

February 2021 Edition:

Below is a recap of key items impacting transportation today. It is a compilation of information from our team, carrier partners, customers, and industry sources.

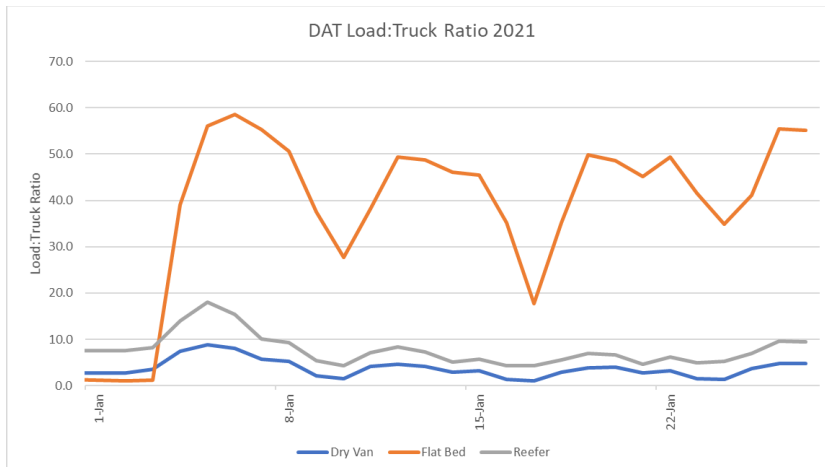
Regulatory/Governmental Updates:

- The US/Canada and US/Mexico border closures have been formally extended through February 21, 2021.
- US DOT is [accepting comments](#) on their Automated Vehicles Comprehensive Plan until March 22, 2021. This is the 'roadmap' to prepare for automated driving systems.

Market Updates

Bulk, LTL & Truckload (Van/Reefer/Flatbed):

- As of December (latest report available), [45,475 drivers](#) have been put out of service due to the drug/alcohol clearinghouse. Of those, 34,769 had not yet started the return to duty process.
- From the same report, 82% of total violations were due to positive drug tests. As more states legalize marijuana, this will become a challenge for carriers and drivers to manage. Over half of the positive tests involved marijuana.
- Some of the key [regulatory issues](#) potentially on tap for 2021 include driver classification (AB-5 decision expected in California), increase to insurance liability minimums, speed limiters, and further HOS tweaks.
- [UPS is selling](#) its Itr division to TFI for \$800 million. The newly named TForce Freight is expected to operate independently from TFI's truckload groups.
- Load to truck ratios for van and reefers have moderated somewhat as January progressed. Flatbed activity continues to remain strong.



Source: DAT Solutions, LLC.

Considering a Tank Truck Outsource?:

The CLX whitepaper on outsourcing tank truck logistics is available [here](#).

Export/Import/Ocean:

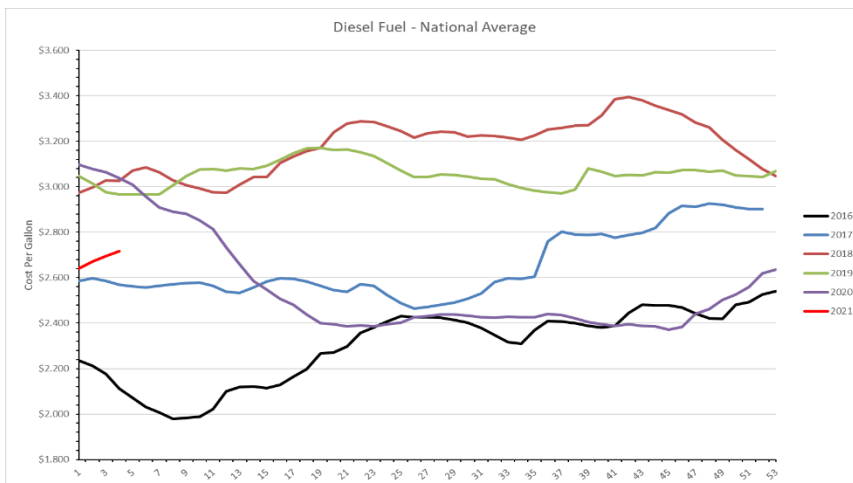
- THE Alliance is [suspending](#) one of its five trans-Atlantic routes. AL1 which services the Northeast US and Northwestern Europe will be suspended. Service will be covered by the other four remaining routes.
- Although considered unlikely, the possibility of terminal closures in Southern California port complex due to a [Covid outbreak](#) are being talked about.
- In 2020, blank sailings increased due to lack of demand. In 2021 blank sailings are [increasing](#) due to lack of ship capacity. Not unusual for ships to wait 10-14+ days outside the Southern California ports right now prior to offloading.

