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Programs Update

NRCS Nevada State Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

11/10/26







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Agenda

- **Fiscal Year 2026 Obligations and highlights**
- **Fiscal Year 2027 Allocation and Spending Plan**



FY 2026 Obligations by Program

Program	$ obligated	$ certified to date	% Certified to date
EQIP	$17,109,938.69	$2,324,001.69	14%
CSP	$1,411,927.00	$64,091.00	5%
ACEP-ALE	$765,000.00	$-	0%
AMA	$251,171.30	$92,188.30	37%

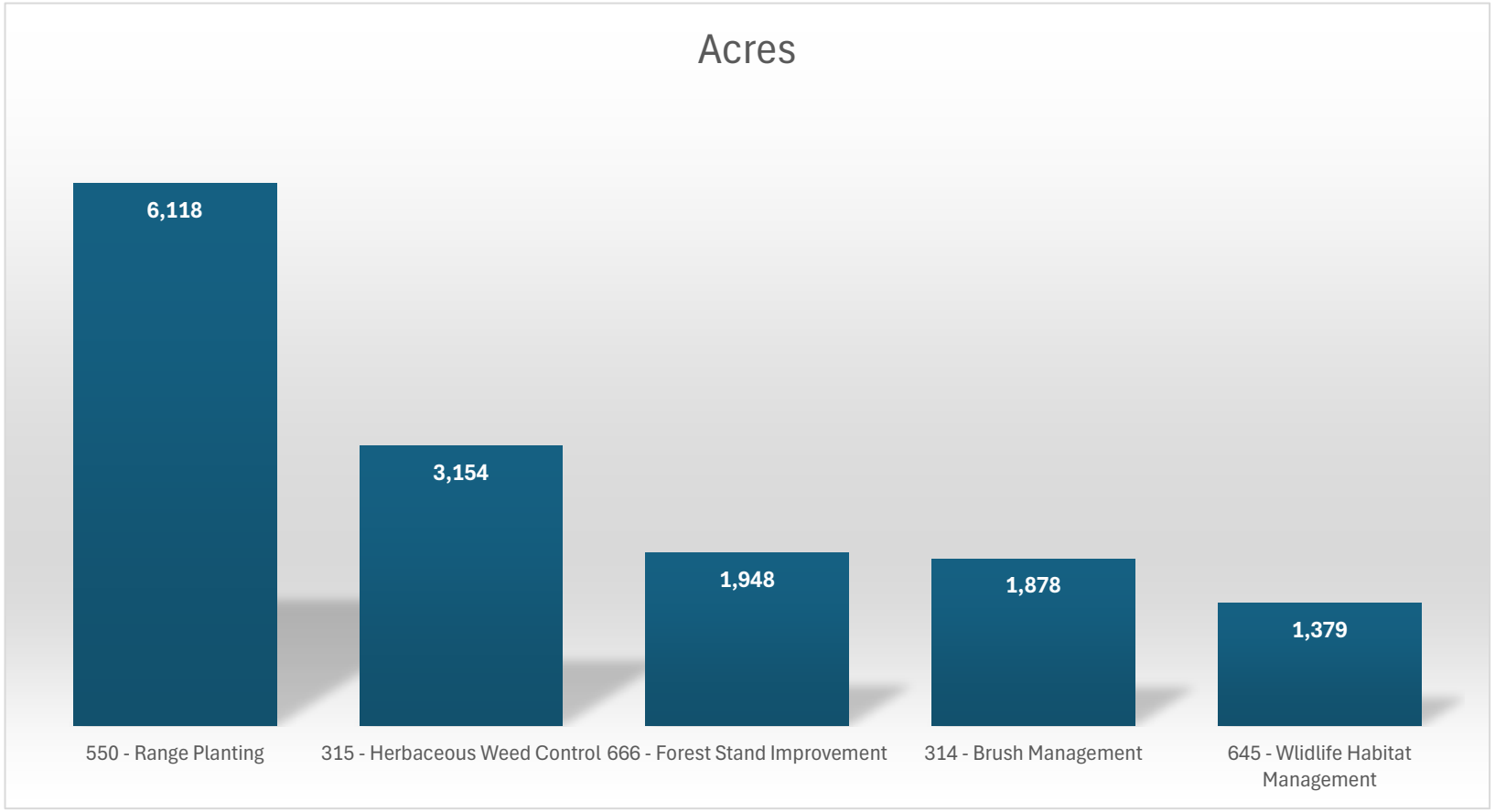
FY 26 EQIP Obligations by "Fund Pool"

