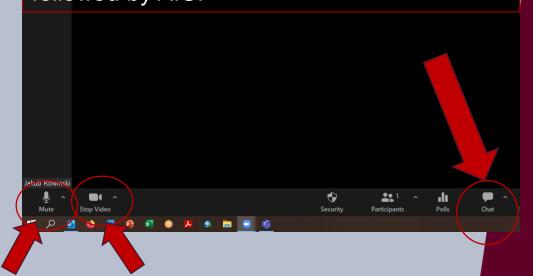
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	b.	FHWA FAF Disaggregation Handbook	Birat Paney, FHWA- Office of Freight Management and Operations
	C.	An Agriculture/Food Research Application	Megan Konar, William J. and Elaine F. Hall Faculty Fellow and Associate Professor, University of Illinois
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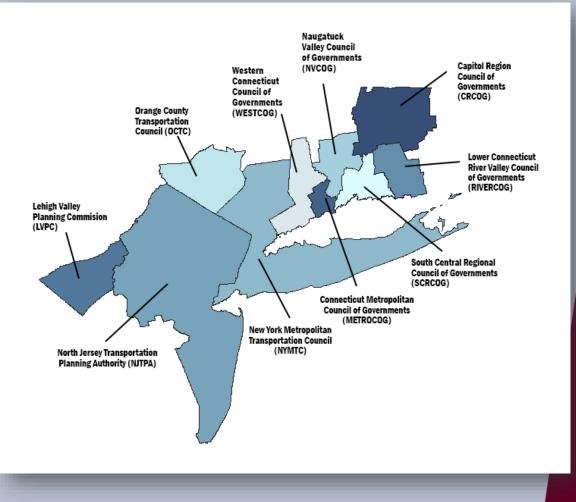
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## Uses for and Approaches for FAF Information Workshop

#### Why Freight Data is Important

 Paul Baumer, Deputy Director for Infrastructure Development, Office of Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation







# Office of Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy

Why is Freight Data Important? Presentation to MAP Forum Workshop April 18, 2024

- 1. Brief Introduction: Who we are
- 2. The National Multimodal Freight Policy
- 3. Freight Data in Use: The National Multimodal Freight Network



### USDOT Office of Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy

Led by the Assistant Secretary for Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy, our mission is to carry out the National Multimodal Freight Policy

- Develop and manage the National Freight Strategic Plan and the National Multimodal Freight Network
- Oversee the development and updates of State freight plans
- Assist cities and States in developing freight mobility and supply chain expertise
- Assist States in the establishment of freight advisory committees and multi-State freight mobility compacts >>

- Promote and facilitate the sharing of freight information between the private and public sectors
- Provide input to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics regarding freight data and planning tools
- Conduct research on improving multimodal freight mobility and oversee the freight research within the Department
  - Liaise and coordinate with other Federal Departments and agencies on freight transportation policy



#### Section 70101: National Multimodal Freight Policy

It is the policy of the United States to maintain and improve the condition and performance of the National Multimodal Freight Network...to ensure that the Network provides a foundation for the United States to compete in the global economy.

The goals of the national multimodal freight Policy are:

(1) to identify infrastructure improvements, policies, and operational innovations that-

- (A) strengthen the contribution of the National Multimodal Freight Network to the economic competitiveness of the United States;
- (B) reduce congestion and eliminate bottlenecks on the National Multimodal Freight Network; and
- (C) increase productivity, particularly for domestic industries and businesses that create high-value jobs;

(2) to improve the safety, security, efficiency, and resiliency of multimodal freight transportation;

(3) to achieve and maintain a state of good repair on the National Multimodal Freight Network;

(4) to use innovation and advanced technology to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the National Multimodal Freight Network;

(5) to improve the economic efficiency and productivity of the National Multimodal Freight Network;

- (6) to improve the reliability of freight transportation;
- (7) to improve the short- and long-distance movement of goods that—
  - (A) travel across rural areas between population centers;
  - (B) travel between rural areas and population centers; and
  - (C) travel from the Nation's ports, airports, and gateways to the National Multimodal Freight Network;

(8) to improve the flexibility of States to support multi-State corridor planning and the creation of multi-State organizations to increase the ability of States to address multimodal freight connectivity;

(9) to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of freight movement on the National Multimodal Freight Network; and

(10) to pursue the goals described in this subsection in a manner that is not burdensome to State and local governments.



# Why is Freight Data important to the National Multimodal Freight Network (NMFN)?

## **Statutory Factors for Designating the NMFN**

Economic Factors, Trade Balance

Facilities and Corridors of Critical Importance to a Region

Major Distribution Centers, Inland Intermodal & First-and Last- Mile Facilities Access to Energy Exploration, Development, Installation, and Production

#### Key Freight Origins and Destinations

Access to Manufacturing, Agriculture, Natural Resources

Access to Border Crossings, Airports, Seaports and Pipelines

INPUTS

Forthcoming

**Official NMFN Map** 

**Impact of All Freight Modes** 

Freight Strategic Importance, Volume, Value, Tonnage

Significance of Goods Movement and Supply Chain Considerations

> Freight Congestion, Choke Points, and Delay

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### Intended Uses of the NMFN

Congress directed that the NMFN be used to:

- 1. Assist States in strategically directing resources to improve the efficiency of freight movement on the NMFN
- 2. Inform freight transportation planning
- 3. Assist in the prioritization of Federal investments
- 4. Assess and support Federal investments to achieve the national multimodal freight policy goals and the National Highway Freight Program goals



### **Proposed Process for Designation**

The NMFN statute requires considerable public outreach, including Notice and Comment on a draft system prior to establishing the NMFN. The statute also provides a framework for States to formally submit additional designations to the network ("State Input"), in an amount that is not more than 30% of the total mileage in the State. States must certify that they considered nominations from MPOs, Stat Freight Advisory Committees, and owners and operators of port, rail, pipeline and airport facilities in order for their designation to be accepted by DOT. DOT is proposing to solicit the "State Input" following the publication of the Draft Map.

RFI Published	Develop Draft Network Map	Review State Input
RFI Comments Due	Publish Draft Network	Designate Final Network
April 12- June 11, 2024	Summer 2024	Fall-Winter 2024



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### How to Continue to Engage

#### Comment on the RFI (by June 11, 2024)

Example considerations...

- How will *you* use a designated National Multimodal Freight Network?
- How should DOT prioritize among the 12 factors for designation to ensure the Network provides the foundation for the U.S. to compete in the global economy?
- What data should DOT use to inform the application of each factor?

#### Coordinate with State DOT

• Coordinate with State DOT regarding any nominations during State Input Process

#### Continue to Collaborate on Needs

• NMFN to be updated every five years



## **Thank You!**

### Contact information: Paul.Baumer@dot.gov



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## Uses for and Approaches for FAF Information Workshop

# What is FAF and the Current Status of the BTS Disaggregation Work

 Monique Stinson, Freight Estimation, Forecasting, and Analysis Manager at the USDOT/OST-R Bureau of Transportation Statistics



**Bureau of Transportation Statistics** 

## What is the Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) & Status Update of the BTS Disaggregation Work

Presented at the Workshop on Uses for and Approaches for Disaggregating Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) Information

Hosted by the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum's Multi-State Freight Working Group

April 18, 2024

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### WHAT IS FAF

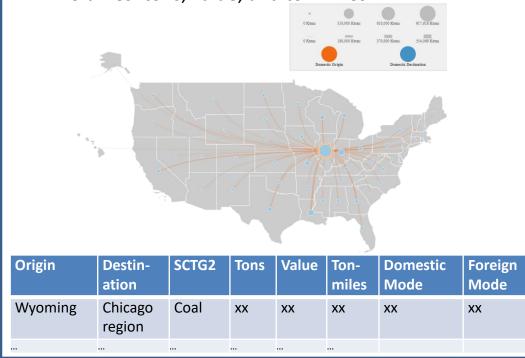


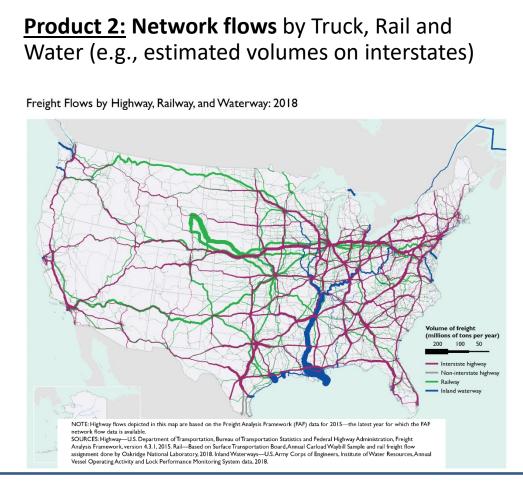
## FAF Provides Estimates of US Freight Flows

Product 1: Database of flows by Origin (O), Destination (D), 42 Commodities, & \*8 Modes

- Includes foreign O/D and mode (if applicable)
- Volumes: tons, value, and ton-miles

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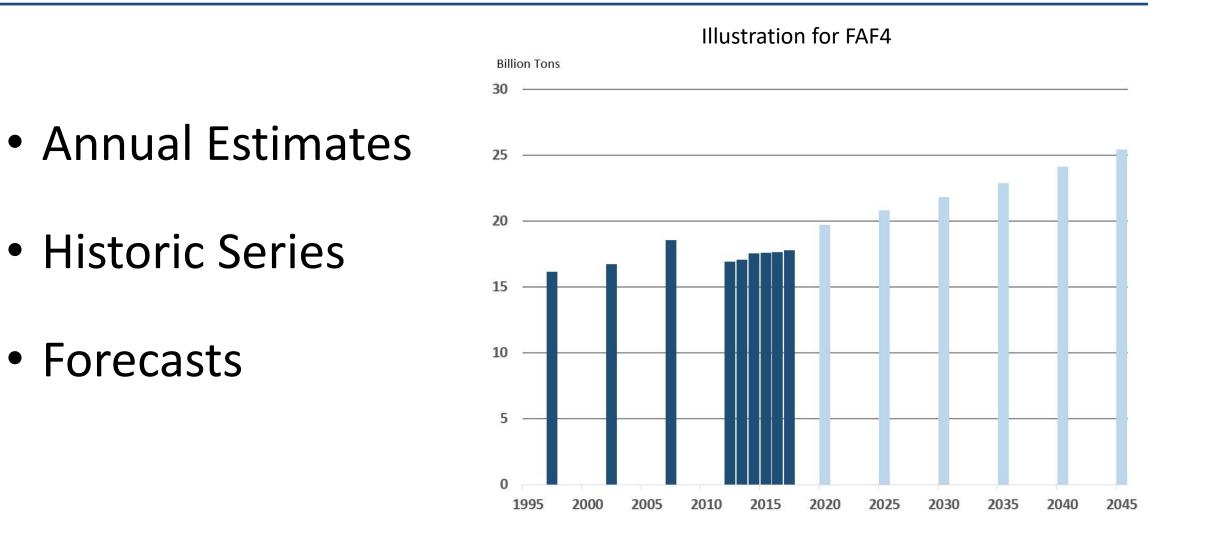




\*Modes: Truck, Rail, Water, Air, Multiple Modes & Mail, Pipeline, Other/unknown, No domestic mode

U.S. Department of Transportation FAF5 is developed by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) in partnership with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

### **Beyond the Present Day**



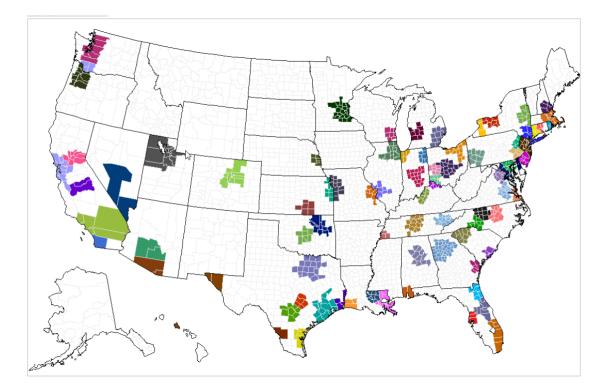
### **Developing the Estimates**

Main Input: the BTS-Census Commodity Flow Survey (CFS)



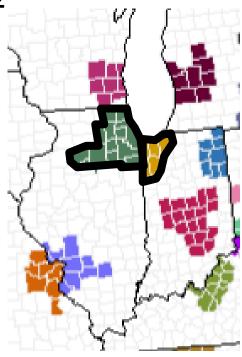
### Geographic Granularity:

### CFS & FAF Flows Are Represented Using 132 US Zones



#### The Chicago Metro Region, for example, consists of 2 FAF zones:

- -The Illinois zone (dark green) comprises 13 counties
- -The Indiana zone (gold) comprises 5 counties



### Access products at

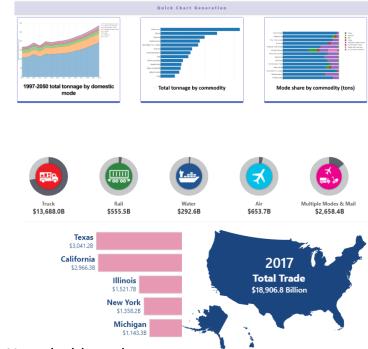
### https://www.bts.gov/faf

- Freight flow databases & shapefiles
- Visualization tools
- Other (summary statistics, documentation, ...)

