

## DUNKERQUE-PORT POSTS NEW GRAIN RECORD

**After the historic records of the previous grain campaigns in 2013-2014 (2.4 Mt) and 2014-2015 (3.09 Mt), the Port of Dunkirk has seen the advantages offered by its operator and infrastructures confirmed with record traffic of 3.226 Mt for the 2015-2016 campaign.**

2.32 Mt of wheat was shipped to the Middle East, North Africa, Asia and Central America, and 0.77 Mt of barley to Asia and the Middle East.

These excellent results reflect the drive of the operator Nord Céréales which has improved its productivity through significant investments on its site, allowing it to berth and load very large ships (14.20 m draught). Collecting agencies and farmers have also worked hard to improve the quality of the grain.

While the modal share of transport by waterway is now 46%, rail is also a very popular transport mode, further extending the hinterland of Dunkerque-Port towards eastern France and Picardy. New traffic volumes have been carried by rail to the Port of Dunkirk since the beginning of 2015, representing 12% of supply. Five rail operators are active on the market and run full trains. The volume of grain carried by rail has now exceeded 385,000 tonnes.

Nord Céréales, with the second-largest terminal in France, is a major stakeholder in the north and east of France in the service of grain operators. It boasts an exceptional site in the heart of the industrial area of Grand Port Maritime de Dunkerque, to service the largest grain carriers in the world.

### About Dunkerque-Port:

*The ninth port of the Channel and North Sea Range and the third-ranking port of France, Dunkirk has built a strong reputation in many sectors: the busiest passenger port in Europe (Calais-Dunkirk axis); the largest port complex in France (traffic of more than 90 MT through Calais-Dunkirk); France's largest energy hub; the largest LNG terminal; the leading port for containerised fruit and vegetable imports; the leading French port for ore and coal imports; France's largest rail port; the largest waterway port in the region; and France's third-ranking port for grain traffic. Dunkerque-Port is also a sustainable port. It is the trading port of the new Hauts de France Region, the country's largest agricultural region, the leading rail industry region, and the leading car industry region. Traffic in 2015 was 46.6 MT*



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