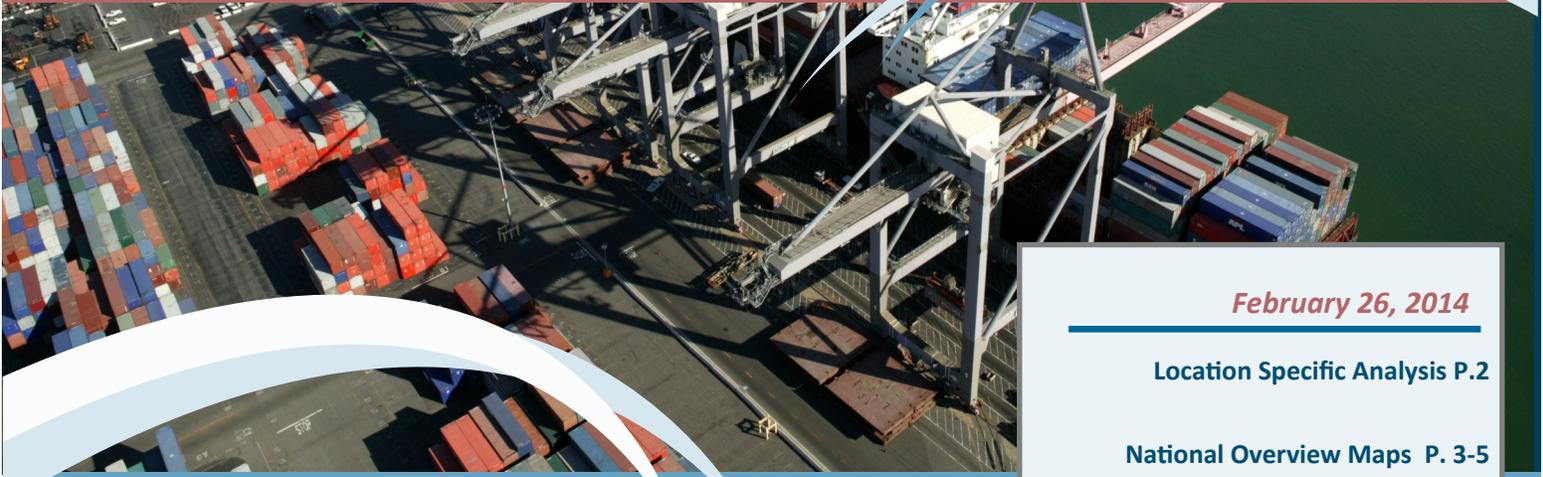




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for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

Note: Corrections made to Kansas City data on March 24, 2014, and to Oakland data on June 3, 2014.

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Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

Historical Analysis of New York

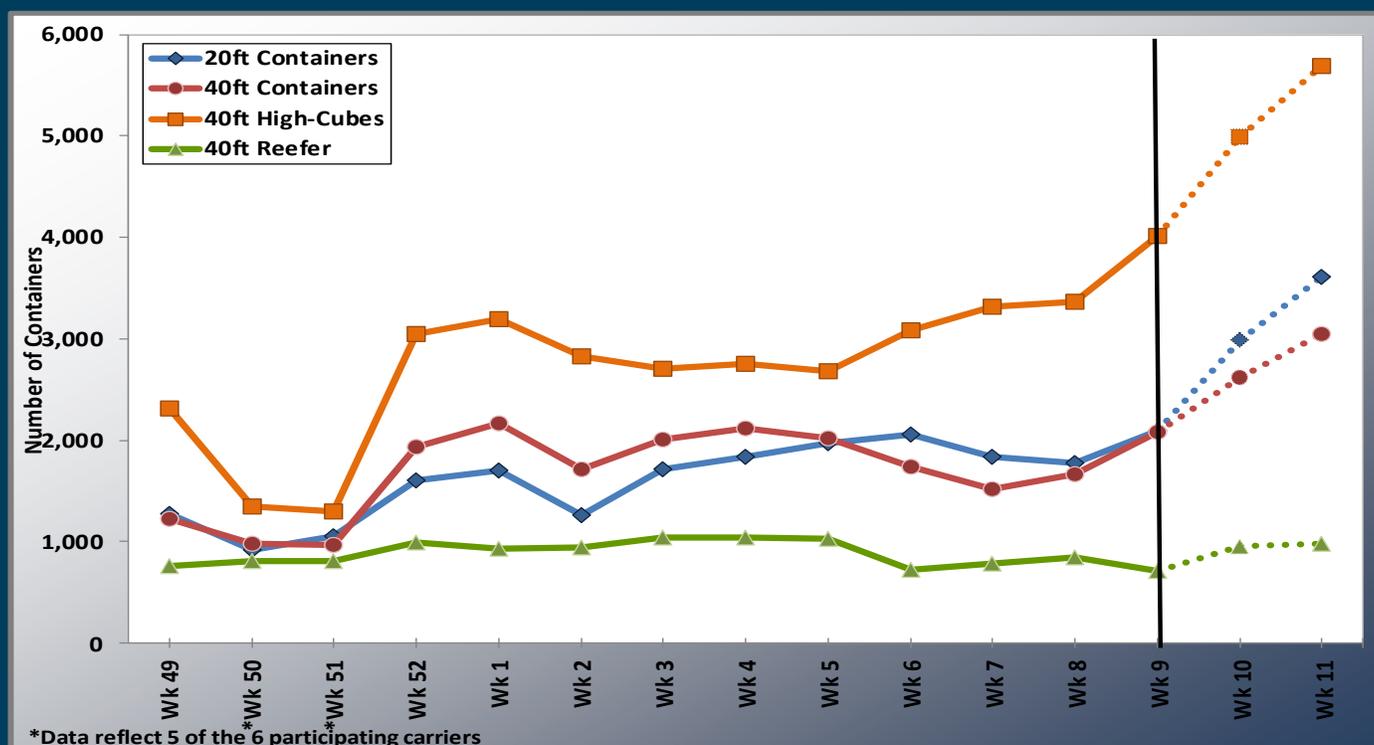
The Port of New York/New Jersey is the largest port (by volume) on the East Coast and handles about a fifth of U.S. agricultural imports annually. The port has six container terminals; over 90 percent of agricultural traffic through the port is containerized.

