



GRAIN TRANSPORTATION REPORT

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The following press release from the North Carolina State Ports Authority was published May 31.

FIRST DELIVERY FOR NEW ANIMAL FEED FACILITY SCHEDULED FOR THE PORT OF WILMINGTON.

Wilmington Bulk LLC, a consortium of North Carolina poultry and swine producers, has announced that it will purchase 180,000 metric tons of soy meal from Louis Dreyfus Corporation (Wilton, CT). The first delivery, scheduled for July 2002, will coincide with completion of the new export-import terminal currently under construction at the North Carolina State Ports Authority's Port of Wilmington. The facility is a joint venture public/private partnership between the Ports Authority and Wilmington Bulk.

Although construction of the facility started in July 2001, plans to build a bulk commodity-handling terminal in Wilmington date back over a decade, according to Jimmy Kissner, president of Wilmington Bulk LLC. "For many years we've purchased as much locally produced corn and soy meal as was available, and then brought additional ingredients from the Midwest on unit trains. While we remain committed to the partners we have traditionally worked with, our growth and the changing dynamics of the increasingly competitive global economy have forced us to develop additional sources of feed ingredients," Mr. Kissner said.

In addition to soy meal, it is anticipated that corn, salt, limestone, and other ingredients will eventually be imported through the Wilmington facility.

The consortium's annual usage of corn and soy meal in the eastern part of the state is greater than North Carolina farmers produce statewide. North Carolina farmers produced just over 78 million bushels of corn and 43

million bushels of soybeans in 2001.

"Of course," Mr. Kissner continued, "we'd like to think that we could buy every bushel from local farmers, but that's no longer realistic because we use more than they can produce. Also, from a risk standpoint, our animals need to eat every day, even when rail cars are delayed in the Midwest or stuck behind a bridge that is flooded out."

Wilmington Bulk's new terminal has also been designed with exports in mind. The bulk commodity-handling terminal in Wilmington is expected to provide export alternatives for locally produced wheat, corn, soybeans and processed grain byproducts.

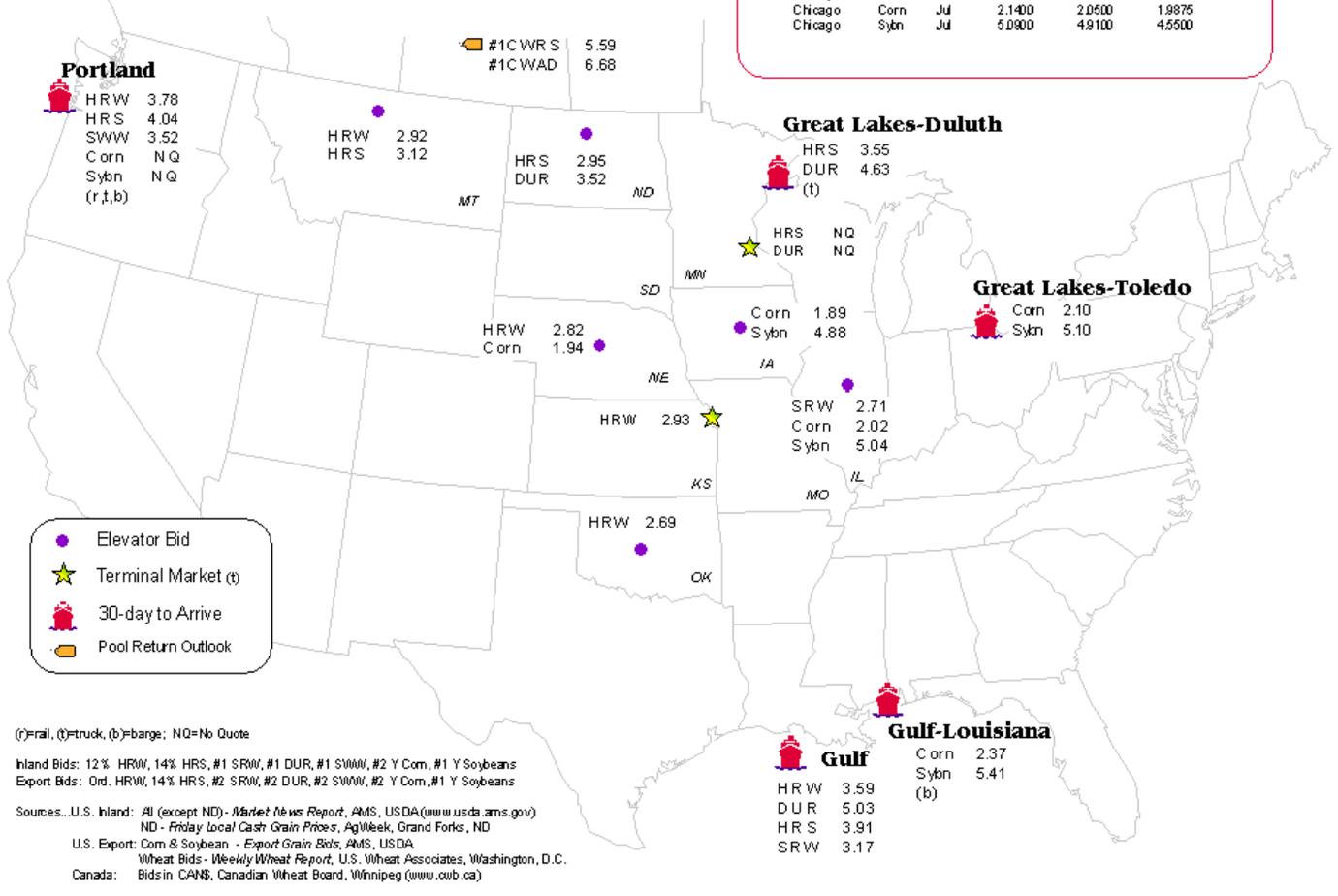
"We are excited about developing export capabilities to new world markets," said Mr. Kissner. "Modern agriculture is becoming more and more competitive," Mr. Kissner added. "By opening us up to world markets for export and import opportunities, the Wilmington facility will help both our group and local farmers compete globally."

