

## Export/Import Profile

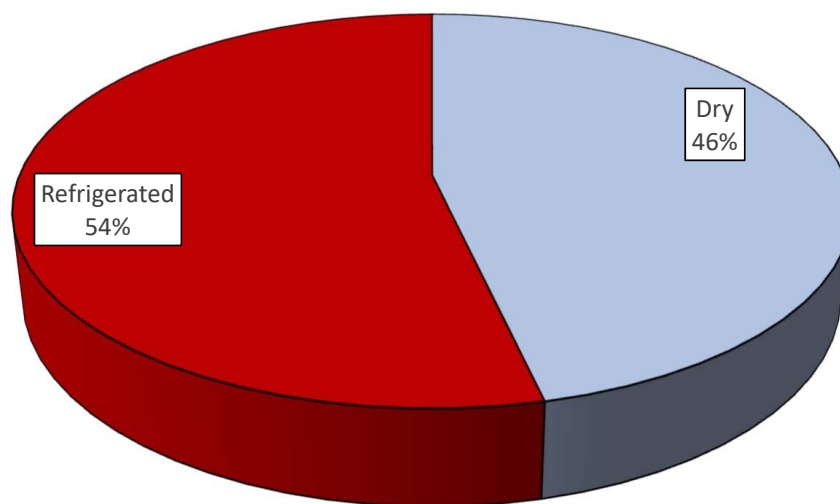
# Charleston, SC

The Port of Charleston is located along the U.S. Eastern Seaboard in the State of South Carolina. The Charleston Customs district ranks as the nation's eighth largest in dollar value of international shipments, with cargo valued at nearly \$7 billion in 2017. The Port handles mainly containerized cargoes; in 2017 it handled 2.18 million twenty-foot-equivalent units. The top commodities across Charleston docks include lumber and wood products, agricultural goods, paper and paperboard products, and auto parts.

## Exports

The Port of Charleston moved more than 1.2 million metric tons of agricultural products in 2017, more than 99 percent of which were containerized. Approximately 54 percent of the port's agricultural exports required refrigeration such as the top commodities poultry and meat. Around 41 percent of the U.S. waterborne exports of bourbon moved through the Port of Charleston in 2017. The top destination countries were China, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Colombia. The top carriers were Maersk, Mediterranean Shipping, MOL, and Evergreen; together, these four carriers held 55 percent of the market share for exports through Charleston in 2017.

### U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Exports Charleston, SC, 2017



Source: IHS Markit/PIERS

## U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through Charleston, SC, 2017

Commodity	Metric Tons	Share	U.S. Share
Poultry	299,006	25%	12%
Meat	288,288	24%	11%
Grocery items	121,503	10%	4%
Animal feed	100,055	8%	1%
Soybeans	80,222	7%	0.2%
Bourbon, Scotch	56,150	5%	41%
Cotton	50,433	4%	3%
Vegetables	30,709	3%	2%
Bitters, brandy, liquor	24,734	2%	15%
Beer, ale	24,468	2%	6%
Other	127,377	11%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,202,945</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1%</b>

