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JULY LOGISTICS 2016 MARKET SNAPSHOT

MULTIMODAL:

Dow Jones Transportation Index	Dow Jones Transportation index decreased 3.7% during the month of June 2016. (Stock performance of twenty large, well-known U.S. companies in the transportation industry, average of June 1 st thru June 30 th)
NASDAQ Transportation Index	NASDAQ Transportation Index decreased 4.4% in June 2016. (Averaged share weights of NASDAQ-listed companies classified as transportation companies, average of June 1 st thru June 30 th)
DOT Freight Transportation Index	The USDOT's freight transportation services index increased 0.2% in May. The index's reading of 121.8 was 28.6% above the April 2009 low during the most recent recession, and was 1.5% below the all-time high level of 123.6 in December 2014. (Source: US DOT)
Cass Freight Index	The June shipments index increased 1.7% from the previous month to 1.11 and decreased 4.3% year-over-year. The June expenditures index increased 3.9% for the month to 2.37, and decreased 8.8% year-over-year. (Source: Cass Information Systems CassInfo.com) (Based upon transportation dollars and shipments of Cass clients comprised of over 400 shipping companies)
Import Volumes	In May, the U.S. imported \$182.1 billion of cargo, increasing 1.9% from April. The May imports of services (\$41.4 billion) were the highest on record . (Source: US Census)
Export Volumes	In May, the U.S. exported \$119.8 billion of cargo, decreasing 0.2% from April. (Source: US Census)
Import & Export Price Index	U.S. import prices increased 0.2% in June. The increase was driven by higher fuel prices, which more than offset a decline in nonfuel prices. U.S. export prices increased 0.8% in June. Both agricultural and nonagricultural export prices contributed to the June advance. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)
Shippers Conditions Index	The Shippers Conditions Index was 1.5 in April, up from 0.4 in March and the highest sustained level since 2011 . (Source: FTR Transportation Intelligence ftrintel.com) (Figures below zero indicate a less-than-ideal environment for shippers)
E-Commerce	E-Commerce revenue was up 7% in June compared to June 2015. Mobile shopping (phones and tablets) accounted for 30% of online shopping, up from 27% in June 2015. (Source: Custora E-Commerce Pulse)
Multimodal News Clips:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. light vehicle sales were a seasonally adjusted and annualized 16.6 million in June 2016, down 4.5% from May and up 2.4% from June 2015. (Source: AAR) • The Intermodal Association of North America (IANA) has launched its own online portal to boost efficiency in the drayage sector, connecting drivers looking to return a container or chassis with those looking to pick one up. It's just one example of a growing number of new applications aimed at cutting down on the number of empty and unproductive miles driven by port drivers in the U.S. every day. (Source: IOC)

RAIL:

U.S. Freight Rail Traffic	Originations of carloads in June 2016 totaled 1,245,025, a decrease of 7.0% from June 2015 and the 17th straight year-over-year monthly decline . Weekly average total carloads in June 2016 were 249,005, the lowest weekly average for June since 1988 , when AAR's data began. (Source: AAR.org) (Report includes rail carloadings by 29 different major commodity categories as well as intermodal units)
U.S. Intermodal Rail Traffic	Intermodal rail traffic totaled 1,295,240 units in June 2016, a decrease of 5.6% from June 2015. This is the fourth straight year-over-year percentage decline for intermodal and the seventh in the past eight months. (Source: AAR.org) (Report includes rail carloadings by 29 different major commodity categories as well as intermodal units)
Intermodal Competitive Index	The Intermodal Competitive Index fell to a level of 3.5 in May. The May reading reflects that the domestic intermodal sector is still experiencing somewhat difficult competitive conditions, but that the overall situation remains mildly favorable from an intermodal standpoint. (Source: FTR Transportation Intelligence ftrintel.com) (Index includes factors like relative rates vs. truck, industry capacity vs. demand, fuel prices, and intermodal service levels. Figures above 0 indicate favorable conditions for intermodal to compete with truck)
Railroad Fuel Price Index	The index of average railroad fuel prices in May was 290.6, up 14.0% from the previous month and 28.0% lower year-over-year. (Source: AAR.org) (Average monthly price for gallons purchased by freight railroads; includes federal excise taxes, transportation, and handling expenses)
Class 1 Railroad Employment	Railroad employment in May decreased 0.27% from the previous month, to 152,726 employees total. Since April 2015, Class 1 rail employment has fallen each month. (Source: U.S. STB)
Short Line Rail Traffic	In June 2016, short line railroad shipments across North America decreased 6.8% compared to the same month last year. A sampling of about 431 small railroads in the U.S. and Canada loaded 632,075 railcars and intermodal units during the month of June. (Source: RailConnect Index GET Transportation)



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