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Editorial:

Politics Becomes a Trade Driver – but Only Short-Term

It seems that traditional economic fundamentals do not have the same impact on trade that they used to have. We are now in a politically motivated trade environment, and politics is another matter altogether.

President Trump's trade war with China and the threat of even higher tariffs in 2019 created a mini-boom in imports as businesses rushed to bring goods into the country ahead of the tariffs. That increased gross domestic product and did much to boost inventories at a time when we would have expected them to fall. The consumer also appears to have reacted to the expectation that prices will rise as tariff rates go up, with personal consumption increasing 0.4 percent – twice the 0.2 percent increase in disposable personal income.

Despite this, we should not lose sight of economic factors that underly this confusing mix of information. The Institute for Supply Management says its Purchasing Managers Index for U.S. manufacturing fell to 57.7 in October, down from 59.8 in September and below market expectations of 59. The reading pointed to the slowest growth in factory activity in six months. This is not a positive sign. As industrial production slows so will imports. If we look at China's exports, we can see that they benefited from the pre-tariff surge, but the most recent data suggests that this surge has come to an end.

The rate of import growth in 2018 is set to be slower than 2017, and 2019 growth will continue to be weak unless an agreement is reached between the Trump administration and China. If we look at the new U.S. agreement with Mexico and Canada to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement, it does not take much to declare victory.

Despite the import growth through September, the West Coast is feeling the brunt of the tariff war as can clearly be seen in our year-to-date growth tables at the end of this newsletter. The East Coast ports are outperforming the West Coast and Savannah continues to have the highest year-to-date growth rate.

-Ben Hackett



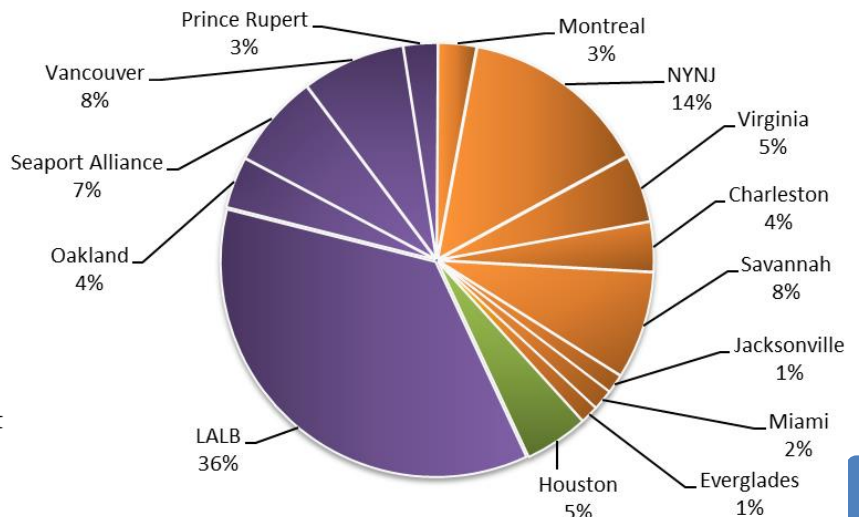
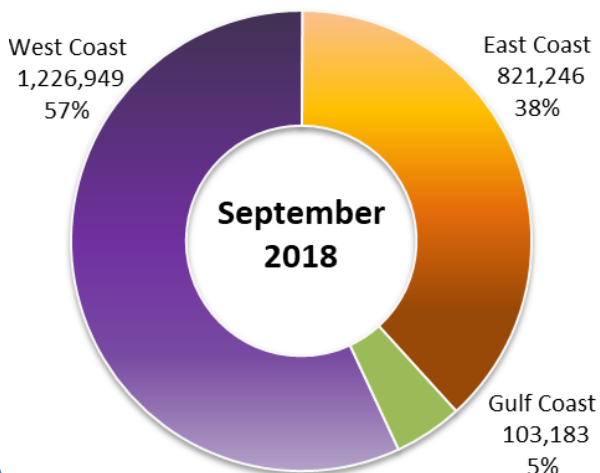
Executive Summary

- The total volume of loaded imports at the tracked ports increased by 18,000 TEUs in September to 2.15 million TEUs. This represents a 0.9 percent increase over August for a 5.0 percent year-on-year gain and is a record high for the month of September. The forecast for loaded imports in 2018 is a 4.7 percent increase over 2017.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored West Coast ports increased by 89,000 TEUs between August and September, which equates to a 7.8 percent gain. The total import volume was 1.23 million TEUs, which equates to a 6.6 percent increase over the same month of last year. The Port of Oakland was the sole location to experience a decrease from August, while the Seaport Alliance, Vancouver, and Prince Rupert posted double-digit percentage gains. From a year-on-year perspective, every port posted an increase. The forecast for loaded imports in 2018 is a 3.4 percent increase over 2017.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored East Coast ports fell by 67,000 TEUs between August and September, which equates to a 7.6 percent drop. The import volume of 821,000 TEUs is a high for the month of September and equates to a 4.8 percent gain year-on-year. The volume at every port fell from August, with double-digit percentage drops at Charleston and Miami. Every port except Virginia posted year-on-year growth, with Jacksonville, Everglades, and Miami experiencing double-digit percentage gains. The forecast for loaded imports in 2018 is a 6.2 percent increase over 2017.
- Loaded imports at Houston decreased by 2.6 percent in September (or 3,000 TEUs) to 103,000 TEUs for a 9.3 percent year-on-year slide.

Change in Import Volume, September 2018 versus:

			Aug-18	Sep-17
West Coast	LALB	↗	1.0%	↗ 2.2%
	Oakland	↘	-3.6%	↗ 4.4%
	Seaport Alliance	↗	30.9%	↗ 29.4%
	Vancouver	↗	23.0%	↗ 9.9%
	Prince Rupert	↗	44.1%	↗ 13.9%
	Coast Total	↗	7.8%	↗ 6.6%
East Coast	Montreal	↘	-7.4%	↗ 0.3%
	NYNJ	↘	-8.8%	↗ 5.7%
	Virginia	↘	-6.9%	↘ -0.7%
	Charleston	↘	-11.5%	↗ 1.3%
	Savannah	↘	-5.0%	↗ 4.1%
	Jacksonville	↘	-7.5%	↗ 26.1%
	Everglades	↘	-7.5%	↗ 13.2%
	Miami	↘	-12.7%	↗ 15.6%
	Coast Total	↘	-7.6%	↗ 4.8%
Gulf	Houston	↘	-2.6%	↘ -9.3%

- The North Europe edition of the Global Port Tracker reported that total container volumes across the six-port range increased by 12,000 TEUs or 0.3 percent in August with 3.74 million TEUs, for a 1.5 percent year-on-year gain. For loaded incoming volumes, the north range posted a 0.2 percent increase over July and was up 0.6 percent year-on-year, while loaded outgoing volumes were up 0.5 percent for a 2.5 percent gain year-on-year. Loaded imports to Europe posted a 0.5 percent increase (for a 0.9 percent slide year-on-year) while total exports were down 7.5 percent (for a 2.6 percent slide year-on-year). The forecast for 2018 projects a 1.9 percent increase in loaded imports to the six-port range, while loaded exports are projected to increase by 2.6 percent.



Global Economic Overview

- COSCO/OOCL had the largest share of liftings on the eastbound Far East – US trade route over the April to September 2018 period, according to Alphaliner. The CMA CGM group increased its share of the market to 15 percent as its volumes increased by 7.3 percent year-on-year. The picture is less happy for ONE, which slid from second to third spot after suffering a 14.2 percent decrease in year-on-year liftings over the period, although this was in part due to especially poor performance in April and May.
- Alphaliner reported that the capacity of the idle fleet, as of October 15th, stood at 579,666 TEUs (up from 458,032 TEUs at around the same point of last month) spread across 195 vessels (versus 167 last month). A total of 11 vessels had a capacity of at least 7,500 TEUs (compared to 12 last month). The idle fleet accounts for 2.6 per cent of the total available capacity, up from 2.0 percent last month. The recent increase in the size of the idle fleet is due to the Chinese “Golden Week” holidays that occurred during the first week of October.

Far East – US Eastbound Liftings Share, Apr-Sep 2018

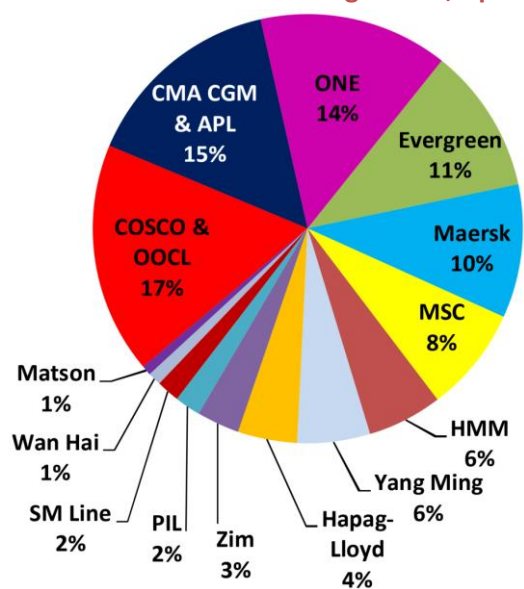


Chart courtesy of Alphaliner

Looking Forward to a Happy Holiday Season by Jon Gold

The 2018 holiday season is shaping up to be the best on record for retail sales. Consumer confidence has remained strong throughout 2018, leading to year-over-year sales growth every month this year. In October, NRF announced its forecast that holiday sales will increase between 4.3 and 4.8 percent over 2017 for a total of \$717.45 billion to \$720.89 billion. That tops both the previous record of \$687.87 billion seen last year and the average annual increase of 3.9 percent over the past five years.

While the economy has remained strong in 2018, that could change in 2019, especially if the trade war with China continues to escalate. The 10 percent tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods that took effect in September are set to increase to 25 percent in January. That would match the 25 percent tariffs set on \$50 billion worth of goods over the summer. There is also the ongoing threat from President Trump of tariffs on the remaining \$267 billion worth of trade with China. The concern is not just U.S. tariffs on imports, but retaliatory tariffs and other actions from China against U.S. exports and U.S. companies operating in China. This certainly could impact the economy in 2019. As NRF and others have told the administration, the tariffs on Chinese goods are paid by U.S. companies, not the Chinese government. They will eventually be passed along to U.S. consumers, which will certainly impact consumer confidence.

Many companies, especially smaller firms, are already talking about how the tariffs are impacting their businesses. This includes increased costs from the steel and aluminum tariffs that went into effect earlier this year and impact everything from canned goods to automobiles to construction. Despite their negative impacts, the administration continues to use tariffs as a tool for trade negotiations. The latest could include tariffs on automobiles and auto parts as the administration continues its Section 232 investigation, which could conclude soon.

The administration believes that the tariffs helped lead to the conclusion of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, the updated version of the North American Free Trade Agreement. The constant threats to withdraw from NAFTA and the tariffs did put pressure on both Canada and Mexico to come to an agreement, but there are still many steps that need to occur before the USMCA becomes final. The parties all need to sign the agreement, which will likely happen at the end of November, but then each government needs to approve the new agreement. That will certainly be complicated in the United States now that the mid-term elections have resulted in a divided Congress. The earliest Congress could vote on the USMCA would be March.

Unfortunately, trade uncertainty will carry over into 2019. We hope the rhetoric will subside and we can get back to the United States being on the front lines of trade and negotiating new trade agreements that move our nation forward.

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North America Economic Overview

- The oft-repeated phrase “the fundamentals are sound” is no better evidenced than by the continued growth of industrial production. Output in the US increased by 0.3 percent in September, with growth of 3.3 percent year-on-year for the third quarter. The total industrial production index is at an all-time high of 108.5, while the manufacturing index reading of 106.0 is rapidly closing in on the record set in December 2007 of 108.6.
- The US Manufacturing PMI reading from ISM retreated further in October as it decreased by 2.1 percentage points from September, sliding from 59.8 to 57.5. The New Orders index also fell, decreasing 4.4 percentage points to 57.4, as did the Production index which slid 4.0 points to 59.9. Inventories grew at a slower pace as the index decreased by 2.6 percentage points to 50.7.
- IHS Markit reported that Canada’s Manufacturing PMI decreased again as it slid from 54.8 in September to 53.9 in October, while in Mexico the Manufacturing PMI reading decreased from 51.7 in September to 50.7. Meanwhile in China, the National Bureau of Statistics reported that the Manufacturing PMI decreased to its lowest rate in two years as the reading slid from 50.8 in September to 50.2.
- The Michigan Index of US Consumer Sentiment shed 1.5 percent from September’s reading of 100.1 to slide to 98.6 in October. This is down 2.1 percent year-on-year. The Index of Consumer Expectations also declined with a 1.3 percent dip both month-on-month and year-on-year. The Ipsos Consumer

US Industrial Production Index, Jan 2016-Sep 2018

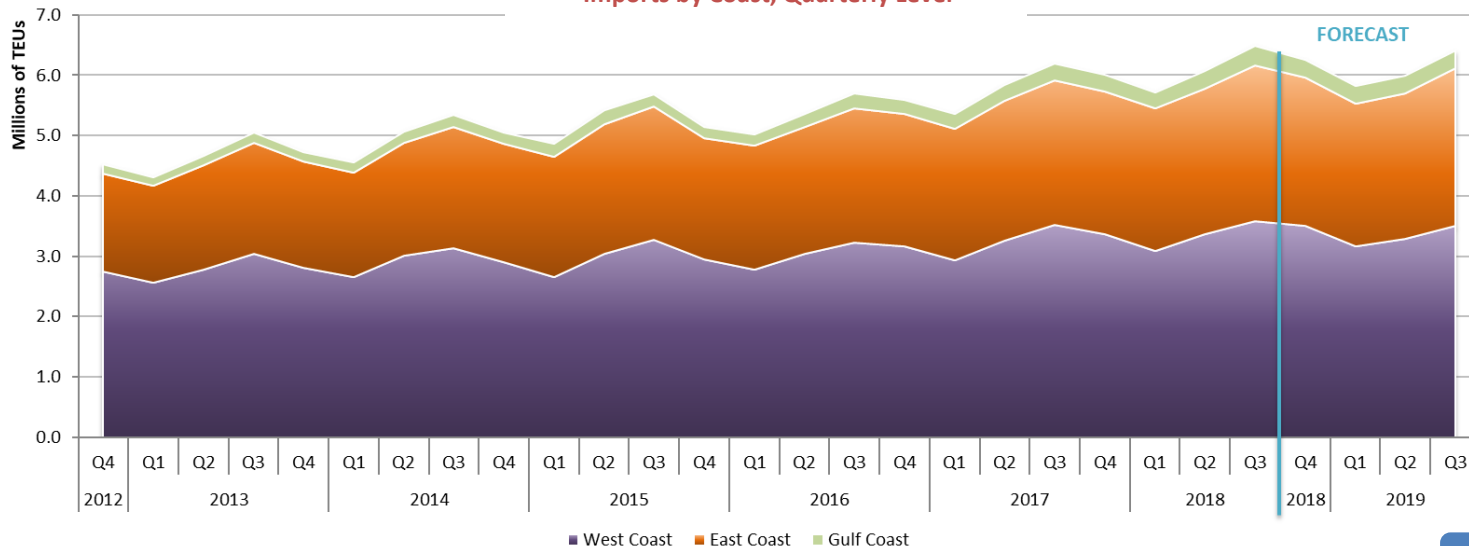


Data source: Board of Governors of the US Federal Reserve System

Confidence Index for October reported a reading of 62.7 in the US (up from 62.6 last month and 60.2 a year ago); 55.5 in Canada (up from 55.4 last month and 54.8 year-on-year); and 51.7 in Mexico (up from 50.5 last month and 46.7 one year ago).

