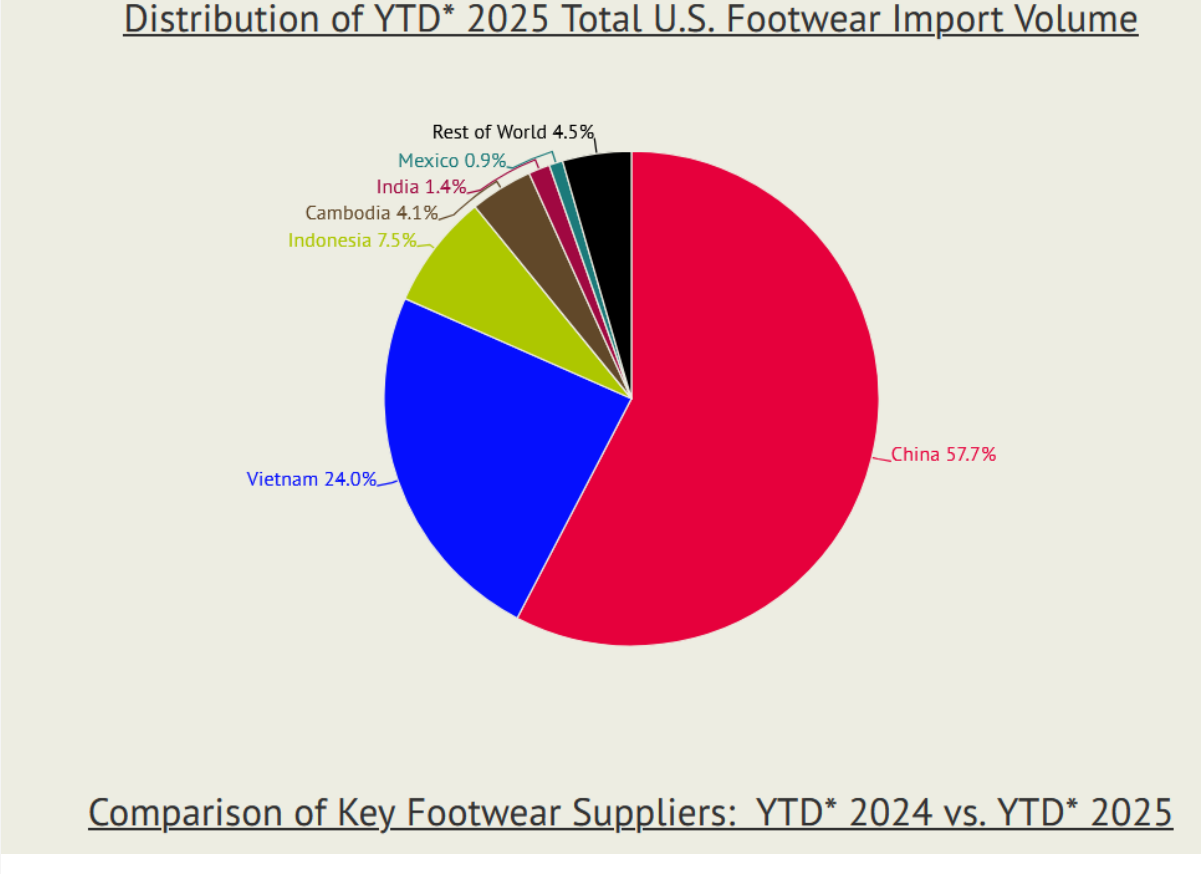


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US Total Footwear Import Report



Comparison of Key Footwear Suppliers: YTD* 2024 vs. YTD* 2025

Reflecting Shipments through March 2025

By the numbers: Both the *value* and *volume* of US footwear imports continued to rise year over year deeper into 2025, higher twelve of the last fourteen months for each metric.

At \$2.3 billion, the Customs value of shipments expanded 11.6% from March 2024, the tenth straight year-over-year advance. Climbing 5.1%, the volume of imports grew hardly half as quickly, also the tenth straight increase.

Why it matters: Surging duties paid--especially on imports from China--are *before* higher Trump tariffs took effect. This may be another sign of front-loading shipments with higher duties before the change in trade policy takes effect.

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U.S. Footwear Import Reports (by category)



Athletic Footwear: The value and volume of US athletic footwear imports rose impressively again in March, climbing 18.1% year over year in value terms and 18.9% in volume terms, higher for the fifteenth straight month for the latter.