Between January and March of 2013, the Port of New York moved more than 97,000 metric tons of soybeans, representing about 27 percent of nearly 367,000 metric tons of total containerized agricultural products. Grocery items comprise about 18 percent and distillers grain about 10 percent. Approximately 69 percent of these agricultural exports moved in 40ft containers.¹

In spite of being hit by a series of winter storms, the container availability in New York has remained steady and container supply has not been overly affected by terminal closures and traffic congestion. (See graph below.) Other problems affecting the port of New York are labor shortages on the docks and ongoing equipment problems. Some trucking companies serving the Port of New York and New Jersey have started imposing surcharges for delays they are experiencing due to congestion at container terminals. The Journal of Commerce reports the delays have been happening since the start of the year and have only gotten worse in recent weeks due to severe snow storms.

Since early October 2013, container availability in New York averaged between 1200 and 4000 units for all major container types with this week's spike topping 4,010 for 40ft high-cube containers and lows near 1,200 units for 20ft dry containers. The graph below shows that availability in New York exhibits a steady trend with mild weekly fluctuations with increased numbers last week. Projections over the next 2 weeks show availability increasing for all container types.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in New York, 1st week of December, 2013 (Wk 49) through 4th week of February (Wk 9), 2014, with Projections

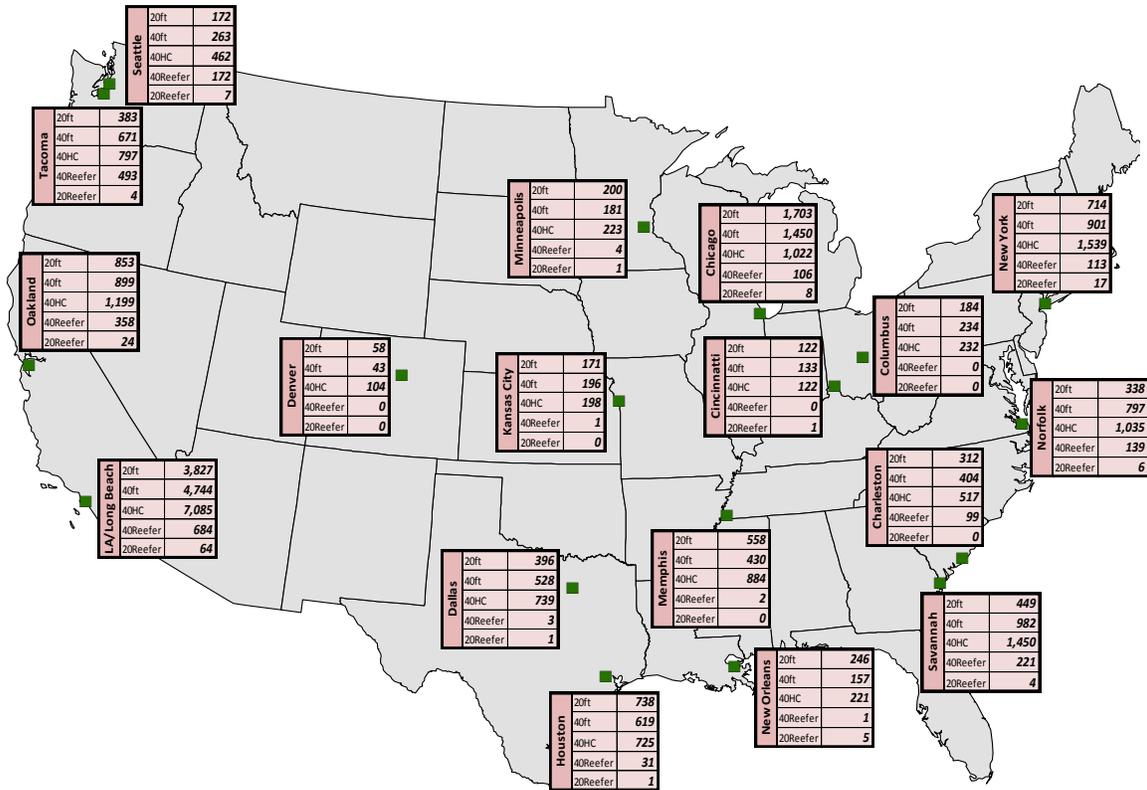


*Data reflect 5 of the 6 participating carriers

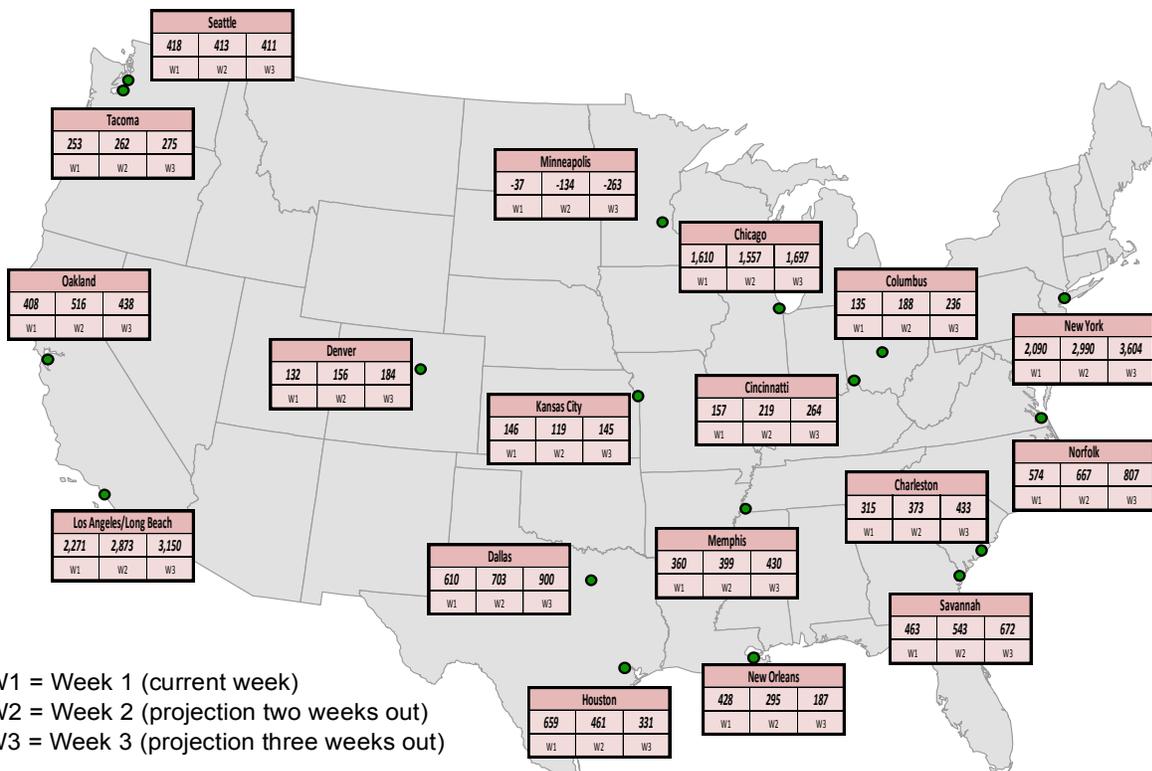
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data.



Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



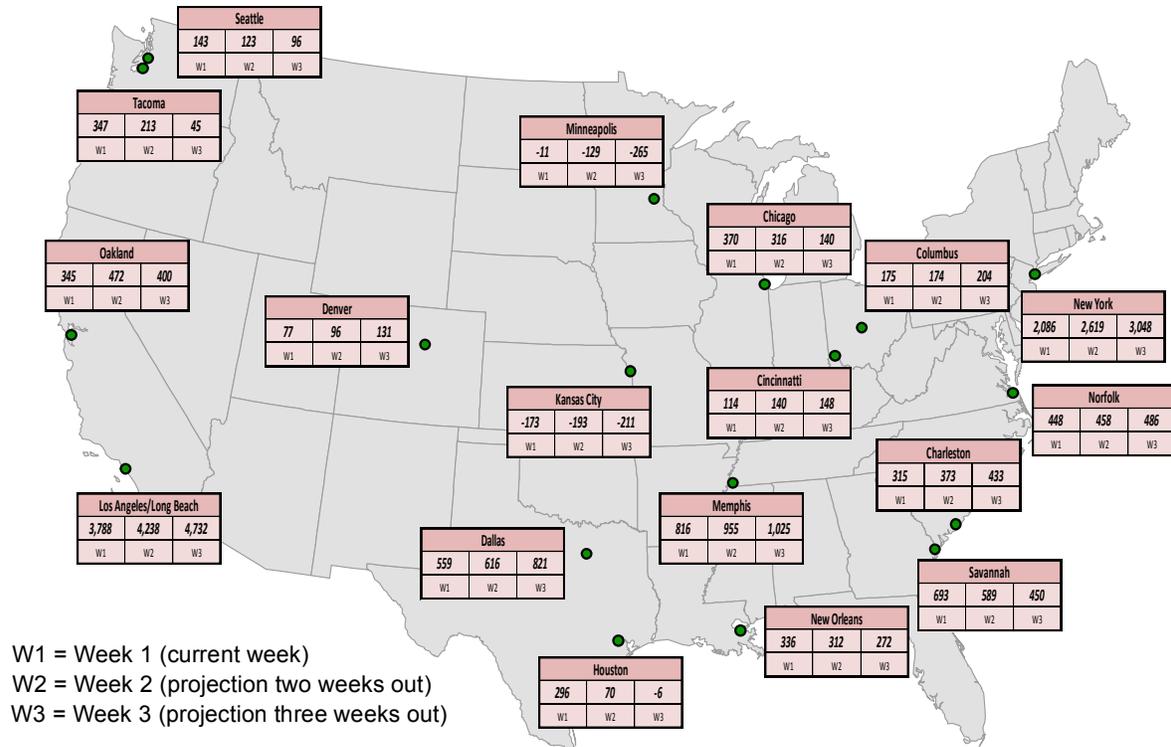
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



