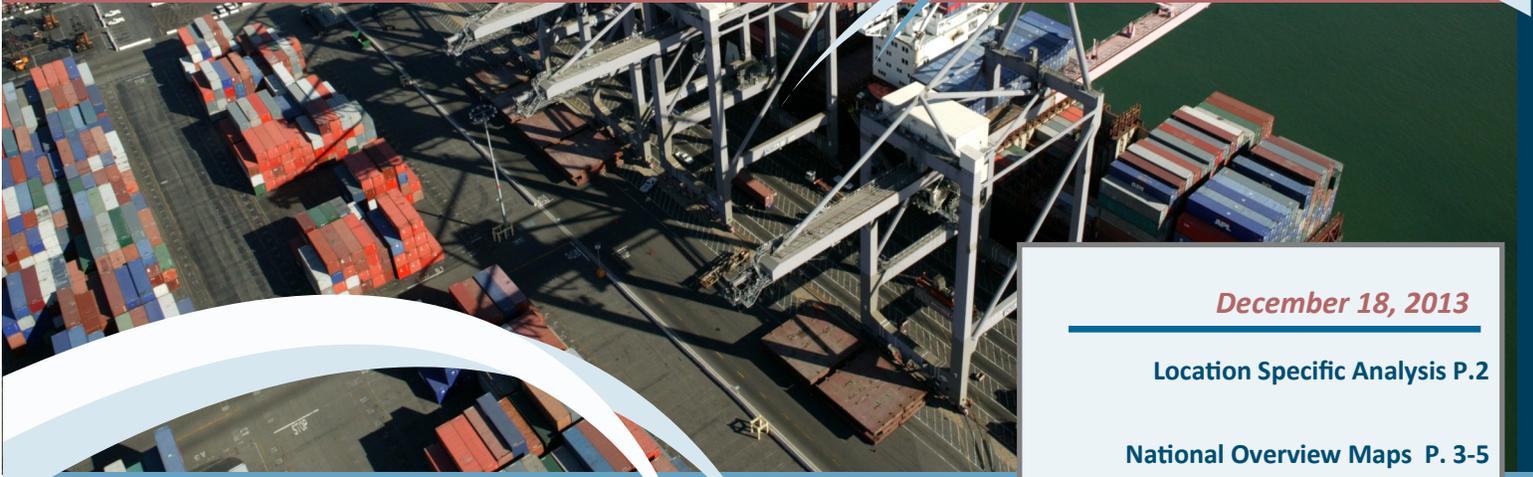




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This report provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40 ft dry, 20 and 40 ft refrigerated, and 40 ft 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).

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Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

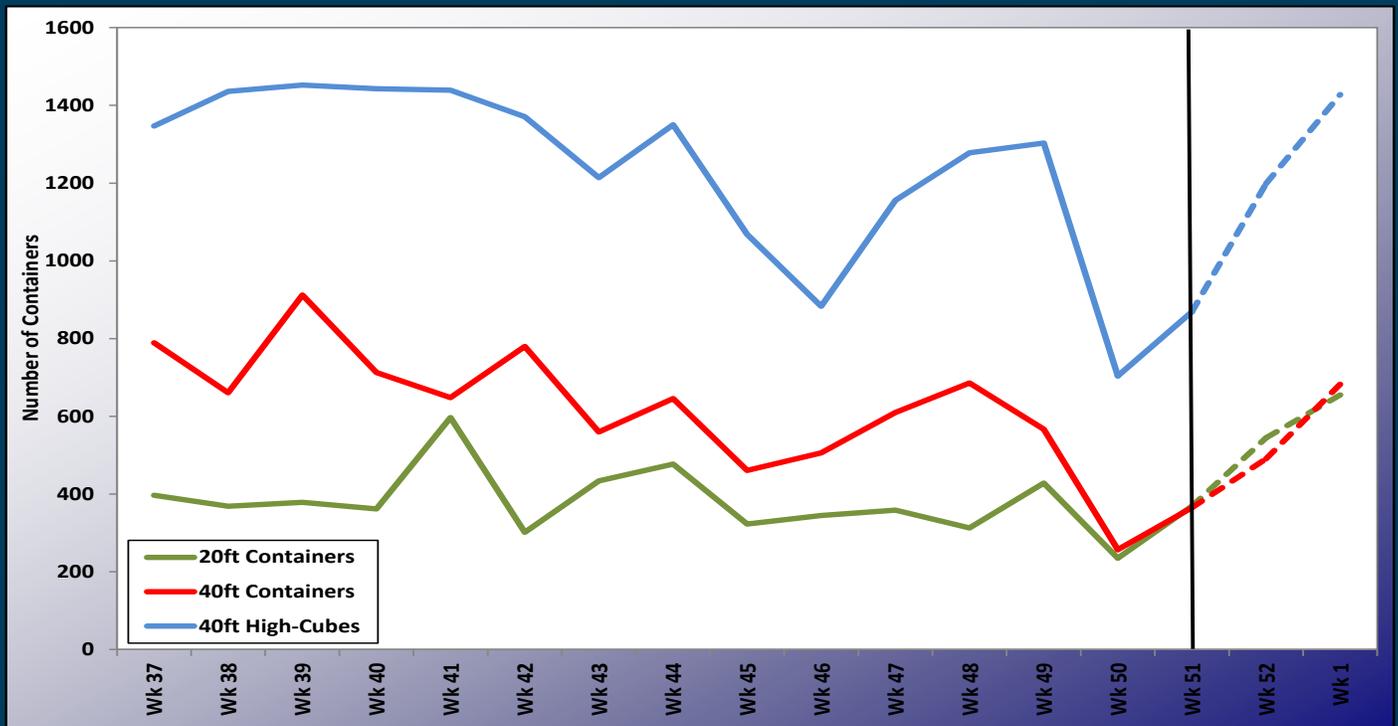
AMS now offers location specific container availability analysis for each of OSCAR's 18 reported locations. Over the past 6 weeks, AMS highlighted the Columbus, Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Denver and Memphis markets; this week we continue with Dallas. These analyses deliver a historical overview of OSCAR data.

