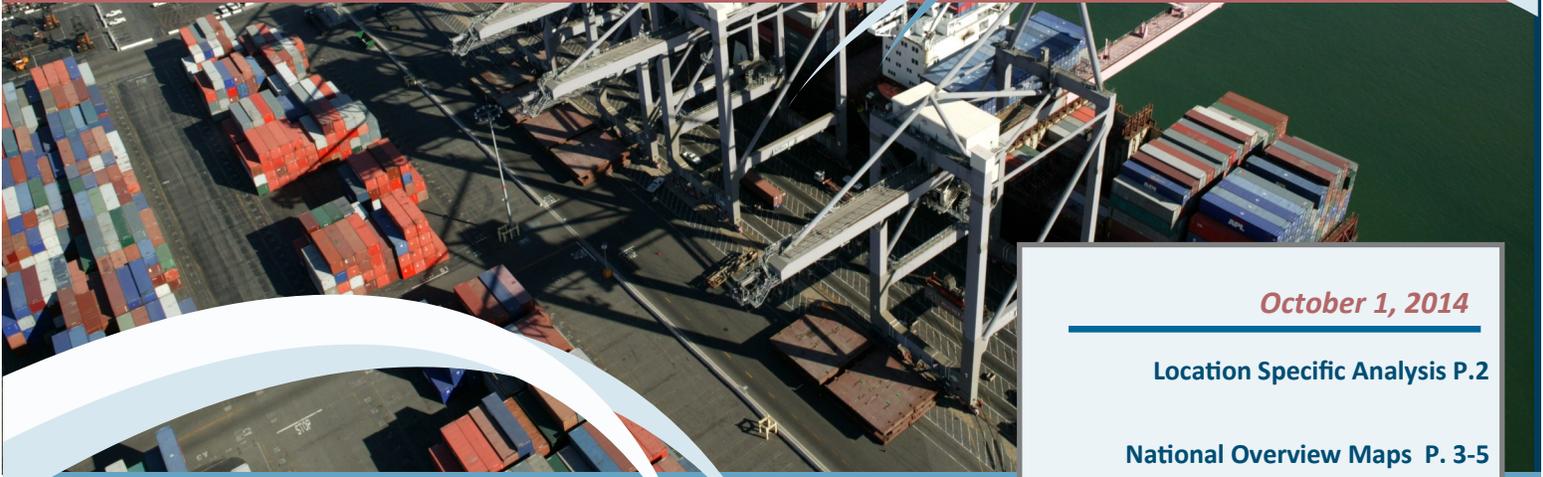




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).



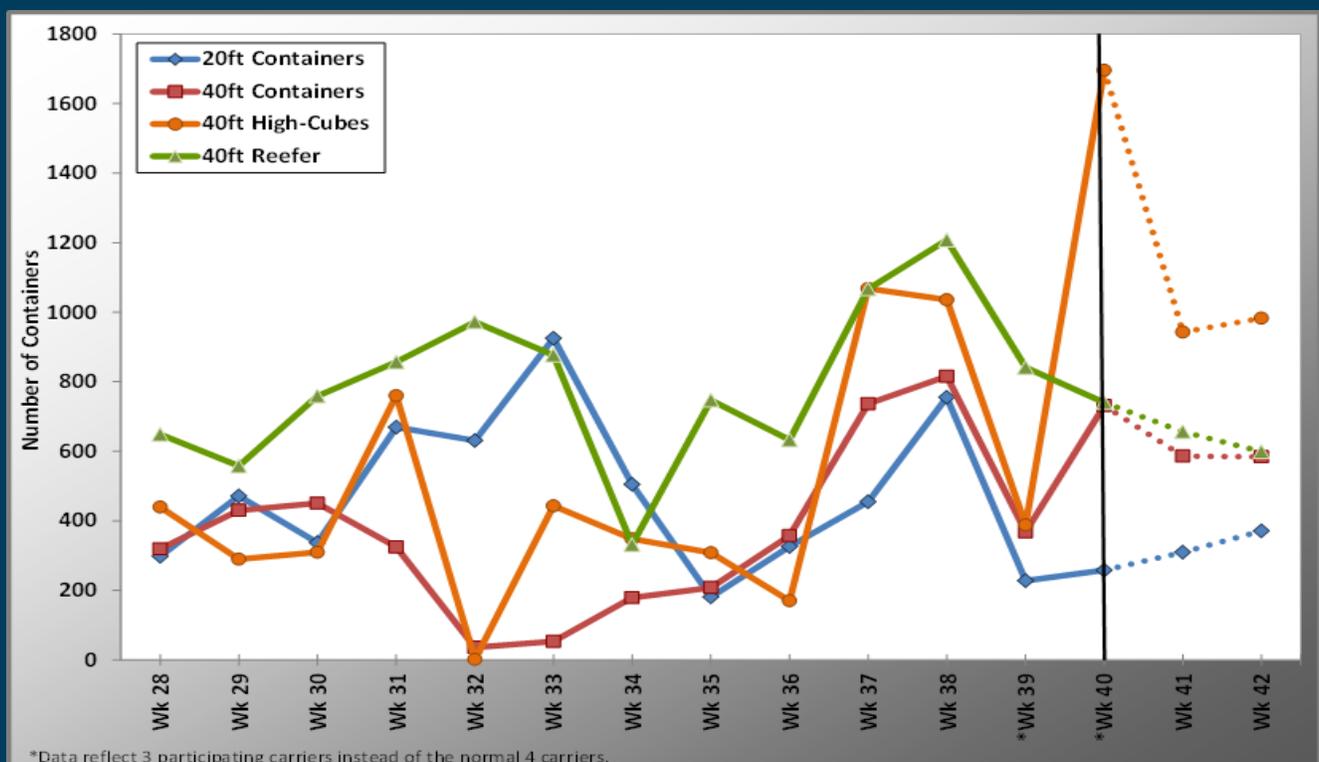
Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