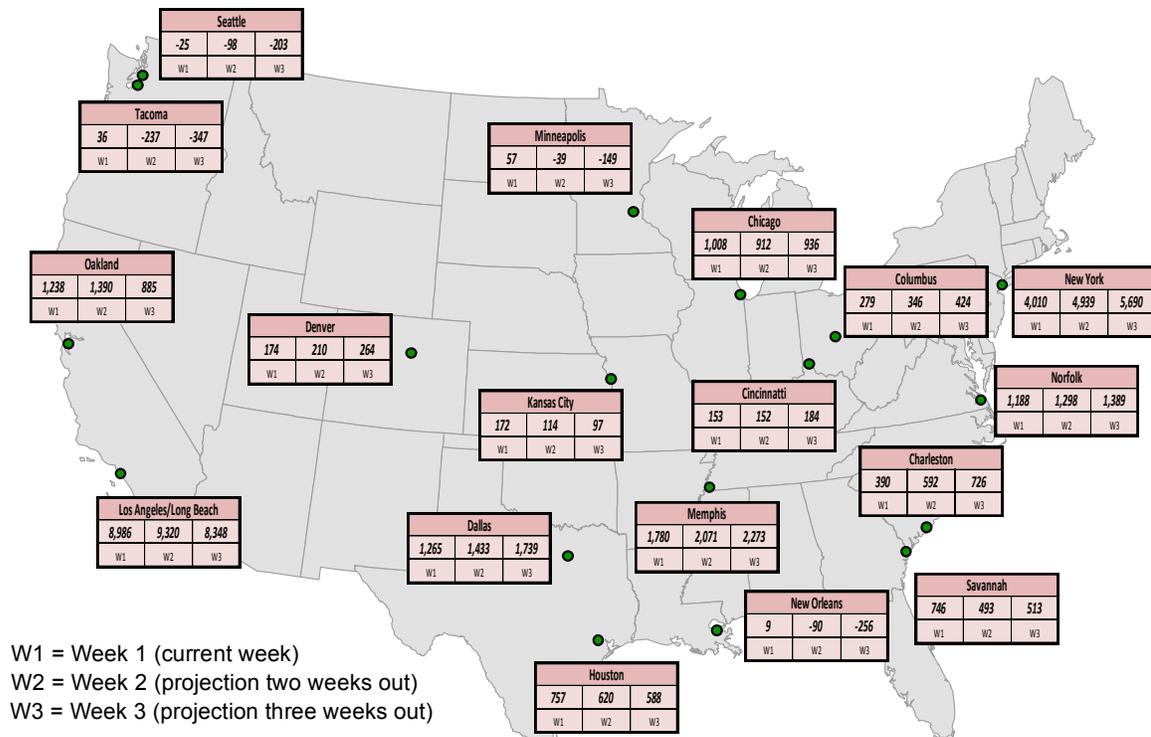
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

