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A Modal Share Analysis 1978-2019 Update

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Abstract ••••

This report provides a breakout by mode of corn, wheat, soybeans, sorghum, and barley movements to either domestic markets or U.S. ports for export between 1978 and 2019. It is the twelfth update of an initial modal share study completed in 1992. The purpose of this series of reports is to provide the latest information about changes and trends in the relative competitiveness and efficiency among the different transportation modes in moving grain. Estimates of the tonnages (and shares) of grain railed, barged, and trucked are developed from a variety of secondary sources. This data can be used to identify trends and implications on transportation from factors, such as changes in production volumes and commodity mix, as well as changes in the relative demand for U.S. grain for domestic purposes versus export.



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Introduction ••••

The purpose of this analysis is to examine trends in the type of transportation used to move grains grown for the food and feed industry. Grains produced in the United States move to domestic and foreign markets through a well-developed transportation system. Barge, rail, and truck transportation facilitate a highly competitive market that bridges the gap between U.S. grain producers and domestic and foreign consumers.

Barges, railroads, and trucks often compete head-to-head to supply transportation for grains. Despite a high degree of competition in some markets, these modes also complement each other. Before a bushel of grain reaches its final destination, it has often been transported by two or more modes. This balance between competition and integration provides grain shippers with a highly efficient, low-cost system of transportation. The competitiveness of U.S. grains in the world market and the financial well-being of U.S. grain producers depends upon this competitive balance. A highly competitive and efficient transportation system results in lower shipping costs, smaller marketing margins for middlemen, and more competitive export prices. Such efficiencies also result in lower food costs for U.S. consumers and higher market prices for U.S. producers.

This analysis of the transportation of the final movement of grain, by mode, provides information about changes in market share among the modes. Over several years, such work helps identify critical trends affecting the transportation of grain. It also provides a framework to assess public policies that influence the development and success of the Nation's transportation infrastructure. Public policies that promote an efficient grain transportation system also promote strong U.S. agricultural and rural economies.

Note to readers regarding past versions of this report: This update presents new data for 2017, 2018, and 2019 as well as minor revisions to previous years.

¹ For this analysis, it is assumed that corn, wheat, soybeans, sorghum, and barley represent all grain movements.



Any effort to measure tonnages of grain moved by mode of transport is limited by the absence of information on the total volume of truck movements. Accurate data exist for barge and rail freight tonnages and commodities, but not for trucks. Other analyses of grain movements have relied extensively on survey data to overcome this obstacle. This analysis uses the Waterborne Commerce Statistics of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to calculate tonnages of barged grain and uses the Carload Waybill Sample from the Surface Transportation Board to estimate the amount of railed grain. Trucking data are derived from known grain production data, as compared to the estimates of the railed and barged volumes of grain. Estimating these modal grain volumes and modal shares on an annual basis provides a data series that tracks changes in grain transportation over time.

In this analysis, the term "modal share" describes that portion of the total tonnages of grain moved by each mode of transport—barge, rail, or truck. These shares, expressed as percentages, were determined by mode for particular types of grains and movements. Grains identified for this analysis were corn, wheat, soybeans, sorghum, and barley. The 1992 and 1998 versions of this study also included rye and oats. Rye and oats were taken out of the calculations for this report because of unreliability due to small volumes, which total less than 1 percent of all grain movements. Transport modes are categorized according to the final movement going to domestic markets or ports for export.

The estimates of modal tonnages and shares are based on the amount of grain moved to commercial markets. Truck tonnages are estimated by subtracting barge and rail tonnages from total tonnages transported. Figure 1 shows how modal shares are estimated. For each crop, total movements are determined first, and then exports are subtracted from the total to get domestic movements. Total rail and barge volumes are subtracted from total movements to get truck movements. A more detailed description of the methodology is covered in Appendix A.

Figure 1: Estimating modal tonnages and shares

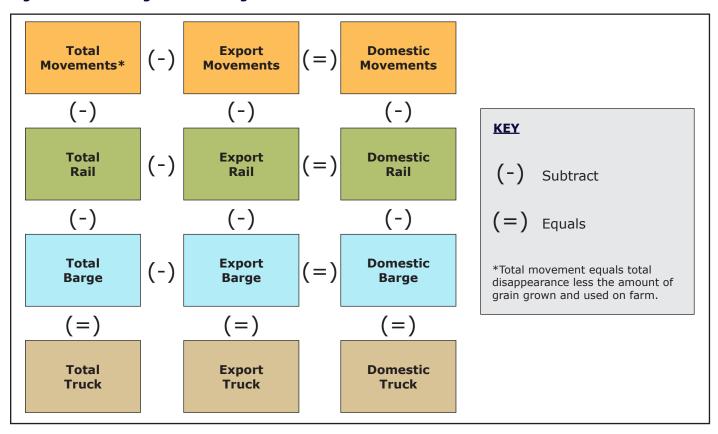


Figure 2: Total grain movements to domestic and export markets, 1978-2019

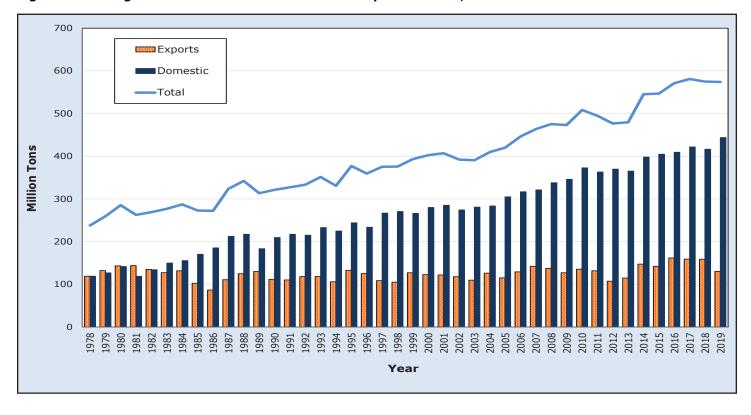
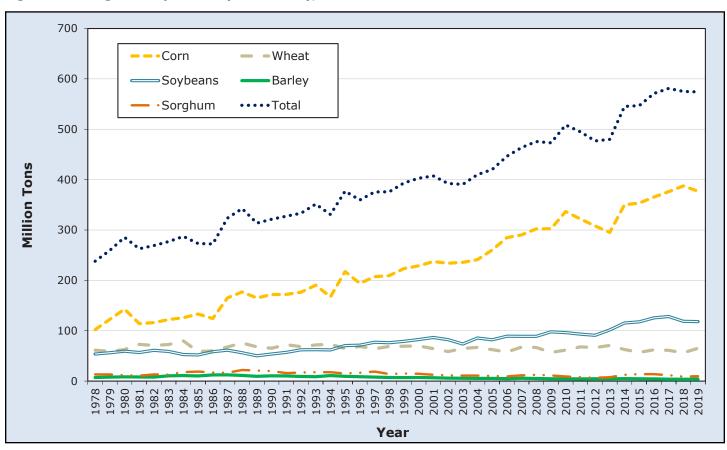


