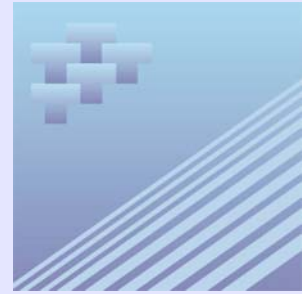




Service Bulletin

Monthly Railway Carloadings

November 2006



Highlights

- Canada's railways carried slightly less freight in November than they did the month before.
- Railway carloadings totalled 24.7 million metric tonnes in November, down 0.3% from the revised 24.8 million metric tonnes loaded in October.
- Tonnage in the non-intermodal component was virtually unchanged. Loadings in the intermodal part fell 3.6%, typical for containerized goods, which always show a downward trend from October into January.
- Freight coming from the United States, either destined for or passing through Canada, dipped 3.0% from October to 2.5 million metric tonnes. Despite this slight drop, tonnage from the United States was the highest reported for the month of November since 1999.
- On a commodity basis, an ongoing demand for primary goods has supported loadings of most metallic ores and concentrates.
- The biggest gain occurred in iron ore shipments, which rose by about 400,000 metric tonnes, equivalent to a 14.2% increase from October.
- November wheat loadings totalled just over 2 million metric tonnes, up 10.3% from October. It was the fourth consecutive monthly increase for wheat loadings.
- On the other hand, loadings related to the manufacturing sector were somewhat weaker. Compared to previous years, combined loadings of parts and accessories for motor vehicles, automobiles and minivans, as well as motor vehicles intended to carry freight, have showed levels well below previous year averages.
- In fact, combined loadings of these three transportation groups during seven of the previous eleven months in 2006 were at their lowest levels since 1999. While loadings in November showed some sign of recovery, loadings in September and October registered the steepest monthly year-over-year decline compared with 2005. Reductions exceeded 20% for these two months, equivalent to a decline of more than 4,500 carloads.
- On a year over-year-basis, non-intermodal tonnage remained the same as November 2005 as did intermodal loadings. Traffic received from the United States rose 2.2%.

Table 1
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Total

	November 2006		November 2005	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	22,285	2,028,703	16,169	1,461,656
Other cereal grains	5,279	419,739	8,255	658,573
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,165	192,053	2,523	223,579
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	6,216	499,021	7,529	597,382
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	1,816	149,434	1,385	109,864
Animal feed and products	2,173	178,701	1,767	144,304
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	972	77,525	1,119	86,733
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,607	211,168	2,532	199,235
Sugar	363	31,691	422	37,133
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	314	21,066	287	16,948
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	191	14,978	101	8,159
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	2,786	227,020	3,134	277,685
Salt	1,185	104,343	1,306	115,725
Phosphate rock	489	44,058	860	77,493
Sulphur	6,512	623,862	7,495	723,351
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals 1	5,655	497,551	6,298	550,717
Iron ores and concentrates	34,400	3,168,314	33,672	3,102,229
Copper ores and concentrates	1,296	113,069	1,294	115,461
Nickel ores and concentrates	2,337	179,640	2,850	207,439
Lead ores and concentrates	186	14,343	150	11,556
Zinc ores and concentrates	853	71,960	771	66,131
Other metallic ores and concentrates	5,723	546,659	5,117	487,855
Coal	26,377	2,680,655	24,126	2,446,252
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,436	183,254	2,346	175,532
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	5,762	468,922	5,360	428,731
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	7,439	473,575	7,038	446,295
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,876	139,630	2,879	170,090
Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,824	218,065	3,422	265,292
Sulphuric acid	2,826	253,552	2,168	194,037
Alumina	3,284	303,402	2,957	266,955
Other basic chemicals	6,945	606,410	7,412	643,987
Potash	13,818	1,335,691	12,720	1,235,907
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,767	399,119	3,810	316,067
Other chemical products and preparations	672	56,400	739	62,583
Plastic and rubber	4,055	355,524	3,633	313,709
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,592	144,275	3,176	181,039
Wood chips	5,729	346,016	6,278	371,000
Lumber	13,119	1,099,515	16,619	1,383,182
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	6,097	480,948	6,864	520,899
Wood pulp	9,682	788,638	11,413	922,464
Newsprint	5,781	372,690	7,325	476,195
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	5,705	393,388	5,450	364,577
Cement	2,340	219,270	2,358	216,357
Other non-metallic mineral products	329	27,187	611	49,852
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	4,352	358,586	5,855	492,684
Copper, primary or semi-finished	439	36,804	344	28,903
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,872	237,075	2,553	209,444
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	733	57,907	790	63,984
Articles of base metal	1,652	117,462	1,021	78,661
Machinery	184	6,276	98	5,401
Automobiles and mini-vans	8,506	148,381	9,416	160,291
Freight motor vehicles	7,668	137,174	7,789	136,496
Other vehicles	48	874	6	145
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,130	59,813	2,980	82,407
Other transportation equipment	2,344	52,413	1,840	53,078
Metallic waste and scrap	3,130	243,084	3,579	280,379
Non-metallic waste and scrap	612	33,997	612	32,678
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	148	7,955	179	10,168
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	408	20,532	634	33,054
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	553	15,244	605	16,580
Less than carload shipments	...	15	...	33
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded 2	276,037	22,294,616	282,041	22,414,596