Rail:

- The [Association of American Railroads](#) has reported that US weekly traffic for the week ending January 23, 2021 was up 9% as compared to the same week last year.

Fuel:

- The national average price per gallon this week is \$2.716. The national average has increased each of the past twelve weeks. Diesel fuel was \$3.037/gallon during the same week of 2020, by comparison.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Having Capacity Issues?

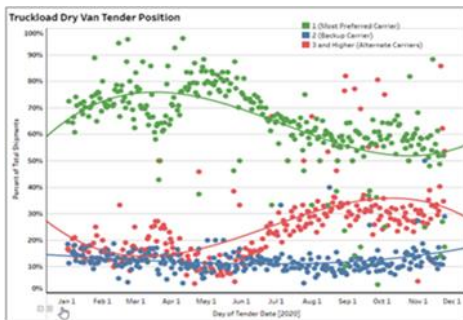
CLX Brokerage Services can help alleviate some of the capacity issues you may be experiencing with your pool of carriers.

Market Tender Position → Three Month recap:

- The three-month trend of tender acceptance as noted by the CLX carrier network for sequential tenders is below.
- Green dots/line represents the primary carrier, blue represents the backup carrier, red represents other alternate carrier options.
- Capacity remains tight in both segments, with some improvement in primary acceptance during late January.

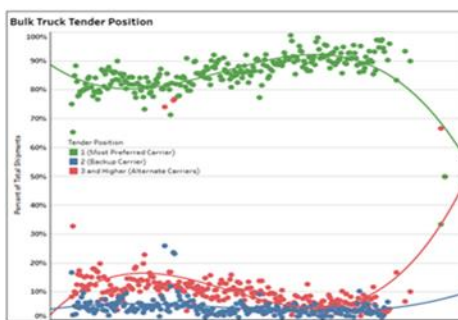
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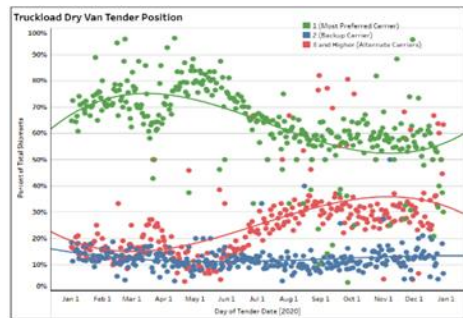


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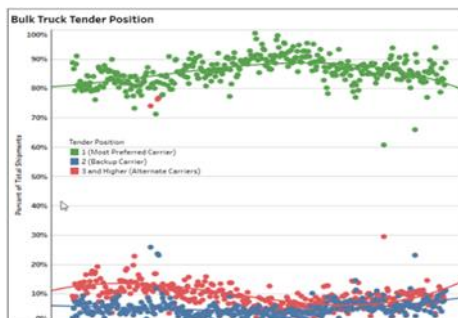
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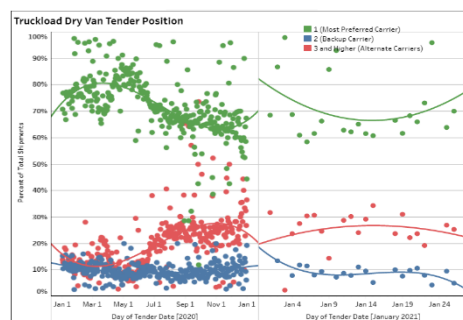
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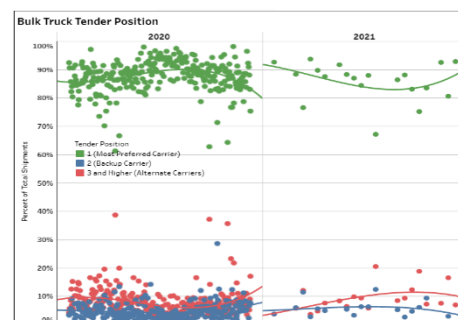
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Source: CLX Logistics US carrier network. YTD January 2021. Customer pickup and return shipments excluded.

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