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Diesel Prices Remain In Summer Holding Pattern by Matt Cole

"Diesel fuel prices have been in a holding pattern in recent months with prices staying between \$3.20 and \$3.25 per gallon nationally since mid-June..."

<https://www.ccjdigital.com/fuel-prices-remain-in-summer-holding-pattern/>

Spot Rates Recede Slightly, Still Hot In All Three Segments by James Jaillet

"Spot market rates eased slightly in July from their record highs in June, according to monthly rates data from Truckstop.com, but rates in all three major segments are still trending well above their per-mile averages year over year..."

<https://www.overdriveonline.com/spot-rates-recede-slightly-hot-in-three-segments/>

Despite Mild Declines, DAT's Numbers Point To A Very Healthy Trucking Spot Market by Jeff Berman

"Even with some sequential spot market rate declines in July, recent data issued Portland, Oregon-based DAT, a subsidiary of Roper Technologies, showed that they remain in line with the strong rate momentum that has been evident in 2018..."

https://www.logisticsmgmt.com/article/despite_mild_declines DATS_numbers_point_to_a_very_healthy_trucking_spot_ma/transportation

Strongest Trucking Market In History Has Legs, ATA's Bob Costello Says by Seth Clevenger

"The U.S. trucking industry is enjoying its best business environment since deregulation in 1980, and the good times will continue in the near term unless trade disputes hinder economic growth, American Trucking Associations Chief Economist Bob Costello said..."

<https://www.ttnews.com/articles/strongest-trucking-market-history-has-legs-atas-bob-costello-says>

Shipping Costs Surge, But Driver Pay Lags, Labor Data Shows by Matthew Boesler

"It's the talk of corporate America: Shipping costs are surging. Over the past year, an index of costs for shipping goods via longhaul truck transportation has jumped 11.6%, Labor Department producer price data showed Aug. 9. It has been a hot topic on conference calls this earnings season as companies find that increased demand for their products has led to the tightest freight services market since 2004..."

<https://www.ttnews.com/articles/shipping-costs-surge-driver-pay-lags-labor-data-shows>

Truck Orders Soared To A Monthly Record In July by Jennifer Smith and Paul Page

"Orders for heavy-duty trucks hit a record high last month, as carriers riding a white-hot freight market lined up for new big rigs during what is normally the slowest month for equipment purchases..."

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/trucking-companies-ordered-big-rigs-in-record-numbers-last-month-1533249556>



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Why The Trucking Shortage Is Costing You by Thomas Black and Eliza Haverstock

“A shortage of truck drivers that has been simmering in the U.S. for years has reached a full boil, causing anxiety from small factories to the Federal Reserve. Trucking companies have responded by raising wages and boosting their hauling fees. Their customers then have to choose between smaller profits or passing along the higher costs, which fuels inflation. Some producers have encountered a shortage of trucks, which can tap the brakes on economic growth. Don’t expect the problem to go away soon...”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-08-01/how-a-trucking-shortage-is-fueling-u-s-inflation-quicktake>

FMCSA Boss Martinez Talks Driver Shortage, Potential For Hours Reforms by James Jaillet

“Ray Martinez spoke with CCJ in a half-hour phone interview Tuesday, discussing topics ranging from carriers’ difficulties in hiring and retaining drivers, the potential for hours of service changes, the coming of autonomous vehicles, the industry’s transition to ELDs and the direction he’d like to see the FMCSA move under his watch...”

<https://www.ccdigital.com/fmcsa-boss-martinez-talks-driver-shortage-potential-for-hours-reforms-with-ccj/>

Trucking Industry Favors Teen Drivers Over No Drivers by Cyndia Zwahlen

“A renewed push is underway to put older teens behind the wheel of big rigs on interstate highways. The move comes amid fear of a driver shortage, and trucking industry representatives along with some politicians believe that changing federal safety rules by lowering the legal age for interstate truck drivers is a solution...”

<https://www.trucks.com/2018/07/19/trucking-industry-favors-teen-drivers/>

A British Truck Driver Who’s Worked In The U.S. For A Decade Says The Biggest Problem With Trucking In America Comes Down to How Drivers Are Paid by Rachel Premack

“... That’s because of a major flaw that Flynn and many others see in the American system of driving: Truckers are paid by the mile, not by the hour...”

<https://www.businessinsider.com/trucking-truck-driver-british-american-2018-8>

The Lagniappe: Jambalaya

With football fast approaching, and being from the South, I thought this would be a perfect time to pay homage to “Cajun” Jambalaya. It really is the best dish to cook if you are hosting a tailgate or having a party at the house. Jambalaya is also known to be a controversial dish depending on your location.

<https://forknplate.com/2015/05/13/jambalaya/>