

Railway carloadings, September 2014

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The volume of rail freight carried in Canada totalled 29.4 million tonnes in September, virtually unchanged from the same month last year.

Domestic rail freight originating in Canada and destined within Canada and other parts of the world rose 1.2% to 26.0 million tonnes. These shipments are composed of non-intermodal freight (that is, cargo moved via box cars or loaded in bulk) and intermodal freight (that is, cargo moved via containers and trailers on flat cars).

Non-intermodal freight rose 0.1% to 284,000 carloads. The amount of freight loaded into these cars totalled 23.3 million tonnes, up 0.4%. The increase was attributable to gains in several commodity groupings, particularly other chemical products and preparations (up 279 000 tonnes); fresh, chilled or dried vegetables (up 256 000 tonnes); fuel oils and crude petroleum (up 248 000 tonnes), and other cereal grains (up 237 000 tonnes).

Intermodal freight loadings rose 7.9% to 183,000 units in September. From a tonnage perspective, traffic grew 8.6% to 2.7 million tonnes. The gain stemmed from both increased containerized cargo shipments and trailers loaded on flat cars.

Traffic received from the United States fell 7.9% to 3.4 million tonnes. The drop was attributable to decreased non-intermodal and intermodal shipments.

Note to readers

Data in this release are not seasonally adjusted.

For non-intermodal traffic, rail carriers report the number of cars and tonnes by commodity of revenue-generating freight that they have loaded in Canada.

For intermodal freight, carriers report the number of units and tonnes for containers on flat cars and trailers on flat cars, with no commodity data.

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