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SUMMARY

January Pricing Met Expectations

Few auctions on the calendar in January meant very little sales volume. Trucks that did sell did not bring impressive money. Retail volume was similar to December, but pricing was down. The medium duty market was mixed, with conventionals stable and cabovers somewhat weak.

CLASS 8 AUCTION UPDATE

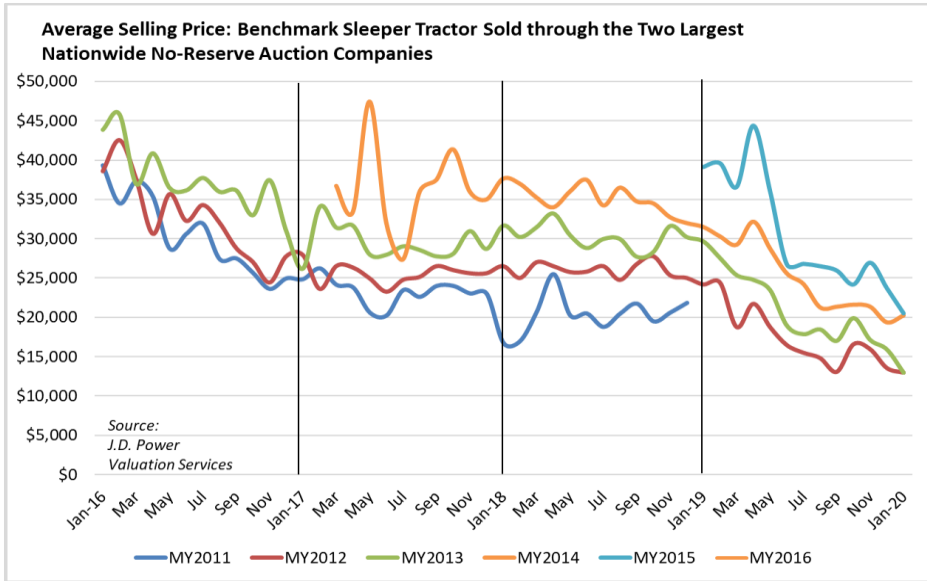
The volume of 4-7 year-old trucks sold at auction decreased notably in January, as is typical for that month. Pricing was mixed, with newer trucks showing the most downward movement. Note we now consider a model-year 2017 truck 4 years old. See below for detail.

- Model year 2017: Not enough data
- Model year 2016: \$29,666 average; \$2,615 (9.7%) higher than December
- Model year 2015: \$20,500 average; \$3,197 (13.5%) lower than December
- Model year 2014: \$20,250 average; \$847 (4.5%) lower than December
- Model year 2013: \$13,000 average; \$2,954 (18.5%) lower than December
- Model year 2012: \$12,975 average; \$584 (4.3%) lower than December

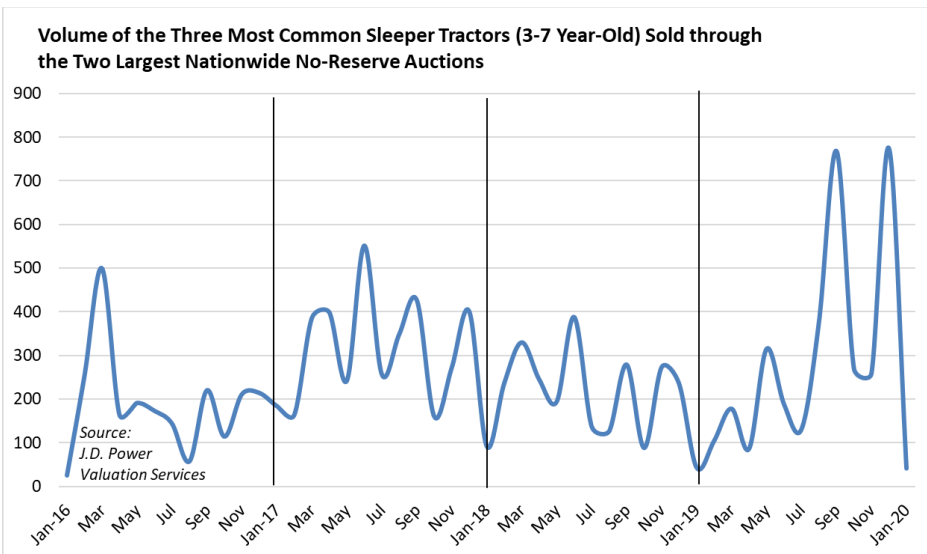
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Our usual month-over-month value comparisons and depreciation averages will return next month, when there's more volume to examine. Early February auction data doesn't suggest much change in pricing, but we should be nearing the end of the worst of the devaluation.

