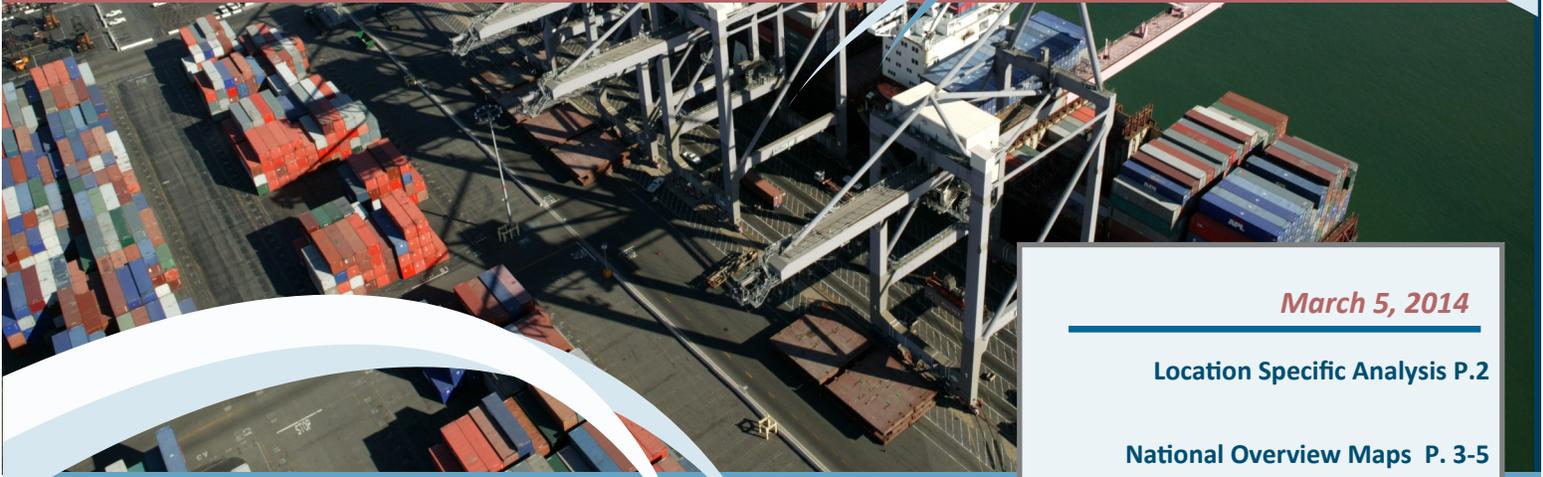




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for 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 5, 2014.

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# Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

