



THUNDER BAY PORT AUTHORITY  
ADMINISTRATION PORTUAIRE DE THUNDER BAY

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## **PORT OF THUNDER BAY OPENS WITH STRONG GRAIN VOLUMES**

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Despite a later than usual start to the shipping season, the Port of Thunder Bay handled above-average grain shipments in April. Grain elevators loaded more than 688,000 metric tonnes of grain to both domestic and foreign vessels during the month, which is 12% more than the ten-year average for April. The numbers are especially noteworthy given that the season's opening date of April 10 is the second latest opening in the last 20 years, only falling earlier than last year's record latest opening of April 21.

Strong grain shipments are a trend continuing forward from last season, when port elevators handled over 8.3 million metric tonnes of grain – a 17-year high. Thunder Bay Port Authority is forecasting another above-average season for grain shipments. With Western Canadian grain farmers experiencing the two most productive crop seasons in history in 2013 and 2014, there remains a significant quantity of cargo to be moved.

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**CARGO STATISTICS - 2015**  
 With Comparative Figures in Metric Tonnes for 2014  
 Period From April 01 to April 30, 2015

	Month Totals 2015	Month Totals 2014	Year to Date 2015	Year to Date 2014
COAL	63,750	0	63,750	0
GRAIN	688,292	134,802	688,292	134,802
POTASH	18,718	0	18,718	0
DRY BULK	0	0	0	0
LIQUID BULK	0	0	0	0
GENERAL CARGO - KEEFER	3,062	0	3,062	0
GENERAL CARGO - OTHER	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>773,822</b>	<b>134,802</b>	<b>773,822</b>	<b>134,802</b>

<b>VESSEL REPORT</b>				
	Current Month	Same Month Last Year	Year to Date Totals	Last Year Totals
DOMESTIC	27	9	27	9
FOREIGN	6	0	6	0
AMERICAN	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9</b>

\*Monthly statistics are edited as cargo reports are received. Cumulative totals are adjusted to reflect changes.

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