



Update on Western Canadian Grain – Crop Year 2025-26 Week 14

Summary:

In grain shipment week 14, CN moved over 748,000 metric tonnes of grain and processed products, meeting supply chain targets and approximately 14% above the three-year average. Vessel delays continued to affect movements into Vancouver as customers were forced to cancel trains throughout the week to avoid congesting terminals with loaded traffic.

CN Maximum Sustainable End-to-End Supply Chain Capacity Guidance

The capacity of Canada's grain supply chain varies through the crop year, and multiple factors place a real limit on the volume of grain that can move through the system at any point in time. The maximum sustainable capacity of the grain supply chain is also a function of the capacity and operational efficiency of the individual pieces of that supply chain, from origin to destination.

It is CN's view that on a sustained basis, the end-to-end grain supply chain can accommodate up to 7,800 cars (or up to 744,000 metric tonnes) per week of bulk grain and processed grain products outside of winter, of which approximately 900 cars per week are anticipated to be shipments of processed grain products. These maximum end-to-end grain supply chain capacity levels on CN assume that multiple conditions must be in place to achieve these levels. These conditions include, but are not limited to, those noted in the chart below:

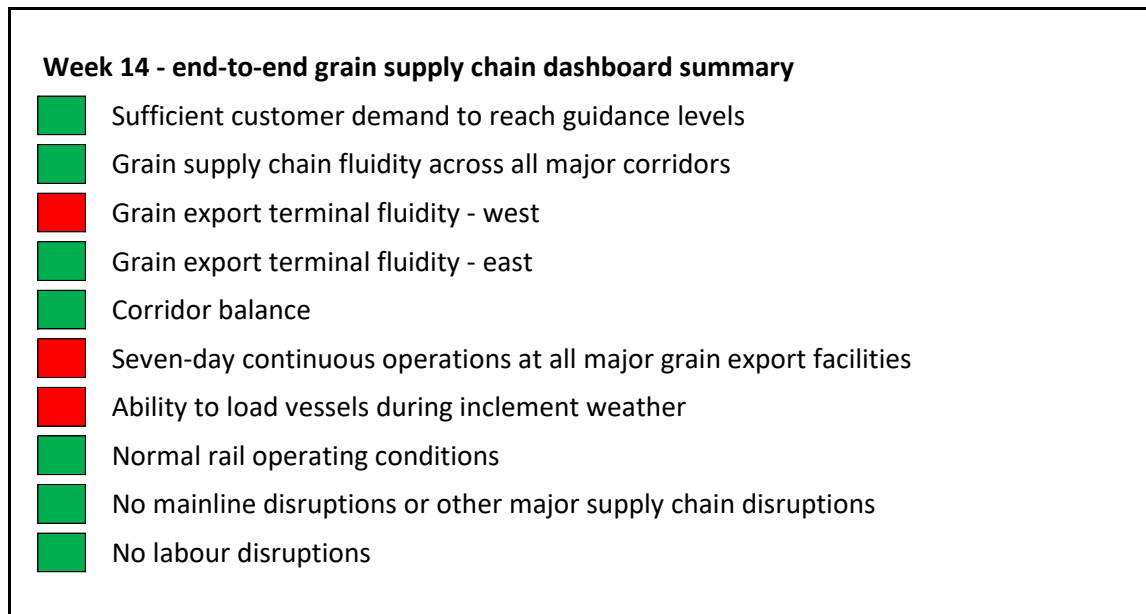


Figure 1. Weekly dashboard – conditions required to achieve maximum sustainable capacity guidance

Grain export terminal fluidity – west

- Vessel delays continued to affect Vancouver, reduced terminal productivity and grain movement to the ports.

Continuous operations at all grain export facilities:

- Prince Rupert Grain terminal does not operate 24/7

Vessel loading during inclement weather:

- Limited ability to load vessels in rain

Bulk grain movement:

For grain shipment week 14, CN shipped 6,590 bulk hopper cars, approximately 96% of the maximum sustainable supply chain capacity guidance of 6,900 bulk hopper cars.