Historical Analysis of Dallas

U.S. containerized agricultural exporters used Dallas to move over 104,000 metric tons of cargo between August and December last year. Approximately 36 percent of agricultural exports moving through Dallas were cotton and cotton-based products. Other significant agricultural containerized exports through Dallas were frozen fish (20%) and leather (12%). Approximately 84 percent of agricultural exports through this inland port were moved in 40ft containers.

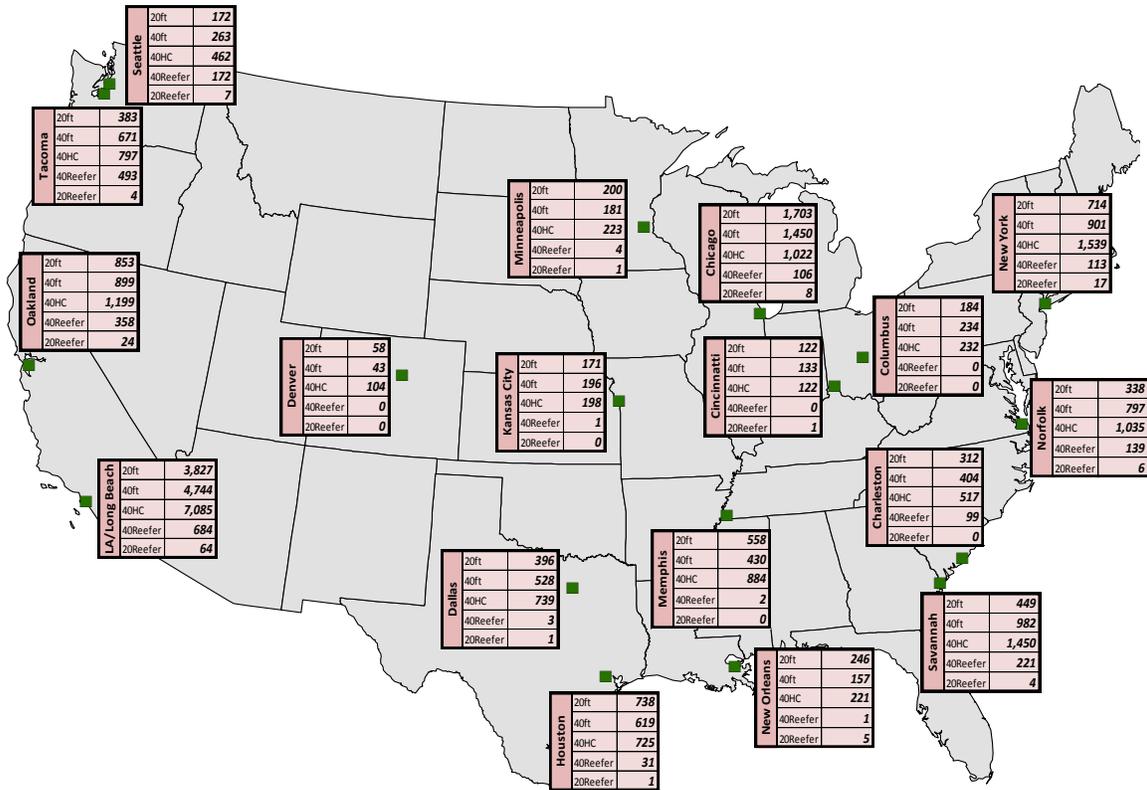
Since early September this year, availability of 20ft containers has been relatively flat, whereas availability of 40ft dry and 40ft high cube containers have experienced a downward trend. Projections over the next 2 weeks show availability increasing for all three container types.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Dallas, 1st week of September (Wk 36) through 2nd week of December (Wk 51), 2013 with Projections

