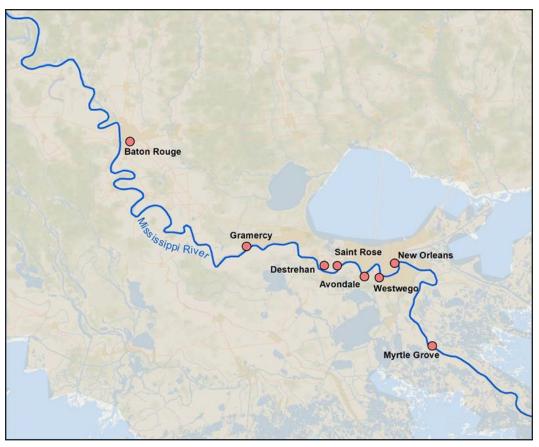


he Mississippi River system is a critical artery in the U.S. grain marketing system, necessary to competitively serve global markets for corn, wheat, oilseeds, and grain products. In a typical year, Mississippi Gulf ports ship about 2 billion bushels of grain to their final destinations around the globe.

The New Orleans Port Region brings all modes of transportation (ocean, barge, rail, and truck) together by allowing ocean-going vessels to serve ports 228 miles upriver from the Gulf of Mexico. These ports provide easy access to the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea, Atlantic Ocean, and Panama Canal.

Ports situated along the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge to Myrtle Grove, LA, are often referred to as simply New Orleans or the New Orleans Port Region (see map below). These ports are close enough together—sometimes even adjacent—to give the appearance of one large port complex.



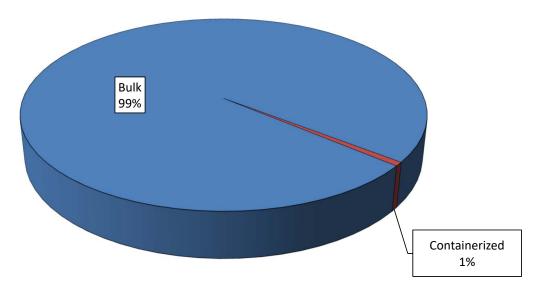
The best example of this is the Port of South Louisiana, a group of ports that stretches 54 miles along the Mississippi River and handled over 307 million short tons of cargo in 2017. The Port of South Louisiana moves more agricultural tonnage than any other North American port. Grain products accounted for more than 64 percent of the port's total export cargo in 2017. Generally, the Port of South Louisiana services over 4,500 oceangoing vessels and 65,000 barge shipments each year.

#### **Exports**

The New Orleans Port Region moves a significant percentage of U.S. waterborne agricultural exports—47 percent in 2017. The majority of these exports were bulk grains and bulk grain products, such as corn, soybeans, animal feed, and rice. The region also supports a significant amount of edible oil exports, such as soybean and corn oils and even attracted 13 percent of U.S. waterborne frozen poultry exports in 2017.

Approximately, 99 percent of agricultural exports through the New Orleans Port Region moved in bulk vessels and only 1 percent needing refrigeration. The top destination country was China, representing 20 percent of total exports through the port, followed by Japan, Mexico, and Colombia.

U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through New Orleans Port Region, LA, 2017



Source: IHS Markit/PIERS

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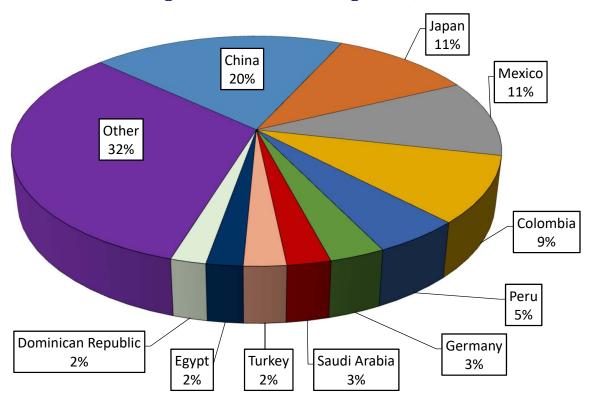
Commodity	Metric Tons	Share	U.S. Share
Soybeans	31,451,153	45%	64%
Grain products, bread, flour	27,992,175	40%	70%
Bulk grains	3,707,698	5%	17%
Animal feed	3,142,090	4%	29%
Rice	1,855,704	3%	68%
Other	2,435,343	3%	
Total	70,584,163	100%	47%

### U.S. Containerized Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through New Orleans Port Region, LA, 2017

Commodity	Metric Tons	*TEU	Share	U.S. Share
Poultry	241,997	18,712	53%	10%
Rice	51,415	2,780	11%	8%
Grocery items	37,763	4,165	8%	1%
Meat	34,740	3,105	8%	1%
Non-alcoholic beverages	10,920	873	2%	1%
Animal feed	10,016	808	2%	0%
Fish meal	9,969	775	2%	7%
Grain products, bread, flour	8,626	745	2%	1%
Feathers, down, hair	6,267	497	1%	14%
Bitters, brandy, liquor	5,808	335	1%	4%
Other	38,622	3,362	8%	
Total	456,145	36,156	100%	1%

