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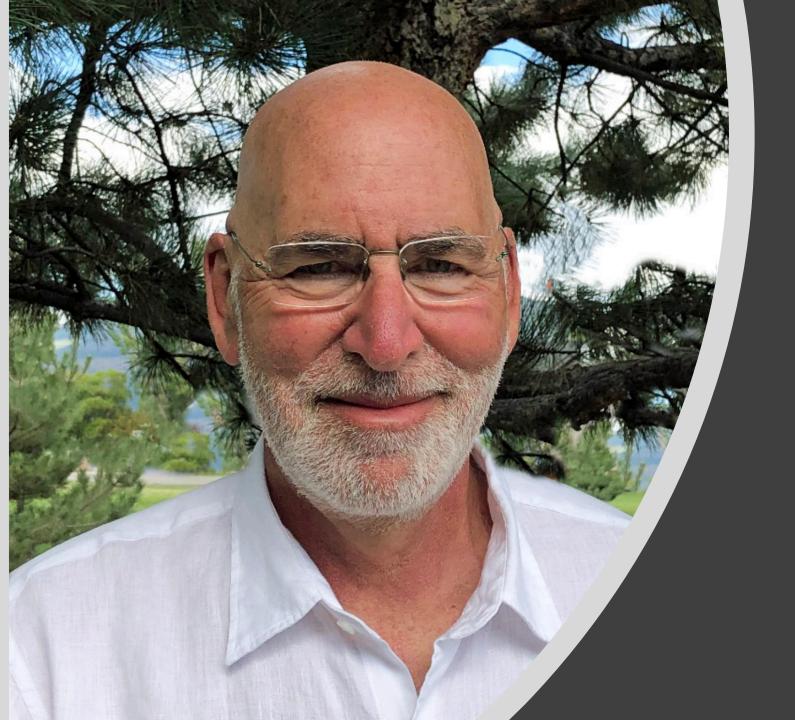
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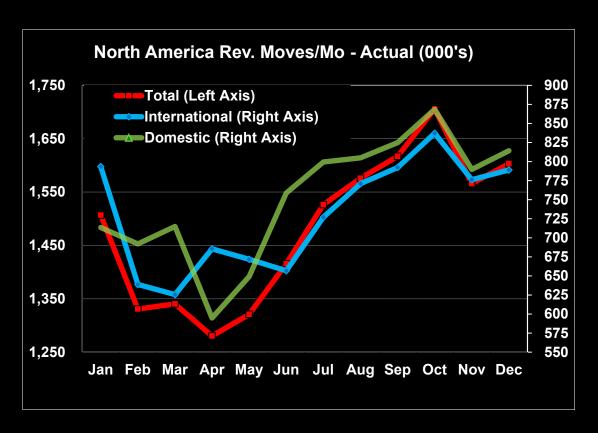
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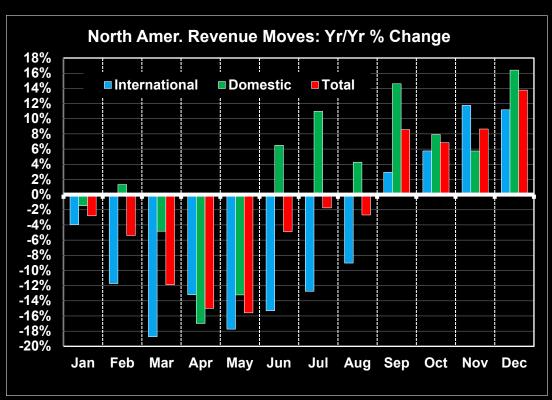
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THE HEADLINE: INTERMODAL FINISHED 2020 STRONG

