Corn Belt Ports Update



A Major NESP Enabler and Supporter... 5 Oct 2023

Corn Belt PORTS



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Corn Belt Ports Key Leaders







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Original Tri-State (IL, MO, IA) Ports In the Lock & Dam System

/IWRM is the Foundation of the Corn Belt Ports



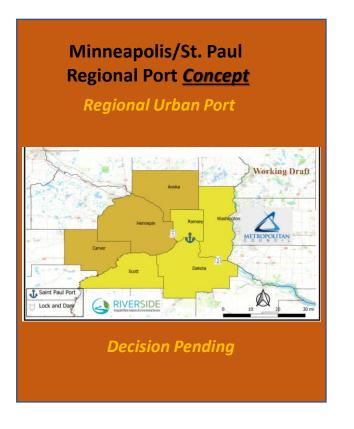
Interagency Integrated Water Resources Management (IIWRM) is a process which promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources in order to maximize economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems and the environment.

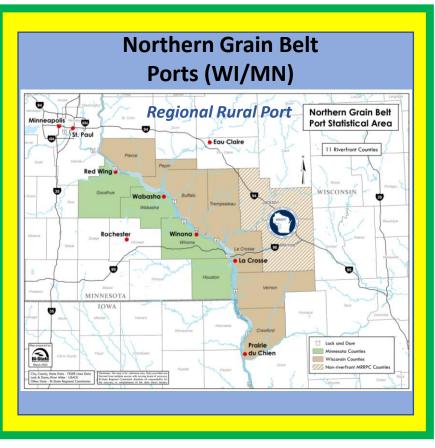
https://www.gwp.org/en/GWP-CEE/about/why/what-is-iwrm/



Ports Above Lock & Dam 10

Goal >15M Tons Annually





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Aligned with St. Paul District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Translate the freight tonnage handled in and by the regional Corn Belt Ports into longoverdue investment in our area.

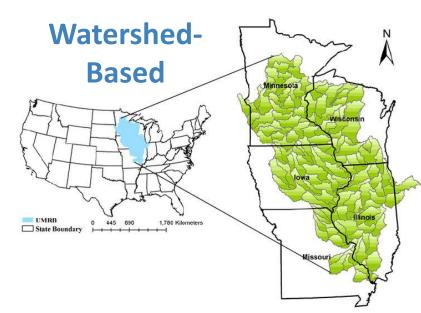
Received over \$2B in IIJA funding since 2022 and still growing!

Corn Belt Ports Mission



- Help protect the integrity of the Corn Belt's supply chain and its importance to U.S. Agriculture and Businesses.
- Raise the area's profile to attract badly needed (and in many cases long-overdue) federal, state, non-profit, and business organization investment in our regional port areas.
- Give our regional Corn Belt Ports both a national identity and a "Home Ports Advantage" to advance regional, economic development & sustainability goals and objectives.
- Reduce transportation costs for our farmers by supporting safe, modern and dependable transportation infrastructure.

Everyone Supports their "Local" Corn Belt Port Region





Our Approach: 200-Mile Integrated Management Units



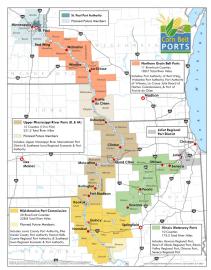
Regional Infrastructure System



Navigation & Ecosystem Sustainability Program



Regional Programs



"Home Port" Regional Stakeholder Groups

Corn Belt Ports



Protecting Our Future Protection for Future Generations

https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/under-summer-sun-midwest-corn-belt-most-biologically-productive-place-earth-180950460

SMITHSONIANMAG.COM

Under the Summer Sun, the Corn Belt Is the Most Biologically Productive Place on Earth

Corn Belt Port "Truths"

- Farmers Need a Local Principal Port of Loading
- Farmers Don't Drive Their Combines to Barges
- Locks are Bridges Between Navigation Pools
- You Can't Invest in a Port the Doesn't Exist
- You Can't Environmentally Mitigate for a Port that Doesn't Exist
- Local Ports Provide a "Home Port Advantage"



