

Targhee Talk

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Targhee Sheep Association*



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President's Notes

Warm weather is finally here! The area around Reed Point has had excellent moisture and we couldn't be happier. What a way to recover from a long, hard winter. I hope everyone is excited for this year's National Show & Sale in Miles City, I know I am. We were able to learn a lot by putting out the survey after nationals last year.

I would like everyone to take note that many were not happy with the "drama" last year. The number of members in the association has grown over the years. That is great, but along with that come some growing pains. New members also means many ideas of how things should be done. New ideas are vital to any organization. Just as important as new ideas is unity. That is why our association is run democratically. Ideas need to be brought to committee and then put before the members at the national meeting to be voted on. Changes must be passed by the membership. If the membership does not agree with an idea or change proposed, do not take it personally. Accept that the change proposed is not what the group wants at this time. There are things in the association that I do not agree with, but it was voted on by the membership so I accept that and move on. Getting mad, causing drama and personal conflict does not help anyone and hurts the association. We can agree to disagree on different ideas and subjects. Almost everyone disagrees on something.

Please remember that the kids are watching you and watching how you handle these situations and mimicking your actions. Please show them that we can all get along and have great time even when we don't agree and there does not need to be any drama, conflict, or hurt feelings. Nationals has been part of our summer vacation for 20 years. I would like other members to know that for a lot of us this is our only vacation with our family, not just a show, so we want to make it a positive experience for everyone.

This year we will be the 10th anniversary of awarding starter flocks to deserving youth. And to commemorate this, through outstanding member donations, we have enough animals to award 3 starter flocks! Please welcome these new members and their families to this great association.

Safe travels and I am excited to see everyone in July!

Your President,
Elisha Lewis Otis

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State Animal Health Regulations

All livestock entering Montana must have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by a licensed and accredited Veterinarian within 30 days of animal entry at the U.S. Targhee National Show & Sale. The physical address for the show is:

Eastern Montana Fairgrounds

42 Garryowen Road

Miles City, MT 59301

2018 USTSA Starter Flock Winners are . . .

Hannah Wetzstein – Buhl, Idaho
Daughter of Troy Wetzstein

When your grandparents tell you “go for it,” that’s a good sign that your family is behind your endeavors! This is exactly what happened to Hannah Wetzstein, of Buhl, Idaho, one of the 2018 USTSA Starter Flock Award recipients. Hannah’s first show-ring experience with sheep happened when she was 4 years old, helping her grandparents’ good friends. Or as Hannah puts it, “That’s when I fell in love!” She was given a bum Dorset ewe lamb to raise, show, and sell the next year, and that was the start of her sheep project.

Sheep are not the main species raised on Hannah’s ranch. That would be cattle, which her father and grandfather prefer. But Hannah’s 4-H leader encouraged her to show sheep and start livestock judging. After her 4-H leader retired, Hannah switched to showing only cattle at the 4-H level, but she has continued to show sheep in open and junior classes at their two State Fairs and their county fair. Hannah also participates in Lead Line competitions, winning twice already, and last year won the Top Hand Award, voted on by various leaders and given to the 4-H/FFA member that excels in their project and demonstrates true 4-H/FFA values.

Hannah’s grandmother also has been a great influence for her and her sheep, getting Hannah into spinning the fiber they harvest. The local spinners club is also looking for quality white wool for dyeing. As Hanna explains, “Our girls have nice wool, but we’d like to make it softer to sell to them and still have good lambs to sell.” Her grandmother took a wool grading class, and after determining the diameter on some Targhee wool, they knew they wanted to start raising Targhees! When Hanna started looking for local breeders, she found the starter flock award application, and now the rest is history!

