

MULTIMODAL:

Dow Jones Transportation Index	Dow Jones Transportation index rose 1.3% during the month of August. <i>(Stock performance of twenty large, well-known U.S. companies in the transportation industry, average of July 10th thru August 10th)</i>
NASDAQ Transportation Index	NASDAQ Transportation Index increased 0.1% in August. <i>(Averaged share weights of NASDAQ-listed companies classified as transportation companies, average of July 10th thru August 10th)</i>
DOT Freight Transportation Index	The USDOT's freight transportation services index fell 0.2% in June 2013. The index's reading of 113.8 was up 1.8% from June 2012. (Source: US DOT)
Cass Freight Index	The July shipments index fell 2.3% over the previous month and fell 3.1% year-over-year. The July expenditures index rose 0.9% for the month, and increased 3.8% year-over-year. <i>(Source: Cass Information Systems Cassinfo.com) (Based upon transportation dollars and shipments of Cass clients comprised of over 400 shipping companies)</i>
Import Volumes	In June, the U.S. imported about \$225.4 billion of cargo. June U.S. imports fell 2.5% in terms of value from May, and fell 1% year-over-year. (Source: US Census)
Export Volumes	In June, the U.S. exported more than \$191.2 billion of cargo, the highest on record . June U.S. exports have increased 2.2% in terms of value over the previous month and rose 3.2% year-over-year. (Source: US Census)
Import & Export Price Index	U.S. import prices rose 0.2% in July. Import prices rose 1% over the past year. The price index for U.S. exports fell 0.1% in July. Export prices increased 0.4% year-over-year. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)
Multimodal News Clips:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automakers are reporting impressive gains in vehicle sales this summer. New vehicle sales surged in June to a pace of 16 million annualized units, the strongest monthly activity since 2007. The auto companies said that overall sales in the United States grew 14% during July to 1.3 million vehicles. All three American automakers experienced double-digit sales growth in July. GM, Ford, and Chrysler experienced increases of 16%, 11%, and 11% year-over-year, respectively. (Source: Autodata Corporation) Georgia was one of seventeen states to reach a record high in exported goods in the first six months of 2013. The state's \$18.5 billion in exported merchandise goods is a 4% increase over the same period in 2012. Total U.S. merchandise exports for the first six months totaled \$781 billion, up \$8 billion from the same period in 2012. (Source: U.S. Department of Commerce) General Motors has announced its intention to reduce material and logistics costs in North America by \$1 billion by 2016. The company is planning to reduce costs by bringing suppliers closer to assembly plants, extending rail lines directly to its facilities, and increasing the capabilities of existing manufacturing operations. Georgia gained 7,769 manufacturing jobs from May 2012 to May 2013 for 1.6% growth. Employment in transportation equipment manufacturing increased 6.2% in Georgia and is expected to keep rising. Atlanta is still the top city in Georgia for manufacturing employment with 58,124 industrial jobs, a 2.2% increase year-over-year. (Source: 2014 Georgia Manufacturer's Register, Manufacturers' News Inc.)

RAIL:

U.S. Freight Rail Traffic	Railroad bulk carload freight in July 2013 rose 0.4% from June 2013. Freight traffic in July fell 0.5% from July 2012. Carloads excluding coal and grain increased 3.5% over the previous year. <i>(Source: AAR.org) (Report includes rail car-loadings by 19 different major commodity categories as well as intermodal units)</i>
U.S. Intermodal Rail Traffic	Intermodal rail traffic in July 2013 was 2.5% higher than in July 2012 and 0.5% lower than June 2013 totals. Intermodal loadings have experienced year-over-year gains for 44 straight months . <i>(Source: AAR.org) (Report includes rail car-loadings by 19 different major commodity categories as well as intermodal units)</i>
Railroad Fuel Price Index	The index of average railroad fuel prices in May was 591.8, down 0.8% from the previous month and 0.6% higher year-over-year. (Source: AAR.org) <i>(Average monthly price for gallons purchased by freight railroads; Includes federal excise taxes, transportation, and handling expenses)</i>
Freight Cars in Storage	The number of freight cars in storage has increased to 308,658 (20.1 % of the fleet) on August 1, up 5,111 cars from a month earlier. (Source: AAR.org) <i>(A freight car is "in storage" if it has had a loaded revenue move since 2005, but not in the past 60 days. Decrease here = more demand)</i>
Class 1 Railroad Employment	Railroad employment in June 2013 increased by 220 employees to 164,469 employees. Total Class 1 rail employment in June was 0.8% higher than it was in June 2012. (Source: U.S. STB)