#### **FAF Data Tabulation Tool**

Flow Type:	Measure:	Origin-Destination Geography:	Commodity:	Mode & Distance:
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stimates for years 025-2050 are recasts.)	Forecast	801 - Canada 802 - Mexico 803 - Rest of Americas 804 - Europe		Domestic Mode
2017 2018 2019	Scenarios: (2025-2050) Low Growth	805 - Africa 806 - SW & Central Asia 807 - Eastern Asia 808 - SE Asia & Oceania	r	1 - Truck 2 - Rail 3 - Water 4 - Air (include truck-air) 5 - Multiple modes & mail
2020 2021 2022 2025 2030	- High Growth	US Entry Region (Domestic Origin)	0	6 - Pipeline 6 - Pipeline 7 - Other and unknown 8 - No domestic mode
2035 2040 2045		Domestic Destination		Distance Band
2050		FAF zone (sort by state) 011 - Birmingham AL 012 - Mobile AL		
		019 - Rest of AL 020 - Alaska 041 - Phoenix AZ 042 - Tucson AZ		
		042 - Tucson AZ 049 - Rest of AZ 050 - Arkansas	7	

### **Visualization Tools**



#### New dashboard:

https://explore.dot.gov/t/FHWA/views/FAF5\_5\_1VisualizationFinalv1\_1\_ 09\_14\_2023/NationalSummaryDashboard?%3Aembed=y&%3Aiid=2&%3 AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&%3Atabs=n

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## **Applications Include**

- Assess current network performance
- Impacts of freight movements on congestion, infrastructure, safety, equity and the environment
  - Example transportation planning application: Bottleneck analysis → understand what goods are impacted
- Impacts on freight from shifts across industries and economic geographies
- Plan for the future e.g., where to make investments that improve freight movements
  - Asset management (infrastructure) e.g., pavement, bridges
  - Operational, policy, or other improvements
- How freight will impact economic development

- Supply chain analysis
  - Top domestic and foreign trading partners
  - Top commodities
  - Mode shares
- Climate resilience
- Et cetera...
- Sectors (not a complete list)
  - Public: transportation planning agencies, industry specialists, ...
  - Private
    - Economic analysts
    - Real estate
    - Transportation & warehousing companies, e.g., thirdparty logistics providers (3PLs)
  - Academic researchers



### **ONGOING & FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS**



\*U = 49 USC §6303 requirement
\*B = BTS Mission requirement
\*F = OST-F requirement

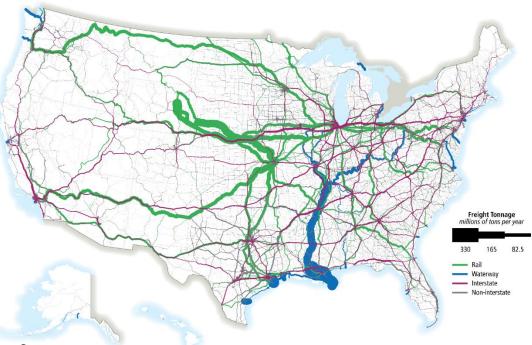
### Product Assessment

- FY2023-FY2024: Evaluated FAF in terms of Production, Quality, and Useability
- Useability evaluation focused on sufficiency for:
  - Federal, state, MPO, international studies (\*U)
  - Single-mode and multi-modal trips (\*F)
  - Studies of the US transportation system (\*B), (past / current / future) consequences of freight (\*B)
- Useability conclusion:
  - MPO and State: limited due to spatial resolution
  - Multi-modal assignment—in progress
  - Forecast: no capacity constraint; might not align with local growth assumptions



## Summary of Ongoing & Upcoming Plans

- Product extensions in progress (scheduled for release in 2024):
  - Multimodal network assignment
  - County-level OD flows
- Product improvements upcoming:
  - Improve forecast useability by:
    - Adding network capacity constraints (mode choice)
    - Improving consistency with local growth projections
  - Improve production process
- Modernization
  - Methods and data ~same since 2002
  - ightarrow BTS is exploring ways to modernize FAF
- Seeking feedback on improvements



#### Source:

#### Freight Flows by Highway, Railway, and Waterway

<u>Highway</u>: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics and Federal Highway Administration, Freight Analysis Framework, version 5.4, 2022; <u>Rail</u>: Based on Surface Transportation Board, Annual Carload Waybill Sample and rail freight flow assignment done by Federal Railroad Administration, 2019; <u>Inland Waterways</u>: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute of Water Resources, Annual Vessel Operating Activity and Lock Performance Monitoring System data, 2022.



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### FAF Modernization in Three Stages

Forecast Only (by 2026)						
Goal: Improve mode share forecasts (quality, useability).	Demand Modernization (timeline & funding TBD) Extended Modernization: End-to-					
How: We will set up select elements of the modernized FAF, putting the most effort into mode share model development and validation. We will explore using employment & economic growth data (from BLS, States & MPOs) to project total growth in flows. The resulting forecast will be sensitive to network infrastructure capacity.	Goal: Improve demand estimation processes in FAF (production, quality, and useability). How: We will transform the way FAF (or parts of it, e.g., OOS flows) is developed, moving from construction to model- based estimates while leveraging new data that are now available to BTS. Development and validation will focus on demand elements.	Supply Chain Analysis Tool (need funding) Goal: Add supply features and improve demand features (useability, quality). How: We will add new features that integrate richer data and use updated methodologies, especially filling in the transportation supply side. Extensive attention will be given to validation to ensure robust performance in scenario analysis of both demand and supply. Finally, an EIA NEMS-like scenario tool will be developed for others to use.				

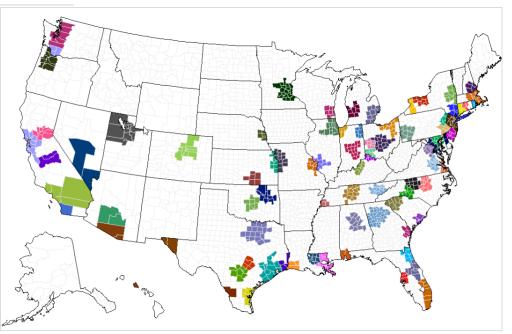


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### In Progress: County-level OD Flows Development

- **Objective**: Disaggregate FAF OD flows from 132 regions to 3,143 counties
- Proposed approach: ensemble method
  - Disaggregate flows with several methods
  - Blend the estimates
  - Output: a single "best" estimate
  - Compare to validation targets
  - Iterate until the "best" estimate is (reasonably) close to validation targets
    - Summarize across all US counties
    - Need to decide what is "close"
    - Will need to aggregate commodity categories
- Data
  - FAF5.5 OD flows
  - County-level data (employment, population, ...)
  - Validation targets: real-world flows (HPMS counts, USACE water tons, ...)

#### **132 domestic regions**



#### Status

- Completed: Literature review on existing disaggregation methods
- Underway
  - Selecting methods to include
  - Implementing in computational framework
- Target release date: Late 2024



### Considerations for the Initial Release

- Will likely label it as an experimental product
- Feedback/comments on the estimates, including suggestions for how to improve them using local data, will be welcome
- All flows will have Origin County & Destination County
- However, we may reduce detail to improve overall product quality for example:
  - Commodity detail may be reduced or removed
  - Will try using all modes, reducing detail as needed



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# The Why – Why Do Agencies Use Disaggregated FAF Data

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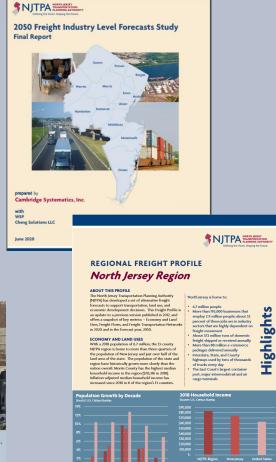
## NJTPA's Transition to FAF

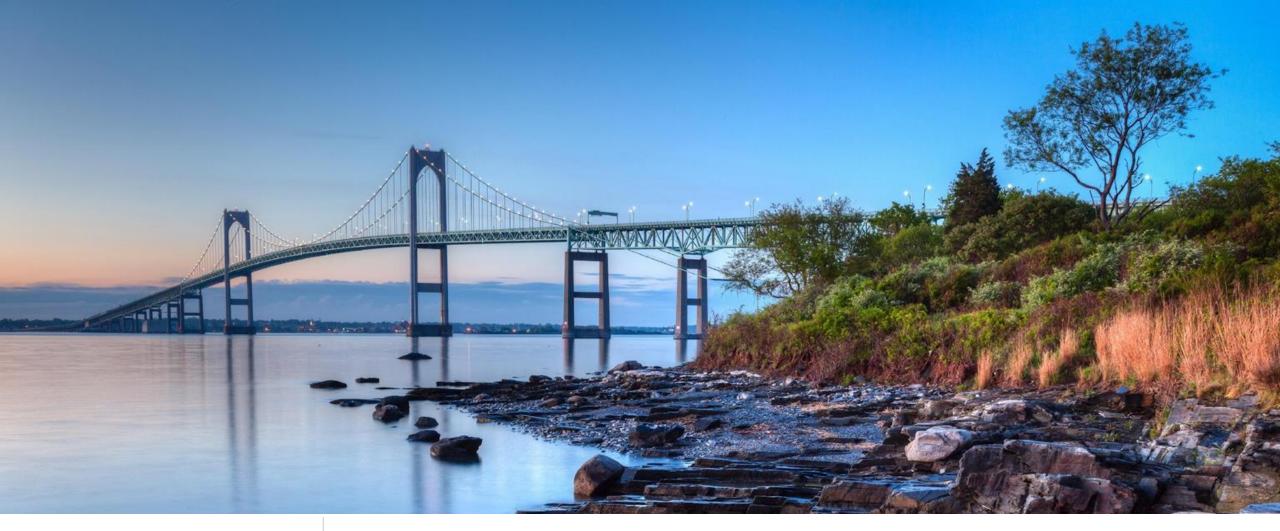
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- Forecasting Products
  - Support for the Long Range Transportation Plan

### Study Website



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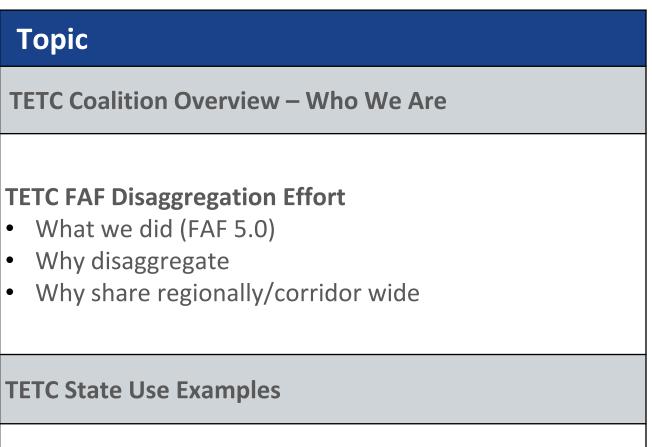


#### **TETC FAF Disaggregation Efforts**

Presentation to Multi-Sate Freight Working Group: Uses for and Approaches for Disaggregating FAF Information Workshop

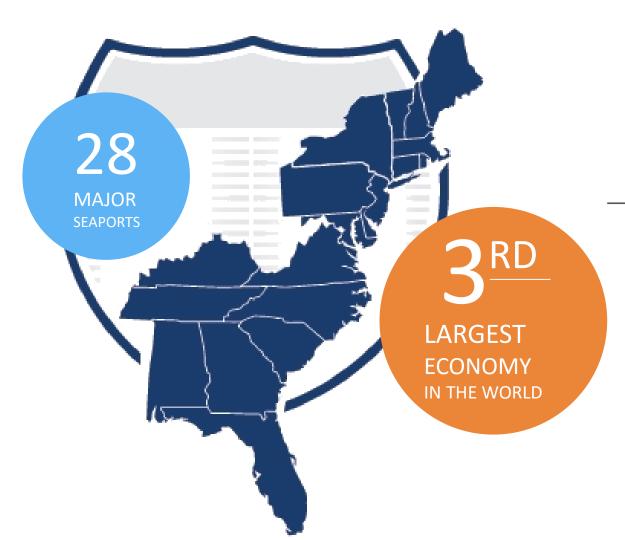
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### **Today's Presentation**



**Next Steps – TETC FAF Disaggregation 5.5.1** 





# 18 States + D.C.

and 200+ agencies

40% OF THE U.S. POPULATION

**38%** OF THE NATION'S JOBS

**35%** U.S. VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED

**21%** OF THE U.S. ROAD MILES

### **Stronger Together for 30 years**



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### Freight Data & Planning Working Group

- Goal: To help agencies understand and optimize the use of Freight Data for planning and operations including:
  - Agency innovative applications of data for freight analysis
  - Support agency use of publicly available data
    - Support use of/Share agency applications of FAF Disaggregated Data
  - Support agencies in the use of Transportation Data Marketplace freight data









### **TETC Disaggregation of FAF Data Project (Phase 1 – FY 22/23)**

**Objective**: Provide TETC member agencies with (FAF) 5.0 Disaggregated data to serve as an additional data/analytical resource

Why we did it: To allow agencies to view freight at the county level and where applicable, across jurisdictional guidelines

#### What we did:

- Each state received their FAF disaggregated data files for their state
- Member DOTs received all other TETC member states' files, plus WV and Ohio
- Files shared with MPOs/Planning organizations as requested



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### **FAF Disaggregation Project- Deliverables**



Webinar on disaggregation methodology approach and data output examples held with TETC agencies on



Draft Technical Memorandum on Methodology provided to agencies

"Wonderful to have this data!" - Pam Cotter, Rhode Island DOT

"Thank you for sharing this data as it will be very helpful in our Freight Plan update, especially with freight flow forecasting" - RI Statewide Planning Staff



FAF Disaggregated files for all Coalition states and key border states were distributed to member agencies



Review/share agency experiences/applications using FAF disaggregated data in TETC Data & Freight Planning Working Group Meetings (on-going)

### **Examples of Agencies' Use of FAF Disaggregated Data**

- Tennessee DOT used the FAF disaggregated data files for:
  - Internal analysis to determine commodity flows along TN's functional classes of different road
  - Examining the different types of commodities going in and out of Tennessee

TDOT: Thankful for another data source by TETC and the state collaboration and use of the data in the future.