Figure 3: U.S. grain shipments by commodity, 1978-2019





Vasu	Corn	Wheat	Soybeans	Sorghum	Barley	All grains		
Year		1,000 tons						
Total								
2003	235,694	64,768	73,625	10,985	5,535	390,607		
2004	241,129	66,878	85,645	10,885	5,386	409,923		
2005	260,160	62,372	81,925	10,293	5,334	420,085		
2006	284,980	57,895	89,274	9,284	4,887	446,318		
2007	290,163	67,470	88,782	11,602	5,689	463,705		
2008	302,243	66,847	88,832	12,419	5,174	475,516		
2009	302,403	56,895	97,860	11,319	4,685	473,163		
2010	336,597	61,780	96,186	9,220	4,651	508,434		
2011	321,787	68,045	93,110	7,592	4,456	494,991		
2012	308,008	66,591	91,043	6,698	4,538	476,878		
2013	295,060	70,691	101,639	7,800	4,648	479,839		
2014	350,173	62,616	115,291	12,553	4,784	545,416		
2015	353,472	57,188	117,619	13,847	4,649	546,776		
2016	365,303	62,090	125,643	13,714	4,365	571,115		
2017	375,957	61,132	128,252	11,873	3,799	581,014		
2018	387,432	56,234	118,738	9,016	3,655	575,075		
2019	377,092	65,273	118,116	9,788	3,894	574,164		
Export								
2003	47,607	29,406	26,597	5,546	686	109,841		
2004	53,373	34,728	32,915	5,089	370	126,475		
2005	50,629	30,413	28,196	5,062	839	115,140		
2006	63,429	26,778	33,495	5,205	439	129,347		
2007	63,438	37,058	34,765	6,326	832	142,419		
2008	58,874	33,812	38,379	5,813	601	137,478		
2009	52,749	25,153	44,971	4,164	132	127,169		
2010	54,819	31,174	45,149	4,143	189	135,474		
2011	50,371	36,540	40,958	3,728	218	131,815		
2012	35,265	30,197	39,826	1,991	213	107,492		
2013	26,200	36,626	49,157	2,492	217	114,692		
2014	55,305	28,676	55,273	7,870	369	147,493		
2015	48,923	23,933	58,268	10,595	336	142,056		
2016	61,918	27,176	64,993	7,566	109	161,762		
2017	57,751	30,537	63,873	6,600	146	158,908		
2018	76,674	25,256	52,430	4,319	106	158,786		
2019	46,435	30,386	50,460	2,942	130	130,354		
Domestic	100.007	25.262	47.000	F 400	4.050	200 766		
2003	188,087	35,362	47,028	5,439	4,850	280,766		
2004	187,756	32,150	52,731	5,796	5,015	283,449		
2005	209,532	31,959	53,729	5,231	4,495	304,945		
2006	221,551	31,117	55,779	4,078	4,447	316,971		
2007	226,725	30,412	54,017	5,276	4,856	321,287		
2008	243,369	33,035	50,453	6,606	4,574	338,038		
2009	249,654	31,743	52,889	7,155	4,553	345,994		
2010	281,777	30,607	51,036 52,153	5,077	4,462	372,960 363 176		
2011	271,416	31,505	52,153 51 217	3,864	4,238	363,176 370,006		
2012 2013	272,743 268,860	37,015 34,260	51,217 52,482	4,707 5,308	4,324 4,431	365,341		
2013	294,868	33,940	60,018	4,682	4,431	397,923		
2014	304,550	33,255	59,340	3,252	4,414	404,709		
2015	303,383	34,914	60,647	6,148	4,257	409,349		
2017	318,125	30,536	64,240	5,257	3,652	421,810		
2017	310,758	30,978	66,307	4,697	3,549	416,289		
2019	330,657	34,887	67,656	6,846	3,764	443,810		
2019	330,037	J+,00/	07,030	0,070	5,704	773,010		

Figure 4: U.S. corn, soybeans, and wheat production, 1978-2019

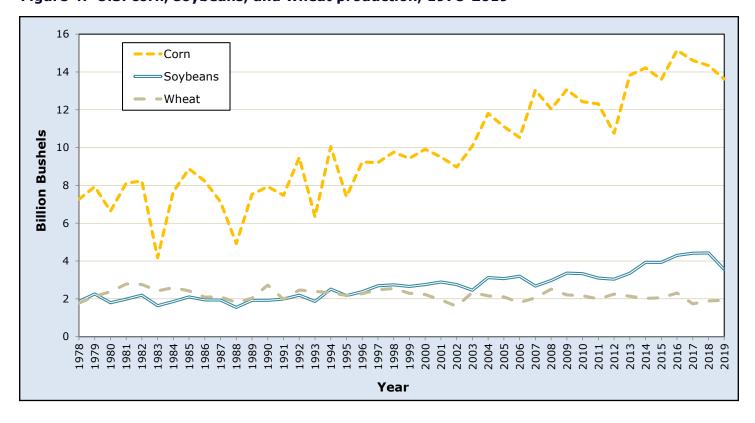
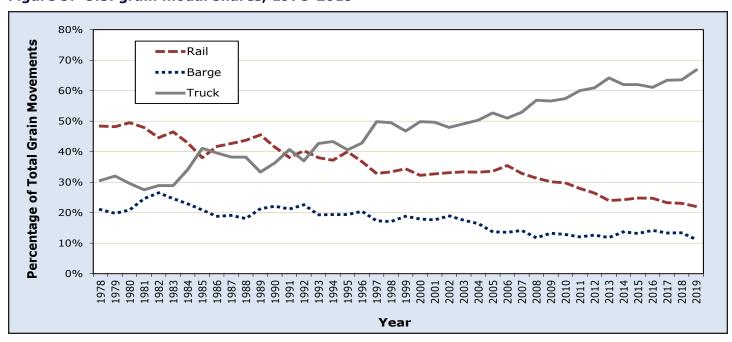