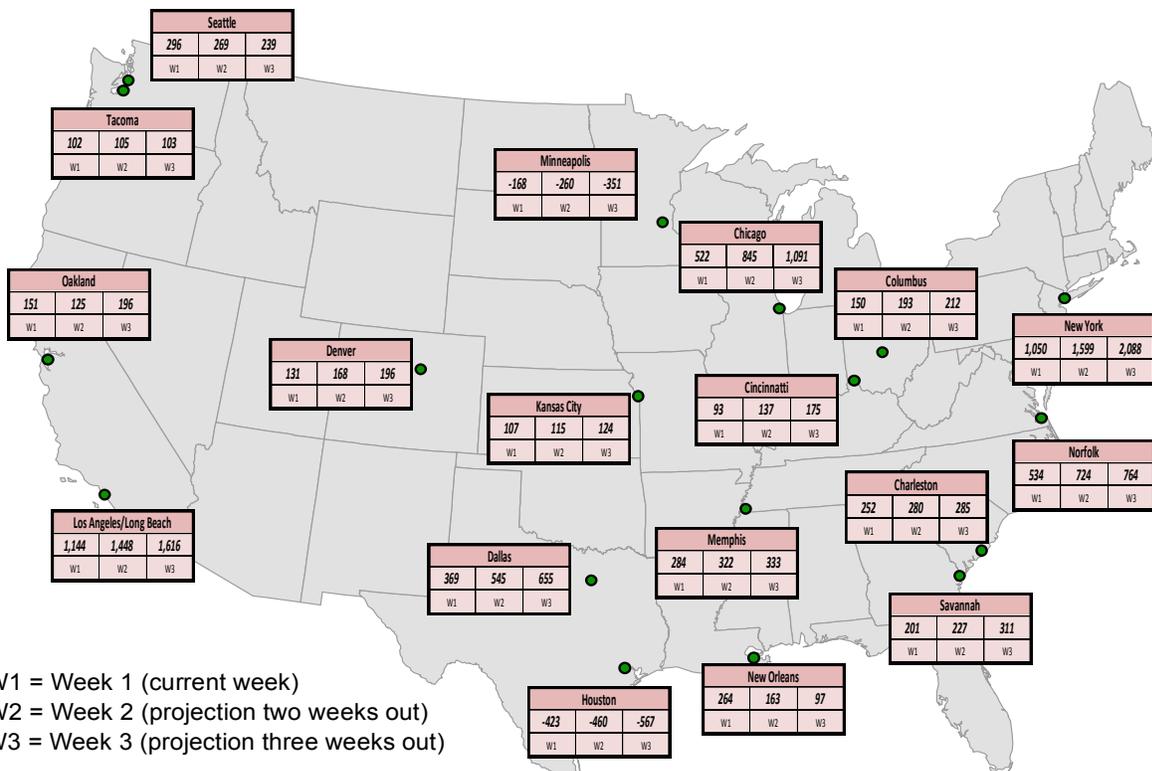




Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



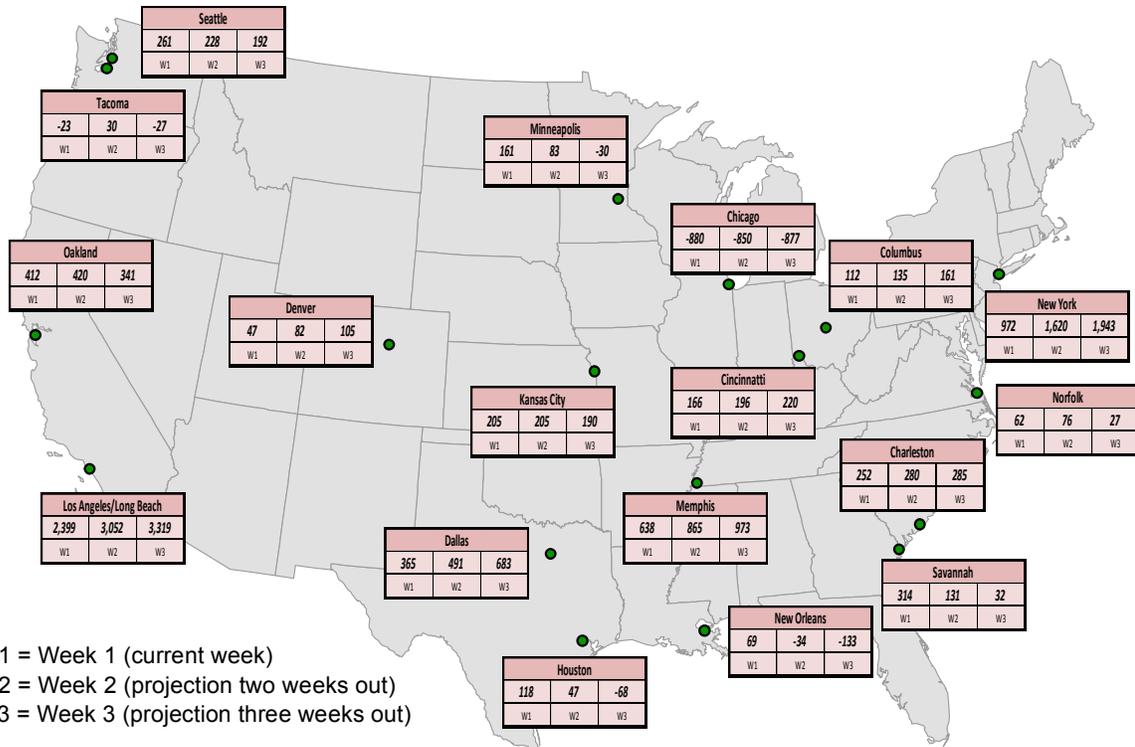
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



