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Fruit and Vegetable Shipments

USDA reported third quarter 2025 U.S. truck shipments of fresh produce were 8.59 million tons—down 8 percent from the previous quarter and down 5 percent from third quarter 2024.

Also, in third quarter 2025, shipments from California were 2.73 million tons—more than from any other reported origin. Shipments from California accounted for 32 percent of the total reported shipments of fresh fruit and vegetables. Shipments from the next five top regions by volume were as follows: Mexico, 2.33 million tons (27 percent of total); Pacific Northwest (PNW), 1.42 million tons (16 percent of total); Canada, 625,000 tons (7 percent of total); Southeast, 252,000 tons (3 percent of total); and finally, Great Lakes, 244,000 tons (3 percent of total). Note that Canada is left out of the regional section below because there are no reported truck rates and availabilities.

These top five commodities accounted for 40 percent of reported truck movements in third quarter 2025:

- Potatoes (11 percent)
- Watermelons (10 percent)
- Apples (7 percent)
- Dry onions (7 percent)
- Strawberries (5 percent)

Diesel Fuel

During third quarter 2025, the U.S. diesel fuel price averaged $3.76 per gallon—up 6 percent from the previous quarter and up 2 percent from the same quarter in 2024.

Truck Rates

The table below provides a snapshot of quarterly truck rates for U.S. produce shipments over four mileage categories—1-500; 501-1,500; 1,501-2,500; and 2,501+ miles. Please note the average U.S. truck rates provided below were calculated using weighted regional rates and volumes.

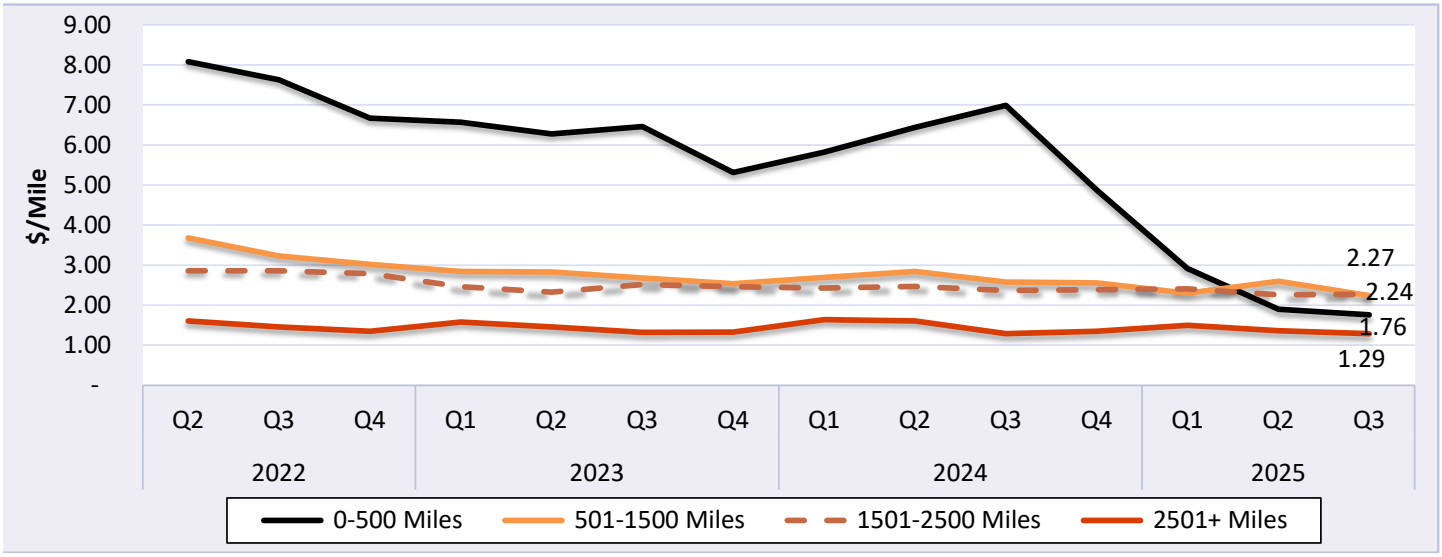
Average U.S. Truck Rates for Select Routes Between 501 and 1,500 Miles ($/Mile)

	0-500 miles	501-1,500 miles	1,501-2,500 miles	2,501+ miles
Q3 2024	6.99	2.58	2.37	1.29
Q4 2024	4.88	2.56	2.39	1.35
Q1 2025	2.92	2.30	2.41	1.50
Q2 2025	1.90	2.60	2.26	1.36
Q3 2025	1.76	2.24	2.27	1.29
Q3 Change from Previous Quarter	-7%	-14%	< 1%	-5%
Q3 Change from Same Quarter Last Year	-75%	-13%	-4%	< 1%

Note: The rates for 8 long-haul fruit and vegetable truck corridors are included in the national rate, weighted by commodity and origin volume. Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

U.S. Truck Rates

Figure 1: Average Truck Rates for Select Routes ($/Mile)



Note: The rates for 8 long-haul fruit and vegetable truck corridors are included in the national rates, weighted by commodity and origin volume. Starting in 2025 Q1, 0-500 mile rates from regions in California to Los Angeles have not been reported, which significantly lowered the national average.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Table 1: Average U.S. Truck Rates for Select Routes Between 501 and 1,500 Miles ($/Mile)

Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
2025	2.30	2.60	2.24	
2024	2.69	2.84	2.58	2.56
2023	2.84	2.83	2.68	2.54
2022	3.62	3.68	3.23	3.02
2021	2.92	3.56	3.22	3.48
2020	2.57	2.53	2.58	2.94
2019	2.60	2.62	2.48	2.55
2018	2.84	3.01	2.76	2.85
2017	1.85	2.43	2.47	2.57
2016	2.23	2.38	2.44	2.06
2015	2.47	2.66	2.54	2.37
2014	2.21	2.70	2.67	2.50
2013	2.25	2.63	2.65	2.29

Note: The rates for 8 long-haul fruit and vegetable truck corridors are included in the national rate, weighted by commodity and origin volume. Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Table 2: Quarterly Rates for Key Origins by Month; 501-1,500 miles ($/Mile)

	3rd Quarter, 2025			2nd Quarter, 2025		
U.S. Origin	July	August	September	April	May	June
California	2.64	2.69	2.89	2.60	2.58	2.49
Florida	3.21	n/a	n/a	2.72	3.35	3.08
Great Lakes	4.17	n/a	n/a	4.20	4.17	4.17
Mexico-Arizona	2.96	n/a	n/a	2.72	2.86	2.78
Mexico-Texas	2.50	2.34	2.13	2.73	2.76	2.59
New York	3.18	3.18	3.18	3.18	3.18	3.18
Other	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
PNW	2.40	1.65	1.61	2.57	2.54	2.54
Southeast	3.21	2.88	2.84	n/a	n/a	3.69

Note: "n/a" indicates rates not available.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Truck Rates for Select Routes

Table 3: Origin-Destination Truck Rates for Select Routes, 3rd Quarter 2025 ($/Mile)

U.S. Origin	Atlanta	Baltimore	Boston	Chicago	Dallas	Los Angeles	Miami	New York	Philadelphia	Seattle
California	2.42	2.75	n/a	n/a	2.74	n/a	2.80	2.75	2.74	n/a
Florida	3.12	3.74	3.45	2.63	n/a	1.51	3.54	3.05	3.71	n/a
Great Lakes	4.21	3.88	4.23	5.20	n/a	n/a	3.30	4.37	n/a	n/a
Mexico-Arizona	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.60	3.08	2.59	n/a	2.67	2.66	n/a
Mexico-Texas	2.43	2.66	n/a	2.19	3.46	1.73	2.81	n/a	2.60	n/a
Mid-Atlantic	3.39	9.90	4.61	2.05	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.42	7.93	n/a
New York	3.50	n/a	15.59	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.86	15.67	9.35	n/a
Other	2.95	3.20	2.90	n/a	3.05	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
PNW	2.59	2.57	2.46	2.55	2.58	2.01	2.52	2.63	2.54	7.00
Southeast	5.41	3.38	3.13	2.39	2.47	1.67	4.05	3.32	3.23	n/a

Note: "n/a" indicates rates not available.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Table 4: Origin-Destination Truck Rates for Select Routes, 3rd Quarter 2025 ($/Truck)

