# LOCKS AND DAM 53

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## Locks and Dam 53

Locks and Dam No. 53 is located on the Ohio River approximately 11 miles upstream of Cairo, Illinois. The locks are located on the Illinois side of the river approximately 962 miles downstream from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The upper pool above the dam extends upstream for a distance of 23 miles to Locks and Dam 52.

The original structure of Locks and Dam 52 was completed in 1929. A temporary 1200-foot lock has been built at Lock 53 to handle the traffic that moves through the lower portion of the river.

This provisional structure provides relief to the typical traffic jam that previously occurred at the locks and dam. The Olmsted Locks and Dam project will include a permanent replacement to Locks and Dam 52 as well as Locks and Dam 53.

## Quick Facts

2012 Commercial Cargo Lockages: 6,369. National Rank: 15.

2012 Tonnage (in thousands): 77,011. National Rank: 3.

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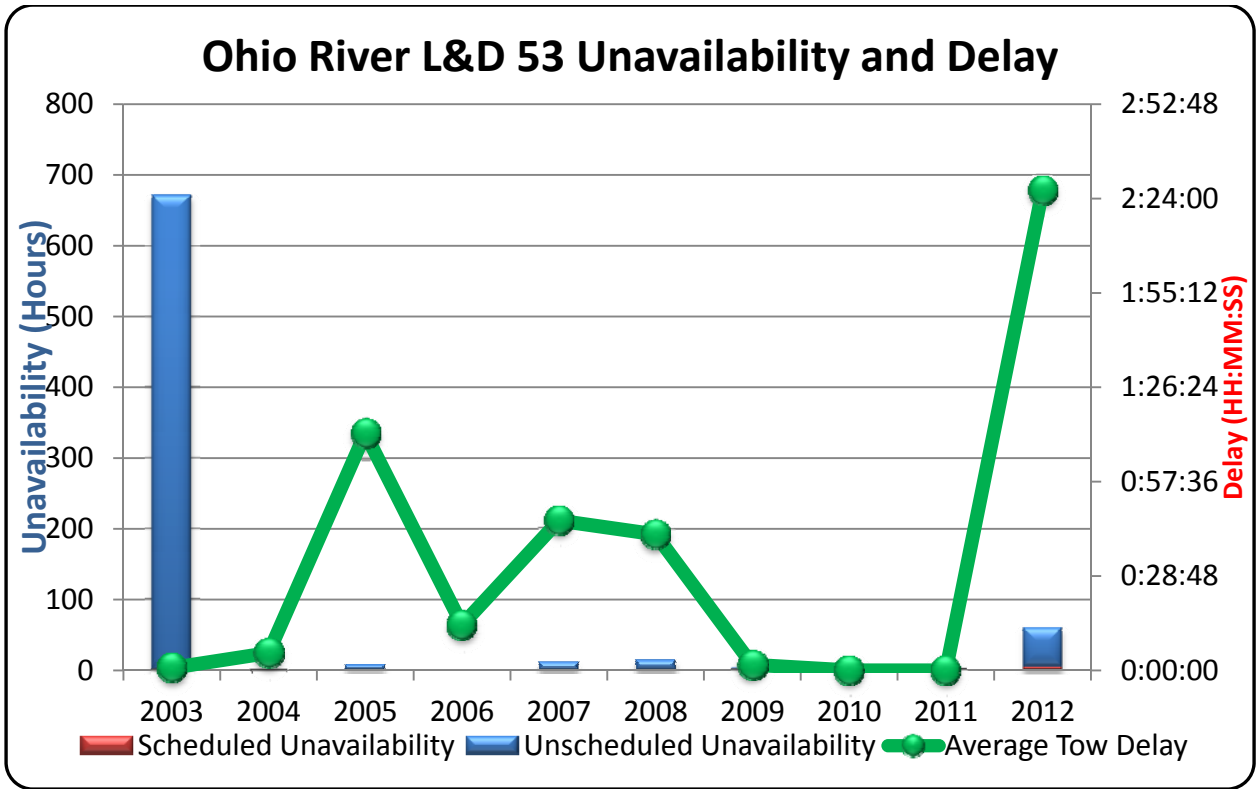