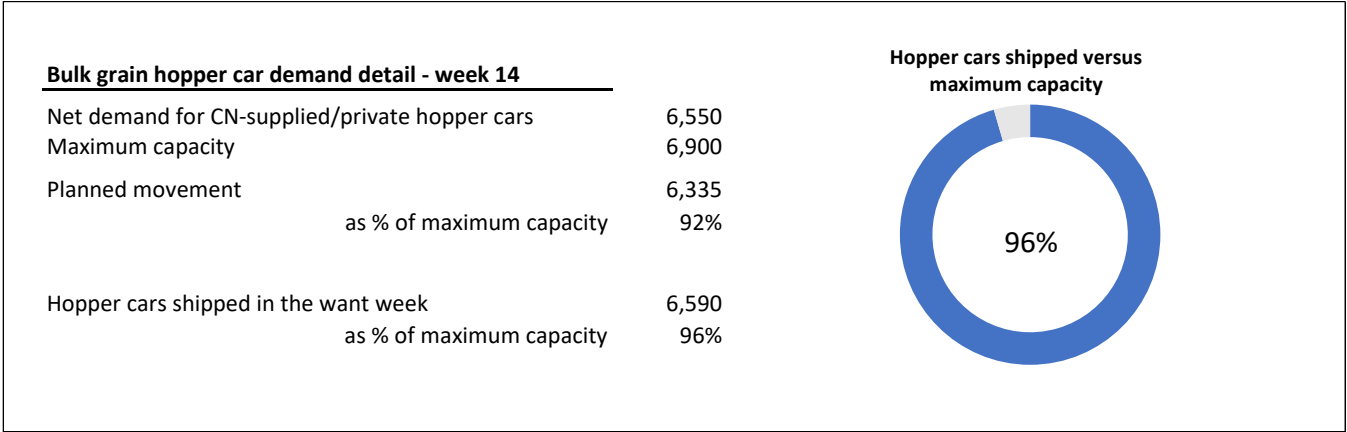


Figure 2. Bulk grain hopper car demand and demand fulfillment

CROP YEAR-TO-DATE SUMMARIES

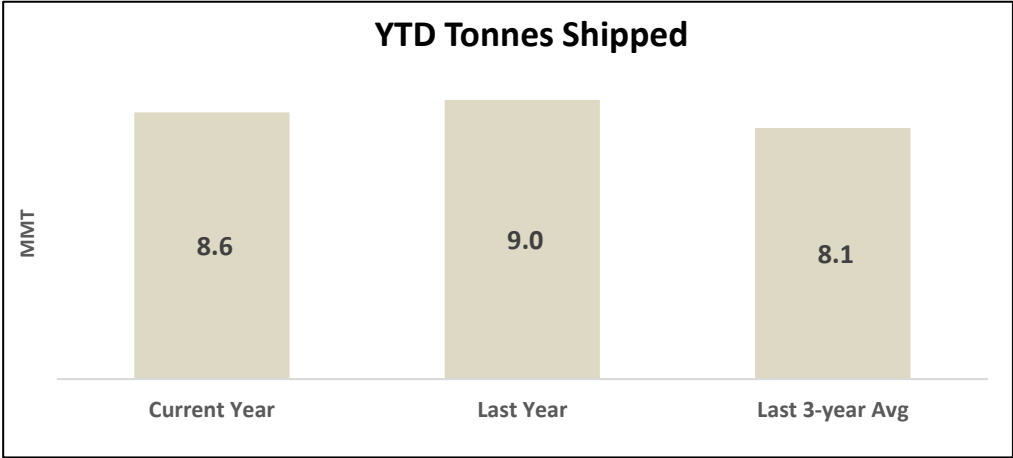


Figure 3. Crop year-to-date shipments of grain and processed grain products from western Canada

CN moved 8.6 MMT of western Canadian bulk grain through week 14 of Crop Year 2025-26. This tonnage is 6% above the prior three-year average, but 4% below last year.