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### **Example: FDOT's Disaggregated FAF Application**

- The **Florida DOT** used the FAF5 disaggregated data to determine Commodity-specific OD tonnages by FDOT District.
- This information was then used to adjust Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) derived tonnages as part of a larger effort to use the WIM information to improve understanding of Empty Truck behavior on the system.

"This effort will give the department further insight into the freight behavior on its system and will allow more refined infrastructure planning for freight."







### **Example: Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC)**

- Utilized Data for briefing paper content to illustrate that transportation benefits of the region's river system extend well beyond the riverfront communities
- Data was utilized in an application for Marine Highway Projects funds under USDOT Maritime Administration NOFO

"Cost savings in region from FAF Disaggregated Data: a six-figure data contract could be deferred for several years with no meaningful loss to planning output."







### TETC Disaggregation of Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) Data Project – Phase II

**Objective**: Provide TETC member agencies with the most recent FAF (5.5.1) Disaggregated Files

- Each state will receive FAF disaggregated data files for their state and all TETC states (plus OH and WV)
- Files will be shared with MPOs/Planning organizations participating in TETC states, upon request
- Freight Data & Planning Working Group will discuss agency efforts with this data in a quarterly roundtable





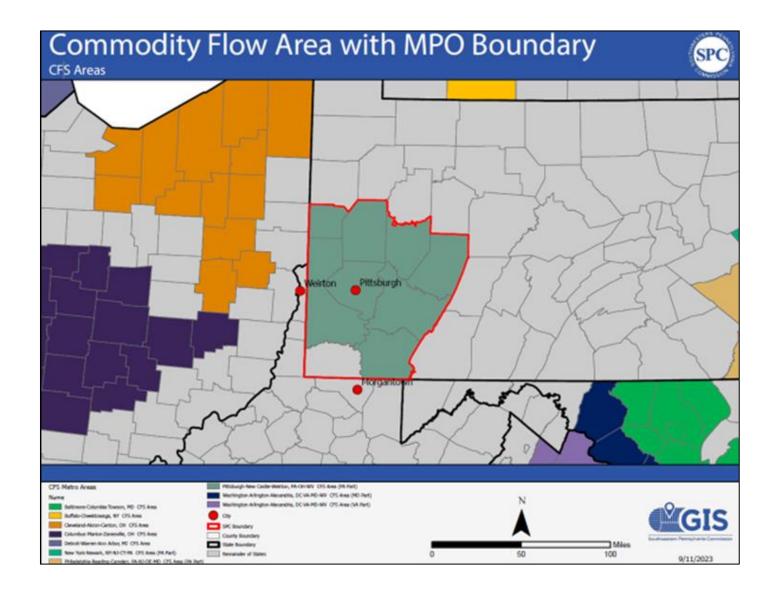
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#### PRESENTATION TO THE NJTPA MULTI-STATE FREIGHT WORKING GROUP FREIGHT ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK WORKSHOP: MPO CASE STUDY

SARA WALFOORT, SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION



## Case Study 1: Regional Significance of Inland Waterways

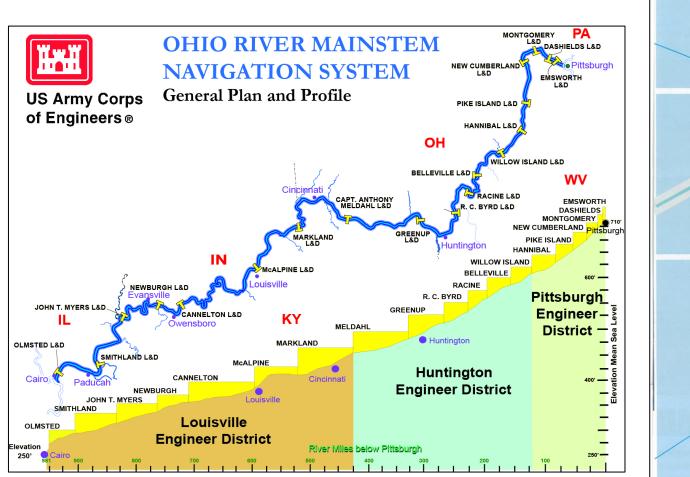


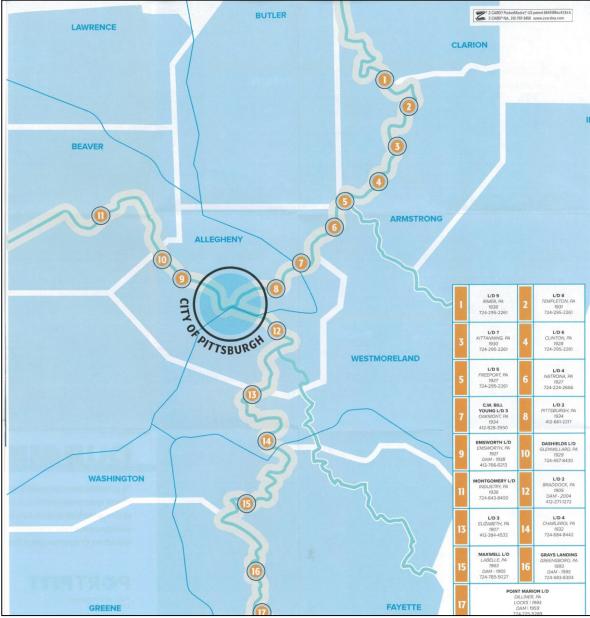
Decline in use of coal for heating and power generation has resulted in reduced river traffic, but rivers are still vital transportation options

Commercial (barge) traffic on local rivers is virtually invisible to local residents, offers the lowest transportation costs and is energy efficient; an important regional transportation system

Rivers / segments may be subject to reduction in USACE operations and maintenance due to "low use"

Application to MARAD for Marine Route designation for Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers which opens new funding opportunities





The River System that Built America

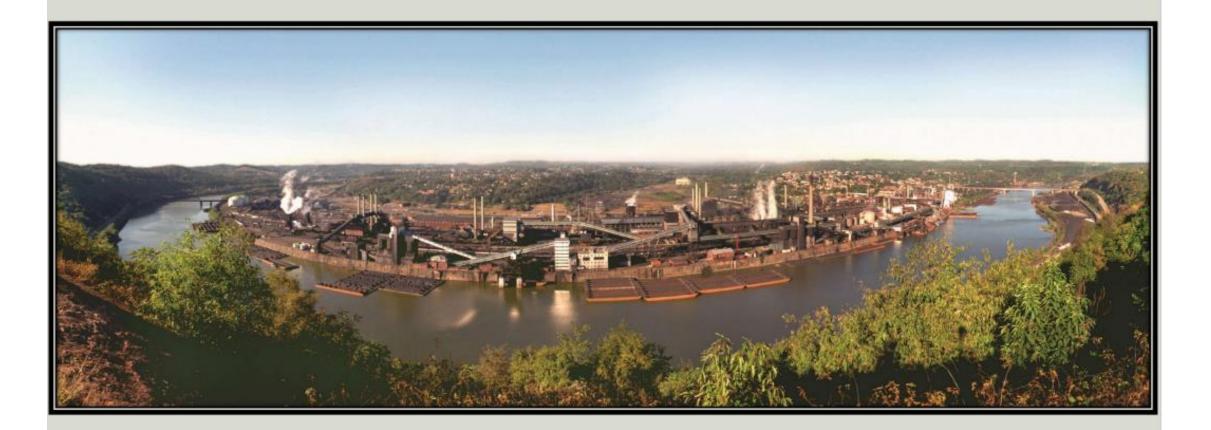
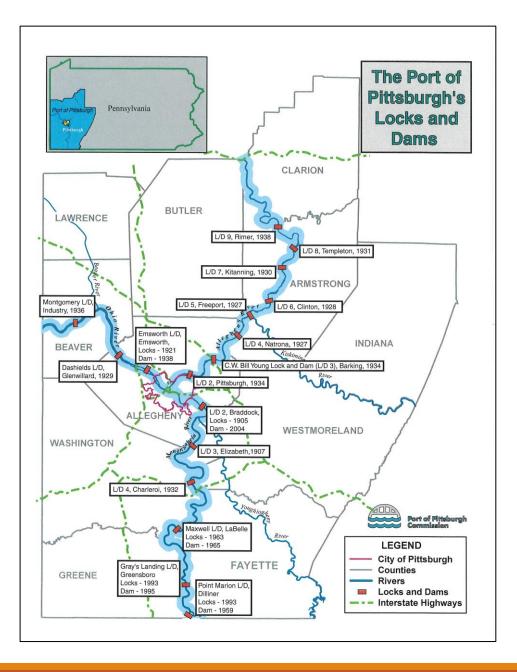


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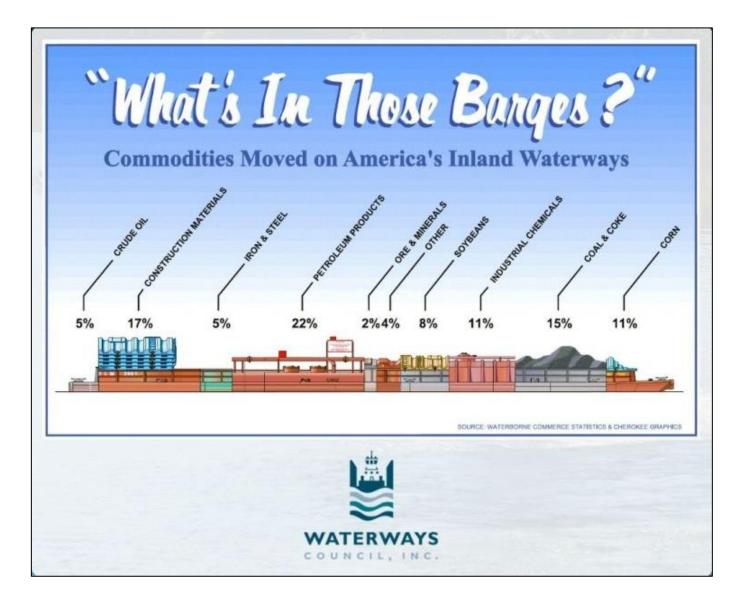
17 dams "pool" the water to maintain navigable river depth; locks permit passage between the pools – the stairstep of the system

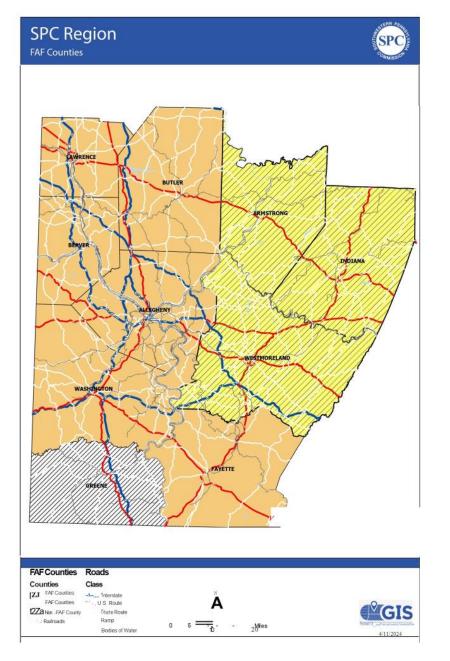
The locks on the PA system are the oldest and smallest on the Ohio River System; as much as 100% older than their design life

USACE supports a vital inland waterways system, but allocates funding to specific projects; each lock competes for funding at a national level

USACE funding timeline is ill-suited to cyclical changes in commodity mix and global economy; timeframes typically differ by decades

How to demonstrate regional/national significance of the river system (using USACE data)





Used FAF Dis-Aggregated Data to create an understanding of the regional significance of the inland waterways through the identification of movement patterns and trade partners

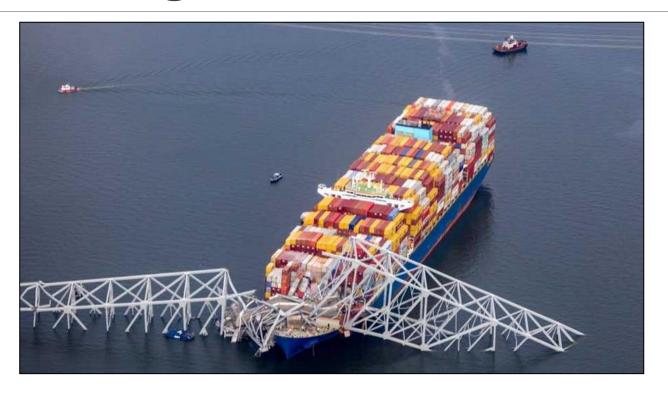
Coal is a determining commodity in the USACE consideration of "destaffing" select locks on the system; Greene County (Monongahela River) is the largest coal producing / handling County in the region, but is not part of the FAF Region.

