Transportation and Export Report for 16 November 2023

The Capesize market finally showed signs of life and helped lead Dry bulk markets up this week. The Panamax sector was primarily supported by improved demand for grain cargoes, in both U.S. Gulf-Atlantic and Pacific regions. Growing port congestion in Brazil and China added to the market support.

Time charter rates for Panamax vessels from USG to Asia now up to \$23,500/day. Supramax vessels getting \$33,500/day for the same route.

Low water remains a problem at the Panama Canal but, despite what you may read, Grain vessel wait times are not yet overly onerous at just 6-7 days. The USG route to Asia via the Suez would take about 14 days longer. The wait times are a bigger problem for LNG, tankers and other types of vessels.

BALTIC DRY-BULK PANAMAX INDEX CHANGES

Panamax Ocean Freight Indices								
16-Nov-2023		This	Last		Percent			
		Week	Week	Difference	Change			
P2A: Gulf/Atlantic - HK-Korea	Index	24795	22559	2,236	9.9%			
P3A: PNW/Pacific - RV Korea-Taiwan	Index	13388	11500	1,888	16.4%			
S1C: US GULF-China-So.Japan	Index	31279	29214	2,065	7.1%			
P7: Trial- Miss. River - Qingdao	per ton	57.02	55.20	1.82	3.3%			
P8: Trial- Santos - Qingdao	per ton	41.88	39.90	1.98	5.0%			

Recent history of freight values for Capesize vessels of Iron-Ore from West Australia to South China:

Four weeks ago: \$10.50-\$11.20
Three weeks ago: \$10.55-\$9.35
Two weeks ago: \$9.30-\$8.35
One week ago: \$8.80-\$9.50
This week \$10.06-\$10.48

US Vessel Line-Ups/Estimated vessel berthing delays at U.S. Export Grain Elevators

Mississippi River: (9 elevators) 2-7 days (5 facilities over 5 days)

Mid-Stream loaders: (6+ Rigs) 1-2 days
Texas Gulf (5 elevators) 0-5 days

Pacific Northwest: (9 elevators) 1-8 days (5 facilities over 4 days)

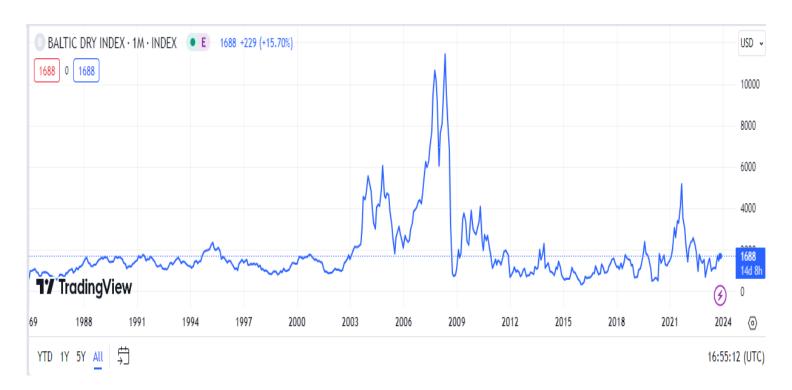
Panamax Market Spreads to Asia -China						
16-Nov-2023	GULF	PNW	Bushel Spread	Tonne Spread	Advantage	
CORN	0.69	1.24	0.55	\$21.65	PNW	
SOYBEANS	0.77	1.35	0.58	\$21.31	PNW	
OCEAN FREIGHT	\$56.25	\$29.00	.6974	\$27.25	December	

Grain Vessel Market Indications:

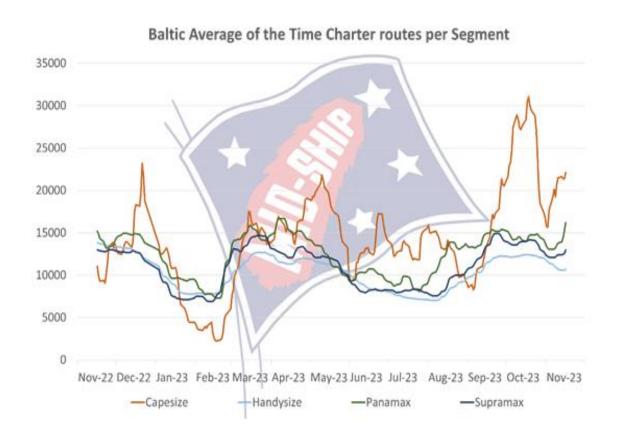
** Rates are estimates for the nearly 30-day period. 60-90 days forward physical rates will usually be higher. Soybean Panamax USG to Spain is running \$28.50 -\$29.50/mt. Soybean Brazil to Spain about \$38.00 -\$39.50/mt.