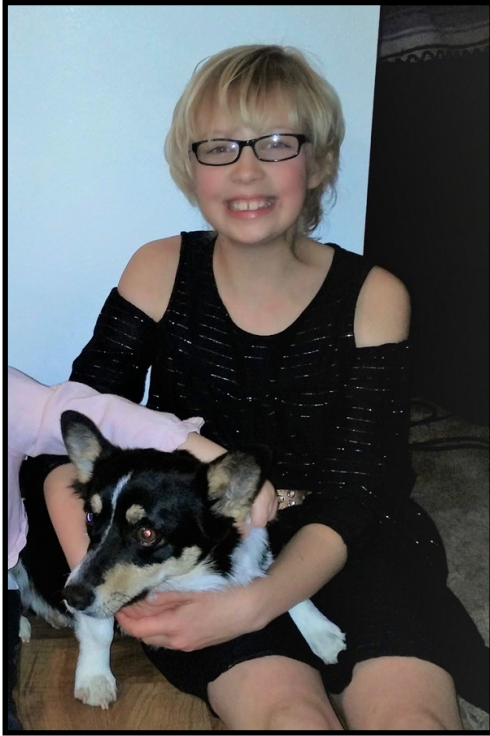
Last lambing season, Hannah maxed out the room in their lambing barn. When her grandfather observed the situation, he decided that Hannah and her grandmother needed a bigger barn. So her father, Troy, will be busy getting the new barn built for her new animals, and Hannah will be busy this summer building divider fences in their pastures so she can rotationally graze her ever growing flock of sheep. As her current 4-H leader, Karin Hurley, explains, “Hannah always maintains a high standard in caring for her animals and sets high expectations for herself as well.”



Hannah will be receiving a ewe lamb donated by Clover Meadow Targhees/Cal & Julie Ward, Sheridan, Montana, a yearling or aged ewe donated by Montana Sheep Company/Brent & Tracie Roeder, Ft. Shaw, Montana, and a yearling ewe donated by Green Ranch/Carolyn Green, Melville, Montana. She will also be receiving a yearling ram donated by Hunt Family Ranch/Michael & Rox Hunt, Carthage, South Dakota.

2018 USTSA Starter Flock Winners are . . .

Matilda Weeding – Circle, Montana
Daughter of Kyle & Shannell Weeding



The whole family is looking forward to raising sheep again! That feeling was very prominent when Matilda Weeding, of Circle, Montana was informed that she was one of the 2018 USTSA Starter Flock Award recipients. Shepherding skipped a generation, but she is excited about raising her own flock of white-faced, wool breed sheep. And at nine years of age, she is going to have a good amount of time to grow her flock!

Matilda's grandparents used to raise Suffolks and commercial whiteface sheep, but now they focus their efforts on cattle, mainly due to past predation problems in the area. While helping with chores on their farm, her grandparents have told her stories about when her mother was young and how much fun they had with the sheep. As her mother, Shannell, stated, "...she has wanted to get some ever since." Her family has recently purchased some new property, which will be an ideal location to work with and raise her animals. Not only does she help work her grandparents' cattle, she also helps with her grandmothers' quail and rabbits.

Being a member of her local 4-H chapter will allow Matilda to show her animals at the local county fair, where very few members raise and exhibit breeding sheep, and even fewer who are raising white wool breeds. "I would like a nice flock of sheep to raise, like ten to fifteen sheep..." explains Matilda. She also desires to teach her younger sister how to take care of a flock of sheep, gaining some practical day-to-day sheep management experience while helping a few local sheep producers with various jobs and activities.

Matilda is the proud owner of a Corgi, named Bandi, who she spends a great amount of time with, setting up obstacle courses, taking for long walks, and providing basic daily care. She also loves sports, participating in basketball, football and soccer, with her favorite being soccer! Matilda is an energetic, motivated young lady, who, according to a close family friend, "is a very friendly, helpful girl that would be a great representative for the US Targhee Sheep Association in our community."

Matilda will be receiving a ewe lamb donated by Skull Creek Targhees/Kristin & Cord Bieber, Brockway, Montana, a yearling ewe donated by Tunby Ranch Targhees/Randy & Amanda Tunby, Baker, Montana, and a yearling ewe donated by Dallas Sheep Outfit/Chuck & Cindy Dallas, Wilsall, Montana. She will also be receiving a breeding ram donated by McRae Brother Targhee/Jack & Kathy McRae, Jordan, Montana.