The Missing Puzzle Piece



Rural, Regional, Multi-Modal, Linear, Inland Ports Have Been the Missing Link



Farmers Don't Drive Their Combines to the River to Load Up the Barges

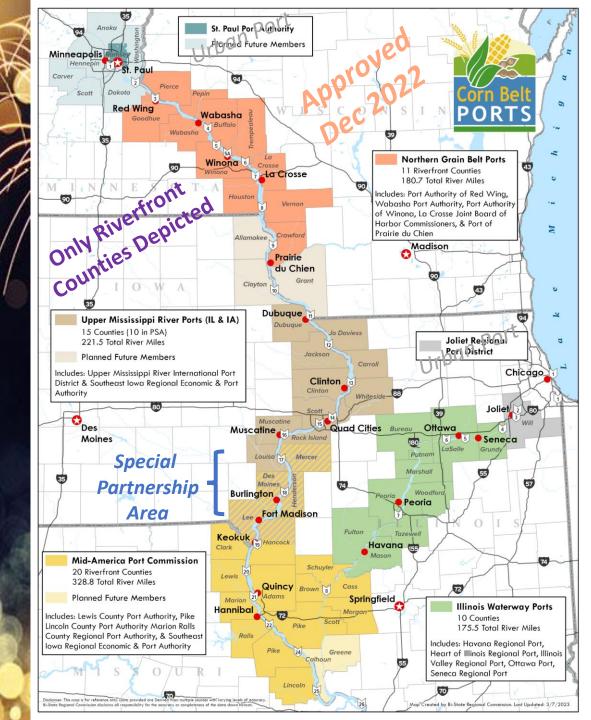


What We Will Look Like in 10 Years



- Modern, Sustainable Regional Ports that are Growing at a Steady, 5% Annual Rate in Freight Tonnage Handled.
- Business, People and Nature Friendly.
- Each Corn Belt Port Region Will Be a Functioning, Regional Economic Development or **Business Cluster**.
- Each Corn Belt Port Region Will be an Effective Implementer of Interagency Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). Helping Meet Multi-Modal Transportation Infrastructure, Natural Infrastructure, Flood Risk Reduction, and Other Water Resources Infrastructure Needs.
- Each Corn Belt Port Region is an Organization of Action.

Began 2023 With All 4 in Place



Corn Belt Ports (Above Locks and Dam 26) Within the erally Recognized Ports

Lock & Dam system All are Federally Recognized Ports All are Top 50 Leading U.S. Ports Based on Tonnage (Goal) All are Top 10 Inland Ports Based on Tonnage (Goal) Maintains Urban & Rural Focus (Support Urban & Rural Terminals) Centered on Interstate Highway Intersections

Mid-America Port Commission (I-72 - Two Crossings) Upper Mississippi River Ports (IL & IA) (I-74, I-80, I-280) Illinois Waterway Ports (I-474, I-74, I-180, I-39, I-55, I-80) Northern Grain Belt Ports (I-90)

Aligned with existing Regional Planning Agencies Aligned with existing Metropolitan Planning Organizations Takes a Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Systems Approach Served by Locks & Dams (vs. Open River) (Within the L/D System) Aligned with USACE (Corps) District Responsibilities (Generally) Improves Upon on the Successful Ohio River Model (Pittsburgh) Honors Existing Port Organization Jurisdictional Boundaries Regional PSAs Similar in Size (+/- 200 River Miles & 15 Counties) Includes State, County & City Authorized Ports in the Region **Encourages Stakeholder Groupings Around Port Regions Encourages Regional Transportation Planning Around Regions** Encourages Sustainability Planning Around Port Regions Are Open and Transparent Organizations



Locks & Dam 26



Corn Belt Ports

The Ports Within the Corn Belt's Lock and Dam System

13 Regional Planning Agencies

- Mississippi River (WI) (MPO)
- Counties East Central Intergovernmental (IA)
- Bi-State (IL & IA) (MPO)
- Southeast Iowa
- Blackhawk Hills (IL)
- Western Illinois
- North Central Illinois
- Tri-County (IL) (MPO) ٠
- Two Rivers (IL) (TSDS Serves as a "MPO")
- Morgan County (IL) ٠
- West Central (IL)
- Northeast (MO)
- Mark Twain (MO)

17 City and County Ports

- Southeast Iowa (SIREPA)
- Lewis County Regional Port (MO)
- Marion Ralls County Port (MO)
- Pike Lincoln County Port (MO)
- Upper Mississippi Int'l Port (IL)
- Rock Island Regional Port
- Quincy-Adams County (IL) (MAIA)
- Havana Regional Port (IL)
- Heart of Illinois Regional Port
- Illinois Valley Regional Port
- Ottawa City Port (IL)
- Seneca Regional Port (IL)
- La Crosse (WI)
- Prairie du Chien (WI)
- Red Wing (MN)
- Wabasha (MN)
- Winona (MN)

Major Urban Ports Najor Urban Port Joliet Regional Port St. Paul Port Riv organizations **4 Regional Ports:** Mid-America Port Commission; the Upper Mississippi River Ports (IL & IA); Illinois Waterway Ports; and the Northern Grain Belt Ports 17

Development

The Dangerous, Persistent Myth One of Many Unexpected Media

St. Louis/Southern Illinois Labor Tribune

abor News From Our Region

Unexpected Weand Unexpected Initentionally Examples Unintenting the Perpetuating With Urban Nuth ESSC Biden sees Central Port as a lesson to the nation

March 3, 2014

By CARL GREEN Illinois Correspondent

Granite City - Just north of downtown St. Louis, at a point where the south end of the Chain of Rocks Canal flows into the Mississippi River, lies America's Central Port, the nation's third largest inland port and the northernmost port on the Mississippi.