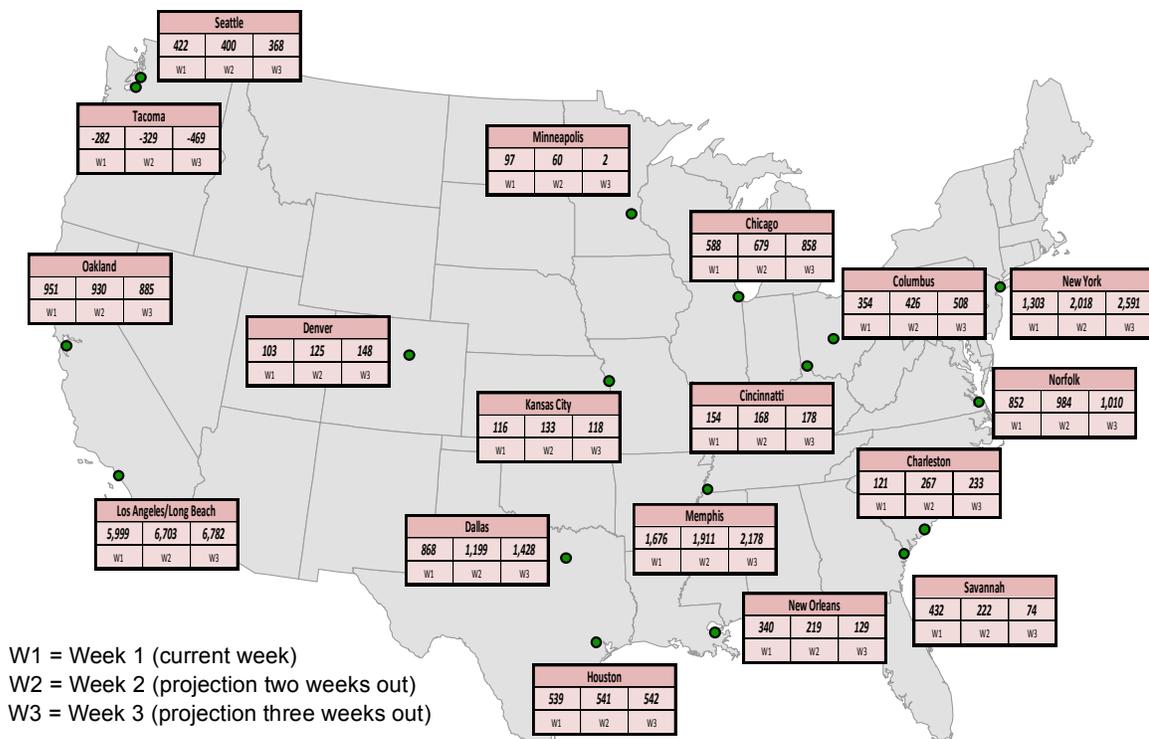
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