Figure 5: U.S. grain modal shares, 1978-2019





	Mode of transport									
Year &										
type of movement	Rail		Barge		Truck					
movement	1,000 tons	Percent	1,000 tons	Percent	1,000 tons	Percent				
Total										
2003	130,356	33	68,396	18	191,855	49				
2004	136,317	33	67,274	16	206,333	50				
2005	141,130	34	57,668	14	221,287	53				
2006	158,287	35	60,484	14	227,547	51				
2007	152,423	33	65,750	14	245,533	53				
2008	149,061	31	56,118	12	270,337	57				
2009	142,663	30	62,689	13	267,812	57				
2010	151,251	30	65,428	13	291,754	57				
2011	138,159	28	59,789	12	297,042	60				
2012	125,993	26	60,426	13	290,459	61				
2013	115,107	24	56,764	12	307,967	64				
2014	132,234	24	74,966	14	338,216	62				
2015	135,734	25	72,063	13	338,979	62				
2016	141,140	25	81,235	14	348,740	61				
2017	135,128	23	77,412	13	368,474	63				
2018	132,604	23	77,156	13	365,315	64				
2019	126,505	22	64,405	11	383,254	67				
Export			0.7.00		300/20.1	<u> </u>				
2003	41,784	38	62,776	57	5,282	5				
2004	48,015	38	61,729	49	16,730	13				
2005	53,797	47	52,981	46	8,361	7				
2006	59,673	46	56,617	44	13,057	10				
2007	61,366	43	61,613	43	19,440	14				
2008	67,300	49	51,765	38	18,413	13				
2009	59,077	46	59,095	46	8,997	7				
2010	67,409	50	61,371	45	6,694	5				
2011	53,092	40	55,877	42	22,845	17				
2012	41,471	39	55,603	52	9,798	9				
2013	39,984	35	51,854	45	22,660	20				
2013	52,500	36	71,045	48	23,948	16				
2015	49,182	35	68,157	48	24,729	17				
2016	63,014	39	77,253	48	21,499	13				
2017	58,705	37	73,426	46	27,074	17				
2017	57,065	36	73,718	46	28,003	18				
2019	50,037	38	61,814	47	18,503	14				
Domestic	30,037		01,014	<u> </u>	10,505					
2003	88,572	32	5,620	2	186,574	66				
2003		31		2	189,602	67				
	88,302		5,544	2		70				
2005	87,332	29 31	4,686	1	212,926					
2006	98,614	28	3,867		214,490	70				
2007	91,057		4,137	1	226,093					
2008	81,761	24	4,353	1	251,924	75				
2009	83,586	24	3,594	1	258,814	75				
2010	83,843	22	4,057	1	285,060	76				
2011	85,067	23	3,912	1	274,197	75				
2012	84,523	23	4,823	1	280,660	76				
2013	75,123	21	4,910	1	285,307	78				
2014	79,734	20	3,921	1	314,269	79				
2015	86,552	21	3,907	1	314,250	78				
2016	78,126	19	3,982	1	327,241	80				
2017	76,423	18	3,986	1	341,400	81				
2018	75,539	18	3,438	1	337,313	81				
2019	76,468	17	2,592	1	364,751	82				

Table 3: Modal Share Summary: 2019 and 5-year average, percent*

Mode/		Corn			Wheat		Soybeans			All grains		
Year	Exports	Domestic	All corn	Exports	Domestic	All wheat	Exports	Domestic	All soybeans	Exports	Domestic	All grains
Rail												
2019	33	15	17	60	49	54	29	12	20	38	17	22
5-yr avg	34	16	19	57	54	56	27	14	20	37	19	24
Barge												
2019	48	0	6	28	1	14	62	2	27	47	1	11
5-yr avg	53	0	9	31	1	15	54	3	27	47	1	13
Truck	Truck											
2019	19	85	77	11	50	32	9	86	53	14	82	67
5-yr avg	13	84	73	12	44	29	19	84	53	16	80	63

^{*}Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.



Table 4: Tonnages and modal shares for U.S. corn, 2003-2019

Year &	Mode of transport									
type of	Ra	:1	Tru	ck						
movement			+	Barge						
	1,000 tons	Percent	1,000 tons	Percent	1,000 tons	Percent				
Total 2003	60 775	30	36,488	15	120 421	55				
2003	69,775 74,766	31	37,302	15	129,431 129,062	55 54				
2005	75,261	29	31,739	12	153,161	59				
2005	87,314	31	34,587	12	163,079	<u>5</u> 57				
2007	78,650	27	37,407	13	174,106	60				
2008	75,652	25	30,088	10	196,503	65				
2009	69,803	23	32,147	11	200,453	66				
2010	74,909	22	33,134	10	228,553	68				
2011	72,059	22	29,434	9	220,294	68				
2012	64,514	21	22,331	7	221,162	72				
2013	53,808	18	18,421	6	222,832	76				
2014	66,701	19	35,072	10	248,400	71				
2015	69,153	20	30,572	9	253,747	72				
2016	69,839	19	35,729	10	259,735	71				
2017	67,278	18	32,815	9	275,864	73				
2018	78,696	20	37,555	10	271,181	70				
2019	64,720	17	23,130	6	289,243	77				
Export	01/720	Ξ,	23/130		203/2 13	,,				
2003	13,207	28	32,872	69	1,528	3				
2004	16,055	30	33,974	64	3,344	6				
2005	18,380	36	28,778	57	3,472	7				
2006	24,735	39	31,941	50	6,753	11				
2007	20,478	32	34,689	<u>55</u>	8,270	13				
2008	24,615	42	27,457	47	6,802	12				
2009	19,801	38	30,013	57	2,936	6				
2010	22,070	40	31,174	57	1,575	3				
2011	17,237	34	27,331	54	5,802	12				
2012	10,108	29	19,825	56	5,332	15				
2013	7,034	27	16,019	61	3,147	12				
2014	14,822	27	33,624	61	6,859	12				
2015	14,116	29	29,256	60	5,551	11				
2016	21,582	35	34,187	55	6,151	10				
2017	18,523	32	31,213	<u>55</u>	8,096	14				
2018	30,369	40	36,356	47	9,949	13				
2019	15,539	33	22,068	48	8,829	19				
Domestic										
2003	56,568	30	3,616	2	127,903	68				
2004	58,711	31	3,328	2	125,717	67				
2005	56,881	27	2,961	<u></u>	149,689	71				
2006	62,579	28	2,646	1	156,326	71				
2007	58,171	26	2,718	1	165,836	73				
2008	51,037	21	2,631	1	189,701	78				
2009	50,002	20	2,135	 1	197,517	79				
2010	52,839	19	1,960	1	226,978	81				
2011	54,822	20	2,102	1	214,492	79				
2012	54,406	20	2,506	1	215,830	79				
2013	46,774	17	2,402	1	219,685	82				
2014	51,879	18	1,448	0	241,541	82				
2015	55,037	18	1,317	0	248,196	81				
2016	48,258	16	1,542	1	253,584	84				
2017	48,755	15	1,602	1	267,768	84				
2018	48,327	16	1,199	0	261,232	84				
2019	49,181	15	1,062	0	280,414	85				