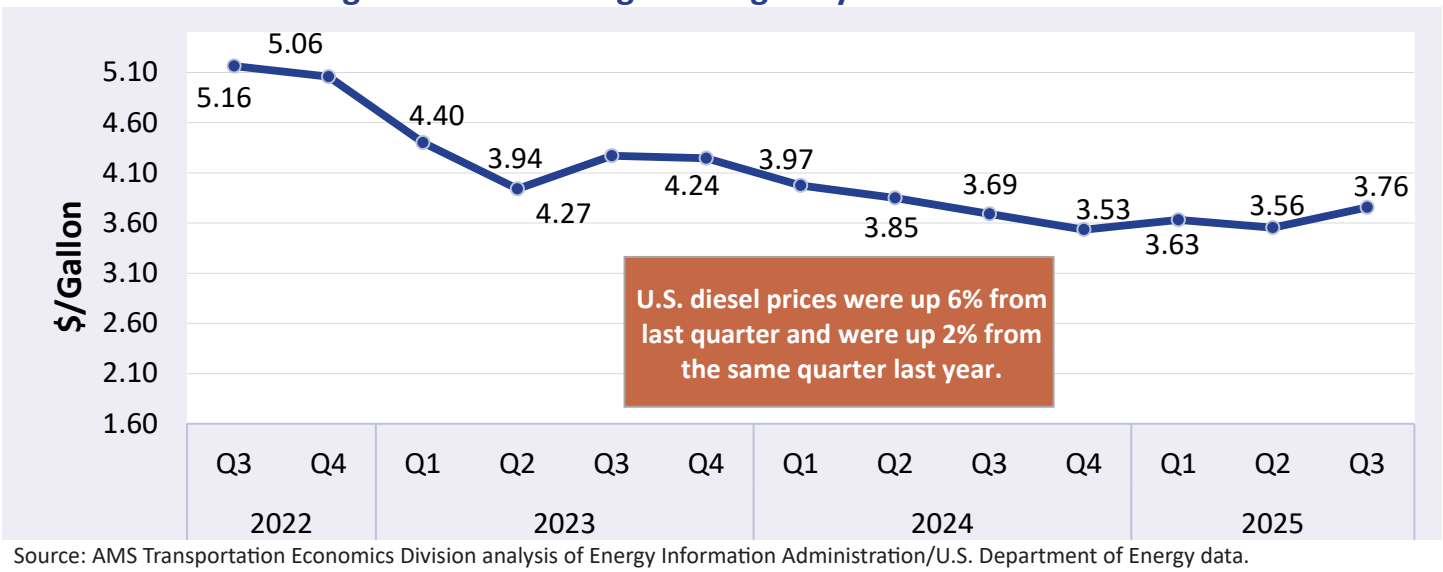
U.S. Origin	Atlanta	Baltimore	Boston	Chicago	Dallas	Los Angeles	Miami	New York	Philadelphia	Seattle
California	5,089	7,520	7,543	4,721	3,568	n/a	7,279	7,546	7,682	3,071
Florida	1,300	3,500	4,283	2,767	n/a	3,800	850	3,213	3,483	n/a
Great Lakes	4,000	3,650	4,650	1,300	n/a	n/a	5,350	4,500	n/a	n/a
Mexico-Arizona	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,675	3,017	1,450	n/a	6,675	6,383	n/a
Mexico-Texas	2,796	4,762	n/a	3,135	1,731	2,762	4,304	n/a	4,931	n/a
Mid-Atlantic	2,373	990	2,075	1,640	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,478	1,110	n/a
New York	3,500	n/a	2,650	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,150	2,350	2,150	n/a
Other	4,250	5,725	6,225	n/a	2,225	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
PNW	6,400	6,688	7,119	4,972	5,106	2,344	7,931	7,053	6,813	980
Southeast	1,110	2,296	3,400	2,124	2,342	3,935	2,023	2,896	2,504	n/a

Note: "n/a" indicates rates not available.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

U.S. Diesel Fuel Prices

The diesel fuel price provides a proxy for trends in U.S. truck rates. Diesel fuel is a significant component underlying truck rates.

Figure 2: U.S. Average On-Highway Diesel Fuel Prices



Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of Energy Information Administration/U.S. Department of Energy data.

Table 5: Average Diesel Fuel Prices (All Types)

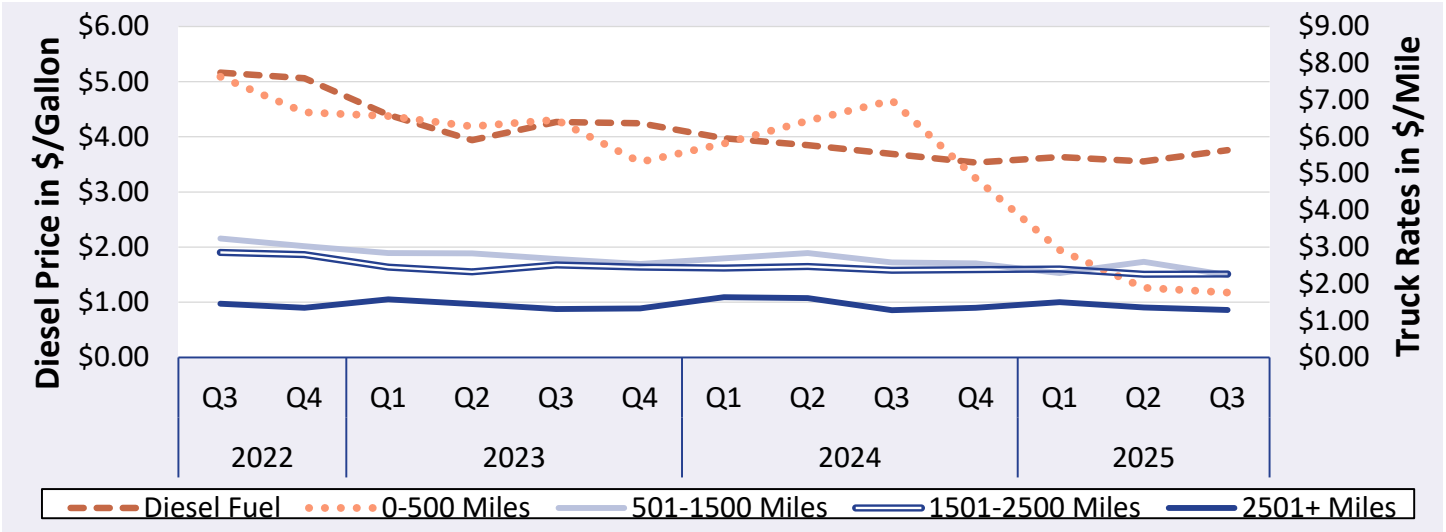
Region	3rd Quarter 2025 Price $/Gallon	Change From Last Quarter	Change From Last Year
East Coast	3.77	4%	< 1%
California	4.93	3%	3%
New England	3.97	1%	-1%
Central Atlantic	3.93	3%	-1%
Lower Atlantic	3.69	5%	1%
Gulf Coast	3.4	6%	1%
Midwest	3.74	7%	2%
Rocky Mountain	3.75	7%	2%
West Coast Except California	4.14	8%	6%
U.S.	**3.76**	**6%**	**2%**

Note: Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of Energy Information Administration/U.S. Department of Energy data.

Relationship Between Diesel Fuel and Truck Rates

The diesel fuel price provides a proxy for trends in U.S. truck rates. Diesel fuel is a significant expense for fruit and vegetable movements.

Figure 3: U.S. Average On-Highway Diesel Fuel Prices and Truck Rates



Note: The rates for 8 long-haul fruit and vegetable truck corridors are included in the national rates, weighted by origin volume. See note in Figure 1 on the recent decline in 0-500 mile rates.
Sources: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data and Energy Information Administration/U.S. Department of Energy data.

Table 6: Average Diesel Fuel Prices and Truck Rates

Year	Quarter	Diesel Fuel ($/gallon)	Truck Rates ($/mile) 501-1500 miles	% Change From			
				Last Quarter		Last Year	
				Diesel	Truck	Diesel	Truck
2025	Q3	3.76	2.24	6%	-14%	2%	-13%
	Q2	3.56	2.60	-2%	13%	-8%	-8%
	Q1	3.63	2.30	3%	-10%	-9%	-15%
2024	Q4	3.53	2.56	-4%	-1%	-17%	1%
	Q3	3.69	2.58	-4%	-9%	-14%	-4%
	Q2	3.85	2.84	-3%	5%	-2%	< 1%
	Q1	3.97	2.69	-6%	6%	-10%	-5%
2023	Q4	4.24	2.54	-1%	-5%	-16%	-16%
	Q3	4.27	2.68	8%	-5%	-17%	-17%
	Q2	3.94	2.83	-10%	> -1%	-28%	-23%
	Q1	4.40	2.84	-13%	-6%	3%	-22%
2022	Q4	5.06	3.02	-2%	-7%	38%	-13%
	Q3	5.16	3.23	-6%	-12%	54%	1%

Note: Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data and Energy Information Administration/U.S. Department of Energy data.

Quarterly Truck Availability

Table 7: U.S. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Truck Availability

Truck availability legend				
1=Surplus	2=Slight surplus	3=Adequate	4=Slight shortage	5=Shortage

California, Central, And Western Arizona	Commodities	7/1	7/8	7/15	7/22	7/29	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23	9/30
Central Coast California	Anise, Bok Choy, Cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, Cilantro, Endive, Escarole, Kale Greens, Leeks, Parsley, Spinach, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Boston Lettuce, Green Leaf Lettuce, Iceberg Lettuce, Red Leaf Lettuce, Romaine Lettuce, Green Onions	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Kern District California	Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Boston Lettuce, Green Leaf Lettuce, Iceberg Lettuce, Red Leaf Lettuce, Romaine Lettuce, Green Onions, Carrots, Grapes	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Oxnard District California	Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Celery, Cilantro, Kale Greens, Parsley, Radishes, Spinach	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Salinas-Watsonville California	Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Boston Lettuce, Green Leaf Lettuce, Iceberg Lettuce, Red Leaf Lettuce, Romaine Lettuce, Green Onions	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Santa Maria California	Broccoli, Cauliflower, Celery, Cilantro	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
South And Central District California	Grapefruit, Lemons, Oranges	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Florida	Commodities	7/1	7/8	7/15	7/22	7/29	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23	9/30
Central And North Florida	Watermelons, Tomatoes, Cherry Tomatoes, Grape Tomatoes, Plum Tomatoes	5	5	3											
Central And South Florida	Okra, Watermelons, Tomatoes, Cherry Tomatoes, Grape Tomatoes, Plum Tomatoes	5	5	3											
Florida	Potatoes	3	3	3	3	3									

