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## Association & Industry News

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**Ready Mixed Concrete Production Statistics Updated Through July 2018**

The estimated ready mixed concrete produced in July 2018 is 34.1 million cubic yards, 9.4% higher than that in July 2017. The estimated production in the U.S. for 2018 through July is 203 million cubic yards, 3.8% higher than that during the same period in 2017.

*Ready mixed concrete production is estimated from cement shipments reported by the U.S. Geological Survey. More detail is available to NRMCA members [here](#).*



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## Workforce Development

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### Workforce Development Committee Meets for Third Time in 2018

The Workforce Development Committee presented its research and efforts at NRMCA's annual ConcreteWorks in late September. Since its inception on January 1, the committee has featured four task groups, each concentrating on a challenge related to attracting and retaining mixer drivers and other staff. Those areas are: (1) researching the qualitative job qualities that retain mixer drivers; (2) learning and talent development paths for better retention; (3) developing partnerships with CDL schools; and (4) other third-party sources to attract and retain mixer drivers.

While most members are HR and talent development professionals, the committee welcomes others who can broaden its scope. It will "take a village" to address the serious workforce challenges the industry faces; we all have a stake in the game. The next meeting will be at NRMCA's 2019 Annual Convention in Tampa in March.

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### Download the 2018 Mixer Driver Recruitment and Retention Survey Report

The results of NRMCA's 2018 Mixer Driver Recruitment and Retention Survey show increased pressure on producers to maintain a healthy concrete delivery professional driver pool. It is visible in the reported three percent drop in the mixer driver population between January and December 2017. Secondly, 48 percent reported lost business because they did not have a driver to deliver the order, up 12 percent from 2017. Lastly, there was a 34 percent increase in respondents to the 2018 survey, perhaps illustrating a larger desire to better understand the challenge.

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## Engineering

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### **NRMCA Technical Short Course Set for Orlando in February**

The NRMCA Regional Concrete Technologist Training and Certification program (Short Course) is scheduled for February 11-15, 2019, at the Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside in Orlando, FL. Registration is open for this offering. Due to space restrictions, the number of registrants is limited to 55. Interested persons are encouraged to register early!

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### **Latest Issue of National Concrete Consortium Newsletter Now Available Online**

The NCC E-News is issued by the National Concrete Pavement Technology Center. The following are covered in more detail with links to research reports

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## Calendar

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### **A Look Ahead**

*\*Please note that e-mail and direct links to each event listed below can be accessed from NRMCA's [Web site](#).*

October 16 – 18, Glendora, CA  
Ready Mixed Concrete Safety Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

October 17, Las Vegas, NV  
Regional ConcreteWorks, Rocky Mountain Region  
Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158

October 17 – 18, Milwaukee  
Insulating Concrete Forms (ICFs) Roundtable & Site Tour  
Email: Lionel Lemay, 847-918-7101

October 23 – 24, Springfield, MA  
Regional ConcreteWorks, Northeast Region  
Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158

October 30, Okemos, MI  
Regional ConcreteWorks, Great Lakes Region  
Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158

November 5 – 9, Silver Spring, MD **\*Sold Out**  
Annual Short Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

November 14 – 15, Fort Worth, TX  
Insulating Concrete Forms (ICFs) Roundtable & Site Tour  
Email: Lionel Lemay, 847-918-7101

November 27, Seattle  
Insulating Concrete Form Contractor Training Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

November 27 – 29, 2018, Orlando, FL  
Environmental Certification Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

Fall/Winter, Cheyenne/Casper, WY  
Registration Information Forthcoming  
Regional ConcreteWorks, Northwest Region  
Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158

November 29, Kansas City, KS  
Registration Information Forthcoming  
Regional ConcreteWorks, South Central Region  
Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158



December 4 – 6, Silver Spring, MD  
CCSP Module II: Customer Business Knowledge  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

December 5, Boston  
Insulating Concrete Form Contractor Training Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

December 6, Hartford, CT  
Insulating Concrete Form Contractor Training Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

December 11 – 14, Austin, TX \*Sold Out  
Plant Manager Certification Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

## **2019**

January 8 – 10, Orlando, FL  
Dispatcher Training Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

January 15, Minneapolis  
Insulating Concrete Form Contractor Training Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

January 15 – 17, Silver Spring, MD  
CCSP Module III: Accounting, Finance, Business Law  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

January 15 – 18, Tucson, AZ  
Plant Manager Certification Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

January 22 – 24, Kissimmee, FL  
Effective RMC Supervisor Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135



February 5 – 6, Phoenix  
Insulating Concrete Forms (ICFs) Roundtable & Site Tour  
Email: Lionel Lemay, 847-918-7101

February 11 – 15, Orlando, FL  
Regional Short Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

February 19 – 22, Charlotte, NC  
Plant Manager Certification Course  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

February 27, Milwaukee  
Handling Concrete Specifications  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

March 19 – 21, Silver Spring, MD  
CCSP Module IV: Professional Sales Skills  
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135



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