"The Ports Authority is honored to serve as the gateway of new global access for this significant segment of our state's economy," said Erik Stromberg, Executive Director, NC State Ports Authority. "This facility is the culmination of the team approach we like to use to meet our customers' needs as well as those of the State's business and industry." "It is also the biggest joint-venture partnership in over thirty years for the Authority and the most significant new construction investment in the Wilmington port in at least a decade," Mr. Stromberg added.

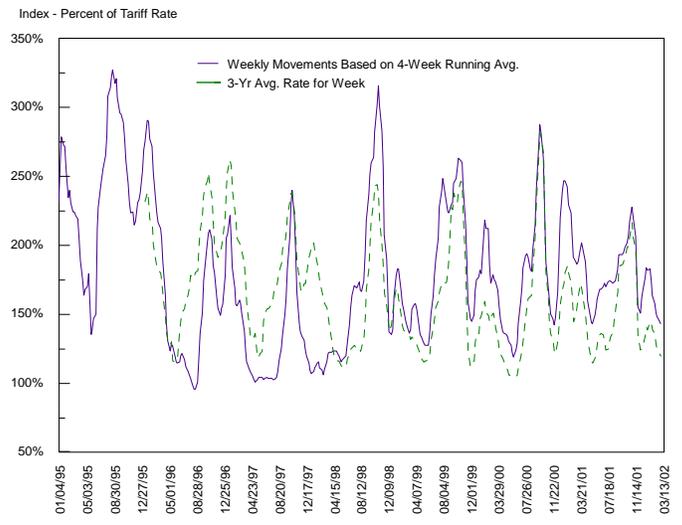
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Grain Bid Summary

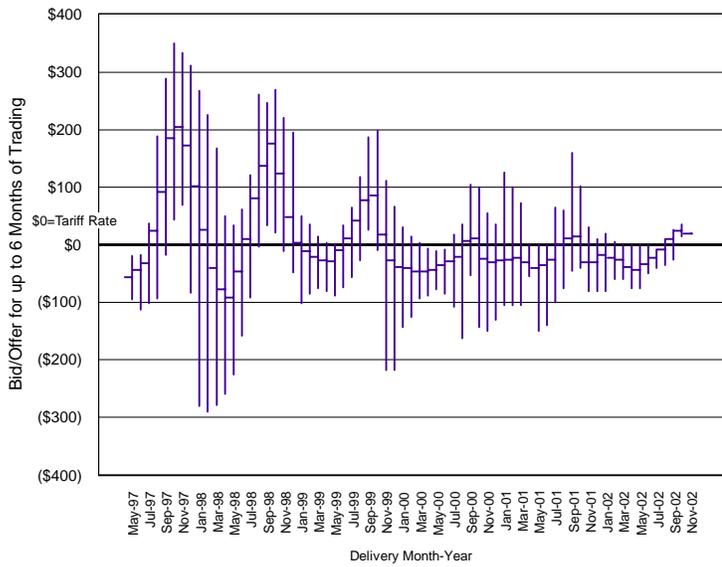
Futures:			05/31/2002	Week Ago 05/24/2002	Year Ago 06/01/2001
Kansas City	Wht	Jul	2.9300	2.8075	3.2825
Minneapolis	Wht	Jul	3.0400	2.9375	3.3350
Minneapolis	Dur	Dec	4.5000	4.5000	n.a.
Chicago	Wht	Jul	2.8225	2.6925	2.7075
Chicago	Corn	Jul	2.1400	2.0500	1.9875
Chicago	Sybn	Jul	5.0900	4.9100	4.5500