Historical Analysis of Seattle

The Port of Seattle, WA, ranks 6th in the nation for containerized waterborne agricultural exports; it moved more than 602,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products from July to September, 2013. Grains, including animal feed and soybeans, accounted for 50 percent, vegetables for 19 percent, and frozen fish accounted for 6 percent of the volume. During this period, more than 53 percent of these agricultural exports were moved in 40ft containers. Agricultural exporters used the ocean carrier Maersk to move 21 percent of these products, followed by Hanjin Shipping at 16 percent, China Shipping at 11 percent, and MOL at 10 percent.¹

Container availability estimates at the Port of Seattle have been quite volatile this summer (see graphic below). Seattle has experienced increased demand from diverted cargo from Los Angeles and Long Beach due to the ongoing labor contract negotiations as well as diverted cargo from Vancouver, BC, due to congestion across the border. Carriers have struggled to balance availability in Seattle, which causes strong weekly fluctuations to container availability estimates. Additionally, for the past 2 weeks (week 39 and 40) one participating carrier switched service from Seattle to Tacoma due to congestion at the port and to provide a more efficient service schedule. The availability of 40ft refrigerated containers has been particularly strong the past few weeks, probably filling demand for increased fruit and vegetable exports from Washington at this time of year. Carriers anticipate estimates will decrease the next 2 weeks for 40ft standard, high-cube, and refrigerated containers but increase for 20ft standard containers.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Seattle, 2nd week of July (Wk 28) through 1st week of October (Wk 40), with Projections



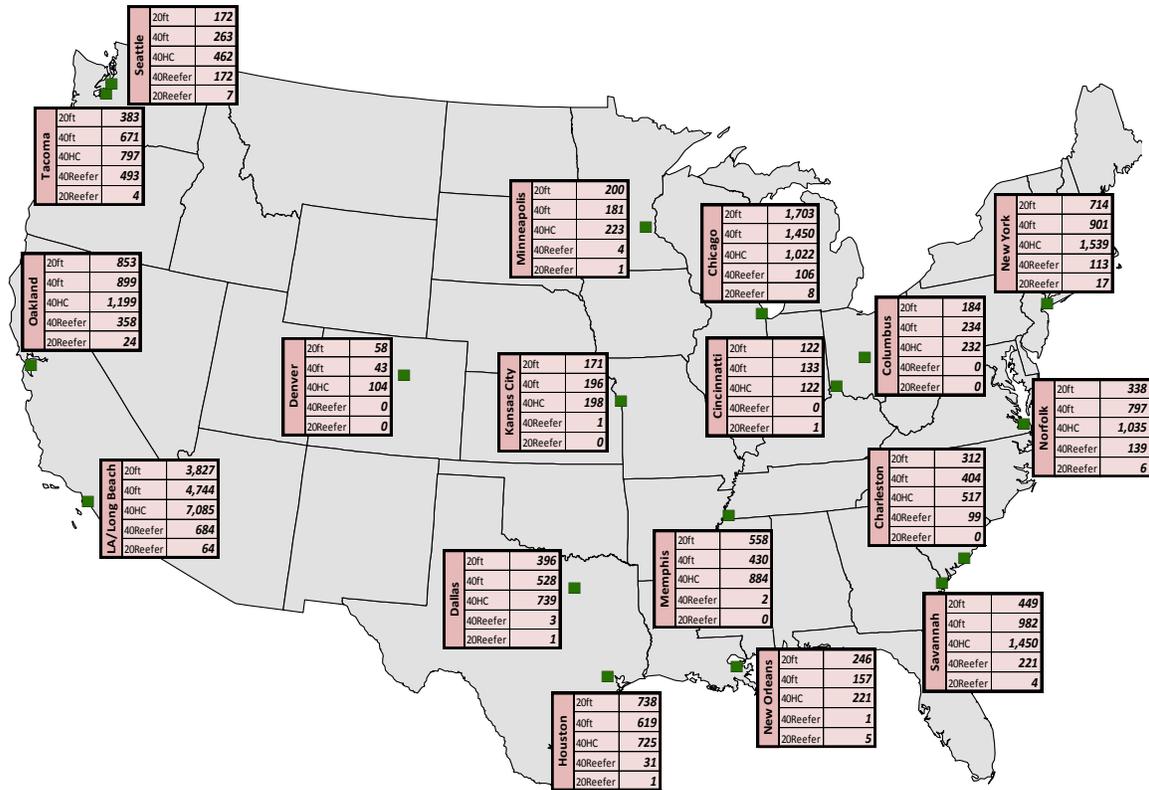
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .