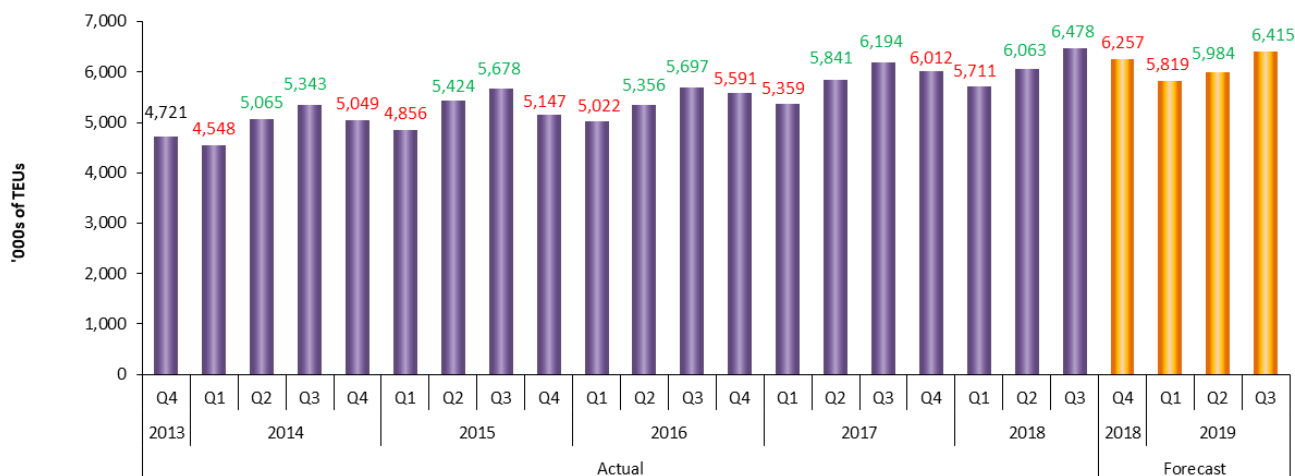
- The Association of American Railroads reported that intermodal traffic for the month of October totaled 1.44 million containers and trailers, an increase of 4.2 percent year-on-year. US intermodal volumes for the first 44 weeks of 2018, through November 3rd, are up 5.8 percent (down from a 6.0 percent gain last month) with 12.28 million units. Year-to-date Canadian intermodal volumes through the same period are up 4.4 percent (versus 4.9 percent last month) with 3.04 million units, while Mexico’s total reached 793,000 units.

Imports by Coast, Quarterly Level



Global Port Tracker Overview

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	6.6%	↗	-1.3%
		Q3	6.4%	↗	0.3%
		Q4	-1.9%	↘	8.6%
		Q1	-4.1%	↘	6.7%
	2017	Q2	9.0%	↗	9.1%
		Q3	6.0%	↗	8.7%
		Q4	-2.9%	↘	7.5%
		Q1	-5.0%	↘	6.6%
	2018	Q2	6.2%	↗	3.8%
		Q3	6.9%	↗	4.6%
		Q4	-3.4%	↘	4.1%
		Q1	-7.0%	↘	1.9%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	2.8%	↗	-1.3%
		Q3	7.2%	↗	-1.0%

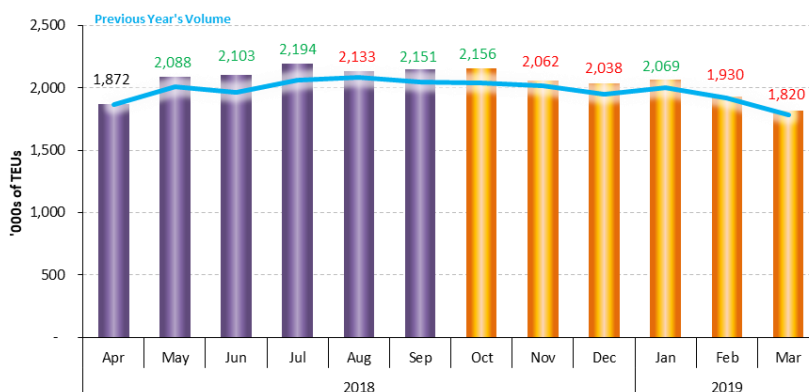
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	1.0%	↗	5.6%
		Sep	-1.7%	↘	11.3%
		Oct	-0.4%	↗	6.7%
		Nov	-0.9%	↘	7.2%
		Dec	-3.4%	↘	8.8%
	2018	Jan	2.7%	↗	4.7%
		Feb	-4.2%	↘	15.0%
		Mar	-6.9%	↘	0.7%
		Apr	4.7%	↗	0.2%
		May	11.6%	↗	4.0%
		Jun	0.7%	↗	7.1%
		Jul	4.3%	↗	6.3%
		Aug	-2.8%	↘	2.4%
		Sep	0.9%	↗	5.0%
FORECAST	2018	Oct	0.2%	↗	5.7%
		Nov	-4.3%	↘	2.1%
		Dec	-1.2%	↘	4.4%
	2019	Jan	1.5%	↗	3.2%
		Feb	-6.7%	↘	0.6%
		Mar	-5.7%	↘	1.8%

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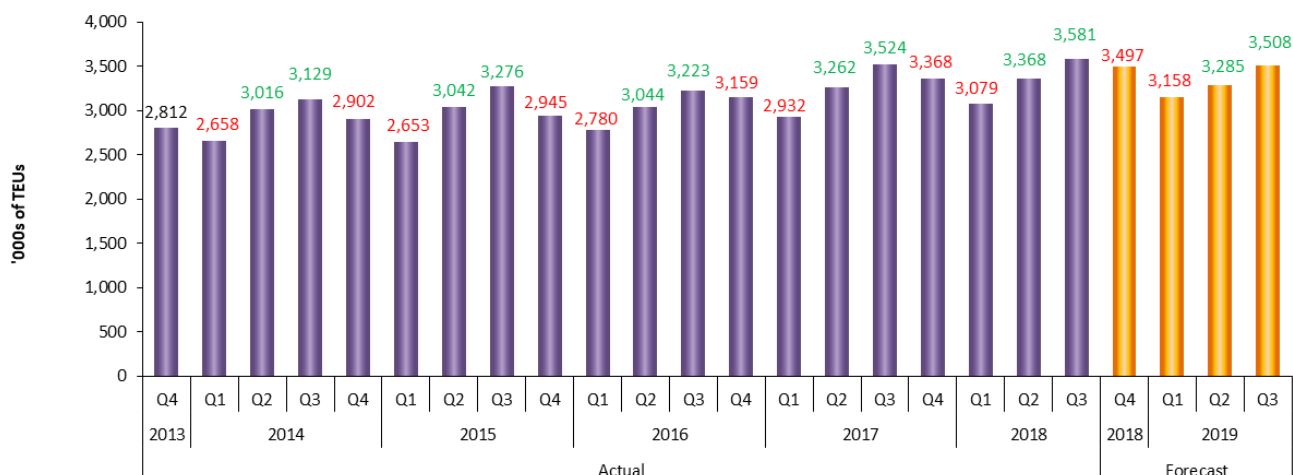
- Imports to the ports tracked by the North American edition of the Global Port Tracker increased by 0.9 percent in September. The 18,000 TEU gain to 2.15 million TEUs equates to a 5.0 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is a record for the month of September.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 141.1. This is 6.8 points higher than the 134.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 18.25 million TEUs for a 4.9 percent increase year-on-year (which is unchanged from last month).
- The forecast projects a 3.7 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 2.6 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 4.3 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 12.74 million TEUs. The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.2 percent versus the equivalent period of 2018, with 11.80 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 24.51 million TEUs, which would be a 4.7 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



West Coast Port Activity

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
			vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 9.5%	↗	0.1%
		Q3	↘ 5.9%	↘	-1.6%
		Q4	↘ -2.0%	↘	7.2%
	2017	Q1	↘ -7.2%	↘	5.5%
		Q2	↗ 11.2%	↗	7.1%
		Q3	↘ 8.0%	↘	9.3%
	2018	Q4	↘ -4.4%	↘	6.6%
		Q1	↘ -8.6%	↘	5.0%
		Q2	↗ 9.4%	↗	3.3%
	2019	Q3	↗ 6.3%	↗	1.6%
		Q4	↘ -2.3%	↘	3.8%
		Q1	↘ -9.7%	↘	2.6%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 4.0%	↗	-2.4%
		Q3	↗ 6.8%	↗	-2.0%

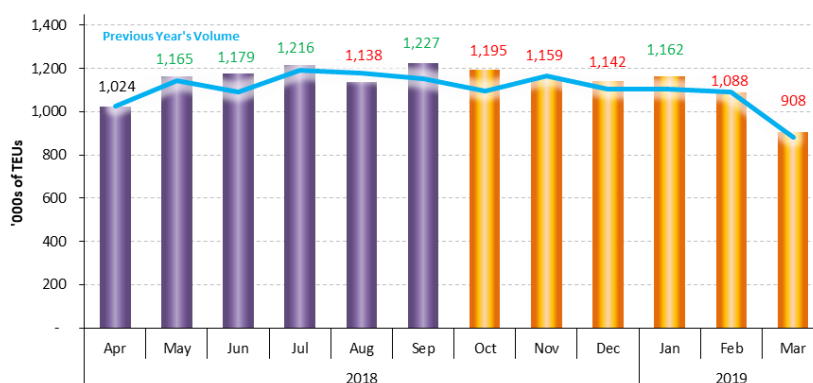
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↘ -0.9%	↘	6.6%
		Sep	↘ -2.6%	↘	9.8%
		Oct	↘ -4.7%	↘	2.6%
		Nov	↗ 6.5%	↗	9.1%
	2018	Dec	↘ -5.6%	↘	8.2%
		Jan	↗ 0.2%	↗	1.0%
		Feb	↘ -1.2%	↘	25.2%
		Mar	↘ -19.2%	↘	-8.7%
	2019	Apr	↗ 16.0%	↗	-0.3%
		May	↗ 13.8%	↗	1.9%
		Jun	↗ 1.1%	↗	8.1%
FORECAST	2018	Jul	↗ 3.1%	↗	2.0%
		Aug	↘ -6.3%	↘	-3.6%
		Sep	↗ 7.8%	↗	6.6%
		Oct	↘ -2.6%	↘	9.0%
	2019	Nov	↘ -3.0%	↘	-0.7%
		Dec	↘ -1.5%	↘	3.6%
		Jan	↗ 1.7%	↗	5.2%
		Feb	↘ -6.4%	↘	-0.4%
		Mar	↘ -16.5%	↘	2.9%

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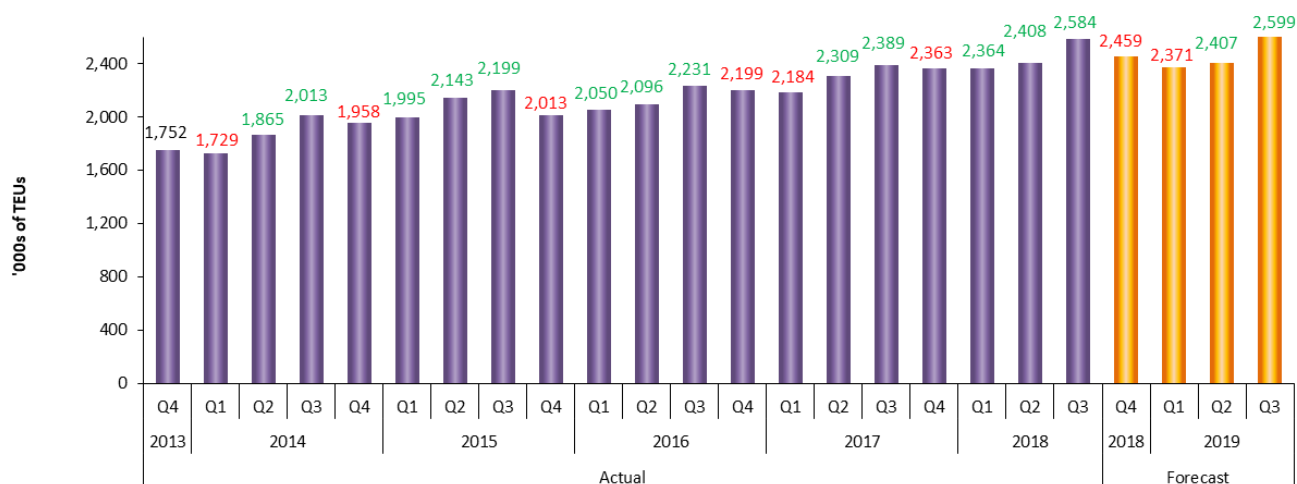
- Imports rebounded by 7.8 percent in September to 1.23 million TEUs. The 89,000 TEU gain equates to a 6.6 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is an all-time high.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 134.4. This is 8.3 points higher than the 126.1 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 10.03 million TEUs for a 3.2 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 2.7 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 4.2 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 5.0 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in half of the four upcoming quarters, with all changes in the single-digit percentage range.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 2.7 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 7.08 million TEUs. The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.1 percent versus the equivalent period of 2018, with 6.44 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 13.52 million TEUs, which would be a 3.4 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



