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## **National Averages:** **More Volume Hits Spot Market Ahead of Independence Day Celebrations**

Dry van and reefer heat up while flatbed volumes cool.

The National Retail Federation expects Americans to spend a whopping \$7.5 billion on food items this year, which means the trucking industry has been very busy getting freight into position ahead of weekend- long fourth of July Celebrations. The July 4th freight task is estimated at around 72,000 truckloads. That included a billion pounds of meat, 68 million cases of beer and 2,500 truckloads of fireworks shipped in June alone. This sure in volume is why we typically see dry van and reefer spot rates peak this weekend before they begin the long journey south leading into Thanksgiving.



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## **Without Changes, Warehouses Could Ground Drone Deliveries**

As more drones take flight, changes inside and outside the warehouse will be needed.



Maybe not today, and not likely tomorrow, but one day soon, many Americans will receive their first e-commerce delivery by drone. For residents in select areas of the country- North Carolina, Arkansas, and

Ohio among others drones are already making deliveries to the home. Amazon, Walmart, UPS, and Kroger are among the large retailers and delivery providers that are rapidly scaling up drone delivery tests. Others will soon follow.