

Food Plot Success Summit with Dr. Judy McFarlen of DIY Deer Food Plots

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David Barrett: Hi! David Barrett, founder of Trophy Buck Secrets, here with you for another Food Plot Success Summit expert interview. Get ready to learn some tremendous food plot tips during this call. Now, I'll turn things over to our host, Ralph Scherder.

Ralph Scherder: Thanks, Dave. Welcome to another installment of the Trophy Buck Secrets teleseminar series. Our special guest today is Dr. Judy McFarlen of DIY Deer Food Plots. Dr. McFarlen is the author of the book "Deer Food Plots Made Easy." Thanks for joining us today, Judy.

Judy McFarlen: You're welcome.

Ralph: And Judy, can you please tell our listeners at TrophyBucksSecrets.com a little bit about yourself?

Judy: I'm a veterinarian by trade, and my husband and I have a cattle ranch in Alberta, Canada. So, I spend half of my time consulting in veterinary medicine and the other half of my time ranching. We have about 100 head of cattle, and we have about 2000 acres of agricultural crops. We have a very large deer population, both white tail and mule deer in our area in Alberta.

Ralph: Oh, OK. What got you involved in a food plot and managing deer?

Judy: The reason that my husband and I both got involved was we had some areas which we thought would be amenable on our property to food plots, and we have several hunters that come to our ranch every year to hunt. We also have two outfitters that use our land for both duck hunting and deer hunting. So, we started experimenting with food plots, mainly as a hobby I would have to say.

Ralph: OK. The first thing I'd like to talk about involves the planning process. How much planning or forethought goes into the process of creating a food plot? Do you chart out the exact shape of the plot?

Judy: Mostly what I did and what I recommend you do is it's not real important what the shape of it is so much as the location of it. So, if your goal, for instance, is to use it as a hunting attraction, then really a more secluded, smaller, slightly irregular plot anywhere that you can get in with your ATV and do some work is a good location. Then just keep in mind where you're going to put your stand or where you're going to put your blinds in relation to what the wind patterns are in that area. So foremost, we went out looking for resident secluded spot where deer will pass by or pass through and what are the trends in the wind patterns or the predominant wind factors allowing us to properly place blinds in or around the area.

So mostly, it was, "Is it a good place to put a food plot?" And secondly then the question was, "How many of them? How big?" And the shape really was irrelevant in the smaller plots. You know, one to three acre plots. They were usually just surrounded by trees or vetting areas or so forth. The larger plots though, I think the more rectangular they are, the easier they are to use equipment in.

But, I think the average person starting out food plotting probably doesn't have access to a bunch of high-end agricultural equipment and probably is not going to start out planting greater than five or ten acres of food plots. If they do though, I think the rectangular shape is superior. But, for hunting plots, it's pretty much any place that you can find a spot that makes sense.

Ralph: OK, what would you recommend as far as an average size for a hunting food plot?

Judy: I think one-and-a-half to three acres is probably good enough. Certainly, if your goal is to hunt in and around them, the more of those small plots you have the better depending on your deer population. Certainly, if you have two acre plots and there's really not a good native food source in the fall, the thing will get demolished before it ever comes up. So, it really is in reference to how intense is the browse pressure? Certainly, if the browse pressure is high, I think you have to go towards larger plots or multiple plots. If the browse pressure is low, then you can go with these smaller one-and-a-half, two acre plots.

Anytime you get bigger than two acres though, I'd say if you're using an ATV to work and till the ground, you'll just burn out your bike very easily pulling equipment around. So, I think really one-and-a-half to two acres is probably good for people using ATVs.

Ralph: OK. You mentioned about planting them rectangular shaped. How narrow is considered good?

Judy: Actually, if you're in a large or greater than five acre plot, you're probably using agricultural equipment. So, you need room to turn around your tractor and so forth. But, if you're using an ATV, literally the width of a bedroom is fine. A lot of times we'll use old logging trails or migratory trails to place food plots, and sometimes we do strips that are only as wide as two ATV passes.

Ralph: Oh, OK, OK. While doing this teleseminar series, we've talked to a couple of guests who have really delved into the topic of soil testing as far as the nuts and bolts of collecting samples and sending them off to a lab. However, one thing they haven't talked about in regards to soil testing is the cheap over-the-counter testing kits. What is your opinion of those kits? Are they accurate?