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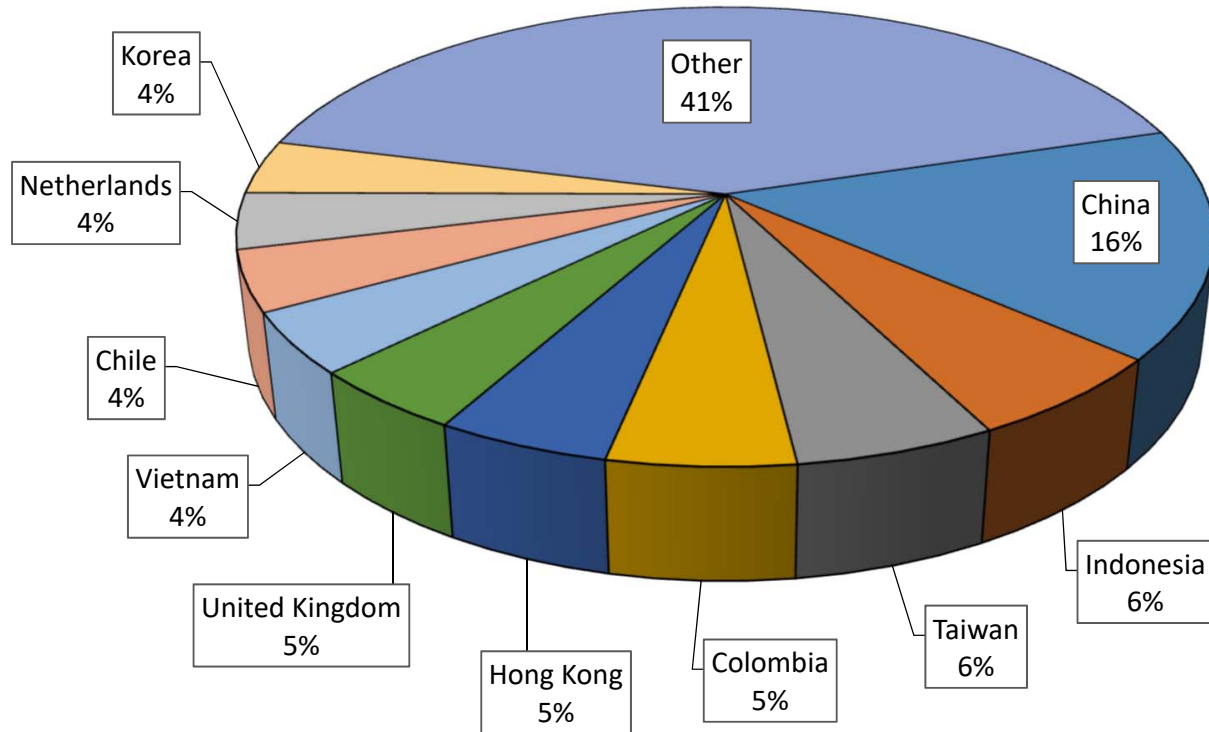
## U.S. Containerized Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through Charleston, SC, 2017

Commodity	Metric Tons	*TEU	Share	U.S. Share
Poultry	298,613	22,395	25%	13%
Meat	287,925	21,080	24%	11%
Grocery items	121,463	12,177	10%	4%
Animal feed	100,011	8,331	8%	1%
Soybeans	80,182	6,576	7%	2%
Bourbon, Scotch	55,999	4,861	5%	41%
Cotton	50,394	5,037	4%	3%
Vegetables	30,111	2,768	3%	2%
Bitters, brandy, liquor	24,725	1,837	2%	16%
Beer, ale	24,468	2,117	2%	6%
Other	127,082	11,313	11%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,200,973</b>	<b>98,490</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3%</b>

Source: IHS Markit/PIERS

\*Twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU)

## Top Destination Countries for U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through Charleston, SC, 2017



Source: IHS Markit/PIERS

## Top Shipping Lines Moving U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through Charleston, SC, 2017

Shipping Line	Metric Tons	Share
Maersk	231,886	19%
Mediterranean Shipping	183,261	15%
MOL	129,023	11%
Evergreen	125,412	10%
CMA-CGM	105,677	9%
Hamburg Sud	91,663	8%
Hapag Lloyd Line	67,330	6%
NYK Line	55,718	5%
COSCO	55,272	5%
OOCL	49,955	4%
Other	107,747	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,202,945</b>	<b>100%</b>

