

BNSF RAILWAY

Headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, BNSF Railway operates one of the largest railroad networks in North America. This network covers the western two-thirds of the United States. BNSF plays a vital role in the U.S. economy, hauling the products consumers use every day and the raw materials manufacturers need to make those products.

Agricultural Products

- In 2009, BNSF hauled 945,000 carloads of agricultural commodities.
- Ethanol Express, a special train service created by BNSF, supplies the nation with more than 370 million gallons of cleaner automobile fuel each year.
- BNSF hauls enough fertilizer in one year to fertilize a field the size of Kansas.

Coal

- 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.

Consumer Products

- In 2009, 3.9 million intermodal shipments (truck trailers or containers) were transported on BNSF's rail lines instead of on the nation's congested highways. Each intermodal train equals 280 trucks off the highways.
- BNSF transports more than 1 billion cans of canned goods each year.

Industrial Products

- In 2009, BNSF hauled more than 1.1 million carloads of industrial products.
- It hauls enough newsprint each year to print 1 billion Sunday newspapers.
- The asphalt hauled by BNSF in a year is enough to lay a single lane road four times around the equator.

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 on 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 and Santa Fe Railway). On Feb. 12, 2010, BNSF became a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc.



BNSF NETWORK MAP



BNSF Facts

- Length of network: **32,000 route miles**
- States in network: **28**
- Canadian provinces in network: **2**
- Employees: **38,000**
- Headquarters: **Fort Worth, Texas**
- Ports served: **40+**
- Intermodal facilities: **32**
- Locomotives: **6,600**
- Average annual capital investment: **\$2.4 billion**
- Signal locations: **12,400**
- Bridges: **13,200**
- Tunnels: **88**
- Tunnel miles: **35**
- Highway-railroad grade crossings: **26,700**
- Packages shipped on time during typical holiday season: **50 million**
- Carloads shipped in 2009: **8.4 million**
- Distance BNSF hauls 1 ton of freight on 1 gallon of diesel fuel: **495 miles**

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