FAF Dis-Aggregated Data from the TETC permitted an assessment of water movements from each of the 10 Counties (and region as a whole)

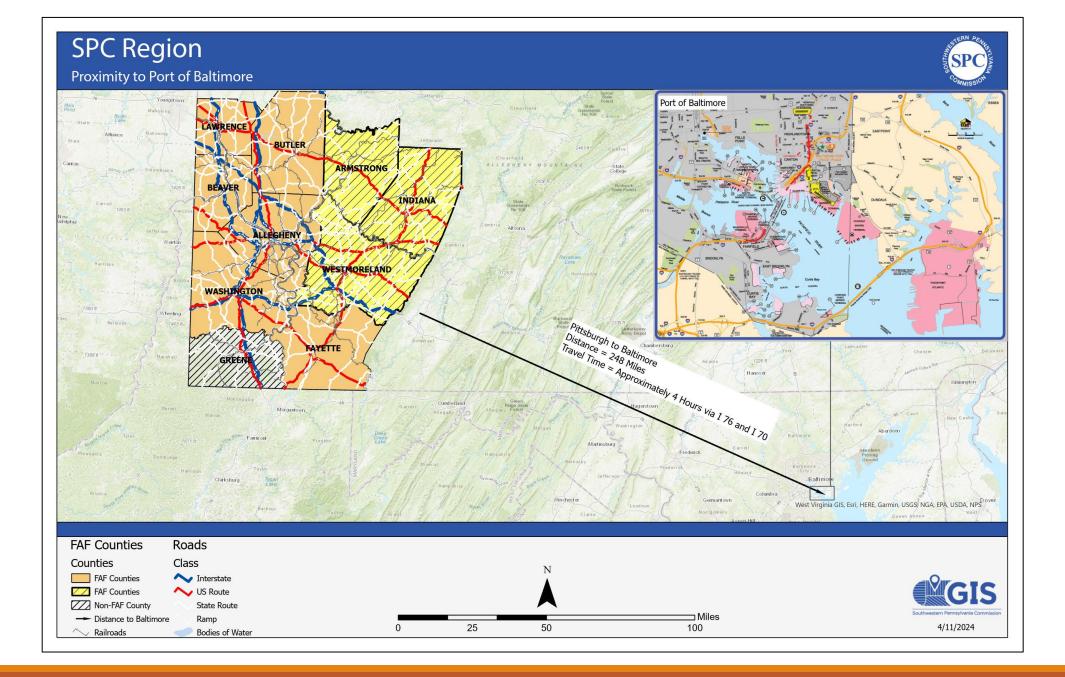
There were clear indications that coal, coal n.e.c, liquid petroleum products and dimensional cargo were being moved via the Ohio River System to cities and regions throughout middle America, and to international trade gateways on the Gulf Coast

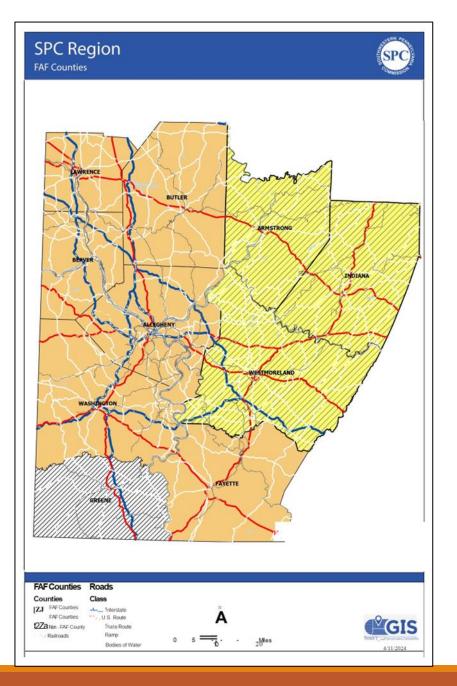
A White Paper was prepared for SPC Commission members and was used as supporting documentation in application to MARAD for Marine Route Status for M-79 designation for the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers

# Case Study 2: Regional Significance of National Events



Media Inquiry: Are any businesses in (insert location) affected by the bridge collapse in Baltimore?





Key Bridge collapse media inquiry came from a reporter working for a newspaper with readership concentrated in the three counties highlighted in yellow.

Are any businesses in my area affected by the bridge collapse? Who are they?

SPC used FAF-Disaggregated data and simple Excel pivot tables to identify the commodities that move between those three counties (in yellow on map) and the Baltimore FAF region, AND THEN leave Baltimore by water (to keep focus in on the Port of Baltimore)

SPC provided a summary of the data to reporter, highlighting the top ten commodity types (tonnage and value), and being careful to add caveat that the data was from 2017 and therefore not completely indicative of conditions in 2024.  $https://www.indianagazette.com/news/baltimore-bridge-collapse-affects-shipments-of-billions-of-tons-of-area-goods/article_c1380dd2-4b41-565c-9bb4-8212d279e6e5.html$ 

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Baltimore bridge collapse affects shipments of billions of tons of area goods

By PATRICK CLOONAN pcloonan@indianagazette.net Apr 1, 2024



Cranes stood idle in Baltimore on Wednesday. Matt Rourke/Associated Press Data request was received by SPC on a Thursday.

SPC responded to the reporter on Friday.

This article appeared in the Indiana (PA) Gazette on Monday.

### Why Use FAF Dis-aggregated Data: The SPC Experience

- 1. Permits enhanced definition of "region"
- 2. Maintains overall integrity of FAF data
- 3. Ease of Use; no need for expensive and time-consuming consultant contract
- 4. Permits almost instantaneous responsiveness

5. Highly effective as a "storytelling" device

# Uses for and Approaches for FAF Information Workshop

The How – Approaches to Disaggregating FAF

- NJTPA 2050 Freight Industry Level Forecasts Update Dan Beagan, Cambridge Systematics
- FHWA FAF Disaggregation Handbook Birat Paney, FHWA
- An Agriculture/Food Research Application Megan Konar William J. and Elaine F. Hall Faculty Fellow and Associate Professor, University of Illinois







# NJTPA 2055 Freight Industry Level Forecasts Update

Slides

presented to Multi-State Freight Working Group presented by Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

Dan Beagan

April 18, 2024 Zoom Webinar

# FAF disaggregation for NJTPA

### Historical Context

- Disaggregation Methods
  - » Trip table disaggregation/Matrix expansion
    - I-I, I-X, X-I,
    - where X is External zone and I is geographically smaller Internal Zone
  - » Network disaggregation/ Sub-area extraction
    - X-X not pass thru, X-X pass thru, I-X, X-I
    - where X is External zone and I is geographically original Internal Zone
- NJTPA FFT methods
- "Validation"



# **Historical Context**



# Freight Analysis Framework and NJTPA Freight Forecasting Tools

#### FAF1 released in 2001

- » Based on Reebie (now called TRANSEARCH) data
- » Available for OD trucks at county-equivalent level
- Original NJTPA Freight Forecasting Tool, FFT, used NJDOT TRANSEARCH AS input in 2012 to produce flows to 2040
- FAF2 released in 2005
  - » Used CFS instead of TRANSEARCH
- CS developed FAF2 trip table disaggregation tool for FHWA
  - » Factors developed from regression
  - » Impractical- required 3 MS Access databases to store
- NJTPA wanted to update FFT to include latest FAF



# **TRANSEARCH vs FAF**

TRANSEARCH is Carrier centric (from Waybills)

- » Proprietary available at various geographic levels
- » May include both customers (shippers and receivers) <u>AND</u> carrier stops
- » Uses STCC 4-digit level commodities
- FAF is Shipper centric (from expansion of CFS)
  - » Publicly available at CFS zone level
  - » Includes only customers (shippers and receivers)
  - » Uses SCTG 2-digit level commodities



# **Shipper versus Carrier Centric**



Shipper only knows home and son's address.

Carrier/UPS also uses airports (e.g. Logan, DFW, Sun Coast, Ontario) and sorting facilities (e.g. South Bay)

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iPhone left at home on vacation.

Shipped by UPS from home to son's apartment



# **Disaggregation Methods**



### Trip table disaggregation/matrix expansion

Relative share smaller zone is of larger region

- » E. g. 50% geographic relative share for 2 counties in a region
- » E. g. Origins should be based on share of productions
- » E. g. Destinations should be based on share of attractions
- » Shares should differ by Commodity
- For expansion, only relative share of customers matters.
  - » Share of **carrier** stops is NOT relevant
  - » Carrier stops include driver stops, vehicle stops, operational stops



# Trip table disaggregation/matrix expansion (cont'd)

- Source of relative expansion factors
  - » Regression
    - Similar to Trip Generation equations
    - Can use any explanatory variable (e.g. crop acres in production)
    - Variables with negative variables are discarded
    - May only result in one explanatory variable
    - Explanatory variable may be spurious; "correlation is not causation"
  - » Economic Activity
    - From Economic I-O Models
    - Uses only economic value as explanatory variable
    - Economic Value is assumed to be correlated with sector employment
    - Many economic sectors as explanatory variables
    - Should use same source of employment for all zones
    - Need relationship between Economic Sectors (NAICS3) and commodities (SCTG2)



# Network disaggregation/extraction

### Selected "OR" Link

- » Analyzes every link within study area
- » Neither aggregates NOR re-labels external zones to external stations

### Subarea extraction

- » Analyzes only links on border of study area
- » Aggregates AND re-labels external zones to external stations

### Special Coding

- » Analyzes only links on border of study area
- » Neither aggregates NOR re-labels external zones to external stations



# NJTPA FFT Methods



# **NJTPA FFT Choices**

- Matrix expansion factors Economic Activity
  - » Employment source is BLS/Census County Business Patterns
  - » Suppressed employment estimated from mid point of establishments
  - » Relationship from NAICS to SCTG2 from Economic I-O Make Use table
  - » R/ECON tables proprietary, so used BEA Make & Use tables
- Use special coding for network disaggregation
- Identify selected carrier stops
  - » Borders-BTS Transborder
  - » Ports- USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center; PANYNJ data
  - » Intermodal Rail terminals STB Carload Waybill Survey



# Validation





No validation possible. Most probable, not exact

- » Have assumed all employees are equally productive
- » Have assumed all firms have same SCTG2 mix
- » Have assumed sector employment is equal to sector value
- » Being House, not Beating House
- Tons in Trucks can't exceed capacity of Trucks on road
- Review by stakeholders/TAC
- Review by neighboring MPOs and sDOTs, as well as FHWA/BTS





### **Food flows between counties in the United States**

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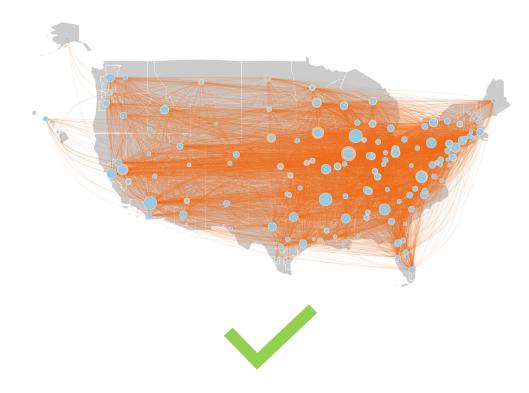
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### Temporal agri-food flows between U.S. counties