Short Line Rail Traffic

In July 2013, short line railroad shipments across North America **rose 7.6%** compared to the same month last year. A sampling of about 426 small railroads in the U.S. and Canada **loaded 703,156 railcars** and intermodal units during the month of July. (Source: RMI RailConnect Index | rmiindemand.com)

Railroad News Clips:

- In the 2Q, intermodal container and trailer movements **increased 2.4%** year-over-year, for a total of **3,885,581 shipments**. Domestic container shipments increased 9%, while international containers fell 1.3%, and trailer shipments fell 2.5%. (Source: IANA)
- CSX reported net income of **\$535 million** in the 2Q, **rising 4.5%** year-over-year. Revenue was nearly **\$3.1 billion** for the Class I Railroad.

TRUCKING:

Trucking Volume

The ATA's seasonally adjusted cargo index **rose 0.1%** in June after rising 2.1% in May. The for-hire truck tonnage index **rose 5.9%** year-over-year. (Source: American Trucking Association | Trucking.org)

Truckload Freight

The spot market for truckload freight in July **rose 3%** compared to the previous month, and was **20% higher** year-over-year. Truck capacity **rose 11%** for the month, and was **up 14%** year-over-year. (Source: DAT Trendlines | www.dat.com)

Diesel Prices

U.S. average diesel prices fell to **\$3.90 per gallon**, down **1¢** since last week. The U.S. average diesel price was **6.9¢ lower** than the same week last year. The average price of diesel in the lower Atlantic states was \$3.83 per gallon. (Source: U.S. DOE) *(Reflects the costs and profits of the entire production and distribution chain.)*

Trucking Employment

The trucking industry **gained 6,300 jobs** in July after posting a loss of 3,500 in June. The trucking workforce **increased 0.45%** over the previous month and **increased 2.3%** over the previous year. (Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Truck Orders

Orders for heavy-duty Class 8 trucks in North America are expected to total **17,307 units** in July 2013, the lowest level since September 2012. July orders were **7% lower** than the previous month, but **38% higher** year-over-year. (Source: FTR Associates | ftrassociates.com)

NAFTA Trade

Surface transport-related trade between the U.S. and its NAFTA partners, Canada and Mexico, **increased 1.8%** in May compared to the same month last year, totaling **\$98.6 billion**. (Source: US DOT)

Trucking News Clips:

- Swift Transportation, the nation's largest truckload carrier, reported a 2Q profit of **\$42.9 million**, a **27.4% increase** year-over-year. Following the company's earnings report Swift expanded its refrigerated freight business by acquiring Central Refrigerated Service. Swift Transportation paid **\$189 million** in cash and assumed \$36 million in capital lease obligations to acquire the \$453 million temperature-controlled carrier.
- Roadrunner Transportation Systems reported its net income was **\$14 million** in the 2Q, **jumping 37%** year-over-year. Quarterly revenue for Roadrunner increased **26.4%** to \$331.9 million. Revenue for the company's LTL division **increased 13%**, while revenue from the truckload segment **rose 45%**.

AIR FREIGHT:

Air Cargo Traffic

Global air freight traffic in June **increased 1.2%** from one year ago, and **rose 0.8%** from the previous month. North American air freight in June **fell 1.2%** year-over-year. (Source: IATA.org)
(Global air freight covers international and domestic scheduled air traffic. North American traffic includes only domestic freight traffic.)

Atlanta Air Cargo Traffic

In May, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport transported **51,845 metric tons** of cargo, a **3% increase** from the previous month and a **7% decrease** year-over-year. (Source: HJIA)

Air Freight Price Index

In June, the index of East-West air cargo rates **fell 2.7 points** from the previous month. The average price of air cargo leaving the United States in June stood at **\$3.06 per kilogram**. (Source: Drewry) *(The Drewry East-West Air Freight Price Index is based on the average of rates (\$US per kg) for air freight services on 21 major East-West routes.)*

Jet Fuel Prices

As of August 9, 2013, the global average jet fuel price was \$123.80 per barrel; **up 1%** from the previous month, and **6.1% lower** year-over-year. (Source: IATA.org, platts.com)
(The weekly index and price data shows the global average price paid at the refinery for aviation jet fuel)

Air Freight News Clips:

- Delta Cargo, the air freight division of Delta Air Lines has launched its **vehicle shipping service**, Variation Wheels, from Los Angeles International Airport. The service allows customers to transport a wide range of vehicles throughout the Delta system. Delta Cargo launched the service in September 2011. In addition to LAX, Variation Wheels operations are approved at **five U.S. airports** and **fifteen international airports**. To date, the program has seen more than **300% revenue growth** year-over-year.
- The Department of Justice has filed a lawsuit to **block the \$11 billion merger** of American Airlines and US Airways, which would create the world's largest airline. Since the announcement, shares of both companies plunged and company executives have vowed to challenge the lawsuit.