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2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 2
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Eastern Division

	November 2006		November 2005	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	405	36,239	518	46,279
Other cereal grains	451	38,685	548	45,289
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	37	2,983	33	2,683
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	96	7,885	61	4,669
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	478	40,783	99	7,157
Animal feed and products	1,078	85,986	778	62,944
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	30	2,292	49	3,852
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	342	26,566	281	21,231
Sugar	324	28,374	336	29,559
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	72	5,397	37	3,245
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	135	10,431	28	2,215
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,710	131,561	1,037	91,809
Salt	617	54,810	710	62,983
Phosphate rock	489	44,058	860	77,493
Sulphur	123	10,932	116	10,415
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals 1	5,233	459,656	5,783	505,461
Iron ores and concentrates	34,400	3,168,314	33,672	3,102,229
Copper ores and concentrates	652	55,803	466	41,503
Nickel ores and concentrates	2,337	179,640	2,850	207,439
Lead ores and concentrates	186	14,343	150	11,556
Zinc ores and concentrates	806	68,396	638	54,957
Other metallic ores and concentrates	5,694	544,134	5,053	482,016
Coal	1,747	153,893	1,884	170,105
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,736	129,467	1,998	148,734
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	3,209	256,303	2,902	230,658
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,744	243,209	3,248	207,367
Coal coke and petroleum coke	972	67,824	2,157	114,708
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,181	87,587	1,830	137,554
Sulphuric acid	2,400	215,375	1,875	168,029
Alumina	3,284	303,402	2,957	266,955
Other basic chemicals	2,585	220,856	2,838	241,558
Potash	630	57,722	565	51,791
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	250	22,259	318	27,830
Other chemical products and preparations	606	51,143	637	54,589
Plastic and rubber	1,733	148,839	1,614	135,555
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,068	111,176	2,146	113,295
Wood chips	1,946	120,388	1,548	89,819
Lumber	2,823	232,333	4,373	355,085
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	2,153	162,719	2,477	177,988
Wood pulp	3,110	242,695	3,941	308,326
Newsprint	5,108	325,254	6,391	411,989
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	4,474	306,750	4,252	283,278
Cement	1,414	132,351	1,379	127,792
Other non-metallic mineral products	134	11,022	452	36,496
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	3,733	306,271	5,271	442,705
Copper, primary or semi-finished	357	30,555	245	20,993
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,850	235,334	2,539	208,349
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	258	21,976	329	27,999
Articles of base metal	728	52,697	603	44,947
Machinery	127	3,783	83	4,684
Automobiles and mini-vans	7,045	127,446	7,742	135,991
Freight motor vehicles	7,346	132,285	7,417	131,212
Other vehicles	7	23	4	90
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,130	59,813	2,980	82,407
Other transportation equipment	2,005	42,951	1,587	44,046
Metallic waste and scrap	1,983	155,450	2,467	197,144
Non-metallic waste and scrap	264	18,289	236	15,318
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	79	4,420	88	5,109
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	403	20,370	629	32,887
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	535	14,887	500	13,747
Less than carload shipments	...	15	...	33
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded 2	132,852	9,846,400	138,605	10,144,146

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Table 3
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Western Division