Men's Footwear: The volume and value of men's footwear imports climbed again in March, stretching 8.6% year over year in volume terms and 14.4% in value terms, the ninth straight month of expansions for both.

Women's Footwear: The value and volume of women's footwear imports grew year over year in March, with the latter swinging higher for the ninth straight month.

Children's Footwear: The value and volume of US children's footwear imports diverged year over year in March, with the *value* of imports expanding 7.0% while the *volume* of these imports sank -4.0%, only the second divergence in a year.

Boots: US bootwear imports climbed again in March, expanding 11.0% year over year after declining for most of the last two years.

Leather Footwear: The value and volume of leather footwear imports stretched higher from a year earlier again in March, gaining 4.3% in value terms and 3.4% in volume terms, with both metrics higher six of the last seven months.

Sandals: The *volume* and *value* of sandal imports diverged year over year in March, up 2.0% in value terms but off -3.5% in volume terms, only the second divergence in nearly two and a half years.

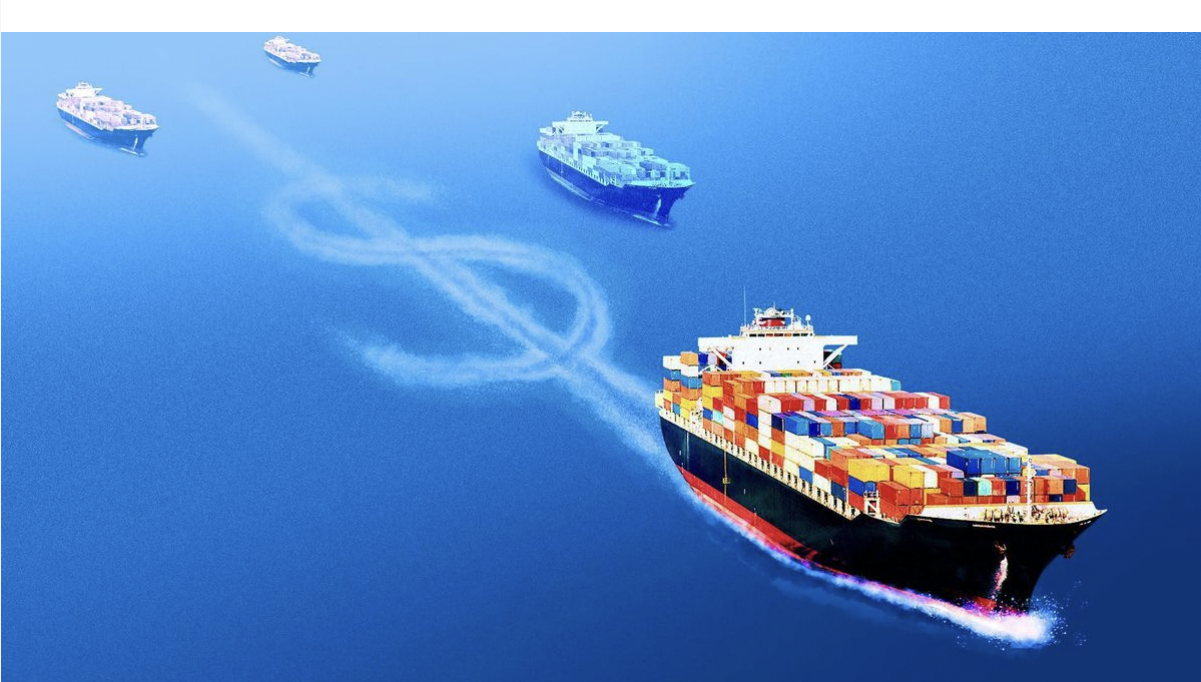
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Highlight Issue - Cattle prices: The strong bull market stamped in the cattle market rolls on, with nearby live cattle futures traded on the CME stretching to a record in May before recently giving back some of the gains.

Cotton/Textiles: Global cotton prices remain little changed over the last fourteen weeks, sandwiched between whipsaw developments in economic and trade policy and evolving growing conditions across the US cotton belt.

Ocean shipping costs: Transpacific shipping rates are little changed over the last two months near sixteen-month lows as the tariff war between the US and China enters a new chapter.

Oil: Despite turning flat over the last month, crude oil prices remain on track to gradually taper into 2026 as global market fundamentals loosen.

Rubber: The bulls took the upper hand in global rubber markets over the last month, helping prices recover.

Polyester Fiber & PET/Plastics: The recent reduction in reciprocal tariffs between the US and China is supporting prices across a range of synthetic fibers as the market gauges the long-term trade outlook between the two countries.

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