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U.S. Bank Freight Payment Index Sees High Q3 Freight Shipments And Spend Levels, Shows Some Deceleration by US Bank

“The U.S. Bank Freight Payment Index – a tool designed to assess the current state of the freight industry in the U.S. – showed declines in the third quarter compared with the second quarter in 2018...”

https://www.usbank.com/newsroom/news/us-bank-freight-payment-index-sees-high-q3-freight-shipment-and-spend-levels-shows-some-deceleration.html?ecid=TW_SF_PR_sf200724043_sf200724043&sf200724043=1

Quarterly Transportation Market Update: Truckload – Full Speed Ahead For Profitability by John Schulz

“It’s the tightest truckload market in this century, maybe in a generation. And while there’s some debate as to whether demand has peaked for the year, there’s little doubt that the pendulum has firmly swung in favor of the carriers...”

<https://www.logisticsmgmt.com/article/quarterly-transportation-market-update-truckload-full-speed-ahead-for-profi/transportation>

October Trailer Orders Rocket To 55,250 by Transport Topics

“U.S. trailer orders reached the second-highest point ever in October, 55,250 units, on surging demand for dry van and reefer trailers, according to ACT Research Co...”

<https://www.ttnews.com/articles/october-trailer-orders-rocket-55250>

Cost Of Operating A Truck Up 6% To \$1.69 Per Mile, ATRI Report Says by Dan Ronan

“ATRI said with economic activity improving in 2017, the cost of running a truck jumped in all of the major line-item areas, including driver wages and benefits, fuel, vehicle leasing or purchase payments, permits, licenses and tolls, repair and maintenance, and insurance premiums...”

<https://www.ttnews.com/articles/cost-operating-truck-6-169-mile-atrri-report-says>

ATA Truck Tonnage Index Jumped 6.3% In October by Sean McNally

“American Trucking Associations’ advanced seasonally adjusted (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index jumped 6.3% in October to 119.9 from September’s mark of 112.8...”

<https://www.trucking.org/article/ATA-Truck-Tonnage-Index-Jumped-6.3%25-in-October>



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Slide In Spot Rates Is Not A Great Barometer Of the Freight Market: USX CEO Fuller by John Kingston

“The slide in spot rates over the last few months is more a function of a shift in driver and shipper behavior than the start of any sort of broader slide in the freight market, according to U.S. Xpress CEO Eric Fuller. Fuller’s comments echoed those he had made a few days earlier in the company’s third quarter earnings call, when he said these broader shifts were having an impact on rates but were not a sign of weakness in demand...”

<https://www.freightwaves.com/news/trucking/us-xpress-stephens-presentation>

Growing Shortage Of Drivers Remains Top Trucking Industry Concern by Alan Adler

“A shortage of drivers is the top trucking concern, overtaking how many hours truckers can drive in a day, according to an industry trade group. In its annual survey, the American Transportation Research Institution found that motor carriers and the industry in general are most concerned about a lack of qualified drivers to carry the nations freight...”

<https://www.trucks.com/2018/10/29/growing-shortage-drivers-top-trucking-industry-concern/>

Trucking Regulation Update: Winds of Change by John Schulz

“The three biggest regulatory hurdles currently facing trucking are the enforcement of ELDs, the further tweaking of driver hours of service (HOS), and the move to allow a pilot program of only 200 drivers under the age of 21 into interstate commerce – an age-group that has been locked out of driving the big rigs since the Motor Carrier Act of 1935...”

https://www.logisticsmgmt.com/article/trucking_regulation_update_winds_of_change/transportation

Industry Comments Lean Toward Adjusting HOS Rules, FMCSA’s Jim Mullen Notes by Eleanor Lamp

“Jim Mullen, chief counsel for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, indicated that the bulk of the more than 5,000 online comments the agency received regarding potential changes to hours of service rules supported tweaking the regulations to increase flexibility...”

<https://www.ttnews.com/articles/industry-comments-lean-toward-adjusting-hos-rules-fmcsas-jim-mullen-notes>

‘Bullish’ US Truck Market To Last Well Into 2019

“Shippers looking for a return to more balanced market conditions shouldn’t set their hopes very high – at least not until the second half of 2019, based on currently available market data and projections of US economic growth. Some believe today’s bullish conditions – for truckers, that is – will last longer...”

https://www.joc.com/trucking-logistics/%E2%80%98bullish%E2%80%99-us-truck-market-last-well-2019_20180911.html

The Lagniappe: To Dry Brine Or Wet Brine The Turkey?

The question is simple; do you prefer the dry brining method or the wet brining method on your turkey?

https://www.oregonlive.com/foodday/index.ssf/2010/11/a_tale_of_two_turkeys.html