East Coast Port Activity

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 2.2%	↘ -2.2%	
		Q3	↗ 6.4%	↗ 1.4%	
		Q4	↘ -1.4%	↗ 9.2%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -0.7%	↗ 6.5%	
		Q2	↗ 5.7%	↗ 10.1%	
		Q3	↗ 3.5%	↗ 7.1%	
	2018	Q4	↘ -1.1%	↗ 7.5%	
		Q1	↗ 0.0%	↗ 8.3%	
		Q2	↗ 1.8%	↗ 4.3%	
	2019	Q3	↗ 7.3%	↗ 8.1%	
		Q4	↘ -4.8%	↗ 4.0%	
		Q1	↘ -3.6%	↗ 0.3%	
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 1.5%	↗ 0.0%	
		Q3	↗ 8.0%	↗ 0.6%	

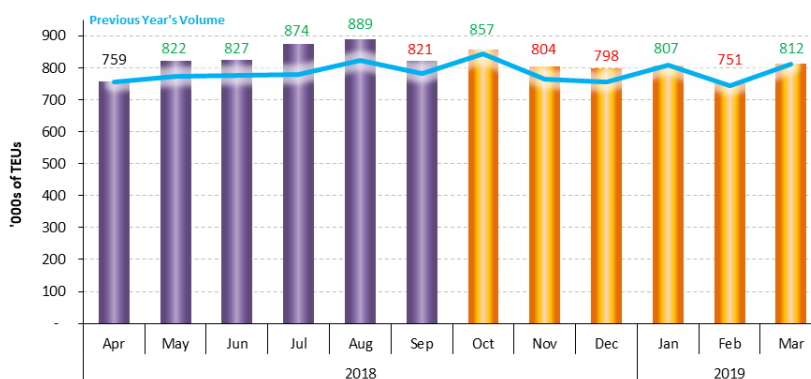
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↗ 5.7%	↗ 5.1%	
		Sep	↘ -5.1%	↗ 10.6%	
		Oct	↗ 7.6%	↗ 10.6%	
		Nov	↘ -9.2%	↗ 4.0%	
		Dec	↘ -1.3%	↗ 7.8%	
	2018	Jan	↗ 7.2%	↗ 10.0%	
		Feb	↘ -8.2%	↗ 2.7%	
		Mar	↗ 9.1%	↗ 12.0%	
		Apr	↘ -6.5%	↗ 0.2%	
		May	↗ 8.4%	↗ 6.1%	
	2019	Jun	↗ 0.5%	↗ 6.5%	
		Jul	↗ 5.7%	↗ 11.9%	
		Aug	↗ 1.7%	↗ 7.7%	
		Sep	↘ -7.6%	↗ 4.8%	
		Oct	↗ 4.3%	↗ 1.6%	
FORECAST	2018	Nov	↘ -6.2%	↗ 5.1%	
		Dec	↘ -0.7%	↗ 5.7%	
		Jan	↗ 1.2%	↘ -0.3%	
	2019	Feb	↘ -7.0%	↗ 1.0%	
		Mar	↗ 8.2%	↗ 0.2%	

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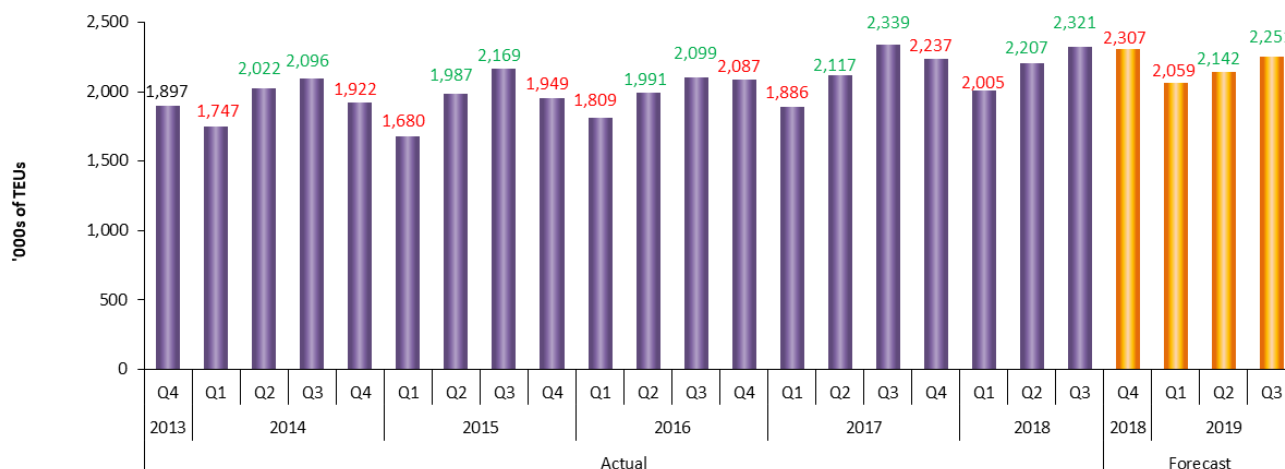
- Imports decreased by 7.6 percent in September to 821,000 TEUs. The 67,000 TEU slide equates to a 4.8 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of September.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 146.3. This is 6.8 points higher than the 139.5 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 7.36 million TEUs for a 6.9 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 7.2 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 3.2 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 0.6 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in three of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 6.1 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 5.04 million TEUs.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.1 percent versus the equivalent period of 2018, with 4.78 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 9.81 million TEUs, which would be a 6.2 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↑ 10.1%	↗ 0.2%	
		Q3	↗ 5.4%	↘ -3.2%	
		Q4	↘ -0.6%	↗ 7.1%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -9.6%	↗ 4.3%	
		Q2	↗ 12.3%	↗ 6.3%	
		Q3	↗ 10.5%	↗ 11.4%	
	2018	Q4	↘ -4.4%	↗ 7.1%	
		Q1	↘ -10.3%	↗ 6.3%	
		Q2	↗ 10.1%	↗ 4.2%	
	2019	Q3	↗ 5.2%	↘ -0.8%	
		Q4	↘ -0.6%	↗ 3.1%	
		Q1	↘ -10.7%	↗ 2.7%	
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 4.0%	↘ -2.9%	
		Q3	↗ 5.1%	↘ -3.0%	

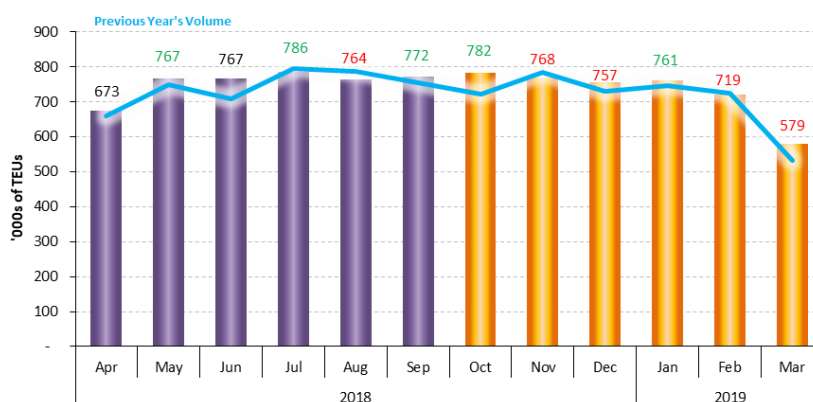
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↘ -1.0%	↗ 7.5%	
		Sep	↘ -4.2%	↗ 12.4%	
		Oct	↘ -4.3%	↗ 1.2%	
		Nov	↗ 8.4%	↗ 10.6%	
		Dec	↘ -6.6%	↗ 9.8%	
	2018	Jan	↗ 2.2%	↗ 4.6%	
		Feb	↘ -3.0%	↗ 32.2%	
		Mar	↘ -26.6%	↘ -14.6%	
		Apr	↗ 26.5%	↗ 2.0%	
		May	↗ 13.8%	↗ 2.3%	
	2019	Jun	↗ 0.1%	↗ 8.4%	
		Jul	↗ 2.5%	↘ -1.3%	
		Aug	↘ -2.8%	↘ -3.1%	
		Sep	↗ 1.0%	↗ 2.2%	
		Oct	↗ 1.3%	↗ 8.2%	
FORECAST	2018	Nov	↘ -1.7%	↘ -1.9%	
		Dec	↘ -1.5%	↗ 3.5%	
		Jan	↗ 0.6%	↗ 1.8%	
	2019	Feb	↘ -5.5%	↘ -0.8%	
		Mar	↘ -19.5%	↗ 8.8%	

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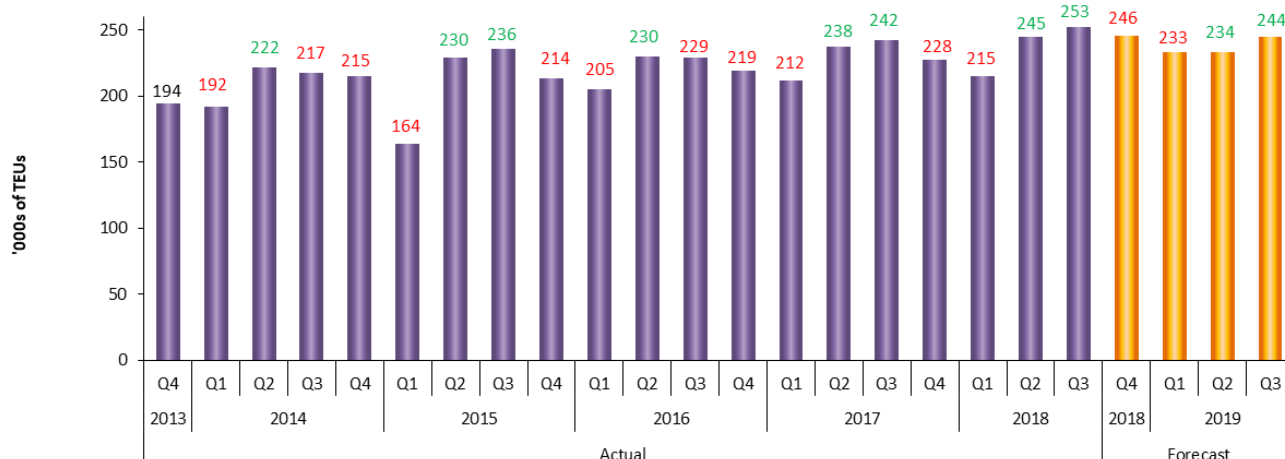
- Imports rebounded by 1.0 percent in September to 772,000 TEUs. The 8,000 TEU gain equates to a 2.2 percent increase over the same month of 2017.
- Imports at the Port of Los Angeles decreased by 1.5 percent from August, while the volume at the Port of Long Beach increased by 4.2 percent. In terms of year-on-year change, the two ports experienced a 6.6 percent gain and a 2.5 percent decrease respectively.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 129.4. This is 2.8 points higher than the 126.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 6.53 million TEUs for a 3.0 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 3.1 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 3.6 percent slide in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 4.8 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 1.1 percent while the first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.3 percent versus the equivalent period of 2018. The forecast volume for 2018 is 8.84 million TEUs, which would be a 3.0 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Oakland

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↑ 12.2%	↗ 0.2%	
		Q3	↓ -0.3%	↓ -2.7%	
		Q4	↓ -4.3%	↗ 2.7%	
	2017	Q1	↓ -3.4%	↗ 3.5%	
		Q2	↑ 12.1%	↗ 3.4%	
		Q3	↗ 1.8%	↗ 5.5%	
	2018	Q4	↓ -5.9%	↗ 3.8%	
		Q1	↓ -5.5%	↗ 1.4%	
		Q2	↑ 13.9%	↗ 3.1%	
	2019	Q3	↗ 3.1%	↗ 4.4%	
		Q4	↓ -2.7%	↗ 8.0%	
		Q1	↓ -5.3%	↗ 8.3%	
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 0.3%	↓ -4.7%	
		Q3	↗ 4.6%	↓ -3.2%	

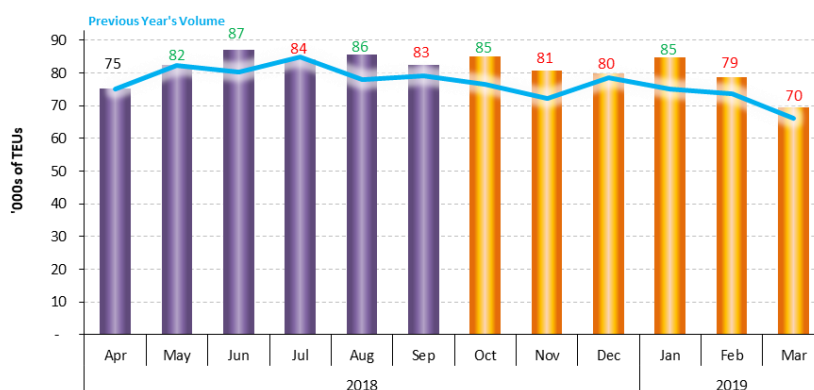
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↓ -8.1%	↓ -0.6%	
		Sep	↗ 1.5%	↑ 12.6%	
		Oct	↓ -3.1%	↗ 6.4%	
		Nov	↓ -5.7%	↓ -1.6%	
		Dec	↗ 8.8%	↗ 6.4%	
	2018	Jan	↓ -4.5%	↓ -6.6%	
		Feb	↓ -2.0%	↑ 14.9%	
		Mar	↓ -10.0%	↓ -1.8%	
		Apr	↑ 13.7%	↗ 0.5%	
		May	↗ 9.4%	↗ 0.0%	
	2019	Jun	↗ 5.8%	↗ 8.7%	
		Jul	↓ -3.3%	↓ -0.6%	
		Aug	↗ 1.7%	↗ 9.9%	
		Sep	↓ -3.6%	↗ 4.4%	
		Oct	↗ 3.0%	↑ 10.9%	
FORECAST	2018	Nov	↓ -4.9%	↑ 11.8%	
		Dec	↓ -1.2%	↗ 1.5%	
		Jan	↗ 6.0%	↑ 12.8%	
	2019	Feb	↓ -7.1%	↗ 6.8%	
		Mar	↓ -11.7%	↗ 4.8%	