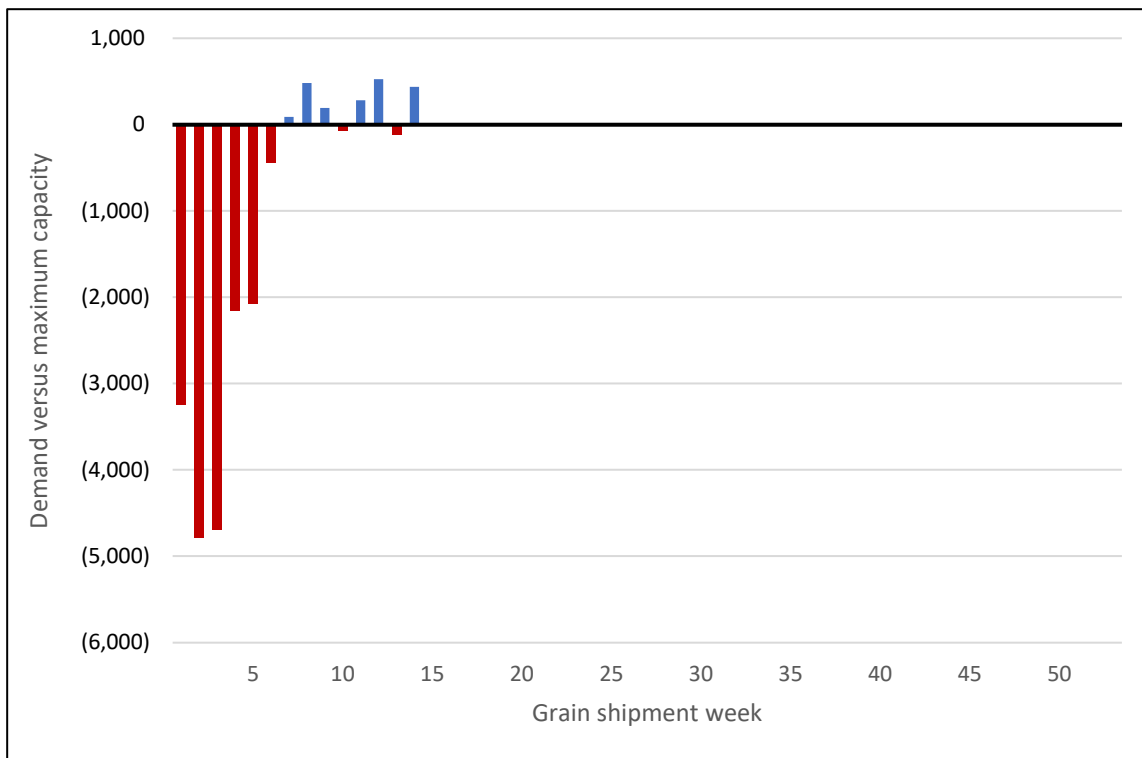


Figure 4. Customer demand for bulk grain movement via hopper car in relation to maximum end-to-end sustainable supply chain capacity on CN for bulk grain movement

Approximately 15,600 hopper cars worth of available grain supply capacity on CN went unutilized through week 14 of the crop year, representing approximately 1.5 million metric tonnes.

