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# Freight Moves the Economy in 2014 

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## US Business Logistics Costs



## Logistics Cost As A Percent of GDP

Percent


## The US Business Logistics System Cost Is the Equivalent of 8.3\% of Current GDP in 2014



Interest Rates Still Well Below One Percent


Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

## Inventories Growth Slowed in 2014, Picked Up in 2015



Source: US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau

## The Inventory to Sales Ratio Rising Rapidly



Source: US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau

## Total Rail Carloads and Intermodal Loads



## Total Rail Carload Traffic



Source: Association of American Railroads

## Total Rail Intermodal Traffic



Source: Association of American Railroads

## Truck Tonnage Slowly Climbing



Source: American Trucking Associations

## US 3PL Market Segments

- The overall 3PL market rose $7.4 \%$ in 2014 and is forecasted to grow 5.7\% in 2015.
- Domestic transportation management and dedicated contract carriage grew 20.5 and $10.4 \%$ respectively in response to tightening carrier capacity and economic uncertainty.

US 3PL Market Segments 2014 Net Revenue


Source: Armstrong \& Associates, Inc.
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## US Imports First Half 2015



## Strength of US Dollar Affecting Exports and Imports



Index March 1973=100

Percent Change in Imports


Sources: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and Bureau of Economic Analysis

## Cass Monthly Freight Index




Source: Cass Logistics, Cass Freight Index, January $1990=1.0$

## 2015 So Far

- The US economy will continue to strengthen and grow; the global economy will continue to lag.
- Second quarter 2015 GDP growth is estimated at 3.7 percent, with a revised first quarter of 0.6 percent
- Consumer spending, which accounts for more than two-thirds of U.S. economic activity, grew at a 3.1 percent rate
- Imports are increasing, but exports are lagging because of weak global economic growth and the high value of the dollar relative to other currencies
- Trucking failures fell almost 90 percent in the second quarter of 2015 compared to 2014 - fuel prices and stable rates helped
- What is the greatest threat to freight logistics? Capacity, capacity, capacity!


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