CALLING UNION WORKERS the backbone of American industry, Vice President Joe Biden (center, at the podium) visited America's Central Port in Granite City to mark the near completion of its South Harbor project, which was funded in part with \$14.5 million

https://labortribune.com/biden-sees-central-port-as-a-lesson-to-the-nation/

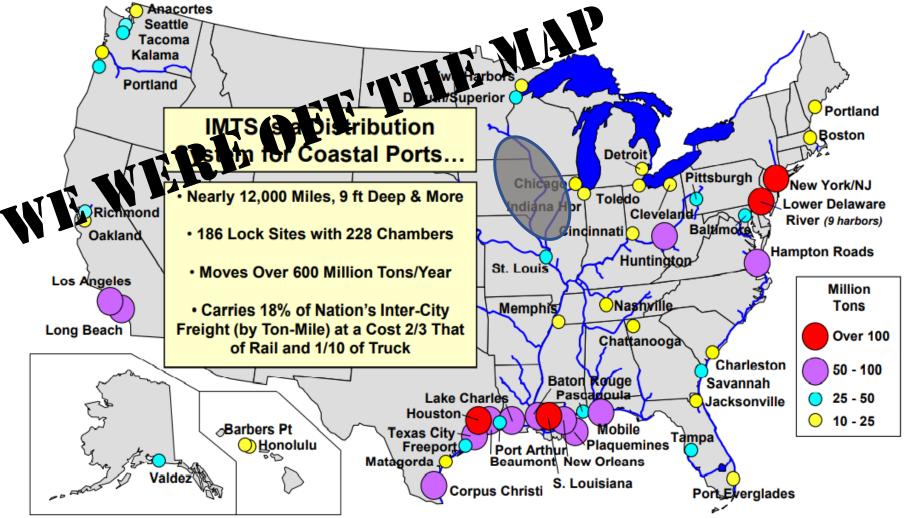




The United States is a Maritime Nation

U.S.ARM

Inland Marine Transportation System + Ports: Vital to US Trade and National Security



Slide Presented in June 2021



Inland Ports Black Hole

Keep in touch



EPA's Ports Initiative website and newsletter sign-up: www.epa.gov/ports-initiative

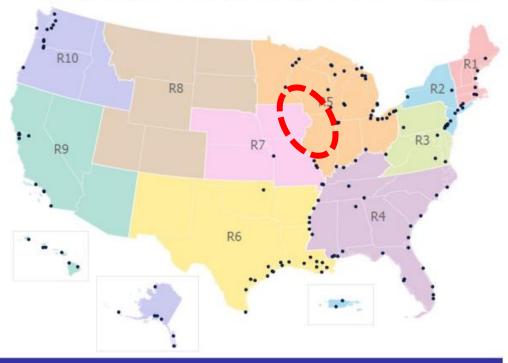
For questions or input on the Clean Ports Program in the Inflation Reduction Act: cleanports@epa.gov

EPA Regional Office contacts:

www.epa.gov/ports-initiative/regional-epa-ports-initiativecontacts

Tony Maietta: <u>maietta.anthony@epa.gov</u> Frank Acevedo: <u>acevedo.francisco@epa.gov</u>

Army Corps "Principal Ports" and EPA Regions



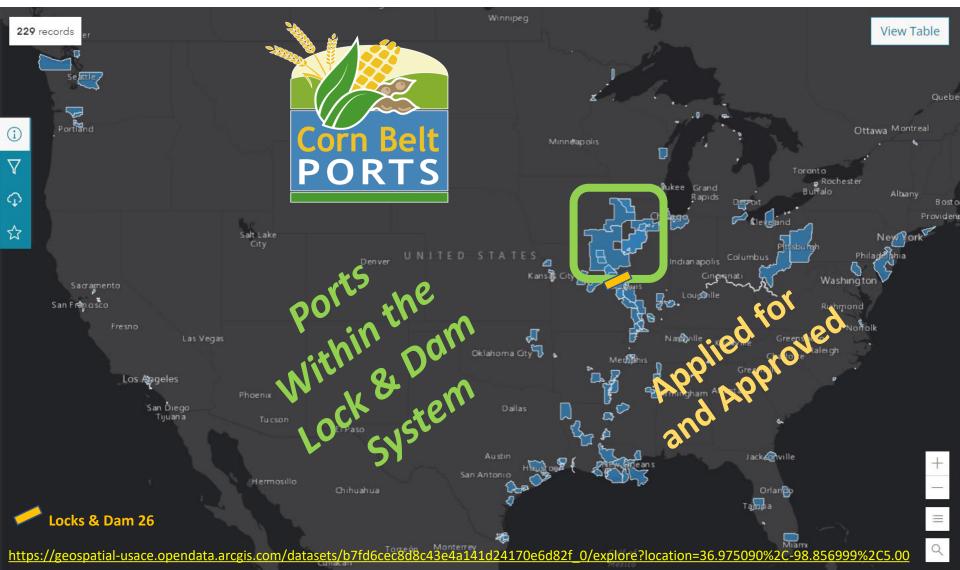
Presented by EPA Region 5 on 28 July 2023