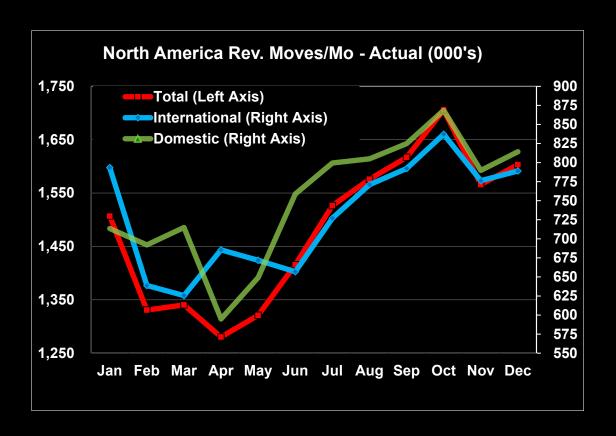




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DECEMBER SAW Y/Y GAINS ACROSS THE BOARD

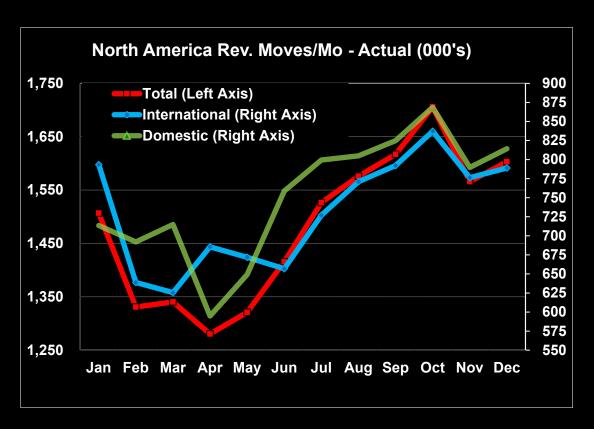


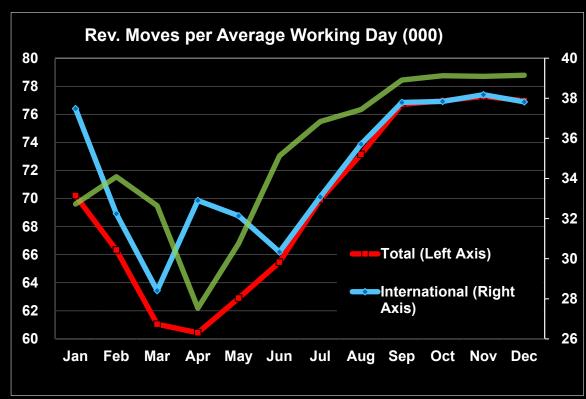
December 2020	M/M	Y/Y
International	+1.6%	+11.2%
Short Trailer	+12.5%	+11.0%
53' Trailer	+21.0%	+23.0%
Total Trailer	+18.6%	+19.6%
Private Domestic Container	+1.3%	+15.3%
Rail Domestic Container	-0.5%	+17.3%
Total Domestic Container	+0.7%	+15.9%
Domestic	+3.1%	+16.4%
Grand Total	+2.4%	+13.8%

