

Florida Ports: Bright Outlook for the Sunshine State

The promise of complementing existing Latin American trade volumes with a surge in Asian imports has Florida on the path to becoming a cargo crossroads.

Changing global trade patterns and the upcoming debut of an expanded Panama Canal have state officials and port authorities looking to capitalize on demand and create a new economic wellspring.

With strong trade connections to Central and South America by virtue of their geographic locations, Florida ports are now positioned to attract all-water Asia cargoes through the Panama Canal. Brazil, Columbia, China, and Japan remain the region's top trading partners, but that list will likely skew toward the Pacific Rim over the next decade.

Recognizing that Florida's ports have a lot of room to grow – total container volume through all

the state's ports in 2010 were less than that of Savannah, Ga. – Governor Rick Smith's administration has helped direct federal stimulus monies and state funds to various port infrastructure improvement projects such as dredging harbors and increasing transportation connectivity.

Notably, Florida East Coast Railway, the primary rail operator along the state's Atlantic Coast backbone, has been busy expanding and rehabilitating track as it builds direct connections to Florida's ports, specifically the Port of Miami and Port Everglades, where it offers exclusive service.

In the Sunshine State, the future looks bright. Here are four ports that are lighting the way.



Port of Tampa



Port Panama City

www.portpanamacityusa.com

MAIN
CHANNEL
32'
DEPTH

TRADE DATA

IMPORTS (CONTAINERIZED):
20,910 TEUs

EXPORTS (CONTAINERIZED):
20,998 TEUs

DOMESTIC TRADE: 91,000 tons

TOTAL TRADE: 1,381,782 tons

TRADE PARTNERS

- Mexico
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- Panama
- Netherlands
- United Kingdom

INBOUND COMMODITIES

- Apparel
- Furniture
- Copper
- Steel

OUTBOUND COMMODITIES

- Forest products
- Wood pellets
- Oil field equipment
- Power cables

CARGO FACILITIES HIGHLIGHTS

The port is increasing its containerized cargo handling capacity by adding a second mobile harbor crane and expanding its container yard. These efforts will create an additional 2,200 TEUs of stacking space. The port is also expanding its bulk cargo handling capacity by 500,000 tons per year.

Port Everglades

MAIN
CHANNEL
43'
DEPTH

www.porteverglades.net

TRADE DATA

VESSEL CALLS: 4,183

IMPORTS (CONTAINERIZED): 427,453 TEUs

EXPORTS (CONTAINERIZED): 440,053 TEUs

TOTAL TRADE: 10,711,299 tons

CARGO FACILITIES HIGHLIGHTS

Enhancements include new marine cargo terminals; U.S. Customs & Border Protection radiation portal monitors; and gantry crane expansion.

TRADE PARTNERS

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| ■ Honduras | ■ China |
| ■ Guatemala | ■ Venezuela |
| ■ Costa Rica | ■ Bahamas |
| ■ Brazil | ■ Dominican Republic |
| ■ Colombia | ■ India |

INBOUND COMMODITIES

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| ■ Fruits | ■ Vegetables |
| ■ Ceramic and mosaic tiles | ■ Non-alcoholic beverages |

OUTBOUND COMMODITIES

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| ■ Paper and paper-board (including waste) | ■ Grocery products |
| | ■ Metal scrap |
| | ■ Auto parts |



Port Panama City

Port of Tampa

www.tampaport.com

MAIN
CHANNEL
43'
DEPTH

TRADE DATA

VESSEL CALLS: 2,824

IMPORTS (CONTAINERIZED): 201,000 TEUs

EXPORTS (CONTAINERIZED): 110,000 TEUs

DOMESTIC TRADE: 22,800,000 tons

FREIGHT TRADE: 11,400,000 tons

TOTAL TRADE: 34,200,000 tons

CARGO FACILITIES HIGHLIGHTS

The port offers on-dock rail for direct vessel load and discharge; three gantry cranes; one mobile harbor crane; and nearly one million square feet of on-dock warehouse/transit shed capacity.

TRADE PARTNERS

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| ■ India | ■ Russia |
| ■ Mexico | ■ Australia |
| ■ Brazil | ■ Japan |
| ■ Trinidad | ■ Argentina |
| ■ Canada | ■ Turkey |

INBOUND COMMODITIES

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| ■ Petroleum | ■ Granite |
| ■ Ammonia | ■ Limestone |
| ■ Coal/coke | ■ Liquid sulphur |

OUTBOUND COMMODITIES

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| ■ Citrus pellets | ■ Phosphatic chemical |
| ■ Phosphate | |
| ■ Scrap | |

Port of Tampa



Port of Miami

Port of Miami

www.miamidade.gov/portofmiami

MAIN
CHANNEL
42'
DEPTH

TRADE DATA

VESSEL CALLS: 1,936

IMPORTS: 2,717,708 tons

EXPORTS: 3,115,004 tons

TOTAL CONTAINER VOLUME:
847,249 TEUs

CARGO FACILITIES HIGHLIGHTS

The Port of Miami features three cargo handling facilities operated by Seaboard Marine, Terminal Link/APM Terminals, and Port of Miami Terminal Operating Company. A \$46.9-million Port of Miami-Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway Rail Reconnection Project will utilize the FEC right of way to link the port to the Hialeah railyard. The rail service project includes renovating FEC tracks and repairing a drawbridge to the island port that was rendered unusable by Hurricane Wilma.

TRADE PARTNERS

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| ■ China | ■ Colombia |
| ■ Honduras | ■ Italy |
| ■ Hong Kong | ■ Panama |
| ■ Germany | ■ Jamaica |
| ■ Dominican Republic | ■ Guatemala |

INBOUND COMMODITIES

- Stone, clay, cement
- Tile, bricks, concrete
- Alcoholic beverages
- Apparel and other finished textiles
- Refrigerated fruits and vegetables

OUTBOUND COMMODITIES

- Paper/non-printed paper
- Woven and knitted fabrics and carpet
- Non-refrigerated foods
- Building materials