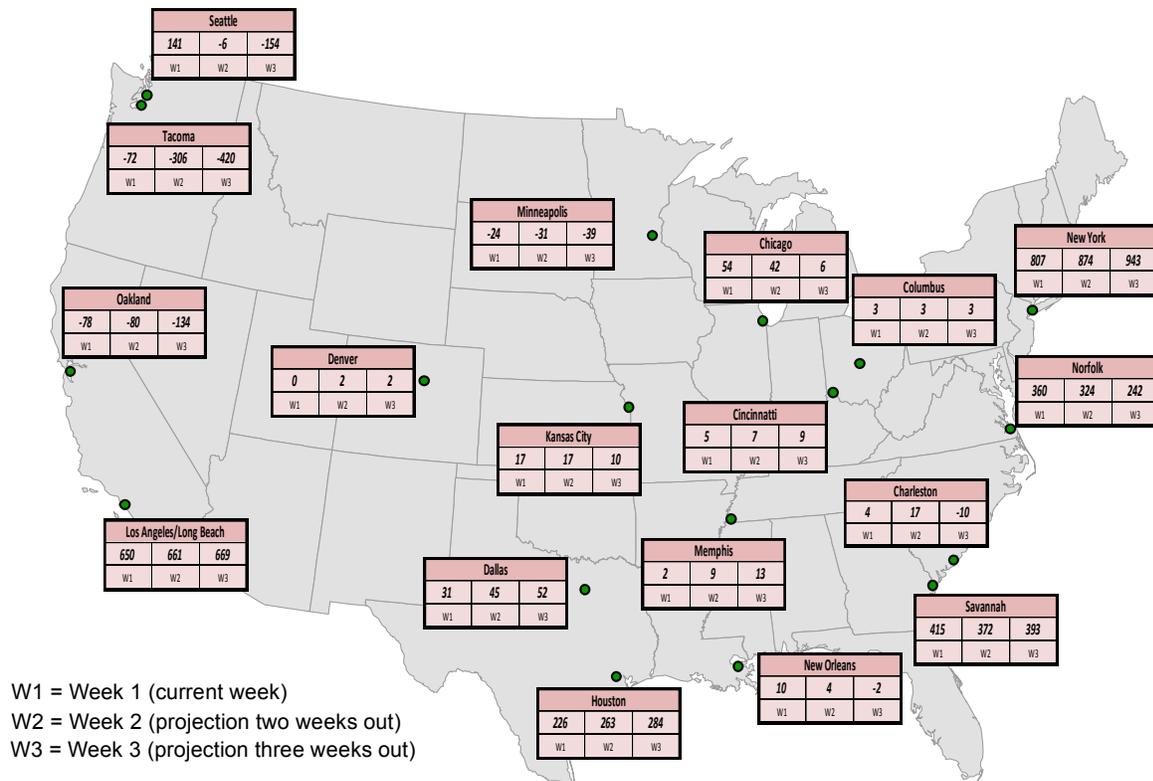


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

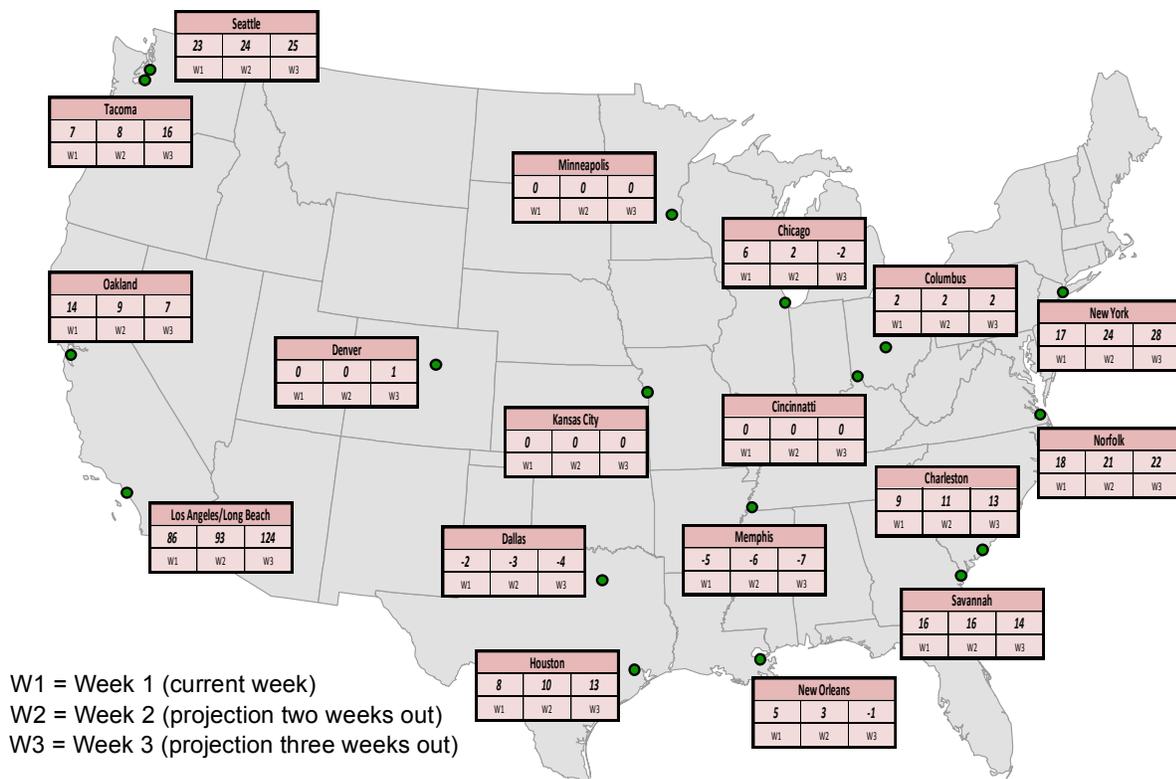




Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers



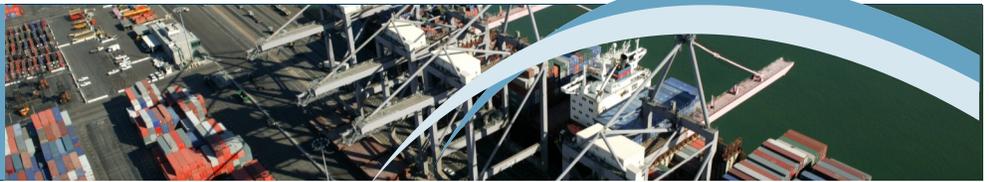


Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	98	89	80	3	-18	.	.	.	.	.	252
Week 2: Dec 25-31	113	74	80	3	10	.	.	.	.	.	280
Week 3: Jan 1-7	118	60	80	2	25	.	.	.	.	.	285
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	151	150	49	20	2	.	.	.	.	.	372
Week 2: Dec 25-31	123	195	56	20	2	.	.	.	.	.	396
Week 3: Jan 1-7	113	233	68	20	3	.	.	.	.	.	437
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	92	30	7	3	-11	.	.	.	.	.	121
Week 2: Dec 25-31	149	30	52	2	34	.	.	.	.	.	267
Week 3: Jan 1-7	203	30	46	2	-48	.	.	.	.	.	233
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	78	28	5	2	-109	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Dec 25-31	75	31	5	1	-95	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Jan 1-7	44	34	5	1	-94	.	.	.	.	.	-10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	5	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Dec 25-31	6	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Jan 1-7	7	6	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: Dec 18-24	561	100	10	-28	-121	.	.	.	.	.	522
Week 2: Dec 25-31	811	100	7	-33	-40	.	.	.	.	.	845
Week 3: Jan 1-7	1,016	100	8	-40	7	.	.	.	.	.	1,091
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	25	8	-20	-293	-600	.	.	.	.	.	-880
Week 2: Dec 25-31	105	8	-20	-343	-600	.	.	.	.	.	-850
Week 3: Jan 1-7	158	8	-30	-413	-600	.	.	.	.	.	-877
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	600	48	9	-31	-38	.	.	.	.	.	588
Week 2: Dec 25-31	600	86	8	37	-52	.	.	.	.	.	679
Week 3: Jan 1-7	600	210	10	93	-55	.	.	.	.	.	858
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	49	12	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
Week 2: Dec 25-31	38	11	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
Week 3: Jan 1-7	25	10	-29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	8	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Dec 25-31	5	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Jan 1-7	2	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2

