

## Imports Are Up 3% Over 2009

**W**hat a difference a year makes when viewing how import markets have changed over 2009. Most of the news from this month's market baskets is positive as many total imports increased over 2009 and are up 3% as a whole.

With the expansion of the Panama Canal coming in 2014, East and Gulf Coast ports saw positive gains over the same time last year and can expect to continue to see gains as improvements come on line.

Chemical imports remain strong along with Food and Beverage, Autos and Parts, and Electronics categories. Housing-related items still show great weakness, which could hinder a full economic recovery.

A full report of U.S. containerized ports for 2009 is available for free download at [www.zepol.com](http://www.zepol.com). This report profiles each port and their top products, carriers and key importers.

### Number of Shipments Entering U.S. Ports

January 2010

	2010	2009	Change
Food and Beverage	46,619	39,606	18%
Autos and Parts	20,976	18,289	15%
Chemical	6,418	3,566	80%
Plastics and Rubbers	65,945	60,000	10%
Wood/Pulp	30,646	54,895	-44%
Textile	72,590	74,991	-3%
Mineral and Stone	14,350	13,553	6%
Steel	19,160	21,217	-10%
Electronics	22,971	20,307	13%
Furniture	43,603	70,275	-38%
<b>All U.S. Imports</b>	<b>646,031</b>	<b>626,517</b>	<b>3%</b>



#### NOTES:

US Import Market Basket Data is provided by Zepol Corporation. To view the methods used to calculate each industry's Market Basket and see what they include, visit <http://www.zepol.com/Contact/Partners/Logistics-Today-Market-Baskets.aspx>.