2025-2026
CN Grain Plan
JUNE 2026 UPDATE

Overview:

- CN achieved a record May for Western Canadian shipments of grain and processed grain products, moving over 2.9 million metric tonnes (MMT) of shipments compared to the previous record of 2.5 MMT set in May 2025. This result marked the eighth month this crop year where CN has set a record for monthly grain shipment volumes.
- Over the course of the month, CN supplied 100% of planned CN-supplied hopper car orders during the weeks requested or within 24-72 hours of the end of the want weeks.
- End-to-end grain supply chain productivity remained consistent during grain shipment weeks 40-42, despite brief network disruptions at the Prince Rupert Grain and South Shore Vancouver terminals.
- More specific and comprehensive details on weekly grain supply chain performance, including detailed information on car spotting performance, can be found in our Western Canadian Grain Report and our 2025-26 Grain Plan can be found at cn.ca/grain.

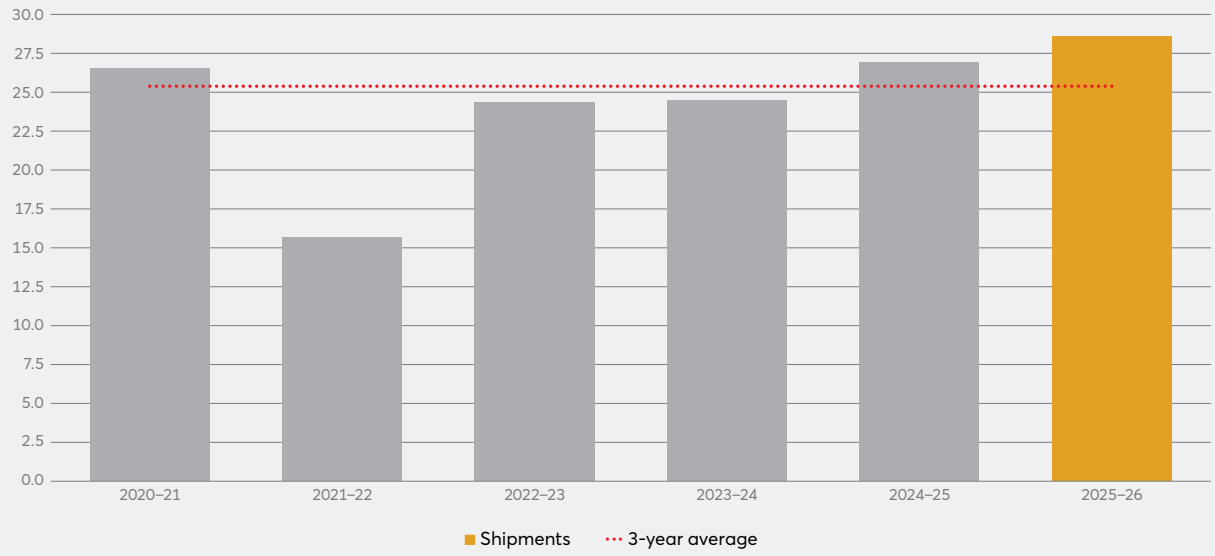
Grain Supply Chain Performance

CN achieved a record for shipments of Western Canadian grain and processed grain products for May. Total shipments reached over 2.9 MMT for the month compared to the previous May record of 2.5 MMT set in May 2025. Crop year to-date, CN has shipped a record 28.6 MMT of grain and processed grain products compared to 26.9 MMT for the same period the year prior and the three-year average of 25.3 MMT.

FIGURE 1

Crop year to-date CN shipments of grain and processed grain products from Western Canada via carload

million metric tonnes



Bulk Grain Movement Demand

Between grain shipment week 40-43, preliminary hopper car orders ranged from a low of 4,353 car orders in week 43 to a high of 5,614 car orders in week 40.

Demand for grain movement exceeded maximum sustainable end-to-end supply chain capacity guidance throughout the month of May. CN was able to accept and plan all customer orders in weeks 40-43.

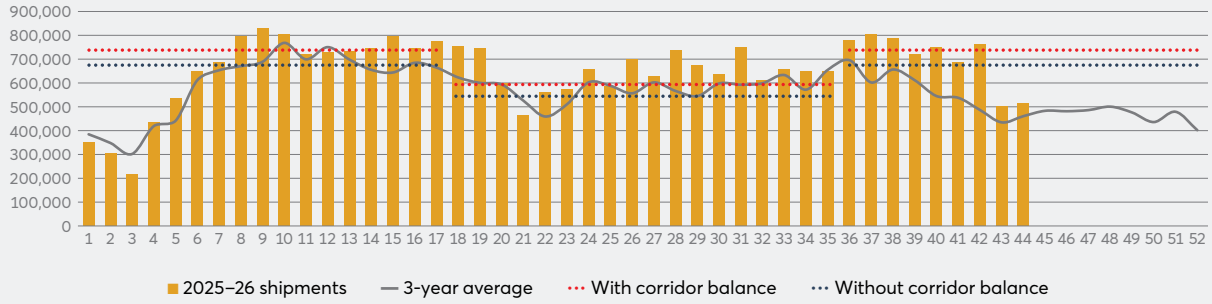
Grain Shipment Volumes

Weekly shipments of grain and processed grain products ranged from a low of 504,000 metric tonnes in grain shipment week 43 to a high of 762,000 metric tonnes in grain shipment week 42.

FIGURE 2

Weekly CN shipments of Western Canadian grain and processed products versus maximum end-to-end sustainable grain supply chain capacity on CN

tonnage shipped (metric tonnes)



2025–26 Grain Supply Chain Scorecard

Activity	Grain Week 27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
Sufficient customer demand to reach guidance levels																	
Grain supply chain fluidity across all major corridors																	
Grain export terminal fluidity – west																	
Grain export terminal fluidity – east																	
Corridor balance																	
Seven-day continuous operations at all major grain export facilities																	
Ability to load vessels during inclement weather																	
Normal rail operating conditions																	
No mainline disruptions or other major supply chain disruptions																	
No labour disruptions																	

End-to-end grain supply chain productivity remained consistent during weeks 40-42. This was despite a brief network disruption on CN's Fraser subdivision in week 40 that adversely impacted traffic movements in and out of Prince Rupert Grain terminal, as well as a breakdown at a South Shore Vancouver terminal that led to lost unloading capacity and required CN to hold back trains to avoid terminal congestion.

During grain shipment week 43, volumes declined 34% from the previous week and were 32% below supply chain targets. Shippers were forced to cancel orders throughout the week as farmer deliveries remained constrained, with producers focused on completing seeding activities across Western Canada.

Planned CN-Supplied Order Fulfillment Summary

During grain shipment weeks 40-43, average order fulfillment represented 92% of planned CN-supplied hopper car orders during the want week, and 100% of planned CN-supplied hopper car orders during the week requested or within 24-72 hours of the end of the week.