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### Railway carloadings, April 2014

The volume of rail freight carried in Canada totalled 30.0 million tonnes in April, down 0.8% from the same month last year. The drop in freight occurred despite strong gains in traffic received from the United States.

Domestic rail freight originating in Canada and destined within Canada and other parts of the world declined 2.1% to 26.5 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 decreased 3.2% to 288,000 carloads. The amount of freight loaded into these cars totalled 23.8 million tonnes, down 3.2%. Among the commodity groups that posted the largest declines in shipments were iron ores and concentrates (down 479 000 tonnes), coal (down 429 000 tonnes), potash (down 353 000 tonnes), lumber (down 130 000 tonnes) and wood pulp (down 125 000 tonnes).

Although most commodity groupings fell during the month, a number of groupings, particularly those of an agricultural nature, had strong increases. These included colza seeds (up 422 000 tonnes), wheat (up 271 000 tonnes) and other cereal grains (up 120 000 tonnes).

Intermodal freight loadings rose 9.8% to 184,000 units in April. From a tonnage perspective, traffic grew 8.5% to 2.8 million tonnes. The gain stemmed from both increased containerized cargo shipments and trailers loaded on flat cars.

Traffic received from the United States advanced 9.6% to 3.5 million tonnes. The rise in tonnage was brought on solely by increased shipments of non-intermodal freight.

#### **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, the 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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## **Oilseed crushing statistics, May 2014**

Oilseed processors crushed 577 177 tonnes of canola in May. Oil production totalled 255 663 tonnes, while meal production amounted to 326 365 tonnes.

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## **Deliveries of major grains, May 2014**

Data on major grain deliveries are now available for May.

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## **Milled wheat and wheat flour produced, April 2014**

Data on milled wheat and wheat flour produced are now available for April.

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