













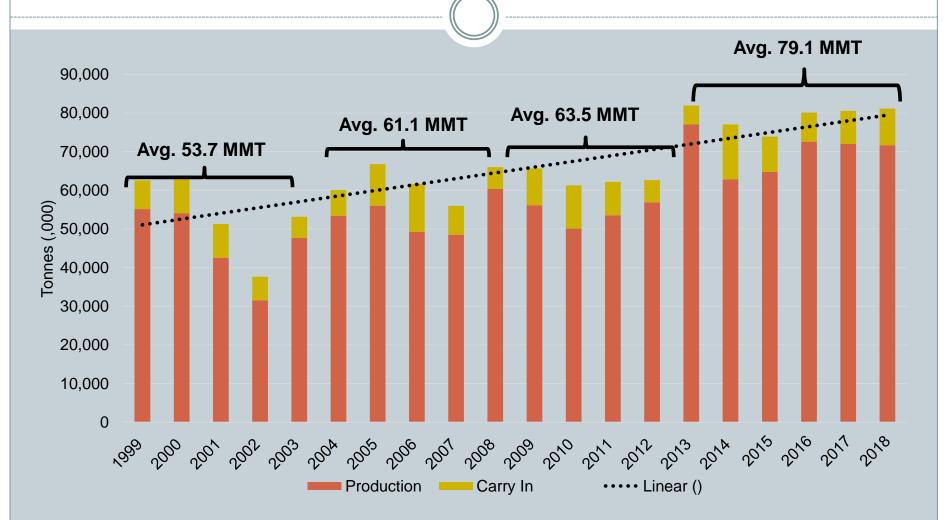
# Update on the Movement of Grain from Western Canada

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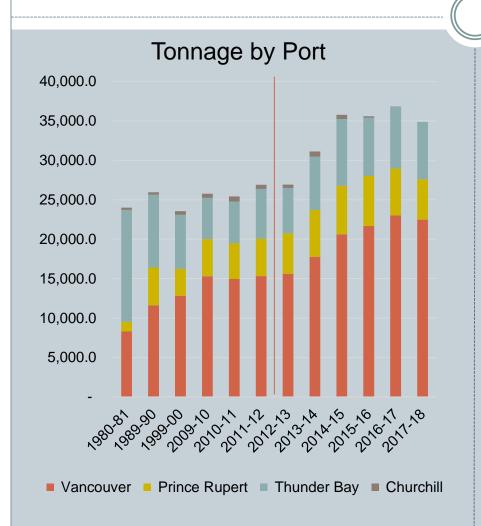
#### **Total Grain Supply**

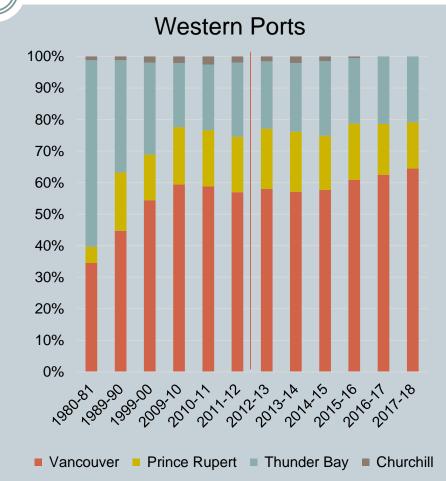
(Western Canada Production and Carry-In Stock)