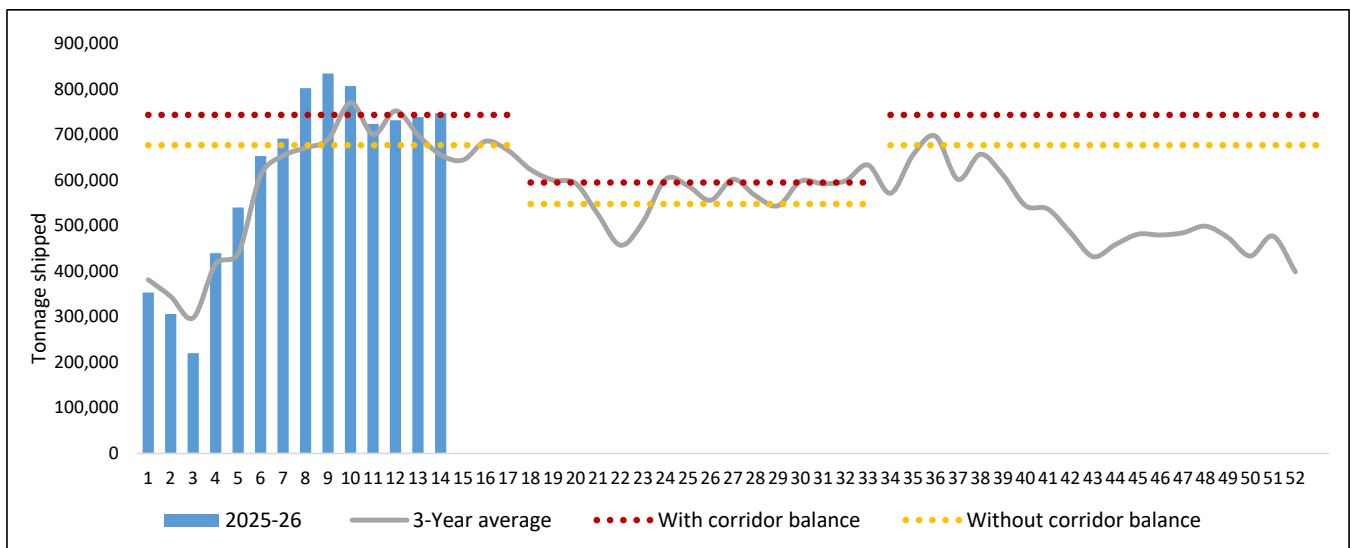


Figure 5. Weekly shipments of grain and processed grain products from western Canada on CN versus maximum end-to-end sustainable supply chain capacity guidance

GRAIN SHIPMENT WEEK 14 – SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN AND PROCESSED GRAIN PRODUCTS

	Vancouver	Prince Rupert	Thunder Bay	Churchill	N. America Domestic	Total	Carloads
Week 14 (metric tonnes)							
All Grain Supply Chains	389,462	150,672	98,041	0	109,512	747,686	7,728
YTD Shipments (<i>million metric tonnes</i>)							
Common Hopper Fleet	3.4	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.4	6.3	65,139
Customer-supplied equipment ¹	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	2.3	23,877
Total ^{2,3}	4.8	1.2	1.2	0.0	1.2	8.6	89,016
¹ includes bulk and processed grain moving in hopper cars and vegetable oil moving in tank cars ² Totals above exclude bulk or processed grain shipped in intermodal containers ³ Totals may not add up due to rounding							

Figure 6. Shipments of grain and processed products from Western Canada on CN by primary destination and equipment type

COMMON CN-SUPPLIED HOPPER FLEET DETAIL

A. Car Demand and Order Planning

- Week 14 net car orders were 5,060. Changes to grain shipment demand in week 14 included:
 - 112 orders rationed
 - 621 orders cancelled throughout week 14

Common Hopper Fleet		Week 14 Complete (Nov 02 to Nov 08)					Totals	Week 15 Latest	Week 16 Preliminary
		Vancouver	Prince Rupert	Thunder Bay	Churchill	N. America Domestic			
Demand	Total Customer Orders	3,202	1,444	735	0	300	5,681	5,814 ⁽²⁾	6,025 ⁽²⁾
	Invalid Customer Orders	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Terminal Authorized Orders ⁽¹⁾	3,202	1,444	735	0	300	5,681 ⁽¹⁾		
	Cancelled Orders	(607)	(9)	(4)	0	(1)	(621)		
	Total Net Orders	2,595	1,435	731	0	299	5,060		
	Contracted Orders						4,727		
	Spot Orders						333		
Planning	Net Planned Orders	2,483	1,435	731	0	299	4,948		
	Planned Contracted Orders						4,727		
	Planned Spot Orders						221		
	% of Net Orders that were Planned						98%		

Note:

(1) New customer requests vetted for validity as per grain car ordering rules in CN Tariff 9000

(2) Number of cars requested before order cut-off time for want week - yet to be reviewed for validity

Figure 7. Summary of customer orders for CN-supplied hopper cars

B. Car Spotting Performance

- 5,546 empty cars spotted in week 14
- 99.7% spotting performance against the current week's plan
- 100% of planned orders were spotted in the want week or within 24-72 hours of the end of the want week

<i>Year 2025-26 Week 14 Spotting Performance</i>	Spot Plan			Cars Spotted			Spotting Performance	Unfilled orders rolled to next week
	Planned	Cancelled	Net Plan	Last Week	Current Week	Total Spotted		
Current Week Plan Authorized New Orders	5,569	(621)	4,948	0	4,932	4,932	100%	16
Prior Week's Orders (rolled forward to current week)	441	(3)	438	-	438	438	100%	0
"Add-in" Cars Ordered after weekly plan is set	-	-	-	-	30	30		
Pre-Spots Early spotting of next week's orders	-	-	-	-	0	0		
Railway shuttles	-	-	-	-	146	146		
Total	6,010	(624)	5,386	0	5,546	5,546		

Figure 8. CN spotting performance in relation to confirmed and planned orders for CN-supplied hopper cars