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REVENUE MOVES PER DAY INDICATES SYSTEM IS RUNNING AT CAPACITY

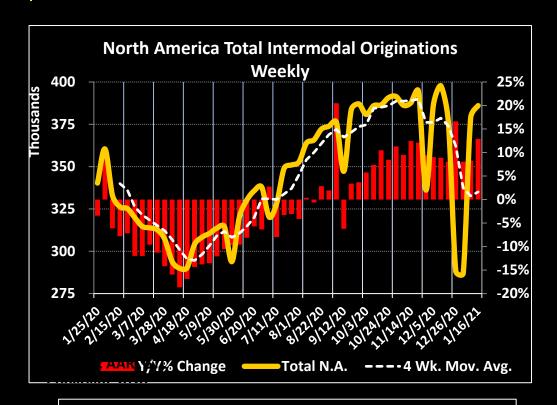


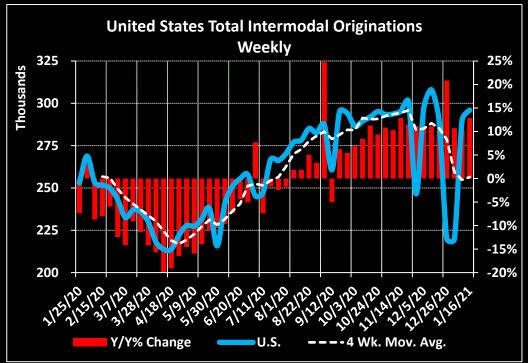


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AAR WEEKLY DATA INDICATES THAT VOLUME MAY BE STARTING TO DECLINE





- Last Week: +12.9% Y/Y
- Last 4 Weeks: +11.3% Y/Y

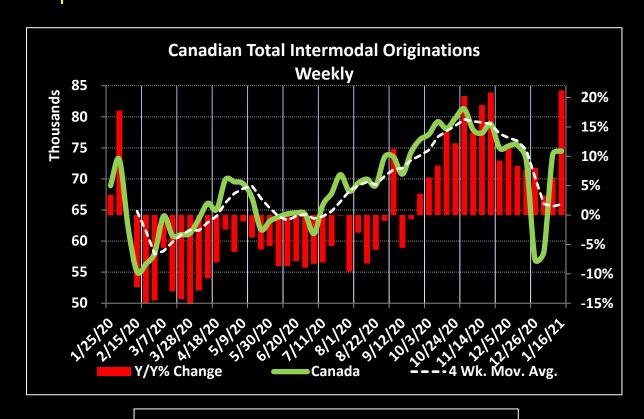
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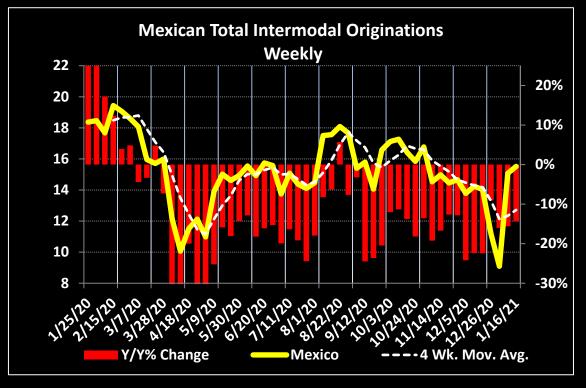
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CANADA'S PEAK HAS BEEN MORE TYPICAL MEXICO CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE





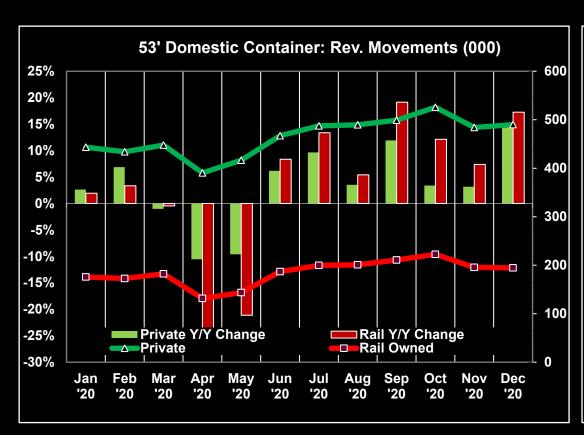
- Last Week: +21.2% Y/Y
- Last 4 Weeks: +9.8% Y/Y

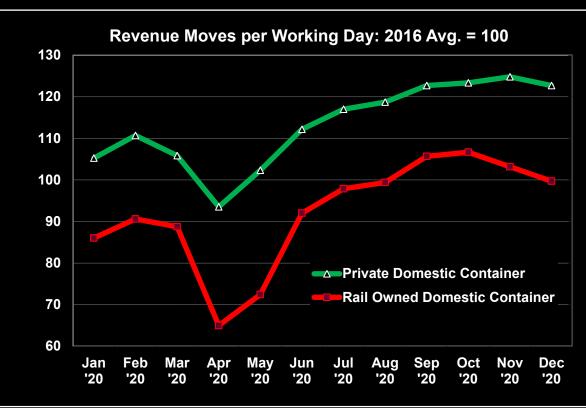
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- Last Week: -14.4% Y/Y
- Last 4 Weeks: -13.9% Y/Y