	November 2006		November 2005	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	21,880	1,992,464	15,651	1,415,377
Other cereal grains	4,828	381,054	7,707	613,284
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,128	189,070	2,490	220,896
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	6,120	491,136	7,468	592,713
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	1,338	108,651	1,286	102,707
Animal feed and products	1,095	92,715	989	81,360
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	942	75,233	1,070	82,881
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,265	184,602	2,251	178,004
Sugar	39	3,317	86	7,574
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	242	15,669	250	13,703
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	56	4,547	73	5,944
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,076	95,459	2,097	185,876
Salt	568	49,533	596	52,742
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	6,389	612,930	7,379	712,936
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals 1	422	37,895	515	45,256
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	644	57,266	828	73,958
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	47	3,564	133	11,174
Other metallic ores and concentrates	29	2,525	64	5,839
Coal	24,630	2,526,762	22,242	2,276,147
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	700	53,787	348	26,798
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,553	212,619	2,458	198,073
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,695	230,366	3,790	238,928
Coal coke and petroleum coke	904	71,806	722	55,382
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,643	130,478	1,592	127,738
Sulphuric acid	426	38,177	293	26,008
Alumina	0	0	0	0
Other basic chemicals	4,360	385,554	4,574	402,429
Potash	13,188	1,277,969	12,155	1,184,116
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,517	376,860	3,492	288,237
Other chemical products and preparations	66	5,257	102	7,994
Plastic and rubber	2,322	206,685	2,019	178,154
Logs and other wood in the rough	524	33,099	1,030	67,744
Wood chips	3,783	225,628	4,730	281,181
Lumber	10,296	867,182	12,246	1,028,097
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	3,944	318,229	4,387	342,911
Wood pulp	6,572	545,943	7,472	614,138
Newsprint	673	47,436	934	64,206
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	1,231	86,638	1,198	81,299
Cement	926	86,919	979	88,565
Other non-metallic mineral products	195	16,165	159	13,356
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	619	52,315	584	49,979
Copper, primary or semi-finished	82	6,249	99	7,910
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	22	1,741	14	1,095
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	475	35,931	461	35,985
Articles of base metal	924	64,765	418	33,714
Machinery	57	2,493	15	717
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,461	20,935	1,674	24,300
Freight motor vehicles	322	4,889	372	5,284
Other vehicles	41	851	2	55
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	0	0
Other transportation equipment	339	9,462	253	9,032
Metallic waste and scrap	1,147	87,634	1,112	83,235
Non-metallic waste and scrap	348	15,708	376	17,360
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	69	3,535	91	5,059
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	5	162	5	167
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	18	357	105	2,833
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded 2	143,185	12,448,216	143,436	12,270,450

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2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 4
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada (year to date) — Total

	January 2006 to November 2006		January 2005 to November 2005	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	209,205	18,957,278	175,979	15,828,101
Other cereal grains	46,528	3,660,254	51,726	4,086,719
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	28,170	2,507,737	27,489	2,429,037
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	5	325
Colza seeds (canola)	71,004	5,656,219	48,143	3,794,467
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	9,909	791,298	7,444	580,441
Animal feed and products	20,005	1,631,292	22,636	1,825,526
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	3	46	32	2,049
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	11,917	947,943	11,928	919,720
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	27,963	2,212,940	24,056	1,900,840
Sugar	4,772	418,337	5,217	458,540
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	3,328	204,028	2,970	178,260
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	1,228	96,810	890	71,415
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	36,710	3,155,248	38,314	3,286,575
Salt	11,528	1,015,309	13,264	1,187,385
Phosphate rock	5,563	497,931	9,121	821,011
Sulphur	75,309	7,257,389	75,687	7,302,970
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals 1	69,632	6,108,742	66,497	5,713,215
Iron ores and concentrates	336,519	31,043,228	321,174	29,493,992
Copper ores and concentrates	13,670	1,196,789	14,813	1,305,456
Nickel ores and concentrates	22,436	1,728,382	30,122	2,188,850
Lead ores and concentrates	2,681	206,704	2,430	187,825
Zinc ores and concentrates	8,161	697,350	8,640	738,388
Other metallic ores and concentrates	57,328	5,469,768	58,425	5,552,014
Coal	283,534	28,761,903	309,735	30,968,464
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	29,690	2,285,021	27,018	2,071,558
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	55,295	4,471,747	57,334	4,615,334
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	62,842	3,987,782	63,992	4,063,187
Coal coke and petroleum coke	22,725	1,580,371	22,064	1,417,090
Other refined petroleum and coal products	30,712	2,377,468	31,447	2,433,734
Sulphuric acid	28,388	2,533,612	25,107	2,242,622
Alumina	32,779	3,005,528	33,897	3,060,396
Other basic chemicals	83,526	7,315,611	84,704	7,379,196
Potash	126,774	12,263,621	157,299	15,121,200
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	51,473	4,301,683	55,479	4,660,947
Other chemical products and preparations	7,765	652,209	7,988	671,131
Plastic and rubber	45,043	3,892,979	44,088	3,797,073
Logs and other wood in the rough	35,626	2,039,693	45,451	2,663,534
Wood chips	61,677	3,695,201	64,807	3,900,665
Lumber	178,792	14,931,503	183,431	15,071,127
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	79,345	6,198,278	76,919	5,811,026
Wood pulp	111,388	9,009,757	126,021	10,144,051
Newsprint	71,878	4,663,684	75,284	4,893,420
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	61,146	4,191,009	63,466	4,138,129
Cement	27,384	2,552,206	27,737	2,549,108
Other non-metallic mineral products	4,750	404,658	7,938	641,672
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	62,175	5,178,500	59,776	4,987,930
Copper, primary or semi-finished	4,870	410,970	4,105	345,600
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	30,254	2,465,687	29,621	2,420,801
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	8,094	639,358	7,522	617,508
Articles of base metal	14,825	1,093,198	10,260	751,391
Machinery	1,034	39,390	1,171	43,548
Automobiles and mini-vans	94,234	1,630,923	95,416	1,667,495
Freight motor vehicles	74,878	1,336,230	79,152	1,391,244
Other vehicles	427	9,467	405	17,666
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	26,290	743,929	32,799	945,450
Other transportation equipment	18,254	507,157	13,698	442,732
Metallic waste and scrap	35,255	2,705,895	31,628	2,419,847
Non-metallic waste and scrap	8,839	498,511	7,003	385,444
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	1,802	104,103	2,363	141,619
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	4,847	234,436	7,273	352,867
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	5,875	168,981	7,325	218,283
Less than carload shipments	...	157	...	260
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded 2	2,958,054	238,343,440	2,997,725	239,317,458