Route and Vessel Size	Current Week USD/MT	Change	Remarks
55,000 U.S. Gulf-Japan	\$57.00	Up \$1.00	Handymax \$58.00 mt
55,000 U.S. PNW- Japan	\$29.50	Up \$0.50	Handymax at \$30.00 mt
65,000 U.S. Gulf – China PNW to China	\$56.25 \$29.00	Up \$1.00 Up \$0.50	North or South China
25,000 U.S. Gulf- Veracruz, México	\$22.00	Up \$0.25	3,000 MT daily discharge rate
35-40,000 U.S. Gulf- Veracruz, México	\$19.25	Up \$0.25	Deep draft and 6,000 MT per day discharge rate.
30-38,000 U.S. Gulf- Colombia 50,000 USG- E/C Colombia East Coast Colombia	\$30.50 \$27.50	Up \$0.50	West Coast Colombia at \$33.00
From Argentina 40-45,000 U.S. Gulf -	\$38.50		
Guatemala	\$30.50	Up \$0.25	Acajutla/Quetzal - 8,000 out
30,000 US Gulf-Morocco	\$36.50	Up \$0.75	5,000 discharge rate
55-60,000 U.S. Gulf –Egypt PNW - Egypt	\$35.50 \$36.00	Up \$1.00	55,000-60,000 mt Egypt Romania - Russia- Ukraine \$20.00 -\$19.50 - \$40.00?? France \$24.00, Bulgaria \$19.00
58-74,000 U.S. Gulf – Europe – Rotterdam	\$29.00	Up \$0.75	Handymax at +\$2.50 more
Brazil, Santos –China	\$43.25		54-59,000 Supramax-Panamax
Brazil, Santos – China	\$41.25	Up \$0.75	60-66,000 Post Panamax
Up-River Port North Brazil	\$47.00		55-60,000 mt
56-60,000 Argentina-China Deep draft	\$49.00	Down \$0.75	Up-River with Top Off Plus \$3.75-\$4.75

Baltic Dry Bulk Freight Index



The Baltic Dry Bulk Freight Index- Cape-Panamax-Supra and Handy





China Import Dry Bulk Freight Index 2023-11-16							
Description	Volume	Cargo	Unit	Rate	Change		
Composite Index			Point	1143.13	21.14		
Iron ore Freight Index			Point	1141.96	27.21		
Dampier(West Australia)-Qingdao (China)	170000/10%	Iron ore	\$/ton	10.48	0.418		
Soybean Freight Index			Point	1228.83	10.76		
Santos(Brazil)— North China	66000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	41.18	0.42		
Tacoma(West America)—North China	63000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	28.89	0.15		
Mississippi(US Gulf)—North China	66000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	56.22	0.45		

16 November 23 U.S. FOB Vessel Export Market Values:

U.S.	U.S. Yellow Corn (USD/MT) FOB Vessel						
#2 YC	GULF #2 YC		PNW	# 3 YC	Z=	4.7475	
Max. 14.5% moisture	BASIS	FLAT PRICE	BASIS	FLAT PRICE	H =	4.9325	
Dec.	0.69	\$214.06	1.24	\$235.72	K =	5.0350	
Jan.	0.56	\$216.23	1.10	\$237.49	N =	5.1150	
Feb.	0.61	\$218.20	1.12	\$238.27	U =	5.1150	
Mar.	0.65	\$219.77	1.17	\$240.24	Z=	5.1575	
Apr.	0.61	\$222.23	1.13	\$242.70			
May	0.62	\$222.63	1.15	\$243.49			

The Gulf spread between #2 YC & #3 YC is currently about .03 cents per bushel (1.10/mt) at USG but is out to .04/bushel in the PNW.

SORGHUM (USD/MT) FOB VESSEL						
#2 YGS Fob Vessel	TEX	AS Gulf				
Max. 14.0% moisture	BASIS	FLAT PRICE				
Dec.	2.15	\$271.54				
Jan.	2.05	\$274.89				
Feb.	2.10	\$276.85				
Mar.	2.15	\$278.82				
Apr.	2.15	\$282.86				

Fob vessel Texas Gulf #2 Sorghum is about 126 % the value of #2 Yellow Corn at NOLA.

