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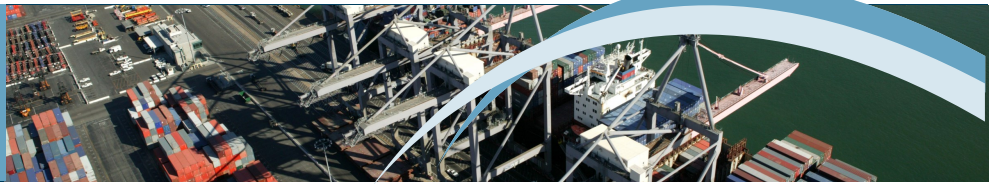
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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for 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 five members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

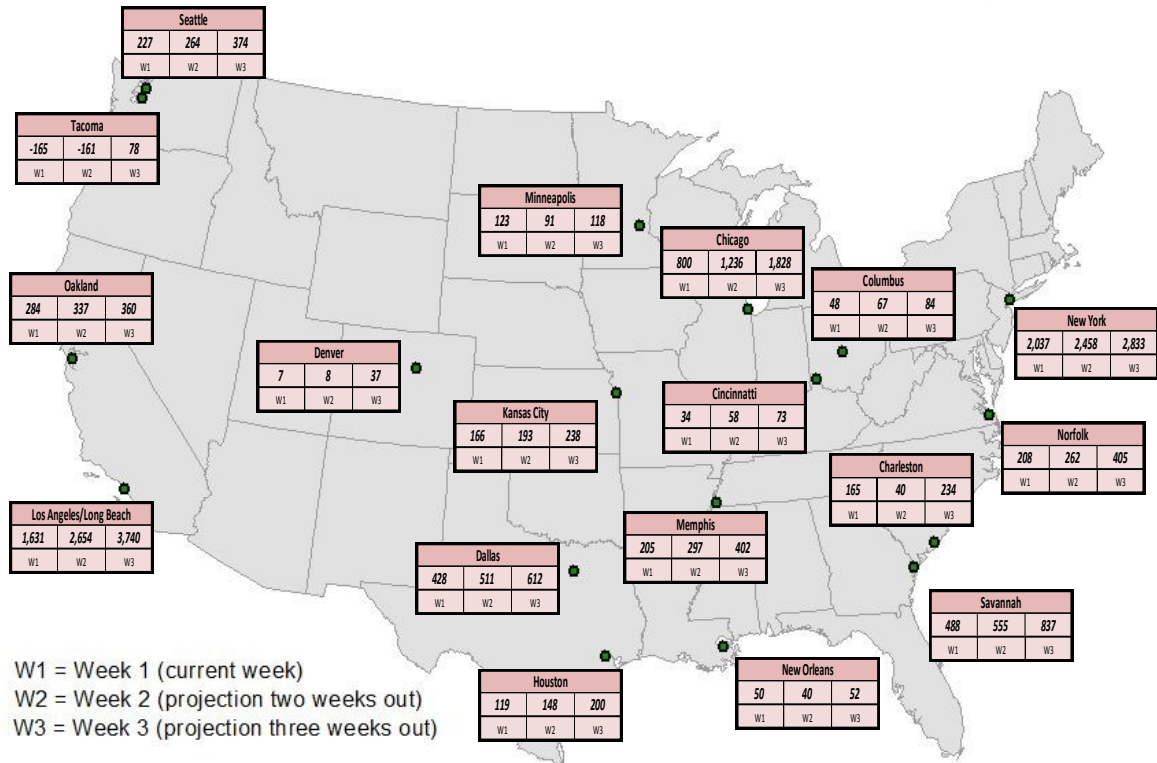
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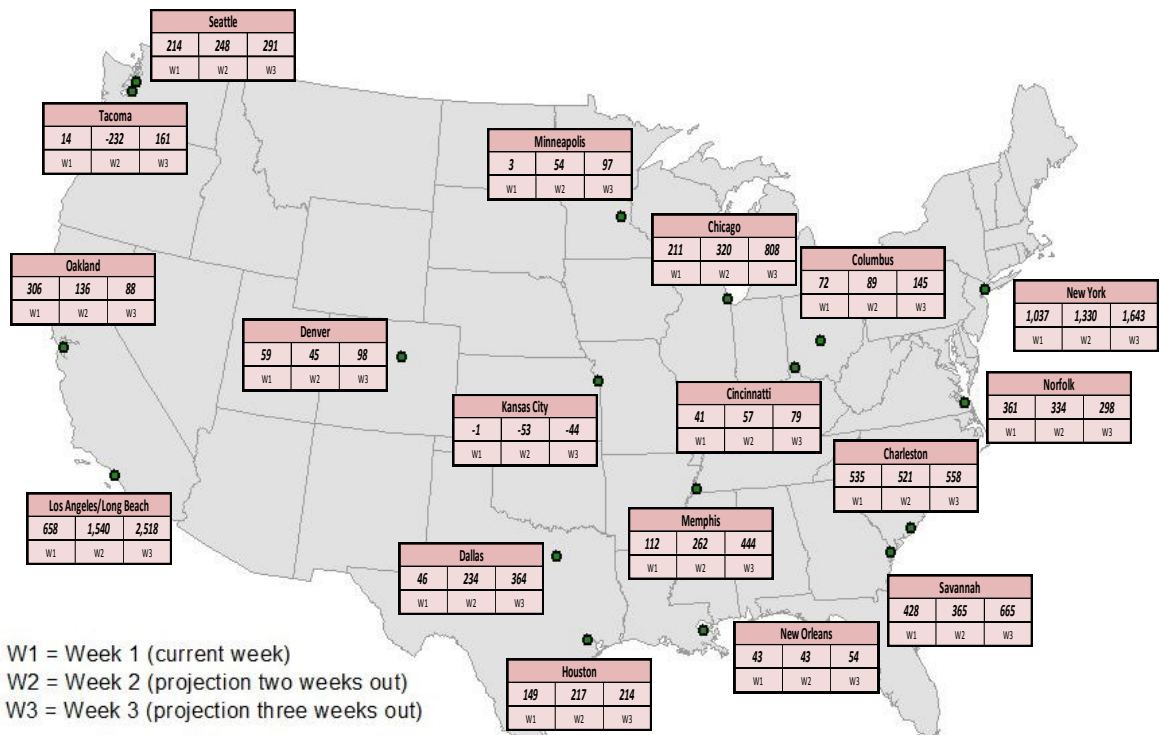
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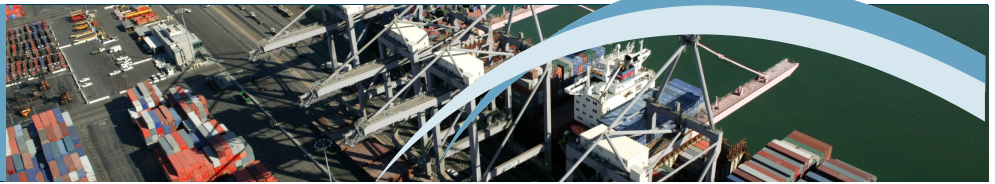


