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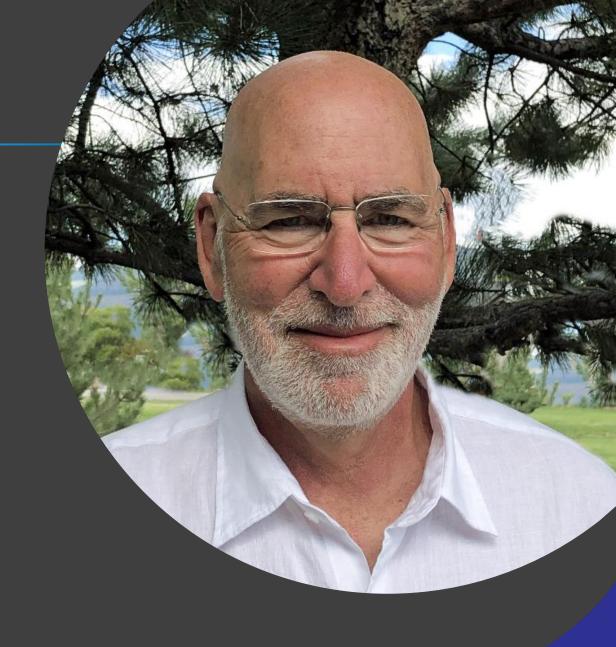


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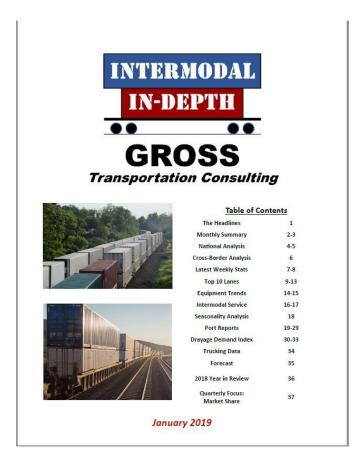
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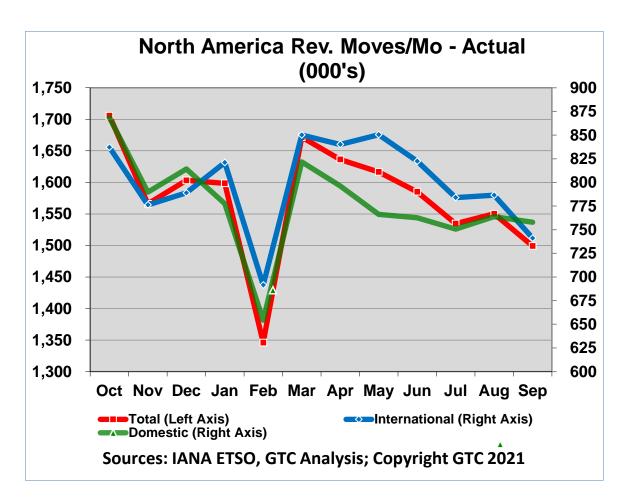
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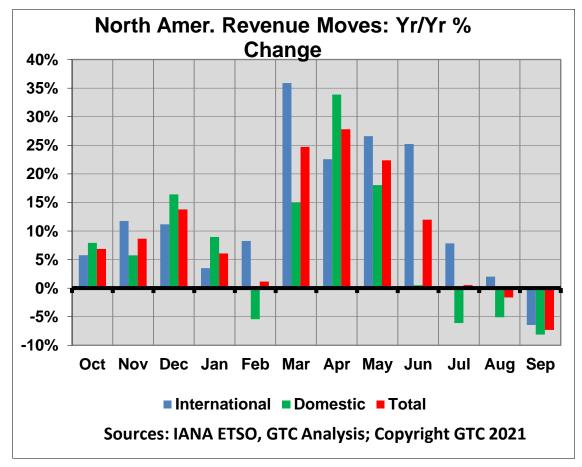