U.S. SRW Wheat Fob Vessel at the Center U.S. Gulf

SRW Wheat	USD/MT	Fob Vessel	US Gulf	
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
FOB U.S. GULF	\$247.47	\$246.55	\$246.55	\$246.55
Basis	1.20	0.90	0.90	0.90
WZ	5.5350			
WH	5.8100			
WK	5.9650			

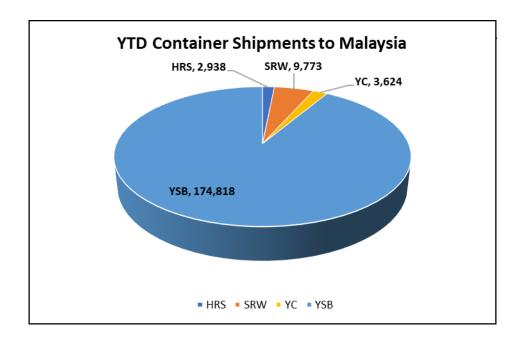
U.S. Soybean and SBM Markets Fob Vessel:

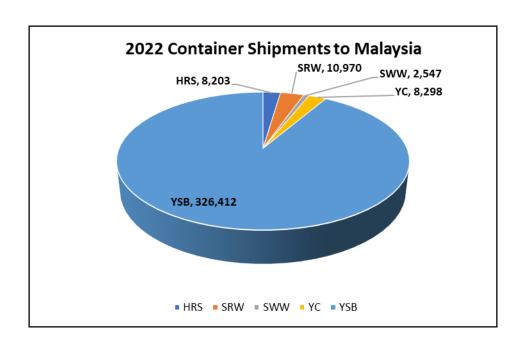
U.S. Yellow Soybeans (USD/MT) FOB Vessel								
# 2 YSB	U.S. G	ulf #2 YSB	PNW	/ #2 YSB				
14.0 % Moisture	Basis	Flat Price	Basis	Flat Price				
Dec.	0.77	\$528.09	1.35	\$549.40				
Jan.	0.77	\$528.09	1.35	\$549.40				
Feb.	0.65	\$529.10	1.23	\$550.42				
Mar.	0.69	\$530.57	1.26	\$551.52				
Apr.	0.60	\$531.49	1.18	\$552.80				
Soybean Futures								
Jan.	\$ 13.6025							
Mar.	\$ 13.7500							
May	\$ 13.8650							
July	\$ 13.8925							
Aug.	\$ 13.6625							
Sept.	\$ 13.1550							

U.S. SBM (USD/MT) FOB Vessel						
Fob U.S. Gulf Port	47.5 Pro. SBM					
max 12.5 % moisture		Basis		Flat Price		
Dec.		57.00	\$	577.49		
Jan.		55.00	\$	555.88		
Feb.		47.00	\$	530.30		
Mar.		35.00	\$	517.07		
Apr.		31.00	\$	501.09		
SBM Futures						
SMZ	\$	466.80				
SMF	\$	449.20				
SMH	\$	434.00				
SMK	\$	423.50				
SMN	\$	420.10				
SMQ	\$	414.80				

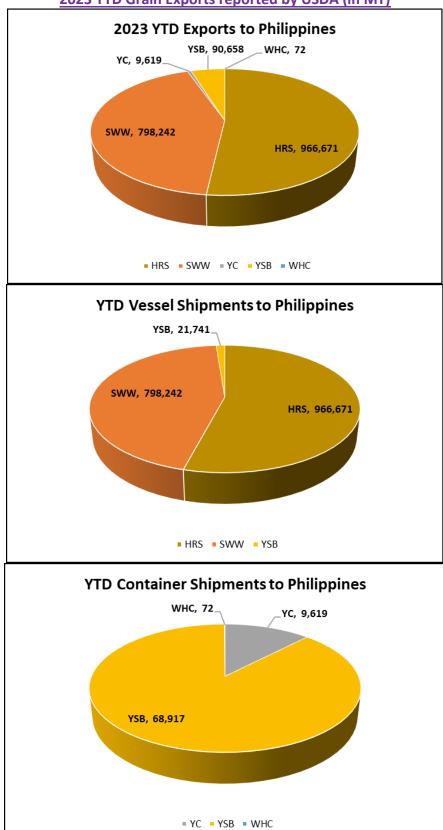
<u>Data sheet below:</u> USDA weekly export inspections report with corrections to the last three weeks' grain export inspections reports. (This usually covers a 2-5-week prior time frame).