Spot Barge Rate - Illinois River



Secondary Rail Market Bids



Rail Car 'Auction' Offerings				
Delivery for:	Jul-02		Aug-02	
	Offered	% Sold	Offered	% Sold
BNSF-COT	12,966	3%	12,966	16%
UP-GCAS	5,400	8%	5,400	0%

Source: Transportation & Marketing /AMS/USDA; www.bnsf.com; www.uprr.com

Secondary Rail Car Market

Average Premium/Discount to Tariff, \$/Car - Last Week

	Delivery Period			
	Jun-02	Jul-02	Aug-02	Sep-02
BNSF-GF	\$(3)	\$(5)	\$8	\$24
UP-Pool	\$(4)	\$(5)	\$9	\$25

Source: T&M/AMS/USDA. Data from Atwood/ConAgra., Harvest States Co-op, James B. Joiner Co., Tradewest Brokerage Co.; GF=Guaranteed Freight, GEPP=Guaranteed Eqpt. Exchange, Pool=Guaranteed Pool

note... bids listed are market INDICATORS only & are NOT guaranteed prices, missing value=No Bid Quoted

Railroad Car 'Auction' Results

Average Premium/Discount to Tariff, \$/Car - Last Auction

Delivery for:	Jul-02	Aug-02	Sep-02
COT/N. Grain	no bid	no bid	\$0
COT/S. Grain	no bid	no bid	\$0
GCAS/Region 2	no bid	no offer	no offer
GCAS/Region 4	no bid	no offer	no offer

Source: T&M/AMS/USDA. Data from www.bnsf.com, www.uprr.com, (COT=Certificate of Transportation; GCAS=Grain Car Allocation System)

Southbound Barge Freight Nominal/Cash Basis Values

Index=Percent of Tariff, Based on 1976 Tariff Benchmark Rate

Week ended	River/Region	Contract Period	Rate	
			Futures	Cash
05/31/02	St. Louis	Jun	0	105
		Aug	0	150
		Oct	0	205
		Dec	0	135
	Illinois River	Feb	0	0
		Jun	0	135
		Aug	0	165
		Oct	0	223
		Dec	0	163
		Feb	0	0

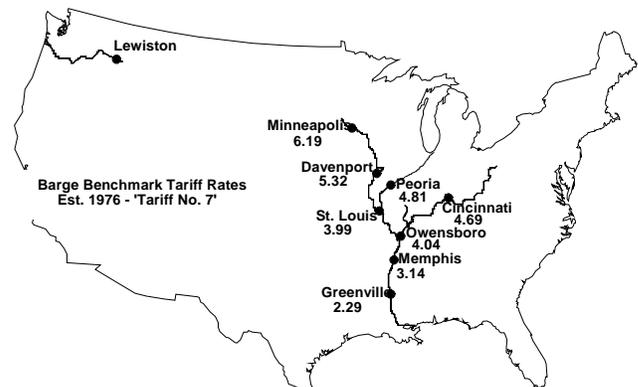
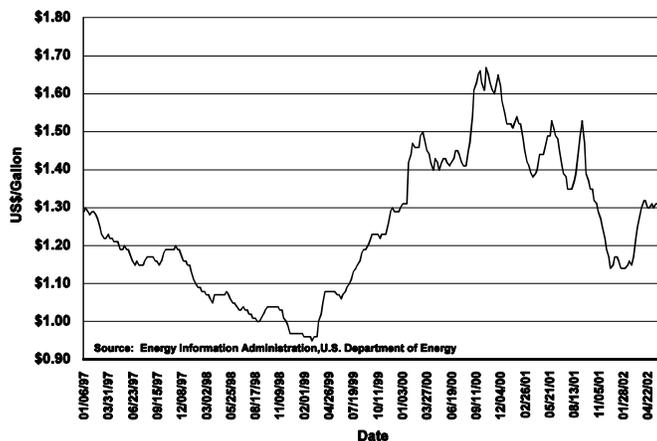
Source: St. Louis Merchants Exchange