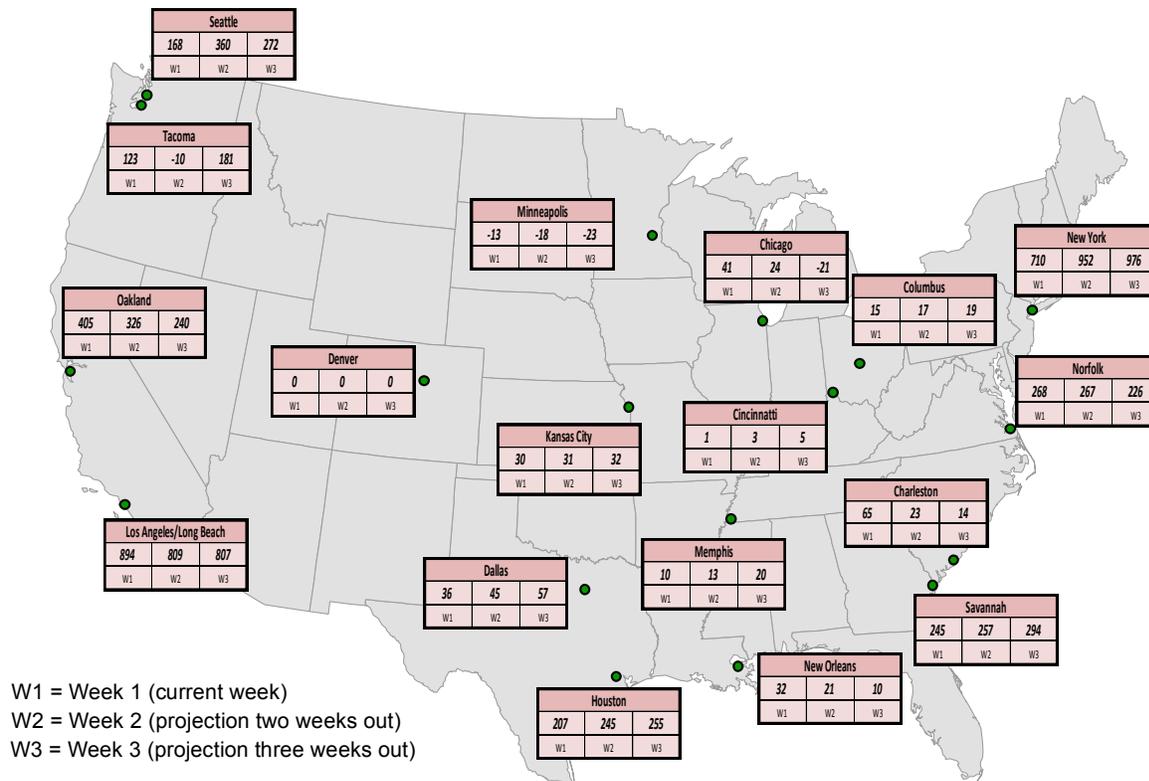


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

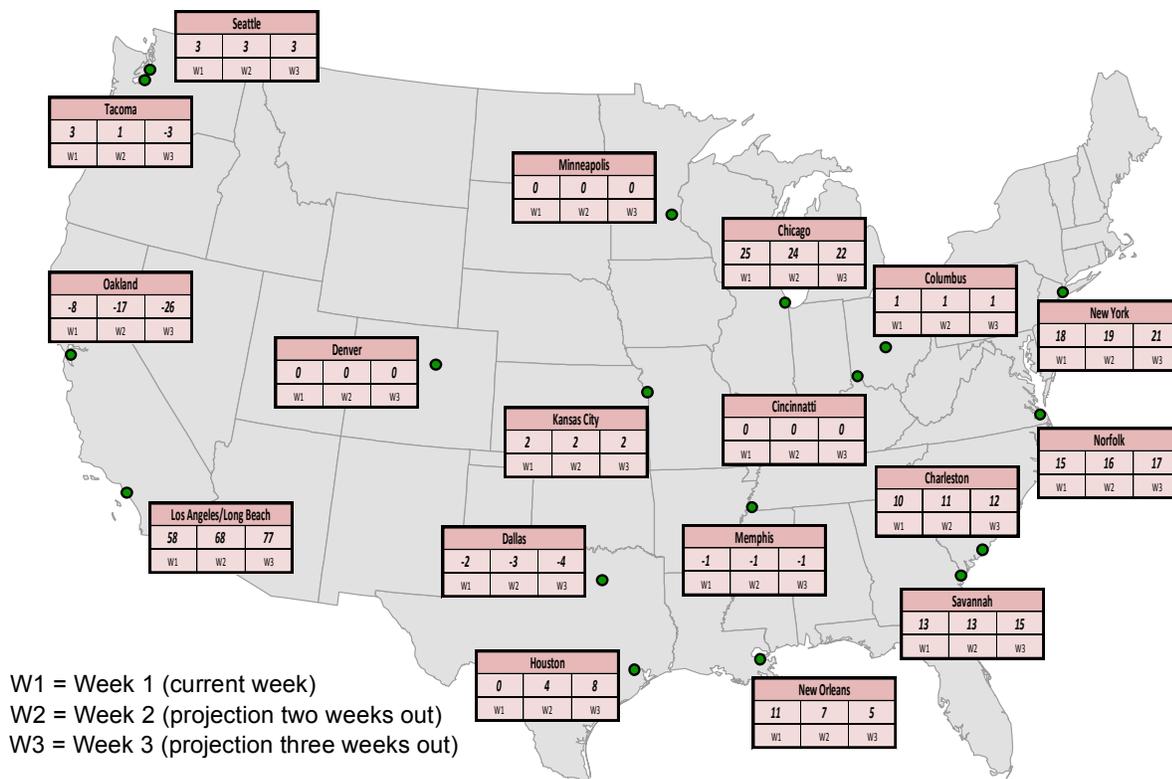




Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	105	70	67	39	31	3	.	.	.	.	315
Week 2: Mar 5-11	118	70	83	63	36	3	.	.	.	.	373
Week 3: Mar 12-18	140	70	106	63	52	2	.	.	.	.	433
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	87	72	33	25	2	-33	.	.	.	.	186
Week 2: Mar 5-11	110	64	44	25	3	49	.	.	.	.	295
Week 3: Mar 12-18	136	98	72	25	2	49	.	.	.	.	382
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	329	51	40	24	1	-55	.	.	.	.	390
Week 2: Mar 5-11	413	42	40	94	2	1	.	.	.	.	592
Week 3: Mar 12-18	500	38	40	145	2	1	.	.	.	.	726
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	122	14	14	5	0	-90	.	.	.	.	65
Week 2: Mar 5-11	108	15	17	5	0	-122	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Mar 12-18	72	15	20	5	0	-98	.	.	.	.	14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	7	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Mar 5-11	7	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Mar 12-18	7	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12