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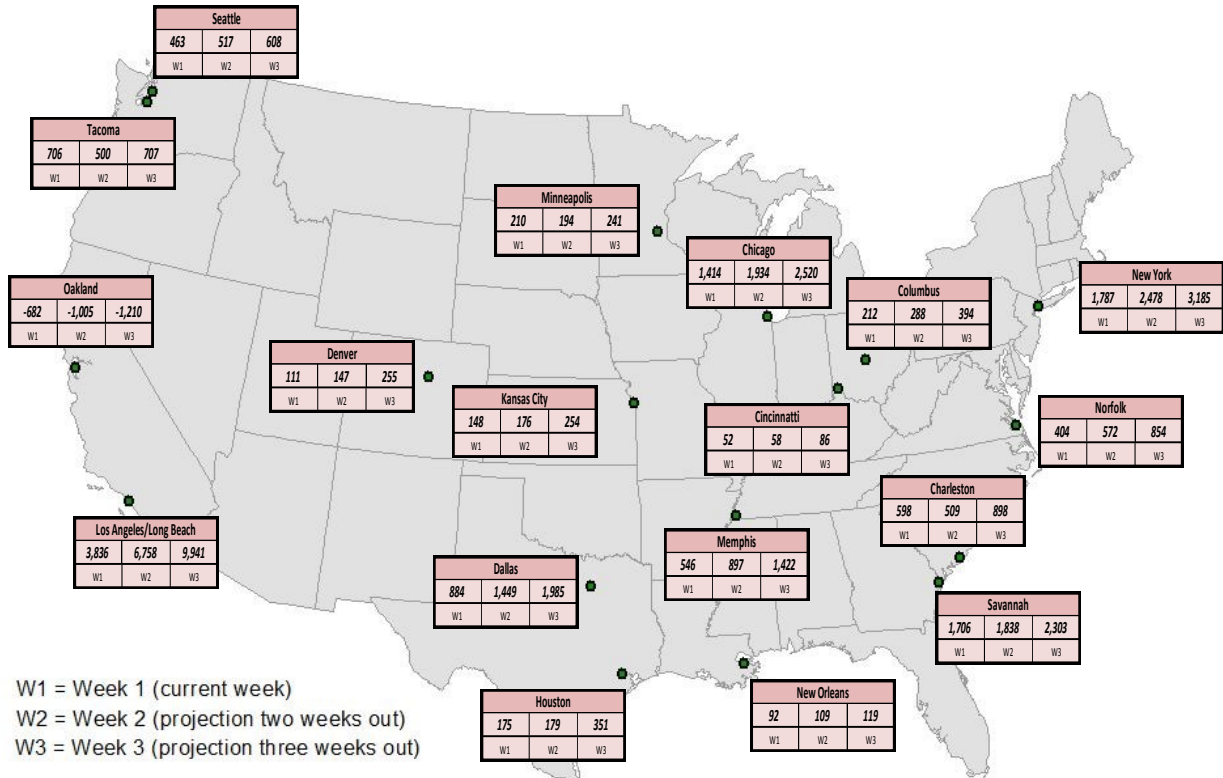