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2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 5
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada (year to date) — Eastern Division

	January 2006 to November 2006		January 2005 to November 2005	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	5,412	484,361	6,105	544,140
Other cereal grains	2,678	223,005	2,524	204,533
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	441	36,801	480	38,997
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	702	55,282	246	19,378
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	1,670	133,037	1,309	97,394
Animal feed and products	7,855	625,855	10,672	843,821
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	2	9	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	494	39,344	635	50,774
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	3,315	251,322	2,680	202,064
Sugar	3,842	336,629	4,049	355,650
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	513	42,532	393	28,979
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	626	47,668	355	27,374
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	15,627	1,281,565	15,034	1,218,273
Salt	6,745	588,868	8,359	751,699
Phosphate rock	5,563	497,931	9,121	821,011
Sulphur	1,289	115,476	1,429	128,118
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals 1	63,907	5,600,978	61,223	5,250,228
Iron ores and concentrates	336,519	31,043,228	321,174	29,493,992
Copper ores and concentrates	5,860	502,067	6,834	592,508
Nickel ores and concentrates	22,436	1,728,382	30,122	2,188,850
Lead ores and concentrates	2,681	206,704	2,382	183,665
Zinc ores and concentrates	6,818	587,967	7,834	671,066
Other metallic ores and concentrates	56,831	5,425,420	57,375	5,457,732
Coal	21,657	1,878,262	23,764	2,065,429
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	21,954	1,694,540	21,602	1,660,439
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	28,296	2,251,239	33,335	2,658,068
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	33,449	2,131,270	34,427	2,196,963
Coal coke and petroleum coke	14,073	908,567	14,751	859,358
Other refined petroleum and coal products	13,311	987,105	14,819	1,101,233
Sulphuric acid	24,630	2,198,777	22,283	1,991,409
Alumina	32,777	3,005,353	33,894	3,060,166
Other basic chemicals	32,125	2,745,059	32,783	2,785,645
Potash	7,482	687,344	10,479	957,713
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	2,505	220,758	4,403	384,624
Other chemical products and preparations	7,009	595,420	6,992	593,736
Plastic and rubber	20,584	1,715,763	20,825	1,744,494
Logs and other wood in the rough	24,198	1,302,285	28,463	1,522,738
Wood chips	15,063	923,029	14,983	942,419
Lumber	43,427	3,557,939	48,262	3,878,953
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	30,199	2,258,785	28,493	2,015,991
Wood pulp	38,541	2,970,184	43,355	3,370,389
Newsprint	62,291	3,993,153	64,160	4,135,599
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	46,280	3,146,438	49,171	3,174,765
Cement	16,086	1,494,436	14,912	1,371,635
Other non-metallic mineral products	2,626	226,830	5,302	429,150
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	54,242	4,504,059	52,631	4,366,699
Copper, primary or semi-finished	3,898	337,547	3,107	266,735
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	29,997	2,445,349	29,424	2,405,053
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	3,081	260,018	3,815	327,746
Articles of base metal	6,512	477,507	6,225	444,604
Machinery	825	29,087	837	26,782
Automobiles and mini-vans	76,213	1,357,828	77,852	1,409,636
Freight motor vehicles	69,699	1,258,288	74,670	1,327,020
Other vehicles	284	5,369	325	15,959
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	26,290	743,929	32,789	944,892
Other transportation equipment	15,019	406,412	11,817	369,627
Metallic waste and scrap	21,659	1,695,195	19,342	1,513,428
Non-metallic waste and scrap	4,490	300,401	2,966	191,491
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	885	52,564	1,075	70,285
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	4,804	233,189	7,221	350,655
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	5,737	165,756	6,008	176,748
Less than carload shipments	...	157	...	260
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded 2	1,414,024	105,019,624	1,451,897	106,278,770