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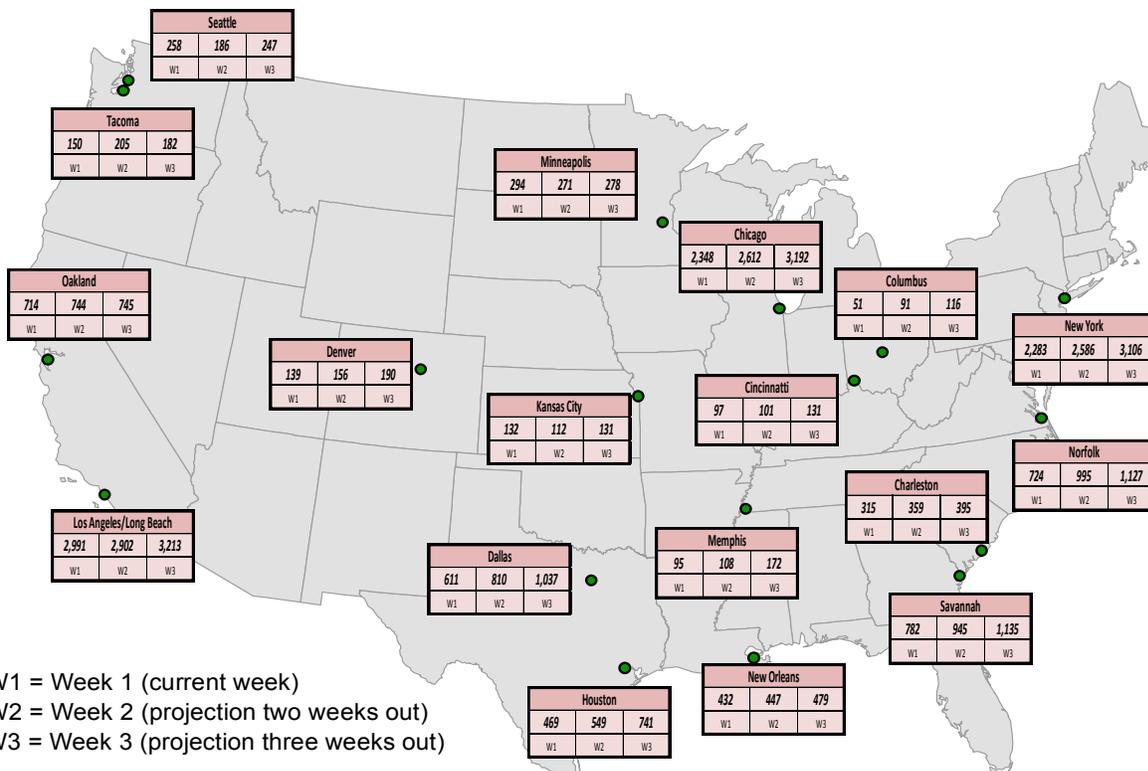
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



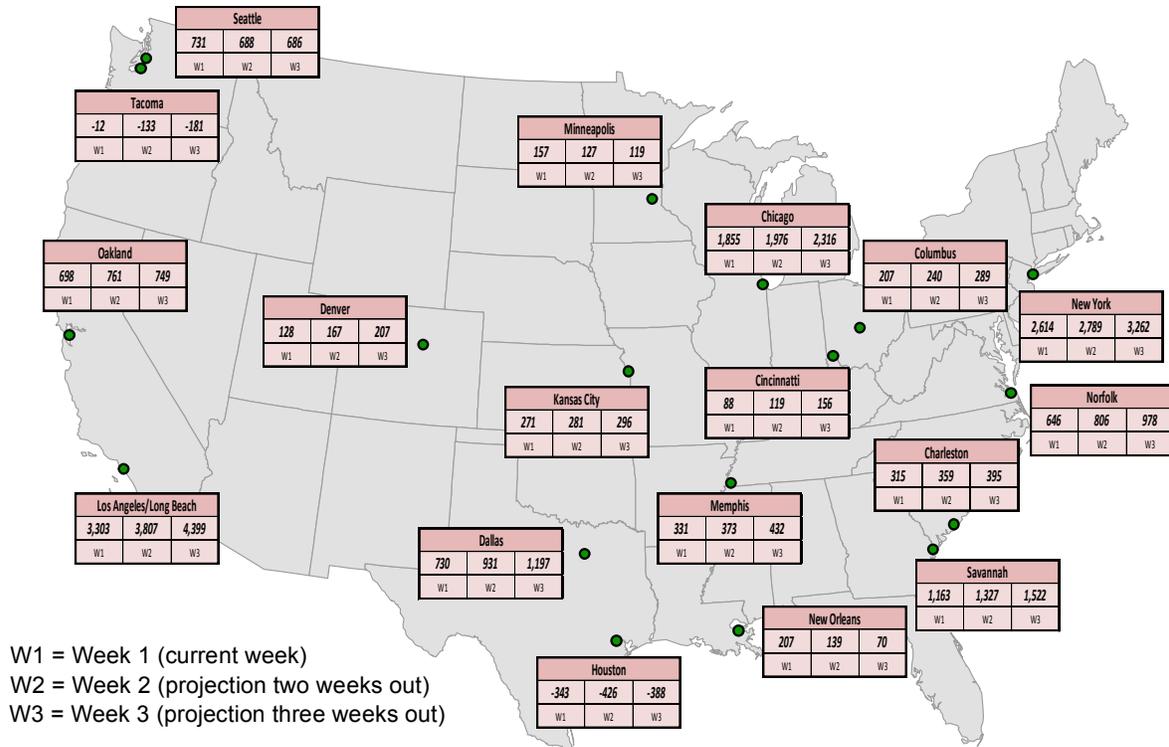
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