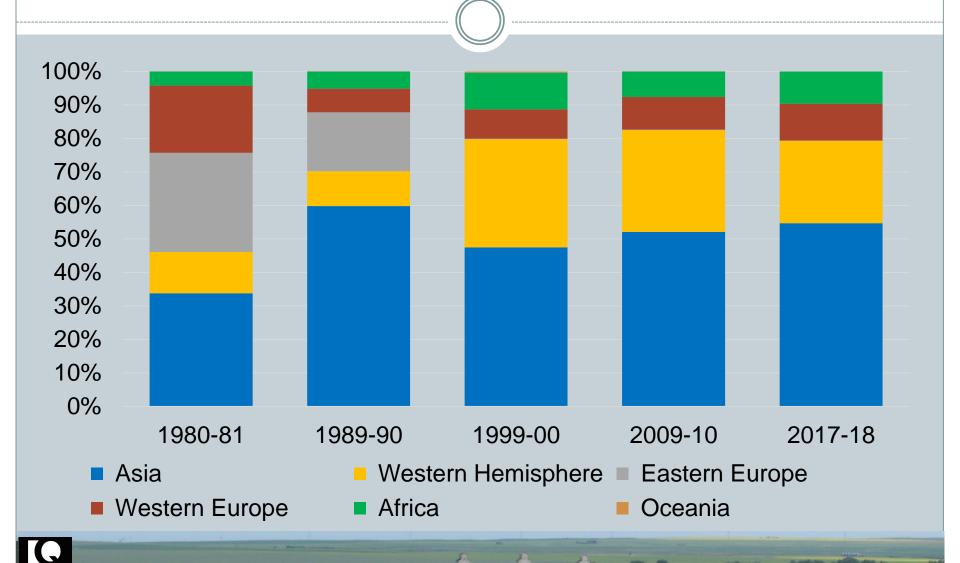
#### Western Port Volumes



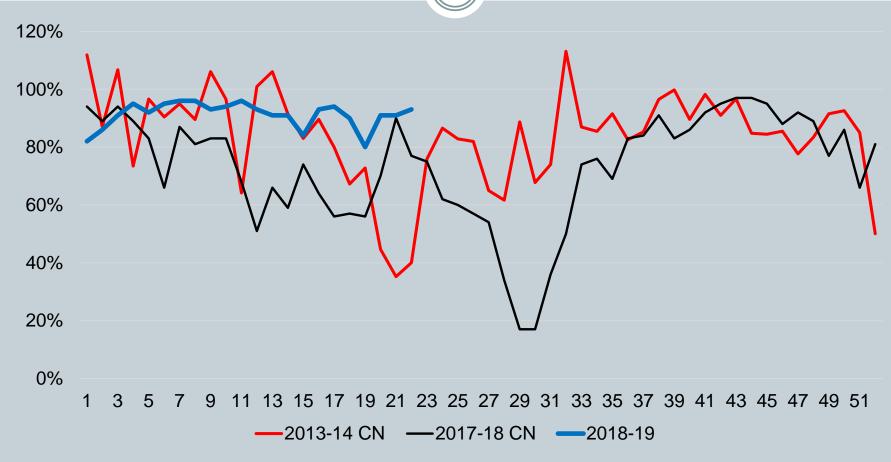




#### Canadian Grain Markets



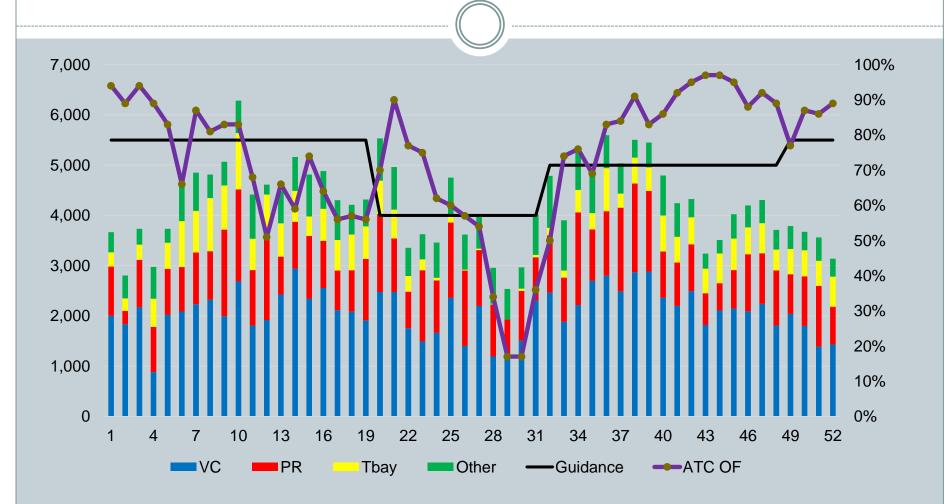
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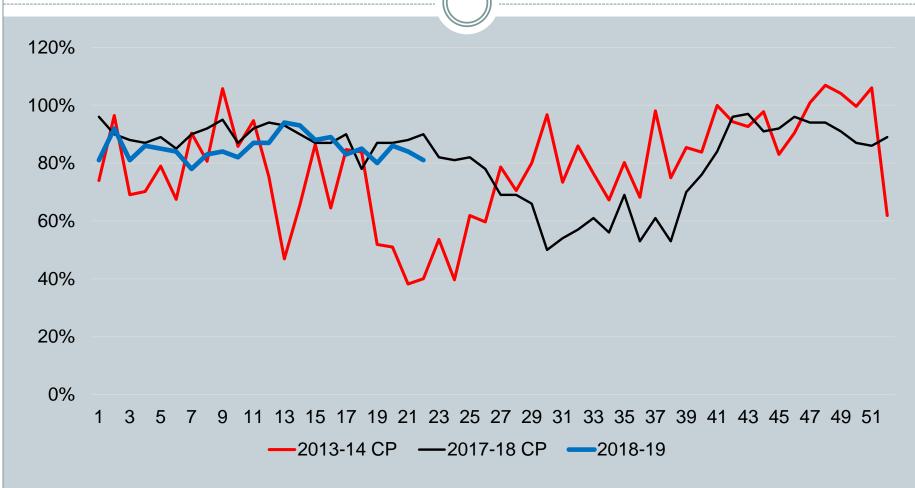
#### CN Supplied Cars – 2017-18 CY