Southbound Barge Freight Spot Rates

	5/29/02	5/22/02	Jun '02	Aug '02
Twin Cities	164	181	171	204
Mid-Mississippi	139	157	146	175
Illinois River	131	148	139	166
St. Louis	99	110	109	146
Lower Ohio	101	116	114	162
Cairo-Memphis	99	101	103	153

Source: Transportation & Marketing /AMS/USDA
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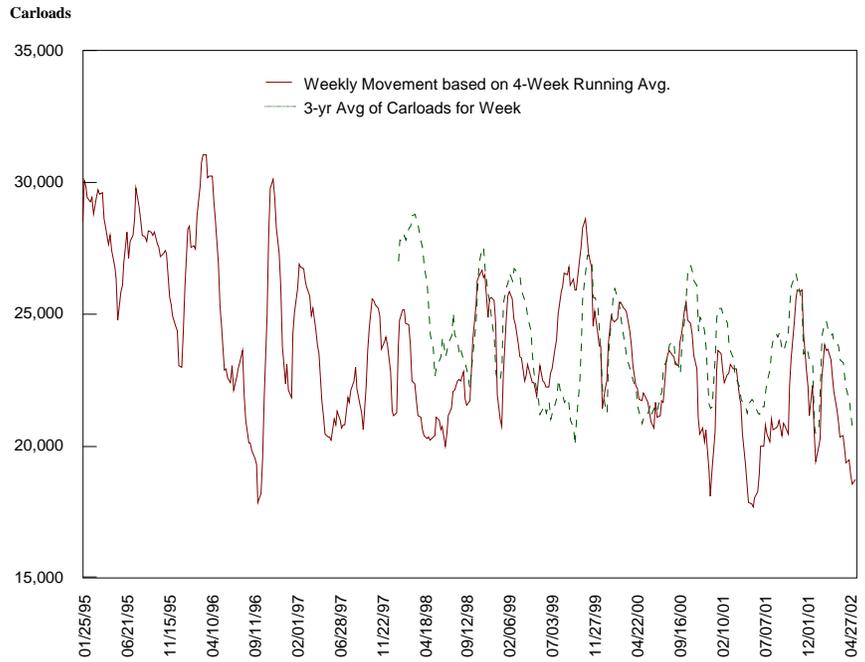
Weekly Retail Diesel (Road) Prices (Including Taxes)



Grain Car Loadings for Class I Railroads

Class I Railroad Grain Car Loadings	
Week Ending:	Carloads
5/11/02	17,936
05/18/02	18,919
05/25/02	19,430
Year to Date - 2002	438,455
Year to Date - 2001	448,745
Total 2001	1,117,601
Total 2000	1,188,917

Source: Association of American Railroads



Class I Rail Carrier Grain Car Bulletin

Grain Carloads Originated

	East		West			Canada	
	CSXT	NS	BNSF	KCS	UP	CN	CP
05/25/02	2736	2,963	6,636	603	6,492	4,464	3,005
This Week Last Year	2,662	2,989	6,445	339	5,608	4,974	4,160
2002 YTD	60,840	66,631	154,216	12,363	140,250	86,430	75,790
2001 YTD	65,458	65,313	169,969	9,488	138,517	101,428	94,555
2001 Total	151,864	163,018	428,603	26,330	347,156	254,982	232,461
2000 Total	147,708	153,905	425,849	26,515	364,785	160,749	239,670

