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PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA CARGO THROUGHPUT INCREASES IN SECOND QUARTER 2018

First Quarter 2018 vs. Second Quarter 2018

During the 2Q 2018, facilities within the Port of South Louisiana district handled over 77 million short tons transferred via 1,126 vessels and 15,910 barges, an increase of 7%, which is 14% higher than what has been cited in recent articles.

Total Throughput	7%	Exports	10%	Imports	1%
Grain	4%	Grain	2%	Chemicals/Fertilizers	11%
Coal/Lignite/Coke	11%	Coal/Lignite/Coke	29%	Ores/Phosphates	19%
Ores/Phosphates	22%	Petrochemicals	25%	Steel Products	8%
Petrochemicals	20%				
Steel Products	13%				
# Vessels	7%				
# Barges	8%				

Grain handling in 1Q 2018 decreased due to prolonged winter weather in the Midwest that delayed the farming season. In addition, [high water](#) contributed to the downturn, as river traffic and cargo movement was disrupted. Crude oil imports also saw a decline during 1Q 2018, as U.S. imports of crude [sweet] oil from Venezuela reached their [lowest levels](#) since 1993. However, after the spring thaw, grain shipping increased by 4% in the 2Q 2018.

Second Quarter 2017 vs. Second Quarter 2018

Total tonnage also marked an increase (11%) in 2Q 2018 when compared to 2Q 2017. All commodities but Crude and Steel Products marked an increase during 2Q 2018, transported to our facilities via 1,126 vessels and 15,910 barges.

Total Throughput	11%	Exports	32%	Imports	-11%
Grain	30%	Grain	31%	Ores/Phosphates	19%
Ores/Phosphates	10%	Coal/Lignite/Coke	123%		
Petrochemicals	2%				
# Vessels	1%				
# Barges	17%				

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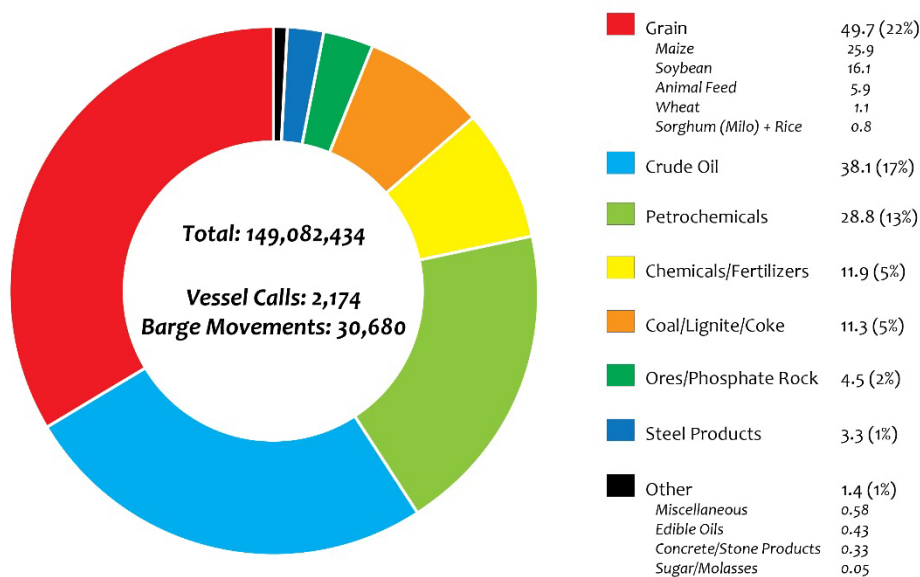
First Half Year 2017 vs. First Half Year 2018

In 1HY 2018, Port of South Louisiana handled over 149 million short tons of cargo shipped via 2,174 vessels and 30,680 barges. Although total throughput showed a 3% decrease compared to the same period last year, it is doubtful that it can be attributed to the recently-imposed tariffs, as those did not go into effect until June 2018. As already stated, the reduction is linked to late-season winter weather upriver and a decrease of crude [sweet] oil imports from Venezuela. During this time frame. Coal/Lignite/Coke showed a substantial increase in handling.

Total Throughput	-3%	Exports	2%	Imports	-10%
Coal/Lignite/Coke	53%	Coal/Lignite/Coke	38%	Ores/Phosphates	22%
Ores/Phosphates	18%				

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PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA TOTAL TONNAGE
FIRST + SECOND QUARTER 2018 (in million short tons)



As the largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere –and the 16th largest in the world (2016), Port of South Louisiana ranks first in grain exports and foreign trade zone activity and is a top-rated energy transfer port. The Port of South Louisiana handles approximately \$60 billion in trade annually, supporting over 30 thousand direct jobs (6 of 10) in the River Region which translates to over 83 thousand jobs (1 of 25) in the state of Louisiana. Regionally, it contributes \$1.8 billion in income, \$14.4 billion in revenue, and \$72.5 million in state and local taxes. The region has attracted billions of dollars of investment (over \$23 billion) by companies in the petrochemical, fertilizer, and logistics industries. Projects like these are vital to sustaining and promoting further economic prosperity for the Port of South Louisiana, the River Region, and its labor force.

About the Port of South Louisiana

The Port of South Louisiana is a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, encompassing the parishes of St. Charles, St. John and St. James. The facilities located within the port's district consistently handle over a quarter billion short tons of cargo annually, ranking it the largest tonnage port district in the Western Hemisphere (and the 16th largest in the world), the nation's greatest grain exporter, and one of the major energy transfer ports in the United States. Along the 108 miles of deep-water frontage on both banks of the river there are seven grain transfer facilities, four major oil refineries, 11 petrochemical manufacturing facilities and several other facilities for a total of more than 50 docks owned and operated by an impressive group of companies in the Port District, such as ADM, ArcelorMittal, Cargill, DowDupont, Marathon, Shell, Nucor Steel, Occidental, Valero, and Occidental Chemical. The Port also owns and operates the Executive Regional Airport (KAPS). To learn more, visit us at www.portsl.com, like us on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

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