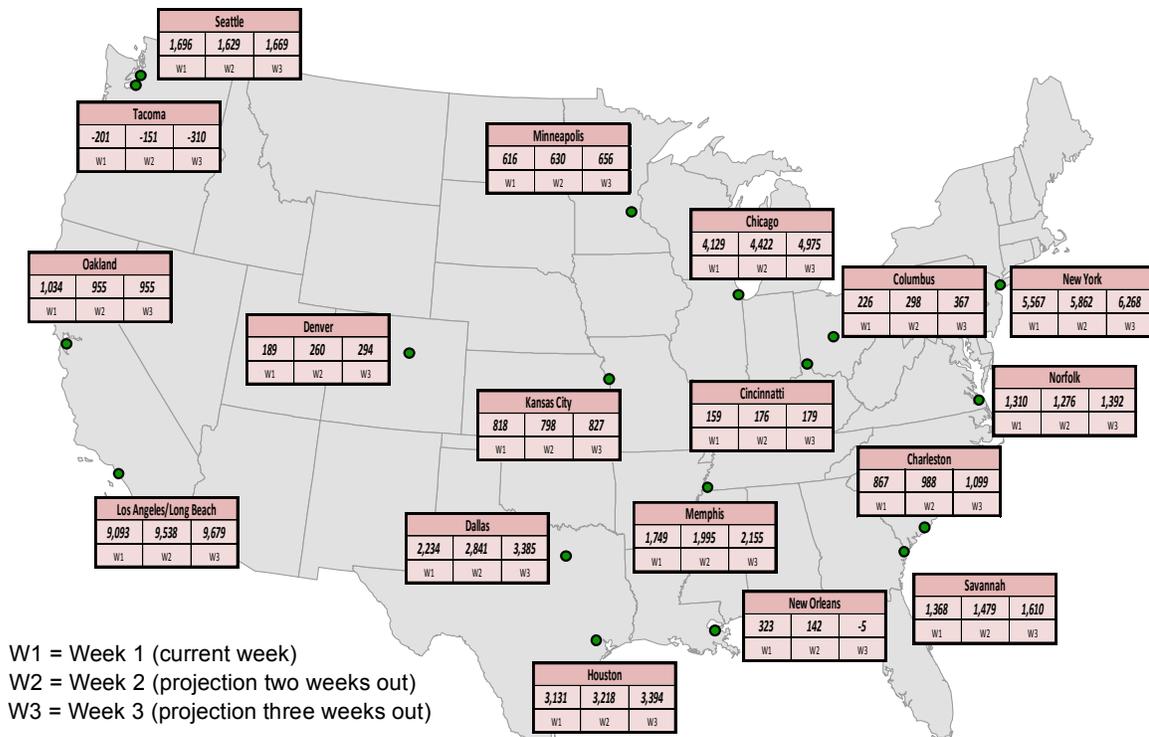
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
 W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
 W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