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: Dec 18-24	65	14	11	3	0	93
Week 2: Dec 25-31	82	12	42	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	137
Week 3: Jan 1-7	98	18	57	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	175
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	77	58	14	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	166
Week 2: Dec 25-31	90	77	14	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	196
Week 3: Jan 1-7	105	86	16	10	3	.	.	.	.	.	220
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	78	50	18	16	-8	.	.	.	.	.	154
Week 2: Dec 25-31	98	50	14	10	-4	.	.	.	.	.	168
Week 3: Jan 1-7	115	50	14	6	-7	.	.	.	.	.	178
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Dec 25-31	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Jan 1-7	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Dec 25-31	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jan 1-7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Dec 18-24	94	31	14	10	1	150
Week 2: Dec 25-31	117	57	6	12	1	.	.	.	.	.	193
Week 3: Jan 1-7	137	60	2	12	1	.	.	.	.	.	212
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	50	33	25	11	-7	.	.	.	.	.	112
Week 2: Dec 25-31	50	43	36	11	-5	.	.	.	.	.	135
Week 3: Jan 1-7	50	51	51	16	-7	.	.	.	.	.	161
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	150	133	54	15	2	.	.	.	.	.	354
Week 2: Dec 25-31	150	188	74	15	-1	.	.	.	.	.	426
Week 3: Jan 1-7	150	241	107	14	-4	.	.	.	.	.	508
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Dec 25-31	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Jan 1-7	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	2	2
Week 2: Dec 25-31	2	2
Week 3: Jan 1-7	2	2

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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	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: Dec 18-24	144	85	80	50	10	369
Week 2: Dec 25-31	234	106	145	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	545
Week 3: Jan 1-7	325	99	166	50	15	.	.	.	.	.	655
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	201	96	53	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	365
Week 2: Dec 25-31	195	195	88	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	491
Week 3: Jan 1-7	181	291	195	11	5	.	.	.	.	.	683
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	343	250	151	113	11	.	.	.	.	.	868
Week 2: Dec 25-31	358	250	332	249	10	.	.	.	.	.	1,199
Week 3: Jan 1-7	340	250	457	370	11	.	.	.	.	.	1,428
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	31	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Week 2: Dec 25-31	45	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
Week 3: Jan 1-7	52	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	52
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	-2	-2
Week 2: Dec 25-31	-3	-3
Week 3: Jan 1-7	-4	-4

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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	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: Dec 18-24	124	13	2	0	-8	131
Week 2: Dec 25-31	149	19	2	6	-8	.	.	.	.	.	168
Week 3: Jan 1-7	175	17	2	10	-8	.	.	.	.	.	196
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	22	11	8	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	47
Week 2: Dec 25-31	42	8	10	21	1	.	.	.	.	.	82
Week 3: Jan 1-7	60	6	10	28	1	.	.	.	.	.	105
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	54	28	15	9	-3	.	.	.	.	.	103
Week 2: Dec 25-31	82	25	15	8	-5	.	.	.	.	.	125
Week 3: Jan 1-7	108	21	15	10	-6	.	.	.	.	.	148
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Dec 25-31	0	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Jan 1-7	0	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Dec 25-31	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jan 1-7	0	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	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: Dec 18-24	30	20	8	-41	-440	-423
Week 2: Dec 25-31	30	29	8	-25	-502	.	.	.	.	.	-460
Week 3: Jan 1-7	30	27	6	-37	-593	.	.	.	.	.	-567
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total	
Current week: Dec 18-24	59	50	33	2	-26	.	.	.	.	.	118
Week 2: Dec 25-31	-30	50	54	3	-30	.	.	.	.	.	47
Week 3: Jan 1-7	-121	50	34	4	-35	.	.	.	.	.	-68
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total	
Current week: Dec 18-24	500	95	5	-3	-58	.	.	.	.	.	539
Week 2: Dec 25-31	500	152	2	-31	-82	.	.	.	.	.	541
Week 3: Jan 1-7	500	190	1	-32	-117	.	.	.	.	.	542
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total	
Current week: Dec 18-24	180	33	11	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	226
Week 2: Dec 25-31	180	30	51	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	263
Week 3: Jan 1-7	180	27	75	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	284
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total	
Current week: Dec 18-24	12	0	-4	8
Week 2: Dec 25-31	14	0	-4	10
Week 3: Jan 1-7	16	0	-3	13