Conspicuously Absent 2019 National Ports GIS Database Map



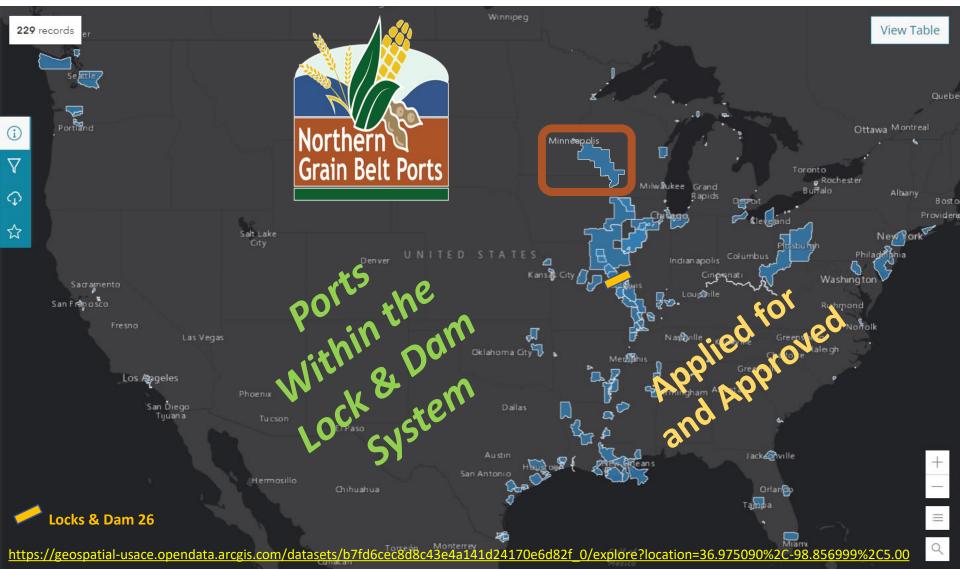
Corn Belt Ports Added 2020/21

National Ports GIS Database Map



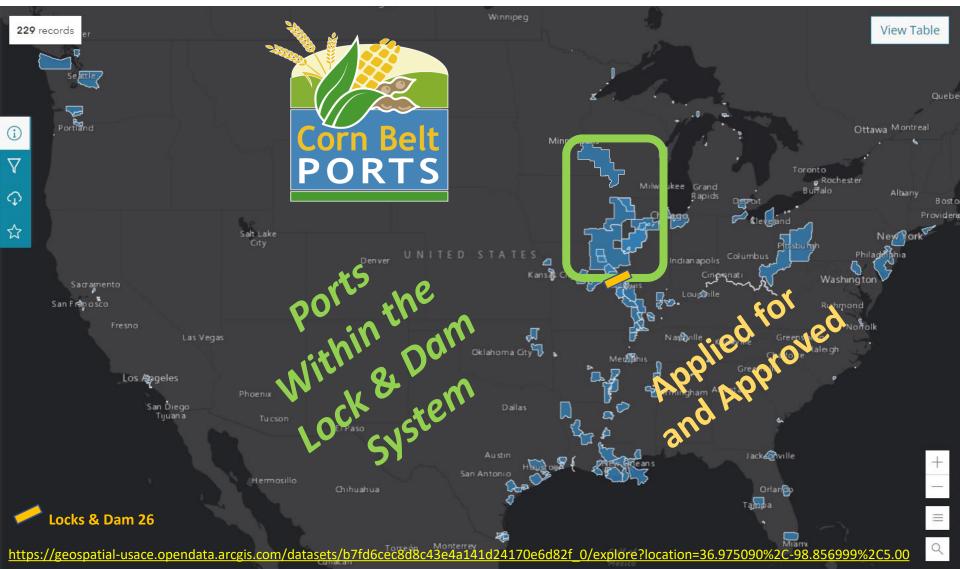
Corn Belt Port Added in 2022

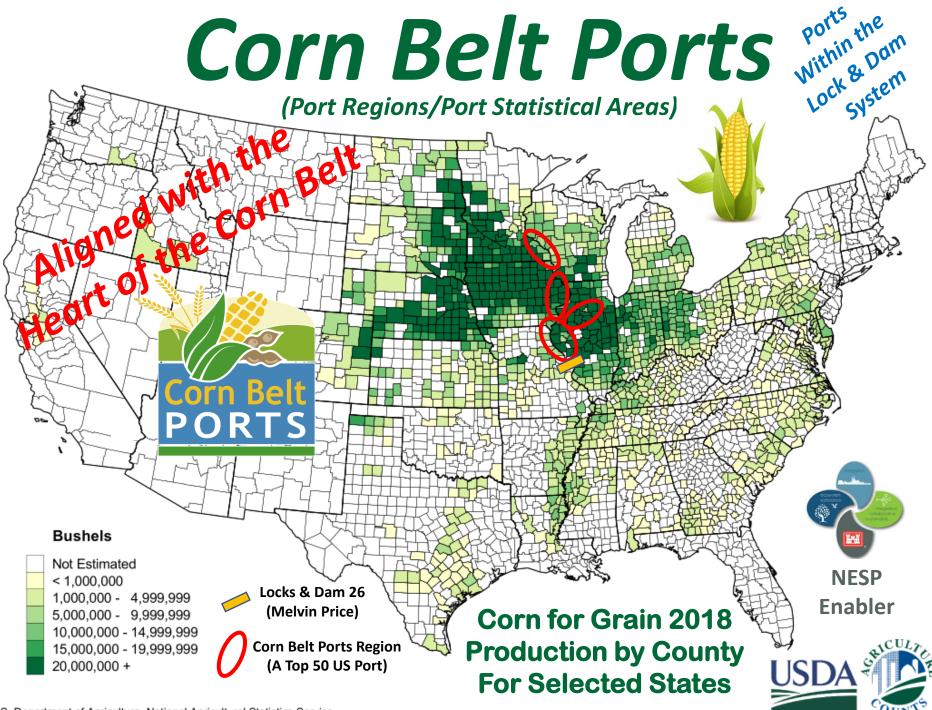