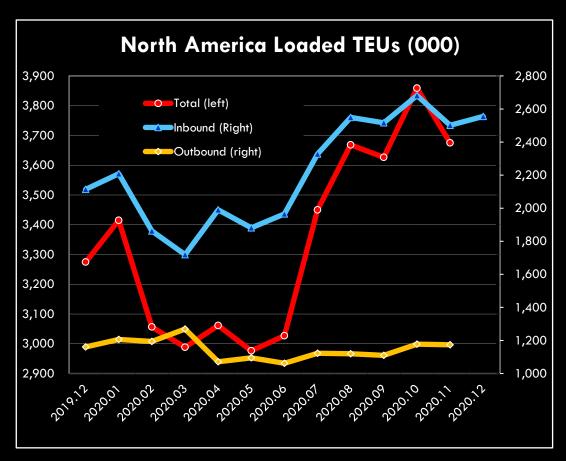
THE PERFORMANCE OF THE RAIL-OWNED FLEET DETERIORATED OVER THE FOURTH QUARTER

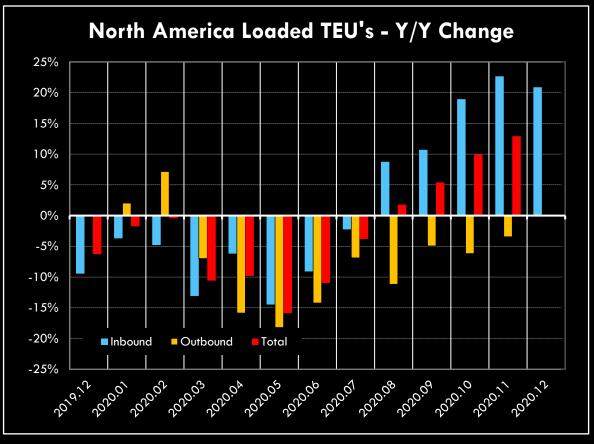






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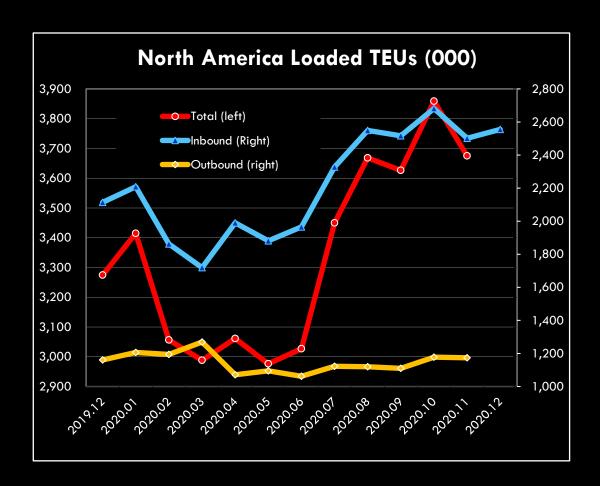


