

# AgTC Agriculture Transportation Coalition

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co/Assn: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your company: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the products you export/import: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Approx. # of FEUs exported annually: \_\_\_\_\_ Imported annually: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation issues of greatest concern to your company: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please select Membership Level (see page 2 for descriptions):**

**Individual Companies**

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Membership  | <b>\$800</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership   | <b>\$600</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade Associations</b>  | <b>\$2,500</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>State Departments of Agriculture</b>  | <b>\$600</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Service Providers</b> <i>No Ocean Carriers, Class I Railroads, Port Authorities<br/>or Terminal Operators</i> | <b>\$800</b>   |

**To Join:** Mail application/check payable to "AgTC"

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**Questions?** Call AgTC at 202-783-3333 or email us [Info@AgTrans.org](mailto:Info@AgTrans.org)

# **AgTC MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE**

[www.agtrans.org](http://www.agtrans.org)

*For membership information, contact [info@agtrans.org](mailto:info@agtrans.org)*

## **Individual Companies**

### **Individual Companies Full Membership** – \$800.00/year

Ag Shippers and Forwarders Only

- ▶ Receipt of all AgTC communications
- ▶ Direct access to AgTC staff for transportation inquiries
- ▶ Reduced registration fee for AgTC Annual Conference, Mid-Year Meeting and Regional Workshops
- ▶ Participation in “Shippers Only” sessions
- ▶ Eligible to participate on AgTC Advisory Board, as well as in service contract negotiation programs, reefer shipping alternatives, and other programs
- ▶ May vote on issues put out to Membership

### **Individual Companies Associate Membership** – \$600.00/year

Ag Shippers that are Members of Trade Associations

- ▶ Receipt of AgTC communications
- ▶ Reduced registration fee for AgTC Annual Conference, Mid-Year Meeting and Regional Workshops
- ▶ Participation in “Shippers Only” sessions

## **Trade Associations**

### **Trade Association** – \$2,500/year

- ▶ Receipt of AgTC communications
- ▶ Reduced registration fee for AgTC Annual Conference, Mid-Year Meeting and Regional Workshops\*
- ▶ Participation in “Shippers-Only” sessions

## **State Departments of Agriculture**

### **State Departments of Agriculture** – \$600.00/year

- ▶ Receipt of selected AgTC communications
- ▶ Reduced registration fee for AgTC Annual Conference, Mid-Year Meeting and Regional Workshops\*
- ▶ Participation in “Shippers-Only” sessions

## **Service Providers**

### **Affiliate Members** – \$800.00/year

NOTE: No Ocean Carriers, Class I Railroads, Port Authorities or Terminal Operators

- ▶ Receipt of selected AgTC communications -- as appropriate
- ▶ Reduced registration fee for AgTC Annual Conference, Mid-Year Meeting and Regional Workshops
- ▶ Limited participation in “Shippers-Only” Sessions

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## **ABOUT THE AGTC**

***“The AgTC has grown to become the principal voice of agricultural exporters in US transportation policy.”***  
The Journal of Commerce.

The Agriculture Transportation Coalition (AgTC) was founded in 1987 with the objective of assuring transportation service which allows U.S. ag exporters to be competitive in the international market. Although we now handle many other issues of concern to ag exporters, ocean shipping issues continue to be our priority.

The AgTC monitors government and commercial activity on ocean shipping and other transportation issues and keeps AgTC members up-to-date on how these will impact their business. The AgTC lobbies the Congress when necessary to change laws that would harm agriculture interests, or to support laws that will benefit agriculture. We report on any and all issues in which our members have an interest. Finally, we assist AgTC members on an individual basis with transportation-related problems. Following is an overview of the services which the AgTC provides its members.

[www.AgTrans.org](http://www.AgTrans.org). Our website provides critical information by US agriculture exporters and importers. Included are the new Automated Export System for mandating export documentation submission, the Wood Packing Material requirements of all our export markets, US Trade Agreements, Trucking Hours of Service, State and Federal Truck Weight Limits, etc.

**AgTC Membership.** Membership is limited to agriculture exporters and importers, to freight forwarders of US ag exports, to agriculture trade associations, and to State Departments of agriculture. Virtually every ag export commodity is represented in the AgTC membership, including citrus, hides, beef, poultry, fresh fruit, grapes, nuts, dried fruit, dairy, cotton, meats, vegetables, organics, processed foods, seeds, potatoes, frozen foods, hay, ag chemicals, wine, coffee, rice, etc.

**AgTC Updates.** Probably our most useful service is our faxed/e-mailed updates on late-breaking transportation developments. When decisions are made that impact ag shippers, we notify our members immediately. This way, our members know what's going on before they read about it in the newspapers or hear about it from the carriers (or have a shipment delayed or rejected). As we constantly monitor ocean transportation issues, we can sometimes predict activity before it is announced. And the sooner our members are informed, the better equipped they are to make sound transportation decisions.

**Voice of Ag Shippers.** Not only do we provide our members adequate time to adjust to new policies and decisions, we often take part in the policy making process. By providing comments to Congressional committees and Executive Agencies, agriculture shippers have a voice in many of the important transportation decisions that are made at the Federal level.

**Information Resources.** Another valuable service we provide is response to individual member inquiries as they arise. Members know that if they have a question regarding ocean transportation, we can often provide them with an answer by the end of the day. If we don't have the information readily available, we usually know where to find it.

**AgTC Annual Agriculture Transportation Conference.** The AgTC's Annual Meeting allows shippers and carriers get together to discuss transportation issues in a friendly and open forum. No other ocean shipping conference assembles as many ag shippers, which is why carriers like to attend. Ag shippers like the top-notch speakers who address the critical issues, followed by our famous “Shippers Only” session--no press, no carriers.

**Ag Shipper Workshops.** We host seven Ag Shipper Workshops throughout the country each year to discuss current transportation issues in a roundtable forum. These workshops provide an excellent opportunity for candid discussion of concerns and to learn what other companies are doing to resolve similar transportation challenges.