Fund Pool	$ Obligated
Alturas	$ 449,809.00
Caliente	$ 1,013,575.00
Elko	$ 3,179,182.00
Ely	$ 2,273,801.00
Fallon	$ 4,496,152.00
Las Vegas	$ 260,763.00
Lovelock	$ 692,331.00
Minden	$ 1,073,339.00
Winnemucca	$ 1,413,228.00
Yerington	$ 2,260,756.00

FY 26 EQIP Obligations by County

County	$ Obligated	County	$ Obligated
Churchill	$ 4,496,152.00	Lander	$ 280,164.00
Clark	$ 257,632.00	Lincoln	$ 1,013,575.00
Douglas	$ 476,131.00	Lyon	$ 1,264,810.00
Elko	$ 2,703,093.00	Mineral	$ 811,332.00
Esmeralda	$ 184,603.00	Nye	$ 274,484.00
Eureka	$ 476,089.00	Pershing	$ 692,331.00
Humboldt	$ 1,133,064.00	Washoe	$ 597,208.00
		White Pine	$ 2,002,448.00

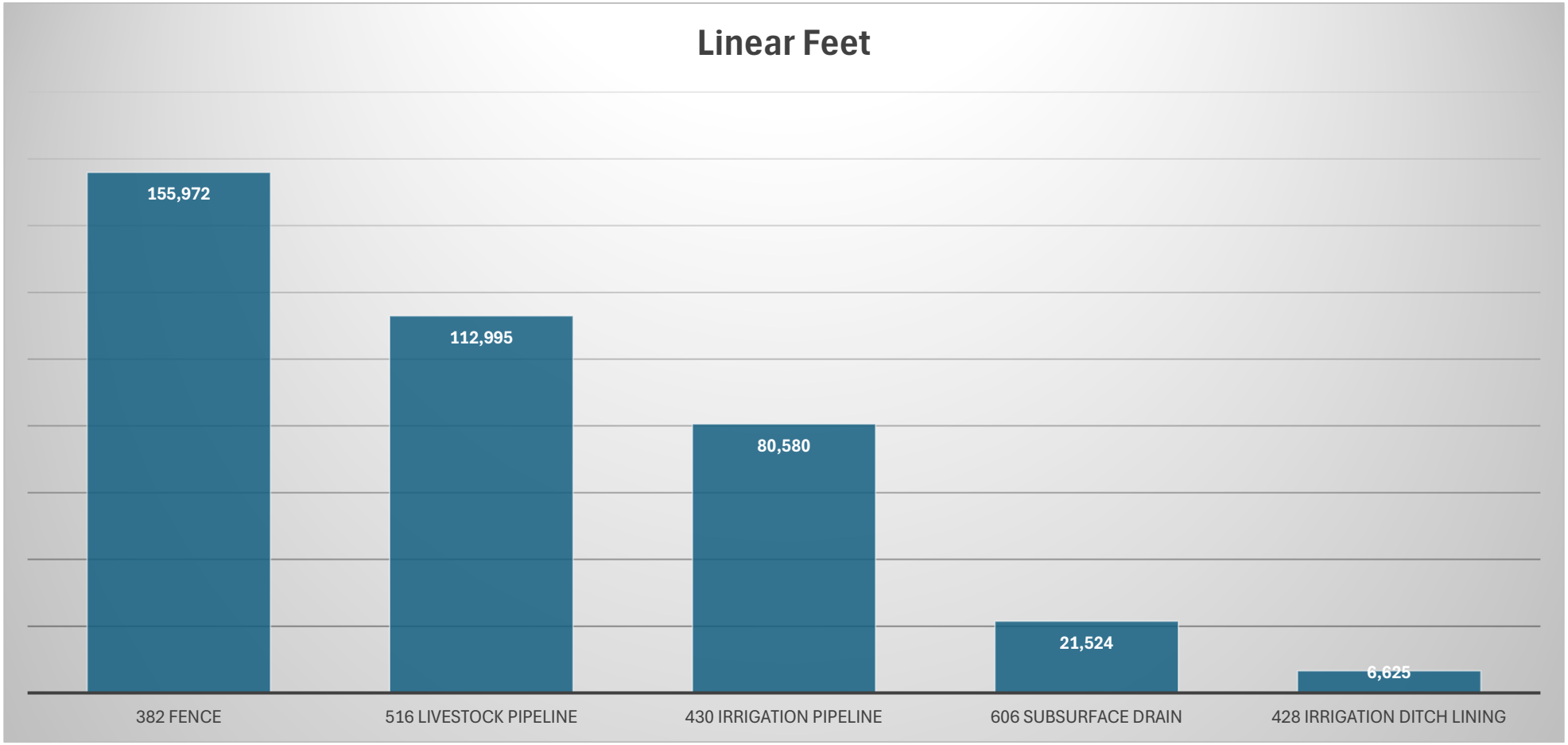
Top EQIP Practices in Fiscal Year 2026 By Acre



