

Soy Transportation Coalition

Railroad Movement of Soybeans and Soy Products



High Rail Rates – Top 5 States

Soybeans

<u>State</u>	<u>Short Tons Moving at R/VC > 180% (Excessive Rates?)</u>
1.) North Dakota	2,922,144
2.) South Dakota	1,148,779
3.) Minnesota	1,035,261
4.) Indiana	796,507
5.) Ohio	790,672

Soybean Meal

<u>State</u>	<u>Short Tons Moving at R/VC > 180% (Excessive Rates?)</u>
1.) Iowa	1,412,843
2.) Nebraska	791,797
3.) Illinois	638,100
4.) Indiana	603,849
5.) Minnesota	271,836

Soybean Oil

<u>State</u>	<u>Short Tons Moving at R/VC > 180% (Excessive Rates?)</u>
1.) Iowa	728,340
2.) Illinois	307,408
3.) Ohio	199,912
4.) Minnesota	168,956
5.) Kansas	153,480

*Revenue to Variable Cost Ratios (R/VC) are used by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board (STB) to evaluate and measure the profitability and reasonableness associated with railroad freight charges. For example, if a railroad's freight charges are \$2,000 per carload and the variable costs for that movement are \$1,000 per carload, the R/VC would be 200%. In order for a rate to be regarded as potentially excessive, and subject to STB jurisdiction, the R/VC ratio must be equal to or greater than 180%.