Figure 6: U.S. corn domestic shipments by mode, 2003–2019

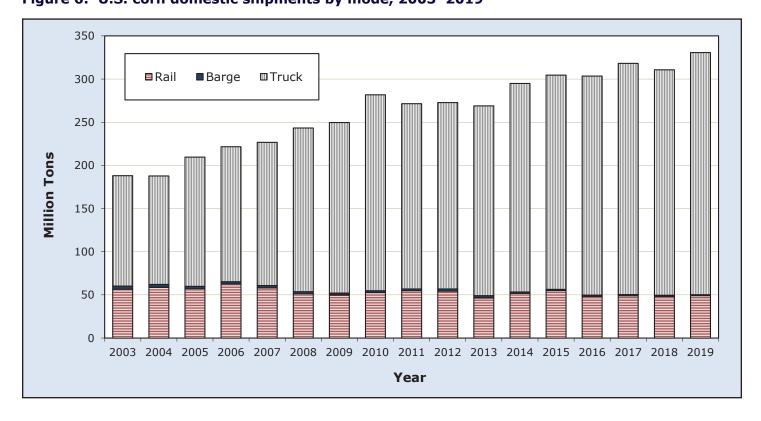


Figure 7: U.S. corn export shipments by mode, 2003-2019

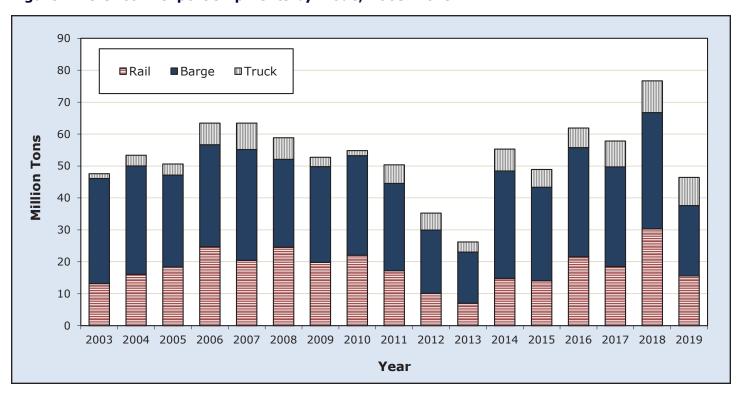




Table 5: Tonnages and modal shares for U.S. wheat, 2003-2019

Year &	Mode of transport									
type of	Ra	il	Bar		Truck					
movement	1,000 tons	Percent	1,000 tons	Percent	1,000 tons	Percent				
Total	1,000 tons	rercent	1,000 tolls	rercent	1,000 tons	rercent				
2003	36,900	57	10,180	16	17,688	27				
2003	40,924	61	11,937	18	14,017	21				
2005	44,180	71	8,668	14	9,524	15				
2006	44,735		8,767	14 	4,393	8				
2007	47,777	77	10,515	16	9,178	 14				
2007	45,670	68	8,872	13	12,305	18				
2009	41,094	72	8,462	15	7,339	13				
2010	44,017	72	8,471	14	9,293	15				
2010	43,417	64	9,844	14	14,784	22				
2012	35,025	53		16	20,753	31				
2012		55 51	10,814 15,170	21	19,232	27				
2013	36,290	51 54	10,055	16	19,034	30				
2014	33,527	5 4	9,112	16	15,688	30 27				
	32,388 34,522				19,123					
2016 2017		56	8,445	14		31				
	35,917	59 53	9,279	15	15,936	26				
2018	29,758	55 54	9,020	16	17,457 20,832	31 32				
2019	35,565	54	8,876	14	20,832	32				
Export	10.240		0.706	22	1 222					
2003	18,348	62	9,726	33	1,332	5				
2004	21,439	62	11,370	33	1,919	6				
2005	22,120	73	8,294	27	0	0				
2006	18,212	68	8,566	32	0	0				
2007	24,749	67	10,229	28	2,080	6				
2008	24,509	72	8,428	25	875	3				
2009	17,117	68	7,970	32	66	0				
2010	22,369	72	8,013	26	792	3				
2011	22,820	62	9,333	26	4,387	12				
2012	16,474	55	10,126	34	3,597	12				
2013	18,034	49	14,519	40	4,073	11				
2014	15,710	55	9,437	33	3,529	12				
2015	12,508	52	8,411	35	3,015	13				
2016	16,728	62	7,887	29	2,562	9				
2017	18,490	60	8,824	29	3,283	11				
2018	13,052	52	8,628	34	3,577	14				
2019	18,372	60	8,584	28	3,430	11				
Domestic										
2003	18,552	52	454	1	16,356	46				
2004	19,485	61	566	2	12,099	38				
2005	22,060	69	375	1	9,524	30				
2006	26,524	85	200	1	4,393	14				
2007	23,028	76	286	1	7,098	23				
2008	21,161	64	444	1	11,430	35				
2009	23,977	76	493	2	7,273	23				
2010	21,647	71	458	1	8,501	28				
2011	20,596	65	511	2	10,397	33				
2012	18,551	50	688	2	17,776	48				
2013	18,255	53	651	2	15,354	45				
2014	17,818	52	617	2	15,505	46				
2015	19,881	60	701	2	12,673	38				
2016	17,794	51	558	2	16,561	47				
2017	17,427	57	456	1	12,652	41				
2018	16,706	54	392	1	13,880	45				
2019	17,192	49	292	1	17,402	50				

