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The **preliminary** area planted estimate for summer crops for 2024 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die **voorlopige** oppervlakeskatting vir somergewasse vir 2024 vrygestel.

SUMMER CROPS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2024

SOMERGEWASSE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKSKATTING: 2024

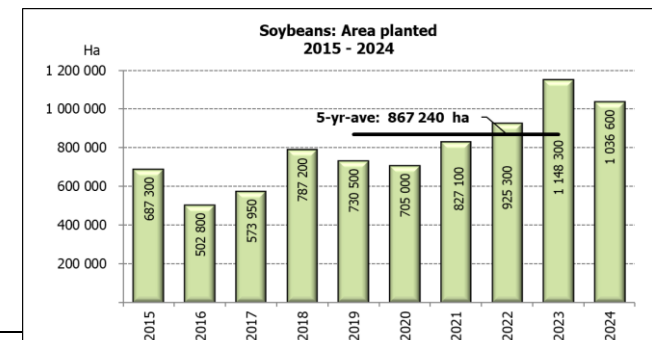
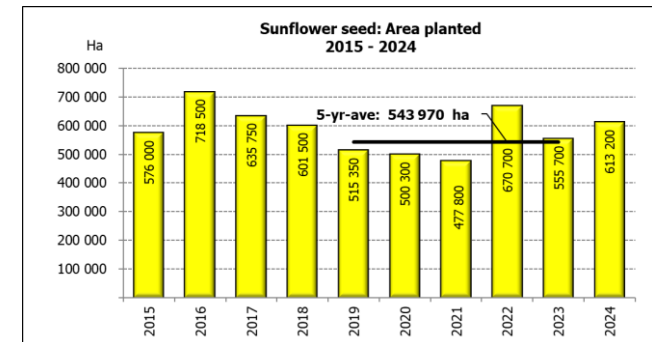
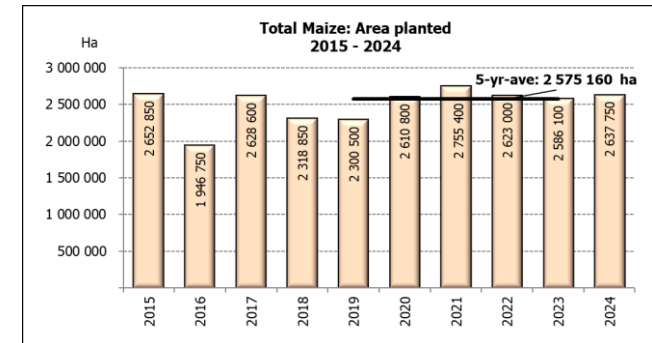
CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (A)	Intentions ^{1)/} Voorname ¹⁾ 2024 Ha (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2023 Ha (C)	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2023 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering/ 2024 vs 2023 % (A) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieël:					
White maize/Witmielies	1 557 250	1 584 250	1 521 300	8 499 965	+2,4
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 080 500	1 052 500	1 064 800	7 895 260	+1,5
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 637 750	2 636 750	2 586 100	16 395 225	+2,0
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	613 200	640 000	555 700	724 110	+10,4
Soybeans/Sojabone	1 036 600	1 068 200	1 148 300	2 755 300	-9,7
Groundnuts/Grondbone	41 200	42 550	31 300	52 660	+31,6
Sorghum	39 600	38 000	34 000	94 360	+16,5
Dry beans/Droëbone	39 400	42 300	36 650	50 260	+7,5
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 407 750	4 467 800	4 392 050	20 071 915	+0,4

1) Soos middel Oktober 2023/ As mid October 2023

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2023/24 = 2024

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2023/24 = 2024

30 January / Januarie 2024



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WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2024

WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Preliminary area planted Voorlopie oppervlakte beplant 2024			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2023			Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ 2023		
	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Geel/ Yellow Tons	Totaal/ Total Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	250	3 500	3 750	250	3 500	3 750	2 375	32 900	35 275
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 000	40 000	41 000	1 000	43 500	44 500	12 500	696 000	708 500
Free State/Vrystaat	845 000	420 000	1 265 000	780 000	401 000	1 181 000	4 446 000	2 686 700	7 132 700
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	6 000	27 000	33 000	5 750	25 000	30 750	40 250	192 500	232 750
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	66 000	113 000	49 000	65 000	114 000	298 900	533 000	831 900
Mpumalanga	162 000	365 000	527 000	156 500	352 000	508 500	1 032 900	2 587 200	3 620 100
Limpopo	14 000	20 000	34 000	16 800	22 800	39 600	114 240	186 960	301 200
Gauteng	52 000	54 000	106 000	56 000	52 000	108 000	364 000	390 000	754 000
North West/Noordwes	430 000	85 000	515 000	456 000	100 000	556 000	2 188 800	590 000	2 778 800
Total/Totaal	1 557 250	1 080 500	2 637 750	1 521 300	1 064 800	2 586 100	8 499 965	7 895 260	16 395 225