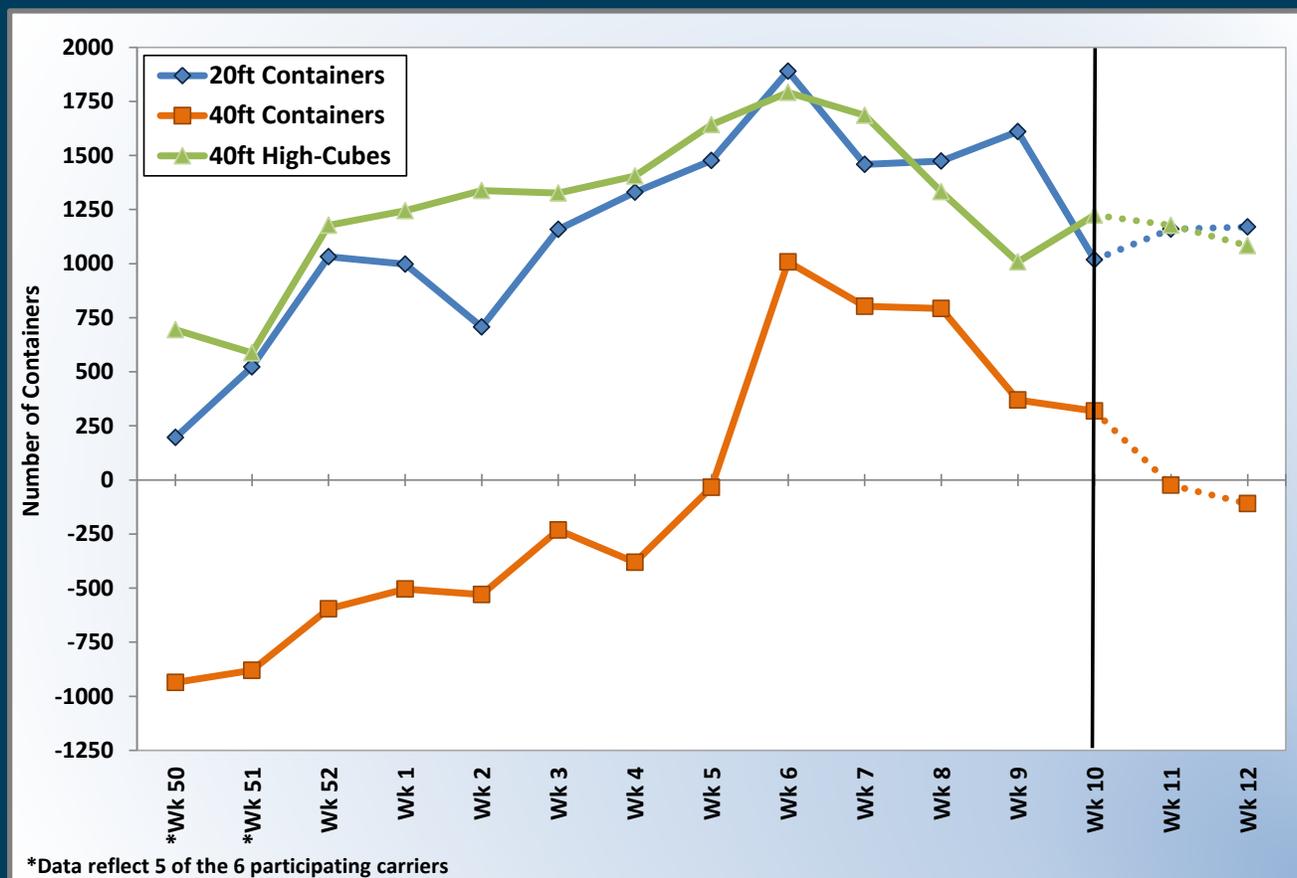
## Historical Analysis of Chicago

Severe winter weather across the Midwest this year has disrupted transportation services for agricultural exporters. Rail carriers have experienced delays throughout their networks and truckers have battled mechanical failures due to extreme temperatures and heavy snowfall in transit. These types of events can impact equipment availability including the displacement of both containers and chassis.

The Chicago inland port region is the largest inland port in the country, originating approximately 15 percent of total containerized waterborne agricultural exports. Between April and June of 2013, Chicago moved nearly 1 million metric tons of grains and grain products, including soybeans, representing more than 80 percent of the total containerized agricultural products moved through the region. Grocery items comprise about 4 percent and meat products about 3 percent. Approximately 67 percent of these agricultural exports moved in 40ft containers.<sup>1</sup>

Container availability estimates for dry containers through Chicago were on a steady rise from the last 3 weeks of 2013 through early February, then began a slow decline over the past 4 weeks. Availability of 40ft containers emerged above 0 during the first week in February, increasing from -34 to just over 1,000 units in one week.<sup>2</sup> Estimates had been below 0 since July 2013. Projections by participating carriers over the next 2 weeks show the number of available 40ft containers in Chicago falling to below 0 once again. Projections for 20ft containers are expected to rise slightly over the next 2 weeks while 40ft high-cube estimates are projected to fall slightly.