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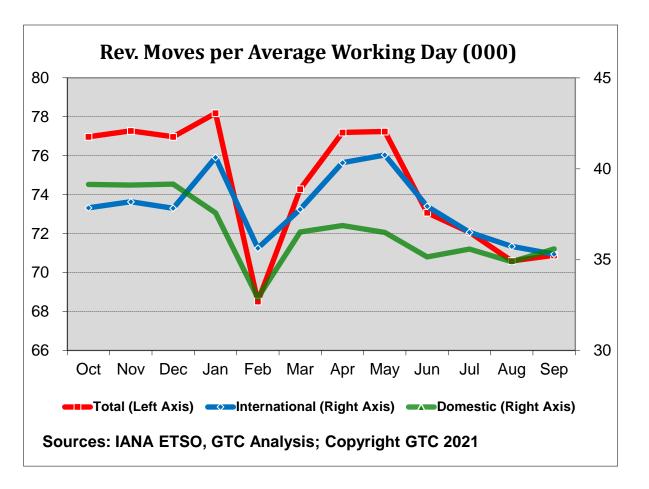
DESPITE UNRELENTING DEMAND, INDUSTRY VOLUME CONTINUES TO FALL







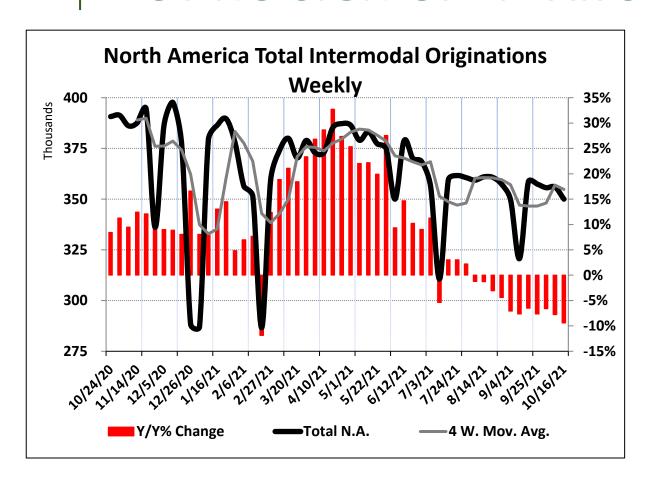
IPI REVENUE MOVES PER DAY FALLING DOMESTIC HAS STABILIZED

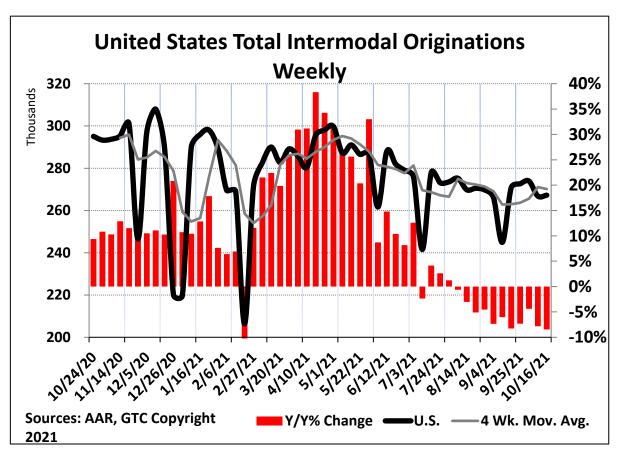


September 2021	M/M	Y/Y	M/M Workday
International	-5.8%	-6.4%	-1.2%
Short Trailer	0.0%	-19.6%	+2.8%
53' Trailer	-5.7%	-13.6%	-3.0%
Total Trailer	-4.2%	-15.3%	-1.5%
Private Domestic Container	-0.2%	-4.5%	+2.6%
Rail Domestic Container	-0.4%	-13.0%	+2.4%
Total Domestic Container	-0.3%	-7.0%	+2.6%
Domestic	-0.8%	-8.1%	+2.0%
Grand Total	-3.3%	-7-3%	+0.4%



LATEST AAR DATA SHOWS VOLUME STEADYING BUT NO SIGN OF "PEAK SEASON"