Source: CN weekly supply reports; ATC Weekly Reports



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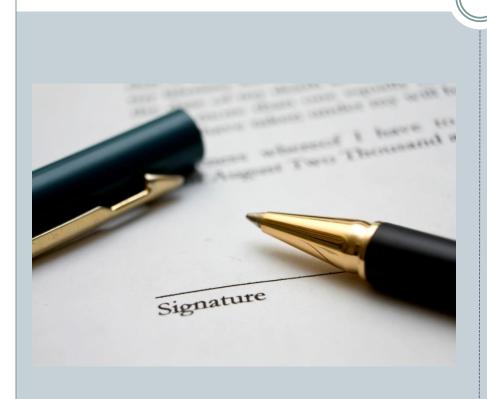


# What was Bill C-49?

- The Transportation Modernization Act
  - An Act to amend the Canada
     Transportation Act and other Acts
     respecting transportation and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts
  - Covers both Rail and Air legislation
- Impact on Grain industry
  - Rail Service Issues
  - Railway investment
  - Transparency (data)



## Reciprocal Accountability



- Presently there is little or no accountability for railways to perform
- Service Agreements between Shippers and the Railways with penalties for non performance
  - Includes service standards
- Mediation processes in development



## Railway Investment

#### Modify the MRE

- Split the VRCPI to two railways (rather than blended)
- Allow greater advantage for depreciating/ including cost of new cars
- Removes risk of complacency - Increases incentive to invest
- In place for 2018-19
   Crop year





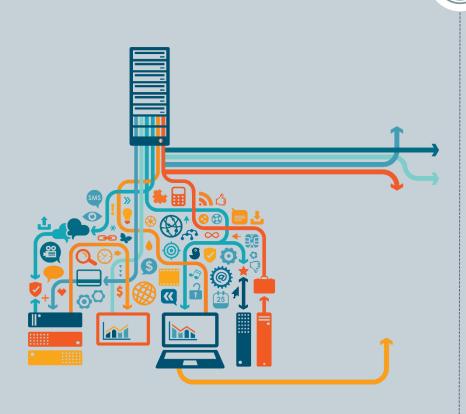
# Long Haul Interswitching (LHI)

- Extended Interswitching was introduced as part of the "Fair Rail for Farmers" Act in 2014.
- As emergency legislation, required to be renewed after 2 years, and was extended to August of 2017.
- LHI was the replacement

- Allows, under tighter conditions, for a shipper to apply for rate from the CTA for the movement of traffic to a second carrier
- Dependent on the failure to reach an agreement with the serving carrier and subsequent approval from the CTA
- Approval processes still in development



#### Data Transparency



- Reporting in line with STB approach
  - Published weekly on TC website
  - Includes basic volume and performance stats
  - To be refined over the next 18 months
- Waybill data reporting for the CTA to use in developing LHI rate structures

