Refrigerated WAREHOUSING TRANSPORTATION DISTRIBUTION
Known for “Yes, We Can!” service, Hanson Logistics entered the 3PL market in 2004. Our commitment to providing customers with end-to-end service is backed by a broadened management team of top-flight logistics professionals and extensive transportation management services. Hanson Logistics now offers a unique balance in the temperature-controlled supply chain; the security of company-owned trucks, facilities and technology plus the flexibility of non-asset services when structuring supply chain solutions for a growing number of food processors, distributors and retailers.

Our business model emphasizes excellence through:

- Establishing strong relationships with hundreds of carriers and supply chain oriented solution providers
- Selecting individual “best-in-class” components from all associated companies to build the best supply chain logistics program for the customer
- Leveraging Hanson’s total volume to provide the best pricing and best value to the customer
- Starting at the beginning and following through to the end without missing a step
- Providing dedication and commitment that is unrivaled in the industry
- Making customer service excellence the standard

As a Hanson customer, you’ll benefit from our hands-on management at all facilities, assuring faster decision-making and higher day-to-day performance. Our technology delivers added value by allowing you to monitor and proactively manage supply chain activities across our warehousing, transportation and distribution services. You can rely on Hanson to structure refrigerated services to meet your dynamic needs for more value-driven logistics.
The Hanson Logistics network consists of nine customer-centric production warehouses and network-centric distribution facilities. Our production warehouses are designed for grower and processor blast freezing and storage support in adjacent agricultural areas. Our distribution centers, however, are high-throughput springboards to key markets throughout the US.

Our location east of Chicago sprawl translates to better transit times, while several of our distribution facilities share a proximity that offers our clients the benefit of overflow capacity in the event of unplanned storage needs.

Our Chicago Consolidation Center supports the growing demand for order mixing, freight consolidation and shared truckload delivery to retail and foodservice distribution centers. The four phase facility is constructed with a total of 48,000 pallet positions ranging from deep frozen (-20°F) to (0°F) frozen and (28- 42°F) cooler. Phases I, II, and III consist of 11,916,486 cu. ft. (277,685 sq. ft.) and 35,686 pallet positions. The facility is designed specifically for high-volume throughput, with a flexible racking design and layout enabling Hanson to meet a variety of customer requirements including case-pick consolidation and cross-docking of temperature-controlled food products. Transportation services include shuttle service, nationwide full-truckload service, rail, and the Hanson’s Velocities™ Multi-Vendor Consolidation program.
**Distribution:** Eliminate Costly LTL with MVC – Multi-Vendor Consolidation Program

Velocities™ MVC is a win/win cold supply chain fulfillment program. Food manufacturers share truckload savings when shipping smaller, higher frequency orders; retailers receive scheduled, consolidated truckload deliveries consistent with their continuous fulfillment strategies. Velocities™ MVC enables food manufacturers to realize substantial savings in fuel, labor, equipment, and overhead, and reduce their carbon footprint. Velocities™ MVC is the core service of the Hanson Chicago Consolidation Center, our 14,500,000 cu. ft. temperature-controlled facility is located just east of Chicago at the crossroads of I-80/94 and I-65.

How Does Velocities™ MVC Work?

Hanson builds your refrigerated or frozen orders from inbound and forward inventory at the Hanson Chicago Consolidation Center, then combines your shipments with those in the same temperature zone from other vendors to create a more efficient truckload for scheduled delivery to the same retailer. Value added services, such as mixing and specific pallet configurations are available. Velocities™ improves your fulfillment strategy and streamlines your cold supply chain process while reducing or eliminating higher cost LTL shipments.
Hanson Transportation Management Services provide cost-effective, service-oriented solutions for dry and refrigerated moves. Because we have the technology, people and fleet, we can tailor a transportation solution to your specific requirements. By utilizing both asset and non-asset transportation, we offer greater flexibility, faster response to your changing demands and improved efficiency across multiple lanes. Unlike brokers, we provide you with the important ‘safety net’ of a company-owned refrigerated fleet.

There are many financial arguments regarding outsourcing vs. in-house management, the fact is that most shippers are too busy responding to shipping demands and exceptions to truly ‘manage’ their transportation spend. Hanson Transportation Management focuses, day in and day out, on executing the best decisions based on service and cost.