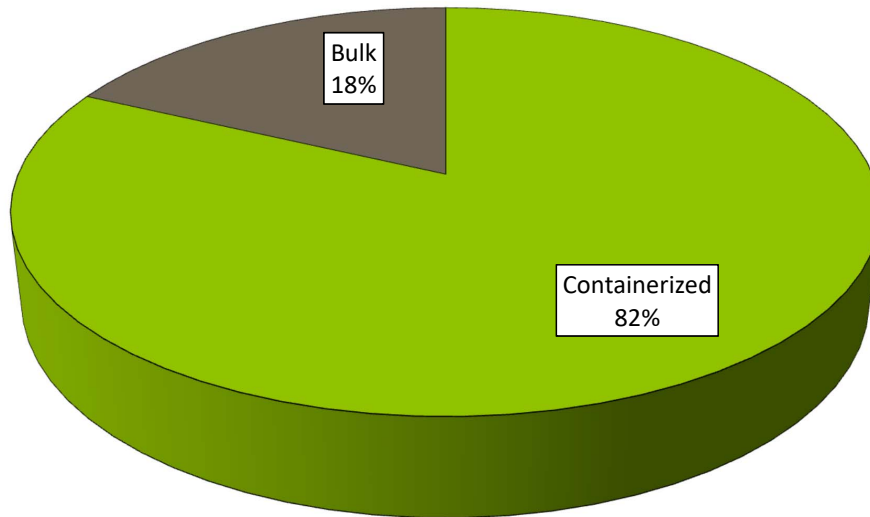
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## Imports

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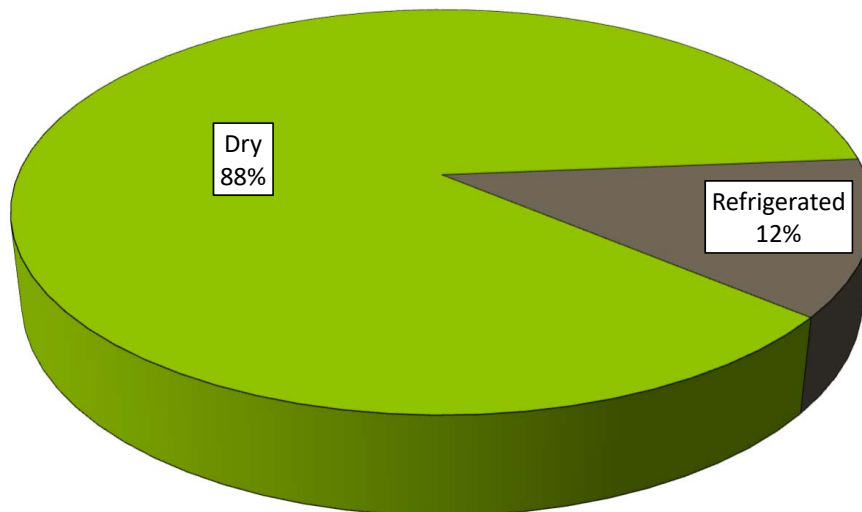
The Port of Charleston moved nearly 530,000 metric tons of agricultural imports in 2017; more than 82 percent of which were containerized. The top commodities were coffee, palm oil, vegetables, and wine from the top origin countries of Indonesia, China, and Colombia. The top carriers were Mediterranean Shipping, Hamburg Sud, and Koyo Kaium Co, Ltd; together these three carriers held 44 percent of the market share for agricultural imports through Charleston in 2017.

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## U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through Charleston, SC, 2017

Commodity	Metric Tons	Share	U.S. Share
Coffee	118,490	22%	5%
Palm oil	70,104	13%	7%
Vegetables	47,584	9%	3%
Wine	33,330	6%	1%
Gluten; dry	19,587	4%	11%
Animal feed	18,564	4%	6%
Non-alcoholic beverages	18,014	3%	1%
Meat	13,622	3%	1%
Beer, ale	13,486	3%	1%
Fish meal	12,526	2%	17%
Other	163,586	31%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>528,892</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1%</b>