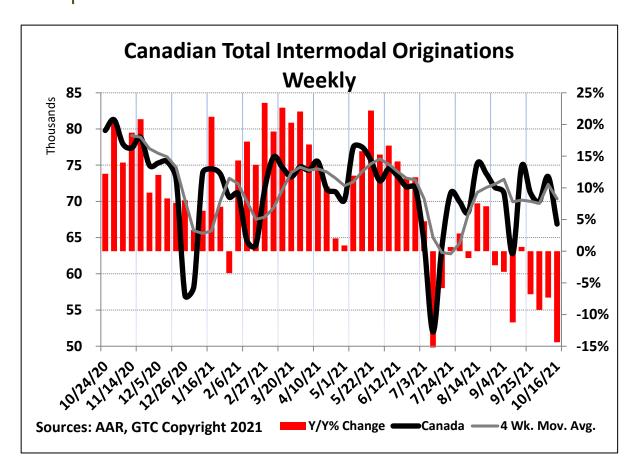


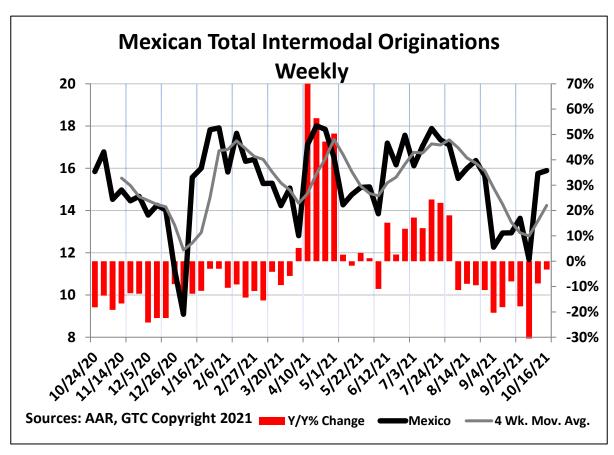


Source: AAR, GTC Analysis



LATEST AAR DATA FOR CANADA AND MEXICO

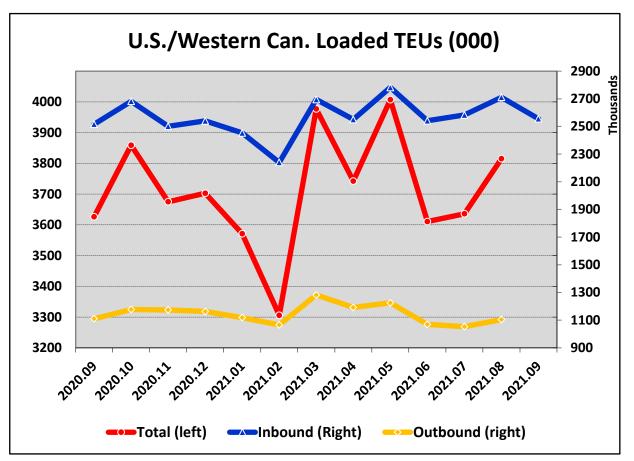


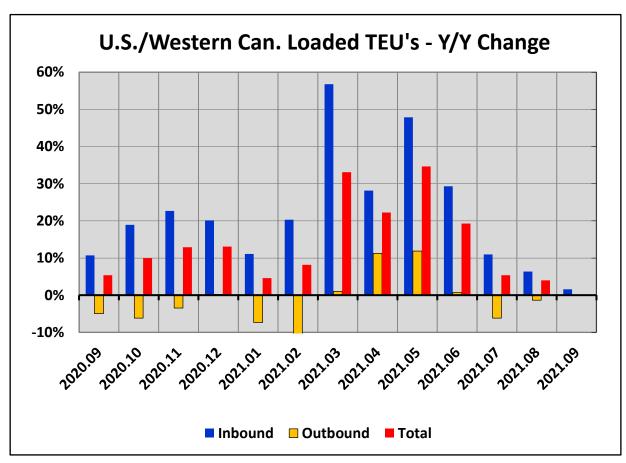


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INBOUND TEUS ARE RELATIVELY STABLE BUT VESSEL BACKLOGS CONTINUE TO GROW