Judy: Yeah, I think they are accurate as far as pH goes, and certainly pH is a huge factor in the ability of the plants to absorb nutrients. So, I think that they are good tests. They're cheap. They're accurate as far as pH goes. But, pH is certainly not the only limiting factor. In some areas, it might be the most limiting factor, so I wouldn't discourage necessarily someone from using a pH kit if that's all they can manage to get done or that's the only thing they have access to.

But, most places, the USDA and the agricultural affiliations, have places where you can get cheap soil tests done, and they actually analyze organic matter and nutrients such as magnesium, phosphorous and stuff, and potassium. These might be limiting factors even if your pH is good.

So, pH is one of the big things. I think everybody knows about pH, but there are some plants where pH is the number one factor. But secondary is, for instance, the need for magnesium, potassium, or phosphorus. So, consequently, I think that the better grade dollar value is in getting the full tests done.

Plus most of those services offer consultation with the soil test on what amendments you need to do to your soil to make it ideal for that specific set of plants that you've decided to go ahead with.

Ralph: Can you give an example of a client that skipped the soil test and had a poor result?

Judy: Yes, I had a client contact me through the websites, and he had actually tried to put a clover stand in for three consecutive years and had really moderate success at best and was very unhappy. Of course, the number one thing people do is blame the seed or blame the company that they bought the seeds from. On talking to him and investigating, I realized that he had not done the soil test. And once he did in fact do his soil test, he needed to put in three tons of lime in a small plot in order to get the pH even into the zone where it would provide the plants with an adequate state in order to produce well.

Most plants have a fairly wide range of pH tolerance. Most like neutral, which is seven. But, some of them will grow from 5.5 to, say, 7.5 as a pH. But, they grow best at neutral. So, you'll often see in the literature or on the plant websites that it tolerates acidity. Well, it may tolerate it, but that's not saying it's producing well. [laughs]

So, this person had to put in three tons of lime in a small plot. That's a lot of lime in order to make it suitable. But, sometimes what happens is people will do a soil test and they'll go, "There's way too much lime needs to be added here or way too much fertilizer necessary to grow, and I want to grow, so I'm going to go pick a different site and try another soil test."

I've actually discounted a couple of places on our ranch that would have been really ideal locations based on the soil tests alone, and I went, "I don't want to put in the time, money, and effort in order to get this soil ready to go."

Ralph: Right, some places it's not worth it, I guess.

Judy: You know, and it all depends on the person. Some people have unlimited financial resources; that's not the case for most of us. And some people have limits to the amount of time, you know, so they have this opportunity of a few times during the year where they're going to get out to do a plot. They certainly don't want to be spending a lot of extra time and money getting it ready to go, I mean, especially if you have the option of having a different location. This person had only one location that was really decent for a plot and so consequently decided it was worth it to put the lime in there. But had, I mean three years of wasted time and effort over a soil test and lime is not all that expensive so in terms of the rest of the nutrients of the soil they were fine it was just the pH was really poor for clover sand.

Ralph: And after you've done all that soil testing at the site, what is the first step in the process of getting it ready to plant.

Judy: I think, what I normally do in the first year for beginners, I will usually start around mid-May and I usually let the weeds or the native growth come up about three or four inches, and then I usually spray the area completely with Roundup. And the idea there is to pretty much kill the native sprouts that are there or the native grasses that are there. And some, usually by the end of May in most locations, the growth is not higher than three to four inches. But, if it is, then you need to get in there, you know, with a bush hog or a weed whacker or anything just to cut down the

height of it so that there's good contact with the Roundup so you get a proper chemical burn the first time around. So, that's the first thing I do. And usually I go get my soil test and then I do this first round of killing the weeds if you will, as my first step in mid-May.

Ralph: And how important is it to kill those native grasses, will they actually choke out the seeds that you're broadcasting?

Judy: Absolutely. You know in having read most of the plot books myself and being on the Internet all the time, I think that the most underutilized resources that plotters have is weed control. And I think that there's a lot of emphasis on getting the right seeds, the right products and there's not a lot of emphasis placed on proper preparation if you will of the seedbed, which is all about the weed control. And I think that the weeds will choke them out, that's one thing they do, the other thing they do is they just suck out valuable nutrients. So, even though they may no choke out the standouts, they can decrease it productivity so it can't grow fast enough to say keep up with grazing and browsing.