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



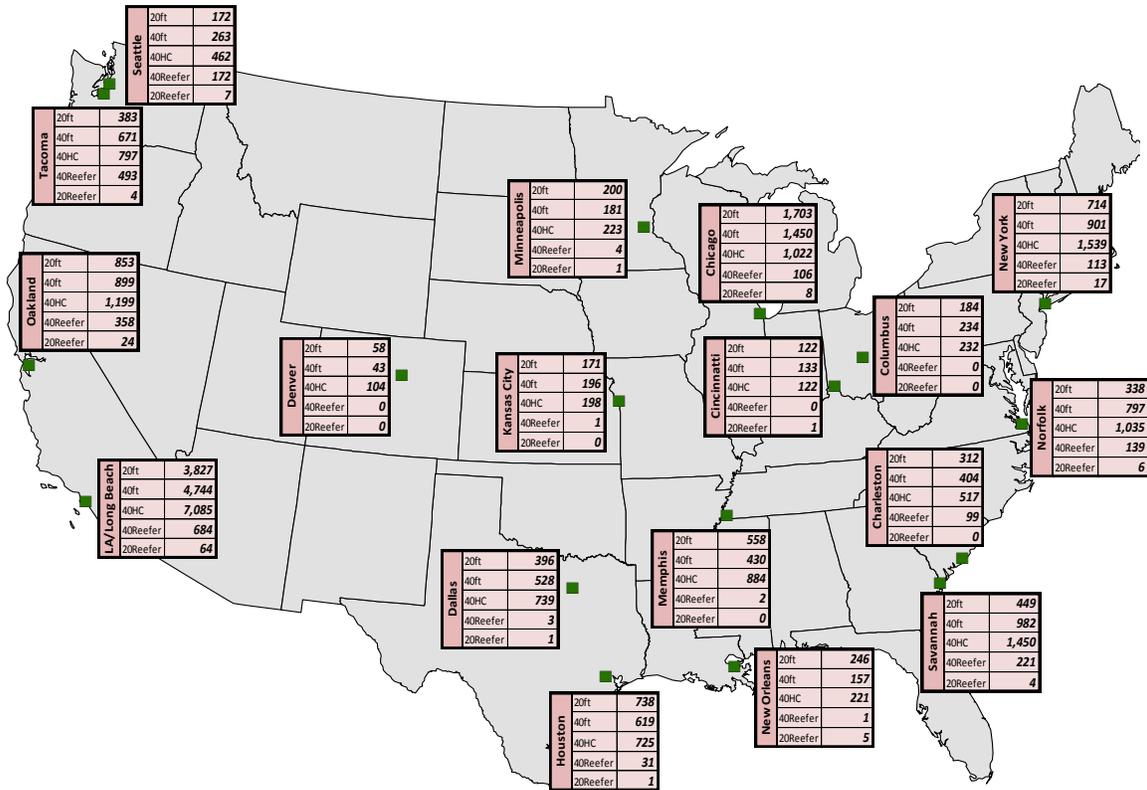
1 Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .  
 2 Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate demand for containers is greater than supply. Estimates above zero indicate the supply of containers is greater than the demand.