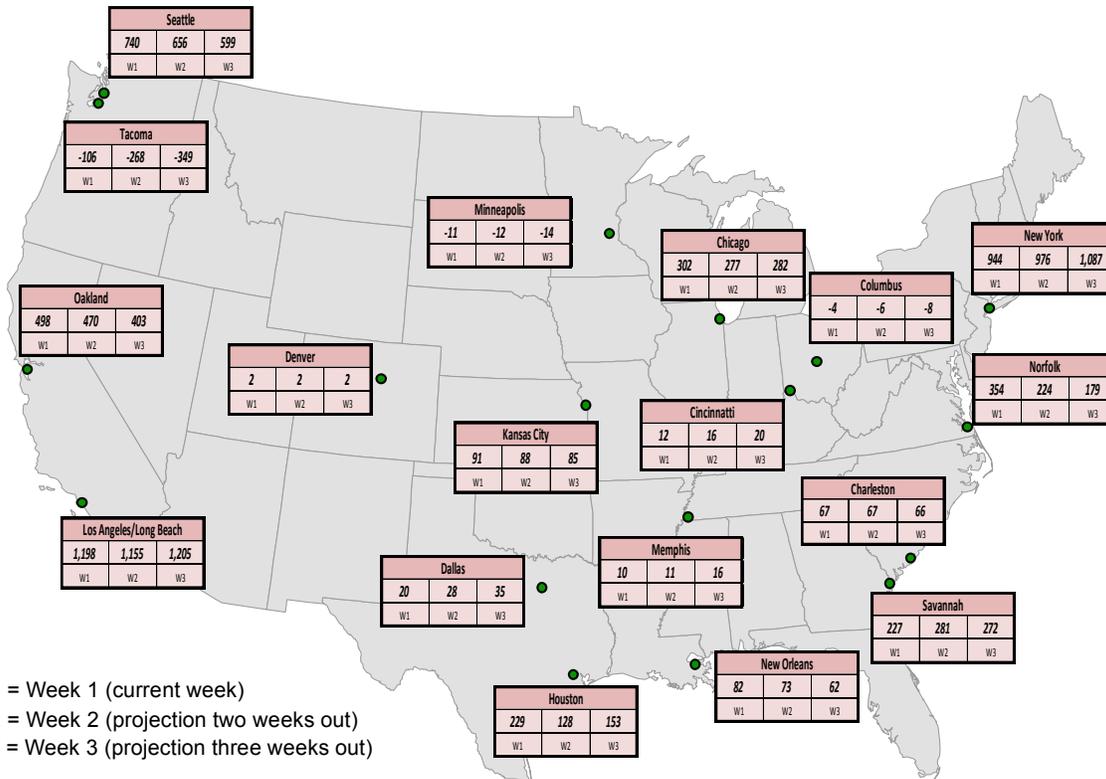


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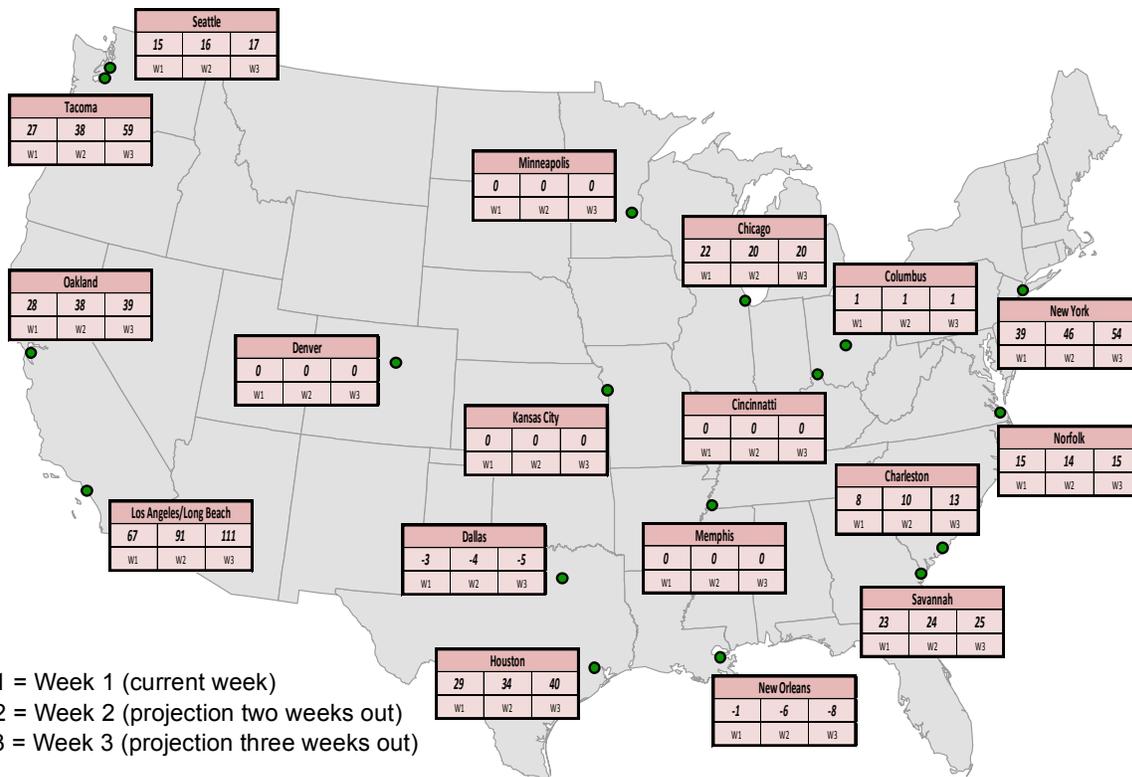
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	106	99	51	34	25	.	.	.	.	.	315
Week 2: Oct 8-14	106	132	47	44	30	.	.	.	.	.	359
Week 3: Oct 15-21	106	162	65	32	30	.	.	.	.	.	395
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	128	126	92	75	27	.	.	.	.	.	448
Week 2: Oct 8-14	128	163	107	95	40	.	.	.	.	.	533
Week 3: Oct 15-21	128	194	123	88	40	.	.	.	.	.	573
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	282	223	202	112	48	.	.	.	.	.	867
Week 2: Oct 8-14	282	262	284	80	80	.	.	.	.	.	988
Week 3: Oct 15-21	282	281	364	92	80	.	.	.	.	.	1,099
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	60	34	15	5	-47	.	.	.	.	.	67
Week 2: Oct 8-14	47	46	3	5	-34	.	.	.	.	.	67
Week 3: Oct 15-21	43	58	3	5	-43	.	.	.	.	.	66
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	6	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Oct 8-14	7	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Oct 15-21	9	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	1,956	324	155	63	-150	.	.	.	.	.	2,348
Week 2: Oct 8-14	2,388	324	200	12	-312	.	.	.	.	.	2,612
Week 3: Oct 15-21	2,839	324	200	12	-183	.	.	.	.	.	3,192
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	682	484	439	258	-8	.	.	.	.	.	1,855
Week 2: Oct 8-14	854	484	599	50	-11	.	.	.	.	.	1,976
Week 3: Oct 15-21	1,032	484	764	50	-14	.	.	.	.	.	2,316
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	2,160	1,128	540	227	74	.	.	.	.	.	4,129
Week 2: Oct 8-14	2,160	1,417	713	50	82	.	.	.	.	.	4,422
Week 3: Oct 15-21	2,160	1,719	967	50	79	.	.	.	.	.	4,975
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	157	92	53	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	302
Week 2: Oct 8-14	181	86	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	277
Week 3: Oct 15-21	191	81	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	282
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	13	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 2: Oct 8-14	11	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Oct 15-21	9	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	37	27	23	7	3	97
Week 2: Oct 8-14	47	27	14	-3	16	.	.	.	.	.	101
Week 3: Oct 15-21	62	27	14	-5	33	.	.	.	.	.	131
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	36	31	13	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	88
Week 2: Oct 8-14	36	33	18	30	2	.	.	.	.	.	119
Week 3: Oct 15-21	36	65	18	36	1	.	.	.	.	.	156
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	158	5	5	-3	-6	.	.	.	.	.	159
Week 2: Oct 8-14	158	2	0	23	-7	.	.	.	.	.	176
Week 3: Oct 15-21	158	3	11	22	-15	.	.	.	.	.	179
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Oct 8-14	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Oct 15-21	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 8-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 15-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	43	17	1	-5	-5	51
Week 2: Oct 8-14	55	26	16	-1	-5	.	.	.	.	.	91
Week 3: Oct 15-21	68	26	28	-1	-5	.	.	.	.	.	116
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	84	78	24	13	8	.	.	.	.	.	207
Week 2: Oct 8-14	99	78	53	14	-4	.	.	.	.	.	240
Week 3: Oct 15-21	118	78	81	14	-2	.	.	.	.	.	289
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	124	41	29	24	8	.	.	.	.	.	226
Week 2: Oct 8-14	124	50	91	18	15	.	.	.	.	.	298
Week 3: Oct 15-21	124	50	154	14	25	.	.	.	.	.	367
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 2: Oct 8-14	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-6
Week 3: Oct 15-21	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-8
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 8-14	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Oct 15-21	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	270	147	103	63	28	611
