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Port of Green Bay surpasses 2017 tonnage total

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(Green Bay, WI) With at least one more month left in the 2018 shipping season, the Port of Green Bay has already garnered a higher tonnage total than in 2017. The current year-to-date total for the 2018 shipping season is 1,882,855 tons—nearly 50,000 tons over the total for all of last year.

"We're on pace to reach, and most likely even exceed, our annual goal of 2 million tons," explained Dean Haen, Port Director. "That number is an indicator of the strength of Northeast Wisconsin's economy. We're appreciative of the manufacturers, farmers and transportation and logistics companies of Northeast Wisconsin and their employees, who've worked hard this past year and as a result have increased their imports and exports, leading to this high overall tonnage."

The commodities most responsible for November's high tonnage numbers were limestone and petroleum products. Foreign imports of limestone were up 230 percent from this time last year, and domestic exports of petroleum products were up 265 percent.

"We're expecting another good month of shipping in December and perhaps a few shipments in January, with the possibility of ice breaking occurring to move additional commodities," Haen added. "So, we're eager to see what the 2018 grand total will be."

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About the Port of Green Bay: The Port of Green Bay exists to enhance the prosperity of the people of Northeast Wisconsin by providing facilities and infrastructure able to effectively and efficiently move commodities and goods across the nation. As the western-most port of Lake Michigan, the Port of Green Bay offers a direct route for shipping from the Midwest to the rest of the world. The Port of Green Bay has 14 active terminal operators located along three miles of the Fox River involved in shipping commodities: Ace Marine, C. Reiss Coal Company, Construction Resources Management, Flint Hills Resources, Fox River Terminals, Georgia-Pacific, Graymont, GLC Minerals, KK Integrated Logistics, Lafarge Northern America, RGL, Sanimax, St. Mary's Cement and U.S. Venture.

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