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1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 6
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada (year to date) — Western Division

	January 2006 to November 2006		January 2005 to November 2005	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	203,793	18,472,917	169,874	15,283,961
Other cereal grains	43,850	3,437,249	49,202	3,882,186
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	27,729	2,470,936	27,009	2,390,040
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	5	325
Colza seeds (canola)	70,302	5,600,937	47,897	3,775,089
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	8,239	658,261	6,135	483,047
Animal feed and products	12,150	1,005,437	11,964	981,705
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	37	32	2,049
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	11,423	908,599	11,293	868,946
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	24,648	1,961,618	21,376	1,698,776
Sugar	930	81,708	1,168	102,890
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	2,815	161,496	2,577	149,281
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	602	49,142	535	44,041
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	21,083	1,873,683	23,280	2,068,302
Salt	4,783	426,441	4,905	435,686
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	74,020	7,141,913	74,258	7,174,852
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals 1	5,725	507,764	5,274	462,987
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	7,810	694,722	7,979	712,948
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	48	4,160
Zinc ores and concentrates	1,343	109,383	806	67,322
Other metallic ores and concentrates	497	44,348	1,050	94,282
Coal	261,877	26,883,641	285,971	28,903,035
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	7,736	590,481	5,416	411,119
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	26,999	2,220,508	23,999	1,957,266
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	29,393	1,856,512	29,565	1,866,224
Coal coke and petroleum coke	8,652	671,804	7,313	557,732
Other refined petroleum and coal products	17,401	1,390,363	16,628	1,332,501
Sulphuric acid	3,758	334,835	2,824	251,213
Alumina	2	175	3	230
Other basic chemicals	51,401	4,570,552	51,921	4,593,551
Potash	119,292	11,576,277	146,820	14,163,487
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	48,968	4,080,925	51,076	4,276,323
Other chemical products and preparations	756	56,789	996	77,395
Plastic and rubber	24,459	2,177,216	23,263	2,052,579
Logs and other wood in the rough	11,428	737,408	16,988	1,140,796
Wood chips	46,614	2,772,172	49,824	2,958,246
Lumber	135,365	11,373,564	135,169	11,192,174
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	49,146	3,939,493	48,426	3,795,035
Wood pulp	72,847	6,039,573	82,666	6,773,662
Newsprint	9,587	670,531	11,124	757,821
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	14,866	1,044,571	14,295	963,364
Cement	11,298	1,057,770	12,825	1,177,473
Other non-metallic mineral products	2,124	177,828	2,636	212,522
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	7,933	674,441	7,145	621,231
Copper, primary or semi-finished	972	73,423	998	78,865
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	257	20,338	197	15,748
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	5,013	379,340	3,707	289,762
Articles of base metal	8,313	615,691	4,035	306,787
Machinery	209	10,303	334	16,766
Automobiles and mini-vans	18,021	273,095	17,564	257,859
Freight motor vehicles	5,179	77,942	4,482	64,224
Other vehicles	143	4,098	80	1,707
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	10	558
Other transportation equipment	3,235	100,745	1,881	73,105
Metallic waste and scrap	13,596	1,010,700	12,286	906,419
Non-metallic waste and scrap	4,349	198,110	4,037	193,953
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	917	51,539	1,288	71,334
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	43	1,247	52	2,212
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	138	3,225	1,317	41,535
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded 2	1,544,030	133,323,816	1,545,828	133,038,688