Figure 8: U.S. wheat domestic shipments by mode, 2003–2019

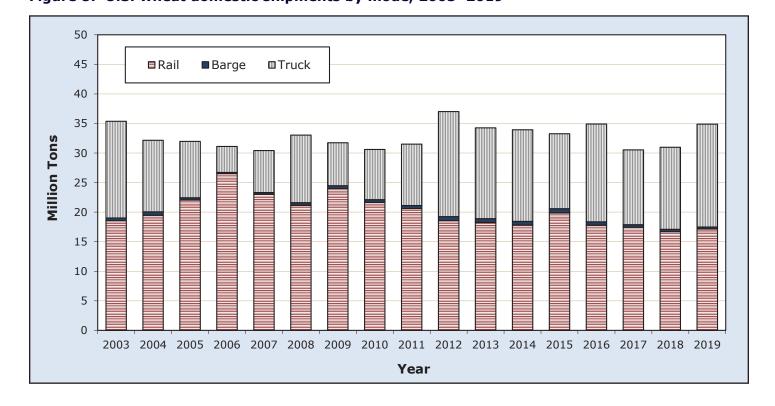


Figure 9: U.S. wheat export shipments by mode, 2003-2019

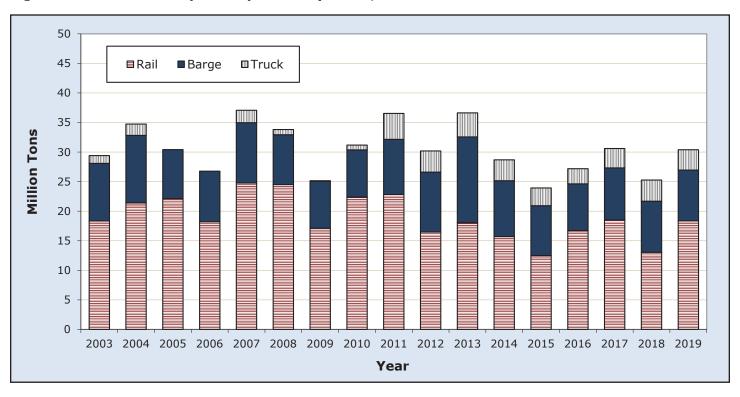




Table 6: Tonnages and modal shares for U.S. soybeans, 2003-2019

Year &	Mode of transport									
type of	Ra	il	Bar		Tru	Truck				
movement	1,000 tons	Percent	1,000 tons	Percent	1,000 tons	Percent				
Total										
2003	17,735	24	20,167	27	35,723	49				
2004	15,029	18	17,053	20	53,564	63				
2005	16,141	20	16,332	20	49,452	60				
2006	19,862	22	16,221	18	53,191	60				
2007	19,478	22	16,327	18	52,976	60				
2008	20,899	24	16,326	18	51,607	58				
2009	25,745	26	21,569	22	50,546	52				
2010	26,778	28	23,472	24	45,935	48				
2011	19,055	20	19,962	21	54,093	58				
2012	23,281	26	26,604	29	41,158	45				
2013	21,591	21	22,399	22	57,648	57				
2014	24,472	21	28,590	25	62,229	54				
2015	25,239	21	30,131	26	62,250	53				
2016	29,315	23	36,825	29 27	59,503	47 53				
2017	25,305	20	35,235		67,712					
2018	18,653	16	30,538	26	69,547	59				
2019	23,083	20	32,384	27	62,649	53				
Export	7.064	20	10.622	70						
2003	7,964	30 26	18,632	70 47	9,007	0 27				
	8,496		15,412	47 		9				
2005	10,676	38	15,030		2,490	9 14				
2006	13,541	40	15,240	45	4,714					
2007	12,524 14,492	36 38	15,242	44 39	6,999	20 23				
2008	19,694	36 44	15,089 20,634	39 46	8,798 4,644	10				
2010	20,484	44 45	21,864	48	2,801	6				
2010	12,041	45 29	18,793	46 46	10,124	25				
2011	14,598	29 37	25,124	63	10,124	0				
2012	14,426	29	20,611	42	14,119	29				
2013	17,231	31	26,791	42 48	11,251	29				
2015	16,168	28	28,296	49 49	13,814	24				
2016	19,693	30	34,968	54	10,334	16				
2017	17,255	27	33,308	52	13,449	21				
2018	10,402	20	28,695	55	13,334	25				
2019	14,819	29	31,149	62	4,491	9				
Domestic	14,019		31,173	02		<u> </u>				
2003	9,771	21	1,535	3	35,723	76				
2003	6,533	12	1,641	3	44,556	84				
2005	5,465	10	1,302		46,962	87				
2006	6,321	11	982	2	48,476	87				
2007	6,953	13	1,086	2	45,978	85				
2008	6,407	13	1,237	2	42,809	85				
2009	6,051	11	936	2	45,902	87				
2010	6,294	12	1,608	3	43,134	85				
2011	7,015	13	1,169	2	43,969	84				
2012	8,683	17	1,480	2	41,054	80				
2013	7,165	14	1,788	3	43,529	83				
2014	7,241	12	1,799	3	50,978	85				
2015	9,070	15	1,834	3	48,436	82				
2016	9,622	16	1,857	3	49,169	81				
2017	8,050	13	1,927	3	54,263	84				
2018	8,251	12	1,843	3	56,213	85				
2019	8,264	12	1,235	2	58,157	86				
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Figure 10: U.S. soybean domestic shipments by mode, 2003-2019