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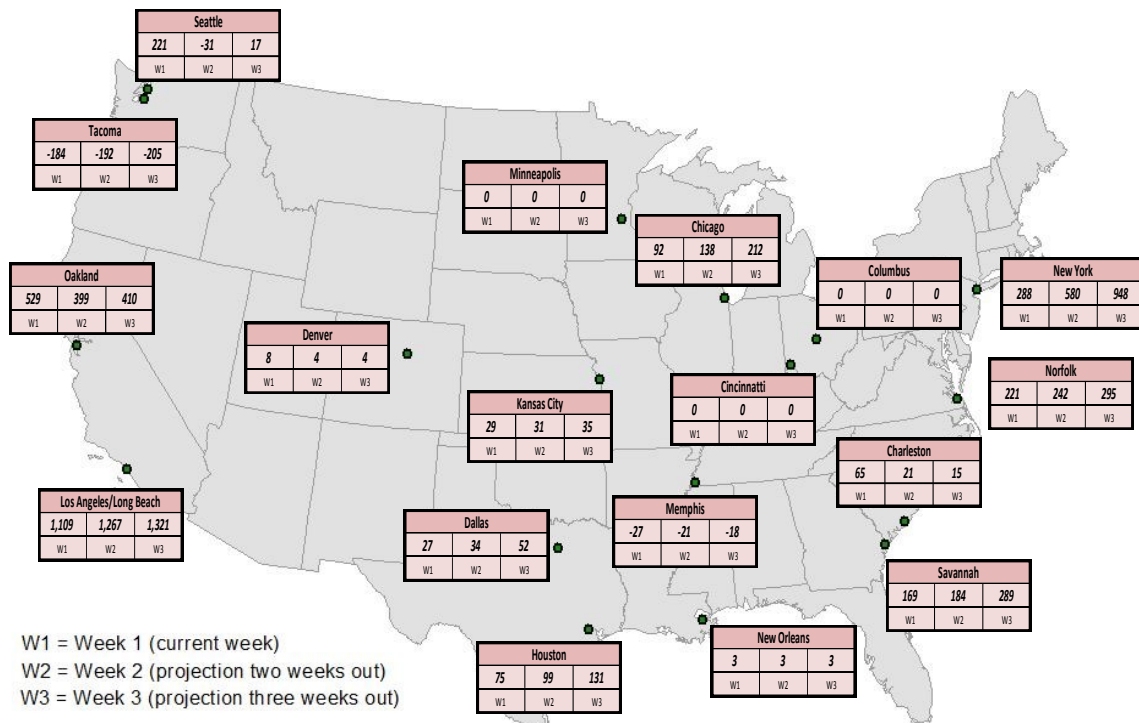
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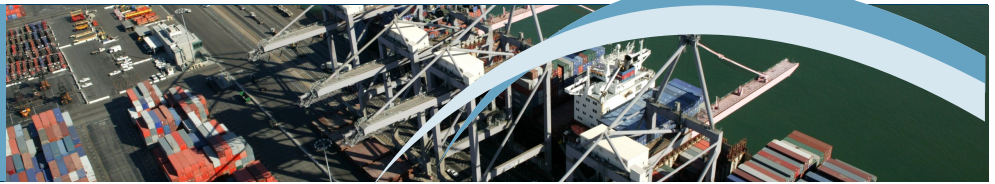


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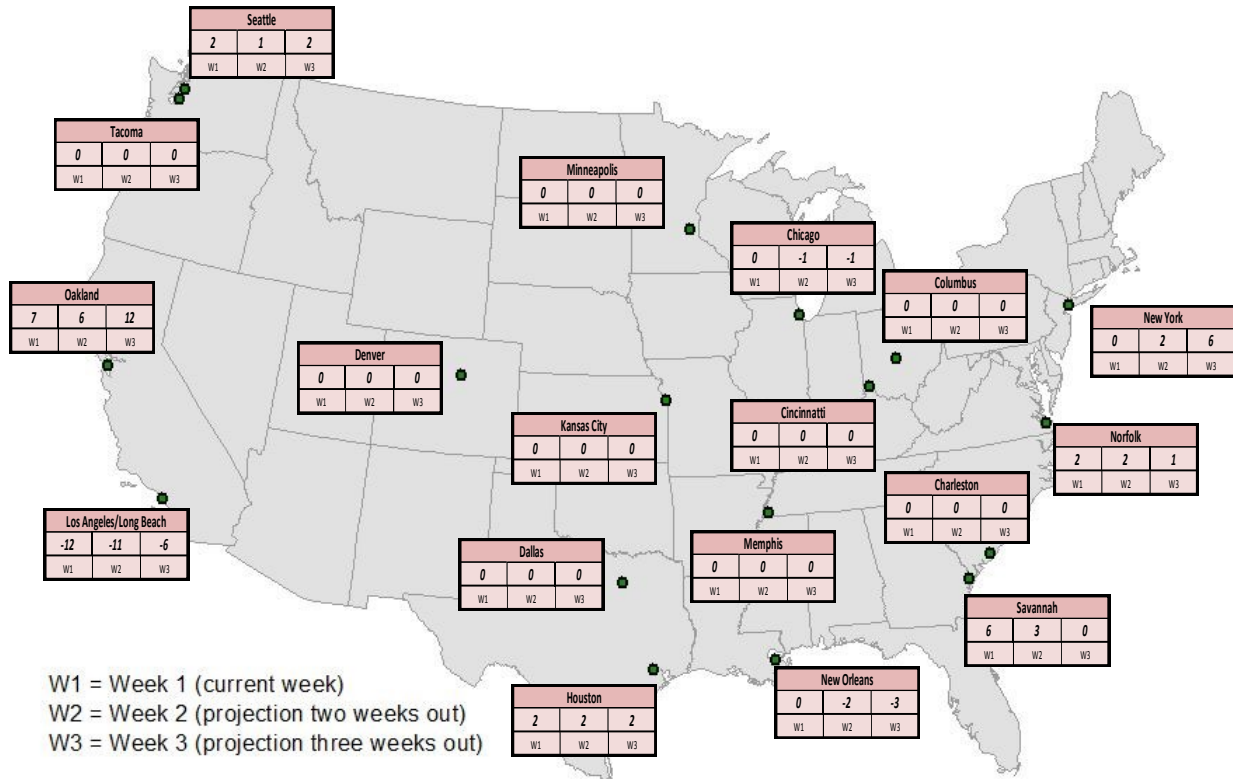