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: Feb 26-Mar 4	1,232	170	125	85	2	-4	.	.	.	.	1,610
Week 2: Mar 5-11	1,486	83	-94	85	3	-6	.	.	.	.	1,557
Week 3: Mar 12-18	1,698	-13	-71	85	4	-6	.	.	.	.	1,697
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	301	200	17	11	4	-163	.	.	.	.	370
Week 2: Mar 5-11	198	200	-4	14	5	-97	.	.	.	.	316
Week 3: Mar 12-18	127	200	-160	14	2	-43	.	.	.	.	140
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	800	405	108	1	-55	-251	.	.	.	.	1,008
Week 2: Mar 5-11	800	338	-48	4	-39	-143	.	.	.	.	912
Week 3: Mar 12-18	800	353	-137	6	-39	-47	.	.	.	.	936
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	43	25	0	-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 2: Mar 5-11	43	30	0	-49	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 3: Mar 12-18	18	30	0	-69	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	14	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 2: Mar 5-11	11	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 3: Mar 12-18	8	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22

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: Feb 26-Mar 4	53	44	37	12	10	1	157
Week 2: Mar 5-11	78	69	52	11	10	-1	.	.	.	.	219
Week 3: Mar 12-18	89	89	67	10	10	-1	.	.	.	.	264
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	46	30	26	14	1	-3	.	.	.	.	114
Week 2: Mar 5-11	58	30	38	12	3	-1	.	.	.	.	140
Week 3: Mar 12-18	64	30	45	16	-6	-1	.	.	.	.	148
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	75	29	20	18	11	0	.	.	.	.	153
Week 2: Mar 5-11	75	40	25	10	2	0	.	.	.	.	152
Week 3: Mar 12-18	75	53	30	11	2	13	.	.	.	.	184
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Mar 5-11	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Mar 12-18	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 12-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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

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



Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	90	33	10	6	-1	-3	.	.	.	.	135
Week 2: Mar 5-11	110	53	8	6	0	11	.	.	.	.	188
Week 3: Mar 12-18	131	61	12	6	0	26	.	.	.	.	236
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	77	50	25	16	10	-3	.	.	.	.	175
Week 2: Mar 5-11	74	50	36	6	11	-3	.	.	.	.	174
Week 3: Mar 12-18	90	50	43	10	14	-3	.	.	.	.	204
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	111	95	30	26	15	2	.	.	.	.	279
Week 2: Mar 5-11	129	128	30	49	15	-5	.	.	.	.	346
Week 3: Mar 12-18	180	164	30	45	10	-5	.	.	.	.	424
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Mar 5-11	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Mar 12-18	19	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Mar 5-11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Mar 12-18	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: Feb 26-Mar 4	190	133	108	103	70	6	610
Week 2: Mar 5-11	325	50	146	106	70	6	.	.	.	.	703
Week 3: Mar 12-18	455	74	188	106	70	7	.	.	.	.	900
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	176	164	112	50	48	9	.	.	.	.	559
Week 2: Mar 5-11	189	105	200	50	65	7	.	.	.	.	616
Week 3: Mar 12-18	251	105	284	50	123	8	.	.	.	.	821
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	362	292	230	192	180	9	.	.	.	.	1,265
Week 2: Mar 5-11	347	242	384	272	180	8	.	.	.	.	1,433
Week 3: Mar 12-18	412	242	533	368	180	4	.	.	.	.	1,739
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	46	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36
Week 2: Mar 5-11	57	0	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
Week 3: Mar 12-18	71	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	57
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Mar 5-11	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Mar 12-18	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4

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: Feb 26-Mar 4	91	38	10	2	-2	-7	132
Week 2: Mar 5-11	112	37	10	2	1	-6	.	.	.	.	156
Week 3: Mar 12-18	132	41	13	2	1	-5	.	.	.	.	184
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	43	15	7	6	5	1	.	.	.	.	77
Week 2: Mar 5-11	65	14	9	1	6	1	.	.	.	.	96
Week 3: Mar 12-18	88	11	8	1	22	1	.	.	.	.	131
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	102	24	15	14	12	7	.	.	.	.	174
Week 2: Mar 5-11	145	14	15	19	10	7	.	.	.	.	210
Week 3: Mar 12-18	190	14	15	31	7	7	.	.	.	.	264
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 5-11	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 12-18	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 12-18	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	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: Feb 26-Mar 4	500	70	58	38	10	-17	659
Week 2: Mar 5-11	500	-8	-10	17	5	-43	.	.	.	.	461
Week 3: Mar 12-18	500	10	-67	17	4	-133	.	.	.	.	331
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	400	77	51	32	2	-266	.	.	.	.	296
Week 2: Mar 5-11	400	50	12	-4	2	-390	.	.	.	.	70
Week 3: Mar 12-18	400	61	12	33	3	-515	.	.	.	.	-6
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	600	177	62	5	0	-87	.	.	.	.	757
Week 2: Mar 5-11	600	208	22	5	-29	-186	.	.	.	.	620
Week 3: Mar 12-18	600	251	22	2	-24	-263	.	.	.	.	588
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	160	24	21	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	207
Week 2: Mar 5-11	175	47	21	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	245
Week 3: Mar 12-18	170	62	21	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	255
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	9	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 5-11	11	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Mar 12-18	13	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Feb 26-Mar 4	70	60	29	-1	-1	-11	146
Week 2: Mar 5-11	24	60	42	6	-2	-11	.	.	.	.	119
Week 3: Mar 12-18	38	60	55	4	-2	-10	.	.	.	.	145
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	69	14	-2	-3	-11	-240	.	.	.	.	-173
Week 2: Mar 5-11	60	16	-18	0	-11	-240	.	.	.	.	-193
Week 3: Mar 12-18	44	18	-18	-3	-12	-240	.	.	.	.	-211
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	220	42	8	-14	-33	-51	.	.	.	.	172
Week 2: Mar 5-11	220	53	-22	-15	-56	-66	.	.	.	.	114
Week 3: Mar 12-18	220	58	-22	-15	-65	-79	.	.	.	.	97
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	39	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 2: Mar 5-11	36	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Week 3: Mar 12-18	33	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Mar 5-11	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Mar 12-18	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Feb 26-Mar 4	800	731	432	299	44	-35	.	.	.	.	2,271
Week 2: Mar 5-11	800	740	611	615	40	67	.	.	.	.	2,873
Week 3: Mar 12-18	800	740	790	613	40	167	.	.	.	.	3,150
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	1,150	960	841	523	259	55	.	.	.	.	3,788
Week 2: Mar 5-11	1,150	1,059	866	710	401	52	.	.	.	.	4,238
Week 3: Mar 12-18	1,150	1,164	866	971	536	45	.	.	.	.	4,732
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	5,550	1,946	1,537	234	52	-333	.	.	.	.	8,986
Week 2: Mar 5-11	5,550	1,814	2,301	33	52	-430	.	.	.	.	9,320
Week 3: Mar 12-18	5,550	1,814	1,979	-498	50	-547	.	.	.	.	8,348
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	369	168	158	75	74	50	.	.	.	.	894
Week 2: Mar 5-11	403	205	36	75	40	50	.	.	.	.	809
Week 3: Mar 12-18	335	242	-5	75	110	50	.	.	.	.	807
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	37	11	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	58
Week 2: Mar 5-11	43	15	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	68
Week 3: Mar 12-18	50	17	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	77