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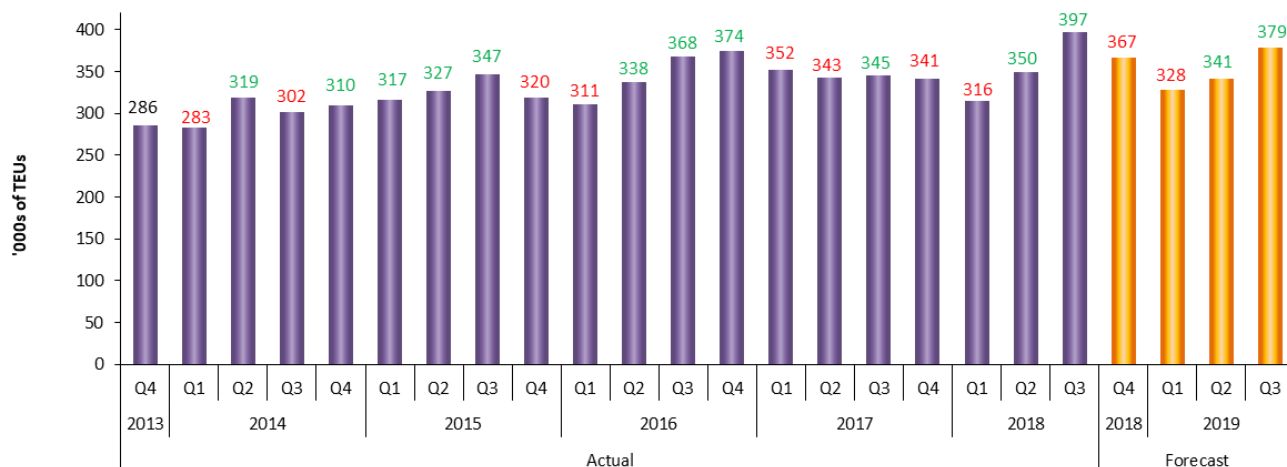
- Imports decreased by 3.6 percent in September to 83,000 TEUs. The 3,000 TEU slide is up 4.4 percent over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of September.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 125.1. This is 5.2 points higher than the 119.9 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 713,000 TEUs for a 3.0 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 2.8 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 3.8 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 7.7 percent fall between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 6.1 percent (to 498,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 1.4 percent (to 467,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 959,000 TEUs, which would be a 4.3 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



NW Seaport Alliance (Tacoma & Seattle)

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 8.7%	↗ 3.3%	
		Q3	↗ 8.8%	↗ 6.1%	
		Q4	↗ 1.8%	↗ 17.2%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -6.1%	↗ 13.1%	
		Q2	↘ -2.6%	↗ 1.3%	
		Q3	↗ 0.8%	↘ -6.2%	
	2018	Q4	↘ -1.2%	↘ -8.9%	
		Q1	↘ -7.5%	↘ -10.2%	
		Q2	↗ 10.9%	↗ 2.2%	
	2019	Q3	↗ 13.4%	↗ 15.0%	
		Q4	↘ -7.6%	↗ 7.5%	
		Q1	↘ -10.6%	↗ 3.9%	
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 4.0%	↘ -2.6%	
		Q3	↗ 11.1%	↘ -4.6%	

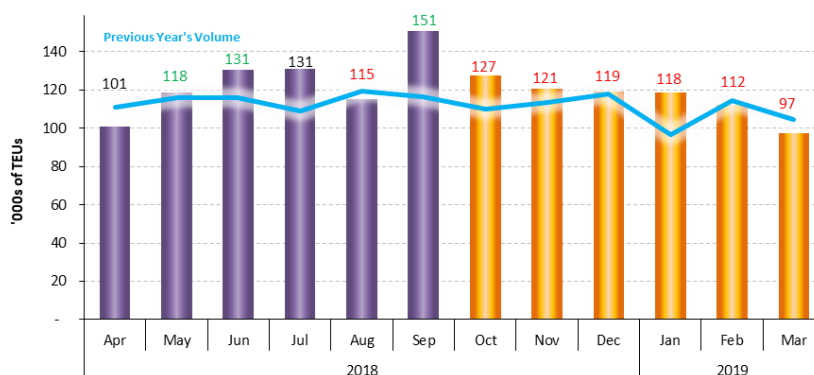
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↗ 9.5%	↗ 0.9%	
		Sep	↘ -2.5%	↘ -15.4%	
		Oct	↘ -5.7%	↘ -6.5%	
		Nov	↗ 3.2%	↘ -14.8%	
		Dec	↗ 3.8%	↘ -4.7%	
	2018	Jan	↘ -17.8%	↘ -24.9%	
		Feb	↗ 17.9%	↗ 11.2%	
		Mar	↘ -8.5%	↘ -12.9%	
		Apr	↘ -3.3%	↘ -8.8%	
		May	↗ 17.2%	↗ 2.1%	
	2019	Jun	↗ 10.3%	↗ 12.8%	
		Jul	↗ 0.1%	↗ 19.8%	
		Aug	↘ -11.8%	↘ -3.5%	
		Sep	↗ 30.9%	↗ 29.4%	
		Oct	↘ -15.6%	↗ 15.8%	
FORECAST	2018	Nov	↘ -5.4%	↗ 6.2%	
		Dec	↘ -1.3%	↗ 1.0%	
	2019	Jan	↘ -0.4%	↗ 22.3%	
		Feb	↘ -5.4%	↘ -1.8%	
	2019	Mar	↘ -13.1%	↘ -6.8%	

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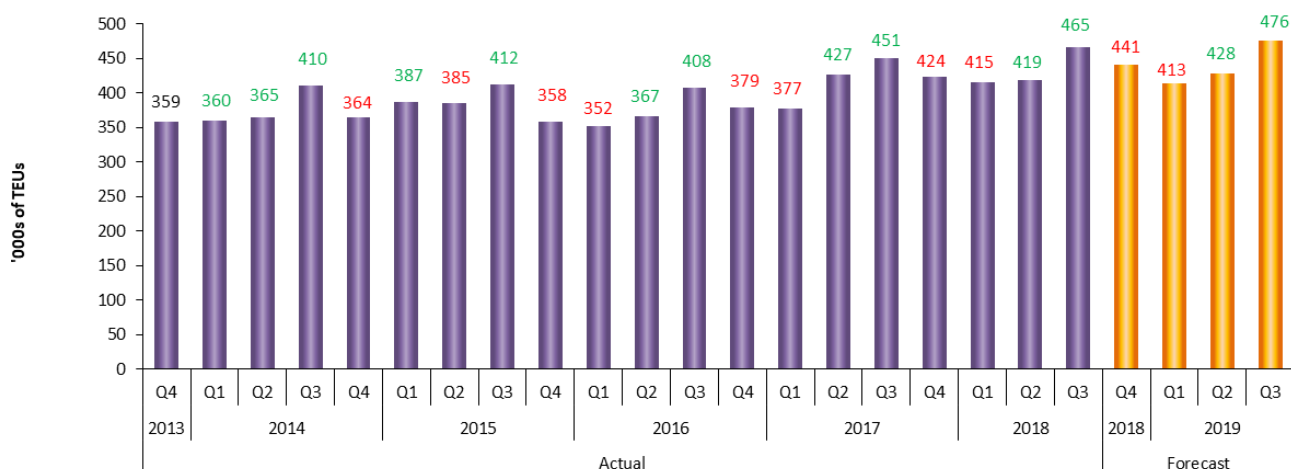
- Imports surged by 30.9 percent in September to reach 151,000 TEUs. The 36,000 TEU gain equates to a 29.4 percent jump over the same month of 2017. The low August volume and strong rebound in September was due to multiple vessel arrivals slipping from one month to the next.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 134.6. This is 30.6 points higher than the 104.0 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 1.06 million TEUs for a 2.2 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 1.2 percent decrease).
- The forecast projects a 7.0 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 4.5 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 11.3 percent (to 764,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017. The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.5 percent (to 669,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.43 million TEUs, which would be a 3.5 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Vancouver

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 4.1%	↘ -4.7%	
		Q3	↗ 11.1%	↘ -1.2%	
		Q4	↘ -6.9%	↗ 6.0%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -0.6%	↗ 7.0%	
		Q2	↗ 13.1%	↗ 16.3%	
		Q3	↗ 5.7%	↗ 10.6%	
		Q4	↘ -6.0%	↗ 11.6%	
	2018	Q1	↘ -1.9%	↗ 10.2%	
		Q2	↗ 0.7%	↘ -1.9%	
		Q3	↗ 11.2%	↗ 3.3%	
	FORECAST	2018 Q4	↘ -5.2%	↗ 4.2%	
		2019 Q1	↘ -6.4%	↘ -0.6%	
		2019 Q2	↗ 3.5%	↗ 2.2%	
		2019 Q3	↗ 11.4%	↗ 2.4%	

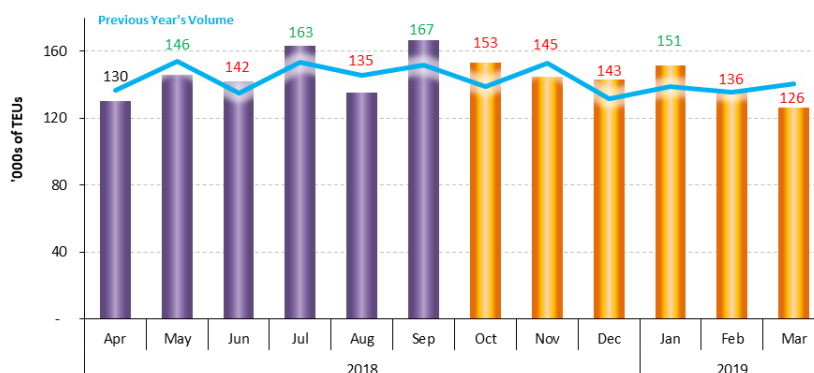
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↘ -5.2%	↗ 4.2%	
		Sep	↗ 4.2%	↗ 14.5%	
		Oct	↘ -8.3%	↗ 6.1%	
		Nov	↗ 9.8%	↗ 19.1%	
		Dec	↘ -13.7%	↗ 9.7%	
	2018	Jan	↗ 5.4%	↗ 7.6%	
		Feb	↘ -2.3%	↗ 7.2%	
		Mar	↗ 3.5%	↗ 16.1%	
		Apr	↘ -7.3%	↘ -4.8%	
		May	↗ 12.1%	↘ -5.4%	
		Jun	↘ -2.6%	↗ 5.1%	
		Jul	↗ 15.0%	↗ 6.5%	
		Aug	↘ -17.2%	↘ -7.0%	
		Sep	↗ 23.0%	↗ 9.9%	
FORECAST	2018	Oct	↘ -7.9%	↗ 10.4%	
		Nov	↘ -5.6%	↘ -5.1%	
		Dec	↘ -1.4%	↗ 8.4%	
	2019	Jan	↗ 6.0%	↗ 9.0%	
		Feb	↘ -10.5%	↘ -0.2%	
		Mar	↘ -6.9%	↘ -10.3%	

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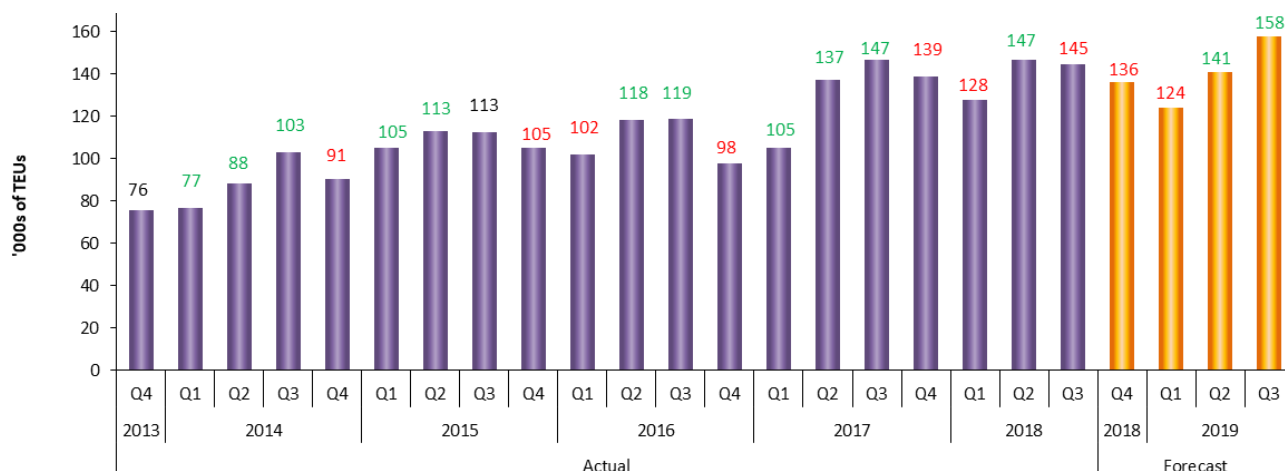
- Imports surged by 23.0 percent in September to 167,000 TEUs, which is a record high for the port. The 31,000 TEU gain equates to a 9.9 percent increase over the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 148.1. This is 13.3 points higher than the 134.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 1.30 million TEUs for a 3.6 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 2.7 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 3.3 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 4.4 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in three of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.7 percent (to 907,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.8 percent (to 841,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.74 million TEUs, which would be a 3.8 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Prince Rupert

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↑ 15.8%	↗ 4.4%	
		Q3	↗ 0.8%	↗ 5.8%	
		Q4	↓ -17.8%	↘ -6.8%	
	2017	Q1	↗ 7.6%	↗ 3.2%	
		Q2	↗ 30.5%	↗ 16.3%	
		Q3	↗ 6.9%	↗ 23.3%	
	2018	Q4	↘ -5.5%	↗ 41.8%	
		Q1	↘ -8.1%	↗ 21.1%	
		Q2	↗ 15.3%	↗ 7.0%	
	2019	Q3	↘ -1.6%	↘ -1.4%	
		Q4	↘ -5.7%	↘ -1.7%	
		Q1	↘ -8.9%	↘ -2.5%	
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 13.3%	↘ -4.1%	
		Q3	↗ 11.8%	↗ 8.9%	