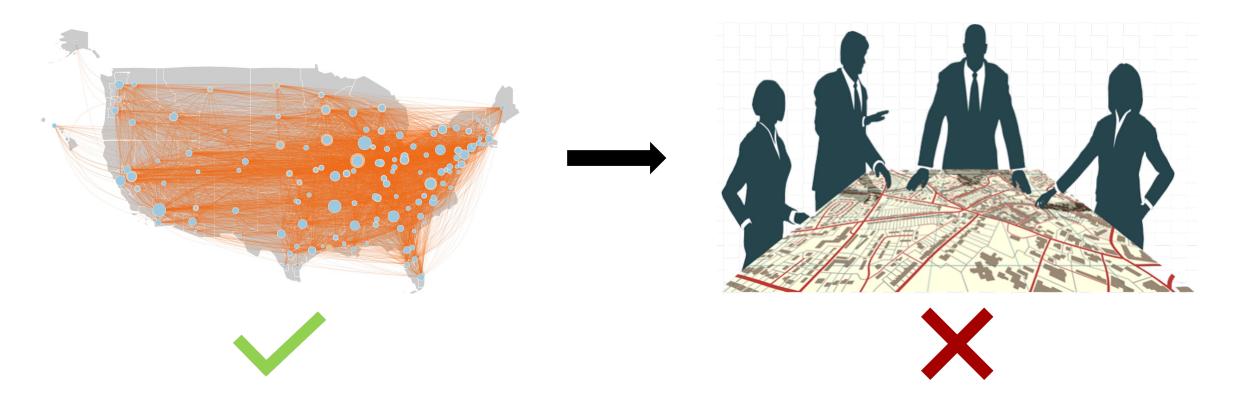
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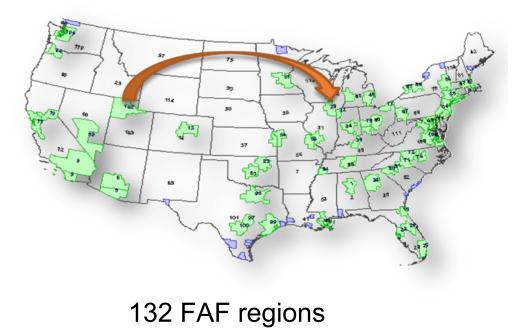
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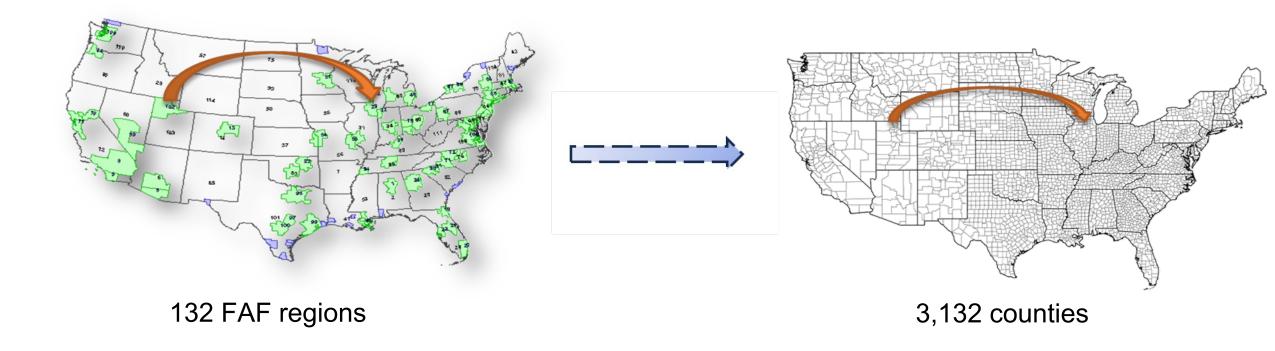
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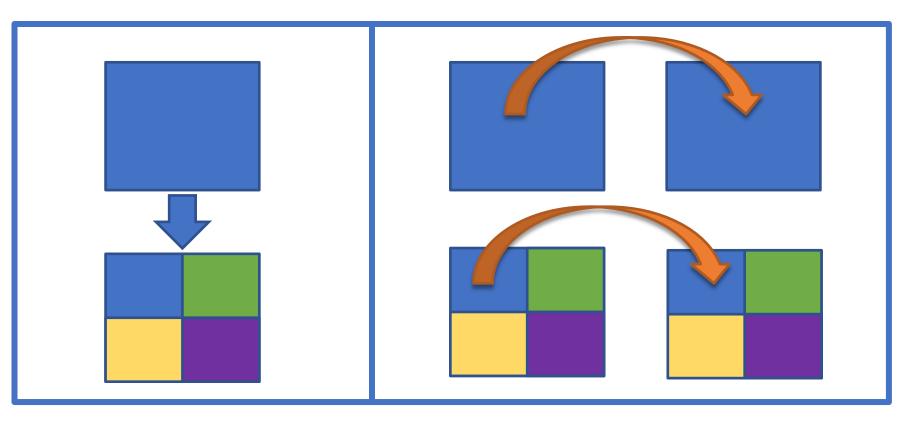
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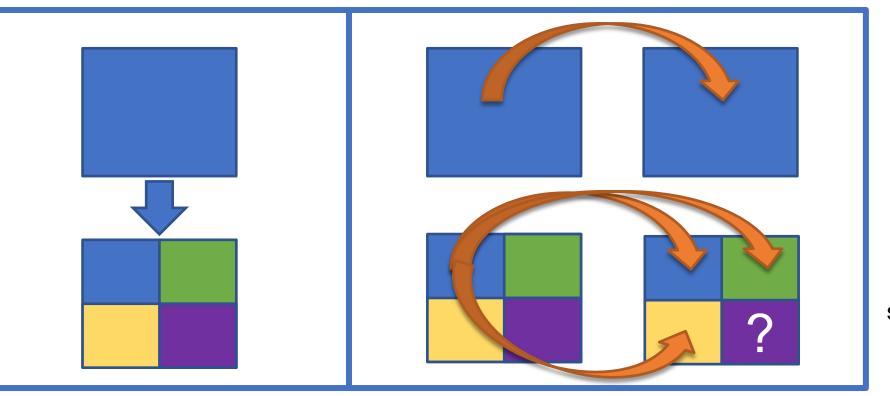
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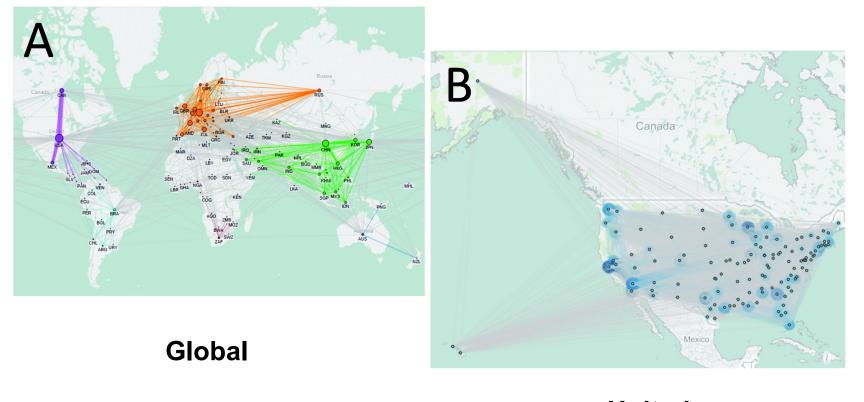
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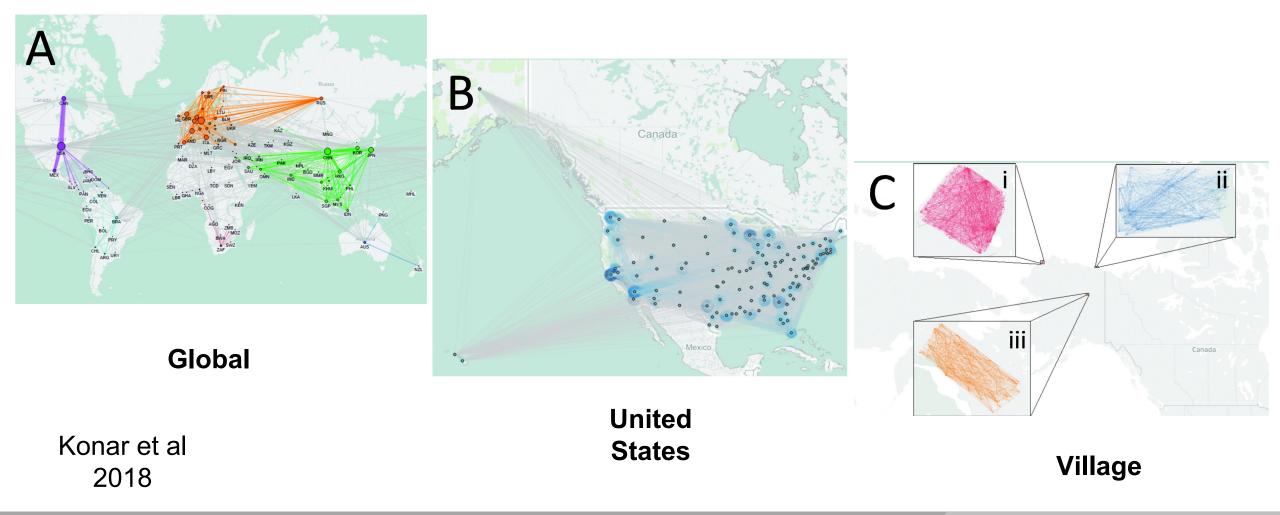
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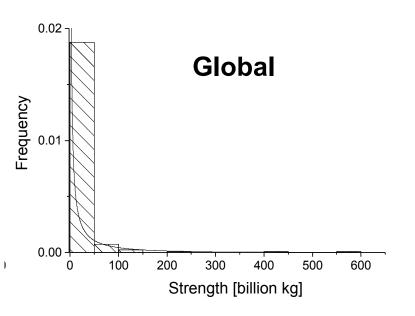


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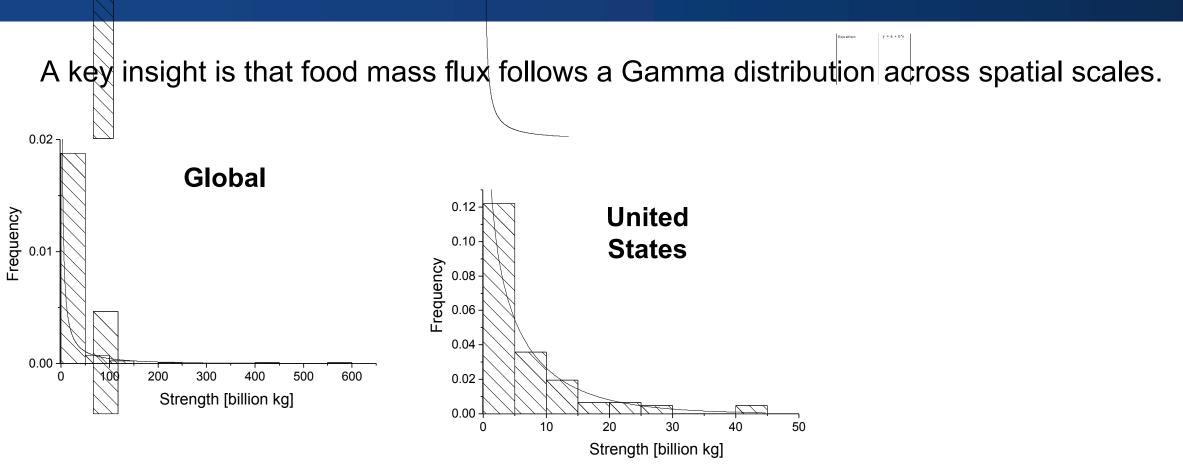
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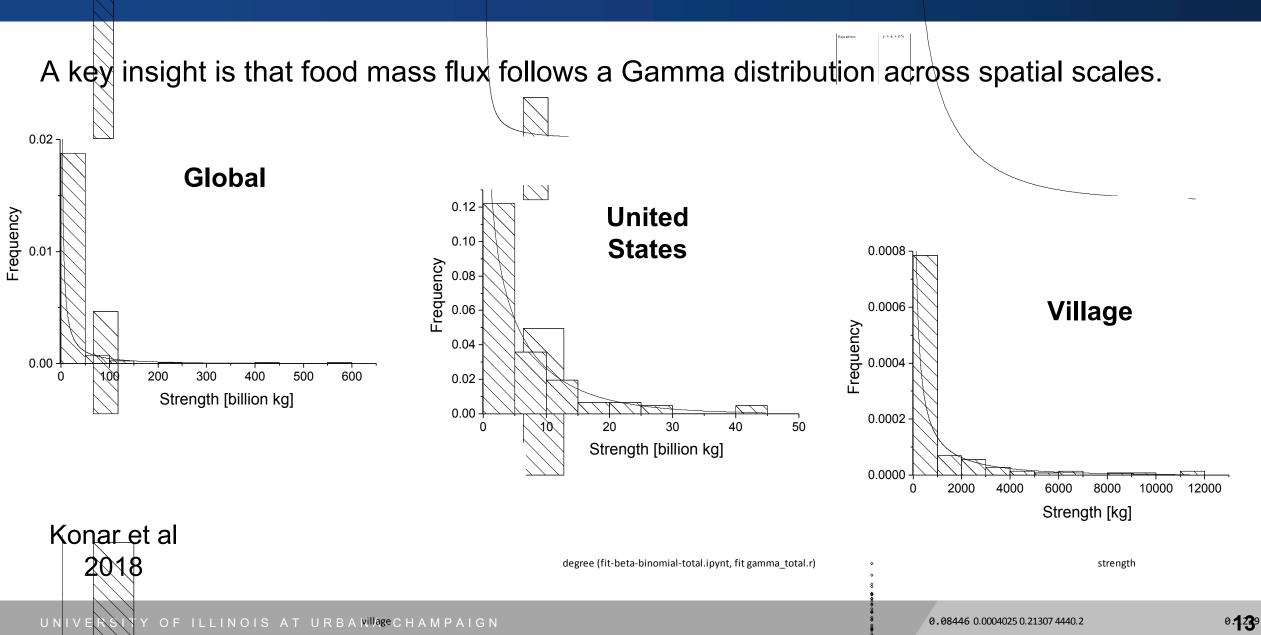


