

## 2006 GRAIN TRADE

For the first time in several years, grain shipments on the Great Lakes increased in 2006. The trade totaled 13 million net tons, an increase of 14.5 percent over 2005. Grain cargos also outpaced the trade's 5-year average by 7 percent.

Despite the upturn in 2006, the Lakes grain trade remains much reduced from levels achieved in the 1970s and 1980s. In 1978, grain shipments topped 32 million net tons. Population shifts and unit trains have decreased demand for domestic movements of grain on the Lakes. Overseas exports have also declined because of shifts in demand and increased supplies worldwide.

### **GRAIN SHIPMENTS BY COMMODITY CALENDAR YEARS 2001-2006 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE** (bushels)

COMMODITY	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	AVERAGE 2001-2005
Barley .....	5,220,083	7,701,166	2,141,042	0	1,726,750	0	3,357,808
Beet Pulp.....	0	0	5,343,520	6,245,464	5,700,036	7,178,840	3,457,804
Canola .....	16,314,160	12,862,840	15,033,880	23,632,040	31,069,640	34,708,480	19,782,512
Corn.....	64,854,866	45,641,973	37,217,326	32,943,753	31,074,498	67,192,760	42,346,483
Flaxseed.....	17,599,036	21,738,571	20,628,393	15,179,464	16,219,501	18,482,393	18,272,993
Oats .....	13,551,187	157,812	5,183,375	10,372,562	11,248,813	1,623,375	8,102,750
Peas .....	9,449,767	74,633	5,645,334	11,068,800	23,523,234	14,614,034	9,952,354
Soybeans .....	66,006,200	63,793,673	39,582,235	48,660,793	38,073,169	46,521,672	51,223,214
Wheat.....	272,469,245	244,333,316	262,768,123	249,417,100	230,338,252	241,300,286	251,865,207
Miscellaneous Grains...	21,582,471	11,021,803	4,386,639	4,483,776	4,896,215	7,001,040	9,274,181
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>487,049,016</b>	<b>407,327,789</b>	<b>397,931,870</b>	<b>402,005,756</b>	<b>393,870,108</b>	<b>438,624,886</b>	<b>417,635,306</b>

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**2006 GRAIN SHIPMENTS  
BY PORT AND COMMODITY**  
(bushels and net tons)

PORT	COMMODITY	BUSHEL	NET TONS
Duluth, MN / Superior, WI	Beet Pulp.....	7,178,840	179,471
	Peas .....	2,814,900	84,447
	Soybeans .....	5,410,533	162,316
	Wheat.....	59,068,100	1,772,043
	Other Grains .....	1,736,000	43,400
		<b>76,208,373</b>	<b>2,241,677</b>
Thunder Bay, ON	Canola.....	34,708,480	867,712
	Flaxseed.....	18,482,393	517,507
	Oats.....	1,623,375	259,374
	Peas .....	11,799,134	353,974
	Wheat.....	166,633,900	4,999,017
	Other Grains .....	4,821,960	120,549
		<b>238,069,242</b>	<b>7,118,133</b>
Milwaukee, WI	Corn.....	12,340,704	345,540
	Soybeans .....	5,288,106	158,643
		<b>17,628,810</b>	<b>504,183</b>
Chicago, IL	Corn.....	3,168,579	88,720
	Soybeans .....	1,031,932	30,958
		<b>4,200,511</b>	<b>119,678</b>
Burns Harbor, IN	Corn.....	8,052,000	225,456
	Soybeans .....	2,929,000	87,870
		<b>10,981,000</b>	<b>313,326</b>
Sarnia, ON	Corn.....	510,012	14,280
	Soybeans .....	5,309,334	159,280
	Wheat.....	11,198,720	335,962
		<b>17,018,066</b>	<b>509,522</b>
Goderich, ON	Corn.....	303,715	8,504
	Soybeans .....	310,600	9,318
	Wheat.....	1,670,733	50,122
	Other Grains .....	443,080	11,077
		<b>2,728,128</b>	<b>79,021</b>
Toledo, OH	Corn.....	42,235,893	1,182,605
	Soybeans .....	25,722,800	771,684
	Wheat.....	1,000,900	30,027
		<b>68,959,593</b>	<b>1,984,316</b>
Owen Sound, ON	Soybeans .....	519,367	15,581
	Wheat.....	276,400	82,392
		<b>795,767</b>	<b>97,973</b>
Port Colborne, ON	Corn.....	581,857	16,292
	Wheat.....	1,451,533	43,546
		<b>2,033,390</b>	<b>59,838</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>438,622,880</b>	<b>13,027,667</b>