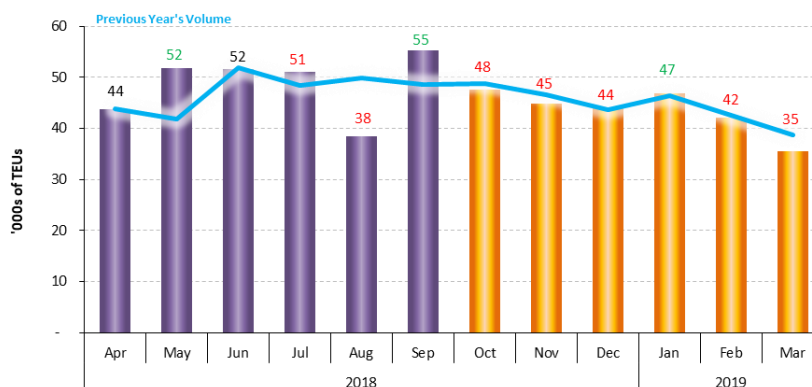
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↗ 3.3%	↗ 28.5%	
		Sep	↘ -2.9%	↗ 37.2%	
		Oct	↗ 0.3%	↗ 42.1%	
		Nov	↘ -4.5%	↗ 68.5%	
		Dec	↘ -6.3%	↗ 21.0%	
	2018	Jan	↗ 6.4%	↗ 13.1%	
		Feb	↘ -8.3%	↗ 42.8%	
		Mar	↘ -9.1%	↗ 11.9%	
		Apr	↗ 12.9%	↘ -0.4%	
		May	↗ 18.6%	↗ 24.0%	
	2019	Jun	↘ -0.3%	↘ -0.4%	
		Jul	↘ -1.0%	↗ 5.7%	
		Aug	↘ -24.9%	↘ -23.2%	
		Sep	↗ 44.1%	↗ 13.9%	
		Oct	↘ -13.9%	↘ -2.2%	
FORECAST	2018	Nov	↘ -5.8%	↘ -3.6%	
		Dec	↘ -1.8%	↗ 1.0%	
		Jan	↗ 6.4%	↗ 1.1%	
	2019	Feb	↘ -10.2%	↘ -1.1%	
		Mar	↘ -15.7%	↘ -8.3%	

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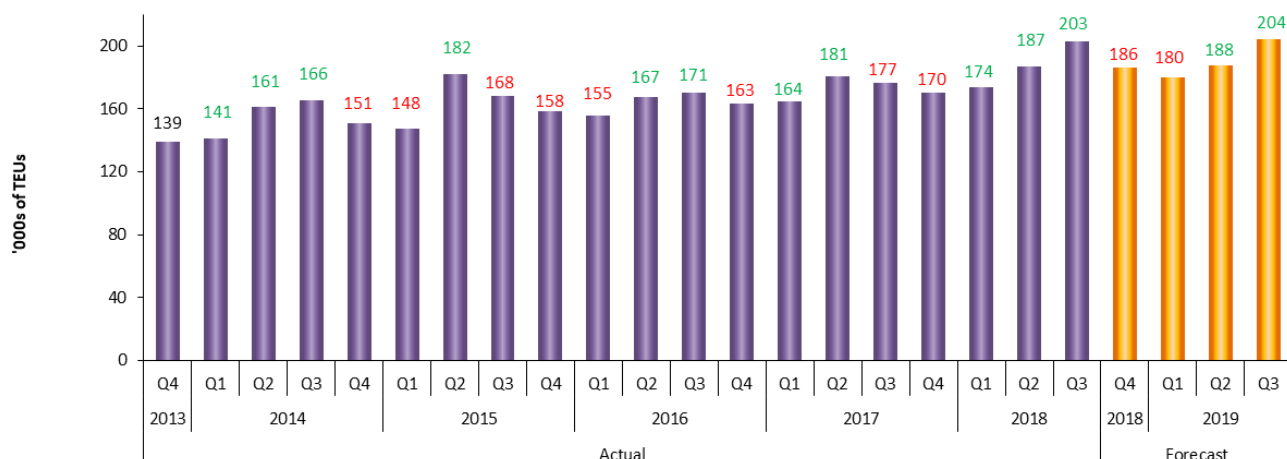
- Imports surged by 44.1 percent in September to 55,000 TEUs. The 17,000 TEUs increase equates to a 13.9 percent jump over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the port.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 208.6. This is 25.5 points higher than the 183.1 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 419,000 TEUs for a 7.7 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 6.8 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 10.6 percent drop in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 6.3 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year decreases are projected in three of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to decrease by 1.5 percent (to 281,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 3.4 percent (to 265,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 556,000 TEUs, which would be a 5.2 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Montreal

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change	
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	7.7%
		Q3	1.9%
		Q4	-4.2%
	2017	Q1	0.6%
		Q2	10.1%
		Q3	-2.3%
	2018	Q4	-3.6%
		Q1	2.1%
		Q2	7.6%
	2019	Q3	8.3%
		Q4	-8.1%
		Q1	-3.3%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	4.1%
		Q3	8.8%
		Q4	0.7%

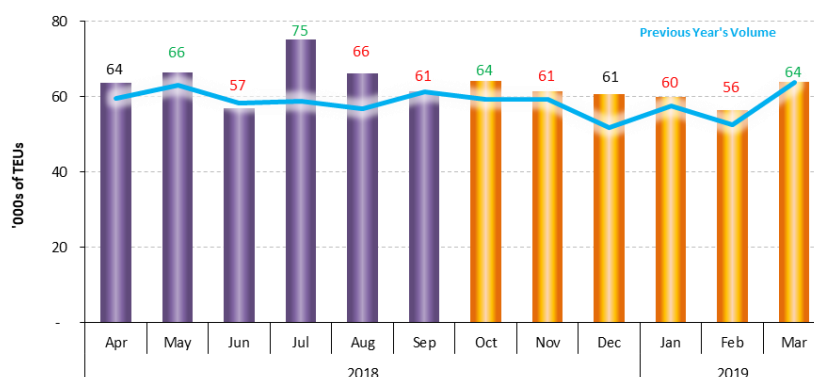
Monthly Change

		Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	-3.4%
		Sep	7.8%
		Oct	-3.0%
		Nov	-0.3%
		Dec	-12.3%
	2018	Jan	11.1%
		Feb	-9.0%
		Mar	21.8%
		Apr	-0.2%
		May	4.2%
	2019	Jun	-14.3%
		Jul	31.8%
		Aug	-11.7%
		Sep	-7.4%
		Oct	4.6%
FORECAST	2018	Nov	-4.6%
		Dec	-0.9%
		Jan	-1.4%
	2019	Feb	-5.9%
		Mar	13.1%

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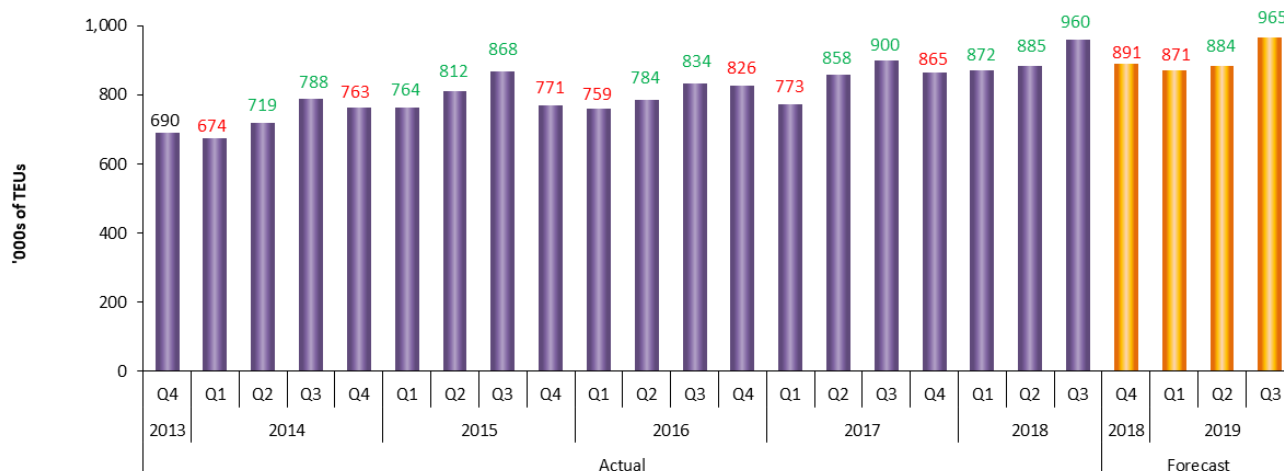
- Imports decreased by 7.4 percent in September to 61,000 TEUs. The 5,000 TEU slide equates to a 0.3 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of September.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 126.3. This is 0.4 points higher than the 125.9 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 564,000 TEUs for an 8.0 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 9.0 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 6.0 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 3.7 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 12.1 percent (to 389,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017. The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 1.8 percent (to 368,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 750,000 TEUs, which would be an 8.3 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Ports of New York and New Jersey

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 3.3%	↘ -3.4%	
		Q3	↗ 6.3%	↘ -4.0%	
		Q4	↘ -1.0%	↗ 7.1%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -6.3%	↗ 1.9%	
		Q2	↗ 10.9%	↗ 9.4%	
		Q3	↘ 5.0%	↗ 8.0%	
	2018	Q4	↘ -3.9%	↗ 4.8%	
		Q1	↗ 0.8%	↗ 12.8%	
		Q2	↗ 1.5%	↗ 3.3%	
	2019	Q3	↗ 8.4%	↗ 6.6%	
		Q4	↘ -7.1%	↗ 3.0%	
		Q1	↘ -2.3%	↘ -0.1%	
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 1.5%	↘ -0.2%	
		Q3	↗ 9.2%	↗ 0.6%	

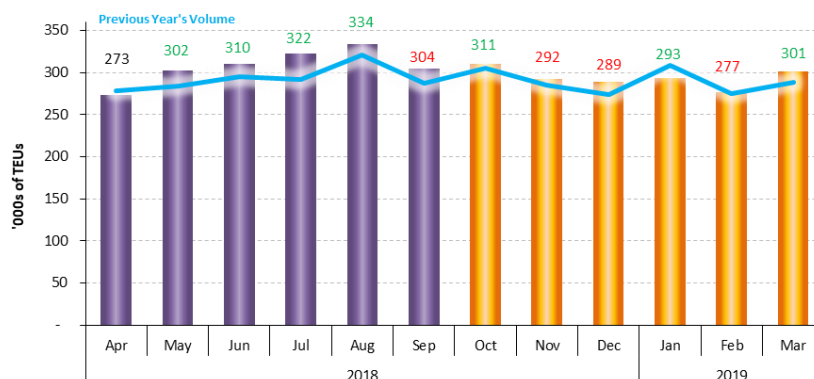
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↗ 10.0%	↗ 5.4%	
		Sep	↘ -10.3%	↗ 13.3%	
		Oct	↗ 6.2%	↗ 5.8%	
		Nov	↘ -6.8%	↗ 4.9%	
		Dec	↘ -3.8%	↗ 3.6%	
	2018	Jan	↗ 12.6%	↗ 18.5%	
		Feb	↘ -11.1%	↗ 4.5%	
		Mar	↗ 5.0%	↗ 15.5%	
		Apr	↘ -5.4%	↘ -2.1%	
		May	↗ 10.7%	↗ 6.6%	
	2019	Jun	↗ 2.8%	↗ 5.2%	
		Jul	↗ 3.7%	↗ 10.4%	
		Aug	↗ 3.6%	↗ 4.0%	
		Sep	↘ -8.8%	↗ 5.7%	
		Oct	↗ 2.1%	↗ 1.6%	
FORECAST	2018	Nov	↘ -5.9%	↗ 2.5%	
		Dec	↘ -1.2%	↗ 5.2%	
		Jan	↗ 1.6%	↘ -5.0%	
	2019	Feb	↘ -5.6%	↗ 0.8%	
		Mar	↗ 8.7%	↗ 4.3%	

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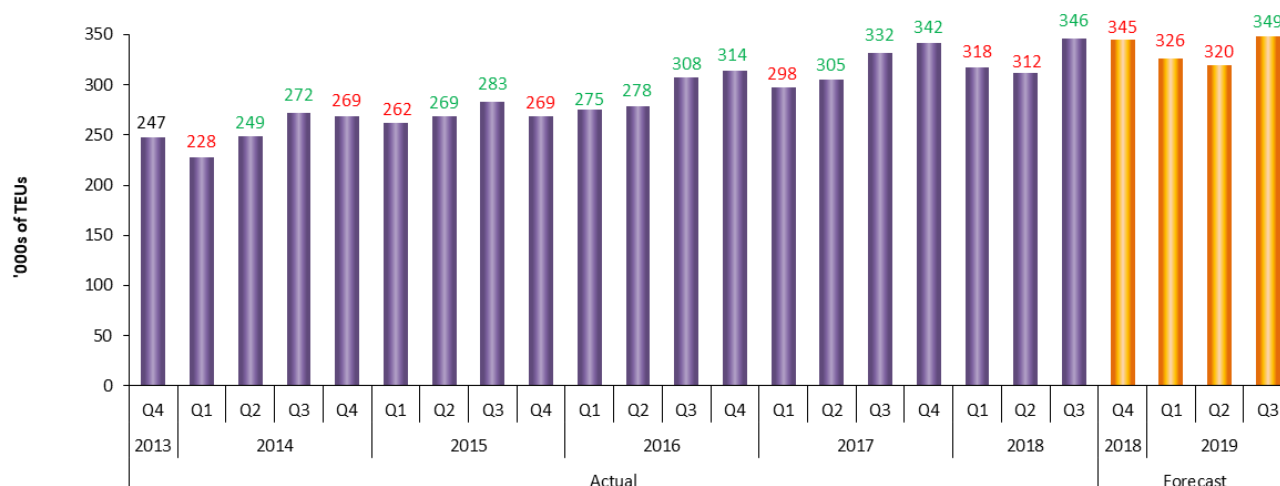
- Imports decreased by 8.8 percent in September to 304,000 TEUs. The 29,000 TEU slide equates to a 5.7 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is a record for the month of September.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 132.7. This is 7.1 points higher than the 125.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 2.72 million TEUs for a 7.3 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 7.6 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 4.5 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 1.2 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 4.9 percent (to 1.85 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017. The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.1 percent (to 1.76 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 3.61 million TEUs, which would be a 6.3 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Virginia

