

2007 POTASH TRADE

Shipments of potash from Thunder Bay, Ontario increased by 100,000 tons in 2007, but the trade remains a shadow of its former self. Potash cargos used to top 1.5 million net tons a year, but trains have replaced vessels, as fertilizer distributors need to restock for the coming growing season before the Soo Locks open on March 25.

GREAT LAKES POTASH SHIPMENTS CALENDAR YEARS 1998-2007

(net tons)

CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL
1998	801,829
1999	606,014
2000	688,858
2001	563,882
2002	587,296
2003	579,352
2004	728,701
2005	584,672
2006	483,174
2007	585,093
10-YEAR TOTAL	6,208,871