2018 USTSA Starter Flock Winners are . .

Corinne Canen – Glendive, Montana
Daughter of Tana & Ross Canen

Shepherding lives in some individuals' genes!! So is the case for one of the 2018 USTSA Starter Flock Program award winners. Corinne Canen, of Glendive, Montana, will become a 5th generation shepherdess when she receives her award animals in July at the 2018 USTSA National Show and Sale. Her great-great-grandfather emigrated from Norway in the late 1800's, settling in eastern Montana, and taking employment as a shepherd. Corinne's parents, Tana & Ross, raise cattle, registered Quarter Horses, sheep and feed grains on their Glendive-area ranch. They currently own just over 50 head of Suffolk ewes, selling lambs for meat and to other 4-H members for market lambs.

Corinne has been actively involved in her local 4-H chapter for the past 7 years, three of which have been in their sheep project. At her 2016 county fair, she raised and exhibited the Grand Champion market lamb, and in 2017, she received the Butcher's Choice Award. She also was a showmanship champion at a jackpot show in 2016. Marnie Rau, Corinne's 4-H Leader, commented that she "will be someone other youth will look to and see what the program truly represents." Besides her sheep project, Corinne also exhibits dairy goats and rabbits, takes part in the horsemanship and colt-to-maturity competitions, and will be showing her first market hog this year.

"There's always been something so irresistible about wool breed lambs," states Corinne. "They're very cute and I like the fact that they are smaller than the meat breeds I'm used to working with." She is highly involved with the current family flock, helping with tagging, sorting, vaccinating, and being a good "go-fer." They use goats to nurse their bum lambs, which mainly belong to Corinne, and for which she is responsible, including the bum lambs.

Corinne envisions herself showing, raising and expanding a healthy flock of Targhees, selling the offspring and the wool. She plans on exhibiting her animals as purebred 4-H projects, and sharing the benefits of the breed with her other club members. Her grandmother also would like to use their wool in pillows! It appears that the future is pretty bright for this award winner and her new flock!



Corinne will be receiving a ewe lamb donated by Alicia Holtz, Little Falls, Minnesota (2017 USTSA Starter Flock Winner), a yearling ewe donated by McRae Brother Targhees/Jack & Kathy McRae, Jordan, Montana, and a yearling ewe donated by Dallas Sheep Outfit/Chuck & Cindy Dallas, Wilsall, Montana. She will also be receiving a yearling ram donated by Hunt Family Ranch/Michael & Rox Hunt, Carthage, South Dakota.

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- Schedule of Events -

Wednesday, July 11th

12:00 PM Pens Available For Early Arrivals

Thursday, July 12th

8:30 AM – National Junior Show. Order of Showing:

Yearling Ram
Fall Ram Lamb
Spring Ram Lamb
Yearling Ewe
Fall Ewe Lamb
Spring Ewe Lamb
Best Fleece On Animal

- Junior Showmanship (Pee-wee, Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
- Junior & Adult Pairing Showmanship

12:00 NOON LUNCH

1:00 PM - Wool And Photo Contest Entries Due

1:00 PM – Junior Sheep Fitting Contest

2:00 PM - Open Show Entry Sifting Begins—Deadline for Open Show sheep to be In the barn. Health, Registration, Micron, And EBV Paperwork due at this time

4:00 PM - – Junior Targhee Association Annual Meeting

6:00 PM – Picnic at Range Rider Museum

8:30 PM - USTSA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, July 13th

8:30 AM – Junior Futurity Ewe Show

- National Open Show: Order of Showing

NSIP Yearling Rams
Yearling Rams
Fall Ram Lambs
January Ram Lambs
Spring Ram Lambs
NSIP Yearling Ewes
Yearling Ewes
Fall Ewe Lambs
January Ewe Lambs
Spring Ewe Lambs
Pair of Yearling Ewes
Pair of Ewe Lambs – Fall than Spring

- Adult Jackpot Showmanship

12:00 NOON LUNCH

1:00 PM – National Wool Show judging
Discussion of Wool Placings (Wool Judge)

