



BNSF Railway

The engine that connects us

BNSF Railway is one of North America's leading freight transportation companies, with a rail network of 32,500 route miles in 28 states and three Canadian provinces. BNSF is one of the top transporters of the products and materials that help feed, clothe, supply and power communities throughout America and the world. BNSF moves those goods more safely and efficiently, on significantly less fuel, with fewer emissions than the all-highway alternative.

Agricultural Products

- In 2014, BNSF hauled nearly 1 million carloads of agricultural commodities.
- BNSF transports enough grain to supply 900 million people with a year's supply of bread.
- We haul enough fertilizer in one year to fertilize a field the size of Kansas.

Consumer Products

- In 2014, more than 5 million intermodal shipments (truck trailers or containers) were transported on BNSF's rail lines instead of on the nation's congested highways. Each doublestack intermodal train can take 280 trucks off the highways.
- A new car or truck is loaded onto a BNSF automobile train approximately every 15 seconds.

Industrial Products

- In 2014, BNSF hauled nearly 2 million carloads of industrial products.
- BNSF transports enough crude oil from the Williston Basin of North Dakota and Montana to fill the tanks of more than 656,000 average-sized vehicles with gasoline every day.
- The asphalt hauled by BNSF in a year is enough to lay a single lane road four times around the equator.

Coal

- In 2014, BNSF hauled nearly 2.3 million coal shipments.
- Coal hauled by BNSF powers one out of every 10 homes in the nation.
- More than 90 percent of that coal comes from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming and Montana, site of the world's largest deposit of low-sulfur coal. PRB coal is 60 percent lower in sulfur than most other U.S. coal sources.

BNSF Facts

Length of network:	32,500 miles
States in network:	28
Canadian provinces:	3
Employees:	47,000
Headquarters:	Fort Worth, TX
Ports served:	40+
Intermodal facilities:	25
Average trains per day:	1,600
Locomotives:	8,000
Capital investment (2015):	\$6 billion
Bridges:	13,000
Tunnels:	89
Grade crossings:	25,700
Packages shipped on time during typical holiday season:	50 million
Carloads shipped in 2014:	10 million
Distance BNSF hauls 1 ton of freight on 1 gallon of diesel fuel:	500 miles

History

BNSF's history dates back more than 160 years to 1849, when the 12-mile Aurora Branch Railroad was founded in Illinois. Over the next several decades, many additional rail lines were built and eventually became part of what is today's BNSF Railway. Some of BNSF's major predecessor railroads were Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; Burlington Northern; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Frisco; Great Northern; Northern Pacific; and Spokane, Portland & Seattle.

BNSF was created Sept. 22, 1995, from the merger of Burlington Northern Inc. (parent company of Burlington Northern Railroad) and Santa Fe Pacific Corporation (parent company of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway). On Feb. 12, 2010, BNSF became a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.

