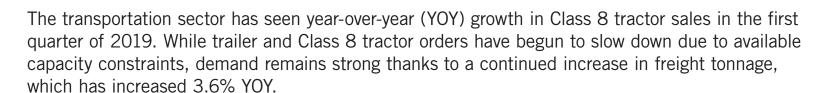
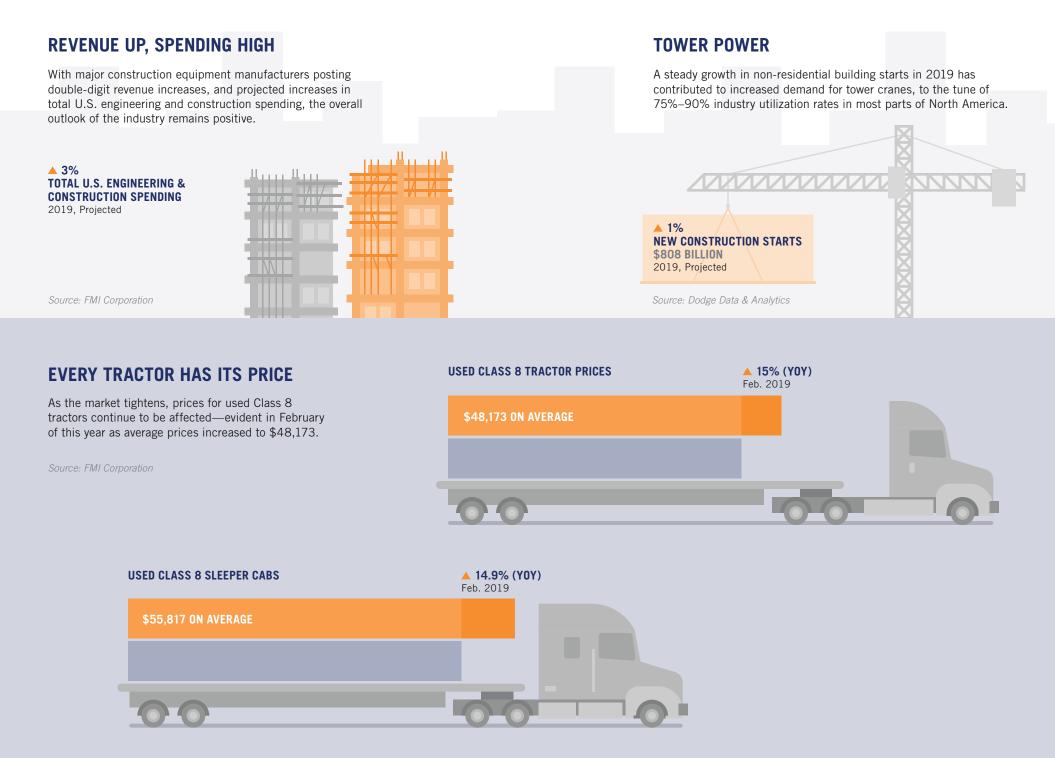
FIRING ON MOST CYLINDERS







TRUCKIN' ALONG

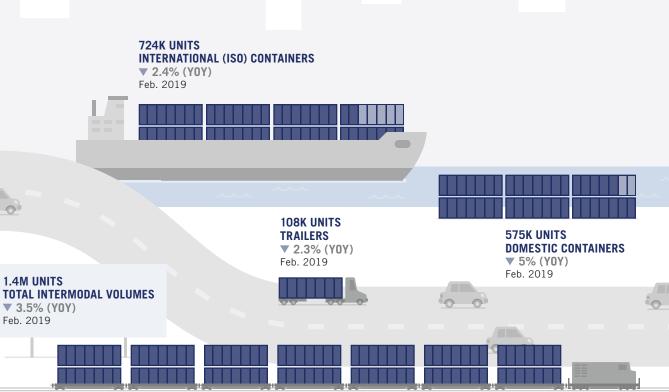
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While orders slowed considerably in March 2019 due to record backlogs, Class 8 tractor sales surged ahead 18%. Sales are projected to jump 3% overall YOY, with a forecast of approximately 264,000 units to be sold this year.

■ 18% NEW CLASS 8 TRACTOR SALES Mar. 2019 ▼ 52% (YOY) NEW CLASS 8 TRACTOR ORDERS -13,500 UNITS

LOOKING FOR THE ON-RAMP

After a slow start to 2019 with decreases in total intermodal volumes, a fall in ISO container units, a downturn in combined U.S. carloads, and the largest annual decline for domestic containers, the North American intermodal market hopes for a more promising second quarter.



SMOOTH SAILING AHEAD

Engineering and construction spending is projected to pick back up after a slight decrease in the first quarter of 2019. Class 8 tractor prices are trending high and, while the North American intermodal market has been hit hard, the outlook for a bounce back remains promising.

Sources: FMI Corporation, Transport Topics