Ralph: And then after all that, what do you do next then, most importantly when?

Judy: Yeah. I usually give it two to three weeks so either in, you know, late May or early June, there's going to be a bunch of dead grass there. You need to remove all that and I've gone out there onto small plots and physically removed it with rakes. If you are in an area where you can use controlled burning and, you know, there's somebody can do that for you, that's certainly, that's going to be superior to manually just removing thatch but either way works. And that's also a good time in late May, early June to apply the lime if you have to. But, ideally, you want to apply lime a few months ahead of time, but sometimes as early as six weeks ahead of your planting can be adequate to have a positive effect. And so once I have that thatch removed in late May or early June to mid-June, then what I will do is I will re-spray after there's three to four inches of new growth again. So, I'm spraying two or three times in some plots before I even think about tilling and planting seeds. So, we're doing a lot of, you know about weed control or native grass control before we ever start putting things in the ground.

Ralph: OK, and so why is it so important to follow these steps closely before moving forward?

Judy: I think, for me, you know, I'm all about the efficiency, right? So, sometimes, I've skipped those steps, you know, just gone. So, I can tell you that the skipping the steps and being in a hurry just means that you lose later on and usually end up having to go back to redo or you have an unsuccessful season in total because you just didn't follow the steps. We'd all like to cut corners and certainly Roundup is not cheap and your time isn't cheap and so we're all looking for that shortcut, I mean. But, I think in the end, you either end up with these unsuccessful plots or decrease production where the graze pressure is so high that it just kills the plot because the plot isn't given the best chance to start right off the bat. So, I think that you will learn from your mistakes like I did if you try to skip steps, but I think it is worth the time and effort to not skip the appropriate steps.

Ralph: OK. And say for instance you plant a food plot and it's not taking off quite like you hoped it would. Is there any chance of re-planting it that year or is it pretty much a wash until next year?

Judy: No, I think that's, if you planted in say mid to late July and you have a couple two or three weeks and something's not, you know it's not coming up like it should be or it's not germinating

like it should be, you could in fact re-plant that same season, I don't think it's a wash, or you can plant, you know over top or broadcast over top. Usually, what happens though is that when something isn't coming up like I had hoped it would, the number one question I say to myself is, "All right, why is not germinating? You know, did I put the seed too deep or too superficial? Is the soil not adequately prepared in terms of the pH and so forth?" There must be, if you don't get a good coming up then there's something usually wrong with your technique or how deep your seed went or how shallow it went, or how much moisture is in the soil versus it comes up really great and then it gets hammered and killed by the deer.

You know, so those are kind of two separate problems. So, if it's not coming up well, you may be better off if you haven't, if you've skipped the step of the soil test, you might want to consider it then. If you did in fact do the soil test, then you could reconsider how you planted the seed and whether or not you prepared the seedbed correctly for that seed.

For instance, some of these, if you don't till finely, some of these broadcasting seeds are so small and fine that they will go down into the little cracks and they'll get too deep to germinate properly. So, sometimes, it's just an error in seedbed preparation. Likewise, if you have the bigger seeds, like oats, if you don't put them deep enough, they don't do well either. And so I think that those are the number one and two failure things that people do when the plots don't come up well - either it has to do with the soil itself or the way you spread the seeds and there may be problems with how deep or shallow the seeds went.

Ralph: OK. And speaking of like spreading the seeds, how dense do you plant it? Like when you're broadcasting the seed, do you spread it out pretty thin?

Judy: Yeah, there's the recommended broadcasting rate for every different seed, seed mixture and you need to follow those very precisely. You know, I've made the mistake myself with grass seed. You know more is better. Well, I'm going to tell you more isn't better because what it does is it actually chokes itself out. There's just not enough nutrients to provide good germination and early rapid growth when you put too much seed down. On my blog, which is www.vetjudy.com, I have quite a bit of information there about food plotting and stuff that's, short discussions if you will and there's one segment on there on accurately measuring your plot. And it's important to not to go, "Ah, I think it's an acre-ish," because.

Ralph: That sounds like me.