Source: Association of American Railroads

Tariff Rail Rates for Unit Train Shipments

March 2002

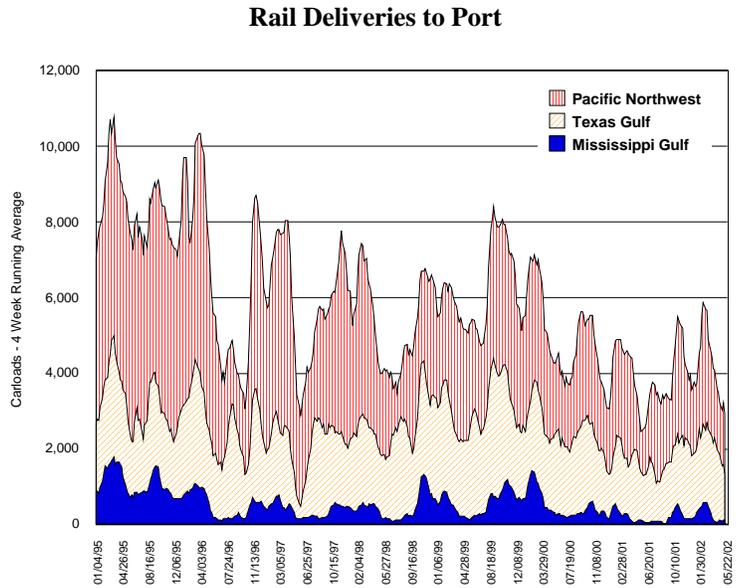
Date Effective	Tariff Item	Commodity	Origin	Destination	Rate Per Car	Rate Per MT	Rate/Per Bushel*
06/03/02	45560	Wheat	Minneapolis, MN	Houston, TX	\$2,050	\$22.60	\$0.62
06/03/02	43521	Wheat	Minneapolis, MN	Portland, OR	\$3,877	\$42.74	\$1.16
06/03/02	46540	Wheat	Kansas City, MO	Houston, TX	\$1,650	\$18.19	\$0.50
06/03/02	43586	Wheat	Kansas City, MO	Portland, OR	\$4,347	\$47.92	\$1.30
06/03/02	43581	Wheat	Omaha, NE	Portland, OR	\$4,005	\$44.15	\$1.20
06/03/02	31040	Corn	Minneapolis, MN	Portland, OR	NA	\$0.00	\$0.00
06/03/02	31035	Corn	Kansas City, MO	Portland, OR	\$2,700	\$29.76	\$0.76
06/03/02	31040	Corn	Omaha, NE	Portland, OR	NA	\$0.00	\$0.00
06/03/02	61180	Soybean	Minneapolis, MN	Portland, OR	NA	\$0.00	\$0.00
06/03/02	61180	Soybean	Omaha, NE	Portland, OR	NA	\$0.00	\$0.00
05/01/98	61180	Soybean	Omaha, NE	Portland, OR	\$2,780	\$25.23	\$0.83

Source: www.bnsf.com

Approximate load per car = 100 tons: Corn 56 lbs/bu, Wheat & Soybeans 60 lbs/bu

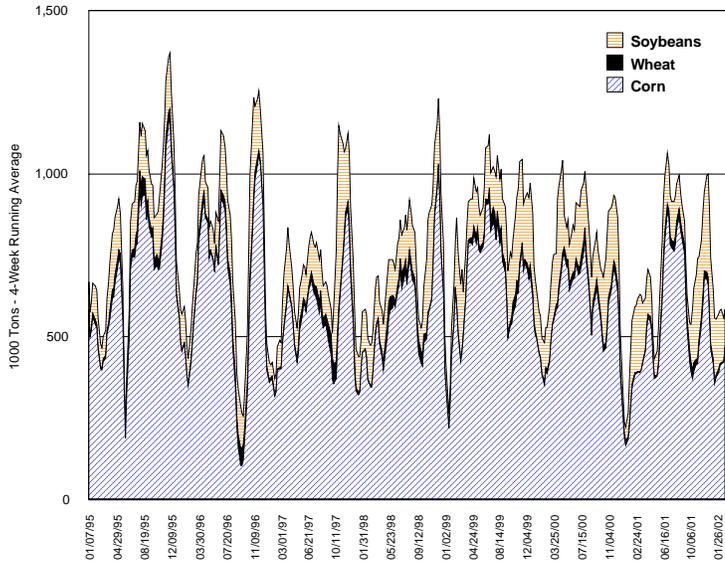
Rail Deliveries to Port Carloads				
	Mississippi Gulf	Texas Gulf	Pacific Northwest	Atlantic & East Gulf
Week Ending:				
04/17/02	51*	1,005	1,196	18
04/24/02	252*	1,955	1,876	31
05/01/02	41*	1,513	1,276	557
05/08/02	45*	1,462	1,639	313
05/15/02	173*	1,227	1,903	316
05/15/02	152*	1,384	1,709	138
YTD 2002	5,527*	37,397	42,152	10,279
YTD 2001	4,886	31,692	45,771	13,002
Total 2001	10,022	81,804	111,376	26,604
Total 2000	25,767	104,473	128,414	14,816

Source: Transportation & Marketing/AMS/USDA



(*) Incomplete Data
 (**) Identical figures are correct

Barge Movements - Locks 27



Barge Grain Movements for week ending 5/25/02				
	Corn	Wht	Sybn	Total
	1,000 Tons			
Mississippi River				
Rock Island, IL (L15)	341	15	113	470
Winfield, MO (L25)	552	11	138	701
Alton, IL (L26)	584	30	126	741
Granite City, IL (L27)	542	30	118	689
Illinois River (L8)	33	0	5	37
Ohio (L52)	76	3	27	146
Arkansas (L1)	0	7	3	10
2002 YTD	13,405	883	4,279	19,332
2001 YTD	10,190	757	3,918	15,736
Total 2001	31,878	2,679	10,616	47,091
Total 2000	33,482	2,518	10,327	48,247

Miss YTD: Calendar year totals include Miss/27, Ohio/52 and Ark/1.
 Source: U.S. Army Corp of Engineers; L15 & L25 closed for winter.