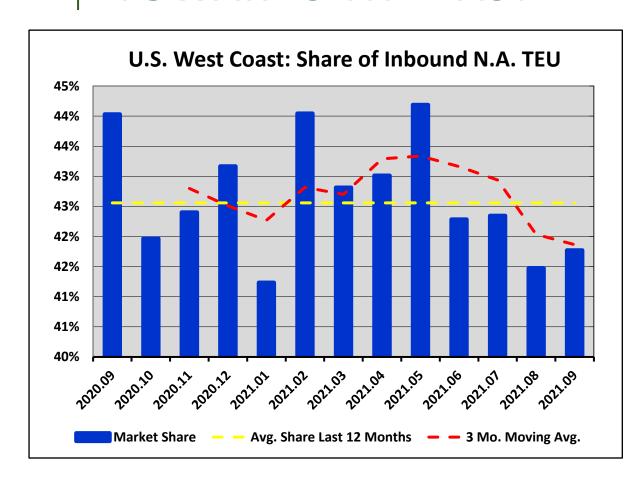


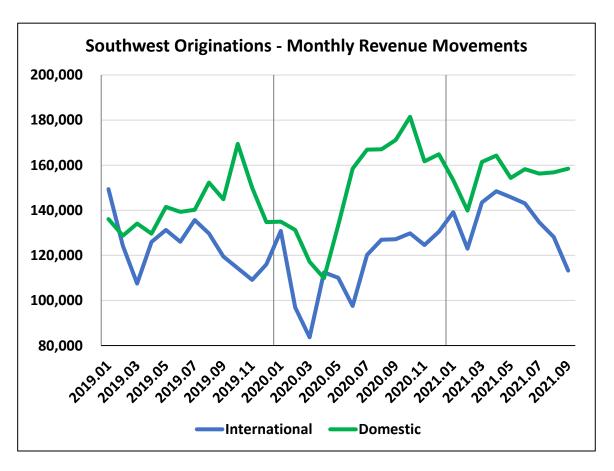


Source: Port Reports, IHS PIERS, GTC Analysis



THE TIDE OF IMPORTS HAS SHIFTED BACK TOWARDS THE EAST



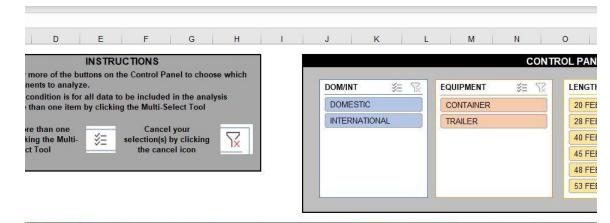


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IANA INTERMODAL VOLUME ANALYZER





2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019
MAY	APR Y/Y Change	APR	Q1 Y/Y Change	Q1 to Date	MAR Y/Y Change	MAR	FEB Y/Y Change	FEB	JAN Y/Y Change	JAN	YTD Y/Y Change
35,261	-13.5%	31,997	-7.4%	103,419	-9.0%	36,041	-11.2%	32,572	-1.6%	34,806	-13.3%
33,727	-6.4%	29,920	0.0%	97,467	-7.8%	32,073	3.9%	32,649	4.6%	32,745	-3.8%
396	-26.3%	334	-30.1%	944	-27.1%	344	-42.2%	262	-20.5%	338	-14.8%
166	33.6%	159	8.8%	335	5.2%	122	29.0%	129	-8.7%	84	9.2%
7,465	-6.7%	6,994	2.4%	21,528	-7.0%	7,246	9.7%	6,850	6.3%	7,432	-8.1%
2,168	30.1%	2,210	-0.8%	5,870	12.7%	2,202	17.2%	2,004	-26.2%	1,664	16.1%
2,436	9.5%	2,129	30.9%	6,794	-5.6%	1,960	62.4%	2,306	49.2%	2,528	28.2%
6,131	-0.6%	5,766	1.8%	19,685	3.1%	6,307	4.8%	5,946	-1.5%	7,432	-8.9%
142,989	0.5%	129,370	1.0%	407,385	-7.0%	123,997	-2.0%	127,857	11.4%	155,531	-6.1%
619	-45.9%	444	-25.8%	1,642	-22.0%	502	-35.0%	506	-19.8%	634	-33.3%
2,937	5.9%	2,706	-6.6%	6,619	-11.6%	2,335	2.2%	2,153	-9.0%	2,131	-1.2%
60,791	-7.4%	59,615	-1.4%	181,306	-4.0%	64,190	-0.8%	56,457	0.9%	60,659	-5.6%
1,136	-15.1%	1,126	0.6%	4,297	-13.7%	1,162	-5.2%	1,375	19.4%	1,760	-16.3%
3,423	-3.9%	2,819	8.7%	9,346	-8.7%	2,996	8.0%	3,003	32.1%	3,347	-17.7%
12,429	-15.1%	11,752	-9.5%	37,290	-10.8%	12,812	-11.5%	11,865	-5.9%	12,613	-13.4%
74,819	-4.2%	68,912	-3.2%	224,165	-8.0%	72,599	-3.3%	71,811	1.8%	79,755	-2.3%
11,559	-10.6%	10,121	-5.3%	34,619	-16.1%	10,491	-10.4%	10,761	11.0%	13,367	-0.7%
1,275	-1.8%	1,256	-7.8%	3,967	-17.7%	1,288	-11.3%	1,399	10.2%	1,280	8.8%
76	-15.3%	61	-21.8%	208	23.9%	88	-24.4%	59	-47.9%	61	-8.4%
9	-18.6%	35	-57.1%	75	-28.2%	28	-56.3%	14	-68.3%	33	-33.5%
18	187.5%	23	-65.8%	26	-96.2%	2	-66.7%	4	81.8%	20	-38.9%
1,564,784	0.2%	1,506,210	-1.5%	4,477,716	-3.7%	1,520,978	-3.5%	1,406,639	2.6%	1,550,099	4.1%
1,632,461		1,502,568		4,547,247		1,579,389		1,457,483		1,510,375	