# National Overview

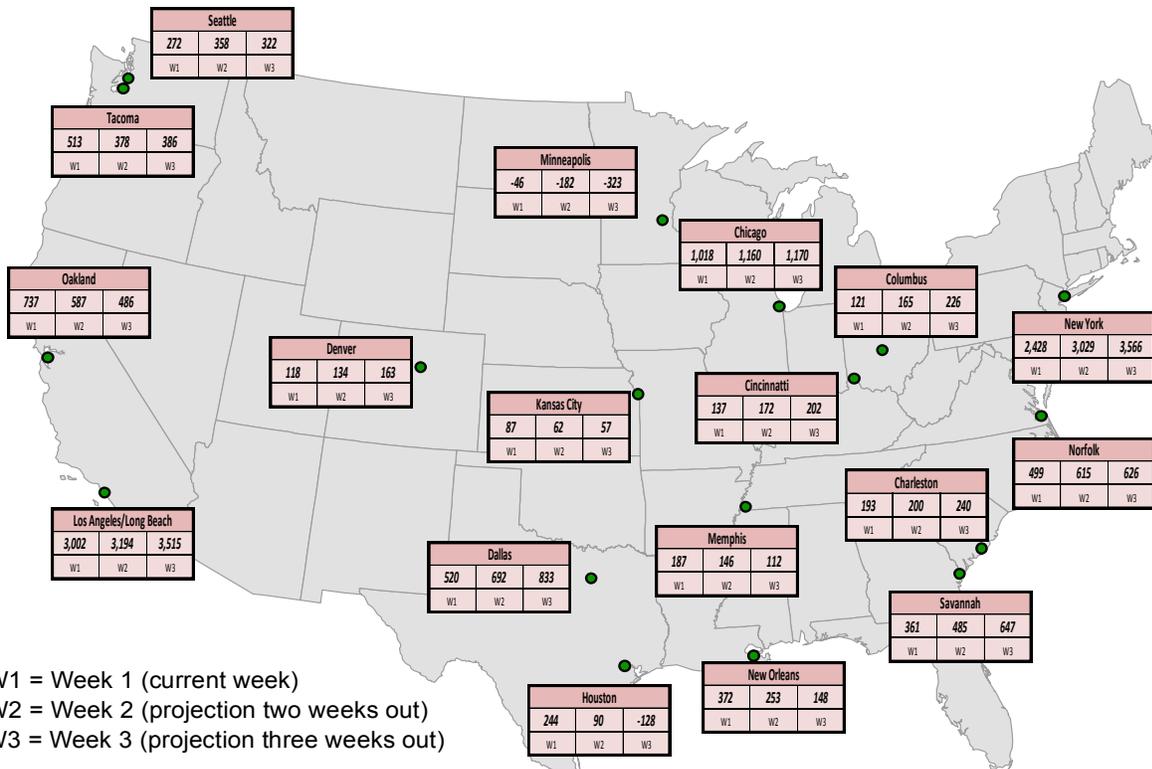
## Week of Mar 5-11, 2014



### Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



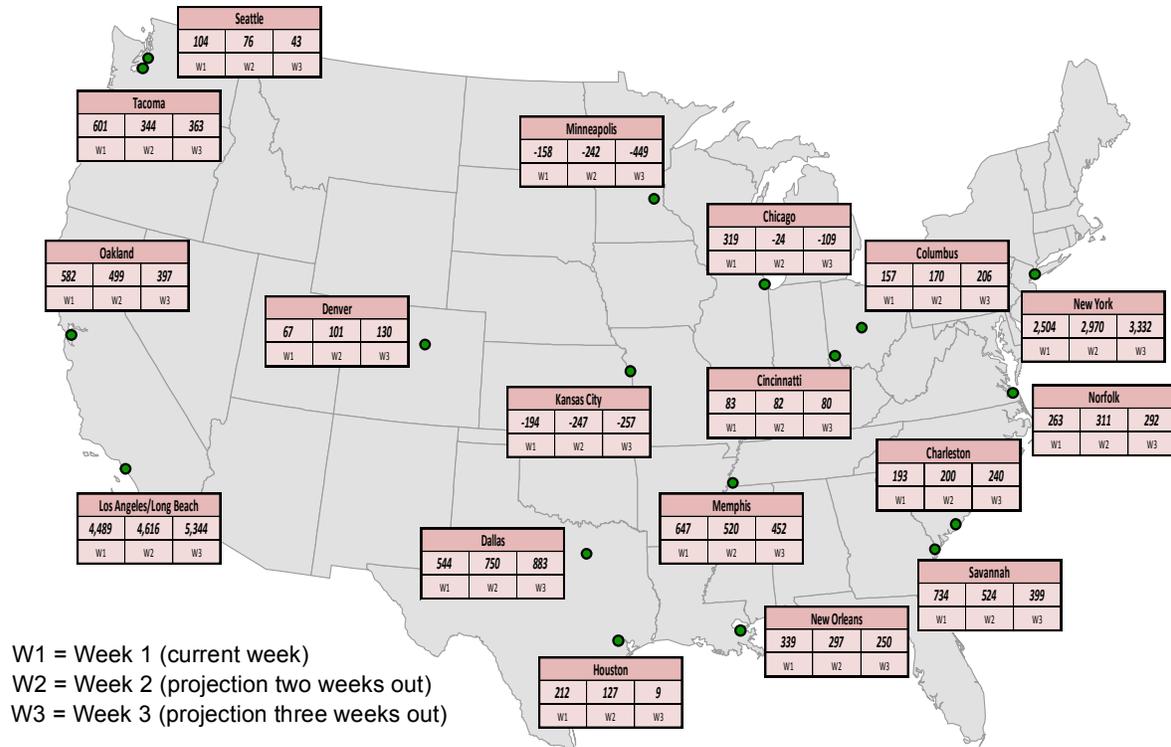
### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