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 1.2%	↗ 3.6%	
		Q3	↗ 10.5%	↗ 8.8%	
		Q4	↗ 2.0%	↗ 16.8%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -5.0%	↗ 8.3%	
		Q2	↗ 2.3%	↗ 9.4%	
		Q3	↗ 9.0%	↗ 8.0%	
	2018	Q4	↗ 2.9%	↗ 8.9%	
		Q1	↘ -7.0%	↗ 6.6%	
		Q2	↘ -1.7%	↗ 2.4%	
	2019	Q3	↗ 10.9%	↗ 4.2%	
		Q4	↘ -0.5%	↗ 0.9%	
		Q1	↘ -5.4%	↗ 2.6%	
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↘ -1.9%	↗ 2.4%	
		Q3	↗ 9.1%	↗ 0.7%	

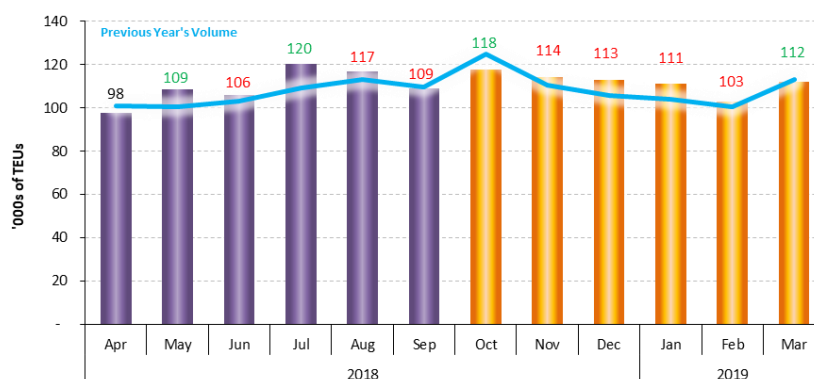
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↗ 3.6%	↗ 5.5%	
		Sep	↘ -3.1%	↗ 9.5%	
		Oct	↗ 14.0%	↗ 9.6%	
		Nov	↘ -11.5%	↗ 8.7%	
		Dec	↘ -4.3%	↗ 8.3%	
	2018	Jan	↘ -1.6%	↗ 2.8%	
		Feb	↘ -3.6%	↗ 3.6%	
		Mar	↗ 12.7%	↗ 13.5%	
		Apr	↘ -13.7%	↘ -3.5%	
		May	↗ 11.3%	↗ 8.0%	
	2019	Jun	↘ -2.4%	↗ 2.9%	
		Jul	↗ 13.4%	↗ 10.0%	
		Aug	↘ -2.6%	↗ 3.4%	
		Sep	↘ -6.9%	↘ -0.7%	
		Oct	↗ 7.9%	↘ -5.9%	
FORECAST	2018	Nov	↘ -3.0%	↗ 3.1%	
		Dec	↘ -1.2%	↗ 6.5%	
		Jan	↘ -1.6%	↗ 6.5%	
	2019	Feb	↘ -7.4%	↗ 2.4%	
		Mar	↗ 9.1%	↘ -0.9%	

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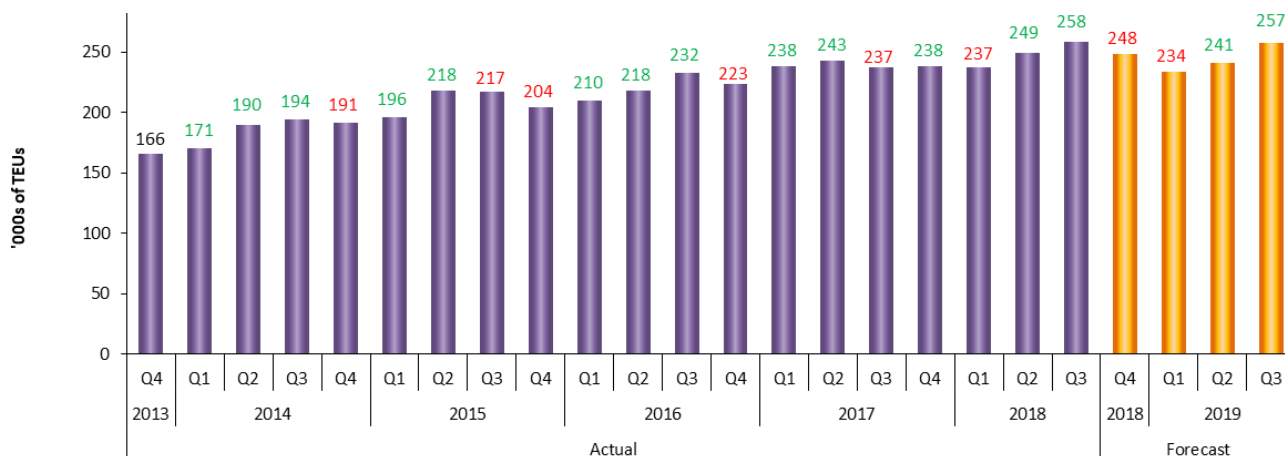
- Imports decreased by 6.9 percent in September to 109,000 TEUs. The 8,000 TEU slide equates to a 0.7 percent dip from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 150.3. This is 1.0 point lower than the 151.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 976,000 TEUs for a 4.4 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 5.1 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 1.8 percent increase in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 3.5 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 2.5 percent (to 691,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 2.5 percent (to 645,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.32 million TEUs, which would be a 3.5 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Charleston

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 3.7%	↘ -0.2%	
		Q3	↗ 6.7%	↗ 7.1%	
		Q4	↘ -4.0%	↗ 9.4%	
	2017	Q1	↗ 6.7%	↗ 13.3%	
		Q2	↗ 1.9%	↗ 11.4%	
		Q3	↘ -2.4%	↗ 1.9%	
		Q4	↗ 0.4%	↗ 6.6%	
	2018	Q1	↘ -0.3%	↘ -0.4%	
		Q2	↗ 5.0%	↗ 2.6%	
		Q3	↗ 3.7%	↗ 9.1%	
	2019	Q4	↘ -4.0%	↗ 4.3%	
		Q1	↘ -5.7%	↘ -1.3%	
		Q2	↗ 3.0%	↘ -3.2%	
FORECAST	2019	Q3	↗ 6.6%	↘ -0.5%	

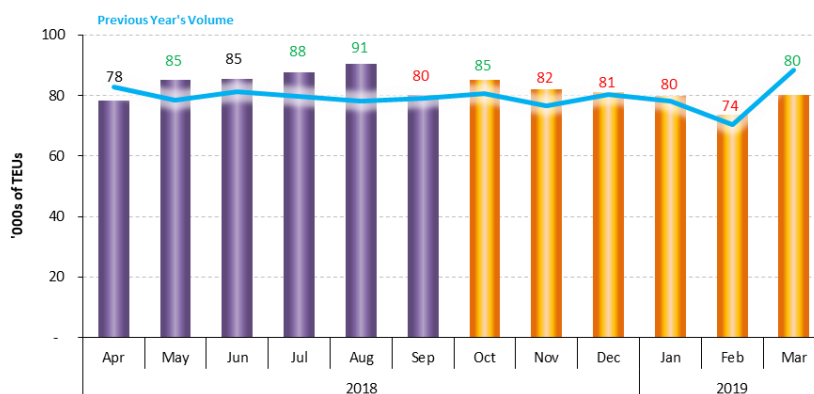
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↘ -1.9%	↗ 1.1%	
		Sep	↗ 1.4%	↗ 6.9%	
		Oct	↗ 2.0%	↗ 3.0%	
		Nov	↘ -5.1%	↗ 3.6%	
		Dec	↗ 5.0%	↗ 13.6%	
	2018	Jan	↘ -2.8%	↘ -5.9%	
		Feb	↘ -9.9%	↘ -4.7%	
		Mar	↗ 25.7%	↗ 9.1%	
		Apr	↘ -11.5%	↘ -5.6%	
		May	↗ 8.9%	↗ 8.8%	
	2019	Jun	↗ 0.2%	↗ 5.1%	
		Jul	↗ 2.5%	↗ 9.9%	
		Aug	↗ 3.4%	↗ 16.0%	
		Sep	↘ -11.5%	↗ 1.3%	
		Oct	↗ 6.1%	↗ 5.4%	
FORECAST	2018	Nov	↘ -3.8%	↗ 6.9%	
		Dec	↘ -1.1%	↗ 0.7%	
		Jan	↘ -1.3%	↗ 2.2%	
	2019	Feb	↘ -7.7%	↗ 4.8%	
		Mar	↗ 8.8%	↘ -9.3%	

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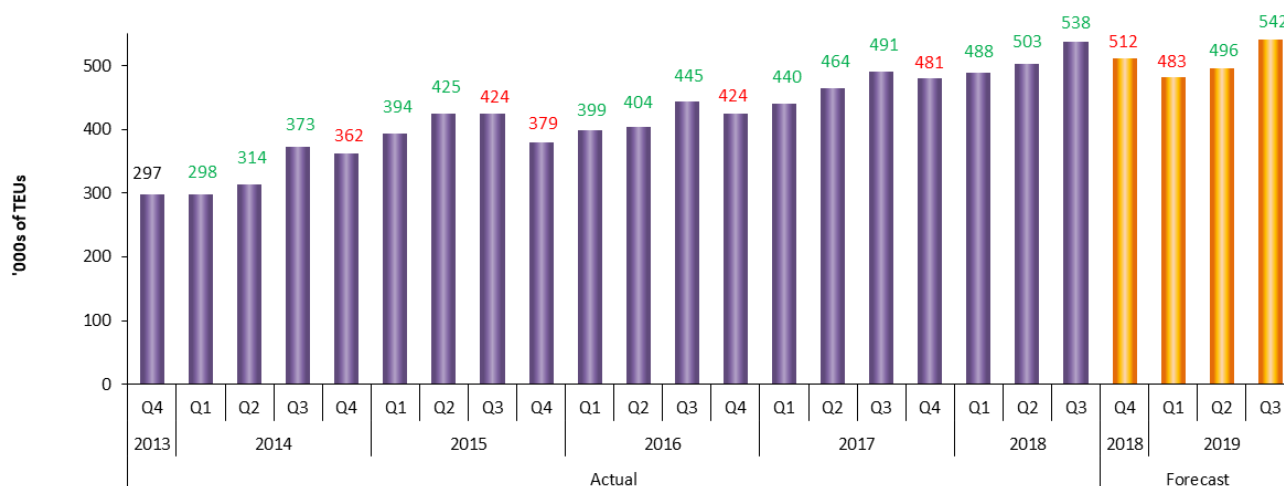
- Imports fell by 11.5 percent in September to 80,000 TEUs. The 10,000 TEU decrease equates to a 1.3 percent gain over the same month of 2017 and is a record for the month of September.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 148.7. This is 1.9 points higher than the 146.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 744,000 TEUs for a 3.7 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 4.0 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 5.0 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 1.0 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year decreases are projected in three of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 6.7 percent (to 506,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 2.3 percent (to 475,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 992,000 TEUs, which would be a 3.9 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Savannah

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 1.3%	↘ -5.1%	
		Q3	↗ 10.2%	↗ 4.8%	
		Q4	↘ -4.6%	↗ 11.9%	
	2017	Q1	↗ 3.8%	↗ 10.4%	
		Q2	↗ 5.4%	↗ 15.0%	
		Q3	↗ 5.8%	↗ 10.4%	
	2018	Q4	↘ -2.1%	↗ 13.3%	
		Q1	↗ 1.6%	↗ 11.0%	
		Q2	↗ 3.0%	↗ 8.4%	
	2019	Q3	↗ 7.0%	↗ 9.7%	
		Q4	↘ -4.8%	↗ 6.6%	
		Q1	↘ -5.8%	↘ -1.2%	
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 2.7%	↘ -1.4%	
		Q3	↗ 9.3%	↗ 0.6%	

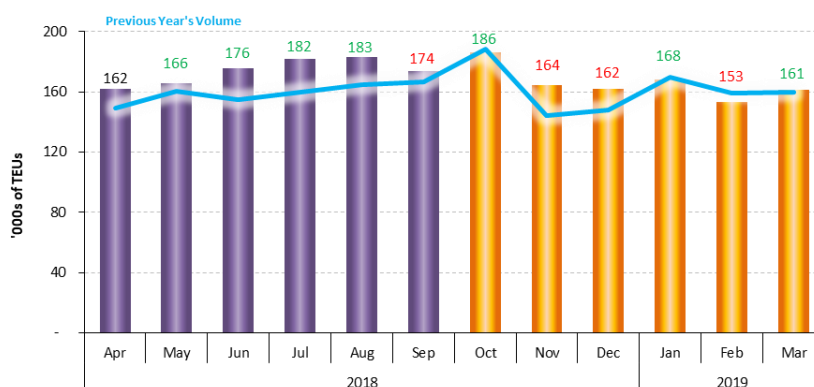
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↗ 3.1%	↗ 8.0%	
		Sep	↗ 1.5%	↗ 13.9%	
		Oct	↗ 12.9%	↗ 24.8%	
		Nov	↘ -23.5%	↗ 3.2%	
		Dec	↗ 2.7%	↗ 11.0%	
	2018	Jan	↗ 14.6%	↗ 10.0%	
		Feb	↘ -6.4%	↗ 7.1%	
		Mar	↗ 0.5%	↗ 16.2%	
		Apr	↗ 1.2%	↗ 8.3%	
		May	↗ 2.6%	↗ 3.6%	
	2019	Jun	↗ 5.9%	↗ 13.5%	
		Jul	↗ 3.6%	↗ 14.0%	
		Aug	↗ 0.6%	↗ 11.2%	
		Sep	↘ -5.0%	↗ 4.1%	
		Oct	↗ 7.1%	↘ -1.3%	
FORECAST	2018	Nov	↘ -11.6%	↗ 14.0%	
		Dec	↘ -1.3%	↗ 9.5%	
		Jan	↗ 3.6%	↘ -1.1%	
	2019	Feb	↘ -8.8%	↘ -3.6%	
		Mar	↗ 5.4%	↗ 1.1%	

