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## Port of Oakland export volume up 20% in October

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Export volume at Port of Oakland, Calif., hit a three-year high in October as the port shipped the equivalent of 89,473 20-foot containers.

The total was the highest since October 2013 and the fourth-highest in the port's history, according to a news release.

Agricultural commodities account for 40% of the port's total export volume so far this year. In 2015 agricultural commodities accounted for 38% of the total.

Those numbers come from Datamyne, a source of trade intelligence that uses U.S. Customs and Border Protection data, according to Mike Zampa, communications director for Port of Oakland.

Exports of fruits and vegetables from California's Central, Napa and Salinas valleys go through the port.

Year-to-date exports from the Port of Oakland are up 10% over 2015.

Contributing factors to the increase include "a softer U.S. dollar and healthy agricultural harvests," according to the release.

"Increased export volume is nothing new; we've reported gains in nine of the first 10 months of the year," Port of Oakland maritime director John Driscoll said in the release, "but the amount of volume growth highlights just how strong this rally is."

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