Note: Empty cells were not reported. District and availabilities data come from the weekly Specialty Crops Truck Rate reports: https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/filerepo/reports?field_slug_id_value=2375.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Table 7, continued: U.S. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Truck Availability

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Great Lakes (MI & WI)	Commodities	7/1	7/8	7/15	7/22	7/29	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23	9/30
Central Wisconsin	Dry Onions, Potatoes	2	2												

U.S.-Mexico border	Commodities	7/1	7/8	7/15	7/22	7/29	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23	9/30
Nogales, Arizona	Mangos, Grapes	3	3	3	3										
South Texas	Asparagus, Broccoli, Carrots, Chayote, Cilantro, Cucumbers, Grapefruit, Limes, Oranges, Papaya, Anaheim Peppers, Bell Peppers, Habanero Peppers, Jalapeno Peppers, Poblano Peppers, Serrano Peppers, Pineapples, Tomatillos, Tomatoes, Grape Tomatoes, Plum Tomatoes, Watermelons		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Pacific Northwest (ID, OR, &, WA)	Commodities	7/1	7/8	7/15	7/22	7/29	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23	9/30
Columbia Basin Washington	Dry Onions, Potatoes	2	2												
Upper Valley, Twin Falls-Burley District Idaho	Potatoes	2	2												
Yakima Valley And Wenatchee District, Washington	Apples, Blueberries, Pears, Rhubarb, Cherries	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3

Note: Empty cells were not reported. District and availabilities data come from the weekly Specialty Crops Truck Rate reports: https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/filerepo/reports?field_slug_id_value=2375.
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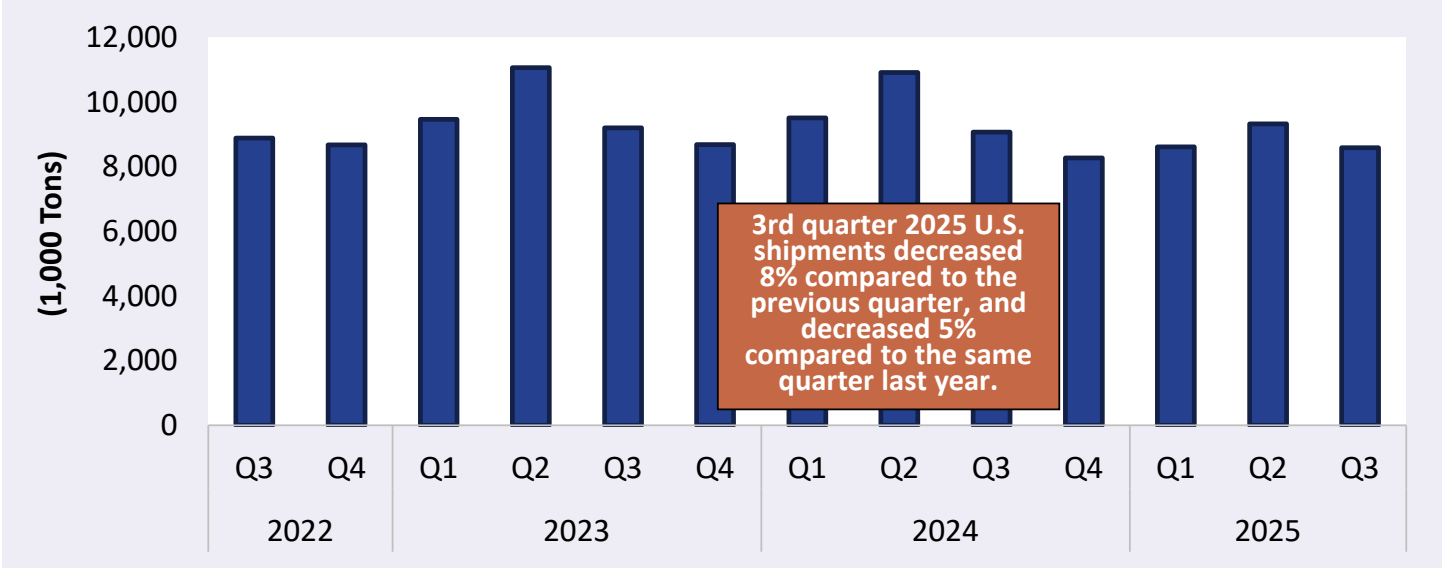
Reported U.S. Shipments

Figure 4: Reported U.S. Fruit and Vegetable Shipments (1,000 Tons)



Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data. There is a delay in the California citrus data reporting and it is missing from this report.

Table 8: Reported U.S. Fruit and Vegetable Shipments (1,000 Tons)

Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Annual
2025	8,618	9,328	8,594		
2024	9,517	10,921	9,071	8,278	37,788
2023	9,473	11,067	9,204	8,684	38,429
2022	8,751	10,404	8,891	8,678	36,724
2021	9,742	11,265	9,334	8,749	39,091
2020	9,749	10,502	8,872	8,677	37,799
2019	9,027	9,983	8,483	8,329	35,822
2018	9,019	10,463	8,581	8,139	36,202
2017	7,706	9,369	8,279	7,873	33,228
2016	7,745	9,562	8,329	7,777	33,413
2015	7,664	9,267	7,994	7,392	32,317
2014	7,300	8,859	7,827	7,249	31,236
2013	6,948	8,821	7,718	7,051	30,537
2012	7,071	8,792	7,703	7,230	30,797
2011	6,474	8,809	7,582	7,076	29,942
2010	6,532	8,739	7,845	7,070	30,187
2009	6,646	8,530	7,653	6,902	29,732

Note: Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding. There is a delay in the California citrus data reporting and it is missing from this report.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Reported Shipments by Select Commodities

Table 9: Reported Top 10 Commodity Shipments (1,000 Tons)

Commodity	3rd Quarter 2025	Previous Quarter	Same Quarter Last Year	Current Quarter as % change from:	
				Previous Qtr	Same Qtr Last Year
Potatoes	973	1,063	1,040	-8%	-6%
Watermelons	818	1,096	1,089	-25%	-25%
Apples	565	578	589	-2%	-4%
Onions, Dry	560	612	580	-9%	-3%
Strawberries	392	509	336	-23%	17%
Grapes	384	203	419	89%	-8%
Cucumbers	337	378	340	-11%	-1%
Cantaloupes	333	151	278	120%	20%
Tomatoes	324	343	358	-5%	-9%
Avocados	311	336	273	-7%	14%

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Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Table 10: Reported Top 10 Regions (1,000 Tons)

Origin	3rd Quarter 2025 Volume	% Change from Last Quarter	% Change From Same Quarter Last Year
California	2734	50%	-8%
Mexico	2325	-35%	6%
PNW	1415	9%	2%
Canada	625	63%	6%
Southeast	252	-46%	-22%
Great Lakes	244	101%	-23%
Arizona	175	-43%	96%
Colorado	129	-23%	-21%
Texas	116	-40%	9%
Mid-Atlantic	96	432%	-50%

Note: The Regional Markets section of this report excludes Canada, because it lacks rate and availability data. Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding. Any "-" in the table indicates no reported shipments during the quarter or a percentage change with an at- or near-zero denominator. There is a delay in the California citrus data reporting and it is missing from this report.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Regional Markets

California

Volume

In third quarter 2025, USDA reported total shipments of fruit and vegetables from California were 2.73 million tons—down 8 percent from third quarter 2024 (year to year). The summed volume of the top five commodities shipped from California increased 2 percent year to year. Three of the top five commodities saw year-to-year volume increases, including watermelons (up 8 percent); strawberries (up 11 percent); and cantaloupes (up 23 percent). Shipments of grapes and iceberg lettuce decreased 11 percent each.

Rates

The quarterly average truck rate for shipments between 501 miles and 1,500 miles was $2.74 per mile—up 7 percent quarter to quarter and down 18 percent year to year.