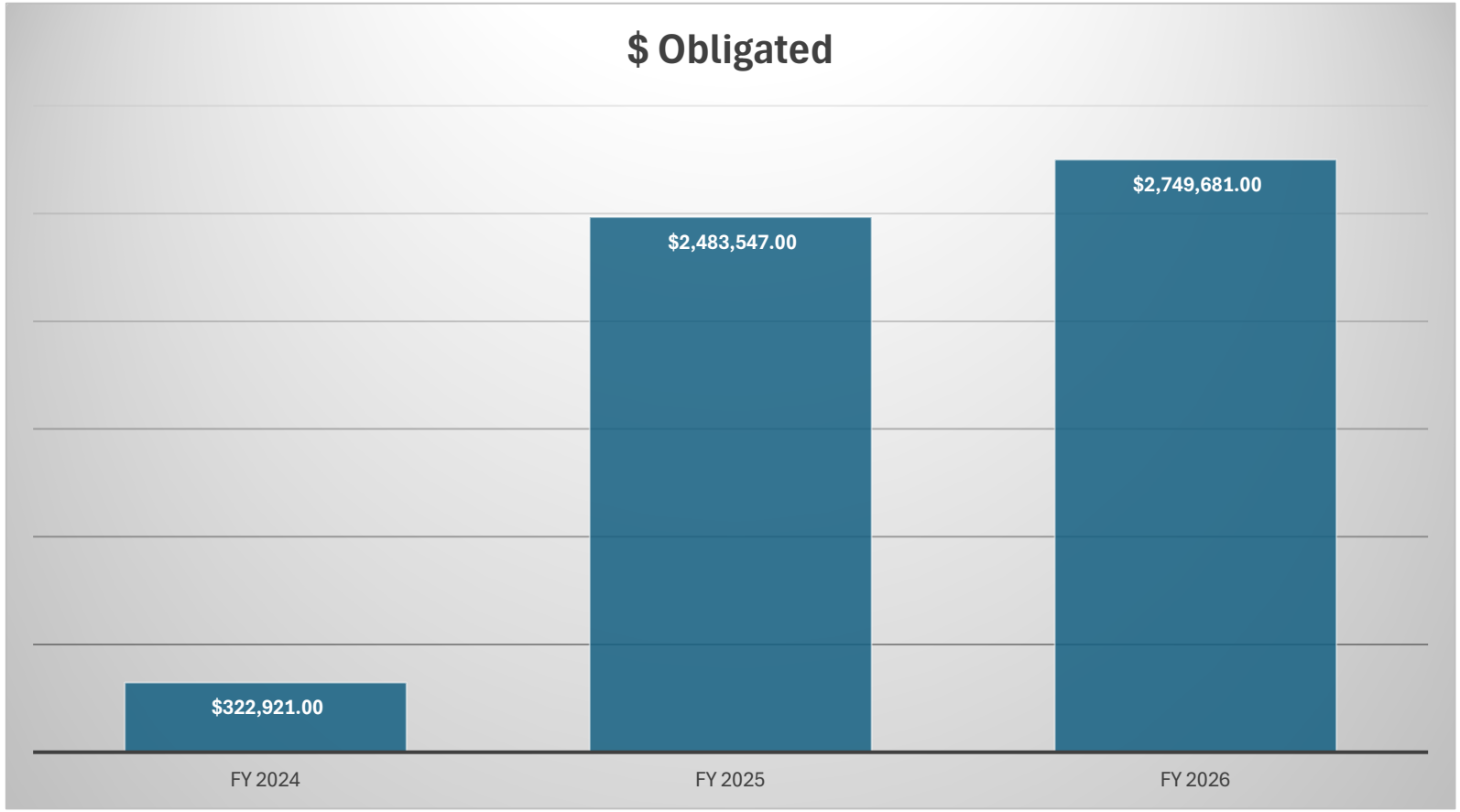
Not Listed

- **528 Grazing Management** 100,437 acres
- **340 Cover Crop** 1,069 acres

Top EQIP Practices in Fiscal Year 2026 By Foot



Tribal Fund Pool - EQIP



Natural Disaster EQIP Contracts in 2026

- NRCS-NV funded more than $1.8 million worth of EQIP contracts in the last few months of the fiscal year for projects that were attempting to respond to recent wildfires.
- Examples of practices include Fence, Obstruction removal, range planting, and brush management.

Agriculture Marketing Assistance

- Program At A Glance
  - AMA provides financial assistance up to 75 percent of the cost of installing conservation practices.
  - Total AMA payments shall not exceed $50,000 per participant for any fiscal year.
  - Participants are not subject to Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985.
  - Participants are subject to Adjusted Gross Income provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985.
  - AMA offers an additional higher cost-share for historically underserved producers.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- Provides incentives for maintaining good stewardship (existing practices).
- Provides additional incentive for increasing stewardship (new activities).
- Best suited for applicants that have a history of documenting their management strategies and/or have history with NRCS.
- Annual $4,000 payments over 5 years plus payments for implementation practices.
- Implementation practices now pay the same rate as EQIP (HU rate not available in CSP)
- **Separate Farm Bill Payment Limitation of $300,000.**
- Eligible on public land.





Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)



- Agriculture Land Easement (ALE)