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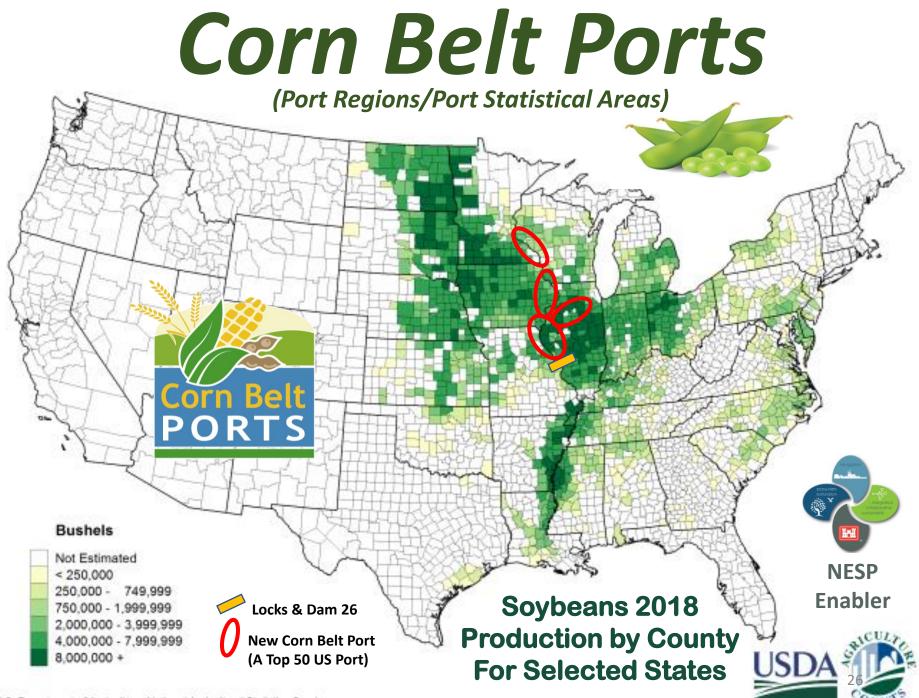
Corn Belt Ports End of 2022

National Ports GIS Database Map





U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service



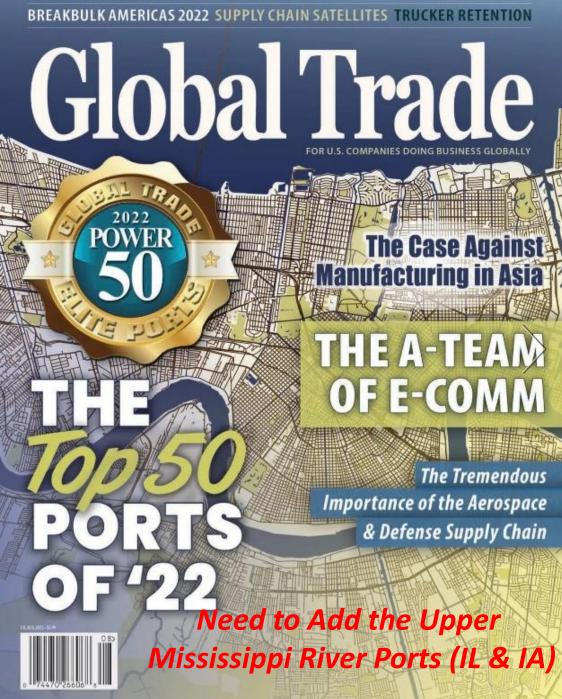
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First Time in U.S. History!