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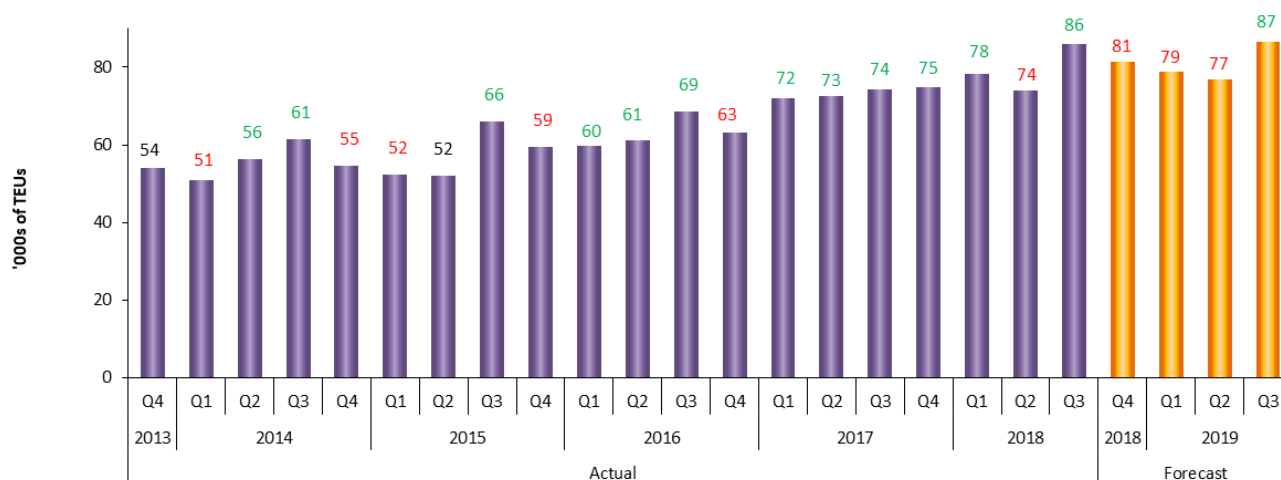
- Imports decreased by 5.0 percent in September to 174,000 TEUs. The 9,000 TEU slide equates to a 4.1 percent gain over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of September.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 191.5. This is 7.5 points higher than the 184.0 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 1.53 million TEUs for a 9.7 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 10.4 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 4.5 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 1.5 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 8.2 percent (to 1.05 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.3 percent (to 979,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 2.04 million TEUs, which would be an 8.9 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Jacksonville

Quarterly Import Volumes



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Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	2.7%	17.6%	
		Q3	12.2%	4.0%	
		Q4	-8.3%	6.2%	
	2017	Q1	14.3%	20.9%	
		Q2	0.8%	18.6%	
		Q3	2.4%	8.2%	
	2018	Q4	0.5%	18.6%	
		Q1	4.7%	8.6%	
		Q2	-5.3%	2.0%	
	2019	Q3	16.1%	15.7%	
		Q4	-5.5%	8.8%	
		Q1	-3.2%	0.6%	
FORECAST	2019	Q2	-2.3%	3.8%	
		Q3	12.6%	0.6%	

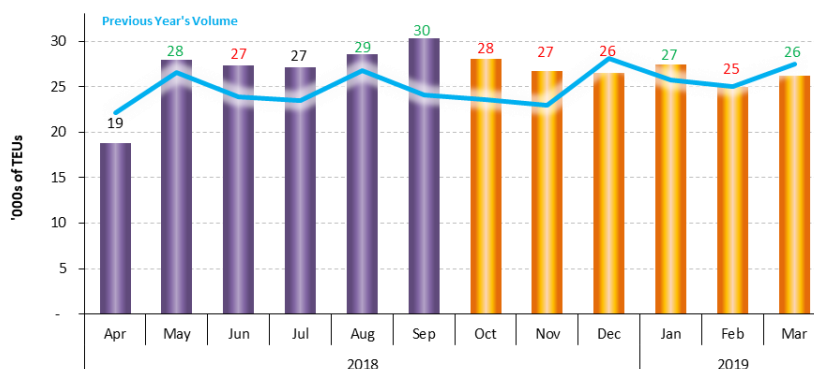
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	13.9%	28.9%	
		Sep	-10.1%	-6.6%	
		Oct	-1.9%	12.3%	
		Nov	-2.7%	2.0%	
	2018	Dec	22.4%	44.6%	
		Jan	-8.5%	2.9%	
		Feb	-2.7%	5.1%	
		Mar	9.7%	18.5%	
	2019	Apr	-31.5%	-14.9%	
		May	48.4%	5.1%	
		Jun	-2.0%	14.4%	
		Jul	-0.8%	15.5%	
FORECAST	2018	Aug	5.0%	6.6%	
		Sep	6.4%	26.1%	
		Oct	-7.5%	18.9%	
	2019	Nov	-4.8%	16.4%	
		Dec	-1.0%	-5.8%	
	2019	Jan	3.7%	6.7%	
		Feb	-8.9%	-0.2%	
	2019	Mar	4.9%	-4.5%	

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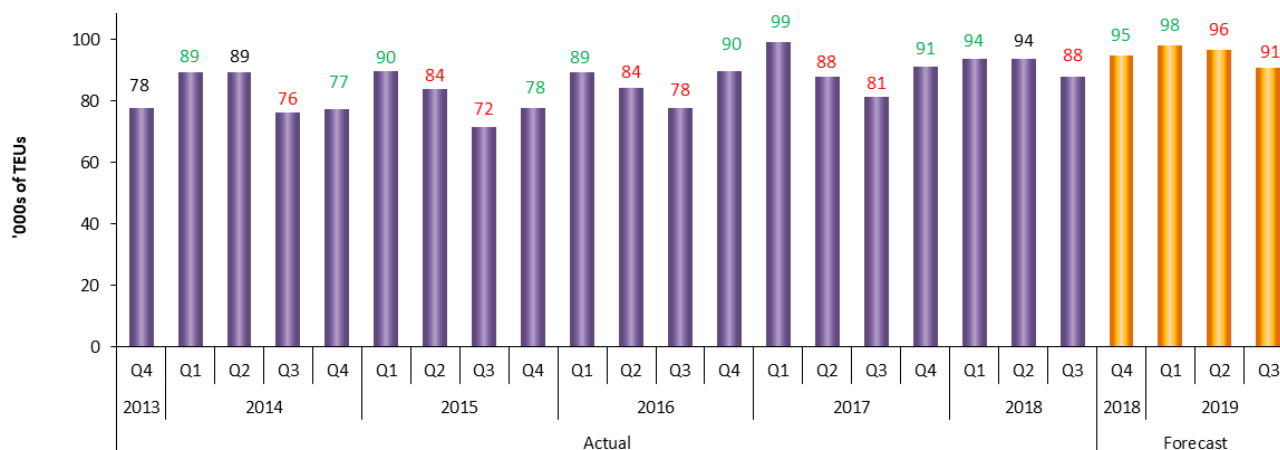
- Imports increased by 2,000 TEUs in September to a total of 30,000 TEUs. The 6.4 percent gain over August is 26.1 percent higher than the same month of 2017 and is an all-time high.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 189.5. This is 39.2 points higher than the 150.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 238,000 TEUs for an 8.9 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 6.7 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 0.1 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 4.1 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 12.3 percent (to 167,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 2.1 percent (to 156,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 320,000 TEUs, which would be an 8.8 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port Everglades

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↘ -5.4%	↗ 0.7%	
		Q3	↘ -7.9%	↗ 8.4%	
		Q4	↗ 15.5%	↗ 15.3%	
	2017	Q1	↗ 10.4%	↗ 11.1%	
		Q2	↘ -11.5%	↗ 4.0%	
		Q3	↘ -7.1%	↗ 4.9%	
	2018	Q4	↗ 11.7%	↗ 1.4%	
		Q1	↗ 3.1%	↘ -5.3%	
		Q2	↔ 0.0%	↗ 7.0%	
	FORECAST	2018 Q3	↘ -6.2%	↗ 8.0%	
		2018 Q4	↗ 7.5%	↗ 4.0%	
		2019 Q1	↗ 3.7%	↗ 4.6%	
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		Q3	↘ -5.7%	↗ 3.3%	

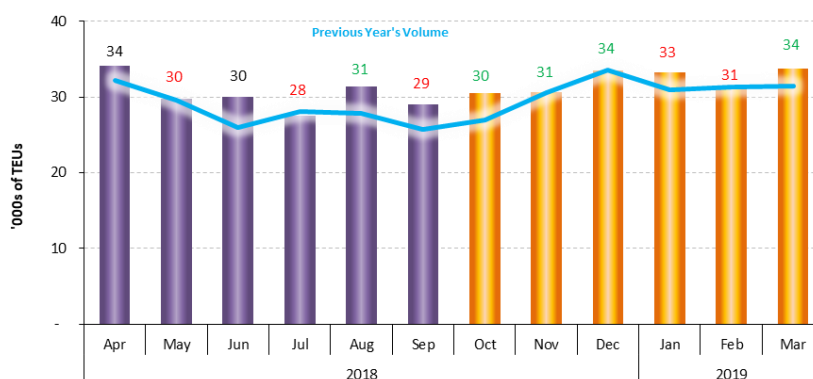
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↘ -0.8%	↗ 9.7%	
		Sep	↘ -7.7%	↘ -4.6%	
		Oct	↗ 4.9%	↗ 3.7%	
		Nov	↗ 13.6%	↗ 5.0%	
	2018	Dec	↘ 9.6%	↘ -3.2%	
		Jan	↘ -7.6%	↔ 0.0%	
		Feb	↗ 1.1%	↘ -0.5%	
		Mar	↗ 0.6%	↘ -13.9%	
	2018	Apr	↗ 8.1%	↗ 5.9%	
		May	↘ -12.7%	↗ 0.6%	
		Jun	↗ 0.9%	↗ 15.5%	
		Jul	↘ -8.2%	↘ -1.7%	
FORECAST	2018	Aug	↗ 14.0%	↗ 13.0%	
		Sep	↘ -7.5%	↗ 13.2%	
		Oct	↗ 5.0%	↗ 13.3%	
		Nov	↗ 0.3%	↔ 0.0%	
	2018	Dec	↗ 9.7%	↗ 0.1%	
		Jan	↘ -0.9%	↗ 7.3%	
		Feb	↘ -6.2%	↘ -0.4%	
		Mar	↗ 8.0%	↗ 7.0%	

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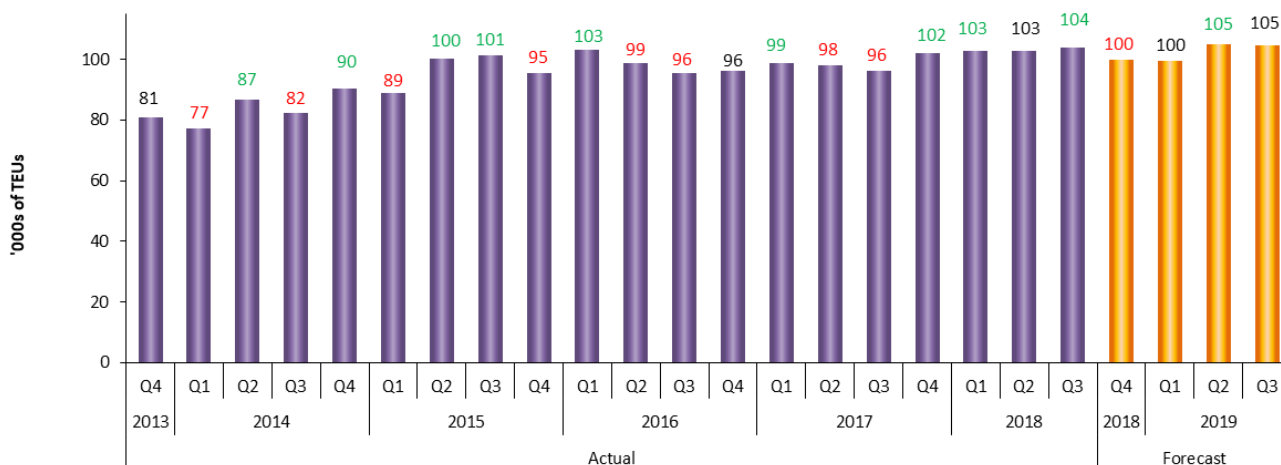
- Imports decreased by 2,000 TEUs in September to a total of 29,000 TEUs. The 7.5 percent decrease from August equates to a 13.2 percent jump year-on-year and is a record high for the month of September.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 133.9. This is 15.6 points higher than the 118.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 276,000 TEUs for a 2.7 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 1.6 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 6.0 percent increase in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 9.2 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 5.9 percent (to 183,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 3.7 percent (at 195,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 370,000 TEUs, which would be a 3.1 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port Miami

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↘ -4.3%	↘ -1.4%	
		Q3	↘ -3.2%	↘ -5.5%	
		Q4	↗ 0.5%	↗ 0.7%	
	2017	Q1	↗ 2.8%	↘ -4.3%	
		Q2	↘ -0.6%	↘ -0.6%	
		Q3	↘ -2.0%	↗ 0.6%	
	2018	Q4	↗ 6.0%	↗ 6.2%	
		Q1	↗ 0.8%	↗ 4.1%	
		Q2	↗ 0.0%	↗ 4.8%	
	2019	Q3	↗ 1.1%	↗ 8.1%	
		Q4	↘ -3.9%	↘ -2.0%	
		Q1	↘ -0.3%	↘ -3.1%	
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 5.3%	↗ 2.1%	
		Q3	↘ -0.4%	↗ 0.5%	