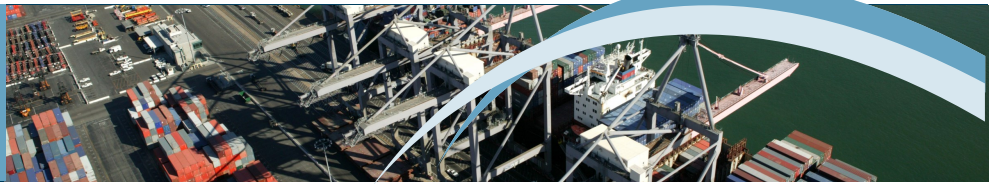
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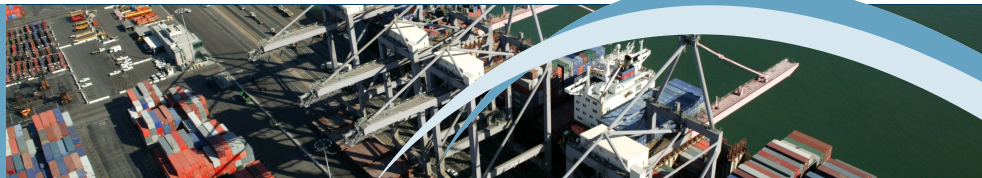
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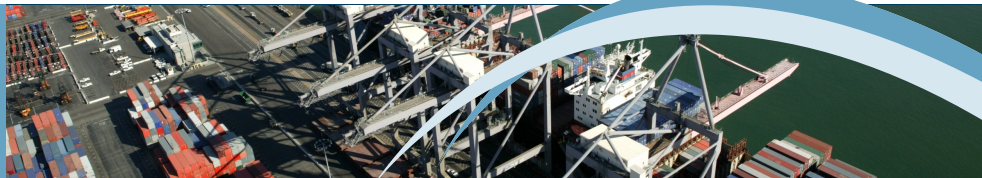
Charleston						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	102	55	8	.	.	165
Week 2: Oct 12-18	104	62	-126	.	.	40
Week 3: Oct 19-25	150	90	-6	.	.	234
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	112	38	17	.	.	167
Week 2: Oct 12-18	122	94	24	.	.	240
Week 3: Oct 19-25	169	198	-43	.	.	324
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	284	229	85	.	.	598
Week 2: Oct 12-18	361	83	65	.	.	509
Week 3: Oct 19-25	452	207	239	.	.	898
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	46	25	-6	.	.	65
Week 2: Oct 12-18	15	17	-11	.	.	21
Week 3: Oct 19-25	6	16	-7	.	.	15
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0

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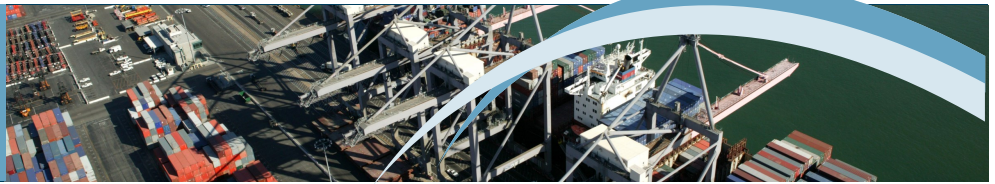
Chicago						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	451	354	-5	.	.	800
Week 2: Oct 12-18	638	542	56	.	.	1,236
Week 3: Oct 19-25	1,133	771	-76	.	.	1,828
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	196	35	-20	.	.	211
Week 2: Oct 12-18	170	168	-18	.	.	320
Week 3: Oct 19-25	144	639	25	.	.	808
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	1,076	367	-29	.	.	1,414
Week 2: Oct 12-18	1,584	429	-79	.	.	1,934
Week 3: Oct 19-25	2,188	324	8	.	.	2,520
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	92	0	.	.	.	92
Week 2: Oct 12-18	138	0	.	.	.	138
Week 3: Oct 19-25	212	0	.	.	.	212
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	-1	-1
Week 3: Oct 19-25	-1	-1

