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2001 POTASH TRADE

The Lakes potash trade slipped a couple more rungs in 2001. Shipments from Thunder Bay, Ontario (the sole potash loading port on the Lakes) totaled 563,882 net tons, a decrease of 18 percent compared to 2000. The trade has switched largely to rail in part because potash is used in agricultural fertilizers and farmers need to be resupplied before the March 25 opening of the Soo Locks.

GREAT LAKES POTASH SHIPMENTS: 2001 - 1992 (net tons)

Navigation Season	Total
2001	563,882
2000	688,858
1999	606,014
1998	801,829
1997	767,400
1996	595,194
1995	657,256
1994	666,918
1993	608,288
1992	914,283
10-Year Total	6,869,922

2001 GRAIN TRADE

Grain shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 14 million net tons in 2001, a decrease of 7.2 percent compared to 2000. The Lakes' grain trade has declined markedly following loss of the Soviet Union as a primary customer. Drought conditions in the Prairies impacted 2001 shipments.

COMPARISON OF GRAIN SHIPMENTS BY COMMODITY: 2001 - 1999 (bushels)

Commodity	2001	2000	1999
Wheat	272,469,245	271,149,998	272,998,886
Corn	64,854,866	72,773,072	109,309,788
Soybeans	66,006,200	74,037,401	84,879,950
Oats	13,551,187	3,653,438	12,500,250
Canola	16,314,160	18,392,120	16,643,778
Barley	5,220,083	10,517,584	14,561,222
Mustard	0	10,628,200	0
Sunflower Seeds	0	0	7,119,086
Flax	17,599,036	18,301,857	8,079,143
Peas	9,449,767	23,436,800	15,059,267
Miscellaneous Grains	21,582,471	18,165,120	10,857,589
Totals	487,047,015	521,055,590	552,008,959