Week 2: Oct 8-14	445	126	166	63	10	.	.	.	.	.	810
Week 3: Oct 15-21	633	119	212	63	10	.	.	.	.	.	1,037
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	316	179	132	68	35	.	.	.	.	.	730
Week 2: Oct 8-14	292	257	314	68	0	.	.	.	.	.	931
Week 3: Oct 15-21	270	352	507	68	0	.	.	.	.	.	1,197
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	628	551	500	497	58	.	.	.	.	.	2,234
Week 2: Oct 8-14	628	738	901	574	0	.	.	.	.	.	2,841
Week 3: Oct 15-21	628	906	1,318	533	0	.	.	.	.	.	3,385
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	17	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Oct 8-14	25	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28
Week 3: Oct 15-21	32	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Oct 8-14	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Oct 15-21	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	93	19	12	9	6	139
Week 2: Oct 8-14	118	19	18	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	156
Week 3: Oct 15-21	143	19	26	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	190
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	62	36	21	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	128
Week 2: Oct 8-14	92	36	37	0	2	.	.	.	.	.	167
Week 3: Oct 15-21	124	36	42	0	5	.	.	.	.	.	207
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	66	58	24	22	19	.	.	.	.	.	189
Week 2: Oct 8-14	119	87	10	22	22	.	.	.	.	.	260
Week 3: Oct 15-21	127	117	10	22	18	.	.	.	.	.	294
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Oct 8-14	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Oct 15-21	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	0
Week 2: Oct 8-14	0
Week 3: Oct 15-21	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	373	78	47	21	-50	469
Week 2: Oct 8-14	373	152	50	22	-48	.	.	.	.	.	549
Week 3: Oct 15-21	373	246	100	17	5	.	.	.	.	.	741
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	132	99	34	-294	-314	.	.	.	.	.	-343
Week 2: Oct 8-14	80	140	15	-294	-367	.	.	.	.	.	-426
Week 3: Oct 15-21	100	199	12	-294	-405	.	.	.	.	.	-388
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	2,084	419	339	283	6	.	.	.	.	.	3,131
Week 2: Oct 8-14	2,084	527	250	370	-13	.	.	.	.	.	3,218
Week 3: Oct 15-21	2,084	630	250	452	-22	.	.	.	.	.	3,394
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	136	80	11	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	229
Week 2: Oct 8-14	8	103	15	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	128
Week 3: Oct 15-21	8	124	19	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	153
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	26	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
Week 2: Oct 8-14	31	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: Oct 15-21	36	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	56	44	31	1	0	132
Week 2: Oct 8-14	56	0	49	8	-1	.	.	.	.	.	112
Week 3: Oct 15-21	56	0	62	15	-2	.	.	.	.	.	131
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	204	46	13	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	271
Week 2: Oct 8-14	204	54	0	25	-2	.	.	.	.	.	281
Week 3: Oct 15-21	204	65	0	27	0	.	.	.	.	.	296
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	720	44	34	14	6	.	.	.	.	.	818
Week 2: Oct 8-14	720	0	55	21	2	.	.	.	.	.	798
Week 3: Oct 15-21	720	0	77	26	4	.	.	.	.	.	827
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	87	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	91
Week 2: Oct 8-14	83	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	88
Week 3: Oct 15-21	79	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	85
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 8-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 15-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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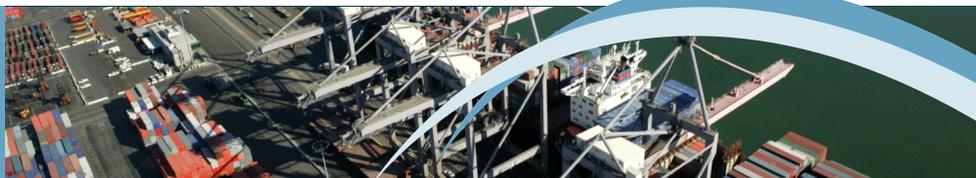


Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	996	703	660	439	193	.	.	.	.	.	2,991
Week 2: Oct 8-14	824	703	450	618	307	.	.	.	.	.	2,902
Week 3: Oct 15-21	810	703	450	805	445	.	.	.	.	.	3,213
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	873	858	766	485	321	.	.	.	.	.	3,303
Week 2: Oct 8-14	800	846	766	906	489	.	.	.	.	.	3,807
Week 3: Oct 15-21	800	822	766	1,339	672	.	.	.	.	.	4,399
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	3,836	2,263	2,009	578	407	.	.	.	.	.	9,093
Week 2: Oct 8-14	3,836	2,037	1,800	692	1,173	.	.	.	.	.	9,538
Week 3: Oct 15-21	3,836	2,010	1,800	781	1,252	.	.	.	.	.	9,679
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	405	395	227	96	75	.	.	.	.	.	1,198
Week 2: Oct 8-14	509	300	180	91	75	.	.	.	.	.	1,155
Week 3: Oct 15-21	661	300	85	84	75	.	.	.	.	.	1,205
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	39	18	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
Week 2: Oct 8-14	53	28	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	91
Week 3: Oct 15-21	68	33	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	111

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	63	33	30	24	-55	95
Week 2: Oct 8-14	44	33	72	14	-55	.	.	.	.	.	108
Week 3: Oct 15-21	44	33	112	18	-35	.	.	.	.	.	172
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	174	82	38	35	2	.	.	.	.	.	331
Week 2: Oct 8-14	174	100	39	13	47	.	.	.	.	.	373
Week 3: Oct 15-21	174	100	43	22	93	.	.	.	.	.	432
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	1,344	173	109	62	61	.	.	.	.	.	1,749
Week 2: Oct 8-14	1,344	150	260	44	197	.	.	.	.	.	1,995
Week 3: Oct 15-21	1,344	150	421	50	190	.	.	.	.	.	2,155
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Oct 8-14	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Oct 15-21	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 8-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 15-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	300	57	6	-22	-47	294
Week 2: Oct 8-14	308	60	8	-58	-47	.	.	.	.	.	271
Week 3: Oct 15-21	318	50	5	-48	-47	.	.	.	.	.	278
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	156	38	8	-7	-38	.	.	.	.	.	157
Week 2: Oct 8-14	156	20	14	-5	-58	.	.	.	.	.	127
Week 3: Oct 15-21	156	30	10	-2	-75	.	.	.	.	.	119
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	382	149	61	19	5	.	.	.	.	.	616
Week 2: Oct 8-14	382	159	50	19	20	.	.	.	.	.	630
Week 3: Oct 15-21	382	168	57	19	30	.	.	.	.	.	656
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-11
Week 2: Oct 8-14	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-12
Week 3: Oct 15-21	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	0
Week 2: Oct 8-14	0
Week 3: Oct 15-21	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	256	130	36	10	0	432
Week 2: Oct 8-14	293	108	36	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	447
Week 3: Oct 15-21	333	100	36	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	479
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	112	87	12	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	207
Week 2: Oct 8-14	111	31	0	1	-4	.	.	.	.	.	139
Week 3: Oct 15-21	107	-35	0	2	-4	.	.	.	.	.	70
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	145	66	59	53	0	.	.	.	.	.	323
Week 2: Oct 8-14	5	66	25	47	-1	.	.	.	.	.	142
Week 3: Oct 15-21	-132	66	25	36	0	.	.	.	.	.	-5
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	60	22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	82
Week 2: Oct 8-14	57	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	73
Week 3: Oct 15-21	52	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	62
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	5	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Oct 8-14	5	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-6
Week 3: Oct 15-21	5	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-8