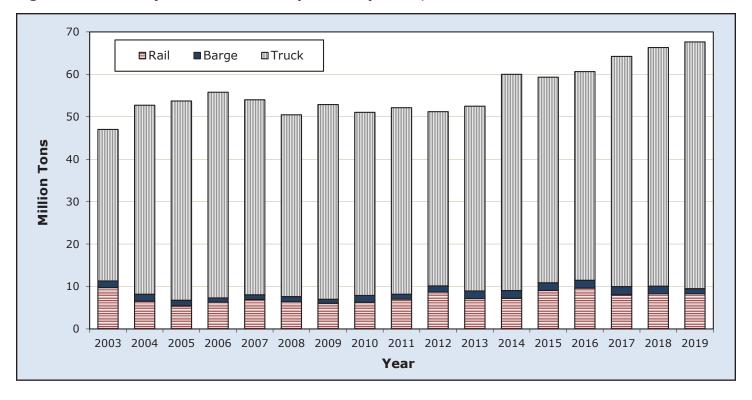


Figure 11: U.S. soybean export shipments by mode, 2003-2019

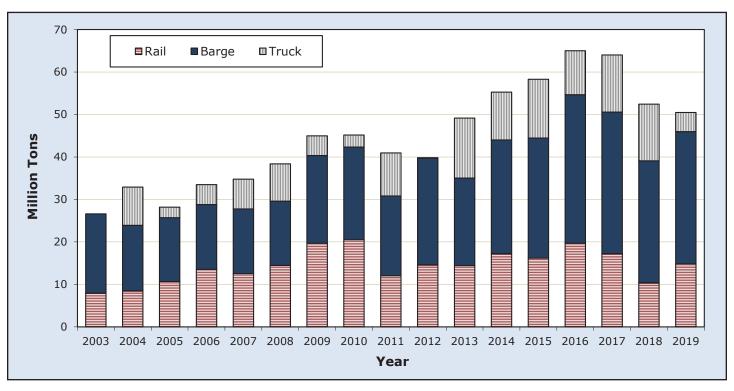




Table 7: Tonnages and modal shares for U.S. sorghum, 2003-2019

Year &	Mode of transport					
type of	Rail		Baı	rge	Truck	
movement			1,000 tons	Percent	1,000 tons	Percent
Total						
2003	2,121	19	1,365	12	7,500	68
2004	2,334	21	852	8	7,698	71
2005	2,366	23	721	7	7,206	70
2006	3,407	37	730	8	5,147	55
2007	3,490	30	1,252	11	6,859	59
2008	3,779	30	634	5	8,006	64
2009	3,218	28	442	4	7,660	68
2010	2,886	31	315	3	6,019	65
2011	1,078	14	427	6	6,087	80
2012	653	10	577	9	5,468	82
2013	667	9	691	9	6,441	83
2014	4,873	39	1,046	8	6,633	53
2015	6,361	46	2,139	15	5,347	39
2016	5,127	37	225	2	8,362	61
2017	4,518	38	74	1	7,281	61
2018	3,257	36	43	0	5,716	63
2019	1,567	16	15	0	8,206	84
Export	1 760		1 252		2.424	
2003	1,763	32	1,362	25	2,421	44
2004	1,776	35	852	17	2,460	48
2005	1,941	38	721	14	2,399	47
2006	2,886	55	730	14	1,590	31
2007	2,989	47	1,246	20	2,091	33
2008	3,253	56	622	11	1,938	33
2009	2,372	57	440	11 7	1,352	32
2010	2,307	56	309		1,526	37
2011 2012	776 120	21 6	420 485	11 24	2,532	68 70
2012	316	13	660	26	1,386 1,515	61
2013	4,528	13 58	1,033	13	2,309	29
2015	6,117	58	2,130	20	2,349	22
2016	4,903	65	212	3	2,451	32
2017	4,297	65	74	1	2,245	34
2018	3,137	73	40	1	1,143	26
2019	1,177	40	13	0	1,753	60
Domestic						
2003	358	7	3	0	5,078	93
2004	558	10	0	0	5,238	90
2005	425	8	0	0	4,806	92
2006	521	13	0	0	3,557	87
2007	502	10	6	0	4,769	90
2008	527	8	11	0	6,068	92
2009	846	12	2	0	6,307	88
2010	579	11	5	0	4,493	88
2011	302	8	7	0	3,555	92
2012	534	11	92	2	4,082	87
2013	351	7	31	1	4,926	93
2014	345	7	13	0	4,324	92
2015	244	8	9	0	2,999	92
2016	224	4	13	0	5,911	96
2017	221	4	0	0	5,035	96
2018	120	3	4	0	4,574	97
2019	390	6	2	0	6,454	94