OCEAN FREIGHT:

Import Volumes

Import shipment volume at U.S. ports totaled **1.69 million TEUs** in July, the **highest monthly volume since July 2007**. U.S. vessel imports **increased 13%** in July from the previous month and **rose 2%** year-over-year. (Source: Zepol Corporation | zepol.com)

Shanghai Containerized Freight Index

The August 9th SCFI comprehensive reading was **\$1,141 per FEU**; **down 16.7%** year-over-year. The spot rate for shipments to the U.S. East Coast was **\$3,446 per FEU**, **down 13.6%** from the previous year. (Source: Shanghai Shipping Exchange | www1.chineseshipping.com.cn/en)
(The Shanghai Containerized Freight Index is a weekly reported average export spot rate from Shanghai for 15 different trade lanes.)

Ocean Bulk Freight Rates

The Baltic Dry Index **fell 9.9%** in July, ending at **1,062**. The BDI has **decreased 5.7%** during the first half of August. (Source: www.bloomberg.com/quote/BDIY:IND)
(The Baltic Dry Index is an index that tracks and averages worldwide international shipping prices of various dry bulk cargoes.)

TSA Bunker Surcharges

Between July 1 and September 30, 2013, the bunker fuel surcharge will total **\$527 per FEU** for shipments to the West coast ocean ports and **\$980 per FEU** for shipments to the East coast and Gulf ports. (Source: Transpacific Stabilization Agreement) *(The Transpacific Stabilization Agreement is a research and discussion forum of major ocean container shipping lines that carry cargo from Asia to ports in the U.S.)*

Port of Savannah

In the year ending June 30, the GPA moved a **record-setting 27.23 million tons** of cargo across all terminals, for a **2.4% increase** over FY2012. It was the GPA's **second-busiest year** for container throughput, shipping more than **2.94 million TEUs**. Of the total container volume, a record number, **314,623 containers**, were moved by rail. (Source: GPA)

Port of Brunswick

For the second year in a row, the GPA achieved a record total for auto and machinery units with an **11.7% improvement** in FY2013, moving 636,942 units. Bulk cargo was **up by 61.8%** to reach 2.5 million tons. (Source: GPA)

Ocean Freight Business News:

- Import volume through major U.S. container ports is expected to **increase 1.7%** in August. In June, the latest month for which numbers are available, U.S. container ports handled 1.36 million TEUs, a **1.8% decrease** over the same month last year. Total U.S. containerized imports are expected to **increase 2.4%** in 2013. (Source: NRF/Hackett Associates)
- The Georgia Ports Authority is expecting a **record-breaking year** for the export of wheat. Farmland dedicated to wheat production in Georgia grew from 230,000 acres in 2012 to **350,000 acres** in 2013. Statewide production saw a **70.8% increase**, growing to **19.25 million bushels** this year. Ahead of the port's first export shipment, the Brunswick port's facility had about **60,000 tons** of wheat in storage; and it is expecting to receive and ship an **additional 40,000 tons**. (Source: GPA, U.S. Department of Agriculture)
- All of the top 20 ocean carriers posted a **rise in TEU volume** from June to July 2013. Maersk Line, the top carrier in the U.S., rose from June by **nearly 19%** and MSC was not far behind with a **17% increase**. APL Company also increased in U.S. imports by **13%** and Evergreen Line increased in TEUs by **4.5%**. (Source: Zepol Corporation | zepol.com)
- Gulf States Cold Storage has opened a **100,000 square-foot cold storage facility** serving the Port of Savannah. The site is capable of blast freezing up to **four million pounds** of cargo per week. The new facility currently employs **25 people** and plans to add an additional 20 employees. Gulf States already has plans for a dock extension and the addition of **85,000 square feet** of frozen storage.
- CMA CGM is expanding its order to **nine new 16,000 TEU container ships**. The first three ships have been delivered to the French carrier. The carrier, the world's third-largest container line as measured by capacity, has also ordered another 10 ships in a series of **9,000 TEU vessels** in China.