1) 28 November 2023

SUNFLOWER SEED – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2024

SONNEBLOMSAAD – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 500	2 500	6 250
Free State/Vrystaat	325 000	290 000	406 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	700	700	1 400
KwaZulu-Natal	-	300	600
Mpumalanga	4 000	5 000	7 250
Limpopo	115 000	100 000	75 000
Gauteng	2 000	2 200	2 860
North West/Noordwes	165 000	155 000	224 750
Total/Totaal	613 200	555 700	724 110

SOYBEANS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2024

SOJABONE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 300	1 000	3 750
Free State/Vrystaat	460 000	565 000	1 327 750
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	5 300	4 300	12 900
KwaZulu-Natal	45 000	44 000	158 400
Mpumalanga	310 000	305 000	671 000
Limpopo	21 000	26 000	88 400
Gauteng	46 000	48 000	105 600
North West/Noordwes	148 000	155 000	387 500
Total/Totaal	1 036 600	1 148 300	2 755 300

GROUNDNUTS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2024**GRONDBONE** – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 200	2 000	5 300
Free State/Vrystaat	17 000	12 300	20 910
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	300	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-
Limpopo	1 700	2 000	4 700
Gauteng	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	18 000	15 000	21 750
Total/Totaal	41 200	31 300	52 660

SORGHUM – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2024**SORGHUM** – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	10 000	5 200	14 820
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	100	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	100	100	400
Mpumalanga	8 300	8 500	35 275
Limpopo	17 000	15 500	33 325
Gauteng	100	100	420
North West/Noordwes	4 000	4 600	10 120
Total/Totaal	39 600	34 000	94 360

DRY BEANS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2024**DROëBONE** – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	100	180
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	450	450	990
Free State/Vrystaat	13 500	14 000	13 300
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	200	360
KwaZulu-Natal	2 100	2 100	3 150
Mpumalanga	2 500	5 000	7 000
Limpopo	12 200	8 000	16 000
Gauteng	850	800	880
North West/Noordwes	7 500	6 000	8 400
Total/Totaal	39 400	36 650	50 260

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- Personal items such as laptops, handbags, cell phones, etc. are not allowed in the venue during the meeting
- No member is allowed to leave the meeting before 12:00 in order to prevent disclosure of the information
- The embargo time for the release of crop estimates information is 14:30
- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
- Only the Chairperson, or a member appointed by the Chairperson, may release the figures to the media
- Members must regard the detail of any information that was collected for and/or discussed during the meeting, as confidential
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PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF SUMMER CROPS (2024 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVAKTESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2024 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
30 JANUARY / JANUARIE 2024

Summer field crops – 2024

The preliminary area estimate of today is mainly based on the results of a non-probability survey conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development. Please note that the area planted to crops refers to the area already planted for all purposes, including grain, silage and crop damaged area(s).

Commercial maize: The preliminary area estimate for maize is 2,638 mill. ha, which is 2,00% or 51 650 ha more than the 2,586 mill. ha planted for the previous season, and also 0,04% or 1 000 ha more than the intentions to plant figure of 2,637 mill. ha released in October 2023.

The preliminary area estimate for white maize is 1,557 mill. ha, which represents an increase of 2,36% or 35 950 ha compared to the 1,521 mill. ha planted last season. In the case of yellow maize the area estimate is 1,080 mill. ha, which is 1,47% or 15 700 ha more than the 1,065 mill. ha planted last season.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The preliminary area estimate for sunflower seed is 613 200 ha, which is 10,35% or 57 500 ha more than the 555 700 ha planted the previous season.

It is estimated that 1,037 mill. ha have been planted to **soybeans**, which represents a decrease of 9,73% or 111 700 ha compared to the 1,148 mill. ha planted last season.

For **groundnuts**, the area estimate is 41 200 ha, which is 31,63% or 9 900 ha more than the 31 300 ha planted for the previous season.