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2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 7
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada — Total

	November 2006			November 2005		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	22,294,616	.	.	22,414,596
Container-on-flat-car	149,683	262,485	2,337,151	146,956	254,290	2,336,026
Trailer-on-flat-car	6,370	.	84,503	6,782	.	95,757
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	2,531,145	.	.	2,477,845
Total traffic carried	.	.	27,247,415	.	.	27,324,224
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	17,292	29,903	232,232	15,668	26,978	212,995
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,523	.	21,800	1,282	.	19,118
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	3,456,842	.	.	4,125,643

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Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 8
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada — Eastern Division

	November 2006			November 2005		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	9,846,400	.	.	10,144,146
Container-on-flat-car	84,331	148,176	1,328,763	80,393	139,294	1,296,830
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,893	.	76,165	6,339	.	87,515
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	689,978	.	.	678,586
Total traffic carried	.	.	11,941,306	.	.	12,207,077
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	4,606	9,182	56,272	4,918	9,745	60,966
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	134	.	2,392	202	.	2,938
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	2,910,375	.	.	3,119,823

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Table 9
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada — Western Division

	November 2006			November 2005		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	12,448,216	.	.	12,270,450
Container-on-flat-car	65,352	114,309	1,008,388	66,563	114,996	1,039,196
Trailer-on-flat-car	477	.	8,338	443	.	8,242
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	1,841,167	.	.	1,799,259
Total traffic carried	.	.	15,306,109	.	.	15,117,147
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	12,686	20,721	175,960	10,750	17,233	152,029
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,389	.	19,408	1,080	.	16,180
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	546,467	.	.	1,005,820

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Table 10
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Total

	January 2006 to November 2006			January 2005 to November 2005		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	238,343,440	.	.	239,317,458
Container-on-flat-car	1,616,192	2,825,303	25,213,075	1,542,480	2,672,320	24,443,452
Trailer-on-flat-car	67,582	.	909,962	74,476	.	1,131,911
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	26,122,057	.	.	24,856,991
Total traffic carried	.	.	290,588,534	.	.	289,749,812
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	187,838	329,199	2,476,392	191,919	330,268	2,582,118
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	15,569	.	235,730	16,884	.	251,424
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	39,802,189	.	.	47,271,790

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Table 11
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Eastern Division

	January 2006 to November 2006			January 2005 to November 2005		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	105,019,624	.	.	106,278,770
Container-on-flat-car	876,148	1,539,461	14,107,406	838,195	1,450,204	13,700,578
Trailer-on-flat-car	62,096	.	811,620	70,170	.	1,050,545
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	7,303,544	.	.	7,361,282
Total traffic carried	.	.	127,242,194	.	.	128,391,175
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	56,060	112,180	665,374	61,686	119,302	786,703
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,211	.	21,534	6,371	.	116,953
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	32,331,352	.	.	36,356,762

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Table 12
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Western Division

	January 2006 to November 2006			January 2005 to November 2005		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	133,323,816	.	.	133,038,688
Container-on-flat-car	740,044	1,285,842	11,105,669	704,285	1,222,116	10,742,874
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,486	.	98,342	4,306	.	81,366
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	18,818,513	.	.	17,495,709
Total traffic carried	.	.	163,346,340	.	.	161,358,637
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	131,778	217,019	1,811,018	130,233	210,966	1,795,415
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	14,358	.	214,196	10,513	.	134,471
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	7,470,837	.	.	10,915,028

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Methodology and concepts

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The total quantity of freight carried in Canada is the sum of the non-intermodal and intermodal freight loaded and the traffic received from U.S. connections. Additional information provided includes the number of units and tonnes of C.O.F.C. and T.O.F.C. received from U.S. connections and the total tonnes of cargo that the carriers received from other Canadian connections. This freight that is exchanged among Canadian based carriers is counted only once in the total quantity of freight moved as it is counted only when loaded. For intermodal freight, twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) are derived from the dimensions of the freight-laden containers. Empty containers are not included in these statistics.

The data are collected via questionnaires and electronic reports that are filed with Statistics Canada eight working days after the reference month. These questionnaires are captured and edited and the data are then aggregated to produce tables for all of Canada and the Eastern and Western divisions of Canada.³ Tables show the data for the reference month and the year-to-date. These year-to-date figures include revisions of data from previous months.

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