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**BTS Releases North American Surface Trade Numbers for September;
Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 80.9 Percent since Start of NAFTA
(State Rankings on Page 3 and 4)**

In the ten years since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) took effect, trade using surface transportation between the United States and its partners, Canada and Mexico, has grown more than 80 percent and as of September is valued at \$54.9 billion, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics of the U.S. Department of Transportation reported today (Table 1).

Surface transportation consists of freight movements by truck, rail, pipeline and other modes of surface transportation. About 90 percent of U.S. trade with Canada and Mexico moves by surface transportation.

Total surface transportation trade value was up 80.9 percent from September 1994 and 29.3 percent from September 2001 (Table 1). Exports increased 57.3 percent compared to September 1994 while imports over that same time rose 103.7 percent (Table 1).

The \$54.9 billion in surface transportation trade in September was 12.4 percent more than in September 2003 (Table 2). Total surface transportation trade rose 2.5 percent in September 2004 from August 2004 (Table 3). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.-Canada surface transportation trade rose 12.5 percent in September from September 2003 to \$35.4 billion. Exports by truck, the largest amount by value, increased 11.8 percent from September 2003, while imports by truck rose 8.2 percent (Table 4).

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in September with \$6.0 billion (Table 5).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S.-Mexico surface transportation trade rose 12.1 percent in September from September 2003 to \$19.5 billion. Imports by truck, the largest amount by value, increased 12.8 percent from September 2003 while exports by truck rose 10.0 percent (Table 6).

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in September with \$6.4 billion (Table 7).

The Transborder Surface Freight Dataset is a special extract of the official U.S. foreign trade statistics. The data are tabulated for BTS monthly by the U.S. Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. September transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of Nov. 15.

The press release and summary tables can be found at www.bts.gov. More information on transborder freight data and data from previous months are posted on the BTS website at <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>. BTS will release October transborder numbers on January 4th.

Table 1: Percent Changes of North American Surface Transportation Trade, Imports and Exports by Value from Previous Years to 2004 (September and September)

Compared to the same month in...	Percent change to September 2004		
	Import	Export	Total Surface Trade
2003	12.0	12.9	12.4
2002	20.1	19.7	19.9
2001	28.5	30.3	29.3
2000	12.4	10.8	11.7
1999	29.8	22.6	26.6
1998	46.4	31.7	39.8
1997	58.0	33.8	46.7
1996	66.7	47.7	58.0
1995	83.8	61.7	73.7
1994	103.7	57.3	80.9

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset
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Table 2. North American Surface Transportation Trade by Value (millions of dollars)

Month	2003	2004	Percent Change 2003-2004
January	43,756	45,686	4.4
February	43,835	48,170	9.9
March	49,358	56,269	14.0
April	46,842	53,195	13.6
May	48,813	53,155	8.9
June	47,432	55,422	16.9
July	42,607	48,096	12.9
August	45,024	53,577	19.0
September	48,867	54,913	12.4
October	52,362		
November	48,456		
December	45,425		
Year to Date	416,534	468,483	12.5
Annual	562,780		

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
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Table 3. U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada and Mexico by Mode (millions of dollars)

		September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Percent Change Aug.-Sept. 2004	Percent Change September 2003-2004
By All Modes	Imports	28,099	31,242	31,458	0.7	12.0
	Exports	20,769	22,335	23,455	5.0	12.9
	Total	48,867	53,577	54,913	2.5	12.4
By Truck	Imports	18,694	20,309	20,596	1.4	10.2
	Exports	16,813	18,098	18,689	3.3	11.2
By Rail	Imports	6,058	6,756	6,858	1.5	13.2
	Exports	2,256	2,348	2,669	13.7	18.3
By Pipeline	Imports	2,364	3,228	3,072	-4.8	29.9
	Exports	55	40	141	253.0	154.1

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

Note: The value of all surface modes is not equal to the sum of truck, rail and pipeline modes. The value of trade for all surface modes includes shipments made by truck, rail, pipeline, mail, foreign trade zones, other and unknown modes of transportation. For additional detail refer to the Transborder Surface Freight data "*Sources and Reliability*" statement:

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Table 4. U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada by Mode
(millions of dollars)

		September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Percent Change Aug.-Sept. 2004	Percent Change September 2003-2004
By All Modes	Imports	18,213	20,414	20,441	0.1	12.2
	Exports	13,238	13,934	14,943	7.2	12.9
	Total	31,451	34,348	35,385	3.0	12.5
By Truck	Imports	10,667	11,424	11,545	1.1	8.2
	Exports	10,606	11,129	11,861	6.6	11.8
By Rail	Imports	4,407	5,031	5,082	1.0	15.3
	Exports	1,211	1,289	1,452	12.7	19.9
By Pipeline	Imports	2,364	3,228	3,072	-4.8	29.9
	Exports	52	33	121	264.0	131.8

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada by Surface Transportation, ranked by
September 2004 Surface Transportation Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

September 2004 Rank	State	September 2004
1	Michigan	6,026
2	New York	2,400
3	Ohio	2,377
4	California	2,304
5	Illinois	2,254
6	Texas	1,453
7	Pennsylvania	1,311
8	Indiana	1,176
9	Washington	1,172
10	Tennessee	1,008

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Table 6. U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico By Mode
(millions of dollars)

		September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Percent Change Aug.-Sept. 2004	Percent Change September 2003-2004
By All Modes	Imports	9,855	10,828	11,017	1.7	11.4
	Exports	7,531	8,400	8,512	1.3	13.0
	Total	17,416	19,228	19,528	1.6	12.1
By Truck	Imports	8,027	8,885	9,051	1.9	12.8
	Exports	6,207	6,969	6,828	-2.0	10.0
By Rail	Imports	1,651	1,726	1,776	2.9	7.6
	Exports	1,046	1,059	1,217	14.9	16.4
By Pipeline	Imports	0	0	0	NA	NA
	Exports	3	7	20	198.3	503.3

Key: NA = not applicable

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico by Surface Transportation, ranked by
September 2004 Surface Transportation Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

September 2004 Rank	State	September 2004
1	Texas	6,385
2	California	3,513
3	Michigan	2,179
4	Illinois	597
5	Ohio	508
6	Arizona	480
7	Indiana	473
8	Tennessee	465
9	North Carolina	396
10	New York	362

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
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