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Carriers and Contract Haulers in Intercity Service

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## FOREWORD

This bulletin reports the results of a survey of intercity motor-truck freight transportation for hire, conducted in 1931 jointly by the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the United States Department of Commerce. The principal objects of the investigation were to secure available data on (1) motor equipment in use, particularly as to types and weights of vehicles, (2) radius of haul, and (3) costs of operation.

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