Source: IHS Markit/PIERS

Top Destination Countries for U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through New Orleans Port Region, LA, 2017



<sup>\*</sup>Twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU)

Top Shipping Lines Moving U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through New Orleans Port Region, LA, 2017

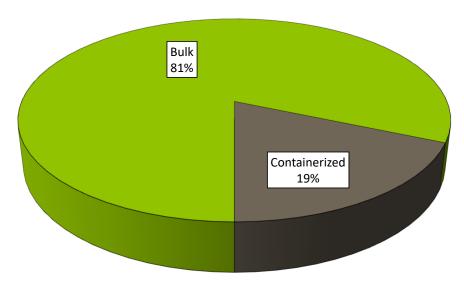
Shipping Line	Metric Tons	Share
Unknown Bulk Carriers	62,904,088	89%
United Bulk Carriers	3,061,288	4%
Polish Steam Ship Co	912,491	1%
Pacnav	758,994	1%
Cosco Bulk Carrier Co	496,175	1%
Mt Maritime Management (Usa) Llc	384,107	1%
Mediterranean Shipping	200,339	0%
Pan Ocean Shipping	173,051	0%
Oldendorff Carriers Indotrans	168,898	0%
D'Amico Dry Ltd	164,627	0%
Other	1,360,104	2%
Total	70,584,163	100%

Source: IHS Markit/PIERS

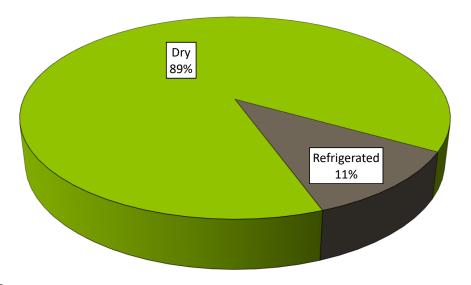
#### **Imports**

New Orleans is also an important port region for U.S. agricultural imports. The port region moved nearly 1.95 million metric tons of waterborne agricultural imports in 2017. A significant amount of U.S. waterborne edible oils imports such as coconut, palm and peanut oils transit the New Orleans Port Region. Nearly 81 percent of the agricultural imports through the region moved in bulk vessels. The top origin countries were Venezuela, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Mexico.

U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through New Orleans Port Region, LA, 2017



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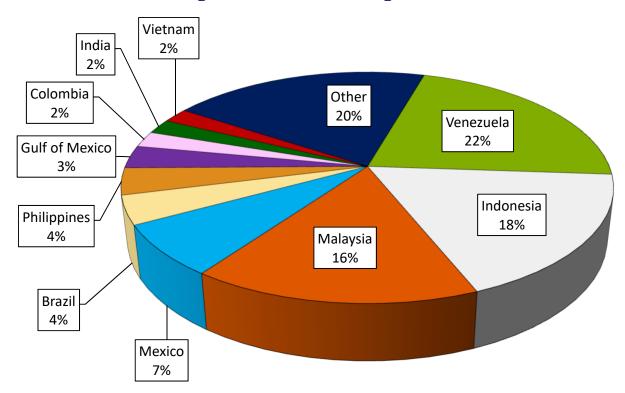
U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through New Orleans Port Region, LA, 2017

Commodity	Metric Tons	Share	U.S. Share
Coffee	495,401	25%	21%
Palm oil	346,140	18%	35%
Palm kernel oil	265,918	14%	39%
Sugar	149,152	8%	7%
Chewing gum	133,774	7%	12%
Coconut oil	115,367	6%	31%
Canned pineapples	85,398	4%	18%
Canned fish	62,167	3%	18%
Wine	51,178	3%	1%
Molasses, treacle	46,100	2%	7%
Other	201,999	10%	
Total	1,952,594	100%	4%

## U.S. Containerized Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through New Orleans Port Region, LA, 2017

Commodity	Metric Tons	*TEU	Share	U.S. Share
Coffee	240,536	12,788	66%	15%
Soybeans	35,179	1,745	10%	9%
Wine	10,332	992	3%	1%
Grocery items	8,809	605	2%	1%
Canned vegetables	8,228	378	2%	3%
Tea	8,043	712	2%	6%
Bitters, spirits, liquor	5,709	609	2%	1%
Instant coffee	5,549	625	2%	11%
Vegetables	4,512	367	1%	0%
Fish meal	3,624	313	1%	5%
Other	32,504	2,443	9%	
Total	363,027	21,577	100%	1%

Top Origin Countries for U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through New Orleans Port Region, LA, 2017



<sup>\*</sup>Twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU)

# Top Shipping Lines Moving U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through the New Orleans Port Region, 2017

Shipping Line	Metric Tons	Share
Unknown Bulk Carriers	250,618	13%
Cargill Intl	208,546	11%
Changdris (Hellas) Inc	167,990	9%
Mediterranean Shpg	156,938	8%
Eletson Chartering Inc	126,602	6%
Hapag Lloyd Line	107,379	5%
MT Maritime Management (USA) LLC	93,071	5%
Raffles Shipping & Investment	92,931	5%
Atlas Maritime Ltd	83,097	4%
Heidenreich Marine Inc	62,014	3%
Other	603,407	31%
Total	1,952,594	100%