- help private and tribal landowners, land trusts, and other entities such as state and local governments protect croplands and grasslands on working farms and ranches by limiting non-agricultural uses of the land through conservation easements.
- $765,000 obligated in FY 26. One easement in Washoe County and one in Elko.



- Wetland Reserve Program (WRE)
- help private and tribal landowners protect, restore and enhance wetlands which have been previously degraded due to agricultural uses.

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Allocations and Fund Pools Fiscal Year 2027







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FY 2027 Allocations

Program	Allocation Amount
ACEP-ALE General	$ 3,671,000
ACEP-WRE General	$ 1,100,000
AMA	$ 274,000
CSP General	$ 3,000,000
EQIP General	$ 15,008,000
EQIP-National Air Quality Initiative	$ 1,500,000
EQIP-Sage Grouse Initiative	$ 816,000
EQIP-National Water Quality Initiative	$ 112,000

Regenerative Pilot Programs

Nevada will pre-approve no less than 45% in CSP and 55% in EQIP

Mandatory Program	Financial Assistance (FA)	RPP Minimum
CSP	$3 million to $9 million	$1.35 to $4.05 million
EQIP – General	$15 million	$8,250,000
EQIP – NAQI	$1.5 million	Exempt from RPP
EQIP – NWQI	$112,000	$61,600
EQIP – SGI	$816,000	$448,000

EQIP Fund Pools FY 26

EQIP Fundpools	Allocation Amount
Caliente Service Center	$ 1,550,708.00
Elko Service Center	$ 1,550,708.00
Ely Service Center	$ 1,550,708.00
Fallon Service Center	$ 1,550,708.00
Las Vegas Service Center	$ 1,550,708.00
Lovelock Service Center	$ 1,550,708.00
Minden Service Center	$ 1,550,708.00
Winnemucca Service Center	$ 1,550,708.00
Yerington Service Center	$ 1,550,708.00
EQIP-Water Smart Initiative	$ 750,000.00
EQIP-National Water Quality Initiative	$ 102,623.00