SOMETHING ODD HAPPENED TO IPI FLOWS IN SEPTEMBER

IPI REVENUE MOVES TO/FROM SOUTHWEST REGION

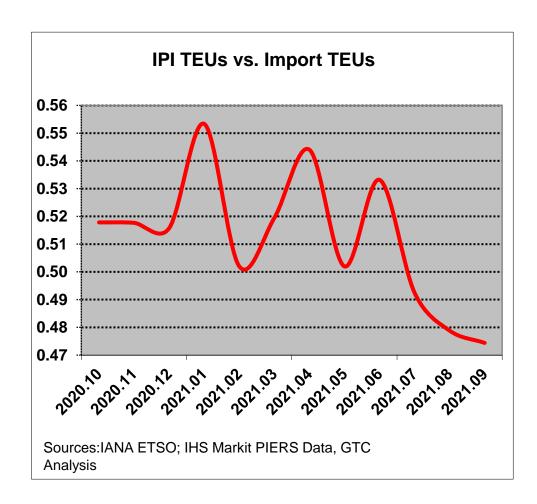
		JUL	AUG	SEP	Q3 To Date
Midwest	East	65,191	66,602	59,614	191,407
	West	62,925	61,349	61,961	186,235
South Central	East	46,222	38,949	35,485	120,656
	West	40,384	36,872	31,737	108,993
Southeast	East	15,603	14,206	11,621	41,430
	West	13,478	13,192	12,680	39,350
Northeast	Eastbound	866	511	629	2,006
	Westbound	923	960	1,252	3,135
TOTAL	Eastbound	127,882	120,268	107,349	355,499
	Westbound	117,710	112,373	107,630	337,713