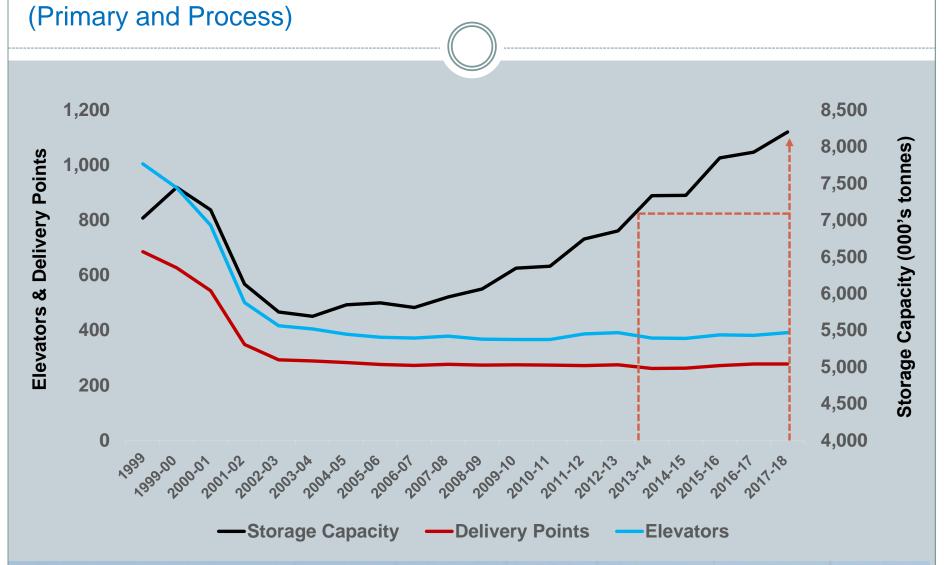


# What does this mean for Producers?

- Increased Rail Capacity?
- Greater reliability in Rail Service ?
- More competition between Grain Companies?
- Greater confidence in Canada as a supplier of grain products?



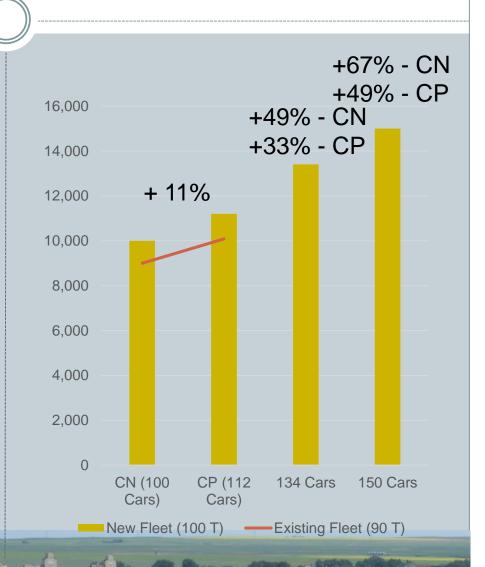
Country Elevator Network





#### Impact of New Hopper Cars and Operating Plan

- New car fleet will provide higher loading capacity
  - Shorter cars 57 ft vs 60 ft (more cars/ train)
  - 3 hopper vs 4 (less maintenance)
  - Centre sill vs box sill (greater stability)
  - 5,300 cu ft vs 4,750 cu ft
  - o 100 T per car vs 90 T
- New operating scenario sees CP moving to a 8,500 ft train (from 7,000); CN to 134 – 180 cars
- Loop track design in country for 134 to 150 cars
- G3 Terminal is designed for 150 cars





## System Improvements/ Changes

- Prince Rupert Indexer replacement
- AGT Gallery and loader replacement
- G3 startup
  - Access to North Shore
  - Capacity through the tunnel
- Increase in country primary elevator capacity and facilities
- Churchill line and terminal purchase