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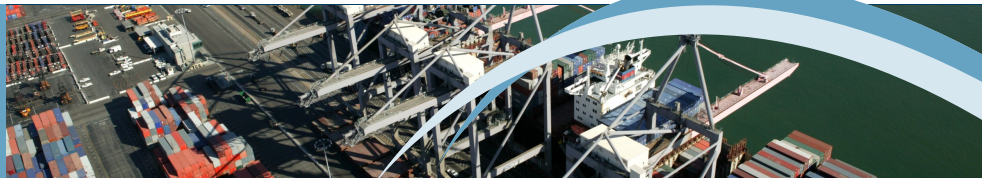
Cincinnati						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	36	7	-9	.	.	34
Week 2: Oct 12-18	39	17	2	.	.	58
Week 3: Oct 19-25	41	32	0	.	.	73
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	45	-1	-3	.	.	41
Week 2: Oct 12-18	51	6	0	.	.	57
Week 3: Oct 19-25	75	7	-3	.	.	79
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	39	10	3	.	.	52
Week 2: Oct 12-18	60	-4	2	.	.	58
Week 3: Oct 19-25	99	-16	3	.	.	86
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0

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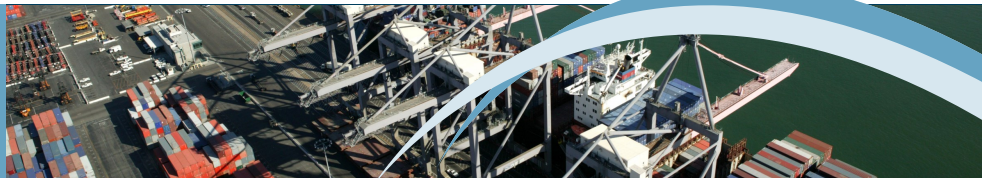
Columbus						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	42	7	-1	.	.	48
Week 2: Oct 12-18	54	15	-2	.	.	67
Week 3: Oct 19-25	65	21	-2	.	.	84
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	42	28	2	.	.	72
Week 2: Oct 12-18	69	27	-7	.	.	89
Week 3: Oct 19-25	109	37	-1	.	.	145
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	172	28	12	.	.	212
Week 2: Oct 12-18	219	61	8	.	.	288
Week 3: Oct 19-25	293	86	15	.	.	394
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0

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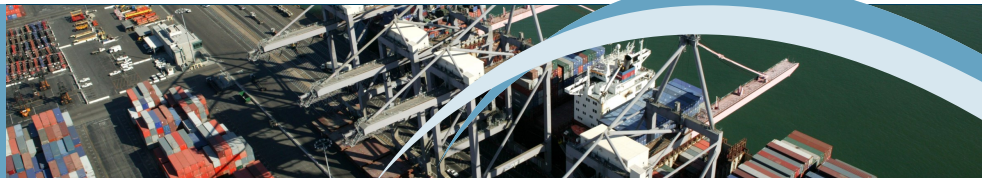
Dallas						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	179	148	101	.	.	428
Week 2: Oct 12-18	243	161	107	.	.	511
Week 3: Oct 19-25	328	159	125	.	.	612
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	158	28	-140	.	.	46
Week 2: Oct 12-18	212	80	-58	.	.	234
Week 3: Oct 19-25	243	28	93	.	.	364
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	315	295	274	.	.	884
Week 2: Oct 12-18	676	295	478	.	.	1,449
Week 3: Oct 19-25	1,074	303	608	.	.	1,985
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	27	0	.	.	.	27
Week 2: Oct 12-18	34	0	.	.	.	34
Week 3: Oct 19-25	52	0	.	.	.	52
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0

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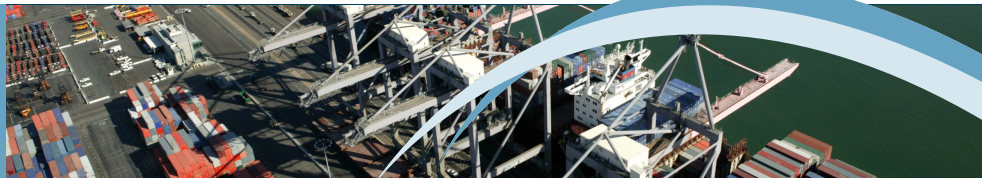
Denver						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	7	0	0	.	.	7
Week 2: Oct 12-18	15	-7	0	.	.	8
Week 3: Oct 19-25	23	14	0	.	.	37
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	39	12	8	.	.	59
Week 2: Oct 12-18	38	15	-8	.	.	45
Week 3: Oct 19-25	64	26	8	.	.	98
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	81	21	9	.	.	111
Week 2: Oct 12-18	118	43	-14	.	.	147
Week 3: Oct 19-25	195	58	2	.	.	255
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	8	0	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Oct 12-18	4	0	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Oct 19-25	4	0	.	.	.	4
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0