The area estimate for **sorghum** increased by 16,47% or 5 600 ha, from 34 000 ha to 39 600 ha against the previous season.

For **dry beans**, the area estimate is 39 400 ha, which is 7,50% or 2 750 ha more than the 36 650 ha planted for the previous season.

The revised area planted and production figures, which will be released by the Crop Estimates Committee on **28 February 2024**, will mainly be based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES) survey for the Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng and North West provinces.

Somergewasse – 2024

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van vandag is hoofsaaklik gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direkoraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement van Landbou, Grondhervorming en Landelike Ontwikkeling. Neem asseblief kennis dat die oppervlakte aangeplant met gewasse na die area verwys wat alreeds vir alle doeleindes geplant is, insluitende vir graan, kuilvoer en gewas beskadigde area(s).

Kommersiële mielies: Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,638 milj. ha, wat 2,00% of 51 650 ha meer is as die 2,586 milj. ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, en ook 0,04% of 1 000 ha meer as die voornemens om te plant syfer van 2,637 milj. ha soos vrygestel in Oktober 2023.

Die voorlopige oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,557 milj. ha, wat 'n toename van 2,36% of 35 950 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,521 milj. ha die vorige seisoen. In die geval van geelmielies is die oppervlakteskatting 1,080 milj. ha, wat 1,47% of 15 700 ha meer is as die 1,065 milj. ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 613 200 ha, wat 10,35% of 57 500 ha meer is as die 555 700 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen.

Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 1,037 milj. ha, wat 'n afname van 9,73% of 111 700 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,148 milj. ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 41 200 ha, wat 31,63% of 9 900 ha meer is as die 31 300 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het toegeneem met 16,47% of 5 600 ha, van 34 000 ha tot 39 600 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen.

Vir **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 39 400 ha, wat 7,50% of 2 750 ha meer is as die 36 650 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Die hersiene aangeplante oppervlakte en produksiesyfers sal deur die Oesskattingskomitee op **28 Februarie 2024** vrygestel word en sal hoofsaaklik gebaseer wees op inligting verkry vanaf die "PICES"-opname vir die Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies.

The area estimate and sixth production forecast for winter cereals for the 2023 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en sesde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2023 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2023 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE - OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2023 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN

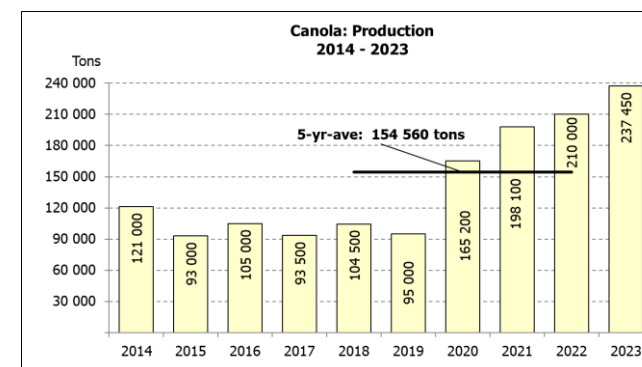
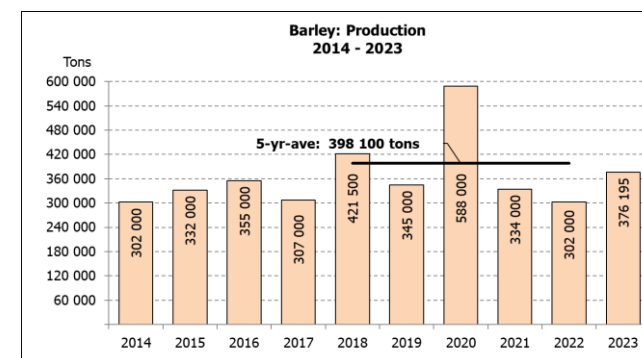
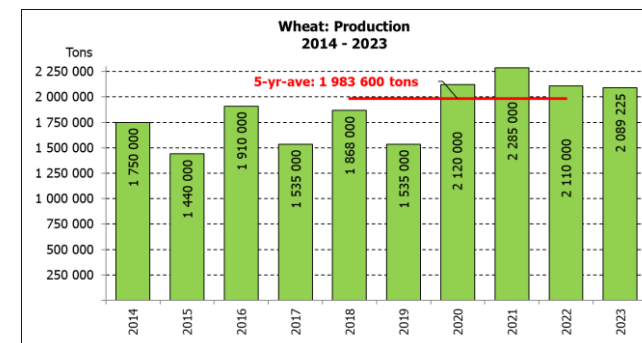
CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2023 Ha (A)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2023 Tons (B)	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting 2023 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2022 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2022 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
Wheat/Koring	537 950	2 089 225	2 151 625	566 800	2 110 000	-2,90
Barley/Gars	107 600	376 195	360 220	101 000	302 000	+4,43
Canola/Kanola	131 200	237 450	237 450	123 510	210 000	-
Oats/Hawer	27 500	40 250	36 200	27 000	27 550	+11,19
Sweet lupines/Soetlupine	16 000	16 000	16 800	21 000	15 750	-4,76

