short). This insect has been detected in Connecticut with established populations detected in Fairfield and New Haven Counties and single individuals intercepted in numerous towns. The spotted lanternfly is a new plant pest to the United States and represents a threat to Connecticut’s environment, residential areas, and agricultural interests, particularly forests, orchards, vineyards, and nurseries. The purpose of this quarantine is to slow the spread of SLF within the state and provide for certification of Connecticut businesses for movement of regulated articles out of state and help protect the economic interests of the state’s agricultural industries by suppressing, controlling or eradicating infestations of spotted lanternfly in regulated areas, and provide by inspection or compliance agreement methods to permit the movement of regulated articles not infested with spotted lanternfly.

The quarantine order was renewed January 1, 2022, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2022, after which the quarantine may be renewed, rescinded by the Director, or replaced by the promulgation of regulations. View the quarantine order.

**HOW TO IDENTIFY SLF**

The spotted lanternfly eggs masses are laid on practically any surface including trees, stones, trash cans, side of a house, etc. during the fall. Egg masses are yellowish-brown in color, and most are covered with a gray, waxy coating prior to hatching (USDA, 2019). They may appear wet or sticky when fresh. **You will see eggs from September to May.**

Spotted lanternfly eggs hatch in the spring and early summer. Early instar nymphs are black in color with white spots; fourth instars nymphs are red with black and white spots. **You will see nymphs from April to October.**

Adult spotted lanternflies are about one inch long and one half inch wide. Tan forewings that have black spots, while their signature colorful hindwings have lower red patches and upper black patches, separated with a white section in between. The red hindwings are mostly hidden unless the wings are spread. **Adult SLF crawl, jump, or fly short distances. You will see adults from July to November.**

**WHERE IS SLF FOUND?**

While tree-of-heaven, *Ailanthus altissima*, is a favored host tree, spotted lanternfly may be found on other trees including maple, walnut, and willow. It feeds on agricultural crops like apples, grapes, hops, as well as other fruit trees. It is native to China, India, and Vietnam. The adults tend to congregate on the tree-of-heaven and other host trees in the fall.

To identify *Ailanthus altissima*: click this link to view the tree-of-heaven identification fact sheet.
Please check your vehicles for stowaways! Inspect your vehicles, trailers, and other items for SLF adults and egg masses when travelling through areas with known or suspected SLF populations. These insects are known to hitch a ride on vehicles and even clothing. Jump to: where SLF has been seen.

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**DO YOU WANT TO BE AN URBAN FARMER?**

UConn Extension of Fairfield County and Green Village Initiative are hosting an Urban Farmer Training Course.

Taught by Jacqueline Kowalkski, UConn Urban Agriculture Extension Educator.

**May–October 2022 @ 122 Arctic St, Bridgeport, CT**

**Course Schedule**
- Tuesdays, 6–8pm:
  - Class instruction (beginning 5/3)
- May 14 & May 15:
  - Garden cleanup and planting weekend (Rain dates: 5/21, 5/22)
- Fridays, 4–6pm:
  - Rotating participation in garden maintenance and harvest
- Saturdays, 9am–2pm:
  - Rotating participation in farmers market vending (beginning 6/16)

**About the Course**
- Meets once a week in person.
- Includes classroom topics and hands-on learning in the outdoor garden classroom.
- Opportunities to harvest, prep and sell vegetables produced in the class at a Bridgeport Farmers Market on Saturdays.

**Cost:** $200/person

To register contact GVI at: communitygardens@gogvi.org or (203) 612-4107. Scholarships available.

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Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust is announcing La Beca Braiding Seeds en Español. Please share this opportunity with the Beginning Spanish Speaker Farmers in your networks across the East Regions. La Beca Braiding Seeds en Español provides beginning farmers with resources, professional development in Spanish, and mentorship in Spanish to support their livelihood on land.

Link to the application (in Spanish): https://forms.gle/EAxscW8HTuyjMiAs6

The Application Deadline is May 30.

Nos unimos al Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust para anunciar esta oportunidad de La Beca Braiding Seeds en Español. Por favor comparta esta oportunidad con sus conocidos en el este de USA. Esta beca está dando la oportunidad a agricultores que hablen español de tener acceso a recursos económicos, desarrollo profesional y mentorías para proder así ayudarles a tener un sustento digno de la tierra.
Now Available: CT Grown Tents

10’ x 10’ King Canopy Tents

Order online at: www.ConnecticutGrownStore.com

Pickup only

GET READY FOR FARMERS' MARKET SEASON

CT Grown tents are in stock and available for pick up at Connecticut Regional Market, 101 Reserve Road, Hartford, CT. Orders must be placed online in advance at www.ConnecticutGrownStore.com. Following order confirmation arrangements will be made to coordinate a pick up day and time.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON AGRITOURISM

The International Workshop on Agritourism is coming to Burlington, Vermont, from August 30 to September 1, 2022. Join agriculture and tourism industry professionals from the United States and beyond for an exciting program full of educational sessions, poster presentations, hands-on workshops, farm tours and networking events. Farmers, agricultural service providers, tourism experts and those interested in learning more about agritourism are all encouraged to attend and share your own knowledge, experiences and expertise!