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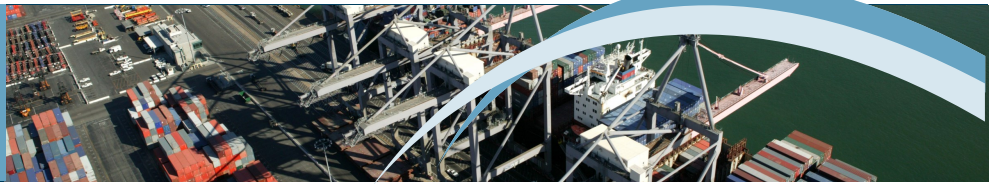
Houston						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	110	42	-33	.	.	119
Week 2: Oct 12-18	128	38	-18	.	.	148
Week 3: Oct 19-25	168	44	-12	.	.	200
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	141	52	-44	.	.	149
Week 2: Oct 12-18	204	40	-27	.	.	217
Week 3: Oct 19-25	283	19	-88	.	.	214
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	98	46	31	.	.	175
Week 2: Oct 12-18	129	66	-16	.	.	179
Week 3: Oct 19-25	258	83	10	.	.	351
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	75	0	.	.	.	75
Week 2: Oct 12-18	99	0	.	.	.	99
Week 3: Oct 19-25	131	0	.	.	.	131
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	2	2
Week 2: Oct 12-18	2	2
Week 3: Oct 19-25	2	2

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Kansas City						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	125	43	-2	.	.	166
Week 2: Oct 12-18	134	59	0	.	.	193
Week 3: Oct 19-25	169	69	0	.	.	238
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	1	0	-2	.	.	-1
Week 2: Oct 12-18	10	-63	0	.	.	-53
Week 3: Oct 19-25	15	-56	-3	.	.	-44
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	130	20	-2	.	.	148
Week 2: Oct 12-18	147	30	-1	.	.	176
Week 3: Oct 19-25	197	57	0	.	.	254
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	29	0	.	.	.	29
Week 2: Oct 12-18	31	0	.	.	.	31
Week 3: Oct 19-25	35	0	.	.	.	35
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0

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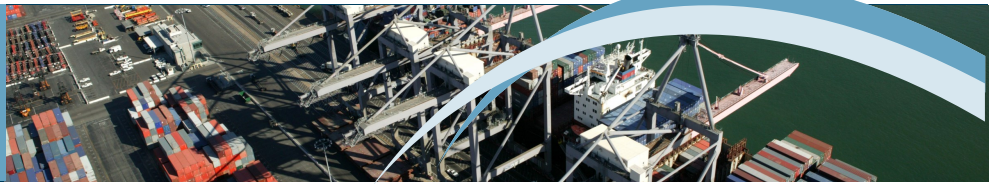
Los Angeles and Long Beach						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	587	578	466	.	.	1,631
Week 2: Oct 12-18	672	846	1,136	.	.	2,654
Week 3: Oct 19-25	999	929	1,812	.	.	3,740
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	688	265	-295	.	.	658
Week 2: Oct 12-18	1,101	604	-165	.	.	1,540
Week 3: Oct 19-25	1,404	714	400	.	.	2,518
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	2,743	1,116	-23	.	.	3,836
Week 2: Oct 12-18	4,952	1,141	665	.	.	6,758
Week 3: Oct 19-25	6,248	1,703	1,990	.	.	9,941
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	558	282	269	.	.	1,109
Week 2: Oct 12-18	614	365	288	.	.	1,267
Week 3: Oct 19-25	613	379	329	.	.	1,321
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	-12	-12
Week 2: Oct 12-18	-11	-11
Week 3: Oct 19-25	-6	-6

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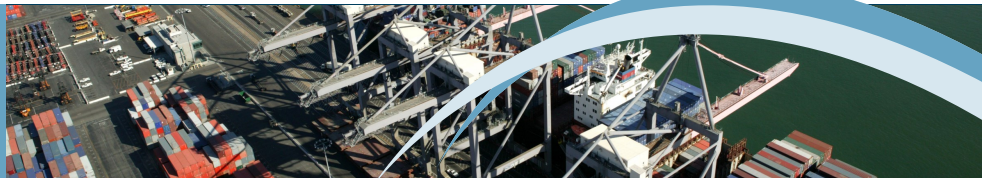
Memphis						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	115	72	18	.	.	205
Week 2: Oct 12-18	189	87	21	.	.	297
Week 3: Oct 19-25	283	104	15	.	.	402
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	81	40	-9	.	.	112
Week 2: Oct 12-18	228	31	3	.	.	262
Week 3: Oct 19-25	422	21	1	.	.	444
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	330	173	43	.	.	546
Week 2: Oct 12-18	630	241	26	.	.	897
Week 3: Oct 19-25	1,069	341	12	.	.	1,422
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0	-27	.	.	.	-27
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0	-21	.	.	.	-21
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0	-18	.	.	.	-18
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0