Figure 12: U.S. sorghum domestic shipments by mode, 2003–2019

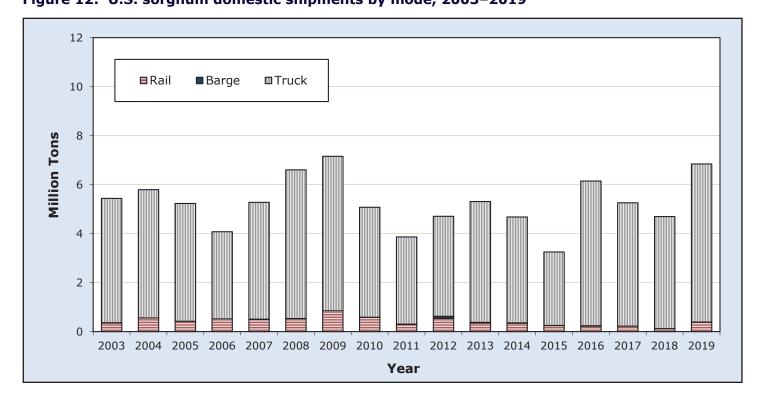


Figure 13: U.S. sorghum export shipments by mode, 2003–2019

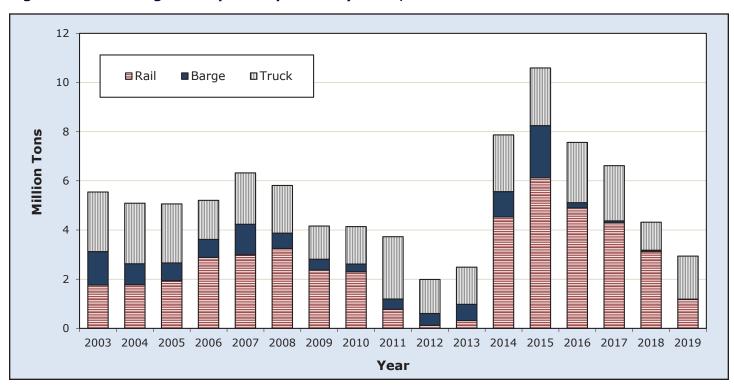




Table 8: Tonnages and modal shares for U.S. barley, 2003-2019

Year &			Mode of t	ransport			
type of	Ra	il	Bar	ge	Truck		
movement	1,000 tons	Percent	1,000 tons	Percent	1,000 tons	Percent	
Total					_,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
2003	3,826	69	196	4	1,513	27	
2004	3,264	61	130	2	1,991	37	
2005	3,182	60	207	4	1,944	36	
2006	2,969	61	179	4	1,738	36	
2007	3,028	53	247	4	2,413	42	
2008	3,061	59	198	4	1,916	37	
2009	2,803	60	68	1	1,814	39	
2010	2,661	57	36	1	1,954	42	
2011	2,550	57	123	3	1,784	40	
2012	2,520	56	100	2	1,918	42	
2013	2,751	59	83	2	1,814	39	
2014	2,660	56	203	4	1,921	40	
2015	2,593	56	109	2	1,947	42	
2016	2,337	54	12	0	2,016	46	
2017	2,109	56	9	0	1,681	44	
2018	2,240	61	0	0	1,414	39	
2019	1,570	40	0	0	2,324	60	
Export							
2003	502	73	183	27	0	0	
2004	249	67	121	33	0	0	
2005	680	81	159	19	0	0	
2006	299	68	140	32	0	0	
2007	626	75	206	25	0	0	
2008	432	72	168	28	0	0	
2009	93	70	39	30	0	0	
2010	178	94	11	6	0	0	
2011	218	100	0	0	0	0	
2012	171	80	42	20	0	0	
2013	173	80	44	20	0	0	
2014	210	57	160	43	0	0	
2015	272	81	64	19	0	0	
2016	109	100	0	0	0	0	
2017	140	95	7	5	0	0	
2018	106	100	0	0	0	0	
2019	130	100	0	00	0	0	
Domestic							
2003	3,323	69	13	0	1,513	31	
2004	3,015	60	9	0	1,991	40	
2005	2,502	56	48	1	1,944	43	
2006	2,670	60	39	1	1,738	39	
2007	2,402	49	41	1	2,413	50	
2008	2,629	57	29	1	1,916	42	
2009	2,711	60	29	1	1,814	40	
2010	2,483	56	26	1	1,954	44	
2011	2,332	55	123	3	1,784	42	
2012	2,349	54	58	1	1,918	44	
2013	2,578	58	39	1	1,814	41	
2014	2,450	56	43	1	1,921	44	
2015	2,320	54	45	1	1,947	45	
2016	2,229	52	12	0	2,016	47	
2017	1,969	54	2	0	1,681	46	
2018	2,134	60	0	0	1,414	40	
2019	1,441	38	0	0	2,324	62	

Figure 14: U.S. barley domestic shipments by mode, 2003–2019

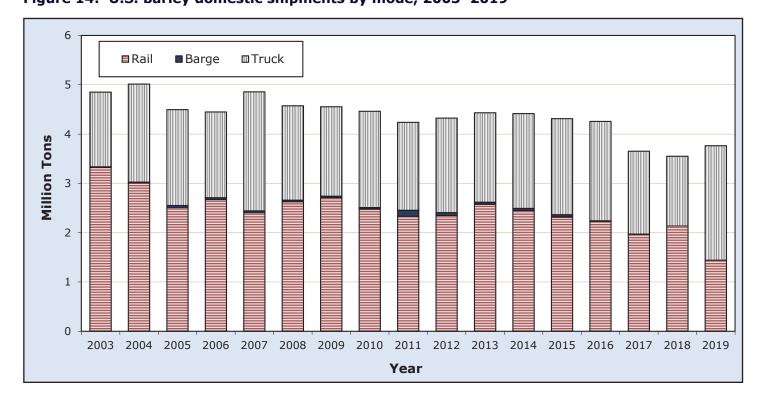
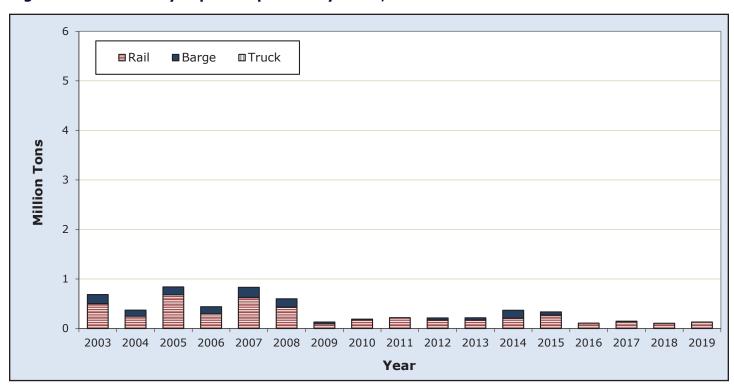


Figure 15: U.S. barley export shipments by mode, 2003-2019





Modal shares are calculated for all grains and each grain type, based on the estimated modal tonnages. These modal shares are determined for total, export, and domestic movements.

Total Tonnages. The approach used to estimate modal tonnages and shares requires that total tonnages of grain transported to market be determined. It is also necessary to determine the portions of total tonnages transported to domestic and export markets. Total tonnages are defined as total disappearance minus grain that was grown and used on-farm. Total disappearance for this study is calculated using the ERS Wheat Outlook, Feed Outlook, and Oil Crop Outlook reports. These reports include marketing year supply and disappearance tables that list domestic use and exports. The Oil Crop Outlook lists these numbers by marketing year. The other two reports break the numbers down on a quarterly basis. To get disappearance numbers by calendar year, monthly totals are calculated from the marketing year data and added together into respective calendar year totals.