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: Feb 26-Mar 4	179	145	41	18	4	-27	360
Week 2: Mar 5-11	192	145	41	6	1	14	.	.	.	.	399
Week 3: Mar 12-18	207	145	60	6	2	10	.	.	.	.	430
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	338	260	215	6	1	-4	.	.	.	.	816
Week 2: Mar 5-11	448	260	229	8	1	9	.	.	.	.	955
Week 3: Mar 12-18	468	260	273	8	2	14	.	.	.	.	1,025
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	1,100	346	217	89	24	4	.	.	.	.	1,780
Week 2: Mar 5-11	1,100	526	259	160	20	6	.	.	.	.	2,071
Week 3: Mar 12-18	1,100	633	293	222	20	5	.	.	.	.	2,273
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	7	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Mar 5-11	8	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Mar 12-18	13	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Mar 5-11	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Mar 12-18	-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	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: Feb 26-Mar 4	97	90	63	-4	-6	-277	-37
Week 2: Mar 5-11	122	90	35	-1	-7	-373	.	.	.	.	-134
Week 3: Mar 12-18	148	90	-15	-1	-7	-478	.	.	.	.	-263
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	190	39	5	-8	-16	-221	.	.	.	.	-11
Week 2: Mar 5-11	190	24	2	-8	-11	-326	.	.	.	.	-129
Week 3: Mar 12-18	190	-23	2	-8	-16	-410	.	.	.	.	-265
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	82	23	2	1	-8	-43	.	.	.	.	57
Week 2: Mar 5-11	70	8	4	1	-8	-114	.	.	.	.	-39
Week 3: Mar 12-18	36	-7	4	1	-9	-174	.	.	.	.	-149
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-13
Week 2: Mar 5-11	0	-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 3: Mar 12-18	0	-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-23
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 12-18	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: Feb 26-Mar 4	406	11	5	5	1	0	428
Week 2: Mar 5-11	316	7	2	-31	1	0	.	.	.	.	295
Week 3: Mar 12-18	224	8	3	-49	1	0	.	.	.	.	187
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	283	28	13	11	1	0	.	.	.	.	336
Week 2: Mar 5-11	262	27	13	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	312
Week 3: Mar 12-18	217	32	13	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	272
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	32	28	10	0	0	-61	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Mar 5-11	34	17	12	0	1	-154	.	.	.	.	-90
Week 3: Mar 12-18	41	6	9	0	1	-313	.	.	.	.	-256
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	43	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 2: Mar 5-11	40	0	-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Mar 12-18	37	0	-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	6	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Mar 5-11	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Mar 12-18	6	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Feb 26-Mar 4	679	600	413	292	88	18	.	.	.	.	2,090
Week 2: Mar 5-11	1,071	600	540	587	167	25	.	.	.	.	2,990
Week 3: Mar 12-18	1,426	600	631	760	167	20	.	.	.	.	3,604
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	873	613	330	220	30	20	.	.	.	.	2,086
Week 2: Mar 5-11	969	856	330	354	87	23	.	.	.	.	2,619
Week 3: Mar 12-18	995	1,092	330	524	87	20	.	.	.	.	3,048
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	1,579	1,330	681	337	63	20	.	.	.	.	4,010
Week 2: Mar 5-11	1,771	1,330	1,025	744	36	33	.	.	.	.	4,939
Week 3: Mar 12-18	1,789	1,330	1,340	1,165	36	30	.	.	.	.	5,690
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	240	213	105	82	60	10	.	.	.	.	710
Week 2: Mar 5-11	334	292	150	101	65	10	.	.	.	.	952
Week 3: Mar 12-18	348	364	177	27	50	10	.	.	.	.	976
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	17	5	-4	18
Week 2: Mar 5-11	18	5	-4	19
Week 3: Mar 12-18	19	5	-3	21