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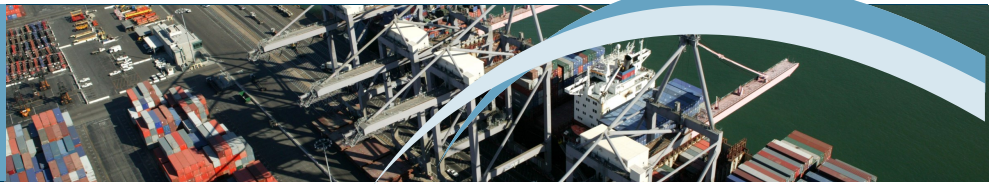
Minneapolis						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	99	38	-14	.	.	123
Week 2: Oct 12-18	62	44	-15	.	.	91
Week 3: Oct 19-25	32	89	-3	.	.	118
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	71	57	-125	.	.	3
Week 2: Oct 12-18	65	89	-100	.	.	54
Week 3: Oct 19-25	47	145	-95	.	.	97
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	92	87	31	.	.	210
Week 2: Oct 12-18	76	109	9	.	.	194
Week 3: Oct 19-25	47	171	23	.	.	241
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0

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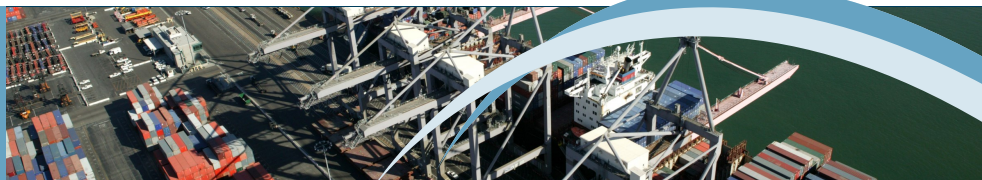
New Orleans						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	46	4	0	.	.	50
Week 2: Oct 12-18	36	4	0	.	.	40
Week 3: Oct 19-25	51	2	-1	.	.	52
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	42	2	-1	.	.	43
Week 2: Oct 12-18	41	3	-1	.	.	43
Week 3: Oct 19-25	51	3	0	.	.	54
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	80	13	-1	.	.	92
Week 2: Oct 12-18	95	15	-1	.	.	109
Week 3: Oct 19-25	105	17	-3	.	.	119
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	3	0	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Oct 12-18	3	0	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Oct 19-25	3	0	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	-2	-2
Week 3: Oct 19-25	-3	-3

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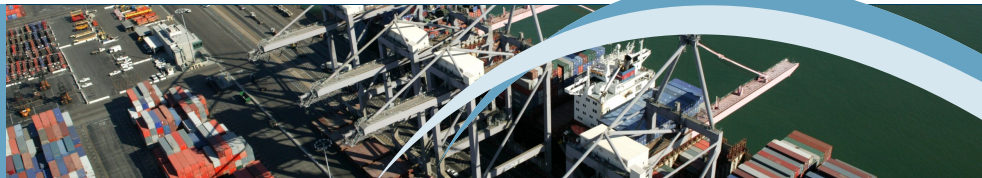
New York						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	1,159	545	333	.	.	2,037
Week 2: Oct 12-18	1,104	728	626	.	.	2,458
Week 3: Oct 19-25	1,065	938	830	.	.	2,833
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	609	330	98	.	.	1,037
Week 2: Oct 12-18	724	504	102	.	.	1,330
Week 3: Oct 19-25	951	573	119	.	.	1,643
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	753	686	348	.	.	1,787
Week 2: Oct 12-18	1,215	638	625	.	.	2,478
Week 3: Oct 19-25	1,670	633	882	.	.	3,185
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	116	112	60	.	.	288
Week 2: Oct 12-18	265	272	43	.	.	580
Week 3: Oct 19-25	476	371	101	.	.	948
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	2	2
Week 3: Oct 19-25	6	6

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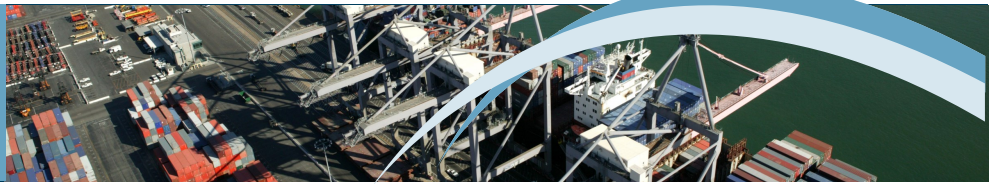
Norfolk						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	120	61	27	.	.	208
Week 2: Oct 12-18	172	80	10	.	.	262
Week 3: Oct 19-25	214	141	50	.	.	405
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	244	82	35	.	.	361
Week 2: Oct 12-18	265	80	-11	.	.	334
Week 3: Oct 19-25	267	120	-89	.	.	298
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	326	256	-178	.	.	404
Week 2: Oct 12-18	376	378	-182	.	.	572
Week 3: Oct 19-25	456	598	-200	.	.	854
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	157	54	10	.	.	221
Week 2: Oct 12-18	188	49	5	.	.	242
Week 3: Oct 19-25	231	67	-3	.	.	295
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	2	2
Week 2: Oct 12-18	2	2
Week 3: Oct 19-25	1	1

