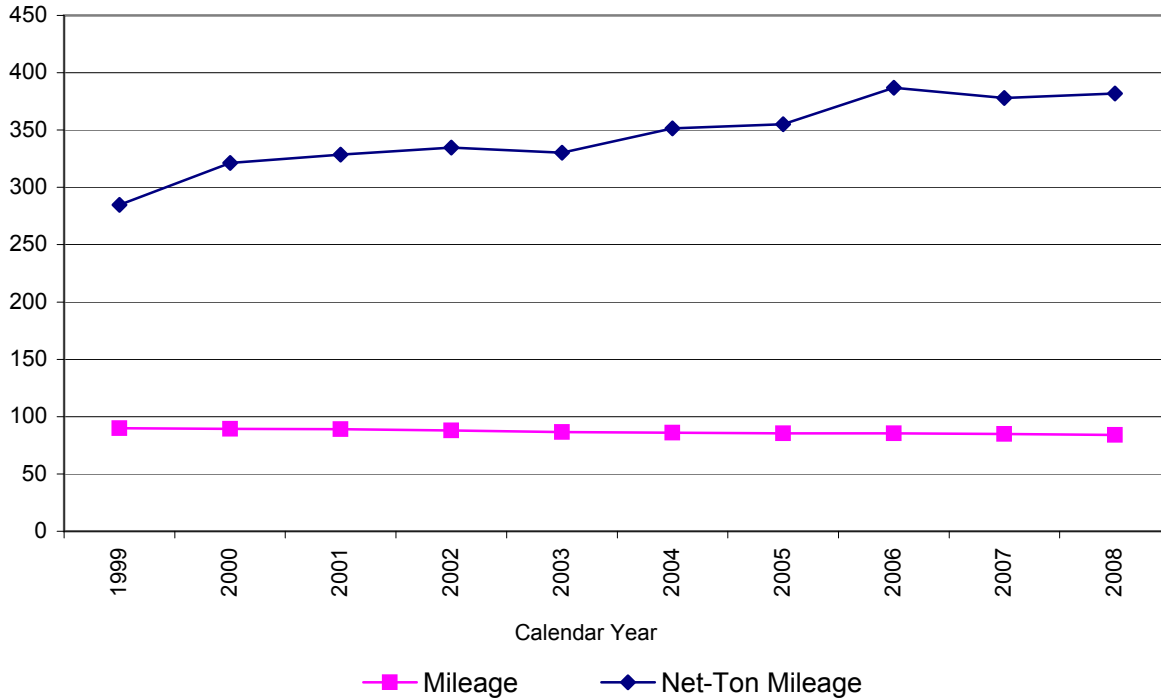


## IOWA RAIL MILES OPERATED COMPARED TO NET-TON MILES



Note: For index purposes, 1985=100

- While Iowa's rail miles have remained stable in recent years, the amount of tonnage moving over the Iowa network has increased. Between 1985 and 2008, ton-miles (the movement of one ton of freight one mile) increased 222.0%, while rail miles decreased 16.0%.

## COMMODITY TYPES

Year	Originated Tons in Millions			Terminated Tons in Millions			
	Farm	Food	All Other	Coal	Farm	Chemical	All Other
1999	15.8	14.8	8.8	24.4	7.8	3.7	8.6
2000	15.4	14.8	8.4	22.1	7.0	3.9	9.0
2001	17.5	16.0	6.7	22.8	5.5	3.8	8.2
2002	22.0	16.0	7.7	21.9	4.7	3.4	8.6
2003	23.4	17.3	9.3	22.8	3.7	3.6	8.9
2004	18.8	16.1	9.3	24.2	4.4	3.7	10.3
2005	20.8	18.3	10.2	21.9	4.3	4.1	9.7
2006	20.4	19.1	12.1	23.5	4.1	4.0	9.4
2007	18.0	17.9	14.7	26.4	3.1	4.4	8.9
2008	17.3	18.5	16.5	27.6	2.7	4.2	9.2

- A majority of Iowa rail traffic involves bulk commodities. Farm and food products account for 68.5% of the Iowa originations, totaling 35.8 million tons in 2008. Three commodities: coal, farm products, and chemicals - account for 78.9% of all freight terminating in Iowa, totaling 34.5 million tons in 2008.

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