



# PORTS-TO-PLAINS ALLIANCE

Securing the Benefits of Commerce to  
North America's Energy & Agriculture Heartland



## WHO WE ARE

Hundreds of elected and government officials, business leaders, communities and citizens in ten states and provinces, acting together to bring the benefits of trade home to North America's energy and agricultural heartland.



**The Ports-to-Plains Region**  
*North America's Energy Heartland*

## OUR ASSETS

- **A Developing U.S. Congressional Caucus;** together, we have secured over \$1 billion to develop, build and improve the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, and lobby effectively with coalition partners to mobilize policy resources throughout the U.S. Southwest, Midwest and Rockies.
- **6 major cross-border ports** to Canada & Mexico, including North America's #2 and #15 busiest crossings (Laredo-Nuevo Laredo & Sweetgrass-Coutts).
- **Through partners, we are three Congressionally-designated, north-south High Priority Corridors,** comprising 2333 miles of highway, 14% of total U.S. GDP (\$1.7 trillion), and 38.5 million citizens.
- **7 of the top 10 U.S. states for installed and potential wind energy,** generating over 5185MW, nearly 45% of the U.S. total.
- **North America's agricultural heartland,** producing \$44.3 billion of agricultural goods, or 22.1% of the U.S. total; 6 of the top 10 farm states.
- **A major U.S. trading region** generating \$166.7 billion in trade with Canada and Mexico, nearly 20% of total U.S.-North America trade.
- **Nearly 25% of U.S. ethanol refining capacity,** with 33 existing refineries and more underway.

## ***"PORTS-TO-PLAINS" MEANS "AMERICA'S RURAL HEARTLAND"***

Ports-to-Plains Alliance's greatest strength is its grassroots character. We are the only U.S. corridor connecting Texas and Alberta, the pillars of the North America's energy economy, and the only primarily rural, freight corridor connecting the rural heartland to global markets. Our political power is based on our ability to speak for the rural heartland and the credibility of our leadership in the eyes of our national and international policy and business audience. Our value as a business community derives from the energy and agriculture activity that has long been the source of the prosperity and culture of almost all Ports-to-Plains communities.

***Quite simply: We find, produce, process, transport and deliver the food and fuel upon which the quality of life of America's cities depends.***



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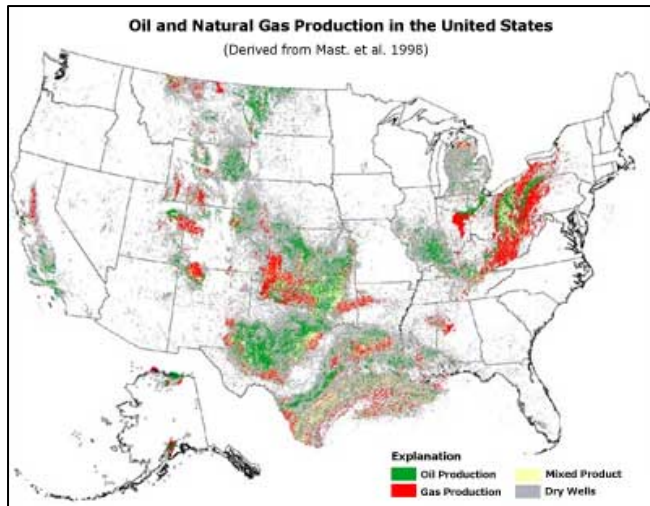
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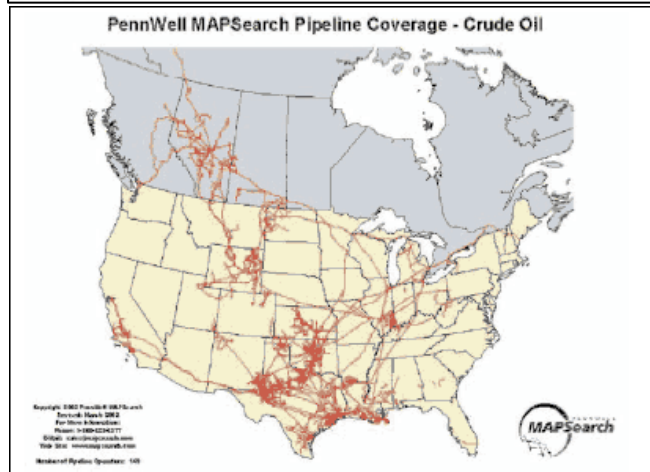
### PORTS-TO-PLAINS CORRIDOR NOT JUST A HIGHWAY Ports-to-Plains: North America's Energy Corridor

***"The most important energy corridor on the planet is no longer the Persian Gulf. It runs from the oilsands, Fort McMurray to Port Arthur, Texas."***  
**Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer**



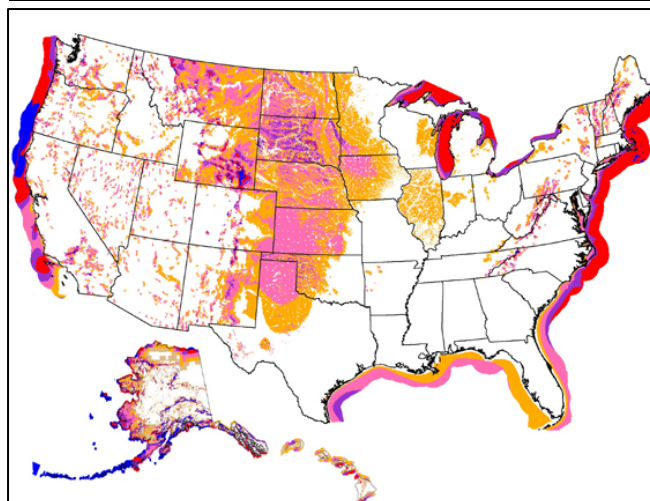
#### America's Top Oil and Gas States

Source:  
U.S. Department of Energy



#### Primary pipeline corridor for North America's oil

Source:  
PennWell MapSearch



#### 7 of America's Top 10 Wind States

Source:  
U.S. Department of Energy