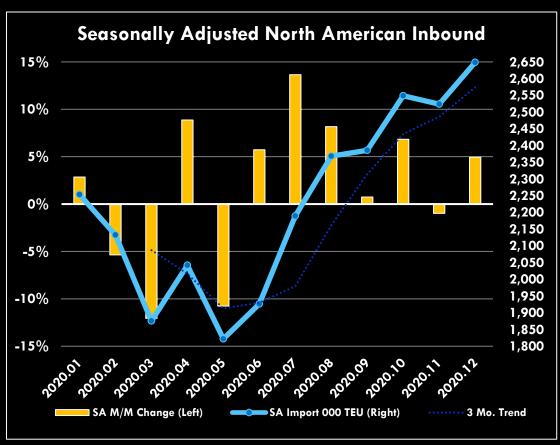


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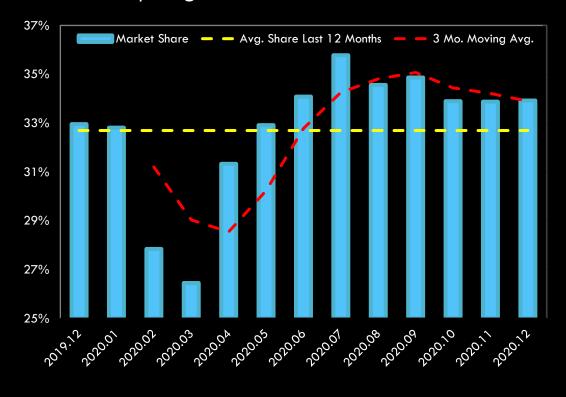
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IMPORTS REMAINED STRONG IN DECEMBER BUT AGAINST EASY COMPS

December Import TEUs	M/M	Y/Y
North America	+2.2%	+20.9%
LA/LB	+2.3%	+24.4%
Nor Cal	+15.6%	+11.0%
PNW	+3.5%	+17.2%
W. Can	+6.0%	+12.0%
Northeast	-2.0%	+20.0%
Southeast	+1.8%	+24.8%
Gulf	+6.7%	+21.5%

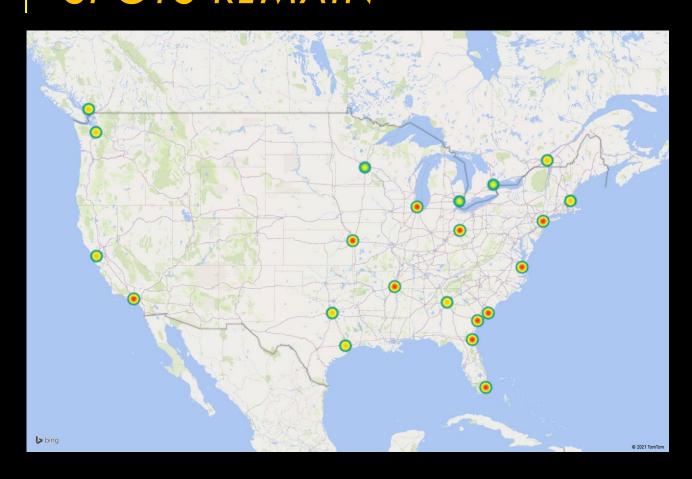
L.A./Long Beach: Share of Inbound N.A. TEU



Source: Port Reports, IHS PIERS, GTC Analysis



DRAYAGE DEMAND INDEX SHOWS TROUBLE SPOTS REMAIN



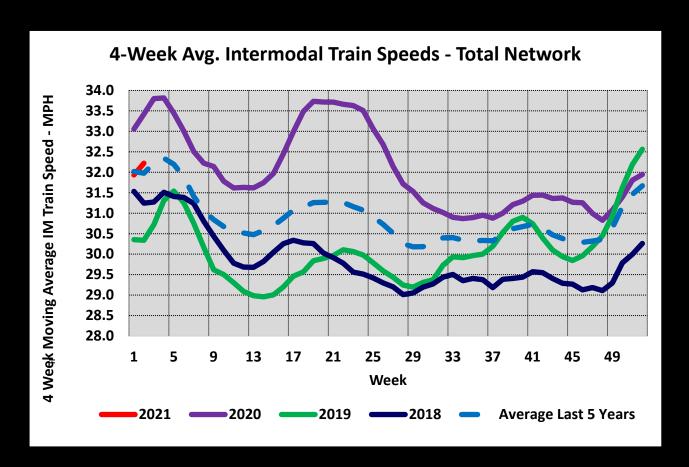
0 to 50	Blue	Loose
51 to 100	Green	Low Normal
101 to 150	Yellow	High Normal
150 to 200	Orange	Tight
Above 200	Red	Very Tight