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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	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: Dec 18-24	70	26	15	5	-9	107
Week 2: Dec 25-31	70	36	25	-6	-10	.	.	.	.	.	115
Week 3: Jan 1-7	70	47	23	-8	-8	.	.	.	.	.	124
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	220	18	-4	-10	-19	.	.	.	.	.	205
Week 2: Dec 25-31	220	21	-2	-12	-22	.	.	.	.	.	205
Week 3: Jan 1-7	220	16	-3	-15	-28	.	.	.	.	.	190
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	150	29	0	-14	-49	.	.	.	.	.	116
Week 2: Dec 25-31	150	53	1	-15	-56	.	.	.	.	.	133
Week 3: Jan 1-7	150	53	-1	-17	-67	.	.	.	.	.	118
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Dec 25-31	11	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Jan 1-7	12	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Dec 25-31	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jan 1-7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Dec 18-24	750	489	85	44	-224	.	.	.	.	.	1,144
Week 2: Dec 25-31	750	500	224	40	-66	.	.	.	.	.	1,448
Week 3: Jan 1-7	750	490	333	48	-5	.	.	.	.	.	1,616
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	1,500	688	183	50	-22	.	.	.	.	.	2,399
Week 2: Dec 25-31	1,500	784	270	50	448	.	.	.	.	.	3,052
Week 3: Jan 1-7	1,500	790	342	45	642	.	.	.	.	.	3,319
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	5,500	1,025	118	60	-704	.	.	.	.	.	5,999
Week 2: Dec 25-31	5,500	1,137	157	60	-151	.	.	.	.	.	6,703
Week 3: Jan 1-7	5,500	1,125	142	60	-45	.	.	.	.	.	6,782
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	319	200	75	47	9	.	.	.	.	.	650
Week 2: Dec 25-31	299	200	75	46	41	.	.	.	.	.	661
Week 3: Jan 1-7	291	225	75	46	32	.	.	.	.	.	669
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	39	37	10	86
Week 2: Dec 25-31	49	34	10	93
Week 3: Jan 1-7	59	55	10	124

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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	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: Dec 18-24	154	100	26	5	-1	284
Week 2: Dec 25-31	191	100	24	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	322
Week 3: Jan 1-7	221	100	20	5	-13	.	.	.	.	.	333
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	400	134	64	35	5	.	.	.	.	.	638
Week 2: Dec 25-31	400	327	103	28	7	.	.	.	.	.	865
Week 3: Jan 1-7	400	398	143	24	8	.	.	.	.	.	973
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	1,400	126	114	28	8	.	.	.	.	.	1,676
Week 2: Dec 25-31	1,400	225	247	31	8	.	.	.	.	.	1,911
Week 3: Jan 1-7	1,400	314	431	25	8	.	.	.	.	.	2,178
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	7	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Dec 25-31	16	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Jan 1-7	22	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5
Week 2: Dec 25-31	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-6
Week 3: Jan 1-7	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-7

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: Dec 18-24	30	-7	-8	-8	-175	-168
Week 2: Dec 25-31	30	10	8	-8	-300	.	.	.	.	.	-260
Week 3: Jan 1-7	30	8	47	-7	-429	.	.	.	.	.	-351
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	275	27	10	-2	-149	.	.	.	.	.	161
Week 2: Dec 25-31	275	23	38	-11	-242	.	.	.	.	.	83
Week 3: Jan 1-7	275	9	36	-9	-341	.	.	.	.	.	-30
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	120	49	-8	-32	-32	.	.	.	.	.	97
Week 2: Dec 25-31	120	49	-8	-73	-28	.	.	.	.	.	60
Week 3: Jan 1-7	120	47	-9	-117	-39	.	.	.	.	.	2
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-24
Week 2: Dec 25-31	-31	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-31
Week 3: Jan 1-7	-39	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-39
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Dec 25-31	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jan 1-7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Dec 18-24	207	42	14	1	0	264
Week 2: Dec 25-31	129	23	10	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	163
Week 3: Jan 1-7	77	8	10	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	97
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	33	26	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	69
Week 2: Dec 25-31	-65	17	14	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	-34
Week 3: Jan 1-7	-163	18	12	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	-133
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	334	12	1	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	340
Week 2: Dec 25-31	231	12	1	0	-25	.	.	.	.	.	219
Week 3: Jan 1-7	150	9	2	0	-32	.	.	.	.	.	129
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	8	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Dec 25-31	8	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Jan 1-7	8	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Dec 25-31	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Jan 1-7	3	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-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	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	459	278	225	68	20	1,050
Week 2: Dec 25-31	801	263	225	280	30	.	.	.	.	.	1,599
Week 3: Jan 1-7	1,129	258	225	441	35	.	.	.	.	.	2,088
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	427	230	150	140	25	.	.	.	.	.	972
Week 2: Dec 25-31	658	230	503	204	25	.	.	.	.	.	1,620
Week 3: Jan 1-7	872	230	613	198	30	.	.	.	.	.	1,943
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	600	540	110	28	25	.	.	.	.	.	1,303
Week 2: Dec 25-31	600	903	109	371	35	.	.	.	.	.	2,018
Week 3: Jan 1-7	600	1,227	99	615	50	.	.	.	.	.	2,591
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	225	219	212	141	10	.	.	.	.	.	807
Week 2: Dec 25-31	225	337	121	181	10	.	.	.	.	.	874
Week 3: Jan 1-7	225	410	73	225	10	.	.	.	.	.	943
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	16	5	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Dec 25-31	20	5	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 3: Jan 1-7	24	5	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28