2:00 PM - Wool Seminar

2:30 PM - US Experiment Sheep Station/Dubois Presentation

3:00 PM – USTSA Annual Association Meeting

6:00 PM - Social at Miles City Town and Country Club

7:00 PM – Awards Banquet

Saturday, July 14th

11:00 AM - LUNCH

11:45 AM - Presentation of USTSA Starter Flock Awards

12:00 Noon – National Sale (Rams followed by Ewes)



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2018 USTSA National Show Entries

Consignor	NSIP	Yrlg	Fall	Jan.	Spring	NSIP	Yrlg	Fall	Jan.	Spring	Pair of	Pair of
	Yrlg	Ram	Ram	Ram	Ram	Yrlg	Ewe	Ewe	Ewe	Ewe	Yrlg	Ewe
	Ram		Lambs	Lambs	Lambs	Ewe		Lamb s	Lambs	Lambs	Ewes	Lambs
Kopren				1,2	3	4,5	6		7,8	9		10,11,12,13
Lisa Surber	14	15				16			17	18		
Kristin Bieber	19					20,21						
Von Krosigk Family Targhees		22, 23					24, 25			26	27,28,29, 30,31,32	
Schaefer Targhees		33,34					35,36					
Maria Geis		37										
Clover Meadows	38	39				40				41		
Kilber Family				42				43	44,45,46			
Holtz Family Targhee				47					48	49		
Circle M Targhees		50							51,52			
Beastrom Family		53	54				55,56	57,58	59			60,61
Stulken Targhees									62			
Plum Creek - Leroy		63										
Caleb		64	65				66		67			
Derek		68										
Lucas		69					70		71			
Pruitt Targhees				72		73,74						
Modoc Targhees	75											
Benjamin Reppert		76		77			78		79,80			
Reppert Family Targhee		81		82			83				84,85	86,87
Carl Nielsen				88					89	90,91		92,93
Lewis/Otis Targhees		94,95					96,97			98,99	100,101	
Green Ranch Targhees						102,103					104,105	
University of Wiscon- sin/Madison	106		107			108	109			110		
McRae Brother Targhees	111					112,113						

Bedding on Site

Straw will be put down in all pens prior to arrival. If you prefer any other material, please bring that with you.

Phone Bids

We will have a cell phone available for phone bids on the morning of the sale. If you are interested in getting that number, contact Jack McRae at 406-977-6121.

Early Arrival

Pens will be available for early arrival on Wednesday. Contact Kristin Bieber at 406-672-4471 to make arrangements.

Photo Contest

The Photo Contest must involve Targhee sheep. There is no entry fee or limit on number of photos submitted. This contest is open to anyone whose immediate family has a USTSA membership. Entries must be accompanied by an uncut negative or a CD with image files. Each photo should be mounted on stiff backing. Name, address, and phone number should be on the back side of the entry. **Entries may be submitted electronically to Mardy at us-targheesheep@gmail.com no later Saturday, June 30th. There is a limit of two electronic entries per voting membership.** Electronic entries will be printed on photo paper and posted with regularly submitted photos.

All entries become the property of the USTSA and will **NOT** be returned. Photos will be judged by popular vote of viewers. Ballots and a ballot box will be placed near the Targhee display area. The voting period will be from 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18th through 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 19th. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

