

#### **INTRODUCTION**

CFT IS PLEASED TO PRESENT TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEAN DEALERS ASSOCIATION GLOBAL CONTAINER SHIPPING IN 2024.

AS EXPECTED EVERY YEAR BRINGS NEW UNEXPECTED SURPRISES AND DISRUPTIONS IMPACTING OUR ABILITY TO SHIP INTO CERTAIN EXPORT MARKETS

#### **UNEXPECTED EVENTS**

A) 2020 – 2023 – COVID PANDEMIC CAUSED MAJOR SHIPPING ISSUES IMPACTING BEAN GROWERS ABILITY TO DELIVER OVERSEAS ON TIME AND AT REASONABLE COSTS

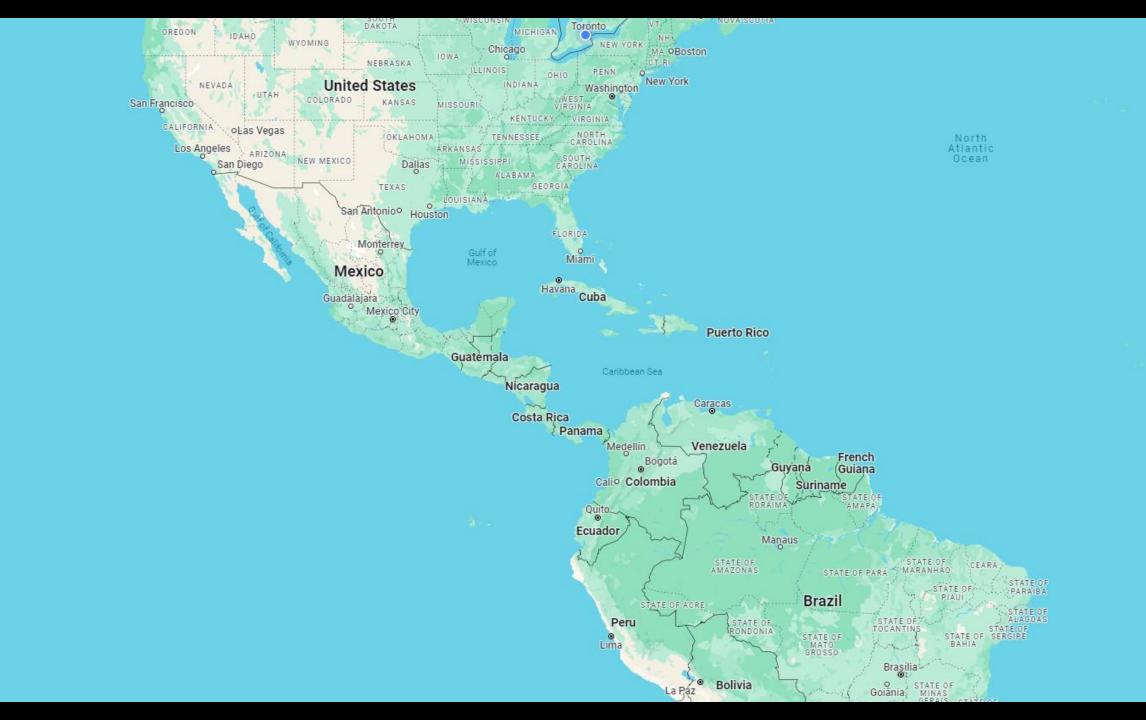
B) MID 2023 ONWARDS – COVID ENDED AND DELIVERIES AND PRICES BEGAN TO NORMALIZE BACK TO HISTORICAL LEVELS

C) MID 2023 PANAMA CANAL WATER LEVELS BEGAN TO DROP BY 20% CAUSING DELAYS AND INCREASED COSTS TO CARRIERS

D) NOV 2023 SUEZ CANAL (RED SEA ) – ROCKET ATTACKS ON OCEAN CARRIERS FORCED CARRIERS TO DIVERT VESSELS VIA S.AFRICA ADDING 10-14 DAYS INCREASING EXPORT FREIGHT COSTS OF \$1500/20' TO RED SEA PORTS , \$200/20' TO MIDEAST/ISC PORTS/ASIA PORTS











# <u>OUTLOOK – Q2 TO Q4 2024</u>

IN SUMMARY MOST CARRIERS HAVE ADJUSTED SCHEDULES TO ACCOMMODATE THESE FOLLOWING ISSUES

# A) PANAMA CANAL

– LESS BULK VESSELS TRANSITING THE CANAL HAS FREED UP SPACE FOR CONTAINER CARRIERS, SOME USING RAIL TO TRANSIT THE CANAL INSTEAD

- WATER LEVELS EXPECTED TO RISE AS EL NINO DROUGHT CONDITIONS SUBSIDE
- EXPECT EXTRA COSTS OF \$140/20' TO BE CANCELLED

#### B) SUEZ CANAL

- CARRIERS CONTINUE TO DIVERT CARGO AROUND S.AFRICA OR PAY HOUTI REBELS EXTRA FEES TO AVIOD ATTACK
- NAVAL DEFENCE HAS WEAKEND HOUTI S ABILITY TO ATTACK AND HAVE ANY FURTHER IMPACT
- EXPECT THIS ISSUE TO END BY SUMMER IF ISRAEL/GAZA CONFLICT GETS RESOLVED

# C) FREIGHT RATES

- IF THE USD CONTINUES TO REMAIN STRONG AND THE PANAMA AND SUEZ CANAL ISSUES GET RESOLVED GLOBAL OCEAN RATES SHOULD REMAIN STABLE

#### **FUTURE CONCERNS**

- IF THE RED SEA CONFLICT SPILLS OVER INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA IT WILL HAVE A MUCH BIGGER IMPACT ON GLOBAL FREIGHT RATES

- IF CHINA AGRESSIVELY EXPANDS INTO THE CHINA SEA/TAIWAN STRAIGHTS BLOCKING VESSEL PASSAGE THAT WOULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT TO GLOBAL FREIGHT RATES