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

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



Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	265	212	29	20	8	.	.	.	.	.	534
Week 2: Dec 25-31	360	287	48	20	9	.	.	.	.	.	724
Week 3: Jan 1-7	329	361	45	20	9	.	.	.	.	.	764
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	63	30	10	-11	-30	.	.	.	.	.	62
Week 2: Dec 25-31	76	30	10	-35	-5	.	.	.	.	.	76
Week 3: Jan 1-7	64	30	10	-71	-6	.	.	.	.	.	27
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	450	238	150	12	2	.	.	.	.	.	852
Week 2: Dec 25-31	450	360	201	9	-36	.	.	.	.	.	984
Week 3: Jan 1-7	450	438	153	9	-40	.	.	.	.	.	1,010
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	201	136	10	9	4	.	.	.	.	.	360
Week 2: Dec 25-31	175	147	10	-11	3	.	.	.	.	.	324
Week 3: Jan 1-7	140	112	10	-21	1	.	.	.	.	.	242
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	15	2	1	18
Week 2: Dec 25-31	16	4	1	21
Week 3: Jan 1-7	17	4	1	22

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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	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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



Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	172	80	8	-54	-55	.	.	.	.	.	151
Week 2: Dec 25-31	184	80	10	-53	-96	.	.	.	.	.	125
Week 3: Jan 1-7	160	80	11	-74	19	.	.	.	.	.	196
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	180	138	68	16	10	.	.	.	.	.	412
Week 2: Dec 25-31	180	135	61	35	9	.	.	.	.	.	420
Week 3: Jan 1-7	180	121	-3	32	11	.	.	.	.	.	341
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	500	299	180	10	-38	.	.	.	.	.	951
Week 2: Dec 25-31	500	276	181	10	-37	.	.	.	.	.	930
Week 3: Jan 1-7	500	228	170	15	-28	.	.	.	.	.	885
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	40	30	10	1	-159	.	.	.	.	.	-78
Week 2: Dec 25-31	39	30	10	-19	-140	.	.	.	.	.	-80
Week 3: Jan 1-7	21	30	10	-39	-156	.	.	.	.	.	-134
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	15	10	-11	14
Week 2: Dec 25-31	14	10	-15	9
Week 3: Jan 1-7	13	10	-16	7

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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: Dec 18-24	130	100	13	3	-45	201
Week 2: Dec 25-31	133	100	11	3	-20	.	.	.	.	.	227
Week 3: Jan 1-7	213	100	6	3	-11	.	.	.	.	.	311
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	160	100	58	6	-10	.	.	.	.	.	314
Week 2: Dec 25-31	119	100	-49	6	-45	.	.	.	.	.	131
Week 3: Jan 1-7	156	100	-168	4	-60	.	.	.	.	.	32
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	575	167	0	-27	-283	.	.	.	.	.	432
Week 2: Dec 25-31	575	61	0	-65	-349	.	.	.	.	.	222
Week 3: Jan 1-7	575	4	0	-70	-435	.	.	.	.	.	74
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	170	165	117	10	-47	.	.	.	.	.	415
Week 2: Dec 25-31	170	164	95	10	-67	.	.	.	.	.	372
Week 3: Jan 1-7	170	143	125	10	-55	.	.	.	.	.	393
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	10	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Dec 25-31	9	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Jan 1-7	8	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14

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: Dec 18-24	247	40	9	296
Week 2: Dec 25-31	220	40	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	269
Week 3: Jan 1-7	189	40	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	239
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	252	7	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	261
Week 2: Dec 25-31	218	8	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	228
Week 3: Jan 1-7	183	7	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	192
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	326	90	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	422
Week 2: Dec 25-31	302	90	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	400
Week 3: Jan 1-7	270	90	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	368
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	131	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	141
Week 2: Dec 25-31	-16	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-6
Week 3: Jan 1-7	-164	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-154
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	22	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 2: Dec 25-31	23	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 3: Jan 1-7	24	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	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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



Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	74	13	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	102
Week 2: Dec 25-31	82	10	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	105
Week 3: Jan 1-7	81	8	9	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	103
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	30	10	-3	-60	.	.	.	.	.	.	-23
Week 2: Dec 25-31	30	8	38	-46	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 3: Jan 1-7	30	8	-10	-55	.	.	.	.	.	.	-27
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	25	8	-121	-194	.	.	.	.	.	.	-282
Week 2: Dec 25-31	25	10	-169	-195	.	.	.	.	.	.	-329
Week 3: Jan 1-7	25	10	-303	-201	.	.	.	.	.	.	-469
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	56	5	0	-133	.	.	.	.	.	.	-72
Week 2: Dec 25-31	-171	5	0	-140	.	.	.	.	.	.	-306
Week 3: Jan 1-7	-269	5	0	-156	.	.	.	.	.	.	-420
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current week: Dec 18-24	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Dec 25-31	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Jan 1-7	15	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

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

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



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 the 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (WTSA). 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.
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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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