Truck Overview

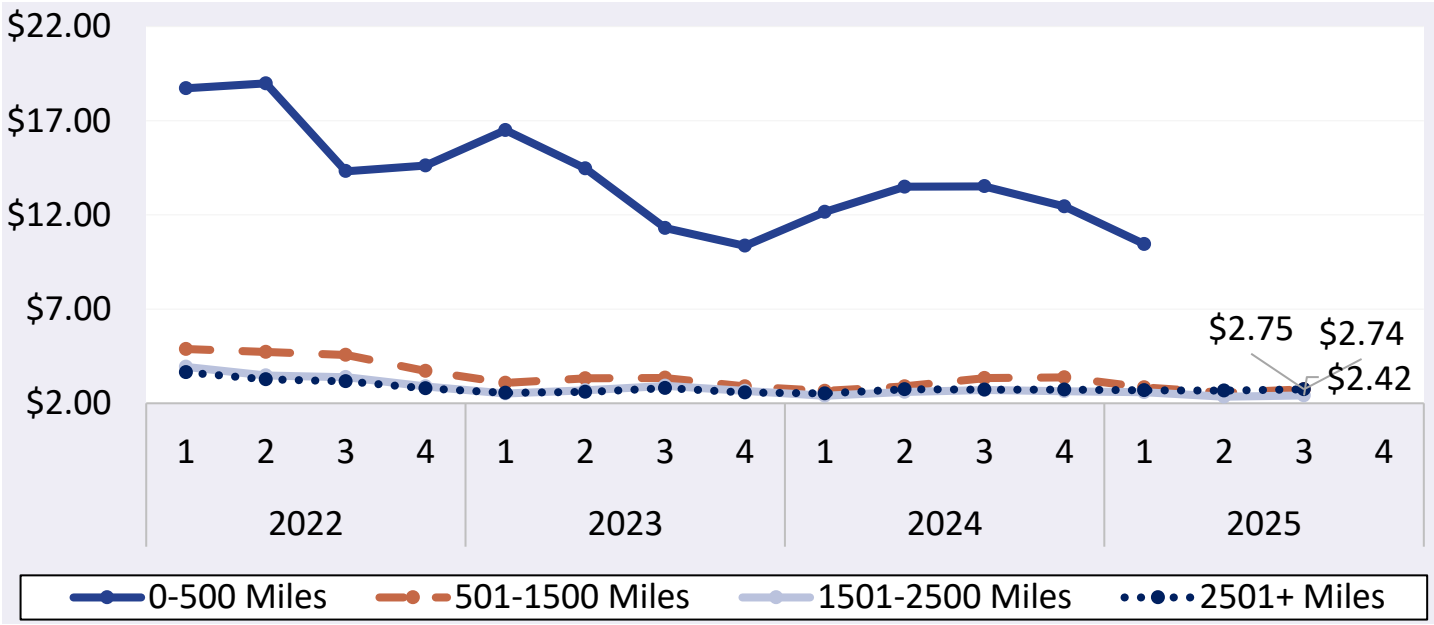
Diesel fuel prices averaged $4.93 per gallon—up 3 percent both quarter to quarter and year to year. All districts reported adequate truck availability throughout the quarter.

Table 11: Reported Top Five Commodities Shipped from California (1,000 tons)

Commodity	3rd Quarter 2025	Share of California Total	Previous Quarter	Same Quarter Last Year	Current Quarter as % change from:	
					Previous Qtr	Same Qtr Last Year
Strawberries	367	13%	397	332	-7%	11%
Grapes	363	13%	16	408	2,173%	-11%
Cantaloupes	267	10%	43	217	514%	23%
Lettuce, Iceberg	230	8%	232	258	-1%	-11%
Watermelons	219	8%	28	203	688%	8%
Top 5 Total	**1,446**	**53%**	**716**	**1,418**	**102%**	**2%**
California Total	**2,734**	**100%**	**1,824**	**2,965**	**50%**	**-8%**

Note: Any "-" in the table indicates no reported shipments during the quarter or a percentage change with an at- or near-zero denominator. Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Figure 5: California Truck Rates ($/Mile by Distance Travelled)



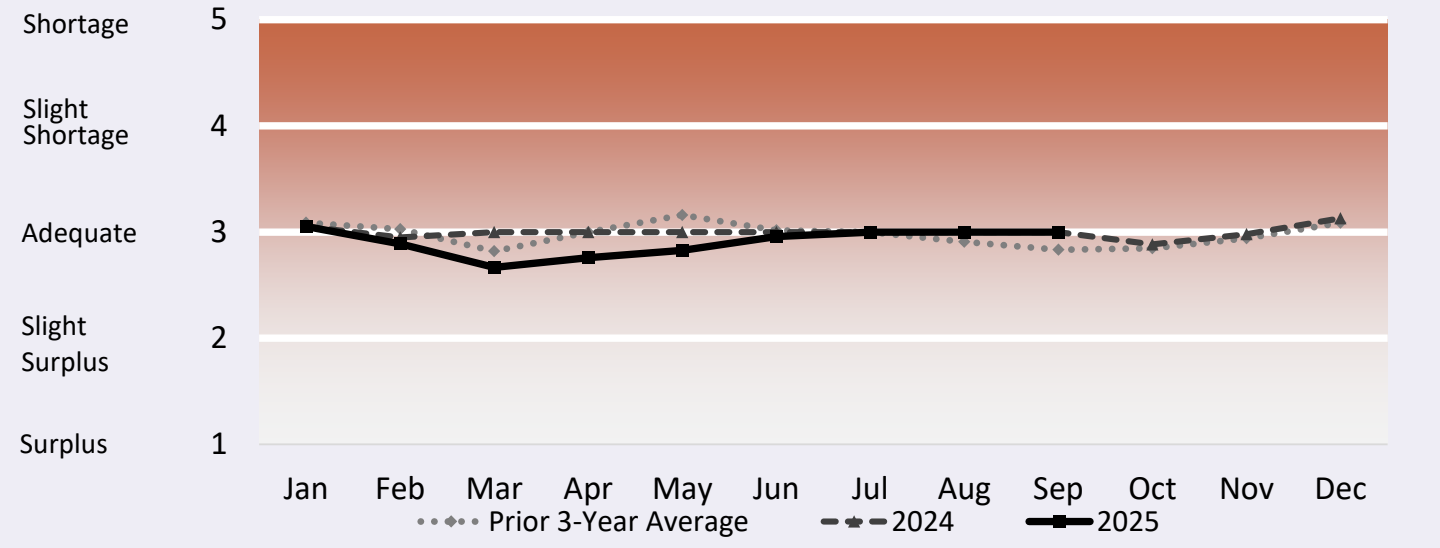
Note: Any gaps in the chart lines are the result of quarters with no reported data for the region.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Table 12: California Truck Overview (Availability Rating: 1=Surplus to 5=Shortage)

Region/Reporting District	July	August	September	3rd Quarter
Central Coast California	3	3	3	3
Kern District California	3	3	3	3
Oxnard District California	3	3	3	3
Salinas-Watsonville California	3	3	3	3
Santa Maria California	3	3	3	3
South And Central District California	3	3	3	3
Regional Average Availability	3	3	3	3
Diesel Fuel Price ($/gallon)	**4.94**	**4.90**	**4.96**	**4.93**

Note: AMS Specialty Crops Program defines regions by commodity, which may overlap in truck availability reporting. Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding. Any "-" in the table indicates no reported shipments during the quarter.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Figure 6: Refrigerated Truck Availability Monthly Ratings for California



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U.S. Mexico Border

Volume

Total reported shipments of fruit and vegetables from Mexico in third quarter 2025 were 2.33 million tons, up 6 percent year to year. The summed volume of the top five commodities shipped from the U.S. Mexico border increased 8 percent year to year. Three of the top five commodities showed year-to-year increases: shipments of cucumbers were up 6 percent; limes, up 17 percent; and avocados up 30 percent. In contrast, shipments of plum tomatoes were down 4 percent and mangoes were down 6 percent.

Rates

In third quarter 2025, truck rates for shipments between 501 miles and 1,500 miles from Arizona-Mexico border crossings averaged $2.96 per mile—up 6 percent quarter to quarter and up 11 percent year to year. Rates for shipments between 501 miles and 1,500 miles from Texas-Mexico border crossings averaged $2.31 per mile—down 14 percent quarter to quarter and up 1 percent year to year.

Truck Overview

Diesel fuel prices for border crossings from Arizona averaged $4.14 per gallon—up 8 percent quarter to quarter and up 6 percent year to year. Diesel fuel prices for border crossings from Texas averaged $3.40—up 6 percent quarter to quarter and up 1 percent year to year. Mexico crossings through Nogales, AZ, reported adequate truck availability in July and did not report in August and September. Mexico crossings through South Texas reported a surplus throughout the quarter.

Table 13: Reported Top Five Commodities Shipped from Mexico (1,000 tons)

Commodity	3rd Quarter 2025	Share of Mexico Total	Previous Quarter	Same Quarter Last Year	Current Quarter as % change from:	
					Previous Qtr	Same Qtr Last Year
Avocados	258	11%	248	199	4%	30%
Limes	230	10%	177	196	30%	17%
Tomatoes, Plum Type	221	10%	297	231	-26%	-4%
Cucumbers	183	8%	247	172	-26%	6%
Mangoes	175	8%	197	186	-11%	-6%
Top 5 Total	**1,067**	**46%**	**1,166**	**985**	**-8%**	**8%**
Mexico Total	**2,325**	**100%**	**3,554**	**2,191**	**-35%**	**6%**

Note: Any "-" in the table indicates no reported shipments during the quarter or a percentage change with an at- or near-zero denominator. Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Table 14: Top 5 Commodities Shipped to U.S. from Mexico by State of Entry (1,000 tons)

Texas		California		Arizona		New Mexico	
Commodity	3rd Quarter 2025	Commodity	3rd Quarter 2025	Commodity	3rd Quarter 2025	Commodity	3rd Quarter 2025
Avocados	253	Cucumbers	82	Mangoes	57	Peppers, Jalapeno	22
Limes	204	Tomatoes, Plum Type	77	Cucumbers	24	Onions, Dry	16
Tomatoes, Plum Type	131	Onions, Green	42	Grapes	20	Peppers, Other	13
Mangoes	116	Tomatoes	32	Tomatoes	20	Peppers, Anaheim	6
Tomatoes	80	Limes	24	Tomatoes, Plum Type	14	Watermelons	6
Mexico through TX Total	**1,520**	**Mexico through CA Total**	**508**	**Mexico through AZ Total**	**225**	**Mexico through NM Total**	**10,919**

Note: Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding. Any "-" in the table indicates no reported shipments during the quarter.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Figure 7: Truck Rates from U.S.-Mexico Border ($/Mile by Distance Traveled)