WAREHOUSING & DISTRIBUTION:

Industrial Vacancy	The U.S. average industrial vacancy rate was 8.5% during Q2 2013, down from 8.6% in the previous quarter. Overall vacancy was 12.5% in Atlanta and 9.4% in the South during the second quarter. (Source: Cassidy Turley)
Warehouse Rent Rates	In Q2 2013, warehouse and distribution rental rates in the US averaged \$5.05 per square foot . Rental rates for warehouse space averaged \$3.49/square foot in Atlanta and \$4.57/square foot in the South. (Source: Cassidy Turley)
Industrial Absorption	Net absorption in the US during Q2 2013 totaled more than +26.67 million square feet . Atlanta's overall absorption during the 2Q was the second-highest in the U.S. with nearly +3 million square feet . Absorption totaled more than +10.9 million square feet in the South. (Source: Cassidy Turley) <i>(Absorption is the net change in occupied space between two points in time. Positive absorption means that previously unoccupied space is being occupied.)</i>
Purchasing Managers Index	The National PMI rose 4.5 points to 55.4 in July 2013. New orders rose 6.4 points to 58.3 and production increased 11.6 points to 65.0. (Source: Institute for Supply Management) <i>(The PMI combines data on new orders, inventory, production, supplier deliveries, and employment. A reading above 50 indicates that the manufacturing economy is generally expanding.)</i>
Purchasing Managers Index in Georgia	Georgia's PMI fell 2.6 point to 49.5 in July. New orders in Georgia fell 15 points to 45.5 and production fell 10.8 points to 45.5. Georgia's PMI has fallen below the national index for the first time this year, and is now 5.9 points below the national PMI. (Source: Kennesaw State University) <i>(The PMI combines data on new orders, inventory, production, supplier deliveries, and employment. A reading above 50 indicates that the manufacturing economy is generally expanding.)</i>
W&D Business News:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toyo Tire plans to expand its Bartow County, Georgia facility by 475,000 square feet, adding up to 470 new jobs over the next few years. The expansion represents a \$210 million investment. The company's Georgia operation includes a manufacturing facility and warehouse that serves its customers throughout the U.S. Toyo Tire's employment in Georgia could grow to 1,340 workers by 2020.

U.S. MARKET:

Gross Domestic Product	The U.S. GDP increased 1.7% in the second quarter of 2013 according to the first preliminary estimate released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. (Source: US BEA)
U.S. Trade Deficit	The U.S. trade deficit decreased by 22.4% in June to \$34.2 billion, the lowest since October 2009. Exports rose 2.2% to \$191.2 billion and imports fell 2.5% to \$225.4 billion. (Source: US DOC & Census Bureau)
Consumer Confidence	The Consumer Confidence Index decreased to 80.3 in July 2013, its first decline since March 2013. (Source: The Conference Board) <i>(The consumer confidence index is based on a monthly survey of 5,000 U.S. household. It is designed to gauge the financial health, spending power, and confidence of the average U.S. consumer.)</i>
Unemployment Rate	The unemployment rate in America decreased to 7.4% in July 2013 as there were 162,000 net new jobs . July's unemployment rate was the lowest since December 2008 . (Source: US DOL)
Leading Economic Index	The Leading Economic Index for the U.S. remained the same in June at 95.2 (2004=100), following a 0.2% increase in May and a 0.8% increase in April. (Source: Conference Board) <i>(The LEI is a composite of 10 economic indicators that together create an analytic system designed to signal peaks and troughs in the business cycle. The LEI reveals patterns in economic data in a clearer and more convincing manner than any individual component alone.)</i>
Retail Sales	Retail and food service sales rose in July to \$424.5 billion, up 0.2% from the previous month, and up 5.4% above July 2012. Non-store retailer sales were up 8.8% from last year. (Source: US Census)
Manufacturing & Trade Sales	Total combined sales and manufacturing shipments totaled nearly \$1.29 Trillion in June 2013, up 0.2% from May and up 4.9% from the previous year. (Source: US Census)
Manufacturing & Trade Inventory	Total value of inventory on hand is estimated at \$1.66 Trillion in June 2013, virtually unchanged from May and up 3.5% from June 2012. (Source: US Census)
Housing Starts	In June, housing starts fell 9.9% to an annual rate of 836,000 units. Building permits (an indicator of future housing starts) fell 7.5% to an annual rate of 911,000. Year-over-year, housing starts and building permits in June have increased 10.4% and 16.1% , respectively. (Source: U.S. DOC)
Consumer & Producer Price Index	The consumer price index for all urban consumers increased 0.2% in July from the previous month. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 2.0% . The producer price index for finished goods was unchanged in July from the previous month. Prices for finished goods rose 2.1% over the previous year. (Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics)



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