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What is the Saint Lawrence Seaway?

The St. Lawrence Seaway is comprised of the Saint Lawrence River, the five Great Lakes, and the waterways connecting the Great Lakes. The system includes 14 locks and extends approximately 2,500 miles – from the Atlantic Ocean in the east to Lake Superior in the west.

Opened in 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway is closed during the winter – usually from December to March. In 2017, nearly 32.7 million bushels of soybeans were exported from the St. Lawrence Seaway system (1.6 percent of U.S. total soybean exports).

Source: USDA