Judy: I know, and I've done it too, right? It's like you just eyeball it and you go, "Ee, eh, yeah, yeah," and then you know you've got a little extra seed so you throw it out there and there's a whole discussion on the blog why not to do that, but certainly, literally it can choke itself out if you plant too thick. If you plant too thin, then you just don't, you get sparse growth which allows weeds to grow. So either way, it's not ideal. What is ideal is actually, physically calculating your acreage properly and don't throw in less and don't throw in more just because you've got some left, you know, hold back from that urge because, I've done it too and it didn't work out.

Ralph: Something that's always really confusing is that a lot of times I'll walk into a sporting goods store or look through a catalog and I'll see all these different types. You know from brassicas to chicory, all these different types of seeds, and I don't know which to choose. Can you provide any insight on choosing the right seed for you property?

Judy: I think that's a tremendous stumbling block for most people and I think that's actually one of the reasons they don't get started food plotting is because they look at the plant selection and they go "Oh my gosh." I just start reading some of those plant profiles and they're like "I don't know. What's a northern annual summer fall climbing blah blah?" You know, you just get confused

And so I think the biggest thing you can do is, and a cheap and easy resource, is to consult someone that's related to the agriculture or planting industry in your area. Most people can give you advice about which one of these seeds the deer eat in fact will grow in your area.

I put together some charts in the second edition of my book now. I put some charts and some maps for whether it's a warm season annual on one part of the state and a cool season annual on another part, and it's all very confusing.

But, I think certainly most people can find somebody in their local area that is serving the agriculture community in some way. And those people can help you. Either you can pick a few different ones, pretty much off of any deer food plotting website. You can pull four or five names of different plants that deer like to eat. The common ones, there's probably 15 or 20 of them, and then you can go and talk to the local person about will any of these grow here?

The other option is you can use some of the Quality Deer Management Institute, Whitetail Institute. These people have consultants online and if you buy your seed from them, they will help you. But, they will want to know where you're located. They'll want to know what the pH of your soil is before they give you any advice. And most of them deal in mixes and the reason for that is because it takes advantage of the best characteristics of all the plants put together.

Mixes are a good thing. They're not necessarily the cheapest way to go, but I think you can get good advice from those people and you can get good mixes. But, it just doesn't matter how expensive the seed is and how good the advice is if you still don't do the proper soil testing and the proper soil treatment and the proper tillage, you can lose the whole thing at the end.

Ralph: All right. Another thing I'd ask you to talk about is annuals and perennials. I understand that annuals come up every year and perennials are what, a seasonal thing or?

Judy: Yes, the annuals basically are annually planted. So, there's summer annuals and fall annuals. What that means basically is you're either planting in the fall or the spring, and those are called the fall annuals. Or you're planting in the summer or early spring. So, really it's really about when you plant it, it's either fall, winter, spring or summer when you're planting it, it lasts one season and then it's done. So, the minute the snow flies, you're finished. And the perennials are combinations that will come up anywhere, depending on the area you're located, which ones you're using, anywhere from one to five years you can get out of a perennial. I for instance, will sometimes use perennials annually. Because I get better crops that way. But, I think the big difference is just: one, ideally the perennials, they take longer to establish, and two, I think ideally you should be a more experienced food plotter before you start going perennials because they are harder to establish and they need better weed control to get a good crop started or to a good stand started. But, they can be a little lower maintenance in the long haul. They're more expensive to put in the first year, but you may get more time out of it and less maintenance in the long haul.

But, for the beginner, I recommend annuals across the board and what that means and I like the fall annuals because then you can spend almost the whole entire first season dealing with the weeds until it just shoots and get a good stand and get a good success. And then you're happy to do that next year, because I can tell you you're not as motivated in year number two if year number one didn't go well.

So, that's the basic difference between the annuals and perennials. And, go ahead.

Ralph: OK, I'm sorry, I didn't mean to cut you off there but. So, annuals are the best to plant if it's a food plot that you plan on hunting over?

Judy: Yes, I would have to say that annuals would be my preference for a food plot that you're hunting around or near, and the reason is that most of the fall annuals are species that will reach their maximum production when the native forage is falling down. And so they will be looking for another food source and your food source will be palatable and present when their native browse is deteriorating. So, I think that's the reason that fall annuals are the preferred species for deer during hunting season is because that's when the native browse is gone or has deteriorated to a very unpalatable state and so if you're offering something that is very, very tasty at a time when everything else doesn't taste so good, you certainly have a good drive for deer to get to your plot.