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	675	641	553	263	151	.	.	.	.	.	2,283
Week 2: Oct 8-14	972	500	553	256	305	.	.	.	.	.	2,586
Week 3: Oct 15-21	1,263	500	553	247	543	.	.	.	.	.	3,106
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	832	557	539	395	291	.	.	.	.	.	2,614
Week 2: Oct 8-14	832	746	701	300	210	.	.	.	.	.	2,789
Week 3: Oct 15-21	832	976	934	300	220	.	.	.	.	.	3,262
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	2,928	755	659	629	596	.	.	.	.	.	5,567
Week 2: Oct 8-14	2,928	930	600	516	888	.	.	.	.	.	5,862
Week 3: Oct 15-21	2,928	1,113	500	540	1,187	.	.	.	.	.	6,268
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	463	226	159	86	10	.	.	.	.	.	944
Week 2: Oct 8-14	605	50	213	98	10	.	.	.	.	.	976
Week 3: Oct 15-21	748	50	274	5	10	.	.	.	.	.	1,087
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	33	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: Oct 8-14	37	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
Week 3: Oct 15-21	41	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	349	221	94	51	9	724
Week 2: Oct 8-14	378	399	94	107	17	.	.	.	.	.	995
Week 3: Oct 15-21	449	399	94	173	12	.	.	.	.	.	1,127
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	497	75	70	26	-22	.	.	.	.	.	646
Week 2: Oct 8-14	537	145	70	45	9	.	.	.	.	.	806
Week 3: Oct 15-21	598	145	70	149	16	.	.	.	.	.	978
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	730	438	156	-1	-13	.	.	.	.	.	1,310
Week 2: Oct 8-14	730	400	191	-6	-39	.	.	.	.	.	1,276
Week 3: Oct 15-21	730	400	317	-10	-45	.	.	.	.	.	1,392
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	140	120	74	10	10	.	.	.	.	.	354
Week 2: Oct 8-14	113	75	30	-4	10	.	.	.	.	.	224
Week 3: Oct 15-21	108	40	30	-9	10	.	.	.	.	.	179
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	9	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Oct 8-14	10	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Oct 15-21	11	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	312	134	118	102	48	714
Week 2: Oct 8-14	293	98	200	102	51	.	.	.	.	.	744
Week 3: Oct 15-21	282	102	200	102	59	.	.	.	.	.	745
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	243	193	122	107	33	.	.	.	.	.	698
Week 2: Oct 8-14	228	200	122	105	106	.	.	.	.	.	761
Week 3: Oct 15-21	214	200	122	98	115	.	.	.	.	.	749
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	424	354	121	120	15	.	.	.	.	.	1,034
Week 2: Oct 8-14	352	354	50	172	27	.	.	.	.	.	955
Week 3: Oct 15-21	273	354	60	248	20	.	.	.	.	.	955
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	280	123	64	30	1	.	.	.	.	.	498
Week 2: Oct 8-14	249	119	100	30	-28	.	.	.	.	.	470
Week 3: Oct 15-21	203	115	100	30	-45	.	.	.	.	.	403
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	18	10	0	28
Week 2: Oct 8-14	20	10	8	38
Week 3: Oct 15-21	22	10	7	39

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	257	177	166	115	67	782
Week 2: Oct 8-14	351	200	166	188	40	.	.	.	.	.	945
Week 3: Oct 15-21	462	200	166	253	54	.	.	.	.	.	1,135
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	472	381	195	96	19	.	.	.	.	.	1,163
Week 2: Oct 8-14	472	488	247	150	-30	.	.	.	.	.	1,327
Week 3: Oct 15-21	472	616	311	150	-27	.	.	.	.	.	1,522
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	1,068	237	63	43	-43	.	.	.	.	.	1,368
Week 2: Oct 8-14	1,068	304	100	55	-48	.	.	.	.	.	1,479
Week 3: Oct 15-21	1,068	428	100	41	-27	.	.	.	.	.	1,610
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	112	54	40	11	10	.	.	.	.	.	227
Week 2: Oct 8-14	132	100	22	17	10	.	.	.	.	.	281
Week 3: Oct 15-21	131	100	29	2	10	.	.	.	.	.	272
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	16	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 2: Oct 8-14	18	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 3: Oct 15-21	20	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	281	101	-124	258
Week 2: Oct 8-14	200	110	-124	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	186
Week 3: Oct 15-21	200	171	-124	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	247
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	264	241	226	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	731
Week 2: Oct 8-14	262	200	226	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	688
Week 3: Oct 15-21	260	200	226	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	686
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	912	533	251	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,696
Week 2: Oct 8-14	912	400	317	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,629
Week 3: Oct 15-21	912	400	357	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,669
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	431	289	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	740
Week 2: Oct 8-14	400	236	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	656
Week 3: Oct 15-21	400	179	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	599
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	14	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Oct 8-14	15	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Oct 15-21	16	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	83	82	10	-25	150
Week 2: Oct 8-14	92	50	10	53	.	.	.	.	.	.	205
Week 3: Oct 15-21	91	50	10	31	.	.	.	.	.	.	182
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	55	5	1	-73	.	.	.	.	.	.	-12
Week 2: Oct 8-14	30	-12	1	-152	.	.	.	.	.	.	-133
Week 3: Oct 15-21	50	-30	1	-202	.	.	.	.	.	.	-181
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	60	20	-21	-260	.	.	.	.	.	.	-201
Week 2: Oct 8-14	25	20	-102	-94	.	.	.	.	.	.	-151
Week 3: Oct 15-21	25	20	-205	-150	.	.	.	.	.	.	-310
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	210	26	5	-347	.	.	.	.	.	.	-106
Week 2: Oct 8-14	37	50	5	-360	.	.	.	.	.	.	-268
Week 3: Oct 15-21	-32	50	5	-372	.	.	.	.	.	.	-349
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 1-7	26	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 2: Oct 8-14	37	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Week 3: Oct 15-21	58	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	59

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
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- Terminology:
 - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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