Leading U.S. Ports in 2020

(Millions of Short Tons and Percent Change¹ from 2019)

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Rank	Type ³	Port	Tons	%	Tons	%	Tons	%	
39	1	Pittsburgh, PA Port of (Model)	15.5	-28.7	**	0.0	15.5	-28.7	
40	1	New Bourbon Port Authority, MO ²	15.5	24.7	**	0.0	15.5	24.7	
<u>ບ</u> 41	1	Mid-America Port, IA, IL and MO	15.0	24.5	**	0.0	15.0	24.5	e
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<mark>8</mark> 49	L	Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port, OH	7.7	-24.4			9.4	-20.5	Sa
		San Juan, PR ² Goal	4.6	-0.5	(NDC	9.3	10.1	9
51	L	Illinois International Port, IL	7.2	-13.8	Navigatio	a and Civil Works	9.1	-9.4	
52	L	Toledo-Lucas County Port, OH ²	4.3	-21.0	U.S. Army	Support Center Corps of Engineers	9.0	-1.8	
53	I.	Memphis-Shelby County Port, TN	8.7	-2.6		ace.us/#/series/Fact%20Cards	8.7	-2.6	
54	1	Joliet Regional Port, IL	8.6	-6.7	**	0.0	8.6	-6.7	
55		PortMiami, FL	0.2	39.9	8.2	-5.5	8.4	-4.8	
56		E Iowa and W Illinois, IA IL	8.4	56.6	**	0.0	8.4	56.6	
57		Detroit-Wayne County Port, MI	5.7	-44.0	2.4	-19.5	8.2	-38.4	
58	С	New Haven, CT	4.8	-17.5	3.3	-5.1	8.1	-12.9	
59	1	Louisville-Jefferson Port, KY ²	8.1	-27.6	**	0.0	8.1	-27.6	
60	1	Nashville, TN	7.5	8.7	**	0.0	7.5	8.7	
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61	C	Kalaeloa Barbers Point, HI	2.4	-26.8	5.1	-3.1	7.5	-12.3	
62		Greater Lafourche Port, LA	7.2	-6.4	0.2	188.7	7.4	-4.7	
76		St. Paul Port Authority, MN	4.8	-4.8	**	0.0	4.8	-4.8	







Top 50 Power Ports

41 Mid-America Port Commission

Previous year: 44 Total tons: 15 million (+3 million)



Previous year: not ranked Total tons: 14.9 million

2022 POWER PORTS Global Trade : July/August 2022 (mydigitalpublication.com)

2023 Port Performance Freight Statistics Program: Annual Report to Congress

TABLE 2-3 List of Top 25 Ports by Dry Bulk Tonnage (Ranked by short tons)

U.S. Department of Transportation Office of the Secretary of Transportation

1. South Louisiana, LA, Port of	14. Huntington-Tristate, KY, OH, WV
2. New Orleans	15. Kalama
3. Plaquemines Port District	16. New Bourbon Port Authority, MO
4. Virginia, VA, Port of	17. Portland
5. Baton Rouge, LA	18. Mid-America Port, IA, IL and MO
6. Mobile, AL	19. Pittsburgh
7. Mid-Ohio Valley Port, OH and WV	20. Illinois Waterway Ports Terminals
8. Cincinnati-Northern KY, Ports of	21. Two Harbors
9. St. Louis Metro Port, IL and MO	22. Corpus Christi
10. Duluth-Superior, MN and WI	23. Seattle
11. Indiana (Northern District)	24. Longview
12. Houston Port Authority, TX	25. Tampa Port Authority
13. Baltimore	



Need to Add the Upper Mississippi River Ports (IL & IA)

https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/view/dot/65990/dot_65990_DS1.pdf?download-document-submit=Download



Illinois Waterway Ports Commission





SB46 ILWW Port Commission (11 May)

<u>Illinois General Assembly - Bill Status for</u> <u>SB0046 (ilga.gov)</u>

Senate **57 Yea** 0 Nays

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House 113 Yea 0 Nays

<u>10300SB0046_05112023_009000T.pdf (ilga.gov)</u>





We Enjoy Very Strong Bipartisan <u>AND</u> Bicameral Regional Congressional Leadership





Major "New" Funding Since 2020



- Lock & Dam 25 Retrofit w/1200' Lock **\$700+M**
- Illinois Waterway Lock Rehabilitation (2 Closures)- **\$500+M**
- Brandon Road Invasive Aquatic Species Barrier \$250+M
- Lock 22 Fish Passage **\$90+M**
- LaGrange Lock & Dam Retrofit w/1200' Lock Design \$50+M
- Other **\$400+M**