EQIP Fund Pools FY 27

EQIP Fundpools	Allocation Amount
Caliente Service Center	$ 2,009,000.00
Elko Service Center	$ 2,009,000.00
Ely Service Center	$ 2,009,000.00
Fallon Service Center	$ 2,009,000.00
Las Vegas Service Center	$ 2,009,000.00
Lovelock Service Center	$ 2,009,000.00
Minden Service Center	$ 2,009,000.00
Winnemucca Service Center	$ 2,009,000.00
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EQIP Allocation Rules: EQIP General Allocation

NRCS Policy dictates to states that the below percentages of their general EQIP and CSP allocation will be used for the below priorities:

- **Wildlife** - at least 10%
- **Source Water Initiative:** at least 10%
- **Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher:** at least 5%
- **Beginning Farmer and Ranchers:** at least 5%

Example of Expected EQIP Category Amounts

Elko	**$ 2,009,000**
SDFR	$ 100,450
BFR	$ 100,450
Regenerative Ag Pilot Program	$ 1,104,950
National Air Quality	$ 167,000
Sage Grouse Initiative	$ 90,667

Irrigated	$ 152,741
Non-Irrigated	$ 152,741
Tribal	$ 100,000
Water Mgmt. Entity	$ 10,000
High Tunnel	$ 10,000
CPA/DIA/CEMA	$ 10,000
ActNow	$ 10,000

FY 27 Priority Practices - EQIP

Practice Code	Practice Name	2026 Obligation
314	Brush Management	$451,292
315	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	$305,061
550	Range Planting	$1,143,685
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment	$354
516	Livestock Pipeline	$172,382
533	Pumping Plant	$225,954
614	Watering Facility	$228,703
528	Grazing Management	$835,077
340	Cover Crop	$96,369
449	Irrigation Water Management	$43,291
	Total	**$3,502,168**

FY 27 ACT NOW Practices

- 315 Herbaceous Weed Treatment
- 314 Brush Management
- 550 Range Seeding
- 612 Tree/Shrub Establishment
- 422 Hedgerow Planting
- 391 Riparian Forest Buffer
- 327 Conservation Cover
- 512 Pasture and Hay Planting
- 340 Cover Crop

Important Dates







State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) and Local Work Groups (LWGs)

- How Do These Meetings Fit Together?
  - LWG sets the local priorities (local work group fund pools)
  - STAC helps determine state priorities
  - Both determine resource concern priorities



Timelines for NRCS

- **April -** National deadline to propose changes to payment schedules (there is currently no official deadline but based on previous year timelines)
- **August** - National deadline to submit State Priority Practice list (Practices with higher payments)
- **November** - State deadline to develop rankings and include priority resource concerns

Timelines for LWG and STAC

- **March 28 -** LWG and STAC deadline to propose changes to payment schedules
- **Spring/Summer -** STAC meeting – Input on Priority Practices, and any other fund pools such as Tribes, NAQI, and Beginning Farmer/Rancher
- **September -** Local Work Group ranking input due date

Nevada Programs Calendar FY 27

Application Deadlines

- October 15, 2026 AMA, EQIP, CSP, ACEP-ALE, and ACEP-WRE – 1st Batching Period
- March 5, 2027 *AMA, EQIP, CSP, ACEP-ALE, and ACEP-WRE – 2nd Batching Period

*2nd batching period for all programs is contingent upon availability of funds.

Ranking Deadlines

- December 18, 2026 CSP – 1st Batching Period
- January 22, 2027 ACEP-ALE, ACEP-WRE – 1st Batching Period
- April 2, 2027 EQIP, AMA, 1st Batching Period
- June 18, 2027 *CSP, AMA, EQIP, ACEP-ALE, ACEP-WRE – 2nd Batching Period

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Obligation Deadlines

- February 26, 2027 CSP 1st Batching Period
- June 4, 2027 AMA, EQIP, ACEP-ALE, ACEP-WRE – 1st Batching Period
- August 13, 2027 CSP, AMA, EQIP, ACEP-ALE, ACEP-WRE 2nd Batching Periods

Emergency related situations, such as Fire, are ongoing with no deadlines. They require consultation with the state Conservationist prior to moving forward with contracting approval.

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