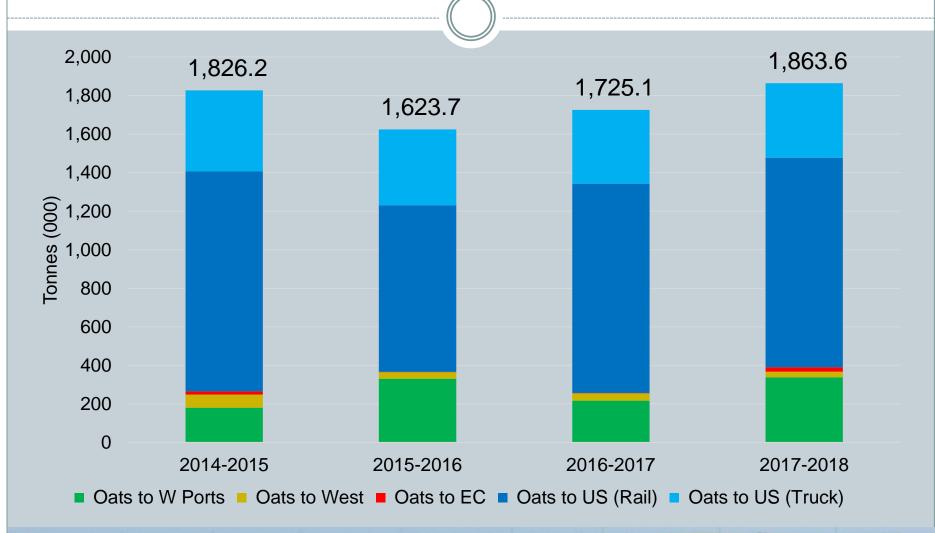
#### Key Observations from the GMP

- 2018-19 Second highest grain supply ever at 81.2 MMT
- 2017-18 now the third highest at 80.5 MMT
  - O Despite that, 17-18 volumes were down from previous year:
    - Elevator throughput down 3.2%
    - Rail movements down 4.2%
    - Shipments down 6.2%
  - o Rail Performance fell:
    - Car cycles and loaded transit has increased 14.7% & 18.7%
    - ▼ Most predominant component is origin dwell increased 116.5%
    - Order fulfillment rates have fallen
  - Vessel time in port increased 4.7%
  - Stock in country have held at over 4 MMT, highest ever