See the “Average Selling Price: Benchmark Sleeper Tractor...” and “Volume of the Three Most Common Sleeper Tractors...” graphs for detail.



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CLASS 8 RETAIL UPDATE

Pricing was unimpressive in January, as is typically the case for that month. The mix of trucks sold trended to higher mileage, with models that typically bring less money comprising a good portion of our data. Regardless of these factors, an apples-to-apples comparison of any given truck puts January lower than December.

The average sleeper tractor retailed in January was 70 months old, had 468,378 miles, and brought \$46,459. Compared to December, the average sleeper was 1 month newer, had 12,682 (2.6%) fewer miles, and brought \$1,549 (1.8%) more money. Compared to January 2019, this average sleeper was identical in age, had 1,229 (0.3%) more miles, and brought \$9,938 (17.6%) less money.

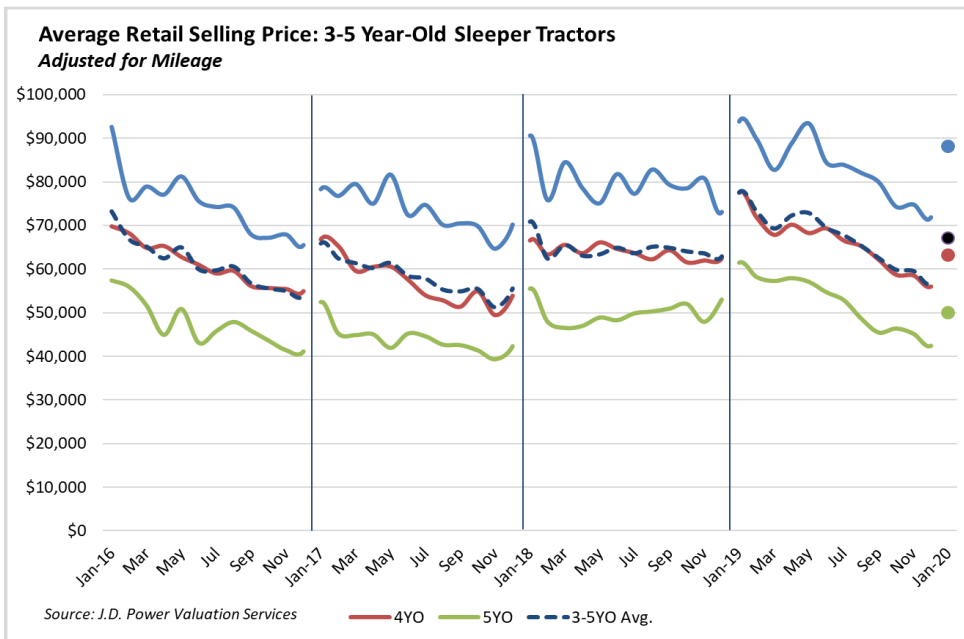
Looking at trucks two to five years of age, January’s average pricing was as follows. Note we now consider a model-year 2019 truck 2 years old:

- Model year 2019: \$109,345; \$5,187 (4.5%) lower than December
- Model year 2018: \$88,184; \$4,041 (4.4%) lower than December
- Model year 2017: \$63,322; \$8,619 (12.0%) lower than December
- Model year 2016: \$50,057; \$6,017 (10.7%) lower than December

Year-over-year, late-model trucks sold in January 2020 brought an average of 13.5% less money than January 2019. Month-over-month comparisons will return next month. Pricing is still similar to the last market bottom in 2016.