		С	ONTAINER S	HIPMEN	TS of GRA	N			
USDA Grain Inspection	s Report:		9-Nov-	2023					
Last Week	metric ton	ns .							MT
	YC	WC	YSB	SRW	NS	HRW	SWH	Sorghum	TOTAL
China	980		44,319					6,710	52,009
Taiwan	10,626		24,854						35,480
Hong Kong	857								857
Costa Rica									0
Indonesia			27,745						27,745
French Poly									0
Japan			1,957		196				2,153
Korea Rep.				147					147
Bangladesh			2,350						2,350
Malaysia			6,907						6,907
Netherlands									0
Philippines			857						857
Thailand			2,472		343				2,815
Ireland		48	,						48
Burma									0
Panama								122	122
Cambodia			294						294
Vietnam			12,048		1,004				13,052
Sub Total:	12.463	48	123,803	147	1,543	0	0	6,832	144,836
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USDA Corrections/Addi	tions to prev	ious repo	orts:						
Taiwan	294	·	587						881
China			2,081						2,081
Hong Kong			,						0
Korea Rep.									0
Un Kingdom									0
Japan			294						294
Philippines									0
Indonesia			1,298						1,298
Malaysia			563						563
Thailand									0
Vietnam			831						831
Burma			331						0
Cambodia									0
Sub Total:	294	0	5,654	0	0	0	0	0	5,948
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Mt. Grand Total	12,757	48	129,457	147	1,543	0	0	6,832	150,784
Number of Containers		2	5,629	6	67	0	0	297	,

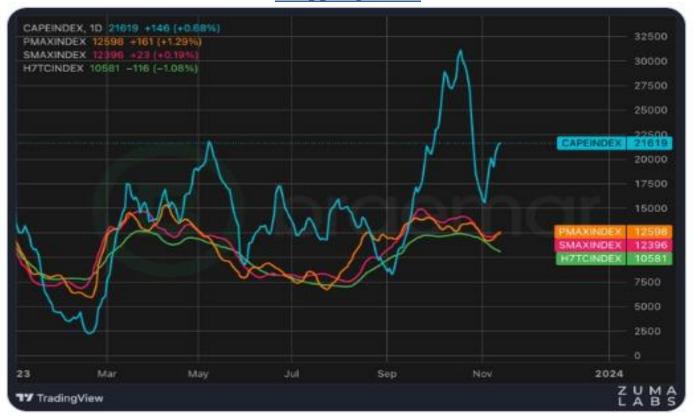


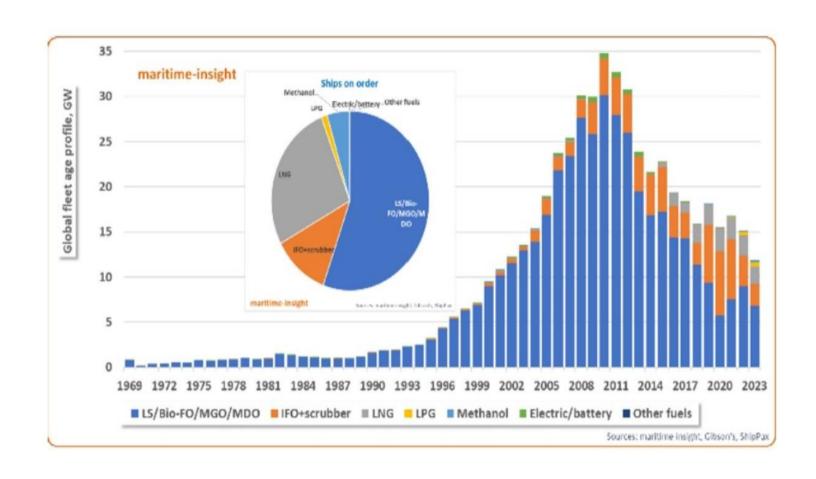


2023 YTD Grain Exports reported by USDA (in MT)



Shipping News





Thailand wants to build a landbridge to handle ocean volumes now going via Malacca Strait, a major sea lane. Just wondering. What is cost & viability of a canal alternative? #maritime #trade