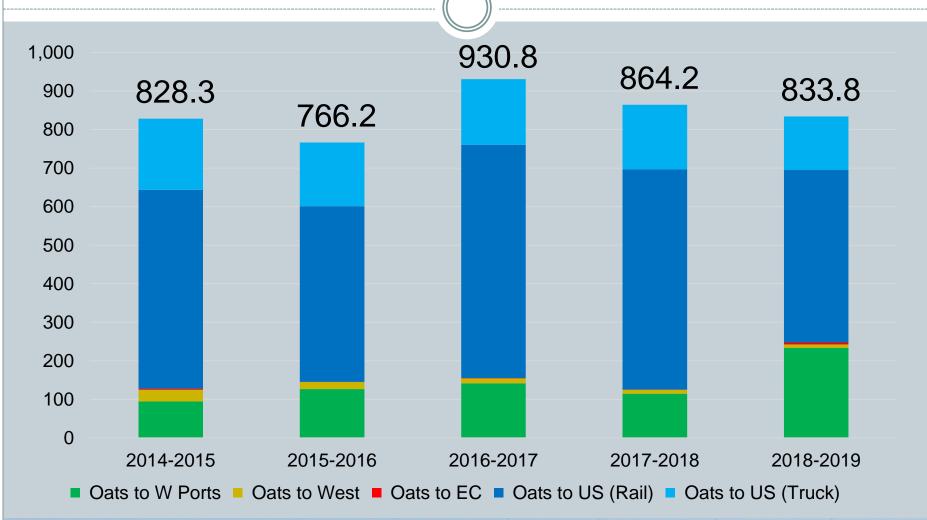


## Oat Shipments (Year over Year)



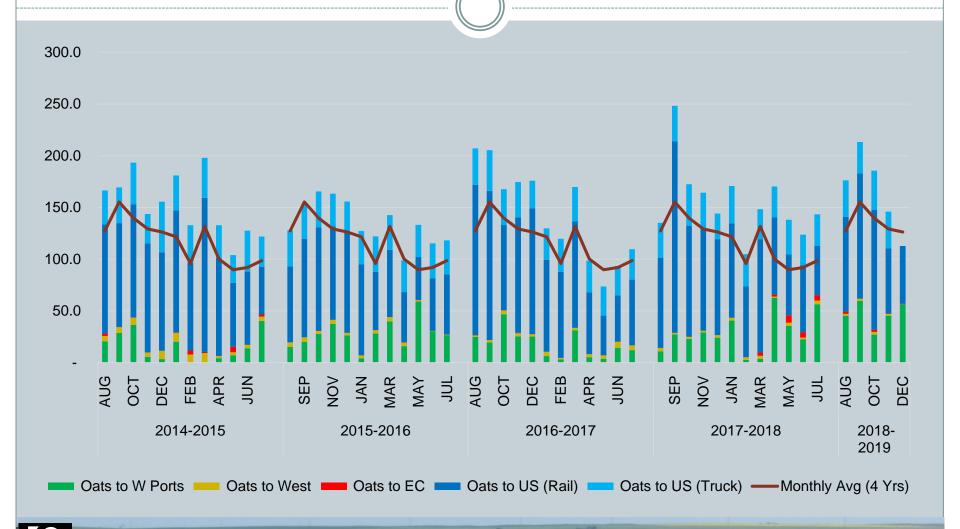


#### Oat Shipments YTD





## Oat Shipments – Month to Month



#### Issues

- Availability of Railway Capacity
  - Grow the pie don't split it differently
- Railway service: Consistency,
   Timeliness and Resilience
  - The need for reliable and consistent service
- Access to broader markets
  - An economic means to reach untapped US markets
- An approach to measuring Railway performance (Data)
  - Only the Grain industry has it
- The replacement of the Federal Gov't hopper car fleet



#### Western Canadian Car Cycles

(2017-18 Crop Year)

#### Western Canada

15.7 days

(LY = 14.1)

#### Eastern Canada

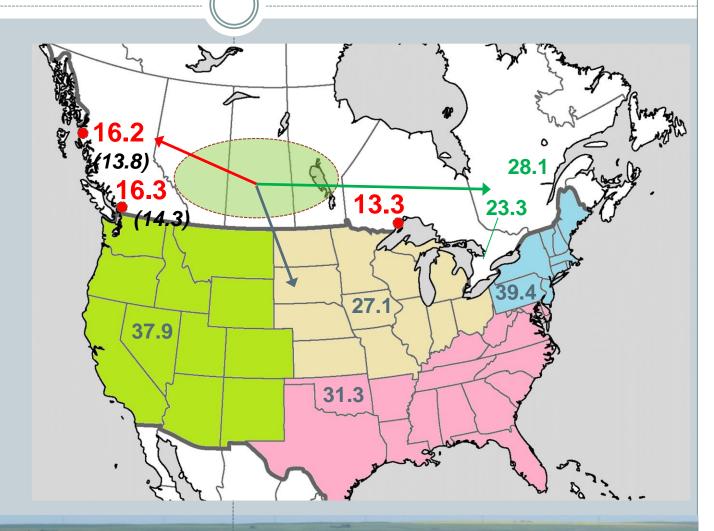
24.2 days

(LY = 20.9)

#### **United States**

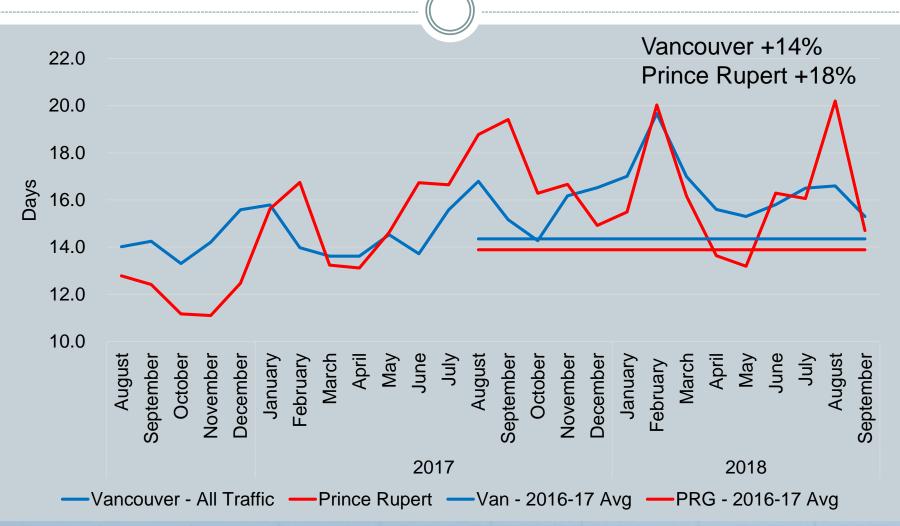
27.9 days

(LY = 24.8)





## Car Cycles – West Coast





# Railway Capacity

#### Rail performance:

- Increased car cycles/ dwell times/ reduces capacity
- Reduced capacity impacts order fulfillment potential
- Constricted rail volume impact vessel time in port
- Railways are addressing issues:
  - Increased running trades hiring
  - Purchase of locomotives
  - Capital programs increasing track capacity
- Competition with other commodities by corridor

Fleet requirement for 5,500 cars/ week (based on variable car cycle)