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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	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: Feb 26-Mar 4	269	140	98	60	8	-1	.	.	.	.	574
Week 2: Mar 5-11	336	177	79	60	9	6	.	.	.	.	667
Week 3: Mar 12-18	407	210	115	60	9	6	.	.	.	.	807
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	144	100	100	78	20	6	.	.	.	.	448
Week 2: Mar 5-11	163	103	100	89	-4	7	.	.	.	.	458
Week 3: Mar 12-18	182	107	100	91	-4	10	.	.	.	.	486
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	560	369	233	170	8	-152	.	.	.	.	1,188
Week 2: Mar 5-11	581	391	235	170	6	-85	.	.	.	.	1,298
Week 3: Mar 12-18	660	363	276	170	5	-85	.	.	.	.	1,389
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	163	100	25	10	0	-30	.	.	.	.	268
Week 2: Mar 5-11	139	114	30	10	0	-26	.	.	.	.	267
Week 3: Mar 12-18	131	66	42	10	0	-23	.	.	.	.	226
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	14	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Mar 5-11	15	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Mar 12-18	16	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Feb 26-Mar 4	330	190	80	5	-29	-168	408
Week 2: Mar 5-11	365	190	141	2	6	-188	.	.	.	.	516
Week 3: Mar 12-18	265	190	141	7	45	-210	.	.	.	.	438
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	387	100	2	-8	-9	-127	.	.	.	.	345
Week 2: Mar 5-11	498	100	3	42	-35	-136	.	.	.	.	472
Week 3: Mar 12-18	514	100	6	42	-106	-156	.	.	.	.	400
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	500	498	212	192	9	-173	.	.	.	.	1,238
Week 2: Mar 5-11	500	534	219	256	7	-126	.	.	.	.	1,390
Week 3: Mar 12-18	500	55	209	244	3	-126	.	.	.	.	885
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	392	30	30	-13	-13	-21	.	.	.	.	405
Week 2: Mar 5-11	406	30	30	-26	-46	-68	.	.	.	.	326
Week 3: Mar 12-18	339	30	35	-40	-50	-74	.	.	.	.	240
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	10	-7	-11	-8
Week 2: Mar 5-11	10	-9	-18	-17
Week 3: Mar 12-18	10	-11	-25	-26

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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: Feb 26-Mar 4	154	110	110	89	3	-3	463
Week 2: Mar 5-11	196	115	110	80	3	39	.	.	.	.	543
Week 3: Mar 12-18	250	134	110	80	3	95	.	.	.	.	672
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	393	186	130	96	4	-116	.	.	.	.	693
Week 2: Mar 5-11	297	245	130	-29	2	-56	.	.	.	.	589
Week 3: Mar 12-18	340	199	130	-166	3	-56	.	.	.	.	450
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	541	200	177	40	0	-212	.	.	.	.	746
Week 2: Mar 5-11	438	200	176	-21	0	-300	.	.	.	.	493
Week 3: Mar 12-18	508	200	223	-21	0	-397	.	.	.	.	513
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	164	58	30	21	10	-38	.	.	.	.	245
Week 2: Mar 5-11	173	44	35	33	10	-38	.	.	.	.	257
Week 3: Mar 12-18	177	65	20	45	10	-23	.	.	.	.	294
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	11	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Mar 5-11	11	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Mar 12-18	11	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Feb 26-Mar 4	301	60	52	5	418
Week 2: Mar 5-11	285	60	60	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	413
Week 3: Mar 12-18	265	60	77	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	411
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	88	30	23	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	143
Week 2: Mar 5-11	67	30	21	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	123
Week 3: Mar 12-18	43	30	14	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	96
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	30	19	6	-80	.	.	.	.	.	.	-25
Week 2: Mar 5-11	30	11	4	-143	.	.	.	.	.	.	-98
Week 3: Mar 12-18	30	-37	9	-205	.	.	.	.	.	.	-203
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	84	64	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	168
Week 2: Mar 5-11	270	70	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	360
Week 3: Mar 12-18	182	70	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	272
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Mar 5-11	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Mar 12-18	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3

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: Feb 26-Mar 4	174	30	29	12	8	253
Week 2: Mar 5-11	106	30	45	73	8	.	.	.	.	.	262
Week 3: Mar 12-18	91	30	73	73	8	.	.	.	.	.	275
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	590	20	7	-112	-158	.	.	.	.	.	347
Week 2: Mar 5-11	440	20	8	-151	-104	.	.	.	.	.	213
Week 3: Mar 12-18	335	20	8	-214	-104	.	.	.	.	.	45
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	431	120	8	-53	-470	.	.	.	.	.	36
Week 2: Mar 5-11	102	120	9	-102	-366	.	.	.	.	.	-237
Week 3: Mar 12-18	54	120	10	-165	-366	.	.	.	.	.	-347
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	275	89	5	0	-246	.	.	.	.	.	123
Week 2: Mar 5-11	234	-15	5	0	-234	.	.	.	.	.	-10
Week 3: Mar 12-18	230	43	5	0	-97	.	.	.	.	.	181
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 26-Mar 4	2	1	3
Week 2: Mar 5-11	0	1	1
Week 3: Mar 12-18	-4	1	-3

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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	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.
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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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