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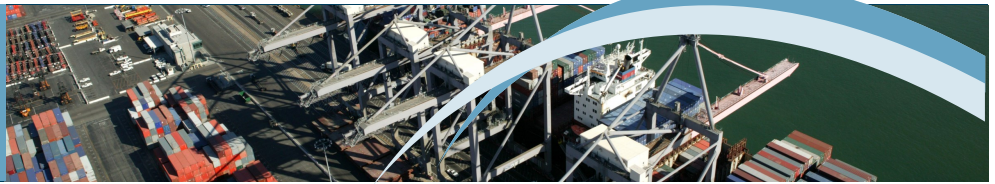
Oakland						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	112	95	77	.	.	284
Week 2: Oct 12-18	55	179	103	.	.	337
Week 3: Oct 19-25	97	86	177	.	.	360
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	160	118	28	.	.	306
Week 2: Oct 12-18	166	-37	7	.	.	136
Week 3: Oct 19-25	125	-18	-19	.	.	88
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	166	33	-881	.	.	-682
Week 2: Oct 12-18	-133	-102	-770	.	.	-1,005
Week 3: Oct 19-25	-195	-225	-790	.	.	-1,210
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	324	225	-20	.	.	529
Week 2: Oct 12-18	184	255	-40	.	.	399
Week 3: Oct 19-25	163	292	-45	.	.	410
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	7	7
Week 2: Oct 12-18	6	6
Week 3: Oct 19-25	12	12

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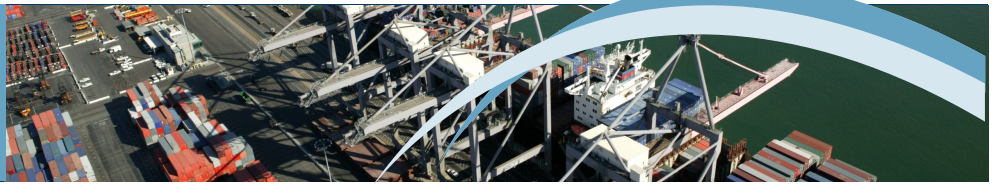
Savannah						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	245	142	101	.	.	488
Week 2: Oct 12-18	287	167	101	.	.	555
Week 3: Oct 19-25	399	245	193	.	.	837
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	279	190	-41	.	.	428
Week 2: Oct 12-18	396	134	-165	.	.	365
Week 3: Oct 19-25	580	137	-52	.	.	665
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	753	504	449	.	.	1,706
Week 2: Oct 12-18	640	773	425	.	.	1,838
Week 3: Oct 19-25	948	1,084	271	.	.	2,303
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	95	86	-12	.	.	169
Week 2: Oct 12-18	113	80	-9	.	.	184
Week 3: Oct 19-25	146	153	-10	.	.	289
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	6	6
Week 2: Oct 12-18	3	3
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0

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Seattle						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	218	9	.	.	.	227
Week 2: Oct 12-18	296	-32	.	.	.	264
Week 3: Oct 19-25	410	-36	.	.	.	374
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	210	4	.	.	.	214
Week 2: Oct 12-18	242	6	.	.	.	248
Week 3: Oct 19-25	286	5	.	.	.	291
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	436	27	.	.	.	463
Week 2: Oct 12-18	495	22	.	.	.	517
Week 3: Oct 19-25	586	22	.	.	.	608
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	218	3	.	.	.	221
Week 2: Oct 12-18	-34	3	.	.	.	-31
Week 3: Oct 19-25	14	3	.	.	.	17
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	2	2
Week 2: Oct 12-18	1	1
Week 3: Oct 19-25	2	2

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Tacoma						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	217	-382	.	.	.	-165
Week 2: Oct 12-18	176	-337	.	.	.	-161
Week 3: Oct 19-25	210	-132	.	.	.	78
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	145	-131	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Oct 12-18	70	-302	.	.	.	-232
Week 3: Oct 19-25	151	10	.	.	.	161
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	1,378	-672	.	.	.	706
Week 2: Oct 12-18	1,140	-640	.	.	.	500
Week 3: Oct 19-25	1,309	-602	.	.	.	707
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	152	-336	.	.	.	-184
Week 2: Oct 12-18	158	-350	.	.	.	-192
Week 3: Oct 19-25	128	-333	.	.	.	-205
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 5-11	0
Week 2: Oct 12-18	0
Week 3: Oct 19-25	0

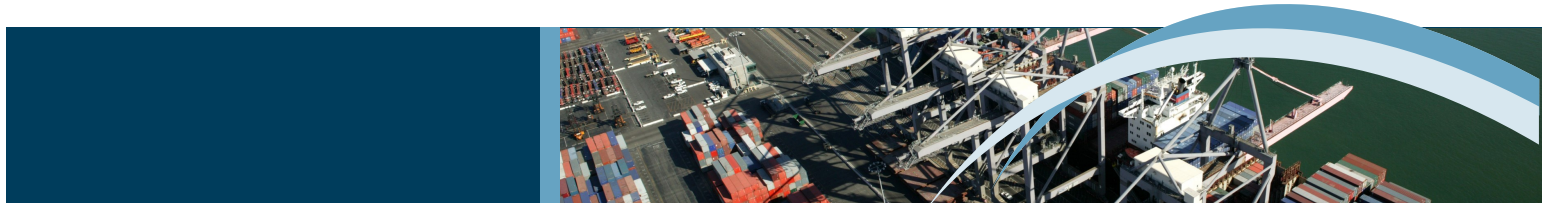
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- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based 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 2–4 offer a national overview of weekly container availability. 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.
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 - 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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