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“An In-Depth Look at the Most Vulnerable Point  
in the Food Safety Chain-Transportation”

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# Transportation Sector Overview: Trucking

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- **8,481,999 Registered Large Trucks**

(Source: FHWA, *Highway Statistics 2005*, Table VM-1; and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration/Motor Carrier Management Information System)

- **Largest 100 “For-Hire” Trucking fleets operate only 349,275 trucks of which 112,990 are owner-operators**

(Source: 2008 Transport Topics Top 100 For-Hire Carriers)

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- 95.9% of all trucks are controlled by entities with 20 or fewer trucks

(Source: University of Minnesota, American Transportation Research Institute- 2005)

- 692,997 carriers with US DOT authority

(Source: MCMIS, 2006)

- Nearly half of registered interstate motor carriers have only one truck

(Source: MCMIS, 2006)

## Key Vulnerabilities

- 2006 Spinach fiasco exposed the weakness of reliance on “voluntary” recalls
- Lack of sanitary bathroom facilities for drivers expected to physically handle food-stuffs
- Dateline NBC exposé on 7<sup>th</sup> Street Produce Market in Los Angeles



<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17789410/>

## Key Vulnerabilities

- Pallet exchange: contamination/ infestations
- Physical condition of trailer; trailer wash-out; acceptable decontamination procedures
- Education and communication to a highly fragmented and diverse driver population

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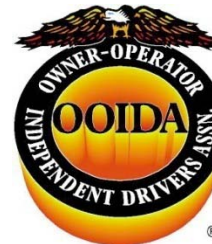
- Sealing of trailers given “lip service” within the majority of the supply-chain
- Improper loading of fresh produce creates undetected “hot zones” within trailer
- Lack of available, secure and safe truck parking

# Education and Communication to Trucking Community

- Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act- A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Subtitle B of Title VII (otherwise known as “Sanitary Food Transportation Act of 2005”)



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