WHAT SHIPPERS THINK

LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOAD

RAILCAR AND INTERMODAL

TRUCKLOAD

Fifty percent of shippers said truckload Fifty-nine percent of shippers said less-thantruckload capacity was balanced in the second capacity was balanced in the second quarter, a 10 percentage point deceleration from their quarter, compared to 69 percent who thought projections made in the prior quarter. so in the first quarter and 64 percent who felt IN THE SECOND QUARTER similarly a year ago. ■ 10 2013 ■ 20 2013 ■ 1Q 2013 ■ 2Q 2013 Seventy-five percent of surveyed shippers said they weren't facing capacity constraints. Those that did said the worst capacity issues were with BNSF Railway, followed by Norfolk APACITY TIGHT CAPACITY TIGHT CAPACITY OVERCAPACITY OVERCAPACITY Southern Railway. Sixty-eight percent of shippers anticipate tighter Only 25 percent of surveyed shippers anticipate capacity through third quarter 2014, while only less-than-truckload capacity will tighten through 3 percent expects more capacity to be available. third quarter 2014. But the number is higher than the 16 percent that expected tightening LTL capacity in the first quarter and the highest level EXPECTATIONS of concern since first quarter 2011. ■ 10 2013 ■ 20 2013 ■ 1Q 2013 ■ 2Q 2013 Although the survey didn't address potential capacity constraints, shippers said the biggest cause of capacity shortages was crew shortages, followed by a lack of railcars. TIGHT CAPACITY OVERCAPACITY The survey didn't address rail rate increases in the second quarter from a standpoint of averaged increases or decreases, but shippers 1.5% IN THE SECOND QUARTER noted BNSF Railway and Union Pacific are the 0.5% most aggressive in hiking rates. -0.5% 10 20 3Q 4Q 10 Λ • • • Λ • • • Λ • • • Λ • • • Λ • 2012 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 Surveyed shippers said less-than-truckload pricing (revenue per hundredweight, net of fuel) Truckload pricing (revenue per loaded miles, net on average rose 1.8 percent year-over-year during of fuel) rose on average 1.8 percent year-over-year the second quarter. That compares to shippers in the second quarter, a slight decrease from the seeing a 2 percent rise in the first quarter and a 1.8 percent gain reported in the prior quarter. PRICING 1.9 percent hike a year ago. Shippers expect truckload rates to rise ■ 1Q 2013 ■ 2Q 2013 Shippers expect less-than-truckload rates to increase 2.3 percent between the third quarter this 2.3 percent over the next 12 months, an acceleration year and third quarter 2014. That's a modest from those surveyed in the first quarter who planned acceleration in expectations from the first quarter for a 1.6 percent rise. and a year ago. EXPECTATIONS 2.5% 1.5% 0% 1% 2% 3% Down more 0.5% -0.5% Shippers expect rail rates to rise 2.9 percent on a year-over-year average through third quarter 2014. Surveyed shippers in the first quarter expected rates to rise 2.6 percent and they planned for 3 percent hikes a year ago. But shippers expect intermodal 2010 2011 2012 2008 2011 2012 rates to rise only 1.6 percent in the coming 12 months.

*Wolfe Research expects rail pricing gains of 3 to 4 percent, as its shipper respondents tend to underestimate rate increases and are disproportionately intermodal customers.

Source: Wolfe Research