

The Port of Wilmington, $D E$, is located on the eastern seaboard the confluence of the Delaware and Christina Rivers, 65 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. In 2017, the port handled about 362 vessels and total cargo tonnage of more than 5.2 million short tons. Wilmington is the top North American port for imports of fresh fruit, bananas, and juice concentrate. It also boasts the largest dock-side refrigerated complex in North America.

## Exports

In 2017, the Port of Wilmington ranked 49th for waterborne agricultural exports moving approximately 19,000 metric tons of agricultural products. Approximately 98 percent of these cargoes moved in containers. Nearly 55 percent of the port's agricultural exports were refrigerated. Prepared grocery items, vegetables, meat, and non-alcoholic beverages accounted for more than 70 percent of the port's agricultural exports. The top shipping lines were Dole Ocean Liner Express, Bermuda International, and Maersk. The top destination markets were Costa Rica, Bermuda, and Honduras.
U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through Wilmington, DE, 2017


Source: IHS Markit/PIERS

U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through Wilmington, DE, 2017

| Commodity | Metric Tons | Share | U.S. Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grocery items | 4,604 | $24 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ |
| Vegetables | 4,155 | $22 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ |
| Meat | 2,895 | $15 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ |
| Non-alcoholic beverages | 2,143 | $11 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ |
| Fruit | 880 | $5 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ |
| Animal feed | 762 | $4 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Poultry | 622 | $3 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Vegetable oils | 575 | $3 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ |
| Grain products, bread, flour | 556 | $3 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Dairy products | $\mathbf{3 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Other | $\mathbf{1 9 , 0 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |  |
| Total |  |  | $\mathbf{0 . 0 1 \%}$ |

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U.S. Containerized Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through Wilmington, DE, 2017

| Commodity | Metric Tons | *TEU | Share | U.S. Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grocery items | 4,577 | 675 | $24 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ |
| Vegetables | 3,949 | 390 | $21 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ |
| Meat | 2,876 | 254 | $15 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ |
| Non-alcoholic beverages | 2,143 | 194 | $11 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ |
| Fruit | 880 | 86 | $5 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ |
| Animal feed | 762 | 64 | $4 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Poultry | 603 | 53 | $3 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Vegetable oils | 575 | 62 | $3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ |
| Grain products, bread, flour | 556 | 52 | $3 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Dairy products | 358 | 34 | $2 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Other | $\mathbf{1 , 4 2 9}$ | 133 | $8 \%$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 8 , 7 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 9 9 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 1 \%}$ |

Source: IHS Markit/PIERS
*Twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU)
Top Destination Countries for U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through Wilmington, DE, 2017


Top Shipping Lines Moving U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Exports Through Wilmington, DE, 2017

| Shipping Line | Metric Tons | Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Dole Ocean Liner Express | 11,463 | $60 \%$ |
| Bermuda Intl Shpg Ltd | 4,786 | $25 \%$ |
| Maersk | 1,912 | $10 \%$ |
| Great White Fleet (Us) Ltd | 422 | $2 \%$ |
| Other | 421 | $2 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 9 , 0 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |

Source: IHS Markit/PIERS

## Imports

In 2017, the Port of Wilmington ranked 6th in the nation for waterborne agricultural imports and 7th for containerized agricultural imports. The port moved nearly 2.4 million metric tons of agricultural import cargo in 2017. About 72 percent of these products moved in containers. Nearly 80 percent of the port's agricultural imports required refrigeration. The top agricultural imports were bananas, wine, and pineapple. Dole Ocean Liner Express and Great White Fleet Ltd. were the top shipping lines. The top origin countries were Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Honduras.

## U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through Wilmington, DE, 2017



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U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through Wilmington, DE, 2017

| Commodity | Metric Tons | Share | U.S. Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bananas | $1,334,640$ | $56 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Wine | 299,375 | $13 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Pineapple | 272,973 | $11 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Fruit | 147,206 | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Citrus fruit juices | 88,329 | $4 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Other | 240,364 | $10 \%$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 , 3 8 2 , 8 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ |

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U.S. Containerized Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through Wilmington, DE, 2017

| Commodity | Metric Tons | *TEU | Share | U.S. Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bananas | $1,280,281$ | 127,059 | $75 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Pineapple | 272,973 | 27,336 | $16 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Fruit | 54,870 | 5,437 | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Vegetables | 40,391 | 3,803 | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Cassava flour, starch | 17,276 | 1,599 | $1 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Other | 44,594 | 4,067 | $3 \%$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 , 7 1 0 , 3 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 9 , 3 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ |

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Top Shipping Lines Moving U.S. Waterborne Agricultural Imports Through Wilmington, DE, 2017

| Shipping Line | Metric Tons | Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Dole Ocean Liner Express | 987,905 | $41 \%$ |
| Great White Fleet | 744,163 | $31 \%$ |
| Unknown Bulk Carriers | 138,874 | $6 \%$ |
| Trans Global Shipping | 103,905 | $4 \%$ |
| Teekay Corporation | 91,986 | $4 \%$ |
| Tiryaki Agro Gida Sanayi Ve Ticaret A S | 70,424 | $3 \%$ |
| Other | 245,630 | $10 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 , 3 8 2 , 8 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |

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