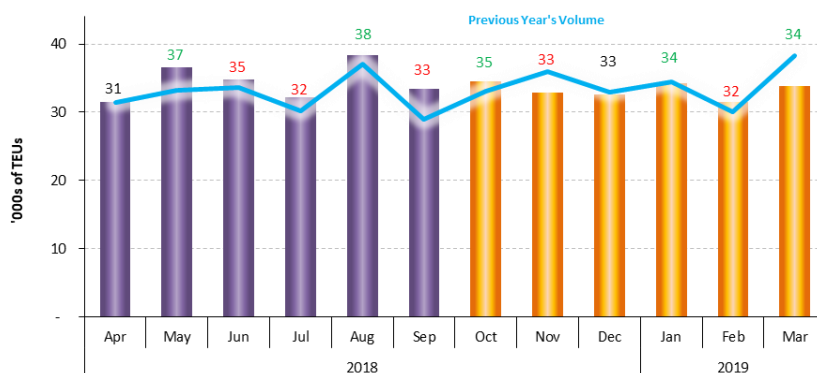
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↗ 22.8%	↗ 13.5%	
		Sep	↘ -22.0%	↘ -4.8%	
		Oct	↗ 14.5%	↗ 10.6%	
		Nov	↗ 8.7%	↗ 7.1%	
		Dec	↘ -8.5%	↗ 1.1%	
	2018	Jan	↗ 4.6%	↘ -0.7%	
		Feb	↘ -12.5%	↘ -6.9%	
		Mar	↗ 27.1%	↗ 20.6%	
		Apr	↘ -17.8%	↗ 0.3%	
		May	↗ 16.1%	↗ 10.0%	
	2019	Jun	↘ -4.7%	↗ 3.7%	
		Jul	↘ -7.5%	↗ 6.7%	
		Aug	↗ 19.0%	↗ 3.4%	
		Sep	↘ -12.7%	↗ 15.6%	
FORECAST	2018	Oct	↗ 3.3%	↗ 4.4%	
		Nov	↘ -4.9%	↘ -8.7%	
		Dec	↘ -1.0%	↘ -1.2%	
	2019	Jan	↗ 5.3%	↘ -0.4%	
		Feb	↘ -7.9%	↗ 4.8%	
	2019	Mar	↘ 7.2%	↘ -11.6%	

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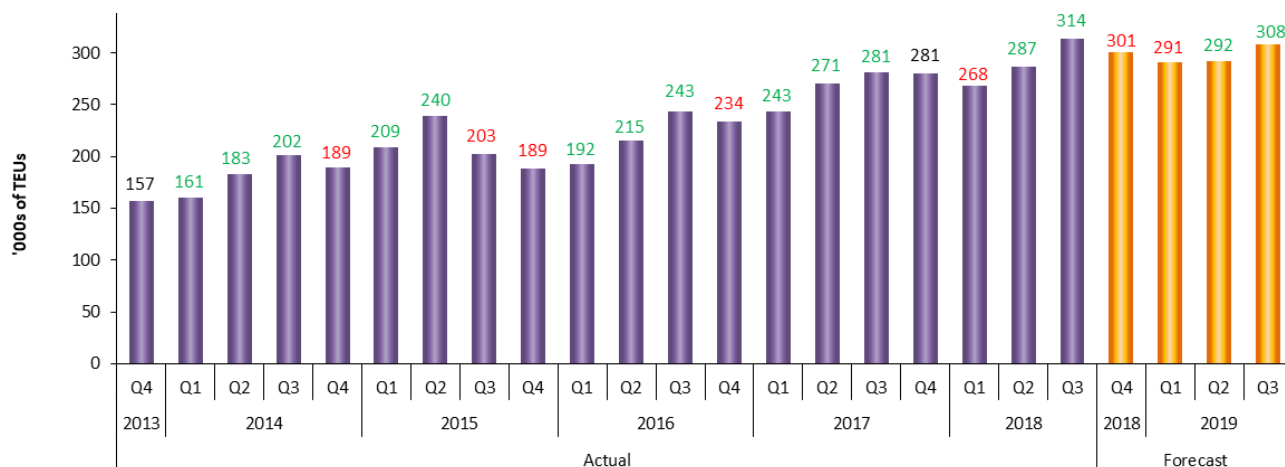
- Imports fell by 12.7 percent in September to 33,000 TEUs. The 5,000 TEU slide equates to a 15.6 percent jump over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of September.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 116.0. This is 15.7 points higher than the 100.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 307,000 TEUs for a 5.6 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 4.5 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 3.5 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 5.4 percent increase between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 2.9 percent (to 204,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017. The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.5 percent (to 205,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 410,000 TEUs, which would be a 3.7 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port Houston

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↑ 12.1%	↓ -10.1%	
		Q3	↑ 12.9%	↑ 20.1%	
		Q4	↓ -3.8%	↑ 23.9%	
	2017	Q1	↑ 4.0%	↑ 26.5%	
		Q2	↑ 11.4%	↑ 25.8%	
		Q3	↑ 3.8%	↑ 15.6%	
	2018	Q4	↓ -0.2%	↑ 20.0%	
		Q1	↓ -4.4%	↑ 10.4%	
		Q2	↑ 7.0%	↑ 6.0%	
	2019	Q3	↑ 9.2%	↑ 11.6%	
		Q4	↓ -4.0%	↑ 7.3%	
		Q1	↓ -3.5%	↑ 8.3%	
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↑ 0.5%	↑ 1.7%	
		Q3	↑ 5.5%	↓ -1.8%	

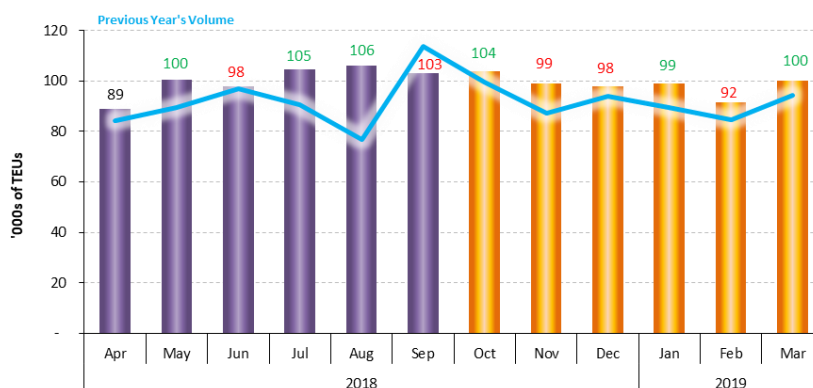
Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Aug	↓ -15.0%	↓ -3.7%	
		Sep	↑ 48.0%	↑ 36.5%	
		Oct	↓ -12.4%	↑ 24.1%	
		Nov	↓ -12.4%	↑ 10.1%	
		Dec	↑ 7.4%	↑ 26.1%	
	2018	Jan	↓ -4.6%	↑ 5.7%	
		Feb	↓ -5.2%	↑ 15.5%	
		Mar	↑ 11.1%	↑ 10.5%	
		Apr	↓ -5.4%	↑ 5.5%	
		May	↑ 12.7%	↑ 12.2%	
	2019	Jun	↓ -2.7%	↑ 0.7%	
		Jul	↑ 7.0%	↑ 15.6%	
		Aug	↑ 1.3%	↑ 37.8%	
		Sep	↓ -2.6%	↓ -9.3%	
		Oct	↑ 0.8%	↑ 4.4%	
FORECAST	2018	Nov	↓ -4.8%	↑ 13.5%	
		Dec	↓ -1.1%	↑ 4.5%	
		Jan	↑ 1.1%	↑ 10.7%	
	2019	Feb	↓ -7.4%	↑ 8.1%	
		Mar	↑ 9.0%	↑ 6.1%	

Headlines

- Imports decreased by 2.6 percent in September to 103,000 TEUs. The 3,000 TEU slide equates to a 9.3 percent decrease from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for September is 205.4. This is 21.2 points lower than the 226.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first nine months totals 869,000 TEUs for a 9.3 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 12.4 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 1.5 percent decrease in imports between October and March versus the past six months (April through September), compared to a 0.5 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in three of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 9.4 percent (to 615,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 4.9 percent (to 583,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.17 million TEUs, which would be an 8.8 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Year to Date Totals

Values are Import Loaded TEUs. Purple indicates reported numbers, orange indicates forecast numbers.
The totals cover through September.

	West Coast	East Coast	All Ports (incl. Gulf)
2017	9,717,735	6,881,465	17,394,514
2018	10,027,616	7,355,395	18,252,334
Percent Change	3.2%	6.9%	4.9%

	LA&LB	Oakland	NW Seaport Alliance	Vancouver	Prince Rupert
2017	6,342,766	691,703	1,039,476	1,254,265	389,525
2018	6,533,380	712,735	1,062,692	1,299,482	419,327
Percent Change	3.0%	3.0%	2.2%	3.6%	7.7%

	Montreal	NYNJ	Virginia	Charleston	Savannah
2017	522,232	2,531,304	934,721	717,555	1,395,162
2018	564,069	2,717,353	975,950	744,317	1,529,932
Percent Change	8.0%	7.3%	4.4%	3.7%	9.7%

	Jacksonville	Port Everglades	Port Miami	Port Houston
2017	218,982	268,233	293,276	795,315
2018	238,380	275,595	309,799	869,323
Percent Change	8.9%	2.7%	5.6%	9.3%

Raw Monthly Data

Values are Import Loaded TEUs. Purple indicates reported numbers, orange indicates forecast numbers.

		NW Seaport				Prince		
		LA&LB	Oakland	Alliance	Vancouver	Rupert	Montreal	NYNJ
2017	Oct	722,398	76,706	109,983	139,049	48,688	59,373	305,729
	Nov	782,900	72,330	113,451	152,686	46,493	59,188	285,070
	Dec	731,213	78,703	117,743	131,803	43,581	51,926	274,366
2018	Jan	747,488	75,136	96,842	138,977	46,371	57,678	309,003
	Feb	725,337	73,666	114,218	135,844	42,533	52,459	274,638
	Mar	532,284	66,302	104,526	140,640	38,656	63,906	288,462
	Apr	673,484	75,369	101,067	130,313	43,658	63,796	272,903
	May	766,643	82,465	118,449	146,018	51,759	66,489	302,081
	Jun	767,059	87,207	130,605	142,202	51,617	56,950	310,481
	Jul	785,901	84,301	130,766	163,499	51,091	75,077	322,093
	Aug	763,602	85,703	115,317	135,398	38,355	66,308	333,567
	Sep	771,583	82,586	150,902	166,591	55,287	61,406	304,125
	Oct	781,710	85,064	127,402	153,476	47,604	64,252	310,600
	Nov	768,224	80,877	120,530	144,928	44,823	61,323	292,126
	Dec	756,583	79,922	118,911	142,885	44,036	60,793	288,726
2019	Jan	760,838	84,725	118,459	151,432	46,859	59,954	293,459
	Feb	719,331	78,711	112,107	135,557	42,068	56,444	276,902
	Mar	579,314	69,503	97,372	126,159	35,456	63,840	301,008

		Virginia	Charleston	Savannah	Jacksonville	Port Everglades	Port Miami	Port Houston
2017	Oct	125,075	80,728	188,369	23,618	26,918	33,122	99,641
	Nov	110,673	76,580	144,181	22,972	30,580	36,006	87,306
	Dec	105,867	80,423	148,121	28,111	33,514	32,939	93,771
2018	Jan	104,150	78,169	169,758	25,727	30,978	34,439	89,443
	Feb	100,368	70,397	158,890	25,044	31,315	30,134	84,799
	Mar	113,123	88,483	159,699	27,477	31,496	38,295	94,185
	Apr	97,607	78,275	161,691	18,812	34,062	31,485	89,063
	May	108,592	85,277	165,828	27,923	29,736	36,559	100,392
	Jun	105,955	85,416	175,617	27,372	30,008	34,830	97,727
	Jul	120,132	87,549	181,875	27,160	27,544	32,235	104,594
	Aug	117,042	90,569	182,883	28,519	31,408	38,355	105,937
	Sep	108,981	80,182	173,691	30,346	29,048	33,467	103,183
	Oct	117,635	85,105	185,981	28,073	30,492	34,569	104,025
	Nov	114,122	81,891	164,318	26,737	30,586	32,880	99,063
	Dec	112,801	80,985	162,149	26,476	33,544	32,550	97,992
2019	Jan	110,970	79,898	167,973	27,457	33,248	34,289	99,031
	Feb	102,812	73,785	153,225	25,000	31,194	31,575	91,677
	Mar	112,119	80,241	161,495	26,237	33,695	33,836	99,971

How to Read the Tables and Charts

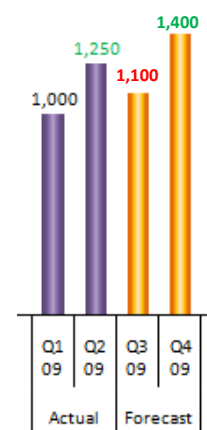
The North American edition of the Global Port Tracker provides details on import volumes at 16 ports at the monthly and quarterly level. Each port is examined on a separate page, with information on actual and forecast import volumes, key pieces of news, and an analysis of any trends. Furthermore, a table and graphs that depict detailed information accompany each port page.

Quarterly and annual change for each port is indicated in a table. In addition to the actual percentage changes, a series of icons are included to help make trends apparent. A quarter or year with a 10 percent decrease or more has a downward red arrow; between negative ten and zero a downward yellow arrow; between zero and positive ten an upward yellow arrow; and an increase greater than 10 percent has an upward green arrow.

	Percent Change	
	vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
Q1	↓ -10.0%	↓ -10.0%
Q2	↘ -5.0%	↘ -5.0%
Q3	↗ 5.0%	↗ 5.0%
Q4	↑ 10.0%	↑ 10.0%

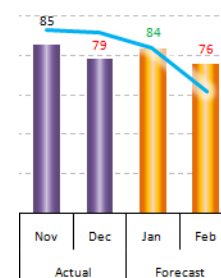
The quarterly bar chart depicts actual and forecast import levels for each port at the quarterly level, measured in thousands of TEUs. The chart details five and a half years of historical data and forecasts one year of future activity. Each bar represents the volume of imports for a single quarter and is one of either two colors: a purple bar indicates the value is based on actual data, while an orange bar indicates that the data is based on forecast estimates.

The exact value of trade each quarter is indicated above each bar in thousands of TEUs, and is color coded to assist in viewing trends in the data. A green number indicates an increase from the prior quarter, while a red number indicates a decrease. A black value is used for the first quarter's data and reflects no change.



The monthly bar chart depicts actual and forecast import levels for each port at the monthly level, measured in thousands of TEUs. The chart details one year of activity, of which between seven and eight months are projections (depending on the port). As with the quarterly chart, each bar represents the volume of imports, with a purple bar for actual data and an orange bar for estimated data.

The exact value of trade each month is indicated above each bar in thousands of TEUs and is again color coded to assist in viewing trends in the data. The blue line indicates the volume of trade in the same month one year earlier.



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