Ralph: I guess that really enhances the attraction and how frequently deer will be using that plot.

Judy: Correct and they're trying to prepare for Winter, and the demands of the ruts are very severe in some areas and combined with the preparation for Winter, so I think anything that you can do helps them nutritionally and the attraction factor is fairly big when nothing else is available that's interesting or palatable. The lignin, which is really the fibrous portion of all plants, increases at the end of its growth season. And that stuff just isn't tasty. You'll eat it if you have to, but you'd prefer something that's got less fibrous plant material in it and is more succulent. So things like brassicas and so forth, they actually get more palatable. Rape seed and brassicas may get more palatable after one or two frosts. And so that's just a really good timing.

Ralph: So, those are some of your favorite fall annuals for northern region in this?

Judy: Yes. I like chicory and rape seed and I usually just put half of the plot into each of them. I don't mix them up, I kind of due sole stands, and I usually just put chicory in the front and rape seed in the back and I just have a block of each. I like those because they're very tasty, they're tasty at the right time, and they're fairly easy to grow, and they do well in northern regions as well.

Ralph: OK, how about for say, southern regions of the United States where deer are found?

Judy: Yes I think that soybeans are pretty good, and some of the oats, forage oat crops do OK in some of the warmer regions. There is quite a big variability in the South about what will grow. For instance, the growth charts for various species, sometimes they will run only in the bottom half of a state or the northeast corner of a state and not in the southwest. So, I think it's difficult for me to make a blank recommendation for the South. I think that they get a lot more fussy depending on what the moisture levels are, how droughty it is depending on the area. How high the heat is during the late fall still, when you're trying to plant these and especially summer annuals. And so that's where I think if you're going to be in the South [inaudible 28:28] the local plant experts and make

sure that the species you want to use is going to survive the conditions at the time that you're going to plant it.

It's almost like the conditions further south are even more harsh because of the difficulty in getting plants to germinate is sometimes a huge issue. You're trying to put them in late summer or fall, if you're using fall annuals, and the worst heat has already been present for several months. So that's going to be a serious problem.

I think it's difficult to recommend a specific plant species that does well across the South, and you might have some [inaudible 29:11] sites that addresses some of those issues. But, I think your local plants, agricultural resource is probably going to help you or alternatively the, call your management association, like contact those, they have town consultants there that will take your specific state and portion of your state and give you the best recommendation for that area.

Ralph: OK, so after the seeds are planted...

Judy: Yes.

Ralph: What sort of maintenance do you do?

Judy: Usually, I'll go in and depending, you know... Ideally, if you've prepared this, the soil grade, you've done the weed control properly, you shouldn't really need to do a lot of maintenance, especially with the annuals. Mowing and stuff becomes more important with the perennials, and the reason that you mow the perennials a couple of two or three times a season, depending on how fast they're growing, the reason you mow them is to cut down on weed competition and to keep the, them in an actively growing state so that they stay palatable for the deer. Once they get past a certain height, they're not as palatable. So, mowing is more commonly done with perennials than annuals. But, if I do have a weed problem, then I will actually go in and mow it, mow the grass between, usually in the four to six inch range.

Ralph: Oh, OK, OK. Do you ever use any fertilizer at all at some point?

Judy: Yeah, you know, most of the time when we first started plotting the land was not heavily taxed, you know it was more supported areas that we put the plots in and to be honest with you, we didn't have to put a lot of fertilizer down in the early times. The more repetitively you use the plots, certainly then you will have to put fertilizer. How and what type of fertilizer with what percentages is totally dependent on your soil and the plant species you're planting. So, there's no sort of general, just throw a fifteen, fifteen on that. You really need to know what, the crop is really important and what your soil is. It's really going to depend on what fertilizer and how much you put. And the fertilizing thing is another one of those, don't just eyeball it and guess it, because, you know when you fertilize anything, you fertilize the plant, but you also fertilize the weed and if you're fertilizing the weed at the expense of the plant, because of requirements, you can actually mess up your plot by inappropriate fertilizing or too much fertilizing. And you can also burn the crop with too much fertilizer. So again, it's one of those pay attention to how much land you have and spread it like you're supposed to be spreading it and don't just...