Total Export. Total exports are calculated using export numbers reported in the ERS *Outlook* reports.

Total Domestic. Total domestic tonnages are estimated by subtracting total export tonnages from total disappearance.

Grown and Used-on-Farm Totals. Grown and used-on-farm data are provided by ERS. These data are reported in percentages by year and commodity. Production numbers for each commodity are multiplied by the grown and used-on-farm percentages. Those numbers are then subtracted from total disappearance to get total transported grain tonnages. Grain grown and used on-farm must be deducted from total disappearance because it generates no commercial transportation demand.

Rail Total. Annual rail movements come from the STB Master Carload Waybill Sample. STB's Waybill Sample is a stratified sample of carload waybills for terminated shipments by railroad carriers. The STB collects operating statistics on U.S. railroads, which can be used to estimate rail traffic volumes and railroad characteristics. Total tonnages are calculated using the billed weight in tons from the Waybill Sample and multiplying it by an expansion factor to estimate the tonnages for all grain movements by all railroads. Movements that originated and terminated in the same five-digit, Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) region are assumed to be short hauls, which would be double-counted and, thus, were deleted.

Some grain is moved by a combination of rail and barge. Since this represents a relatively small amount of grain, these movements are not included in the rail calculations. Instead, they are counted in the barge movements—the final mode used to transport the grain. There are other instances in which grain shipments are rebilled from one railroad to another at terminal markets. Such a movement would be considered a double-count of grain movements. An attempt is made to minimize the rebilled movements. Again, as with the rail-to-barge movements, these types of shipments represent a small portion of total rail shipments.

Rail Export. Export regions are defined by five-digit FIPS codes and are listed in Appendix B. The regions chosen are based on methodology from the 1998 modal share report as those regions with ports in the Pacific Northwest, Atlantic Coast, and Gulf of Mexico. Rail exports to the Great Lakes are determined from grain delivery information at Duluth-Superior, MN, and Toledo, OH. Total tonnages exported are then calculated using the designated export regions. Movements that originated and terminated in the same five-digit FIPS region are assumed to be short hauls, which would be double-counted and, thus, were deleted.



Rail Domestic. Domestic rail tonnages are estimated by subtracting export grain tonnages moved by rail from total grain tonnages moved by rail.

Barge Total. Annual barge movement data, which are collected and compiled by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, are obtained from *Waterborne Commerce of the United States*. The categories used to calculate modal shares for barge are river shipping range (origin) and river receiving range (destination). Total movements are determined by summing the total of all receiving ranges. As explained in the Rail Total section above, when barge and rail are used in combination to ship grain, with barge being the final mode in the transportation route, only the barge movement is included.

Barge Export. The following river receiving ranges are used to find barge export movements: Atlantic, Pacific, Central Gulf, East Gulf, and West Gulf. Any movement that is received into a port in the defined regions is determined to be an export movement. The receiving ranges are based on the 1998 report's methodology. For that report, export barge modal shares were calculated using barge export tonnages based on internal grain and oilseed receipts reported on the inland waterways. Movements were defined as those to: 1) Kalama and Vancouver, WA, and Portland, OR, on the Columbia-Snake River system; 2) Baton Rouge through New Orleans, LA, to the mouth of the passes on the Mississippi River system; 3) Lake Charles, LA, on the Calcasieu River; 4) Mobile, AL, on the Tennessee-Tombigbee River system; 5) Pascagoula, MS, on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway; 6) Beaumont and Port Arthur, TX; 7) Galveston Bay (including Houston), TX; 8) Corpus Christi, TX, and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway ports between Corpus Christi and the Mexican border; and 9) Hampton Roads and Norfolk, VA, on the Chesapeake Bay.

Barge Domestic. Domestic barge movements are calculated by subtracting export barge movements from total barge movements.

Truck Total. Total truck tonnages are estimated by subtracting total rail and total barge from total disappearance. The method for estimating truck grain tonnages and modal shares assumes that all barge and rail tonnages represent "long-haul" movements. "Short-haul" movements (farm-to-elevator) that originate on the farm are almost exclusively done by truck. Such farm-to-elevator movements are considered gathering movements. Unlike barge or rail movements that typically end at the point of domestic consumption or export, these truck movements represent only the first and shortest segment of the entire shipping route for grain.

Truck Export. Truck export tonnages are estimated by subtracting rail export and barge export tonnages from total export tonnages.

Truck Domestic. Domestic truck tonnages are estimated by subtracting domestic rail and domestic barge tonnages from total domestic tonnages.

Appendix B: FIPS Regions Included in Rail Export Tonnages

State/country	FIPS code	County
Canada & Mexico	0	All areas
Alabama	1003	Baldwin
Alabama	1097	Mobile
Arizona	4023	Santa Cruz
California	6025	Imperial
California	6073	San Diego
Georgia	13051	Chatham
Georgia	13127	Glynn
Louisiana	22019	Calcasieu
Louisiana	22023	Cameron
Louisiana	22033	East Baton Rouge
Louisiana	22051	Jefferson
Louisiana	22063	Livingston
Louisiana	22071	Orleans
Louisiana	22075	Plaquemines
Louisiana	22089	St. Charles
Louisiana	22093	St. James
Louisiana	22095	St. John the Baptist
Louisiana	22121	West Baton Rouge
Minnesota	27137	St. Louis
Mississippi	28045	Hancock
Mississippi	28047	Harrison
Mississippi	28059	Jackson
Ohio	39043	Erie
Ohio	39095	Lucas
Oregon	41009	Columbia
Oregon	41051	Multnomah
South Carolina	45019	Charleston
South Carolina	45053	Jasper
Texas	48061	Cameron
Texas	48141	El Paso
Texas	48167	Galveston
Texas	48201	Harris
Texas	48245	Jefferson
Texas	48323	Maverick
Texas	48355	Nueces
Texas	48361	Orange
Texas	48377	Presidio
Texas	48409	San Patricio
Texas	48479	Webb
Virginia	51710	Norfolk
Washington	53011	Clark
Washington	53015	Cowlitz
Washington	53033	King
Washington	53053	Pierce
Wisconsin	55031	Douglas
Wisconsin	55079	Milwaukee