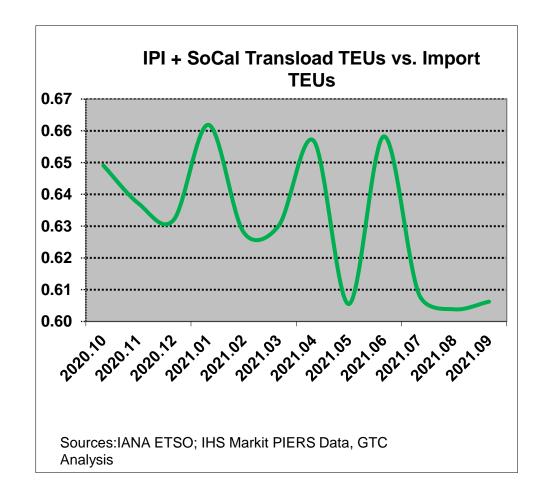


Source: IANA Intermodal Volume Analyzer



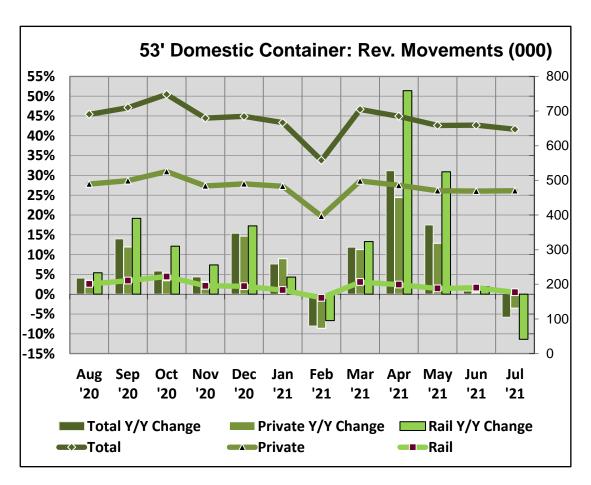
INTERMODAL PARTICIPATION IN IMPORT FLOWS HAS DECLINED

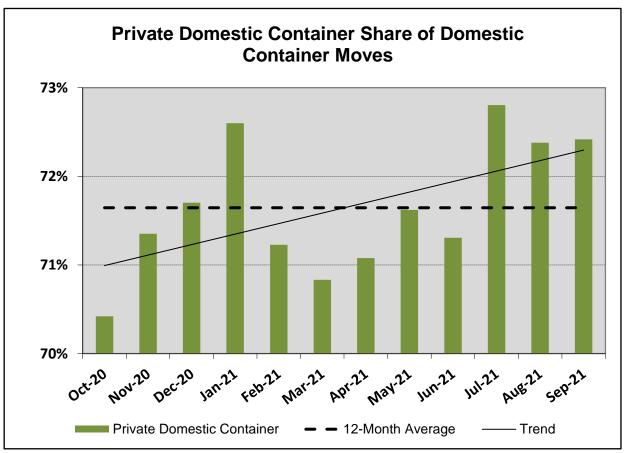






LOWER EQUIPMENT VELOCITY IS CHEWING UP DOMESTIC CONTAINER CAPACITY

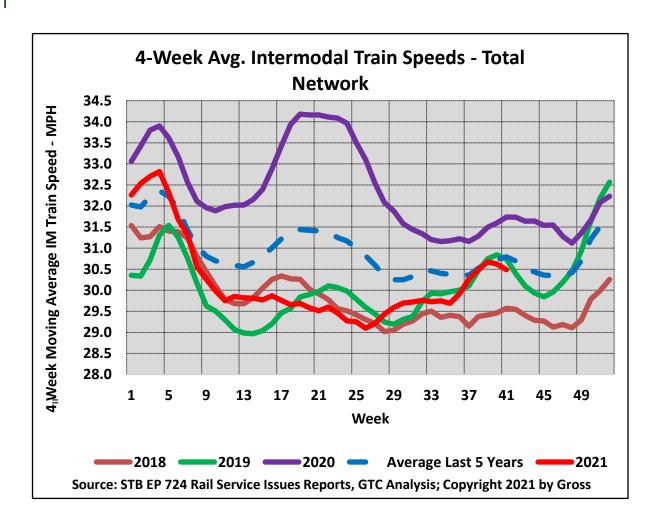




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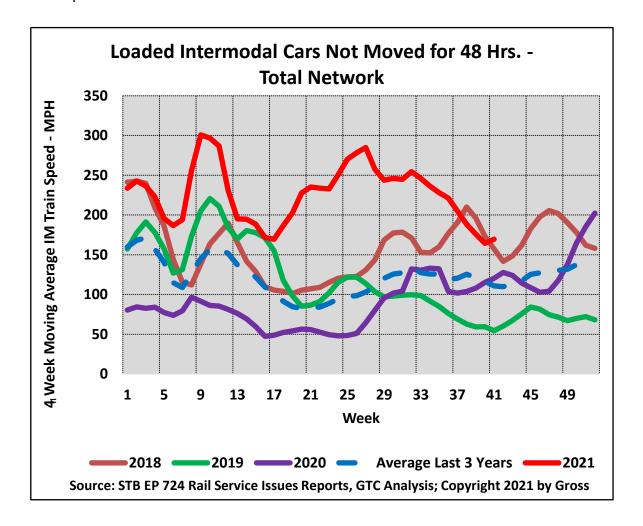
AVERAGE INTERMODAL TRAIN SPEEDS HAVE SEEN SOME IMPROVEMENT OF LATE