- Critical conditions in LA, Norfolk, NY, Savannah
- Strong on East Coast, major interior points

Source: Drayage.com, GTC Analysis



INTERMODAL TRAIN SPEEDS ARE ABOUT AVERAGE



- Average speed most recent week: 32.2 mph
- 0.8%/0.2 mph better than 5-year average
- 3.6%/1.2 mph worse than prior year
- Terminal delays, chassis issues remain problematic

Source: STB EP 724 Rail Service Issues Reports, GTC Analysis

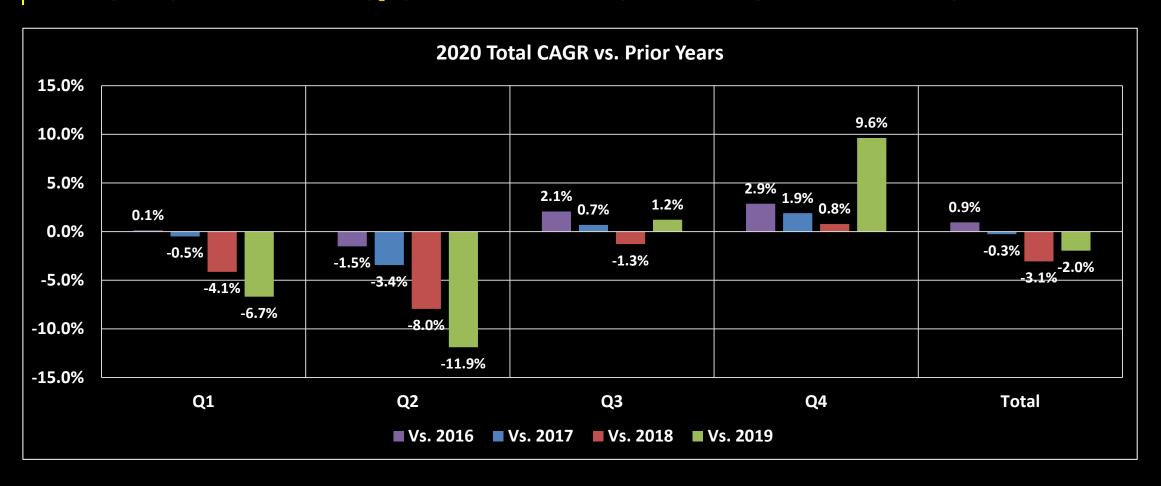


PUTTING 2020 IN CONTEXT TOTAL BY QUARTER VS. PRIOR YEARS



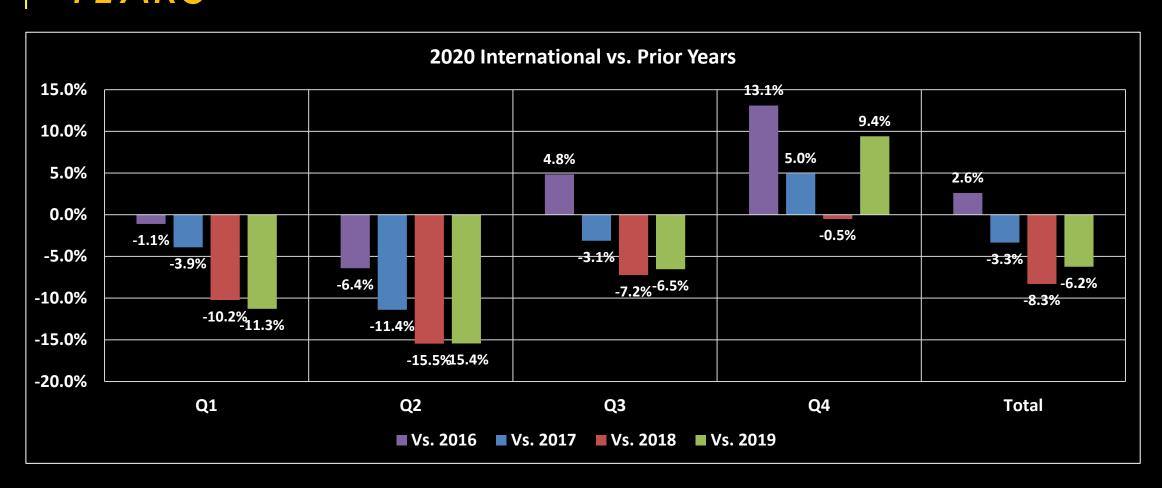


PUTTING 2020 IN CONTEXT: TOTAL CAGR VOLUME BY QUARTER VS. PRIOR YEARS



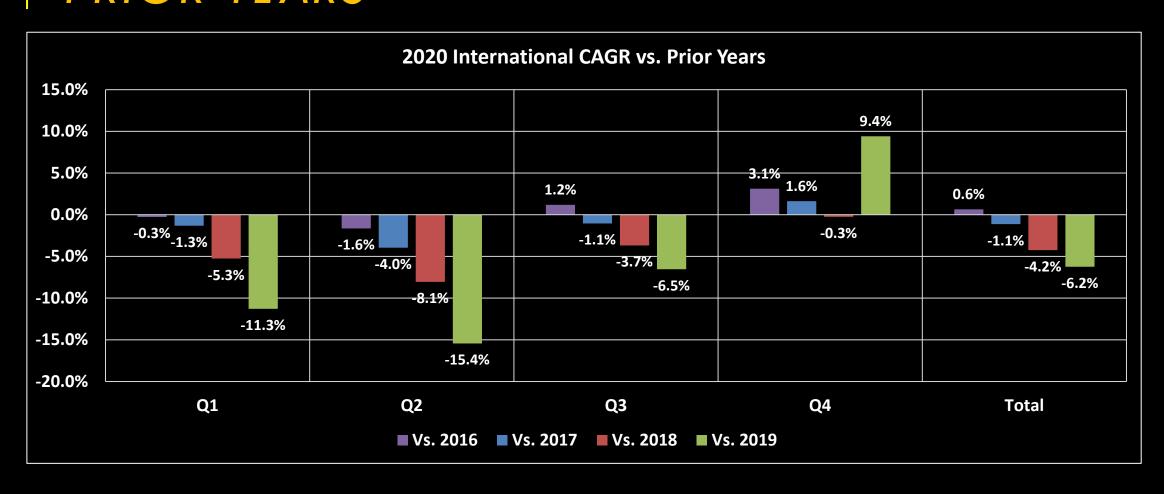


INTERNATIONAL BY QUARTER VS. PRIOR YEARS



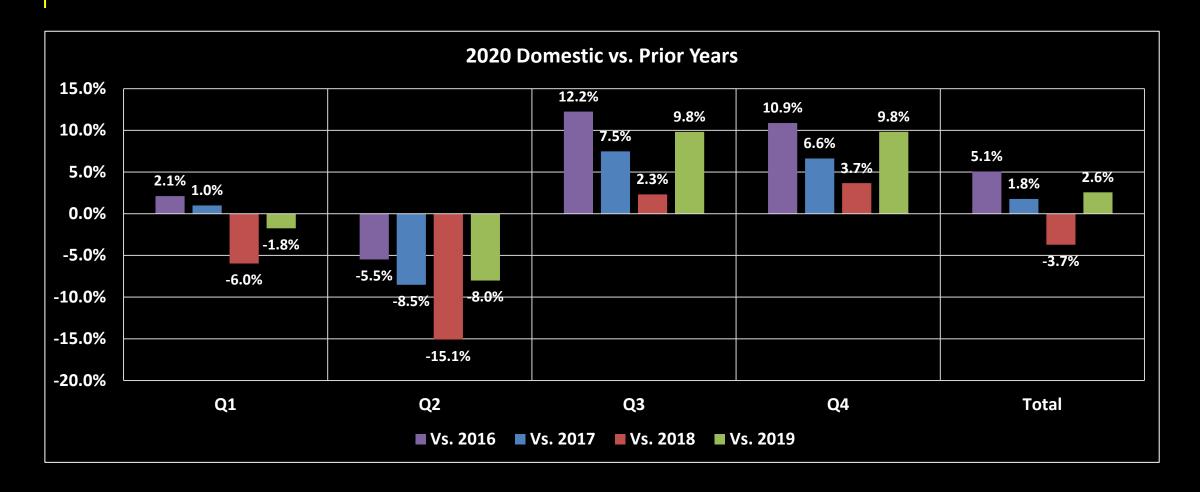