Benefit Auction Items

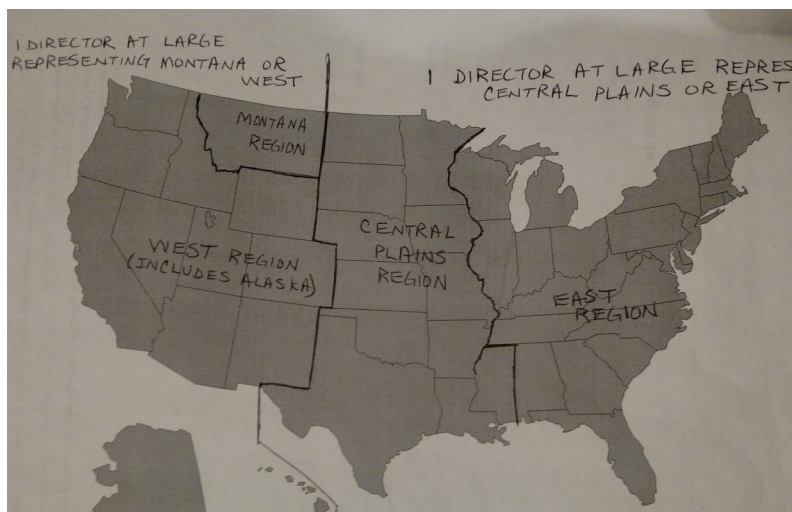
Consignees and members are encouraged to bring an item(s) for the Benefit Auction on Friday evening. Proceeds from the auction will help to defray the costs of the National Show and Sale, or support the Junior Show, Youth Futurity, and Starter Flock programs. Members really enjoy the opportunity to bid on things from different parts of the United States. Foodstuffs with local flavor are always a hit. If you would like to bring/donate a door prize item, please bring with you to the banquet. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate an item, contact Mardy to make those arrangements. Thanks in advance for making the Benefit Auction fun and interesting!

2018 USTSA Annual Members Meeting

The Annual Members meeting will be held Friday, July 13th at 3 pm at the Eastern Montana Fairgrounds, Miles City, Montana. Randell Von Krosigk and Bryan Allred's terms expire this year. The Board will be taking nominations up until the Members meeting for the West and At Large West seats as well as finding out if either wish to seek reelection. Voting will commence at the meeting.

Can't attend Nationals and the Annual Member's meeting? But have a concern or suggestion to help make the Association run smoother, contact Mardy at 702-292-5715 or us-targheesheep@gmail.com or your regional Director to have it added to the meeting agenda.

From the map below, please be thinking of anyone you might think would be a great edition to the Board for each region up for reelection.



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Upcoming Calendar of Events

July 1-2 - Advanced Shearing School - Watertown, S.D. - Loren Opstedahl at lorkatopstedahl@goldenwest.net or 605-484-3600

July 8-11 - Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School - Sioux Falls, S.D. - <http://www.nlfa-sheep.org/leadership.html>

July 11-12 - Colorado Wool Growers Association Convention - Montrose, Colo. - www.coloradosheep.org

July 12-14 - U.S. Targhee Sheep Association National Show and Sale - Miles City, Mont. - <http://www.ustargheesheep.org/>

July 13-14 - Crossroads of the West All-Breeds Sheep Sale - Location TBA - <http://www.bannersheepmagazine.com>

July 13-14 - Idaho Wool Growers Association Ram Sale - Filer, Idaho - <https://www.facebook.com/idahowool/>

July 14 - Ohio Sheep Day - OARDC Eastern Research Station - Caldwell, Ohio - <http://www.ohiosheep.org>

July 14 - Washington State Sheep Producers Ram & Ewe Sale - Moses Lake, Wash. - <http://www.wssp.org>

July 19-21 - Superior Farms Sheep Industry Innovators Conference - UC-Davis Conference Center - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sheep-industry-innovators-conference-tickets-42479951679>

July 19-22 - 34th North East Youth Sheep Show - Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Mass. - <http://www.nesheep.org>

July 28 - Center of the Nation NSIP Sale - Spencer, Iowa - <http://www.NSIP.org/home/events/center-of-the-nation-nsip-sale/>

July 30-Aug. 1 - NSIP Carcass Ultrasound Certification School - Moscow, Idaho - mjcolle@uidaho.edu, Christopher.schauer@ndsu.edu, 701-567-4323 or visit <http://www.nsip.org>

Aug. 1-2 - California Wool Growers Association Annual Online All Breeds Sheep Sale - <http://www.californiawoolgrowers.org>

Aug. 3-4 - Bartlettyarns Open House - Harmony, Maine - <http://www.bartlettyarns.com>

Aug. 5-7 - ASI Young Entrepreneurs Tour - Loveland, Colo. - <http://sheepusa.org/Events/FutureMeetingDates>