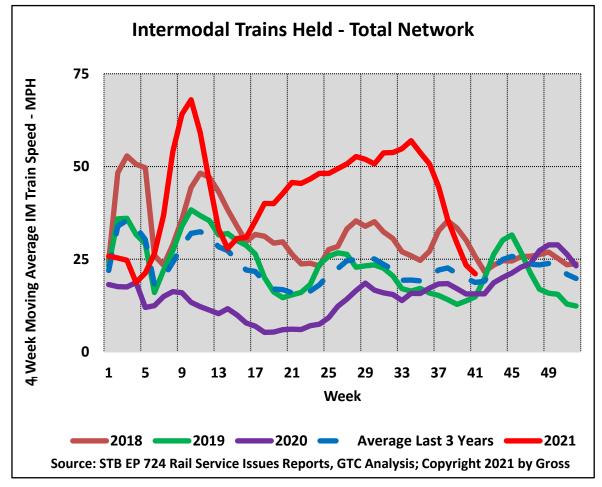


- Average speed October:30.5 mph
- 1.0%/0.3 mph slower than 5-year average
- 3.9%/1.2 mph worse than prior year
- All railroads showing improvement with exception of NS



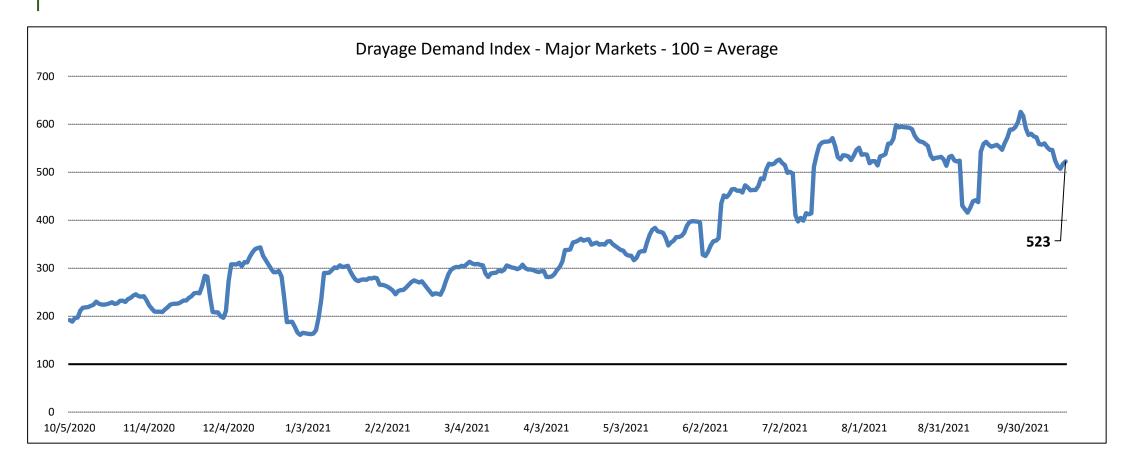
OTHER STB STATISTICS ARE ALSO SHOWING IMPROVEMENT







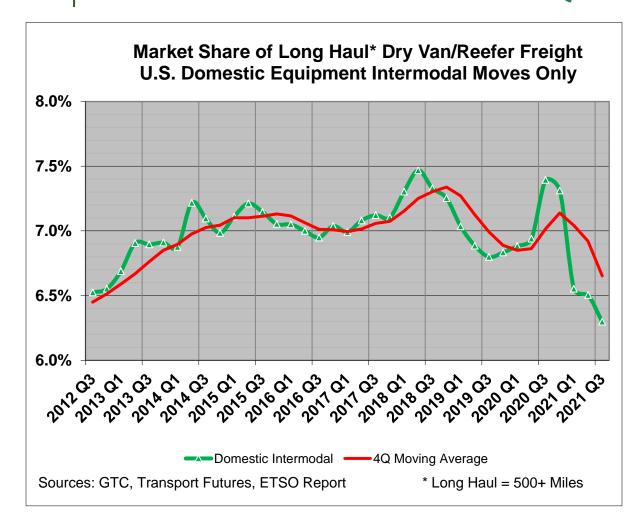
DRAYAGE IS STILL IN NOSEBLEED TERRITORY WITH COASTAL REGIONS FARING WORSE THAN INLAND