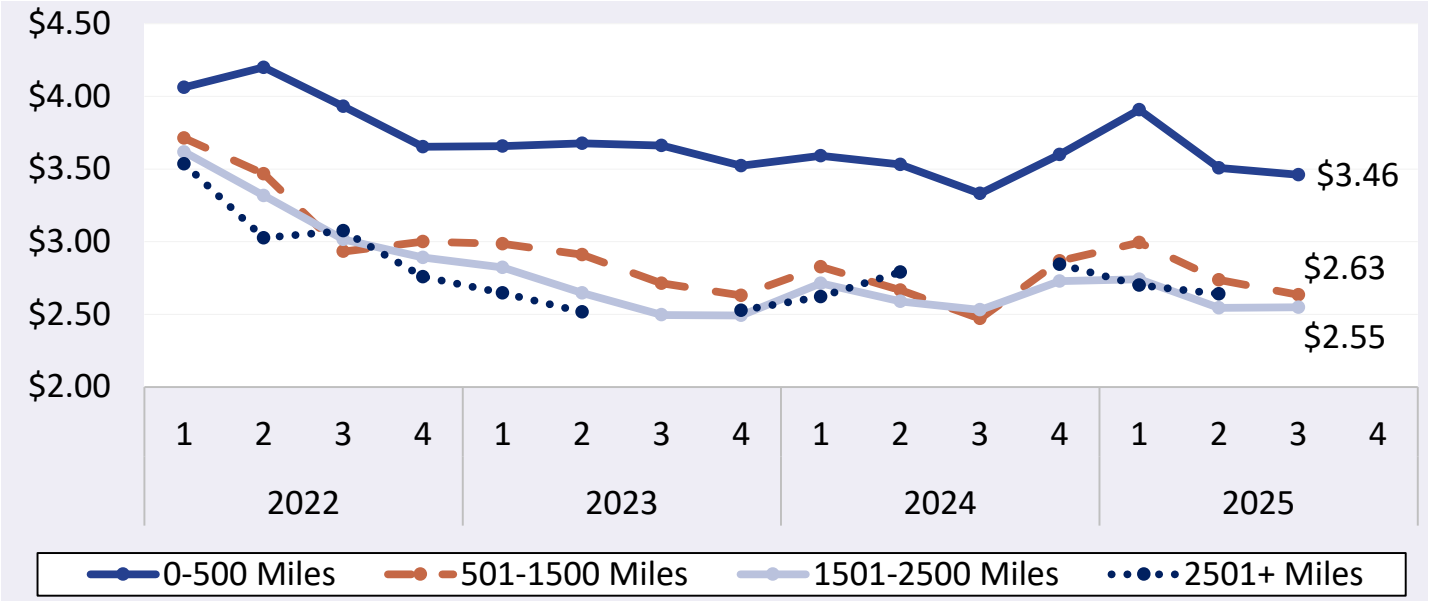

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Figure 8: Texas Truck Rates from U.S.-Mexico Border ($/Mile by Distance Traveled)

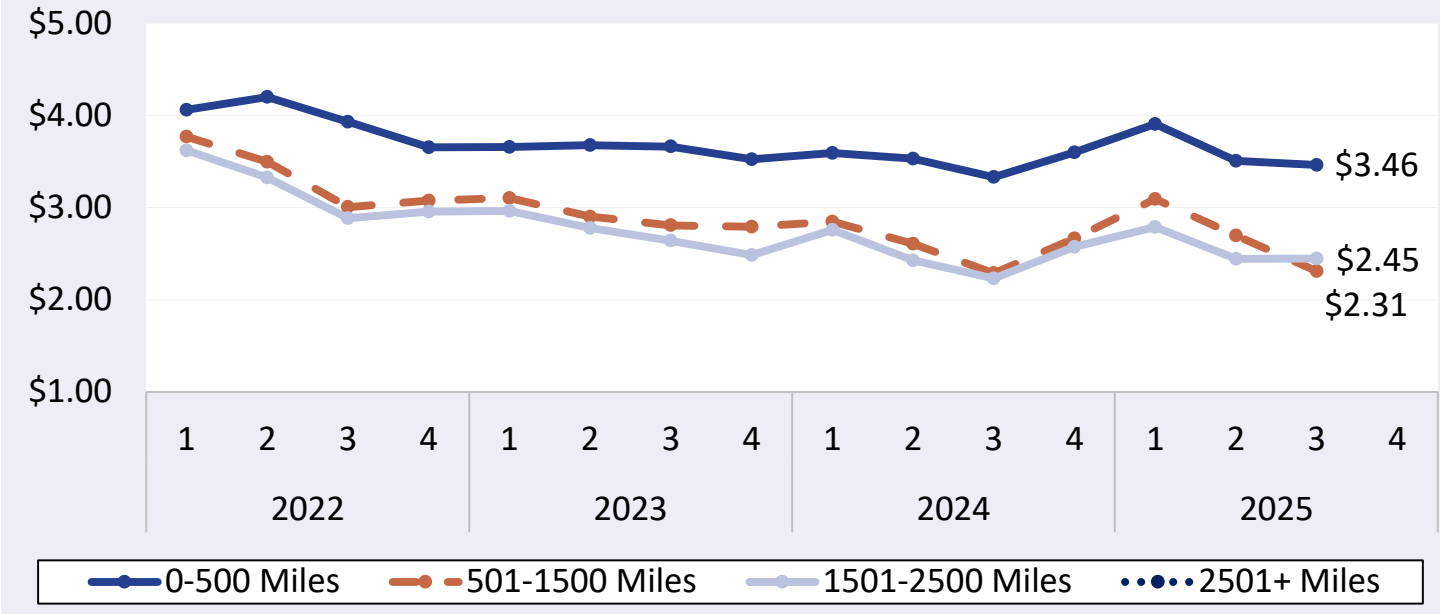

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Figure 9: Arizona Truck Rates from U.S.-Mexico Border ($/Mile by Distance Traveled)

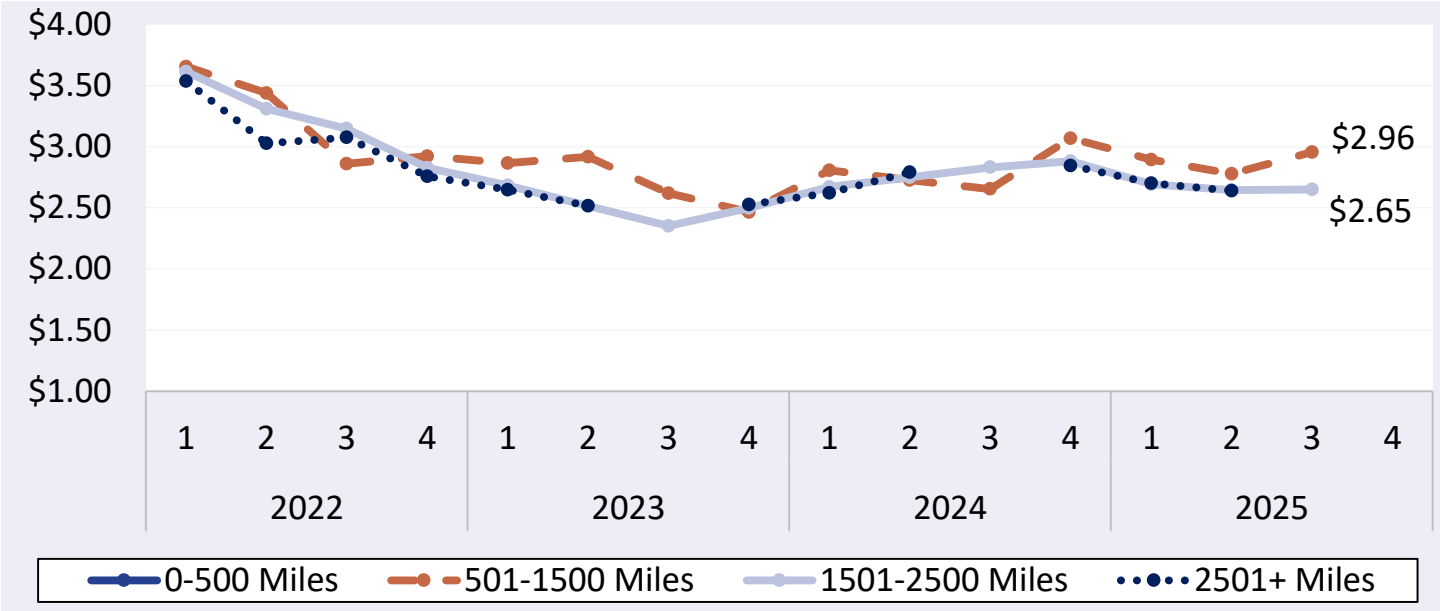

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Table 15: Truck Overview from the U.S.-Mexico Border (Availability Rating: 1=Surplus to 5=Shortage)

Region/Reporting District	July	August	September	3rd Quarter
Mexico Crossings Through Nogales, Arizona	3	-	-	3
Mexico Crossings Through South Texas	1.21	1	1.03	1.08
Regional Average Availability	2.11	1	1.03	1.38
Diesel Fuel Price ($/gallon), through Texas	**3.43**	**3.38**	**3.40**	**3.40**
Diesel Fuel Price ($/gallon), through Arizona	**4.14**	**4.13**	**4.14**	**4.14**