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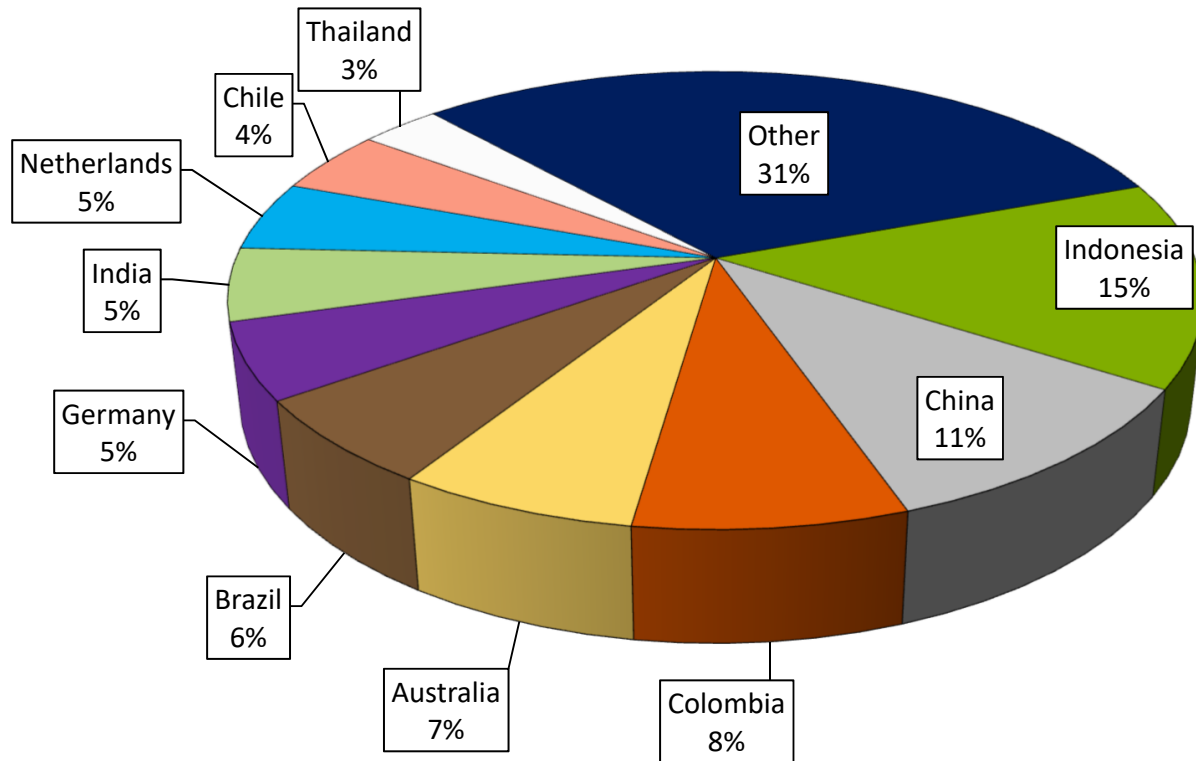
## U.S. Containerized Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through Charleston, SC, 2017

Commodity	Metric Tons	*TEU	Share	U.S. Share
Coffee	118,490	6,790	27%	7%
Wine	33,330	3,430	8%	2%
Vegetables	23,287	1,982	5%	2%
Gluten, dry	19,587	1,063	5%	11%
Animal feed	18,494	1,432	4%	7%
Non-alcoholic beverages	18,014	1,343	4%	1%
Meat	13,622	1,011	3%	1%
Beer, ale	13,486	1,377	3%	1%
Fish meal	12,526	982	3%	17%
Bitters, spirits, liquor	11,039	1,112	3%	2%
Other	151,711	14,093	35%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>433,586</b>	<b>34,617</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1%</b>

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### Top Origin Countries for U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through Charleston, SC, 2017



Source: IHS Markit/PIERS

### Top Shipping Lines Moving U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through Charleston, SC, 2017

Shipping Line	Metric Tons	Share
Mediterranean Shpg	97,427	18%
Hamburg Sud	71,635	14%
Koyo Kaium Co LTD	64,223	12%
Hapag Lloyd Line	59,216	11%
Maersk	52,958	10%
CMA-CGM	25,986	5%
Evergreen	24,431	5%
Grieg Star Shpg	24,296	5%
Compania Chilena de Navegacion Interocean	12,525	2%
NYK Line	12,406	2%
Other	83,789	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>528,892</b>	<b>100%</b>

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