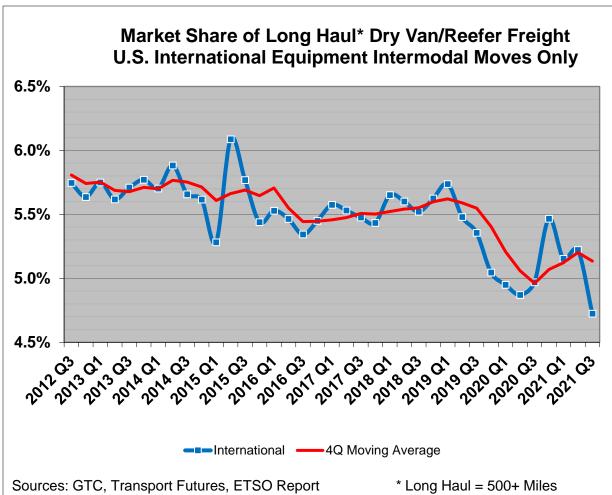


Source: Drayage.com, GTC Analysis



TOTAL INTERMODAL SHARE IS AT 11.0% LOWEST SINCE 2009 Q4

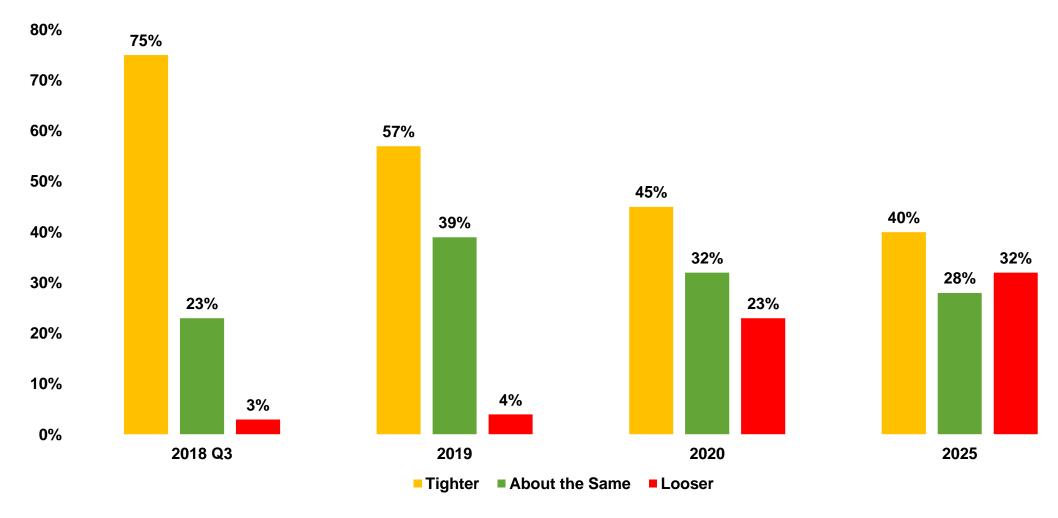








REMINDER: THIS WON'T LAST FOREVER 2018-06 SURVEY: TRUCKING CAPACITY FORECAST





LOOKING FORWARD NEAR TERM

- Without substantial improvement in throughput (unlikely) volume will fall substantially behind prior year as the peak season progresses.
- We will have a 2021 plateau rather than a peak.
- Recovery not likely until volume begins to subside in Q1 2022.
- Rate environment will continue to be very strong.

LOOKING FORWARD NEXT YEAR

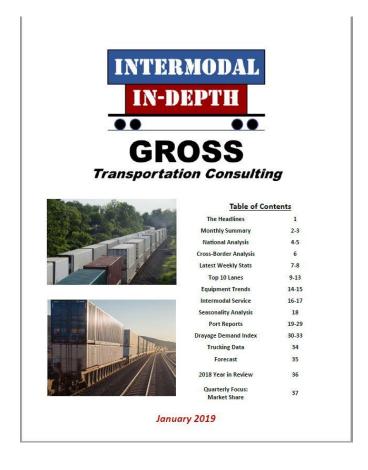
- The current seemingly endless surge will end.
- Once network fluidity is restored, substantial capacity will be released, plus substantial additional private domestic capacity will come on stream.
- Trucking capacity utilization will loosen.
- Normal competitive conditions will resurface.
- Things will feel very, very different than they do now perhaps closer to 2019 than 2021.

LONG-TERM CONSIDERATIONS

- Trucking capacity will be more abundant, but truck rates will not significantly fall
- Intermodal's reputation has taken a major hit, but the damage is reparable
- Lower share represents growth opportunity once the industry gets its act back together
- If at the end of all this, intermodal returns to "business as usual" and no significant changes result, that will be a major failure
- Major supply chain "givens" are open to modification after the crisis. Examples include "just in time" inventories and globalization.



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