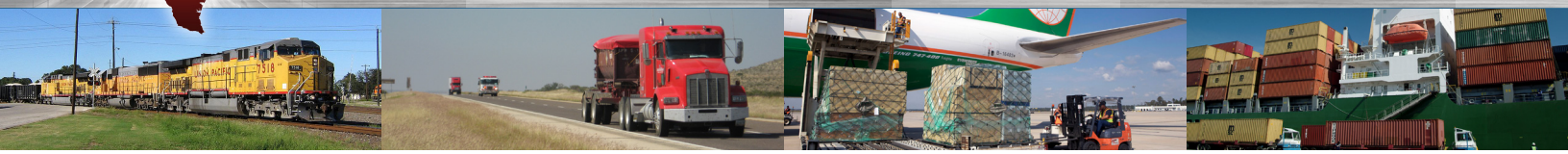
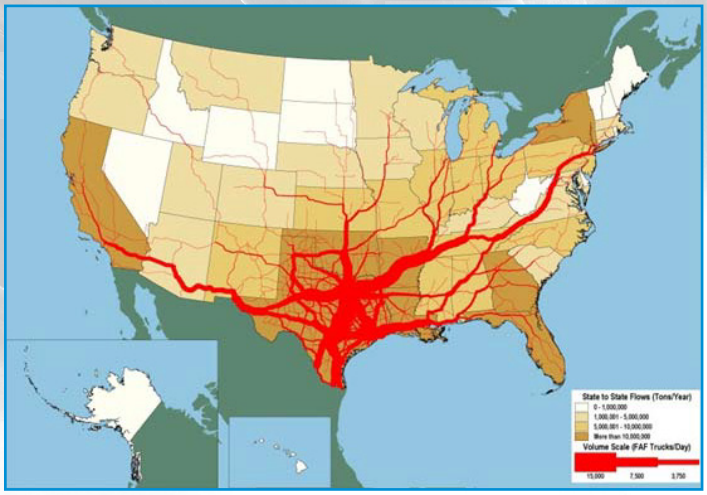


TEXAS TRUCKING

Trucks are a critical link in the Texas multimodal freight system. Annually over $1.6 trillion/1.2 billion tons of freight are moved on Texas highways. In 2011, trucks moved over 46% of all freight moved in Texas. By 2040, truck tonnage will increase by 78% and account for 56% of all freight moved. The top commodities moved by truck in Texas include mainly agriculture products: live animals/fish, cereal grains, animal feed, meat/fish, other agriculture products such as fertilizer and milled grain products. Texas has both the largest highway and interstate networks in the nation. Texas is both second in population and vehicle miles travelled annually to California. In particular, I-40, I-30, I-20, and I-10 are vital to the Texas economy as they connect Texas with the western, southern and eastern U.S. economic centers.



Source: FHWA, FAF 3

QUICK FACTS:

- 1 in 16 Texans are employed by the trucking industry
- 73% of goods manufactured in Texas are transported by truck
- 85% of trade between Texas and Mexico is handled by trucks
- Texas has more interstate (centerline) mileage than any other state, totaling over 3,200 miles
- There are over 300,000 miles of public roadway in Texas
- There are over 66,000 trucking companies in Texas
- Trucking industry wages exceeded $22.5 billion, with an average industry salary of $45,000
- There are over 185,000 truck drivers employed in Texas, with an average salary of $34,500
- Trucks represent 12% of the vehicle miles traveled in Texas annually

A truck can take between 15 and 20 hours to drive across Texas at its widest point.