I mean, some people get lucky, right? Just eyeballing it and then eyeballing it comes out OK, but for the average person eyeballing it and then just throwing it out there is probably not the best

approach and if you have a failure and you're wondering what went wrong, I mean a lot of the time you just have a good eye for it. If you've never done anything in agriculture before, I wouldn't recommend eyeballing it. OK.

My husband has a really, you know he's been in agriculture his whole life, right? And so you know, he's pretty good at eyeballing.

Ralph: Yeah.

Judy: Because he's fertilized enough crops and burnt enough crops and had seed failures and germination and we've done all those things on a much bigger scale, and so he has a fairly good eye for it. But, I think the average person might have some hunting property, they might be putting a small plot on government land somewhere, they might, they live in a natural wooded area and they wanted to just put some small plots out there, and they don't have a lot of agriculture background. So you know what? At that stage, I think it's important to "follow the recipe."

Ralph: OK. Let's say you've got all your planting done and the plants are starting to poke up through the soil. Do you need to keep deer out of certain forages until they're ripe or to give the plants a chance to grow?

Judy: I think that if you are in an area with high... If you have a lot of deer, and their native forage is poor... For instance, if you look in a wooded area, and you see there's a really empty, dead space about two or three feet up the tree. If you put a plot in there, your seed is not even going to come up. You're going to wonder where it went. They'll be nibbling it off before it ever gets out of the ground, so to speak. I think those area need to be fenced, if that's the level of pressure that you have with the deer population.

I'll give you an example. Would be where I consult in New Jersey. I'm driving around New Jersey, and there are lots of areas that are so heavy here, that you can see from on the tree... Up to the level of your head, you can see all the way through the bush. If I put a plot in there, I guarantee if you don't fence that, that's never going to get up.

So, you either need to fence it, or have noisemakers, or hang grocery bags. Anything to keep them out of there long enough for it to germinate, and get up at least three, or four, of five inches high. But, if you don't have a lot of pressure, then you don't need to do any of that. You don't need to keep them out. They'll come in, and they'll nibble, but they're not going to trash the place.

Ralph: Like some party animals. Is it a good idea to fence in a little control area to see how much the deer are mowing down your crops?

Judy: I think it is a good idea, especially when you're starting. The reason is, when you're having a failure, you need to be able to go back and analyze what went wrong. So, if you have a little teeny area that's fenced with chicken wire or something, then you can say, "Well, gee. That stuff is six inches high, but everything else is completely mowed down." What that says to me is that the browse pressure is very high. The deer are walking right by, and they happen to stop in, but there're a lot of them. That would tell me that you need to either fence off the area, or provide some forage off for deer until it has the ability to get going.

If, however, the thing that you've isolated isn't growing any better than the rest of what's in that stand, then it's not due to browse pressure. That's not causing the failure.

Ralph: What's the most important tip you can give somebody starting a new plot?

Judy: I would have to say that, first and foremost, is to pick the location carefully. If you have the option of where to put it, do several spots, several locations that you like. Do the soil test in each of them. Pick the one that is most likely to succeed, just based on the natural soil characteristics, because that can save you a lot of time and money. I think that's probably the number one thing - to pick the location that is good for the use that you want to use it for. If you want to hunt from it, it needs to be selected based on the ability to use the surrounding area as camouflage, and the winds, and so forth. If you're primarily using it for viewing, for photography, the same rules apply. If you're using it for feed plots, then it really amounts to areas where you can get your tractor in and out, and so forth.

But, the number one thing, I think, is to pick a good location. Pick several if you have the option. Do soil tests in all the locations, and just start with the one that has the nicest soil.

Ralph: Judy, it's been a pleasure talking to you today.

Judy: It has been my pleasure to talk to you.

Ralph: For our listeners, if you'd like to learn more about DIY Deer Food Plots and your book, "Food Plots Made Easy," can you give us your website address?

Judy: Yeah, it's http://www.DIYDeerFoodPlots.com.

Ralph: We've been talking to Dr. Judy McFarlen of DIY Deer Food Plots. Thank you to all of you folks who have been listening to this installment of the Trophy Buck Secrets teleseminar series. I'm Ralph Scherder, and once again, here's David Barrett, founder of Trophy Buck Secrets.

David: Thanks, Ralph.

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