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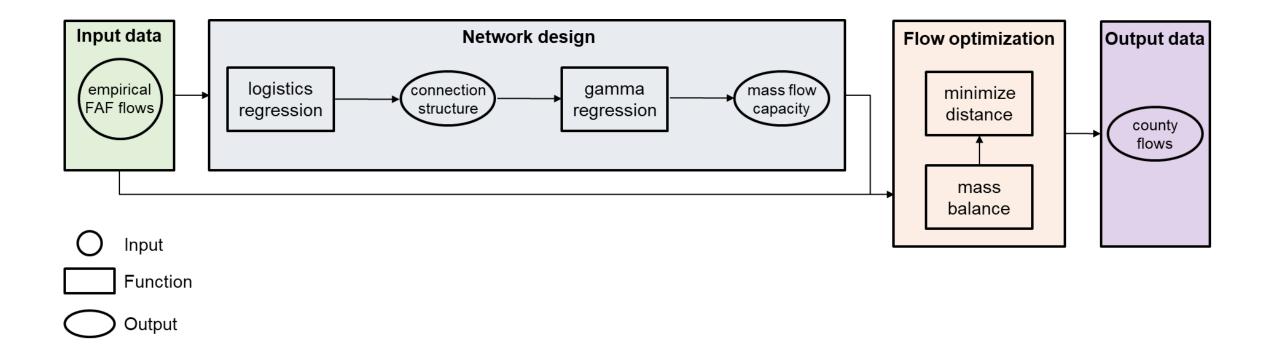
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SCTG	Description
01	Live animals and fish
02	Cereal grains
03	Agricultural products
04	Animal feed and products of animal origin
05	Meat, poultry, and seafood
06	Milled grain products, and bakery products
07	Other prepared food stuffs

Variable	Variable Definition				
A	Adjacency matrix of connectivity for all county pairs				
F	Food flows in mass [kg] for all county pairs				
D	Distance between all counties				
GDP	Gross domestic production [\$]				
POP	Population				
Р	Production in mass [tons]				
LIVE	Inventory of all livestock				
IND	Sum of industrial products utilizing a particular SCTG as input				
IMP	Total import value of a particular SCTG through port trade [\$]				
EXP	Total export value of a particular SCTG through port trade [\$]				

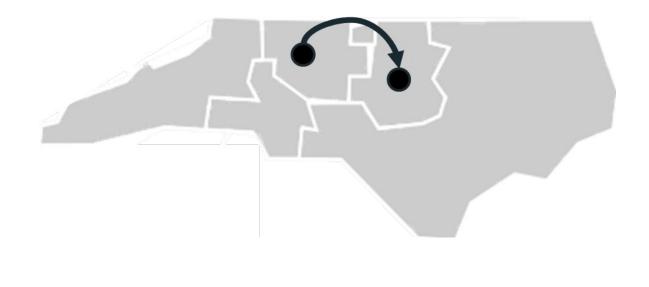
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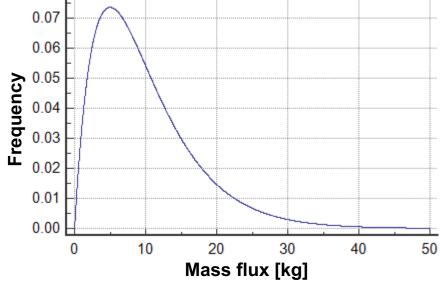
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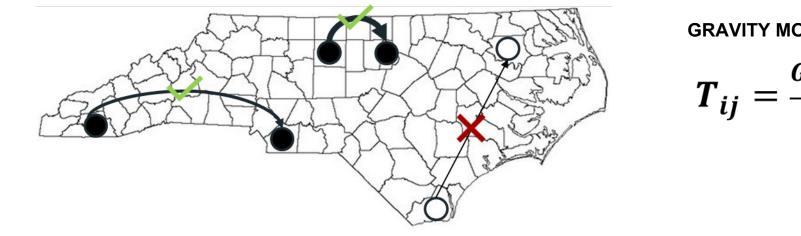


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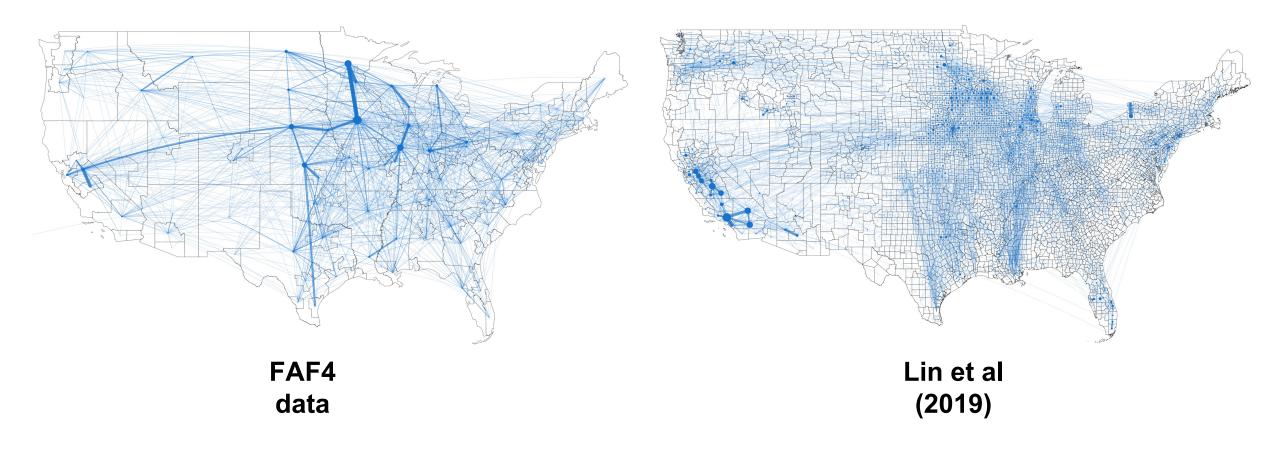
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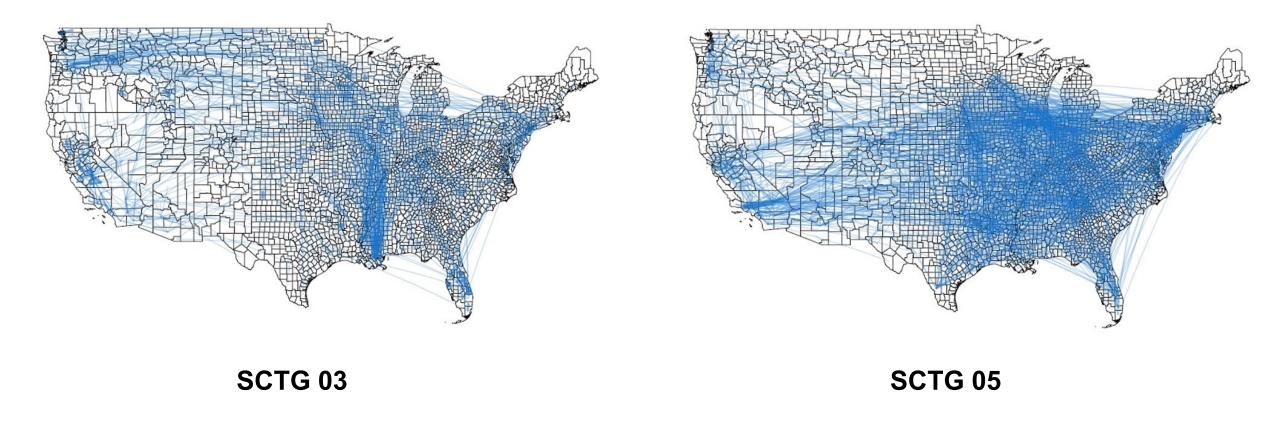


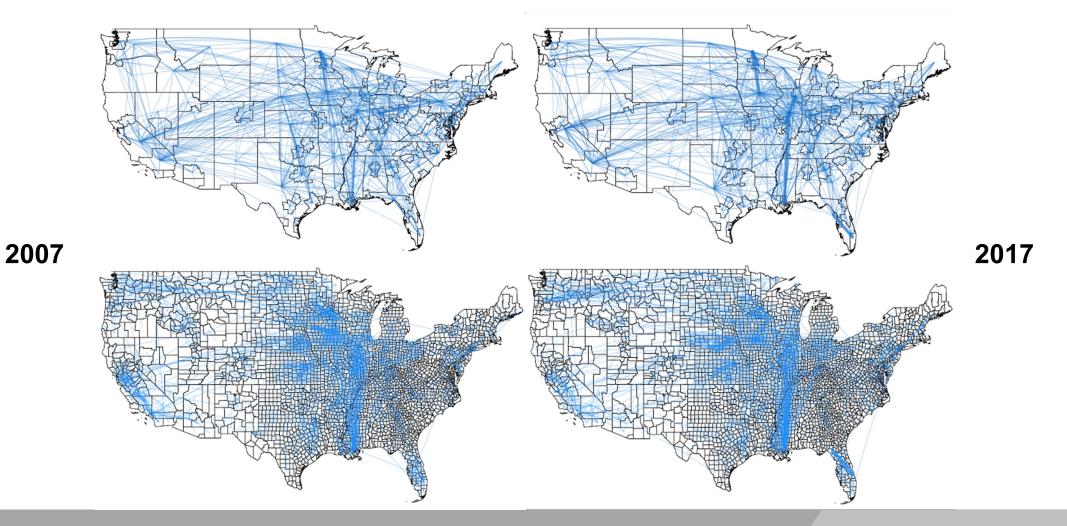
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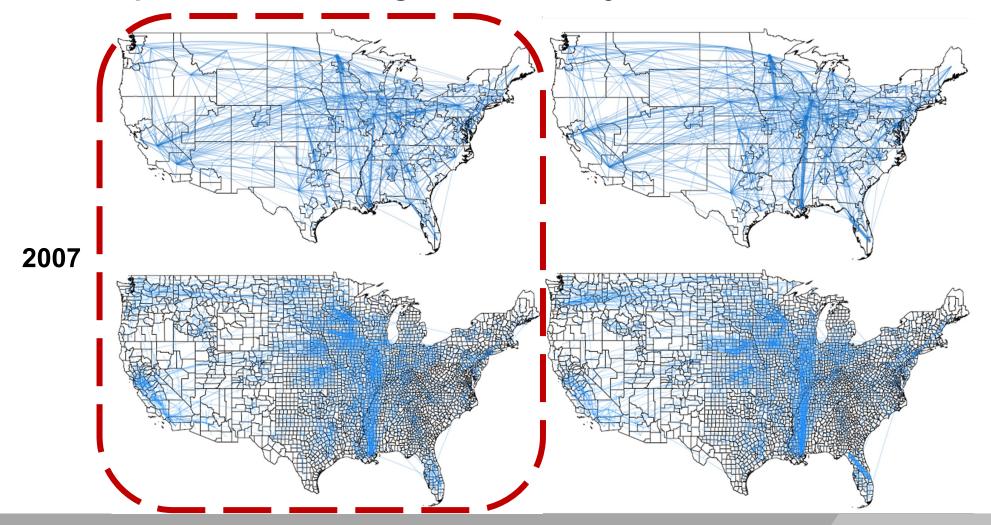
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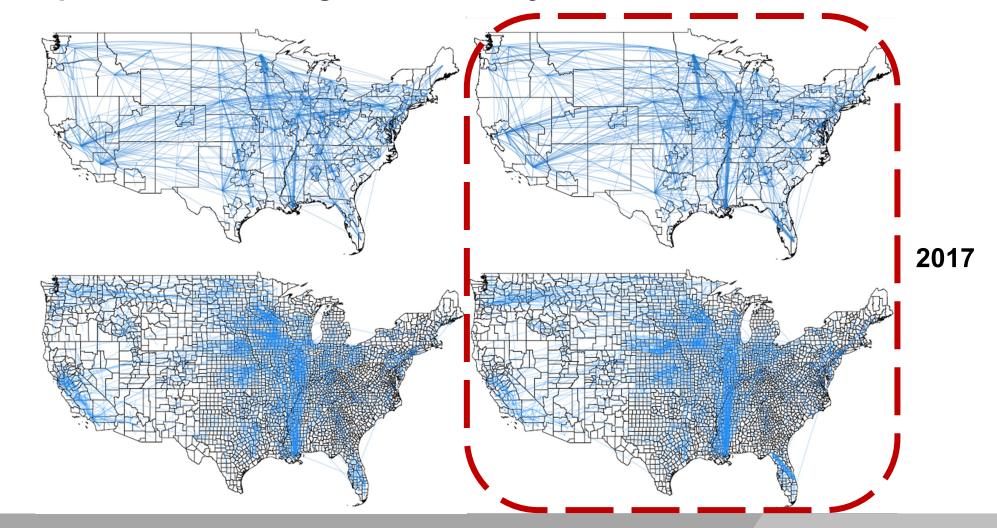