U.S. Export Balances (1,000 Metric Tons)

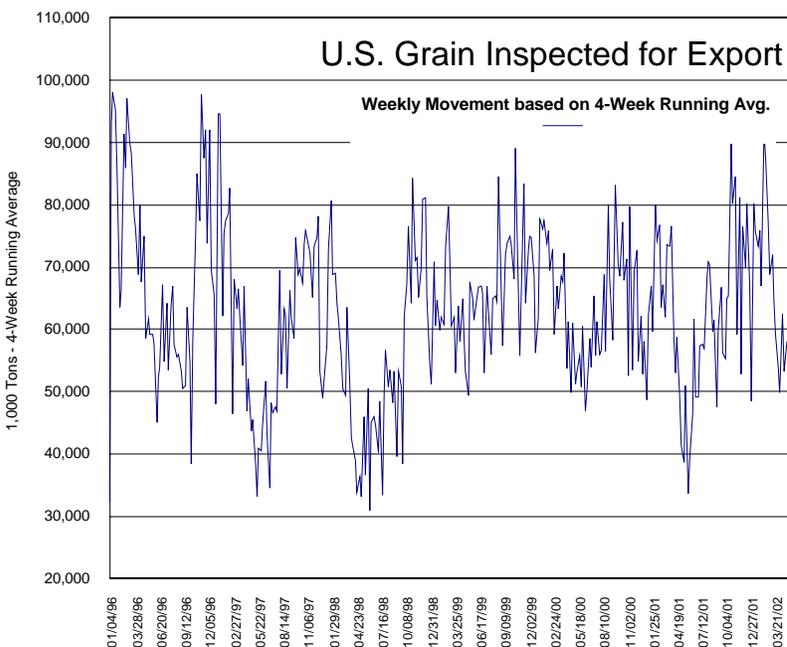
	HRW	SRW	HRS	Wheat SWW	DUR	All	Corn	Soybean	Total
<u>Unshipped Exports-Crop Year</u>									
05/23/02	1,186	578	829	510	102	3,204	6,931	3,254	13,389
This Week Year Ago	535	174	455	228	155	1,547	6,164	1,949	9,660
<u>Cumulative Exports-Crop Year</u>									
01/02 YTD	8,550	5,434	5,469	3,094	1,113	23,659	34,028	25,454	83,141
00/01 YTD	9,117	4,422	5,595	5,050	1,118	25,302	33,260	17,713	76,275
99/00 Total	9,858	4,710	6,305	5,413	1,232	27,518	37,220	24,516	89,254
98/99 Total	7,387	3,645	7,864	6,105	963	25,965	44,476	24,501	94,942

Source: Foreign Agricultural Service YTD-Year-to-Date (www.fas.usda.gov) Crop Year:Wheat=5/31-6/01, Corn & Soybeans=9/01-8/31

Select U.S. Port Regions - Grain Inspections for Export - 1,000 Metric Tons

	<u>Pacific Region</u>			<u>Mississippi Gulf</u>			<u>Texas Gulf</u>		
	Wheat	Corn	Soybean	Wheat	Corn	Soybean	Wheat	Corn	Soybean
05/30/02	66	68	73	97	718	86	41	5	0
2002 YTD	3,374	1,828	1,089	2,319	14,993	8,187	2,461	111	787
2001 YTD	4,127	1,777	1,195	2,172	12,666	7,495	2,209	164	777
% of Last Year	34%	30%	64%	34%	43%	46%	36%	24%	78%
1998 Total	10,838	4,373	651	5,048	31,330	14,917	7,270	562	1,392

