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# THE COLD FRONT

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# Frozen and Refrigerated Cold Chain Insights

Welcome to the 2024 Year in Review Edition of The Cold Front. This edition highlights topics from past editions, including two of the most pressing issues we face as we enter 2025: The looming port strike and the turning trucking market. Read more about these topics by following the links to these articles.

Enjoy the Year in Review and read about what has happened this past year. We look forward to continuing to inform you on hot topics in the Supply Chain throughout 2025. We wish everyone a Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year.

# **Happening Now:**

# **East Coast Port Strike**

As the January 15<sup>th</sup> port strike deadline rapidly closes in, negotiations between the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and the United States Maritime Alliance are intensifying. Stay informed with important updates regarding the conclusion of these negotiations.

Top Transportation Stories of 2024

<u>U.S. Port, Union Talks Break Down Again</u> Over Automation

# **Transportation Market**

The 2024 trucking industry continued to see struggles in the freight down cycle, with marginal signs of improvement throughout the year. Will there be an upturn in 2025? Experts seem to think that there are better days ahead. Read Talking Logistics' full 2025 outlook <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. How the Freight Market Trough Defined 2024





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# **Enjoy Prior Cold Front Issues:**



# <u>January</u>

**Industrial Capacity** 

**Turmoil on the High Seas** 

**Truck Tonnage-Trailer Orders** 

# **February**

**Food Inflation** 

**Update on Red Sea Shipping Crisis** 

**Transportation Market Update** 

# March

**East Coast Port Labor** 

Ocean Shipping Reform Act: FMC Ruling

**Economic Update** 

#### April

**Food Inflation** 

**Truck Tonnage** 

**US Imports** 

# May

**Diesel Pricing Deadline** 

**Ocean Container Rates Soaring** 

**Produce Season and Reefer Volume** 

# <u>June</u>

**Ocean Shipping & East Coast Port Update** 

**Domestic Transportation Update** 

**Cold Storage Warehousing** 

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# July

**Frozen Food Sales** 

**3 Degrees of Change** 

**Industry Update: Trucking** 

# **August**

**Labor in the Supply Chain: Disruptions** 

**Direct to Consumer Grocery Market Update** 

Peak Season- What's in Store

# September

Port Strike: Is It Inevitable?

**Trucking Market Update** 

**Supply Chain Technology** 

# October

**East Coast Port Update: It's Not Over Yet** 

**Trucking: Signs of Relief** 

**Direct to Consumer** 

# November

Food Inflation- On Chill?

**Tariffs: Inflationary or Opportunity?** 

Q4- Surge or Not?

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