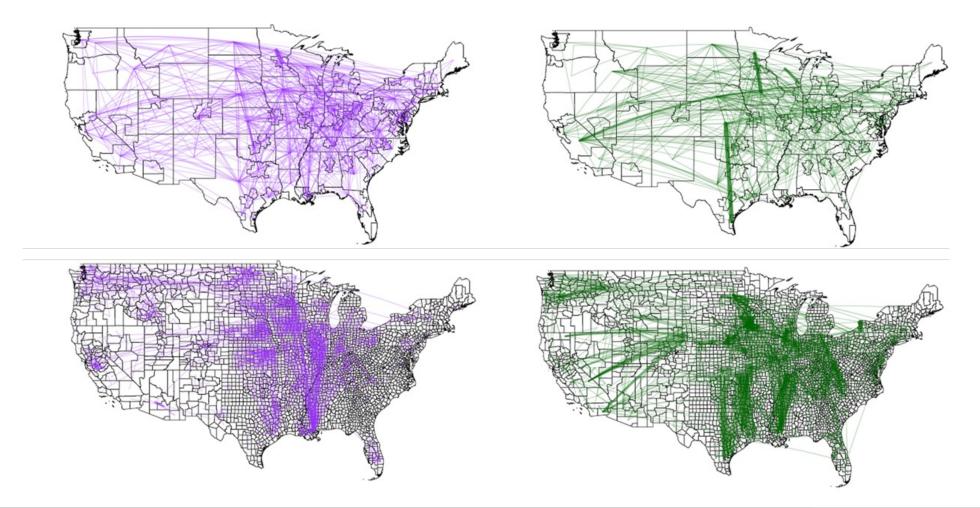
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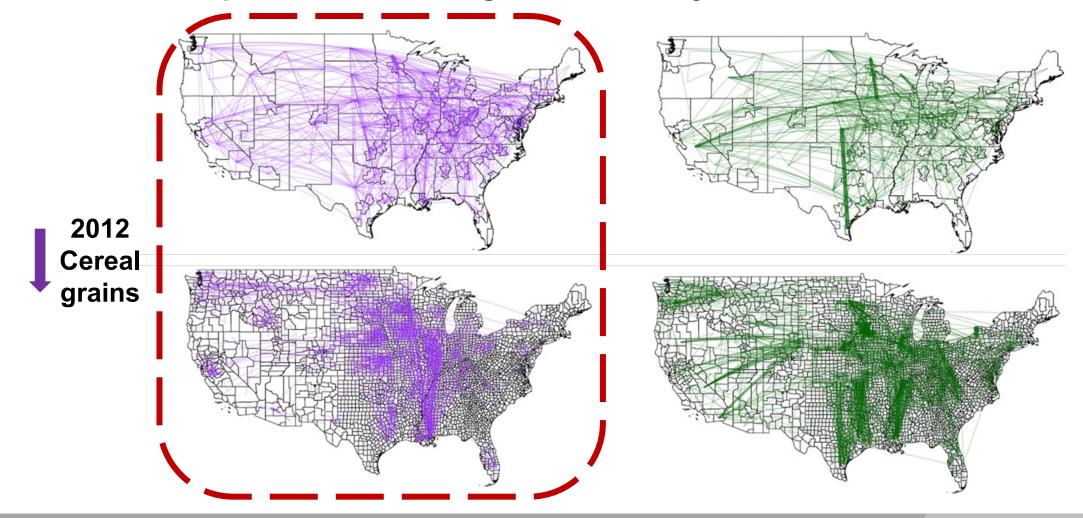


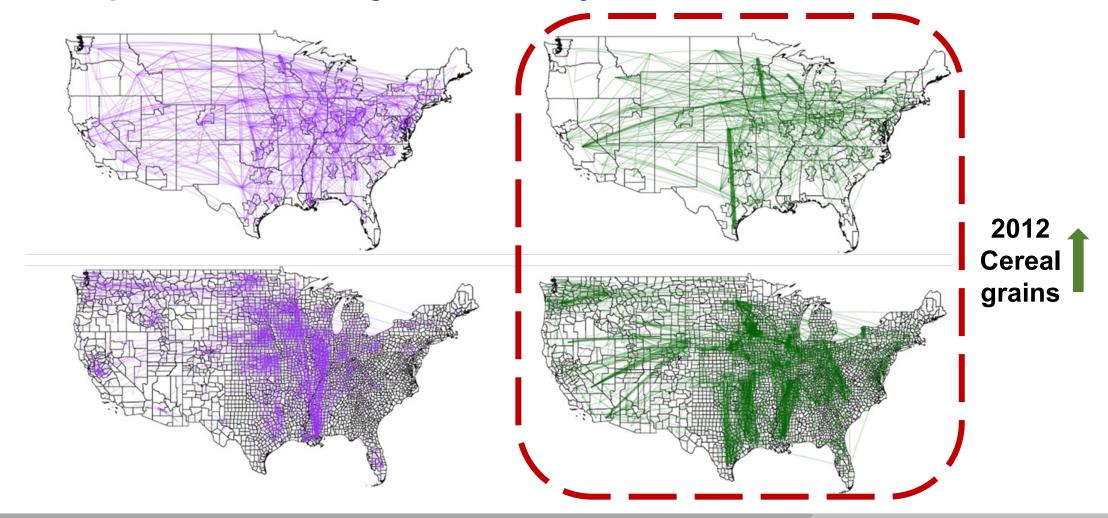






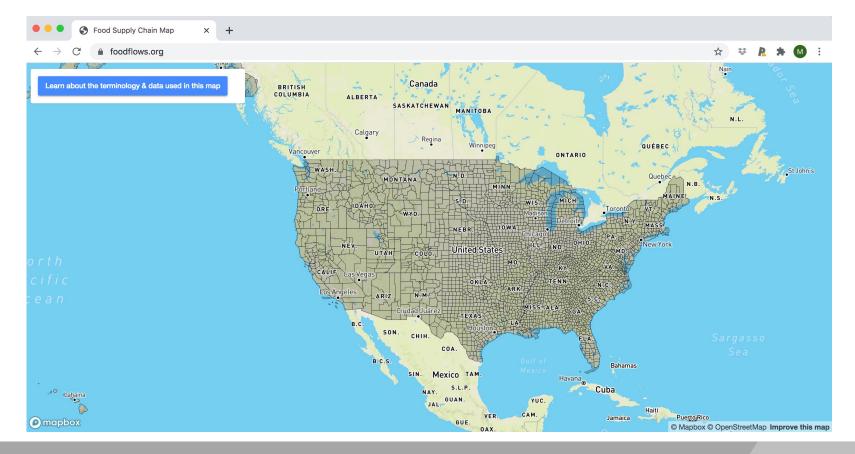






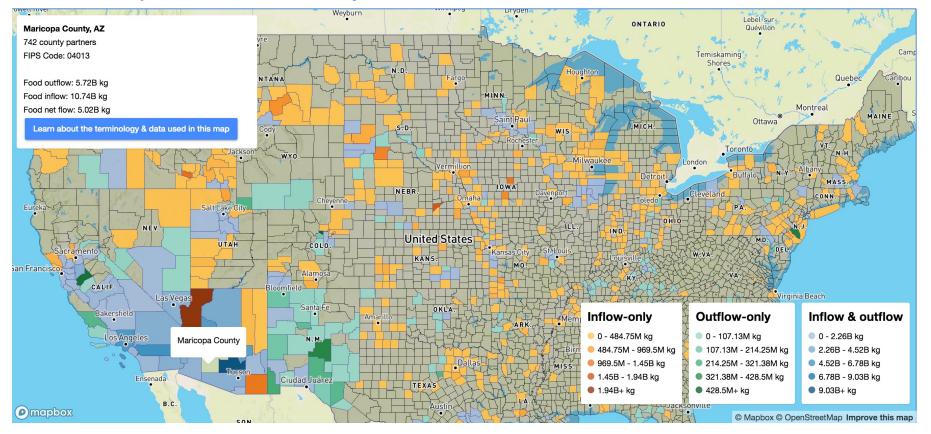
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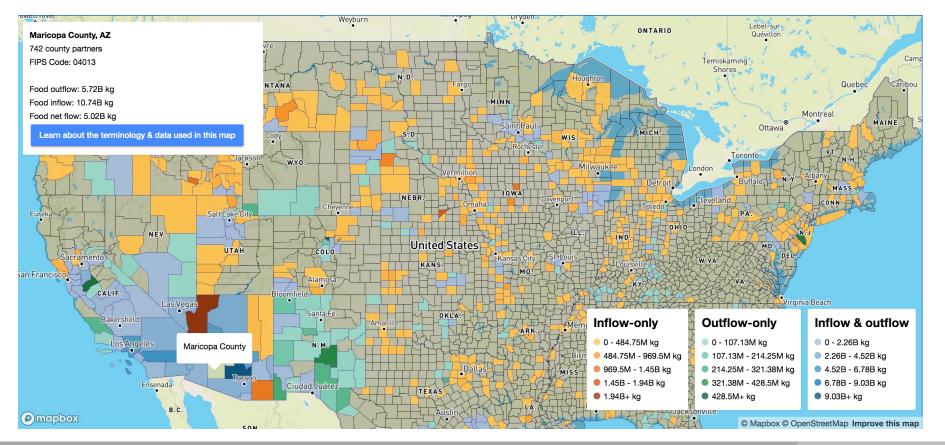
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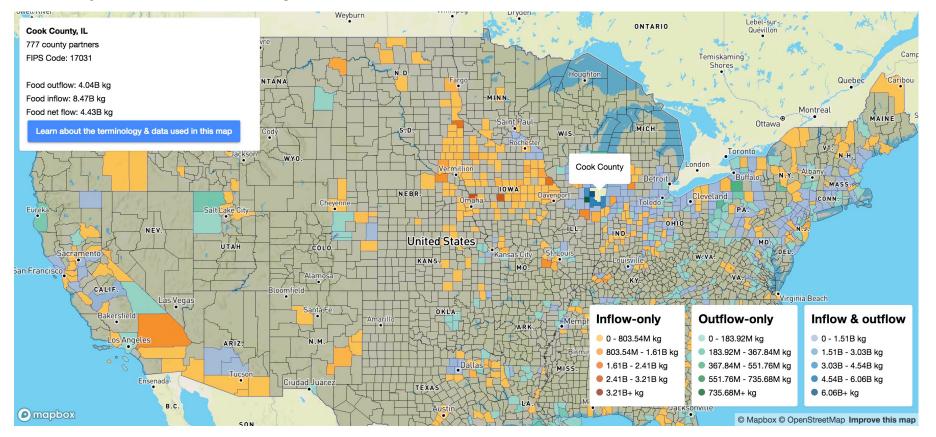
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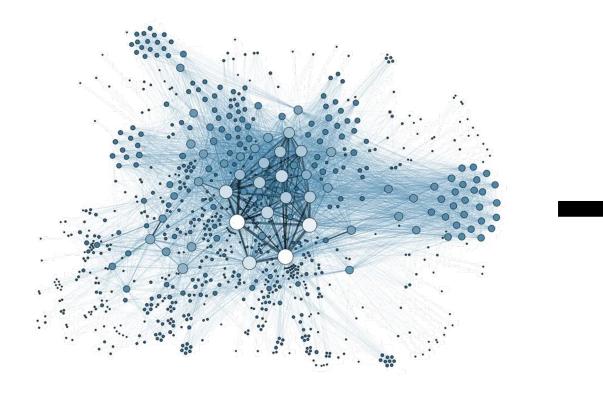
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The Food Flow Model is just the beginning ...

