

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	2,377,263
2.) Nebraska	1,494,763
3.) Minnesota	1,157,579
4.) South Dakota	1,125,154
5.) Ohio	644,971

Soybean Meal

<u>State</u>	<u>Short Tons Moving at R/VC > 180% (Excessive Rates?)</u>
1.) Nebraska	1,121,315
2.) Iowa	841,333
3.) Illinois	524,133
4.) Indiana	337,569
5.) Minnesota	248,155

Soybean Oil

<u>State</u>	<u>Short Tons Moving at R/VC > 180% (Excessive Rates?)</u>
1.) Iowa	568,258
2.) Illinois	323,045
3.) Minnesota	245,105
4.) Indiana	113,786
5.) Missouri	104,129

*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%.