Note: AMS Specialty Crops Program defines regions by commodity, which may overlap in truck availability reporting. Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding. Any "-" in the table indicates no reported shipments during the quarter.
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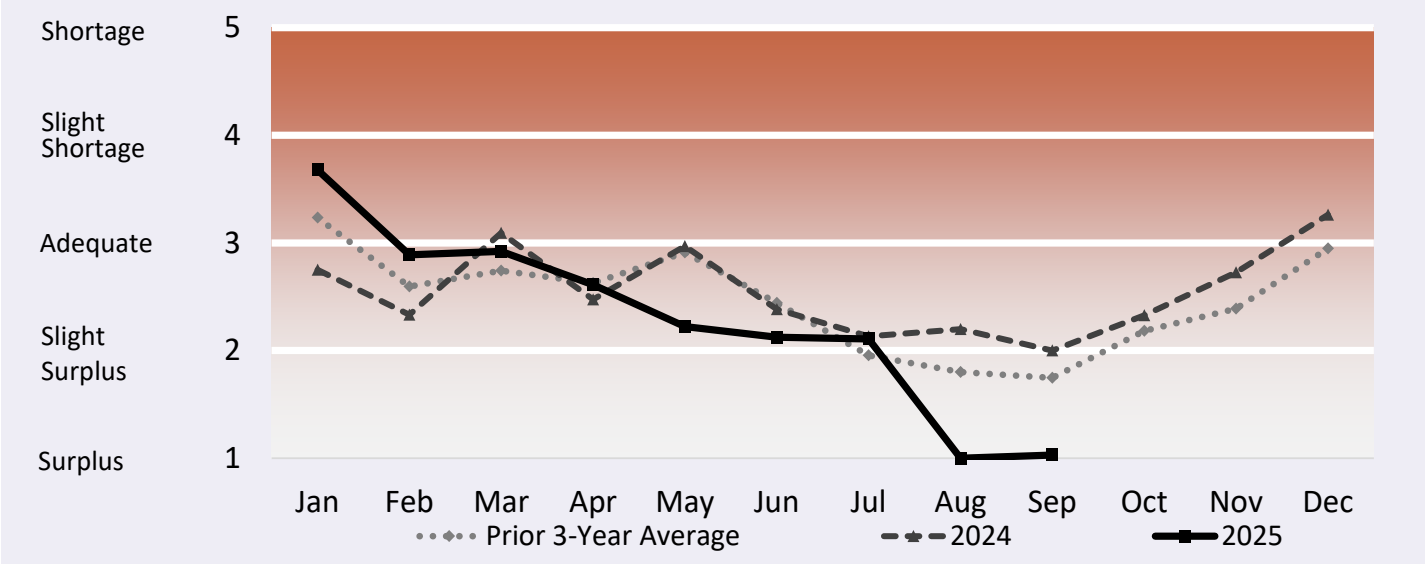
Figure 10: Refrigerated Truck Availability Monthly Ratings from the U.S-Mexico Border



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PNW

Volume

In third quarter 2025, total reported shipments of fruit and vegetables from the Pacific Northwest (PNW) were 1.42 million tons, up 2 percent year to year. The summed volume of the top five commodities shipped from the PNW also increased 3 percent year to year. Four of the top five commodities saw year-to-year volume increases, including apples (up less than 1 percent); dry onions (up 4 percent); cherries (up 19 percent); and pears (up 50 percent). Shipments of potatoes decreased 1 percent.

Rates

The quarterly average truck rate for shipments between 501 miles and 1,500 miles was $2.01 per mile—down 21 percent quarter to quarter and down 24 percent year to year.

Truck Overview

Diesel fuel prices averaged $4.14 per gallon—up 8 percent quarter to quarter and up 6 percent year to year. Columbia Basin and Upper Valley both reported a slight surplus of trucks in July and did not report in August and September. Yakima Valley reported adequate availability throughout the quarter.

Table 16: Reported Top Five Commodities Shipped from PNW (1,000 tons)

Commodity	3rd Quarter 2025	Share of PNW Total	Previous Quarter	Same Quarter Last Year	Current Quarter as % change from:	
					Previous Qtr	Same Qtr Last Year
Potatoes	499	35%	516	504	-3%	-1%
Apples	491	35%	490	490	< 1%	< 1%
Onions, Dry	246	17%	182	236	36%	4%
Cherries	98	7%	74	82	33%	19%
Pears	40	3%	36	27	13%	50%
Top 5 Total	**1,374**	**97%**	**1,297**	**1,340**	**6%**	**3%**
PNW Total	**1,415**	**100%**	**1,303**	**1,381**	**9%**	**2%**

Note: Any "-" in the table indicates no reported shipments during the quarter or a percentage change with an at- or near-zero denominator. Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding.
Source: AMS Transportation Economics Division analysis of AMS Specialty Crops Program Market News data.

Figure 11: PNW Truck Rates ($/Mile by Distance Travelled)

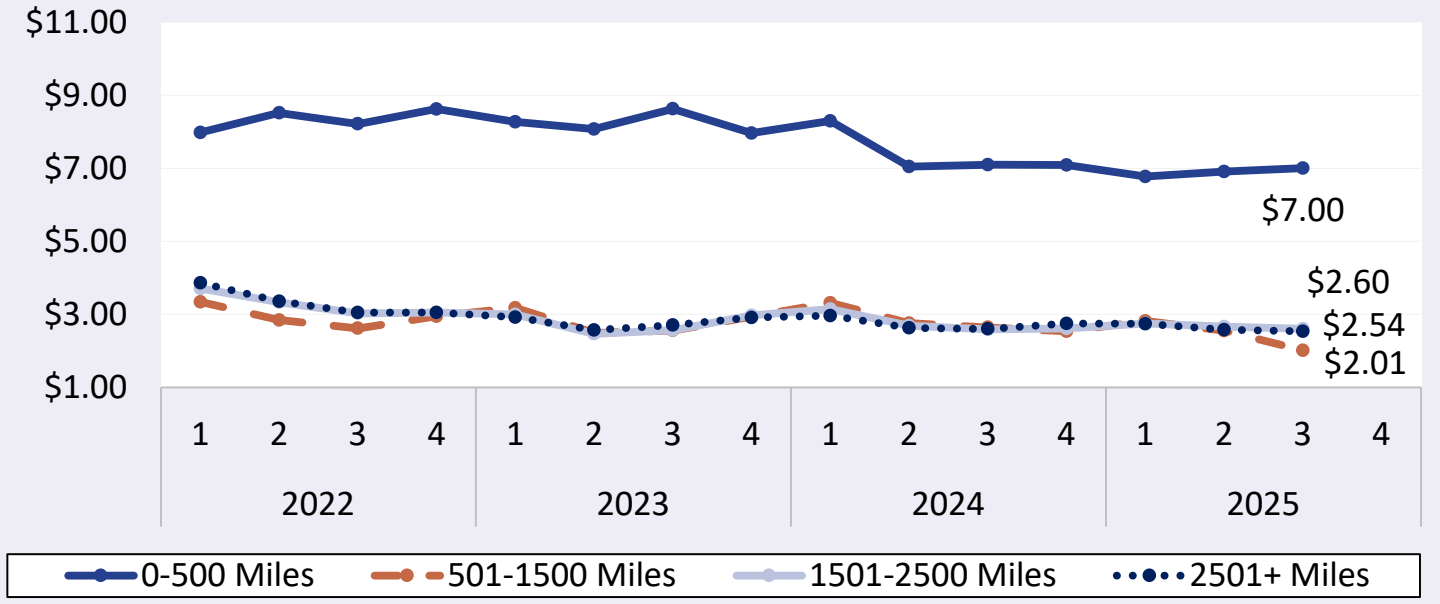

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Table 17: PNW Truck Overview (Availability Rating: 1=Surplus to 5=Shortage)

Region/Reporting District	July	August	September	3rd Quarter
Columbia Basin Washington	2	-	-	2
Upper Valley, Twin Falls-Burley District Idaho	2	-	-	2
Yakima Valley And Wenatchee District, Washington	2.78	2.9	3.2	2.96
Regional Average Availability	2.26	2.9	3.2	2.79
Diesel Fuel Price ($/gallon)	**4.14**	**4.13**	**4.14**	**4.14**

Note: AMS Specialty Crops Program defines regions by commodity, which may overlap in truck availability reporting. Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding. Any "-" in the table indicates no reported shipments during the quarter.
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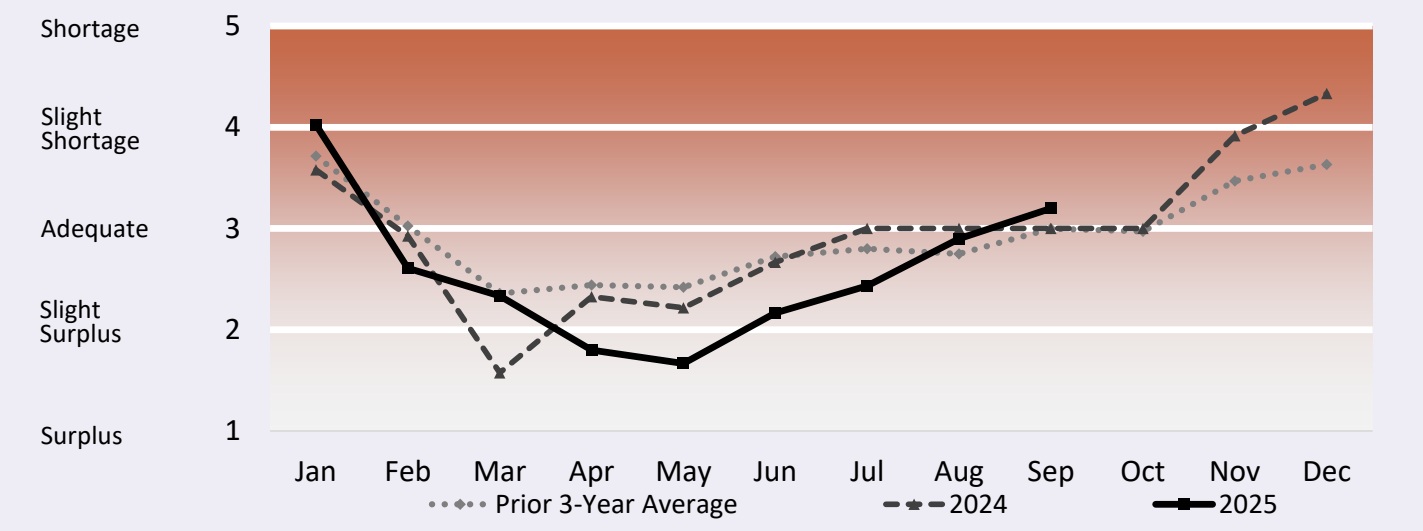
Figure 12: Refrigerated Truck Availability Monthly Ratings for PNW