• This is the first study to estimate agri-food flows between counties and over time



#### To guide **detailed decision-making** for societal well-being



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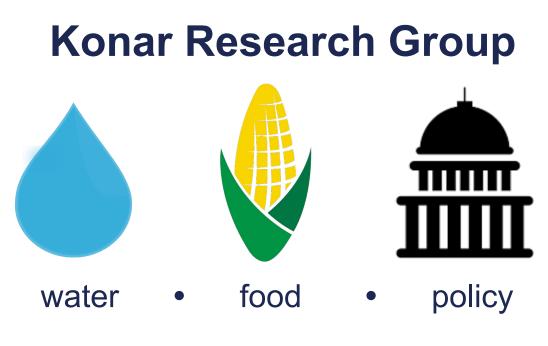
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#### SCTG DESCRIPTION AND CODE

#### Description

#### 01 Animals and Fish (live)

Live bovine animals	01001
Live swine	01002
Live poultry	01003
Live fish (includes live eels and	
aquarium fish)	01004
Other live animals (includes horses, sheep,	
goats, fur-bearing animals, reptiles, honey	
bees, insect larvae, bait, pet or song birds,	
cats, and dogs) (excludes live shellfish,	
crustaceans such as crabs and lobsters,	
squid, octopus, and other aquatic	
invertebrates, see 05204)	01009

#### 02 Cereal Grains (includes seed)

Wheat	02100
Corn (excludes sweet, see 03219)	02200
Rye	02901
Barley	02902
Oats	
Grain sorghum	02904
Other cereal grains (includes rice) (excludes soy beans, see 03400, and	
(excludes soy beans, see 03400, and	
other seeds, see 0350x)	02909

#### **03 Agricultural Products (excludes Animal Feed, Cereal Grains, and** Forage Products)

#### Vegetables, fresh, chilled, or dried

Potatoes (includes seed, fresh or chilled) (excludes sweet potatoes, see 03219)	. 03100
Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	. 03211
Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks, and onion sets, fresh or chilled	
Leguminous vegetables such as peas and beans, fresh or chilled	. 03214
Other fresh or chilled vegetables (includes olives)	. 03219
Leguminous vegetables, dried, such as peas, lentils, beans (includes those for use as seed and fodder) (excludes milled vegetables, see 06299)	. 03221
Other dried vegetables, such as potatoes, mushrooms, and onions (includes those for use as seed) (excludes milled	
vegetables, see 06299)	. 03229
Fruits and nuts, edible, fresh, chilled,	

#### or dried

Oranges, fresh or chilled									03311
Grapefruit, fresh or chilled									03312

#### SCTG Description Fruits and nuts, edible, fresh, chilled, or dried - Continued 01 Other citrus fruit, fresh or chilled ..... 02 Bananas and plantains, fresh or chilled 03

bananas and plantains, fresh or chilled	03321
Grapes, fresh or chilled	03322
Melons, fresh or chilled	03323
Apples, fresh or chilled	03324
Other fresh or chilled fruit (excludes olives, see 03219)	03329
Dried grapes (includes raisins and "currants")	03331
Other dried fruit, (includes mixtures of dried fruit)	03339
Nuts in the shell (excludes peanuts, see 03501)	03341
Shelled nuts (includes sliced, chopped, shredded, stoned, pulped, and peeled, but	
not further processed) (excludes peanuts, see 03501)	03342

SCTG

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#### > Other agricultural products (oil seeds, bulbs, live plants or parts of plants, cut flowers, unmanufactured tobacco), not elsewhere classified

Soy beans (includes for sowing)	. 03400
Peanuts, unroasted (includes for sowing)	. 03501
Linseed (flaxseed) (includes for sowing)	. 03502
Colza (rape) or canola seeds	
(includes for sowing)	. 03503
Sunflower seeds (includes for sowing)	. 03504
Cotton seeds (includes for sowing)	. 03505
Mustard seeds (includes for sowing)	. 03506
Other oil seeds and nuts	. 03509
Bulbs and roots and similar products, live trees	
and other plants, and mushroom spawn	. 03601
Other seeds for sowing	. 03602

#### > Fresh-cut flowers, plants, and parts of plants, and other agricultural products (excludes forage products and cereal straw or husks)

Fresh-cut flowers Tobacco, not stemmed or stripped Stemmed and partially stemmed tobacco	03910 03921 03922
Raw cotton (not carded or combed)	03930
Unprocessed coffee and unfermented tea	03991
<ul> <li>Sugar beet and sugar cane (excludes raw cane, see 07501)</li> <li>Other agricultural products (includes cotton linters, seaweed, and forestry products) (excludes forage products and cereal straw, see 04110, raw spices, see 07303, natural rubber and gums, see 24102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants plants plants processed for ornamentation, tagental straw, see 04102, and plants pla</li></ul>	03992
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04 Animal Feed, Eggs, Honey, and Other Products of Animal Origin		Aquatic invertebrates, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, or dried, and crustaceans in shell ( <i>such as lobsters, shrimps, crabs</i> ) cooked by steaming or by boiling in water)	
Eggs, cereal straw or husks, forage products, residues and waste from the food industries used in animal feeding, and other products of animal origin not elsewhere classified		➤ Preparations, extracts, and juices Preparations, extracts, and juices of meat (includes poultry) (excludes soups and broths,	
Cereal straw or husks and forage products Inedible flours, meals, and pellets of meat, fish, or seafood, and greaves	04110 04120	see 07720) Preparations, extracts, and juices of fish or seafood (aquatic invertebrates) (excludes soups and broths, see 07720)	
Bran, sharps, and other residues of cereals or leguminous plants	04130 04140	06 Milled Grain Products and Preparations, and Bakery Products	
Eggs in the shell	04191 04192	<ul> <li>Milled or otherwise worked grain products</li> </ul>	
Shorn or pulled greasy wool, animal hair not carded or combed, silk-worm cocoons suitable for reeling, and raw silk Other products of animal origin, and residues and waste from the food industries used in animal feeding, not elsewhere classified (includes natural honey, sausage casings, down, pigs' bristles, horsehair, degelatinized bone, shells, natural sponges, animal products used in the preparation of pharmaceuticals, bovine semen, and blood meal, and other feed ingredients such as vegetable waste, residues, or hydrodyda and an and an and an and an	04193	Wheat flour, groats, and meal (excludes by products, see 04130)         Malt         Milled rice (includes husked, broken, flour, groats, and meal)         Corn flour, groats, and meal         Starches and modified starches         Inulin; wheat gluten; milled cereals and other vegetables; and grains otherwise worked, (includes rolled, flaked, hulled, pearled, sliced, or kibbled) (excludes milling	06210 06291 06292 06293
by-products such as gluten meal, dried beet-pulp, brewers' and distillers spent grains, malt sprouts, wine lees and argol, and acoms and horse-chestnuts)	04199	<ul> <li>by-products, see 04130)</li> <li>Bakery products and food preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk</li> </ul>	
Dog or cat food put up for retail sale Other animal feed preparations (includes complete feeds, premixes, bird seed, fish	04210	Pasta (includes stuffed, canned, frozen, or dried) and couscous Breakfast cereal foods, swelled, roasted, or	
food, and feed supplements)	04290	partially cooked Mixes and dough for the preparation of bakery products <i>(includes batters)</i>	
Their Preparations		Rice preparations, instant rice, and partially cooked rice	06392
Meat, fresh or chilled ( <i>excludes poultry</i> ) Meat, frozen ( <i>excludes poultry</i> ) Poultry, fresh or chilled	05111 05112 05121	Other food preparations of cereals, flour, starch, or milk, not elsewhere classified ( <i>includes</i> <i>tapioca, malt extract, ice cream and milk</i> <i>shake mixes, pudding powders, and infant</i>	

rendered) ..... 05130

Fresh or chilled fish (includes fillets) ..... 05201 Frozen fish (includes fillets) ..... 05202

edible fish meal ..... 05203

Meat, salted, in brine, dried, or smoked (includes

cottage rolls, and pickled beef, edible flours and meals, and pig or poultry fat, not

smoked hams, pork bellies, back bacon,

▶ Fish (excludes live, seafood, and

Fish, salted, in brine, dried, or smoked, and

their preparations)

#### Baked products, including frozen

Baked snack foods (includes pretzels, cheese sticks, and tortilla chips) (excludes cookies and crackers, see 06432)	06410
Frozen baked products (includes quiche, pizza, bagels, waffles, and pastries)	06420
Perishable baked products (includes fresh bread, pastries, pies, cakes, doughnuts,	
pizza, and quiche)	06431
Dry baked products (includes cookies,	
crackers, and taco shells)	06432

formula) ..... 06399

#### **SCTG DESCRIPTION AND CODE – Continued**

Description	SCTG	Description	SCTO
<ul> <li>07 Other Prepared Foodstuffs, Fats and Oils - Continued</li> <li>&gt; Other edible preparations not</li> </ul>		Denatured ethyl alcohol of a strength by volume of less than 80% volume, not for human consumption ( <i>excludes ethanol for use as</i> <i>biofuel, see 17500 and 17600</i> )	0842
elsewhere classified, and vinegar		09 Tobacco Products	
Tomato sauces (includes ketchup and chili sauces)	07711		
Other sauces and sauce mixes (includes prepared mustard, mustard flours and meals, soy sauce, mayonnaise, salad dressings including dried, and mixed condiments and seasonings, not elsewhere classified)	07719	Cigarettes Tobacco products (manufactured), not elsewhere classified (includes cigars, tobacco extracts and essences, and tobacco substitutes) (excludes leaf tobacco, see 0392x)	0901 0909
Soups and broths <i>(includes mixes)</i> , and baby or dietetic foods	07720	10 Monumental or Building Stone	
Syrups and concentrates used in food preparations or beverages	07731	Calcareous monumental or building stone	1001
Flavoring powders, extracts, or essences		Monumental or building stone, other <i>(includes</i>	100
including cocktail mixes	07732 07791	slate) (excludes dolomite, see 13300)	1002
Processed eggs (includes egg albumin) Yeasts and baking powder	07791	11 Natural Sands	
Sugar syrups with added flavors and/or colors	07700		
(includes table syrups) Edible preparations, not elsewhere classified (includes protein concentrates, tofu, vegetable preparations for flavoring, jelly powders, concentrated juice fortified with vitamins or	07793	Silica sands and quartz sands for construction use	110
minerals, and vinegar)	07799	as kaolinic	110
<ul> <li>Non-alcoholic beverages not elsewhere classified, and ice</li> </ul>	•	12 Gravel and Crushed Stone (excludes Dolomite and Slate)	
Carbonated soft drinks Other sweetened or flavored water	07811 07819	Limestone flux	120
Water, unsweetened and unflavored <i>(includes</i>	07819	Agricultural limestone	120
potable, spring, carbonated, or mineral) lce and other non-alcoholic beverages (includes soya, almond, coconut, chocolate, and other	07891	Other gravel and crushed, powdered, or broken limestone and chalk (calcium carbonate) Other gravel and crushed stone <i>(excludes</i>	120
milk drinks, and juices fortified with vitamins and minerals, not concentrated, and not elsewhere classified) (excludes dry ice		dolomite, see 13300; slate, see 13999; and limestone and chalk, see 1201x)	120
(carbon dioxide), sée 20241)	07899	13 Other Non-Metallic Minerals not elsewhere classified	
08 Alcoholic Beverages and		> Salt	
Denatured Alcohol		Table salt (includes sea salt)	131
Beer (malt beer) (excludes non-alcoholic beer, see 07899)	08100	Other salt (includes rock salt, brine, and pure sodium chloride)	131
Wine and other fermented beverages (excludes non-alcoholic wine, see 07899)	08200	Natural calcium phosphates, natural aluminum- calcium phosphates, and phosphatic chalk	1320
Spirituous beverages and ethyl alcohol		Dolomite (includes monumental, building, and crushed)	1330
Undenatured ethyl alcohol that is 80% or more		Sulfur (excludes sublimed, precipitated,	
alcohol by volume	08310	or colloidal, see 20210)	
Spirits, liqueurs, and other spirituous beverages, and undenatured ethyl alcohol that is less	09220	Kaolinic clays (includes China) Other clays (includes bentonite, fire-clay,	139

Spirits, liqueurs, and other spirituous beverages, and undenatured ethyl alcohol that is less	08320	Kaolinic clays (includes China) Other clays (includes bentonite, fire-clay,	13921
<ul> <li>than 80% alcohol by volume</li> <li>Denatured ethyl alcohol, not for human consumption</li> </ul>		andalusite, kyanite, sillimanite, mullite, chamotte, and dinas earths) Pumice stone, emery, and natural abrasives	
Denatured ethyl alcohol of a strength of more than 80% by volume ( <i>excludes ethanol</i> for use as biofuel, see 17600)	08410	Gypsum and anhydrite Asbestos Leucite, nepheline and nepheline syenite	13993

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