Scholarships are available for farmers, students and others who demonstrate financial need and can illustrate how they would benefit from attending the conference.

Enlace para la aplicación: https://forms.gle/EAxscW8HTuyiMiAs6

Preguntas Frecuentes: https://nefoclandtrust.org/beca-braiding-seeds

La fecha límite para aplicar es el 30 de Mayo!
### Avian Influenza (AI)

**What is it?**

- AI is a virus carried by migratory waterfowl, birds, and geese.
- Domestic poultry, chickens, turkeys, and fowl are susceptible and will become very sick.
- The virus is believed to originate in Europe and spread into Canada and the Atlantic Flyway through wild geese and ducks.
- Migratory bird flyways cross the United States, and Connecticut is in the Atlantic Flyway.

If you have sick or dying birds, please contact:

ctstate.vet@ct.gov or 860-715-2225

### Biosecurity Basics

**Protect Your Flock From Avian Influenza**

- Cover chicken coops and runs to prevent contact with wild waterfowl and their droppings.
- Wash hands before and after working with birds.
- Change food and water daily.
- Provide disposable boot covers and/or disinfectant footbath for anyone having contact with your flock.
- Clean and disinfect tools or equipment before moving them to a new poultry facility.

If you have sick or dying birds, please contact:

ctstate.vet@ct.gov or 860-715-2505
Looking for affordable credit to start or grow your farm? The National Young Farmers Coalition is here to help!

Learn about the USDA’s loan programs through the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Our coalition won a microloan program in the 2014 Farm Bill to make these loans more accessible for you!

We know that it may not be easy to work with government programs due to historical and ongoing discrimination against BIPOC farmers. Young Farmers has a farmer on staff who can answer questions for BIPOC farmers about the loans and walk you through the application.

Call our Farmer Technical Assistant Shakera Raygoza to learn more at shakera@youngfarmers.org or 518 643 3564 ext. 1

USDA FSA Loans feature low interest rates (rates 2-3% as of February 2022), and do not use credit scores to determine eligibility.

Learn more about the different types of loans:

- **Microloans**
  - Up to $50,000 in Operating Loan funds and $50,000 in Ownership Loan funds, for a total of $100,000
  - Repayment terms are 1-7 years
  - Same uses as Operating and Ownership loans
  - A streamlined application process with less paperwork

- **Operating Loans**
  - Up to $400,000
  - Up to 7 years to repay
  - Use funds for infrastructure, livestock, feed, seeds, equipment, labor, fertilizers, rent, family living expenses, etc.

- **Ownership Loans**
  - Up to $900,000
  - Repayment terms are up to 25 years
  - Use funds to purchase or enlarge a farm, make a down payment, promote soil and water conservation and protection, or pay closing costs
  - Funds can also be used to purchase, improve, or build structures related to the farming business

Farm operating expenses, including but not limited to, feed, seed, fertilizer, pesticides, farm supplies, repairs and improvements which are to be expensed, cash rent and family living expenses. Other programs include farm storage loans, living expenses under the loans above, down payment loan, guaranteed loan program, and youth loans.
The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development (EWD) focuses on developing the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences. In 2022, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) requests applications for the AFRI's Education and Workforce Development program areas to support:

1. professional development opportunities for K-14 educational professionals;
2. non-formal education that cultivates food and agricultural interest in youth;
3. workforce training at community, junior, and technical colleges;
4. training of undergraduate students in research and extension;
Grant applications are due by October 27, 2022.

Learn More Here!

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22-11. New Holland 259 hydraulic hay rake, $2,500; International 435 baler, housed, $3,500; Both good condition, ready to make good hay. Tim, 203-627-2398, nbffarm@gmail.com.

22-12. Logging services, forest management plans. Servicing all of CT. Fully licensed and insured. NRCS TSP. 860-398-1776, Josh Miller.

22-13. First cutting hay for sale. $5.00 per bale. 860-990-8060 text or call.

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Wanted

42-R. EZTRAIL kicker bale wagons, any condition. Cash paid. Call or text George, 860-918-5442.

Job Opportunities

FoodCorps AmeriCorps service member position for 2022-23 is still open! Are you passionate about helping kids in your community experience the joy and power of food? We hope you'll apply! Does this sound like someone you know? The final deadline is **May 27, 2022**, but send in your application as soon as possible. Interviews are already underway and positions are filled on a rolling basis. **Apply Here!**

Interested in Advertising? Click [here](https://mailchi.mp/ct.gov/ctagreportmay2072022?e=9ab2788f56) for details on rates and submission.

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**SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND SOIL HEALTH TRAILER TOUR**

These hands-on field workshops will use practical demonstrations to illustrate the value of healthy soil. Learn about soil health and the management practices you can implement to protect your land!

**CONNECTION HEMP FEST**

June 2, 2022

**$15.00 PER PERSON**

Discounted tickets are available for a limited time. Visit [https://ectcc.org/ahemp](https://ectcc.org/ahemp) for more information.

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