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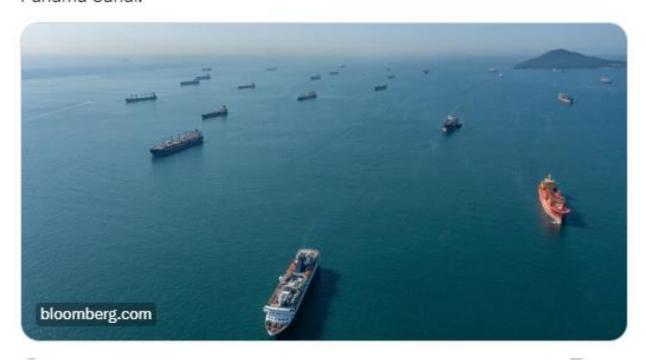
Project seen cutting shipping time by four days, costs by 15% $\,$



Suez Canal

Panama Canal

Tom Craig @LTDManagement · 2h Shipping Fuel? It Can Now Cost \$4 Million to Skip the Queue at the Panama Canal.



The PCA has introduced reservation slots from now until February, limiting transits to 49 between 3 and 30 November, 22 in December, 20 in January and 18 for February.

It advised: "The Panama Canal urges its customers to make reservations in order to transit as programmed. In addition, information is provided in advance, as well as in real time, so that shipping companies can plan and make the best decisions."

They are established as announced on Advisory to Shipping No. A-48-2023:

Dates	Number of reservation slots
November 3 to 7	25
November 8 to 30	24
December 1 to 31	22
January 1 to 31, 2024	20
As of February 1, 2024	18

Vessels statistics and transit backlog in the Panama Canal

Vessels in queue for transit in the Panama CanalUpdated at: 11/16/2023 1:13:08 PM

Locks	Booked	Non-Booked
Neopanamax	12	9
Panamax	40	71
Vessels in Queue for Transit	52	80

Average days in queue of non-booked vessels <u>ready</u> for transit. Last 28 days Daily Queue at Midnight



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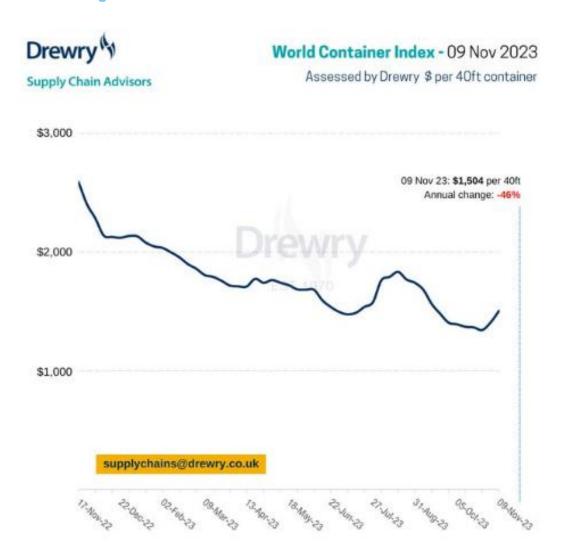
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Ukraine reaches deal with insurers for grain shipments

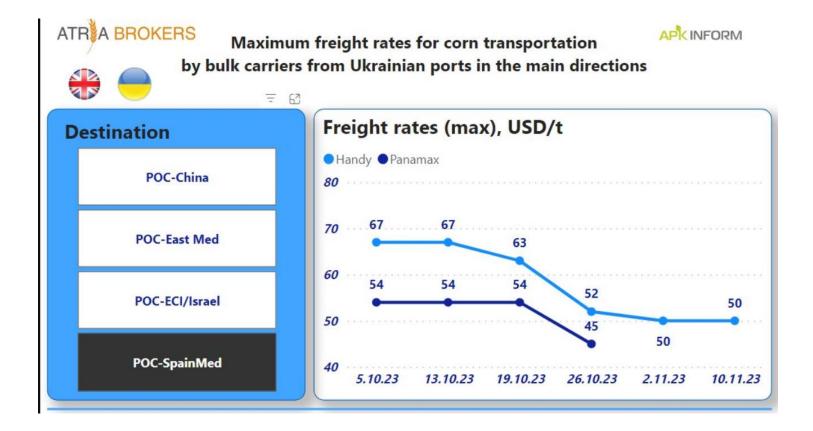
Arrangement created with broking giant Marsh McLennan will provide affordable cover for Black Sea vessels

Ukraine has reached a deal with global insurers to provide affordable cover to ships carrying grain and other critical food supplies from its Black Sea ports, even as its war with Russia wages on.