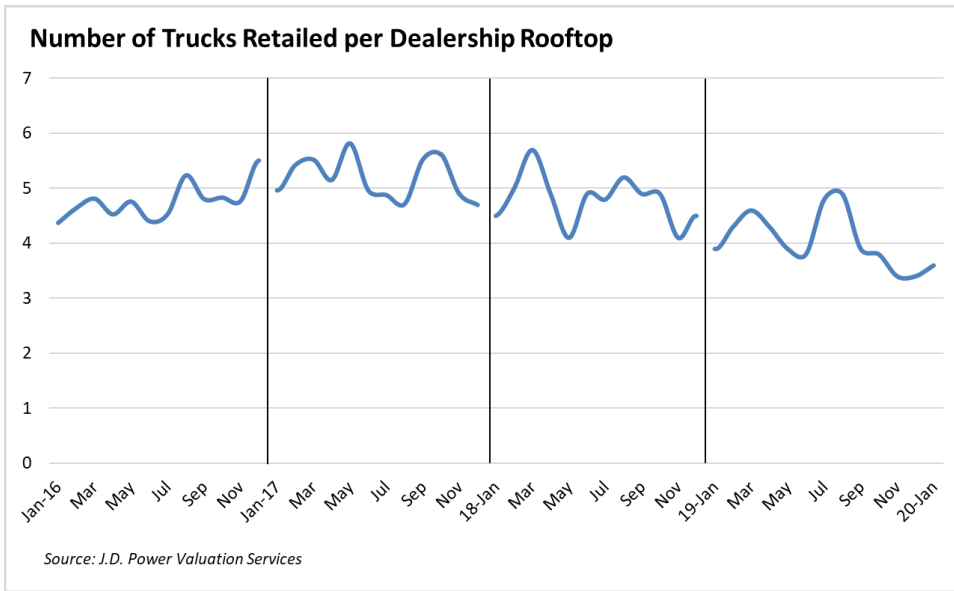
See the “Average Retail Selling Price: 3-5 Year-Old Sleeper Tractors” graph for detail.

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Dealers retailed an average of 3.6 trucks per rooftop in January, a slight uptick from December, and mildly encouraging in a month that typically sees low volume.

See the “Number of Trucks Retailed per Dealership Rooftop” graph for detail.

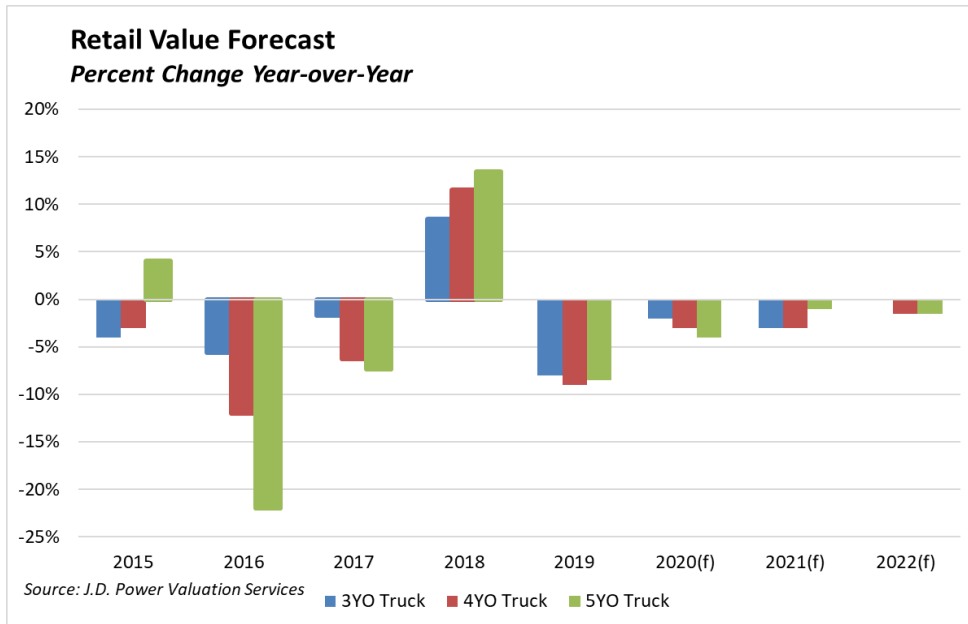


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Looking forward, there will be fewer trade returns this year compared to last, but these trucks will enter a market already oversaturated. Assuming general economic conditions remain roughly consistent, we expect depreciation to relax in the spring, with the supply/demand relationship looking best in the summer. Then in the months leading up to the Presidential election, depreciation should accelerate moderately as it usually does in the fall of an election year.

The industrial side of the economy finally picked back up in January, which was a welcome change from the disappointing second half of 2019. If the industrial sector stays in neutral or positive territory, our pricing forecasts will become more positive.

See the “Retail Value Forecast” graph for a look at how we see used truck pricing unfolding over the next four years. Note that our residual value forecasts (available by subscription, not included here) provide a much more detailed analysis of future pricing.