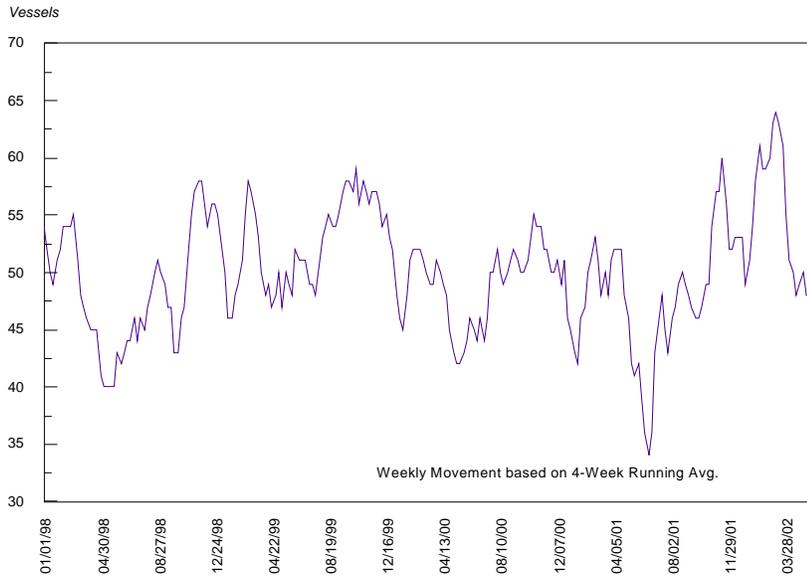
Source: Federal Grain Inspection Service YTD-Year-to-Date



Select Canadian Ports - Export Inspections
1,000 Metric Tons, Crop Year

	Wheat	Durum	Barley
Week Ended: 05/30/02			
Vancouver	5,200	342	436
Prince Rupert	1,079		
Prairie Direct	1,100	345	335
Thunder Bay	501	263	87
St. Lawrence	2,202	1,820	0
2001 YTD Exports	10,082	2,770	868
2000 YTD Exports	10,734	2,820	1,655
% of Last Year	94%	98%	52%

Source: Canadian Grains Commission, Crop year 8/1-7/31

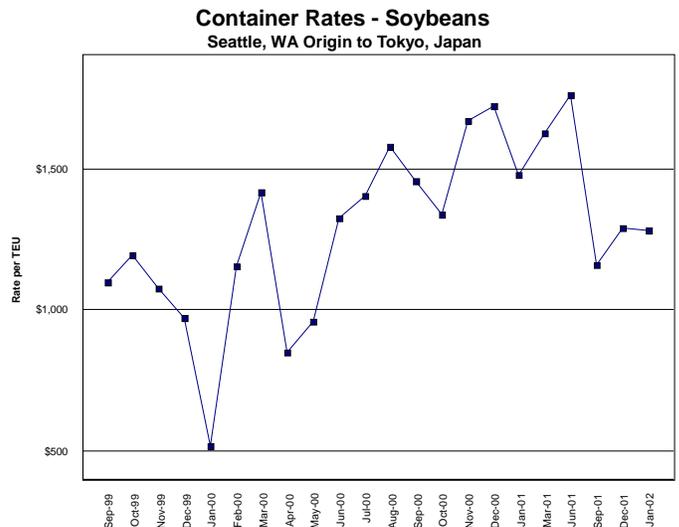
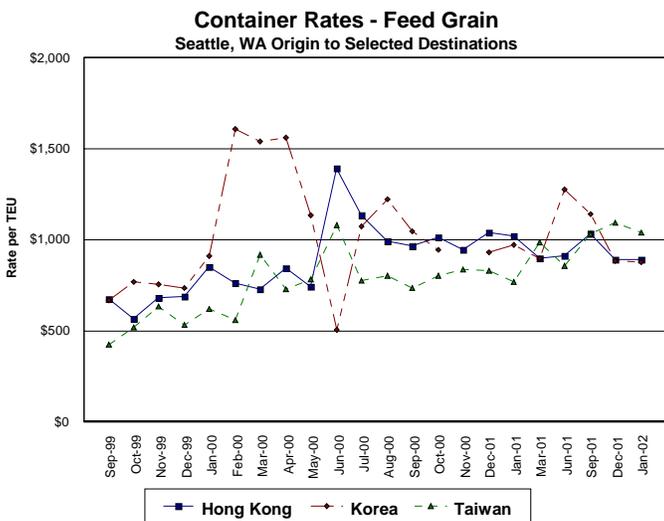