Aug. 11 Eastern NSIP Sale - Wooster, Ohio - <http://www.NSIP.org/home/events/eastern-nsip-sale/>

Aug. 16-18 - California Wool Growers Annual Meeting and Convention - Cambria, Calif. - <http://www.californiawoolgrowers.org>

Aug. 25 - 43rd Annual Virginia Performance Tested Ram Lamb & Ewe Lamb Sale and Sheep Field Day - Raphine, Va. - <http://www.vasheepproducers.com/>

Sept. 7-9 - Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival - Jefferson (Wis.) Fair Park - <http://www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com>

Sept. 12 - 5th Annual Montana Ewe Sale - Eastern Montana Fairgrounds in Miles City, Mont. - www.mtsheep.org

Sept. 13 - 93rd Annual Montana Ram Sale - Eastern Montana Fairgrounds in Miles City, Mont. - www.mtsheep.org

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Eastern & Mid-Western State Fairs

Ohio State Fair

Columbus, Ohio
July 25 - August 5, 2018
www.ohiostatefair.com or
888-OHO-EXPO

Wisconsin State Fair

West Allis, Wisconsin
August 2-12, 2018
www.wisstatefair.com or
800-884-FAIR

South Dakota State Fair

Huron, South Dakota
August 33 - September 3, 2018
www.sdstatefair.com or
800-529-0900

Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

Jefferson, Wisconsin
September 7-9, 2018
www.wisconsinssheepandwool
festival.com or
920-674-7148

Mid-Western & Western Sales

Center of the Nation NSIP Sale

Spencer, Iowa
July 28, 2018
<http://nsip.org/home/events>

Wyoming Ram Sale

Douglas, Wyoming
September 11, 2018
dianelc@wyowool.org or
307-265-5250

Montana Ram Sale

Miles City, Montana
September 12-13, 2018
www.mtsheep.org or
mwga@mtsheep.org
406-442-1330

Hettinger Ram Sale

Hettinger, North Dakota
September 19, 2018
Lyle Warner 701-255-1183

Newell Ram Sale

Newell, South Dakota
September 20-21, 2018
www.newellramsale.com or
605-490-7413

Scholarships available in Memory of Bud Beastron and Jim Elphick

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to a Junior member at Nationals for the second year. Eligible applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time graduate or undergraduate program at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school in an Ag related degree. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, a statement of education and career goals. When telling your story and where you are going in the future, be sure to specifically include the following: What is your need for this particular scholarship and what goal are you trying to achieve by attending college? Please also include current GPA.

Essays are to be submitted by 5 pm July 13th. Contact Jon Beastron at 605-224-8120 for more information.

Senate Passes Farm Bill

The U.S. Senate passed the farm bill Thursday by a margin of 86-11.

The Senate was considering several amendments prior to passage. Amendments to reform crop insurance and checkoff programs failed shortly before the vote was taken.

Debates over funding USDA programs for trade with Cuba, and the idea of restricting President Donald Trump's tariff abilities both ended up slowing down the vote on Senate version of the farm bill but the bipartisan bill was approved.

Now comes the time for a conference committee to come together to settle the differences between the House's bill and the Senate's.

Senate Agriculture Ranking Member Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) said, "We know conference committee is going to be a wild and wooly debate as we go forward."

The House bill passed by a narrow margin of just two votes last week as 20 Republicans joined Democrats in opposing the bill. The Senate legislation does not make any large sweeping changes to the farm bill but does make some slight alterations that have largely gained support from agriculture groups.


House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway (R-Tex.) offered the following statement upon passage of the Senate bill, "Passage today of the Senate Farm Bill reflects a hard-fought victory, and I commend Chairman Roberts for his tireless efforts. I look forward to working together to send a strong, new farm bill to the president's desk."

The bill still has a long road to walk before it becomes law but today it made a step in the right direction.



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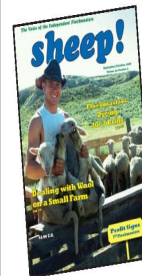
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