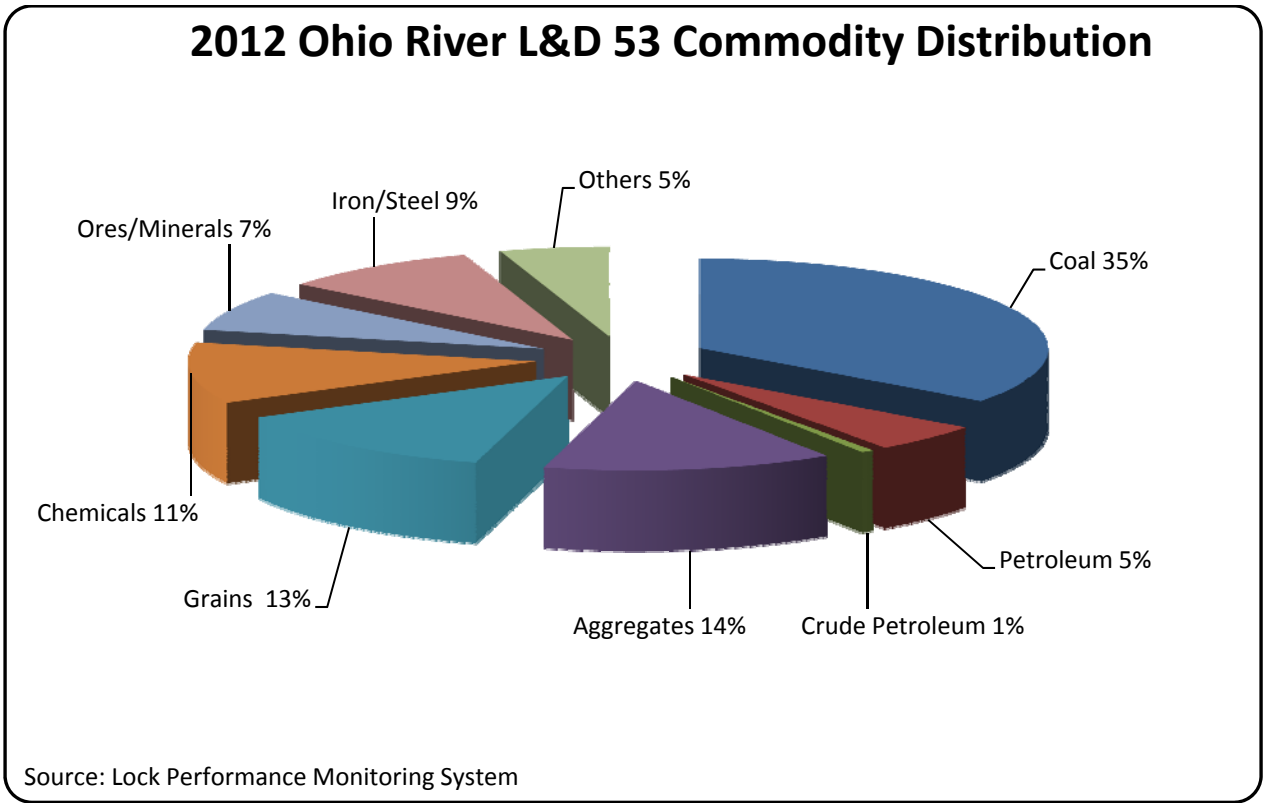


Source: Lock Performance Monitoring System

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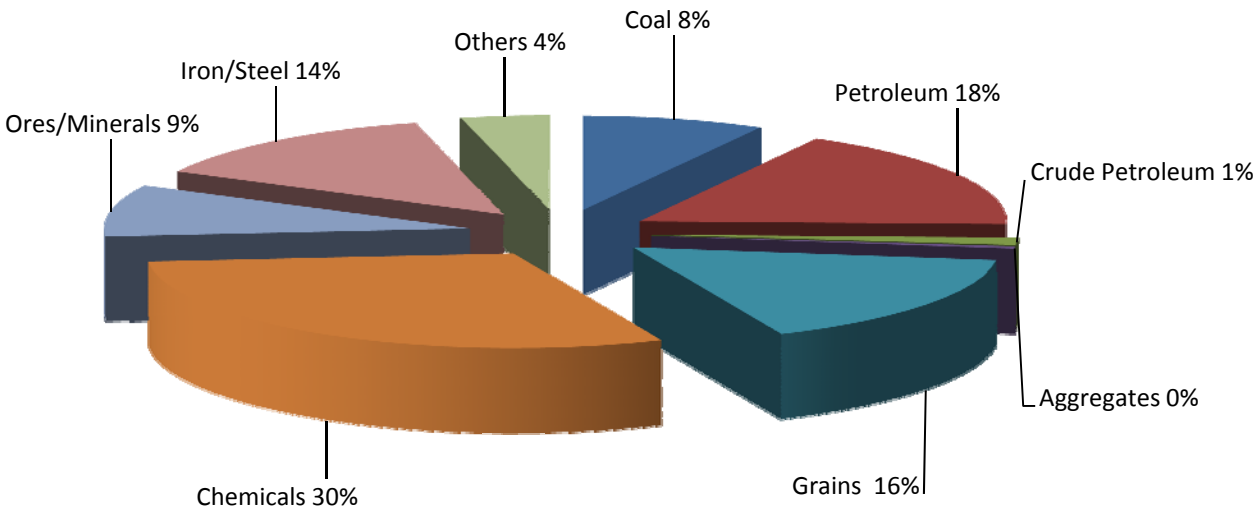
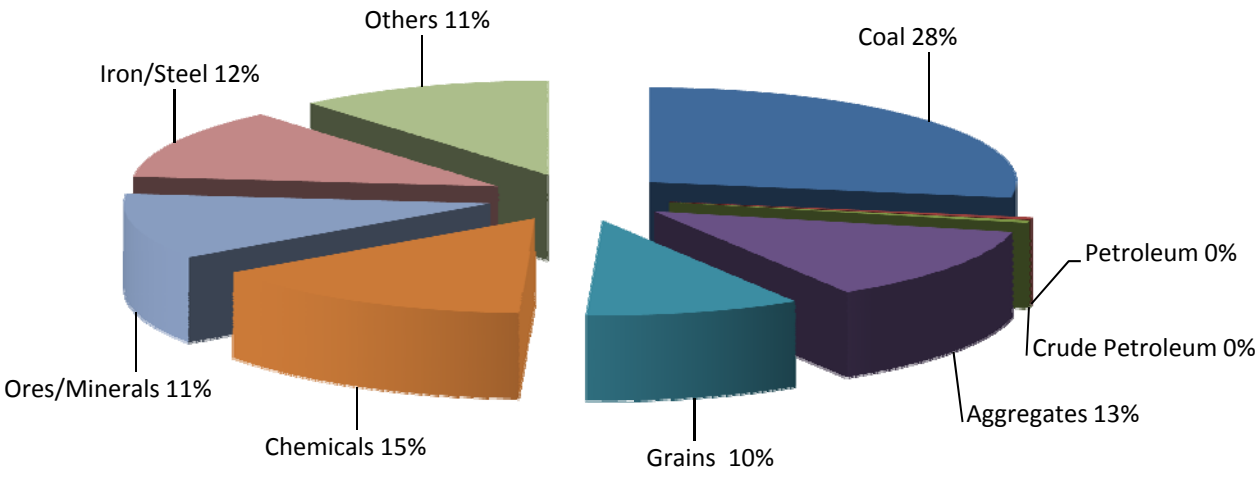
## 2012 Value of Commodities Through Ohio River L&D 53




Source: Lock Performance Monitoring System,
2012 NDSU Commodity Value Study

**Total Value: $21,176.8**
(Value in Millions)

## 2012 Rate Savings Through Ohio River L&D 53




Source: Lock Performance Monitoring System,
2010 University of Tennessee Rate Savings Study

