## **North Dakota Rail Facts**

- Going the distance. In North Dakota alone, 6 freight railroads operate across 3,287 miles of track.
- Supporting jobs. As of 2017, North Dakota freight railroads and their suppliers employed 2,040 people; nationwide, freight rail supported about 1.1 million jobs.
- Connecting markets. The most common commodities originating from North Dakota markets are, in carloads/year: farm products (180,200), petroleum, gas (107,700), food products (55,400), coal (38,800), and petroleum (24,100).
- Powering state economies. Spending by Class I railroads in 2017 generated nearly \$220 billion in U.S. economic activity and \$26 billion in state and federal tax revenues, according to a Towson University study.
- Preserving infrastructure, cutting congestion. Freight railroads take 7.9 million truckloads off North Dakota roads annually.
- Reducing pollution. Moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 75 percent.