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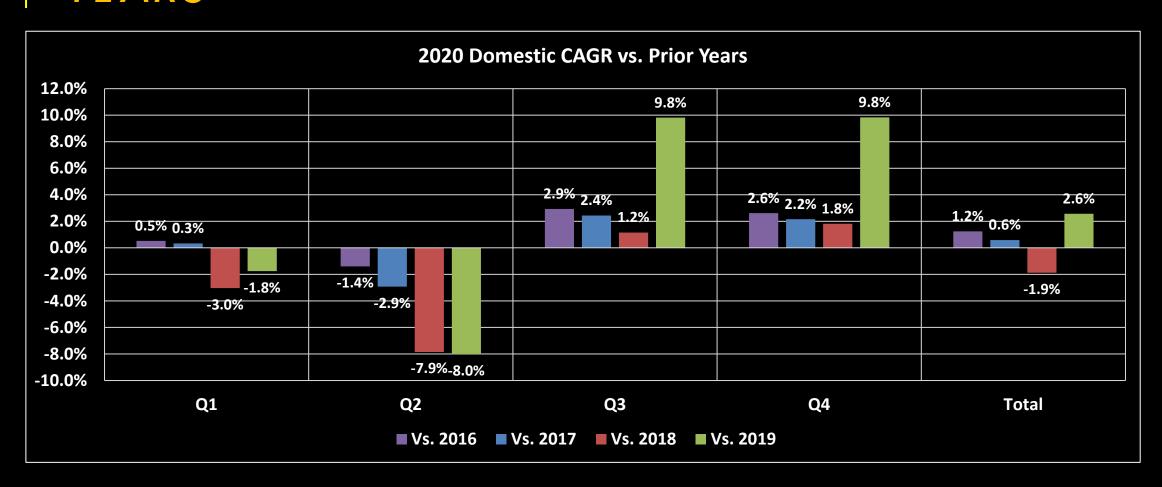


DOMESTIC BY QUARTER VS. PRIOR YEARS





DOMESTIC CAGR BY QUARTER VS. PRIOR YEARS





INTERMODAL STRENGTH SHOULD CONTINUE IN THE NEAR TERM

- Perhaps 30 ships awaiting berths in Los Angeles/Long Beach = 175-200,000 TEU??
- Truck capacity still quite tight although normal seasonality should help things loosen up.
- Prior-year comps will get much easier as we begin to lap the beginning of the pandemic
- Conclusion: Big y/y growth through mid-year

KEY ASSUMPTIONS THAT COULD GO VERY WRONG

- Vaccine program will get more on track enabling a beginning of return to normalcy in Q3
- Federal assistance will largely bridge the gap between now and then
- GDP growth will accelerate but services will dominate
- No additional calamities beyond the ones we already know about

THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR WILL BE MUCH MORE CHALLENGING

- Truck capacity will increase
 - Contract rates will rise, giving intermodal rates top cover
 - But capacity will catch up with demand, so loads won't come to intermodal just because capacity is available.
- GDP growth will accelerate but...
 - Consumer spending (70% of GDP) will divert from goods to dearly missed services
 - Manufacturing won't fill all of the gap
- While intermodal's recent performance has been remarkable, the basic ground rules haven't changed
- Import growth will slow
- With the domestic fleet already at capacity, growth will be limited by the growth in the fleet.



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