Our logistics planners will work closely with you in developing the best transportation strategy:

- Nationally dedicated, LTL and truckload freight
- Scheduled LTL and consolidated moves
- Multi modal options
- Utilizing your dedicated or private fleet
- Gaining control over inbound
- Improving ratios through continuous moves and merge-in-transit
- Implementing freight consolidation scenarios
- Reducing the costs and administration associated with carrier sourcing, qualification, management and payment
- Benchmarking performance for continuous improvement
- ‘Safety net’ of a company-owned fleet
Specialized Distribution:
Store Door Delivery, Final Mile…Service with a Smile

Hanson Specialized Distribution offers the service and on-demand capacity benefits of a private fleet without the operational burden, liability and overhead. When structured to support your specific inbound and outbound needs, specialized distribution can also be a cost-effective alternative to contract carriage, assuring you of the capacity required for JIT and production flow, as well as high-velocity order fulfillment. Specialized distribution ranges from street level retail order fulfillment to inbound material control. We can develop and manage a program of dedicated trucks and uniformed delivery staff to deliver dry and refrigerated SKU’s, keeping your store shelves and coolers freshly stocked every day.

Benefits Of Specialized Distribution:
- High service levels at a fixed cost
- Scalable to meet seasonal market demands
- Utilize Hanson transportation management technology
- Reduce capital requirements and improve ROI
- Reduce manpower and management requirement
- Integrate with warehousing and order fulfillment for additional service/cost improvements
- Eliminate liability, regulations, and the training and safety issues associated with private fleet ownership
- Customized equipment for specific applications
Food Safety: Is Our First Order of Business

With a business dedicated to food logistics, Hanson Logistics has a proven track record in continuous improvement regarding food safety. We are committed to GFSI protocols, ASI Excellence and GFM practices in the handling, storage and delivery of food products.

Though food safety has always been priority, increasing regulation has made food safety a legal issue and the responsible falls squarely on the shoulders of manufacturers, retailers and their trading partners. The global movement to improve transparency in the food supply chain and quality standards assures traceability and accountability. Hanson Logistics is combining operational excellence, company-wide training and technological improvements that allow us to track every item received, held and released from our distribution centers. RFID and product sensors monitor temperature to ensure that food products are held at an optimal temperature. By also ensuring that our carriers are thoroughly qualified, and by using Infor SCE Supply Chain software, we are able to extend our transparency upstream and downstream. The Hanson company-owned refrigerated fleet is an additional ‘safety net’ not only for capacity but also for safety our integrated food supply chain.

In addition to our ongoing ASI Superior rated facilities and adherence to HACCP principles, Hanson Logistics is currently undergoing audit and certification process of the BRC Global Standard for Food. This standard is recognized as a GFSI (Global Food Safety Initiative) benchmarked food safety scheme and has been accepted by major retailers, including Walmart, throughout the world. Known as “schemes” by the GFSI, these methods receive recognition and approval as sound means for contributing to the safety of the global food supply chain. Hanson Logistics is ahead of the curve, proactively engaged in making foreseen improvements before they become law.

Hanson Logistics can show you how we can save you money while reducing your overhead. We can also help to reduce your carbon footprint, a process that is becoming increasingly important as logistics strives for sustainable, safe supply chains. When it comes to keeping your products safe, our reputation speaks for itself: Yes, We Can!
The Solution to Illinois Tax Hikes, Chicago Congestion?
Call Hanson Logistics.

You don’t need to be in Chicago to serve Chicago. And your distribution program doesn’t need to suffer the impact of crippling congestion and 30% tax increases. Just call Hanson; we’re close to Chicago but offer more certainty in rates and reliable route times.

The Hanson Chicago Consolidation Center is located on I-65 near Hobart, Indiana – where the business climate is good and the traffic bottlenecks can be avoided. Our best-of-class facility offers deep frozen and refrigerated storage, as well as Velocities™ Multi-Vendor Consolidation Program for pooled truckload deliveries into Chicago and across the country.

This strategic location keeps you outside of Illinois’ corporate tax hike and west Chicago congestion, yet still offers easy access to the Windy City plus all other outbound lanes. There is enough uncertainty in this world. When it comes to distribution, you don’t want any surprises, especially when it comes to time and money. Avoid the higher rates, headaches and hassle. Head east, head to Hanson.