**Total Rate Savings: $2,467.1**
(Value in Millions)

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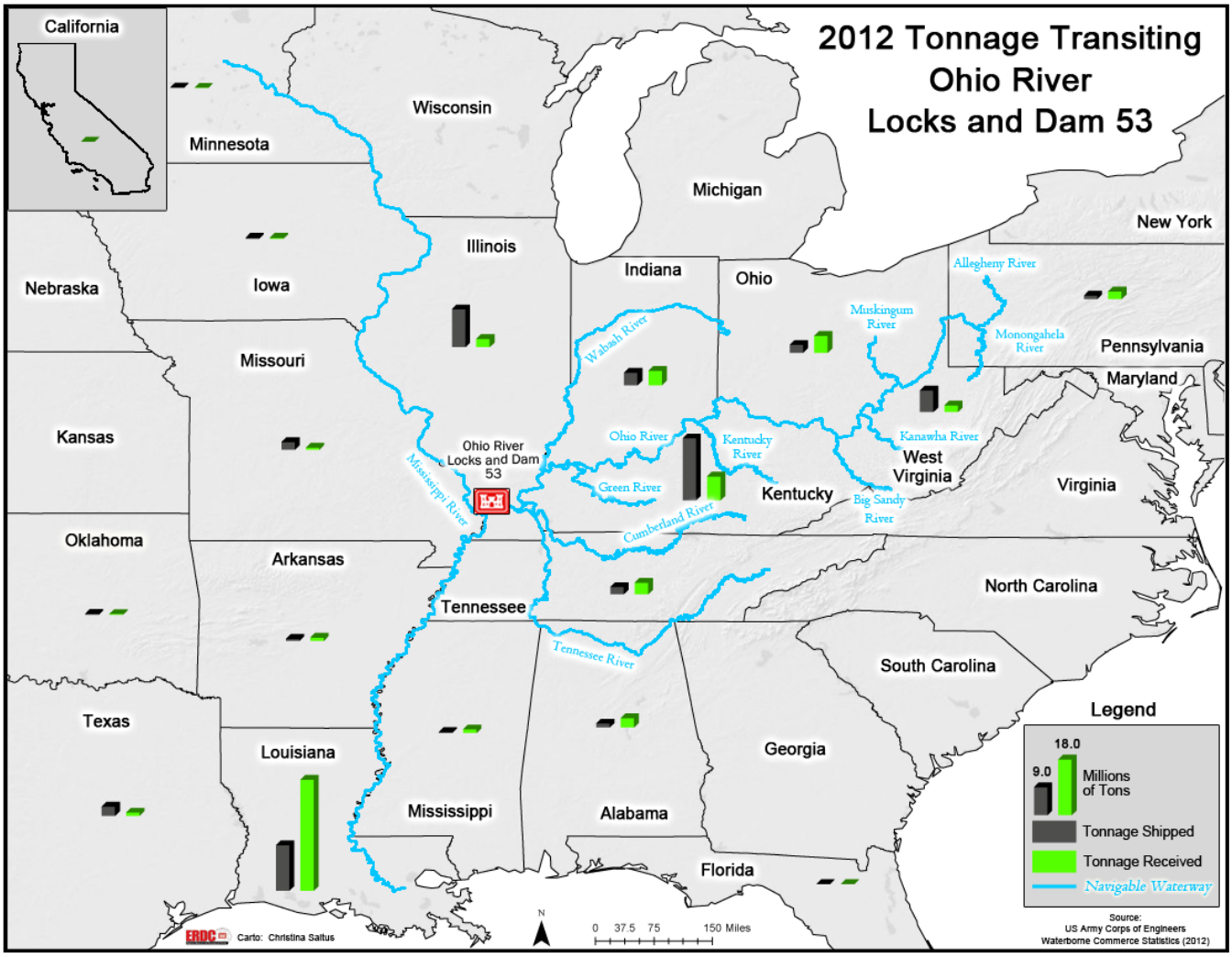


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