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Southeast

Volume

During third quarter 2025, total reported shipments of fruit and vegetables from the Southeast were 252,000 tons—down 22 percent year to year. The summed volume of the top five commodities shipped from the Southeast also decreased 18 percent year to year. Three of the top five commodities saw year-to-year volume decreases in the third quarter: tomatoes (down 16 percent); dry onions (down 17 percent); and watermelons (down 23 percent). Shipments of sweet potatoes were up 7 percent and sweet corn, up 492 percent.

Rates

The quarterly average truck rate for shipments between 501 miles and 1,500 miles was $3.03 per mile—down 18 percent quarter to quarter and down 6 percent year to year.

Truck Overview

Diesel fuel prices averaged $3.69 per gallon—up 5 percent quarter to quarter and up 1 percent year to year. The Georgia and South Carolina districts reported adequate availability in July and August and did not report in September. The Vidalia District Georgia reported adequate availability throughout the quarter.

Table 18: Reported Top Five Commodities Shipped from Southeast (1,000 tons)

Commodity	3rd Quarter 2025	Share of Southeast Total	Previous Quarter	Same Quarter Last Year	Current Quarter as % change from:	
					Previous Qtr	Same Qtr Last Year
Watermelons	154	61%	161	201	-4%	-23%
Onions, Dry	46	18%	58	56	-20%	-17%
Sweet Potatoes	29	12%	45	27	-35%	7%
Corn, Sweet	6	2%	56	1	-90%	492%
Tomatoes	4	2%	19	5	-78%	-16%
Top 5 Total	**239**	**95%**	**339**	**290**	**-29%**	**-18%**
Southeast Total	**252**	**100%**	**465**	**324**	**-46%**	**-22%**

Note: Any "-" in the table indicates no reported shipments during the quarter or a percentage change with an at- or near-zero denominator. Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding.
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Figure 13: Southeast Truck Rates ($/Mile by Distance Travelled)

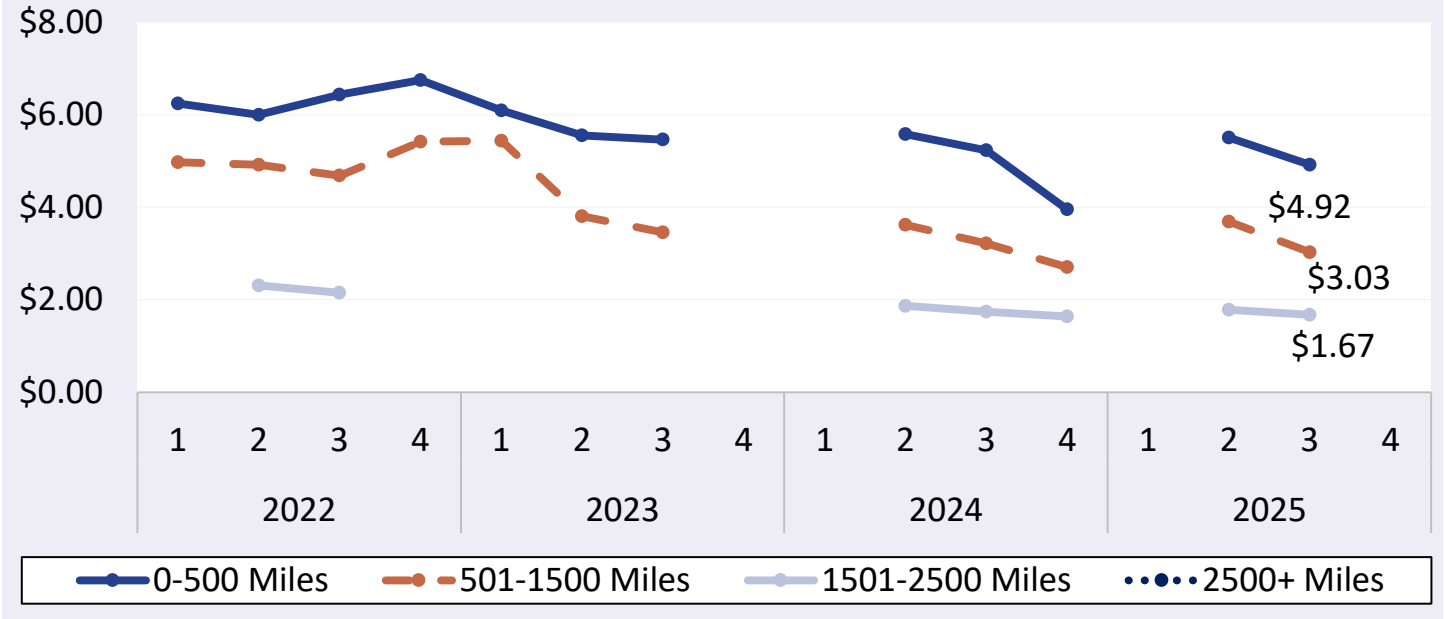

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Table 19: Southeast Truck Overview (Availability Rating: 1=Surplus to 5=Shortage)

Region/Reporting District	July	August	September	3rd Quarter
Georgia	2.94	2.83	-	2.89
South Carolina	3.06	2.83	-	2.94
Vidalia District Georgia	3	3	3	3
Regional Average Availability	3	2.89	3	2.96
Diesel Fuel Price ($/gallon)	**3.72**	**3.67**	**3.67**	**3.69**

Note: AMS Specialty Crops Program defines regions by commodity, which may overlap in truck availability reporting. Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding. Any "-" in the table indicates no reported shipments during the quarter.
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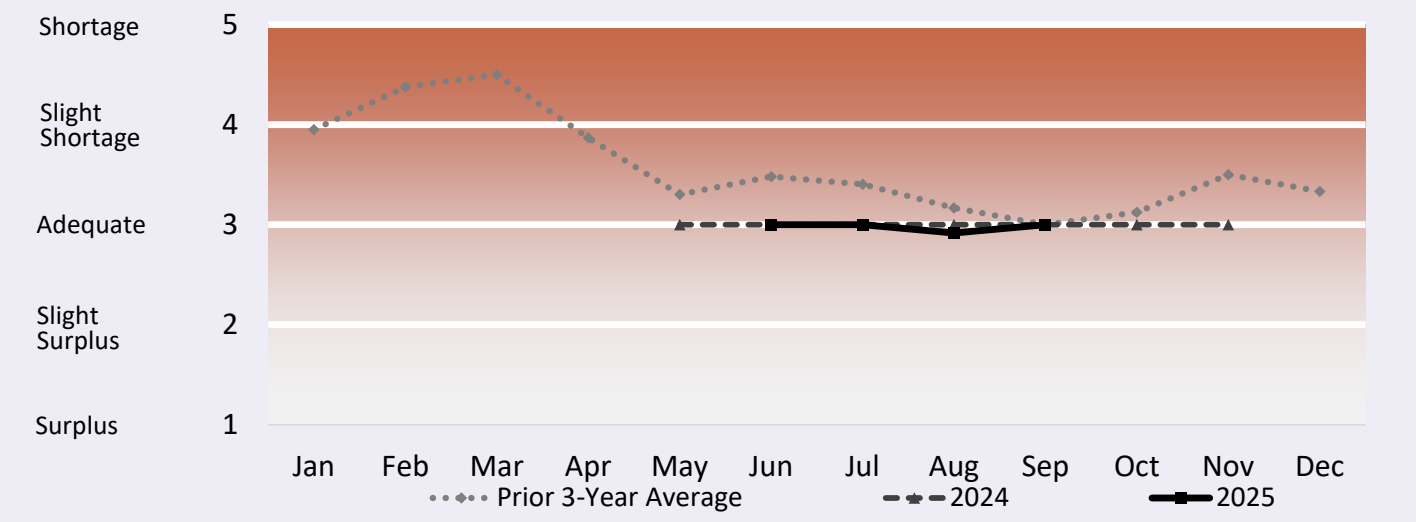
Figure 14: Refrigerated Truck Availability Monthly Ratings for Southeast



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Great Lakes

Volume

During third quarter 2025, total reported shipments of fruit and vegetables from the Great Lakes were 244,000 tons—down 23 percent year to year. The summed volume of the top five commodities shipped from the Great Lakes decreased 25 percent year to year. Four of the top five commodities saw year-to-year volume decreases in the third quarter, including cucumbers (down 12 percent); potatoes (down 14 percent); watermelons (down 46 percent); and apples (down 50 percent). Shipments of bell peppers increased 7 percent.