	Gulf			Pacific Northwest			Vancouver, B.C.		
	In Port	Loaded 7-Days	Due Next 10-Days	In Port	Loaded 7-Days	Due Next 10-Days	In Port	Loaded 7-Days	Due Next 10-Days
05/23/02	32	47	54	6			8	4	6
05/30/02	36	43	52	9			12	5	2
2001 Range	(13..65)	(28..64)	(46..81)	(1..18)			(4..20)	(3..14)	(0..7)
2000 Range	(23..50)	(34..57)	(47..83)	(4..15)			(4..20)	(5..19)	(0..9)
2001 Avg	36	48	63				12	8	3
2000 Avg	36	49	65				11	9	3
1999 Avg	32	52	65				10	9	3

Source: Transportation & Marketing /AMS/ USDA

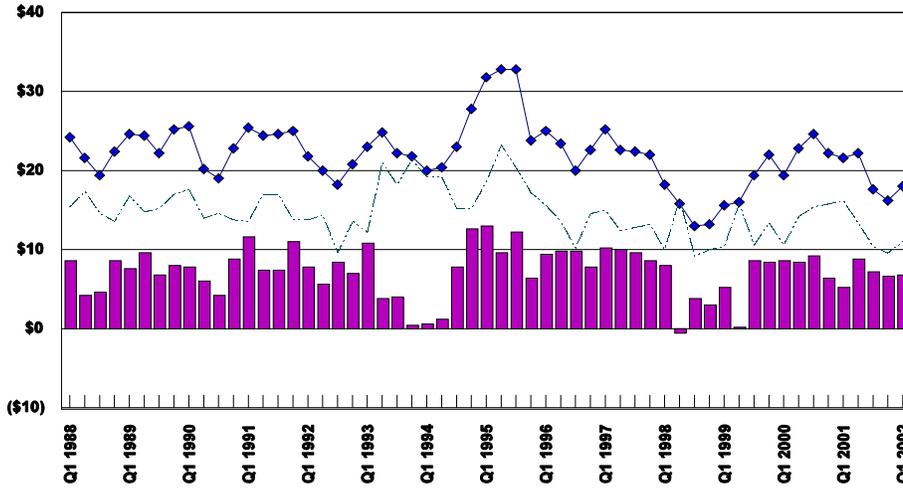
Container Ocean Freight Rates

Monthly Weighted Averages Based on Shipping Line Monthly Mkt. Share



- ◆ Rate - Gulf to Japan
- Rate - PNW to Japan
- Spread - Gulf vs. PNW to Japan

US\$/Metric Ton



Quarterly Ocean Freight Rates

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Average Rates & Percentage Changes, U.S. Dollars/Metric Ton - Basis

	2002 1st Qtr	2001 1st Qtr	% Change		2002 1st Qtr	2001 1st Qtr	% Change
Gulf to				Pacific NW to			
Japan	\$18.10	\$21.70	-16%	Japan	\$11.13	\$16.36	-31%
Mexico	\$31.49		-				
Venezuela		\$13.53	-				
N. Europe	\$10.67	\$15.19	-29%	Argentina to			
N. Africa	\$17.58	\$26.25	-33%	Med. Sea	\$17.85	\$22.14	-19%
Med. Sea	\$10.97	\$14.81	-25%	N. Europe	\$13.48	\$16.47	-18%
Black Sea	\$49.12		-	Japan	\$25.59	\$30.51	-16%

Source: Transportation & Marketing/AMS/USDA; (*) rates shown are for metric ton (2,204.62 lbs.=one metric ton)

Ocean Freight Rates (Select Locations) - week ending 6/1/02

Export Region	Import Region	Grain	Month	Volume Loaded (Tons)	Freight Rate (\$/Ton)
Gulf	Turkey	Wheat	Jun 5/10	40,000	\$13.50
Texas	Egypt	Wheat	Jun 1/10	55,000	\$13.00
Gulf	Egypt	Heavy Grain	May 30/Jun 5	55,000/60,000	\$12.50
Gulf	Tunisia	Corn & Meals	May 30/Jun 5	25,000	\$18.00
Gulf	Japan	Heavy Grain	Jun 15/30	54,000	\$21.00
Columbia River	Afghanistan	Wheat	May 30/Jun 10	36,300	\$66.00/\$68.00
N. Pacific	Taiwan	Heavy Grain	Jun 20/30	55,000	\$11.00
N. Pacific	Japan	Heavy Grain	Jun 12/20	54,000	\$11.00
Brazil	Indonesia	Grains	June	22,000	\$25.50
Russia	S. Arabia	Barley	May 31/Jun 10	50,000	\$15.00

Source: Maritime Research Inc.; rates shown are for metric ton (2,204.62 lbs.=one metric ton), F.O.B., except where otherwise indicated; op=option