Medium Duty Trucks

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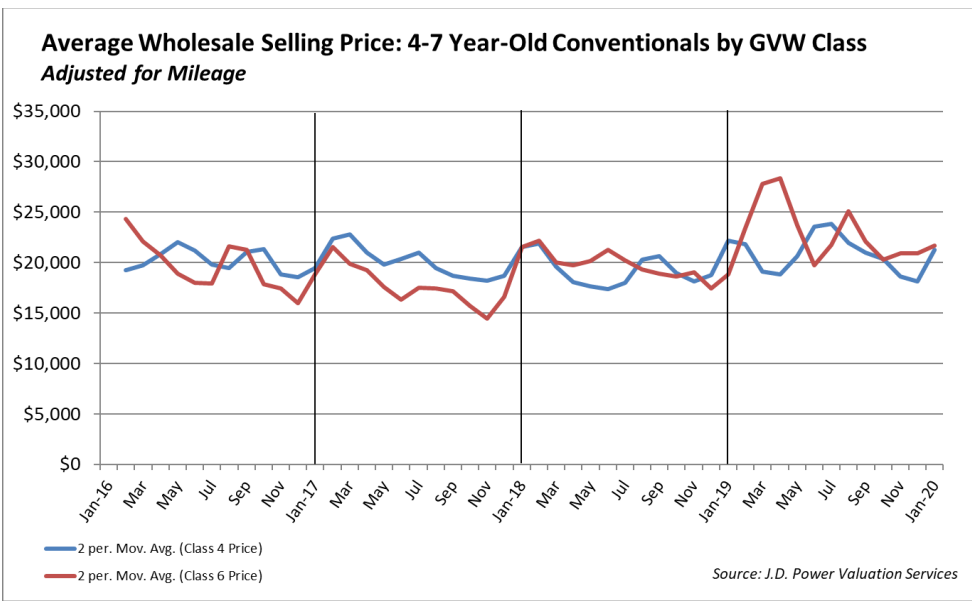
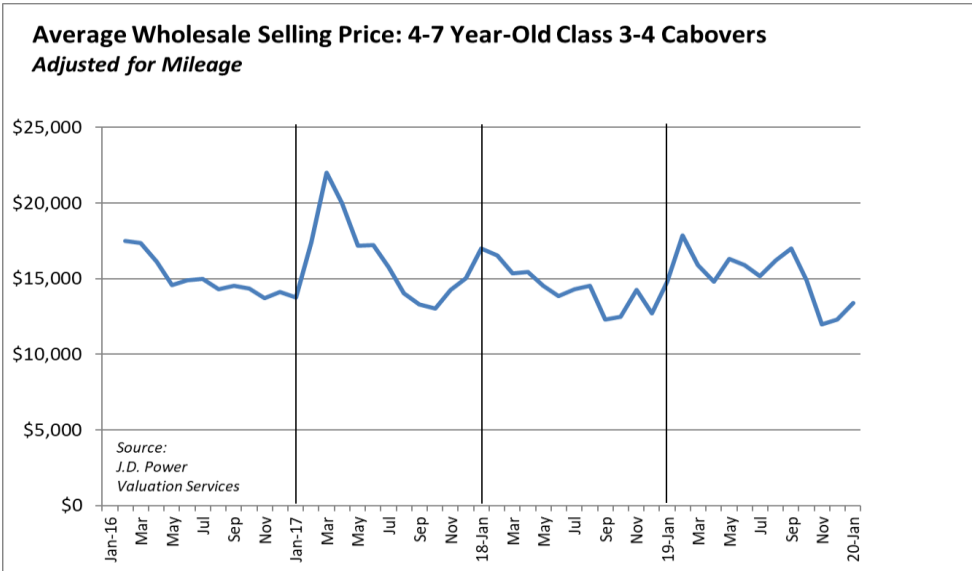
Starting with Class 3 – 4 cabovers, January’s average was \$14,319, \$4,537 (14.0%) lower than January 2019, and \$1,879 (15.1%) higher than December 2019. Average monthly depreciation figures will return next month.

Looking at Class 4 conventionals, pricing for 4-7 year-old trucks in January was similar year-over-year. Average pricing for our benchmark group was \$24,855, \$406 (1.6%) lower than January 2019. Month-over-month and average monthly depreciation figures will return next month.

Class 6 conventional pricing was very similar year-over-year as well as month-over-month. In January, our benchmark group averaged \$21,853, \$402 (1.9%) higher than December, and \$394 (1.8%) higher than January 2019. Average monthly depreciation figures will return next month.

See the “Average Wholesale Selling Price: 4-7 Year-Old Class 3-4 Cabovers” and “Average Wholesale Selling Price: 4-7 Year-Old Conventionals by GVW Class” graphs for detail.

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Forecast

We'll have a better sense of market conditions next month, after we have a full two months of 2020 data to crunch. We don't expect any major changes in market conditions other than what is mentioned above.

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