

Where the Rubber Meets the Road and Dreaded Subsidence:
Maritime, Energy and Agriculture

1. Area hosts the world's busiest waterway (in excess of 6,000 ocean vessels per year)
2. America's most intermodal port with excellent rail service, the Port of New Orleans entertains and hosts over 70 steamship lines, nearly 20 barge lines, and nearly 80 truck lines.
3. At well over two miles, the Port of New Orleans is the world's largest wharf and the only port served by six class one rail lines.
4. No. 1 coffee, steel and natural rubber port.
5. World's longest bridge (Causeway over Lake Ponchartrain)
6. World's longest over river crossing rail line (Huey P. Long)
7. 27% of nation's oil originates in area and 27% of domestic natural gas production.
8. Area houses over 90 petrochemical plants in New Orleans and Baton Rouge along the Mississippi River.
9. Area attributes to many Wild Life Refuges, marsh lands, food, fishing and one of the most culturally diverse populations in the U.S. with a large casino presence.
10. The area is located in some of the lowest terrain in the U.S.
11. There are over 1 million Gulf helicopter flights a year.
12. 73,000 miles of oil and gas pipelines.
13. Only state with deep water port loop for offshore supertanker traffic.
14. 50% of all agricultural exports/imports pass through area.

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