+/- \$2 Billion

Bridge From Nowhere

Corn Belt PORTS Gave us a somewhere

> Locks <u>are</u> Bridges Between Navigation Pools

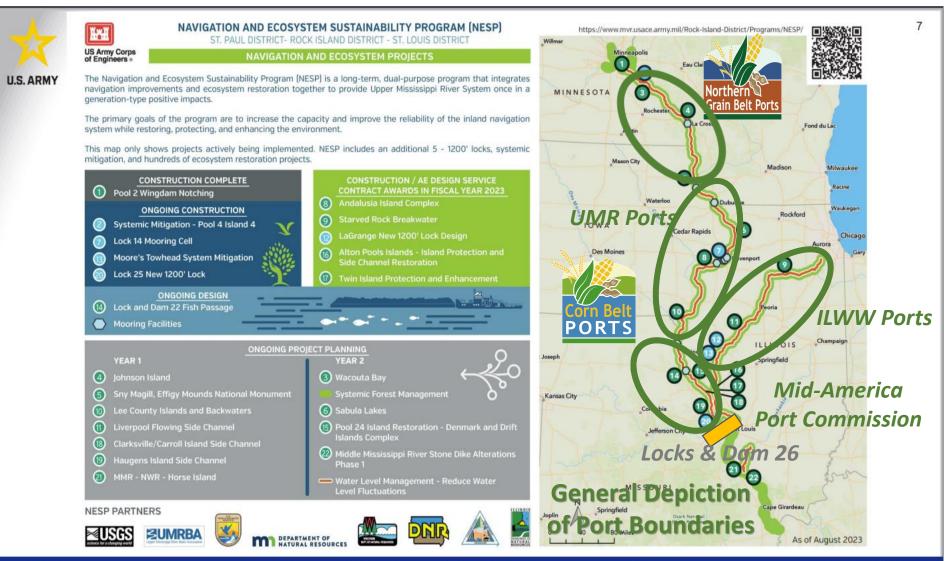
Prior to the federal recognition of the Corn Belt Ports, asking for a 1200' lock was like asking for a bridge from nowhere



April 12, 2022: President Joe Biden in Menlo, Iowa

"Through modern locks, we are gonna help farmers get their products to markets faster, more efficiently, lower costs and keep American agriculture globally competitive,"

NESP Projects https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/NESP/





Priorities



- Attract \$500M IIJA(+) Additional Investment over the Next 2 Years
- Get the LaGrange 1200' Lock Retrofit Under Construction in 2 years
- Have Two 1200' Locks Under Construction at a Time Going Forward
- Develop a Regional Lock and Dam Rehabilitation Schedule
- Get \$100M of UMRR Projects Planned on the ILWW
- Get LTRM Station Equivalents in the Quincy / Hannibal Area, and the Peoria/Ottawa Area
- Get more Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects Constructed on Private Lands, Built in Urban Areas, Delivered Using Alternative Methods, and in Closer Partnership with NGOs
- Develop and Begin a Watershed and Engineering-Based, Climate-Informed Flood Risk Reduction Infrastructure Update in Each of the Four Corn Belt Port Regions (Includes Man-Made and Natural Infrastructure)

Back-Up Slides

Corn Belt Ports Definition

Simply, the Ports Within the Corn Belt's Lock and Dam System

The Corn Belt Ports include regional ports, harbors, joint harbors, port districts, port authorities, port commissions, county ports, city ports, township ports, economic development authority ports, statistical port districts, port statistical areas, public docks, small boat harbors, private ports, irregular ports, and private terminals. We refer to the collection of them as the Corn Belt Ports.

The Original Challenge: How do you take these individual bits and pieces of port infrastructure and turn them it into a coherent regional ports system of 4-6 ports that could easily be understood and recognized by federal resource agencies in advance of the anticipated Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill?

What is an Inland Port?

A *place that often includes equipment* where ships, boats or barges are loaded and/or unloaded.

A defined **Geographic Boundary** (approved map).

Legislative or Other Government Authority.

Defined **Governance** Structure (Could be Collaborative).

	Rar	Ranking Of States That Produce The Most Corn			
PORTS	,	United States	14,182,479,0	000	
2	Rank	State	2020	% Of U.S.	
Over 50% of U.S. Production	1	lowa	2,296,200,000	16.19%	man a
- 50% rodu	2	Illinois	2,131,200,000	15.03%	
Over .S. P	3	Nebraska	1,790,090,000	12.62%	
- D 💧	4	Minnesota	1,441,920,000	10.17%	A Crowner
	5	Indiana	981,750,000	6.92%	
	6	Kansas	766,480,000	5.40%	
	7	South Dakota	729,000,000	5.14%	
	8	Ohio	564,300,000	3.98%	
0	9	Missouri	560,880,000	3.95%	
0	10	Wisconsin	516,780,000	3.64%	
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Directly Served by the Corn Belt's Lock and Dam System (Nearly 50% of U.S. Production) https://beef2live.com/story-states-produce-corn-0-107129



Corn Belt Port States Produce Nearly 50% of U.S. Soybeans

Comprising about 30% of the total U.S. soybean production, the top two states that produced the most soybeans in 2019 were Illinois and Iowa, both producing over 500 million bushels.