Rates

The quarterly average truck rate for shipments between 501 miles and 1,500 miles was $4.17 per mile—unchanged quarter to quarter and down 2 percent year to year.

Truck Overview

Diesel fuel prices averaged $3.74 per gallon—up 7 percent quarter to quarter and up 2 percent year to year. The Central Wisconsin district reported a slight surplus in July and did not report in August and September.

Table 20: Reported Top Five Commodities Shipped from Great Lakes (1,000 tons)

Commodity	3rd Quarter 2025	Share of Great Lakes Total	Previous Quarter	Same Quarter Last Year	Current Quarter as % change from:	
					Previous Qtr	Same Qtr Last Year
Potatoes	120	49%	79	140	51%	-14%
Watermelons	34	14%	-	62	-	-46%
Peppers, Bell Type	20	8%	-	19	-	7%
Apples	18	7%	29	36	-39%	-50%
Cucumbers	15	6%	-	17	-	-12%
Top 5 Total	**207**	**85%**	**109**	**275**	**91%**	**-25%**
Great Lakes Total	**244**	**100%**	**121**	**319**	**101%**	**-23%**

Note: Any "-" in the table indicates no reported shipments during the quarter or a percentage change with an at- or near-zero denominator. Table values may not conform exactly due to rounding.
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Figure 15: Great Lakes Truck Rates ($/Mile by Distance Travelled)

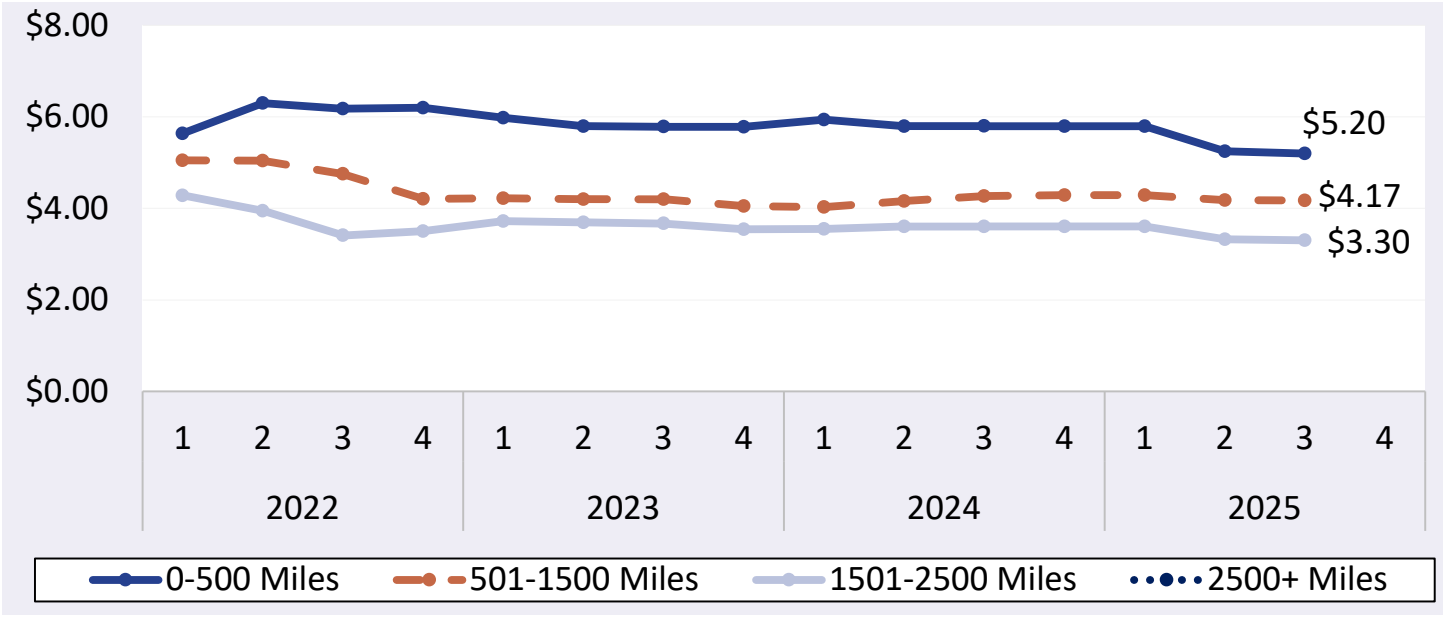

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Table 21: Great Lakes Truck Overview (Availability Rating: 1=Surplus to 5=Shortage)

Region/Reporting District	July	August	September	3rd Quarter
Central Wisconsin	2	-	-	2
Regional Average Availability	2	-	-	2
Diesel Fuel Price ($/gallon)	**3.76**	**3.74**	**3.73**	**3.74**

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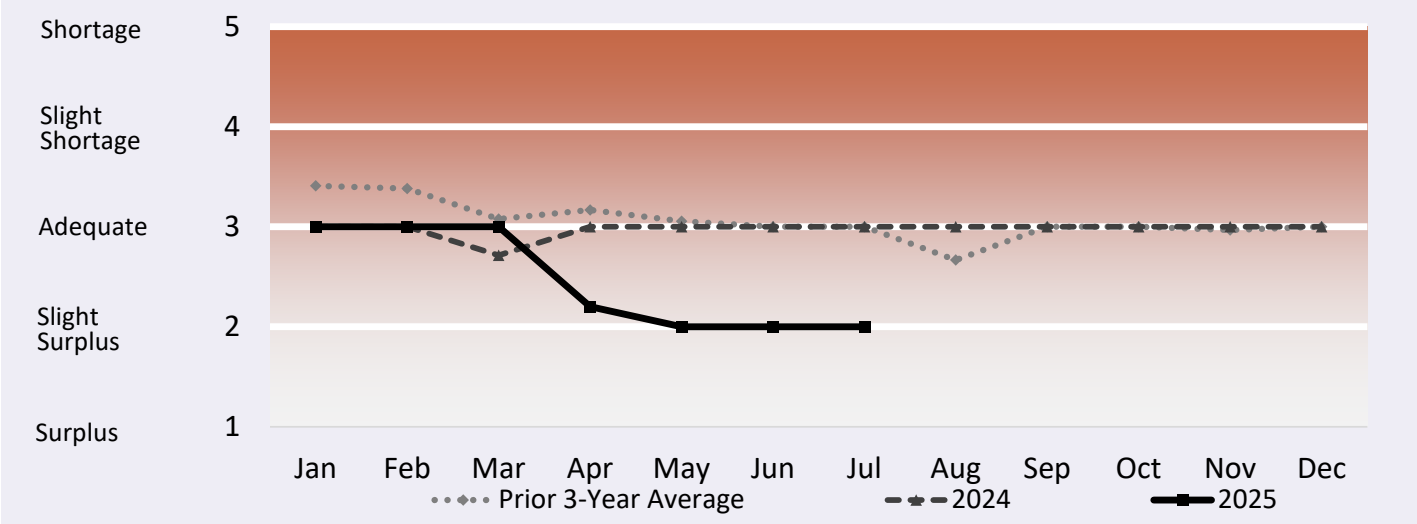
Figure 16: Refrigerated Truck Availability Monthly Ratings for Great Lakes



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Additional Information

Terms and References

Data Reporting and Publication Window

The publication date of each Agricultural Refrigerated Truck Quarterly (AgRTQ) depends on the timing of data reporting. Reporting of truck shipments in some regions can be delayed 2-3 months past their respective quarter. We publish the AgRTQ one month after that lag in order to capture a more complete picture of truck shipments during the quarter.

Data Sources

This information is compiled from the weekly Specialty Crops Truck Rate Report by USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Specialty Crops Program, Market News Division. The website is: https://www.marketnews.usda.gov/mnp/fv-home.

Regional Markets

For the regional markets, some States are grouped into producing regions. The Pacific Northwest region includes Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The Great Lakes region includes Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The Southeast region includes North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Shipment Volumes

Truck shipments for all commodities and origins are not available. Those obtainable are reported, but should not be interpreted as representing complete movements of a commodity. Truck shipments from all States are collected at shipping points and include both interstate and intrastate movements. They are obtained from various sources, including Federal marketing orders, administrative committees, Federal State Inspection Service, and shippers. Volume amounts are represented in 10,000 pound units, or 1,000 10-lb packages but are converted to 1,000 tons for this report. Mexican border crossings through Arizona and Texas data is obtained from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border and Protection (CBP) through USDA, AMS, Market News.

Rates

This information is compiled from the weekly Specialty Crops Truck Rate Report. Rates quoted represent open (spot) market rates that shippers or receivers pay depending on basis of sale, per load, including truck brokers fees for shipments in truck load volume to a single destination. Extra charges for delivery to terminal markets, multipickup and multidrop shipments are not included unless otherwise stated. Rates are based on the most usual loads in 48-53 foot trailers from the origin shipping area to the destination receiving city. In areas where rates are based on package rates, per load rates were derived by multiplying the package rate by the number of packages in the most usual load in a 48-53 foot trailer. Slightly cheaper rates will be reported during Quarters 2 and 3 as about 50 percent of onion shipments from California are hauled on open flatbed trailers. During Quarter 3, less than 20 percent of onions hauled from Washington, Idaho, and Oregon are on open flatbeds.

Regional Rates

Rate data for 10 destination markets are used to calculate average origin regional rates.

National Rates

The national rates reflect the average of the regional rates, separated by mileage category and weighted by volume between origin and destination.

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