

# EXPORT REPORT REGION DEFINITIONS

## EXPORT PORT LOCATION

A commonly recognized port of export in the United States or Canada, as determined by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Administrator, from which grain produced in the United States is shipped to any place outside the United States. Such locations include any coastal or border location or site in the United States which contains one or more export elevators and is identified by Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) as an export port location.

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AMS REG (Region)

FGIS REG (Region)

PORTS

**AMS REGIONS** are used by the AMS, Transportation and Marketing Program (TMP) to identify and report volumes of grain exported from certain regions of the United States and Canada. AMS, TMP has six reporting regions identified and defined as:

<b>AMS REGION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
<b>ATLANTIC</b>	Includes all Atlantic coastal areas within the United States where grain may be exported from one or more export port locations. This may include export port locations harbored in Atlantic coastal areas of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.
<b>GULF</b>	Includes all Gulf of Mexico coastal areas within the United States where grain may be exported from one or more export port locations. This may include any export port locations harbored in Gulf of Mexico coastal areas of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.
<b>INTERIOR REGION/PORT</b>	Includes all other areas and locations within the United States exporting grain from locations that are not considered export port locations. This may include shipments from all U.S. States and usually represents export container shipments to a specified country of destination or export land carrier shipments to Canada or Mexico.
<b>LAKES</b>	Includes all Great Lakes (Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario) areas and tributaries within the United States where grain may be exported from one or more export port locations. This may include export port locations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York.
<b>PACIFIC</b>	Includes all Pacific coastal areas within the United States where grain may be exported from one or more export port locations. This may include export port locations harbored in Pacific coastal areas of Washington, Oregon, and California.
<b>ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY</b>	Includes all areas within Canada along the St. Lawrence Seaway system where U.S. Grain is inspected and weighed by FGIS and then exported from one or more export port locations.

**FGIS REGIONS** are used by the AMS, FGIS to identify and report volumes of grain exported from certain regions of the United States and Canada. FGIS has seven reporting regions identified and defined as:

<b>FGIS REGION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
<b>CANADA</b>	Includes all areas within Canada where U.S. Grain is inspected and weighed by FGIS and then exported from one or more export port locations.
<b>EAST COAST</b>	Includes all Atlantic coastal areas within the United States where grain is exported from one or more export port locations. This may include export port locations harbored in Atlantic coastal areas of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.
<b>EAST GULF</b>	Includes all Gulf of Mexico coastal areas and Mississippi River delta areas within the United States on and east of the Mississippi River (includes MISSISSIPPI R.) where grain is exported from one or more export port locations. This may include export port locations harbored in coastal areas of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.
<b>INTERIOR REGION/PORT</b>	Includes all other areas and locations within the United States exporting grain from locations that are not considered export port locations. This may include shipments from all U.S. States and usually represents export container shipments to a specified country of destination or export land carrier shipments to Canada or Mexico.
<b>LAKES</b>	Includes all Great Lakes (Lake Superior, Lake Michigan Lake Huron, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario) areas and tributaries within the United States where grain may be exported from one or more export port locations. This may include export port locations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York.
<b>WEST COAST</b>	Includes all Pacific coastal areas within the United States where grain may be exported from one or more export port locations. This may include export port locations harbored in Pacific coastal areas of Washington, Oregon, and California.
<b>WEST GULF</b>	Includes all Gulf of Mexico coastal areas within the United States west of the Mississippi River where grain is exported from one or more export port locations. This may include export port locations harbored in Gulf of Mexico coastal areas of Louisiana and Texas.

**PORTS** are locally defined port regions used by FGIS to identify and report and report volumes of grain exported from the United States and Canada, consisting of one or more export port locations (except INTERIOR) where grain is inspected and weighed. FGIS has twenty reporting regions identified and defined as:

PORT	DEFINITION
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	Export port locations within the State of California.
<b>CHICAGO</b>	Export port locations within the greater Chicago, IL and Milwaukee, WI areas located on the shores or tributaries of Lake Michigan.
<b>COLUMBIA RIVER</b>	Export port locations along the Columbia River system in the Pacific Northwest between Oregon and Washington.
<b>DULUTH - SUPERIOR</b>	Export port locations within the port of Duluth – Superior in Minnesota and Wisconsin.
<b>EAST GULF</b>	Export port locations along Gulf of Mexico coastal areas east of the Mississippi River (does not include MISSISSIPPI R.)
<b>INTERIOR</b>	Includes all other areas and locations within the United States exporting grain from locations that are not considered export port locations. This may include shipments from all U.S. States and usually represents export container shipments to a specified country of destination or export land carrier shipments to Canada or Mexico.
<b>LAKE ERIE</b>	Export port locations on the shores and tributaries of Lake Erie within the United States (does not include TOLEDO).
<b>LAKE ONTARIO</b>	Export port locations located on the shores and tributaries of Lake Ontario within the United States.
<b>LAKE SUPERIOR</b>	Export port locations located on the shores or tributaries of Lake Superior within the United States (does not include DULUTH-SUPERIOR).
<b>MISSISSIPPI RIVER</b>	Export port locations located on the Mississippi River in Louisiana.

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<b>MONTREAL</b>	Export port locations where U.S. grain is inspected and weighed within the Montreal, Canada area on the St. Lawrence Seaway system.
<b>NORTH ATLANTIC</b>	Export port locations along Atlantic coastal areas north of Maryland within the United States.
<b>NORTH TEXAS</b>	Export port locations within Houston and points north of Houston in Texas, and locations west of the Mississippi River in Louisiana.
<b>PORT HURON</b>	Export port locations within the Port Huron, Michigan area located on the shores and tributaries of Lake Huron.
<b>PUGET SOUND</b>	Export port locations located in the waterways of the PUGET SOUND in Washington.
<b>SAGINAW</b>	Export port locations within the Saginaw, Michigan area located on the shores and tributaries of Lake Huron.
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>	Export port locations along Atlantic coastal areas in Maryland and south of Maryland within the United States.
<b>SEAWAY</b>	Export port locations where U.S. grain is inspected and weighed along the St. Lawrence Seaway system within Canada (does not include MONTREAL).
<b>SOUTH TEXAS</b>	Export port locations geographically south of Houston, Texas on the Gulf of Mexico.
<b>TOLEDO</b>	Export port locations within the Toledo, Ohio area located on the shores and tributaries of Lake Erie.