Soybean Production by State with Production Value (2019)

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State	Production	Index Ticker	Cash Price	Production Value \$B
Illinois	532.44	ZSPAIL.CM	9.33	\$4,967.67
Iowa	501.60	ZSPAIA.CM	8.90	\$4,464.24
Minnesota	297.88	ZSPAMN.CM	9.13	\$2,719.64
Nebraska	283.36	ZSPANE.CM	8.65	\$2,449.16
Indiana	273.36	ZSPAIN.CM	9.47	\$2,588.72
Missouri	230.46	ZSPAMO.CM	9.15	\$2,108.71
Ohio	209.23	ZSPAOH.CM	9.40	\$1,966.76
Others	1,230.17	ZSPAUS.CM	8.96	\$11,022.32
Total	3,558.28			\$32,287.22

Source: cmdty, USDA. Cash prices are closing cash values from 12/31/2019 for state and national price indexes. Production in million bushel units.

NESP Timeline

- 1993 Feasibility Study Begins
- 2004 Feasibility Report Complete, Chief's Report Signed
- 2005 Initial Receipt of PED (Pre-Engineering & Design) Funds
- 2007 Program Authorized in WRDA
- 2008 Economic Reevaluation
- 2009 American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) \$0
- 2009 2018 <u>Decade of Death</u> (No NESP Funding)
- 2019 Navigation Economic Reevaluation
- 2020/1 \$9.5M Received in PED
- 2021 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IL-
- 2022 (Jan) Construction Start (\$829.1 M) (IIJA)
- 2022 (Mar) Congress Directs Spending \$45.1 M
- 2022 (May) Work Plan Appropriations (12.179 M)
- 2023 (Dec) Congress Directs Spending \$49.3 M
- 2023 (Feb) Work Plan Appropriations (18.397 M)



Future Planned Upper Mississippi River Restoration (UMRR) Projects

Mid-America Port Commission (IL, MO, IA)

(Total Multi-Year Cost \$95,379,680)

- Ted Shanks, Pool 24
- Clarence Cannon, Pool 25
- Gilead Slough, Pool 25
- Red's Landing Wetlands, Pool 25
- Yorkinut Slough, IL, Pool 26

Northern Grain Belt Ports (WI & MN) (Total

Multi-Year Cost \$84,638,000)

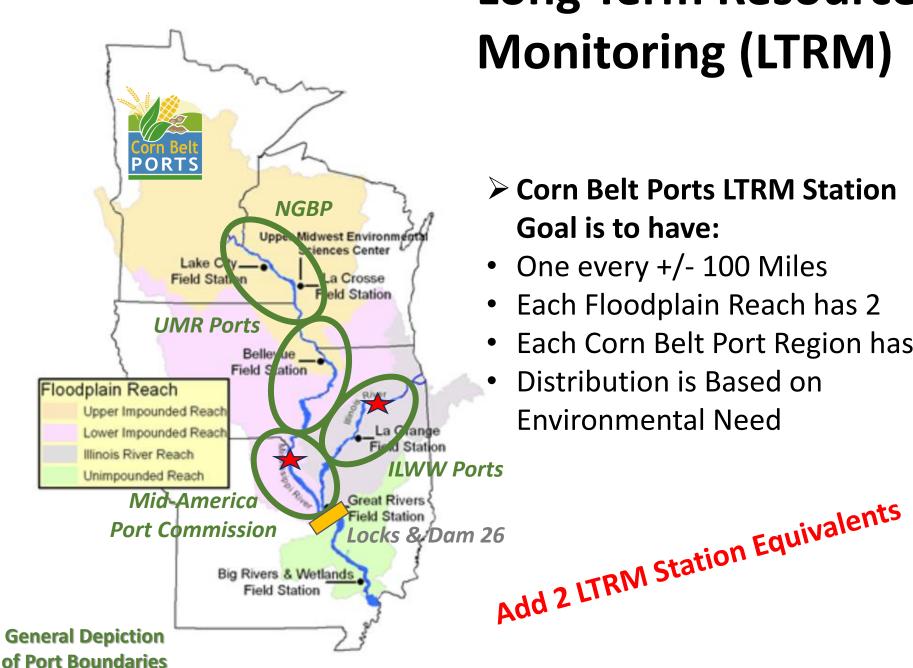
- Lower Pool 4, Big Lake
- Robinson Lake, MN, Pool 4
- Conway Lake, Pool 9
- Harpers Slough, Pool 9
- Reno Bottoms, Pool 9
- McGregor Lake, Pool 10

Illinois Waterway Ports Commission No Specific Future Projects Identified at Present

Upper Mississippi River Ports (IL & IA)

(Total Multi-Year Cost \$192,439, 822)

- Lower Pool 10 Island and Backwater Complex
- Pool 12 Overwintering
- Green Island, IA, Pool 13
- Lower Pool 13
- Beaver Island, Pool 14
- Steamboat Island, Pool 14
- Huron Island, Pool 18
- Keithsburg Division, Pool 18



Long Term Resource **Monitoring (LTRM)**

- Corn Belt Ports LTRM Station Goal is to have:
- One every +/- 100 Miles
- Each Floodplain Reach has 2
- Each Corn Belt Port Region has 2
- Distribution is Based on **Environmental Need**