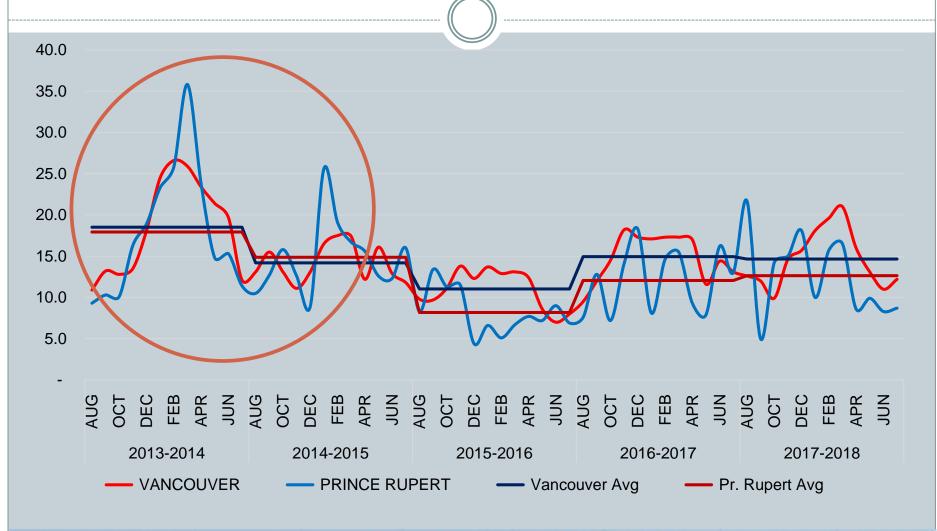
Cycle Time	Required Fleet
18.00	14,709
16.00	13,074
14.00	11,440

**Present Fleet (Dec 2018)** 

CN	12,718
CP	14,064

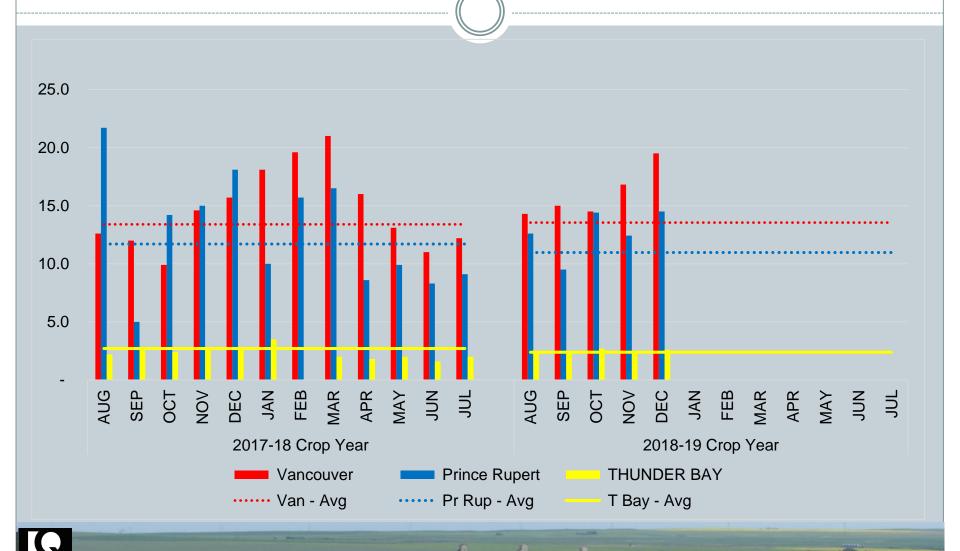


#### Average Vessel Time in Port





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#### Other Issues

- Loading in the rain (Vancouver)
  - ILWU contract negotiations
- Impact of pilotage review on Seaway movements
- CP elimination of 56 car rate
  - Part of CP's 8,500 foot train strategy
  - May give allowances to certain shippers
  - Approximately 12% originates from 56 car loaders
  - o Impacts 34 facilities





#### Summary

- 2018-19 Crop has seen good volume movements across the board
  - Gradually moving the excess carry forward stocks from last year
- There continues to be some rail service issues:
  - Vancouver interchanges and CN service to North Shore and Transloaders (i.e. CTA Inquiry)
  - o Car cycles remain higher than "normal"
  - Vessel time in port remains a concern
- Movements to the US may become a concern





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