

Did You Know?

- Henry Hudson sighted the Delaware Bay from his ship, the Half-Moon, before sailing north to discover the river bearing his name in his search for a water passage to the Orient.
- Captain Samuel Argall visited the Delaware Bay in 1610 while exploring the Atlantic Coast north of Jamestown, Virginia.
- He named the bay after Sir Thomas West, the third Lord de la Warr, the first English governor of Virginia.
- In time de la Warr became Delaware -- the name of the bay, the state, and our river -- and even the name of the Native Americans who called themselves the Lenape.
- The main branch of the Delaware River is 280 miles long with tidal north to Trenton.
- The Delaware River's main shipping channel to the Port of Camden is currently 40 feet at mean low water.

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- The Delaware River flows 330 miles south from Hancock, N.Y. where the East and West branches of the river merge.
- The Port of Camden is located about 300 miles downstream from Hancock, some 30 miles north of the mouth of the Delaware Bay into which the river empties.
- The river's tidal flow from the bay stops at Trenton, about 30 miles north of Camden.
- The Delaware is the largest un-dammed river east of the Mississippi. It has 216 tributaries including the Lehigh and Schuylkill Rivers.
- The Delaware River Basin contains over 13,000 square miles.
- The main Delaware River shipping channel 40 feet deep but a 45 feet depth would be more suitable today.
- Together the ports of the Philadelphia/South Jersey region, including the Port of Camden, comprise the largest freshwater port in the world.

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- The Ports of Camden and Salem directly employ 2,450 workers, produce 1,100 indirect jobs and sustain almost 21,000 more jobs.
- Jobs created by the ports generate more than \$202 million in annual personal income in the region.

- Every year the Port Corporation is responsible for more than \$161 million in annual regional business revenue and more than \$13.5 million in local purchasing.
- Port and tenant business generates almost \$21 million in annual state and local taxes.

Did You Know?

- The Port of Camden is the top U.S. port handling imported plywood.
- Plywood is a flat panel made up of sheets called plies.
- Glues as strong as the wood hold the plies in plywood together.
- Plywood is valued because it is a light, strong sheet material able to cover large areas.
- Most structural plywood is made from softwoods, such as pine and spruce.
- Plywood is widely used in home construction in the United States.
- Plywood was first used mainly to make doors.

Did You Know?

- Cocoa beans are the essential raw ingredient in chocolate. No cocoa beans, no chocolate.
- The Port of Camden is within 100 miles of the largest U.S. chocolate manufacturers including Hershey and New Jersey's M&M Mars.
- Importation of cocoa beans at the Port of Camden started in 1993.
- The Camden International Commodities Terminal, a leading cocoa bean importer, is a growing Port of Camden tenant.
- In 2003 cocoa bean volume at the port increased to more than 89,000 tons from 74,000 tons in 2003.
- Worldwide, cocoa beans had over \$2.2 billion in value in 2000 and produced chocolate products worth \$6.9 billion.
- Cocoa beans grow on cacao trees, perennials first cultivated in South America and now grown chiefly in West Africa but also in South Asia.
- The largest cocoa bean producing countries are the Ivory Coast, Ghana and Indonesia.
- Historic evidence indicates the Maya Indians drank cocoa as early as 400 B.C. Christopher Columbus was the first European to taste cocoa as a drink.