The new public-private partnership was announced on Wednesday by Kyiv and insurance broking giant Marsh McLennan, after talks <u>revealed by the Financial Times</u> in August.

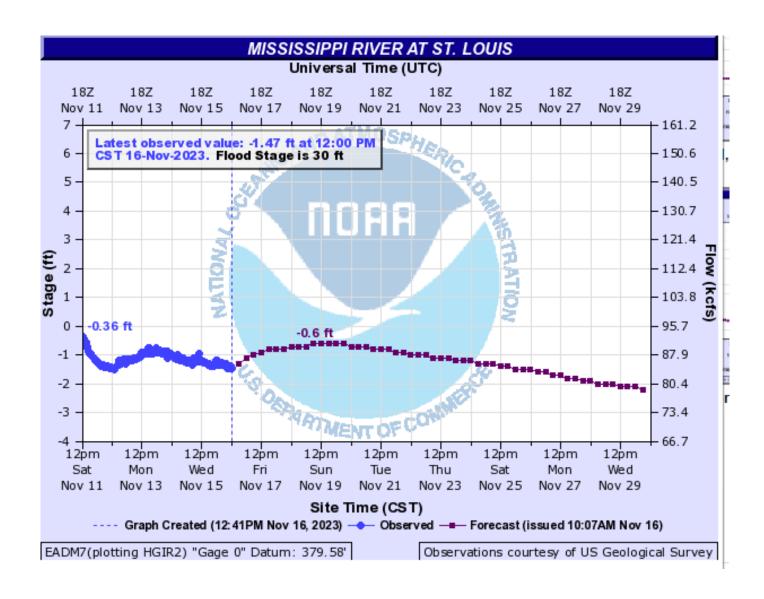
It will offer up to \$50mn each of hull and liability insurance from Lloyd's of London firms for ships carrying agricultural commodities, providing so-called war risk cover in case of losses coming from the conflict.

According to deputy premier Yulia Svyridenko, the new mechanism will "reduce the cost of grain insurance by approximately 2.5 percentage points", allowing grain traders to save about \$2.8 to \$3.9 per ton of cargo.

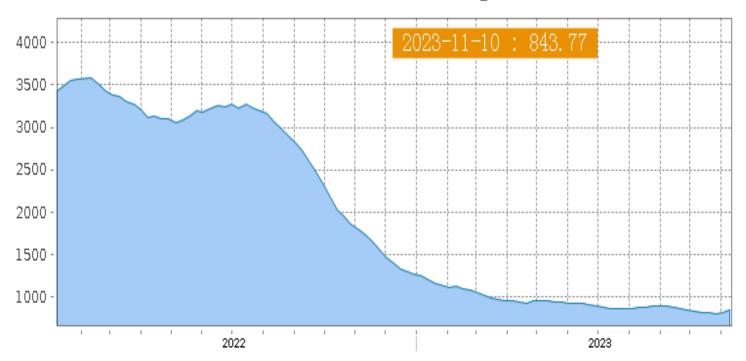


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U.S. River Markets



China Containerized Freight Index



China Import Dry Bulk Freight Index



Secondary Rail Car Market for Car placement period: First Half December 2023

Secondary Rail Car Market	BID	ASK	BID	/	ASK	BID	/	ASK
Placement LH November 2023	USD	USD	BU.		BU.	MT		MT
BNSF Shutle Trains	\$ 300	\$ 550	\$ 0.08	\$	0.14	\$ 2.95	\$	5.41
UPRR Shuttle Trains	\$ (500)	\$ (250)	\$ (0.13)	\$	(0.06)	\$ (4.92)	\$	(2.46)

Barge Placement First Half December 2023

Placement LH November 2023	% of		Corn	Soybeans-Wheat
	Tariff	MT	BU	BU
Upper Mississippi	Closed			0.00
Illinois River (Pekin and South)	475	\$ 32.41	0.82	0.88
Mid-Mississippi	450	\$ 22.12	0.56	0.60
Lower Ohio	450	\$ 22.12	0.56	0.60
St. Louis	450	\$ 19.79	0.50	0.54

Best Regards,

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