



# SOY TRANSPORTATION COALITION

## *FARM TO MARKET: A SOYBEAN'S JOURNEY*

### Farm to Crushing Plant or Export Position

The journey from farm to crushing plant or export position requires soybeans to be handled 2.4 times, travel an average distance of 667 miles which amounts to 80 billion ton-miles, for the crop as shown in the table below.

- So, by mode, the average move from farm to market requires 74 miles by truck, 377 miles by rail, and 217 miles by barge.

**U.S. Soybean Distribution Summary for Farm to Crushing Plant or Export Position**

	Thousand Bushels	Average Distance (Miles)	Total Ton-Miles (Thousands)	Truck Ton-Miles (Thousands)	Rail Ton-Miles (Thousands)	Barge Ton-Miles (Thousands)
<b>Total</b>	4,000,000	667	80,045,621	8,857,170	45,200,866	25,987,585
<b>Harvest</b>	4,000,000	26	3,072,450	3,072,450	-	-
<b>On-Farm Storage</b>	1,000,000	59	1,770,000	1,770,000	-	-
<b>Country Elevator</b>	2,400,000	66	4,723,200	4,014,720	708,480	-
<b>Barge Terminal</b>	908,498	954	25,987,585	-	-	25,987,585
<b>Shuttle Elevator</b>	1,121,400	1,323	44,492,386	-	44,492,386	-

Source: USDA, USACOE, USITC, Informa

- The soybeans for export are primarily loaded into an ocean going vessel at the Center Gulf and Pacific Northwest.
  - Soybeans exported off the West Coast are destined for Asia.
  - Center Gulf soybean exports are primarily shipped to Europe and Asia.
    - Sixty-four percent of Center Gulf soybean exports transit the Panama Canal.
  - East Coast and Great Lakes exports are to Canada and Europe.

*"Farm to Market: A Soybean's Journey" can be accessed at [www.unitedsoybean.org](http://www.unitedsoybean.org) or [www.soytransportation.org](http://www.soytransportation.org)*

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