1) Commercial only. Excluding barley or oats used as pasture, silage, hay and/or on the farm as fodder for livestock /
Slegs kommersieël. Uitgesluit gars of hawer wat gebruik word as weiding, kuilvoer, hooi en/of op die plaas as voer vir vee.

WHEAT – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2023

KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2023

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting Tons 2023	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2022	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2022
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	365 000	1 095 000	360 000	918 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	40 000	300 000	47 000	338 500
Free State/Vrystaat	72 000	295 200	96 000	436 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	6 300	40 950	6 000	40 200
KwaZulu-Natal	8 500	56 950	9 200	60 730
Mpumalanga	4 200	28 560	4 000	27 600
Limpopo	30 000	198 000	29 000	187 000
Gauteng	950	6 365	1 100	7 370
North West/Noordwes	11 000	68 200	14 500	93 800
Total/Totaal	537 950	2 089 225	566 800	2 110 000



**AREA ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2023) /
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2023)
30 JANUARY / JANUARIE 2024**

Winter cereal crops - 2023 production season

Wheat: The production forecast for **wheat** is 2,089 mill. tons, which is 2,90% or 62 400 tons less than the previous forecast of 2,152 mill. tons. The area planted is estimated at 537 950 ha, while the expected yield is 3,88 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 1,095 mill. tons (52%), in the Northern Cape 300 000 tons (14%) and in the Free State 295 200 tons (14%).

The estimated area estimate for wheat in the Western Cape is 365 000 ha or 68%, 72 000 ha or 13% in the Free State and 40 000 ha or 7% in the Northern Cape.

Other crops: The production forecast for **barley** is 376 195 tons, which is 4,43% or 15 975 more than the previous month's forecast of 360 220 tons. The area planted is estimated at 107 600 ha, while the expected yield is 3,50 t/ha.

The expected **canola crop** remained unchanged at 237 450 tons. The area estimate for canola is 131 200 ha, with an expected yield of 1,81 t/ha.

The expected crop for **oats** for the 2023 season is 40 250 tons and the area planted is 27 500 ha. The expected yield is 1,46 t/ha.

In the case of **sweet lupines**, the production forecast is 16 000 tons, which is 4,76% or 800 tons less than the previous month's forecast of 16 800 tons. The area estimate of sweet lupines is 16 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,00 t/ha.

Please note that the final production estimate for winter cereals for 2023 will be released on 28 February 2024.

Information is available on the internet at http://www.dalrrd.gov.za/old_website/statistics or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **14:30 on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.**

Wintergewasse - 2023 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die produksieskatting vir **koring** is 2,089 milj. ton, wat 2,90% of 62 400 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 2,152 milj. ton. Die oppervlakte beplant word beraam op 537 950 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,88 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 1,095 milj. ton (52%), in die Noord-Kaap 300 000 ton (14%) en in die Vrystaat 295 200 ton (14%).

Die geraamde oppervlakteskatting vir koring in die Wes-Kaap is 365 000 ha of 68%, 72 000 ha of 13% in die Vrystaat en 40 000 ha of 7% in die Noord-Kaap.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **gars** is 376 195 ton, wat 4,43% of 15 975 ton meer is as die vorige maand se skatting van 360 220 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant word beraam op 107 600 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,50 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola-oes** is onveranderd gelaat op 237 450 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 131 200 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,81 t/ha.

Die verwagte oes vir **hawer** vir die 2023-seisoen is 40 250 ton en die oppervlakteskatting is 27 500 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,46 t/ha.

In die geval van **soetlupine** is die produksieskatting 16 800 ton, wat 4,76% of 800 ton minder is as die vorige maand se skatting van 16 800 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met soetlupine is 16 000 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,00 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2023 op 28 Februarie 2024 vrygestel sal word.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by http://www.dalrrd.gov.za/old_website/statistics of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **14:30 op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee.**

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