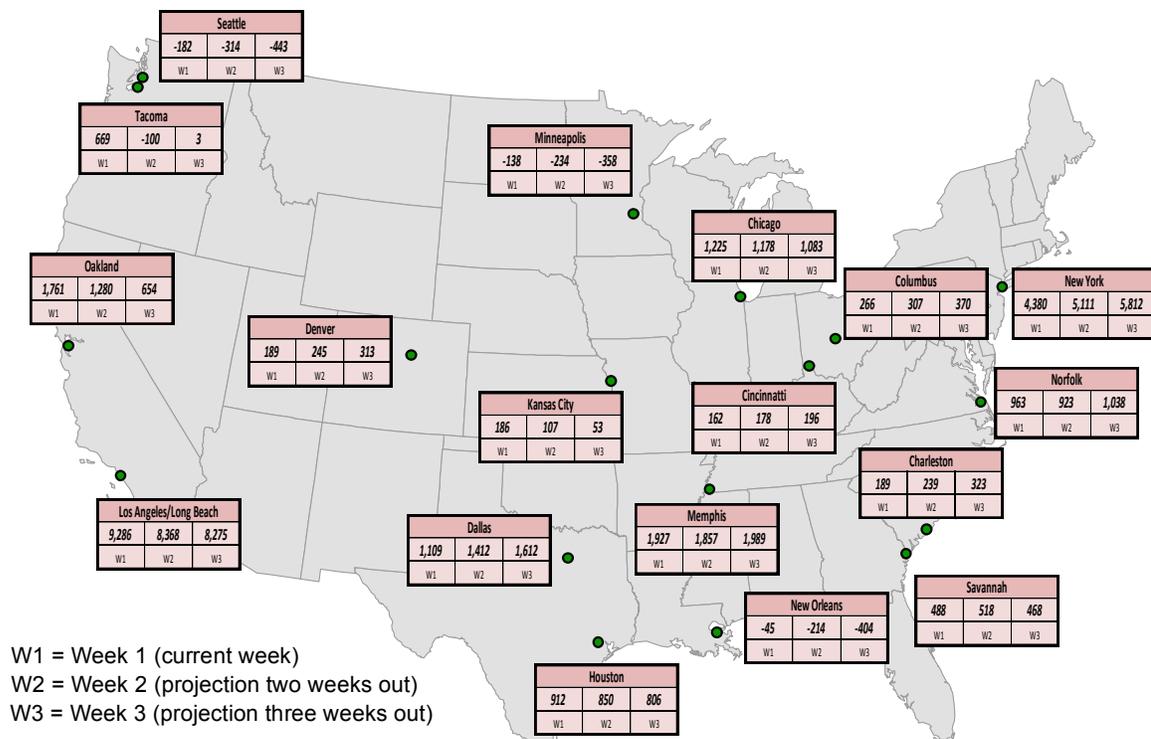
W1 = Week 1 (current week)  
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)  
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

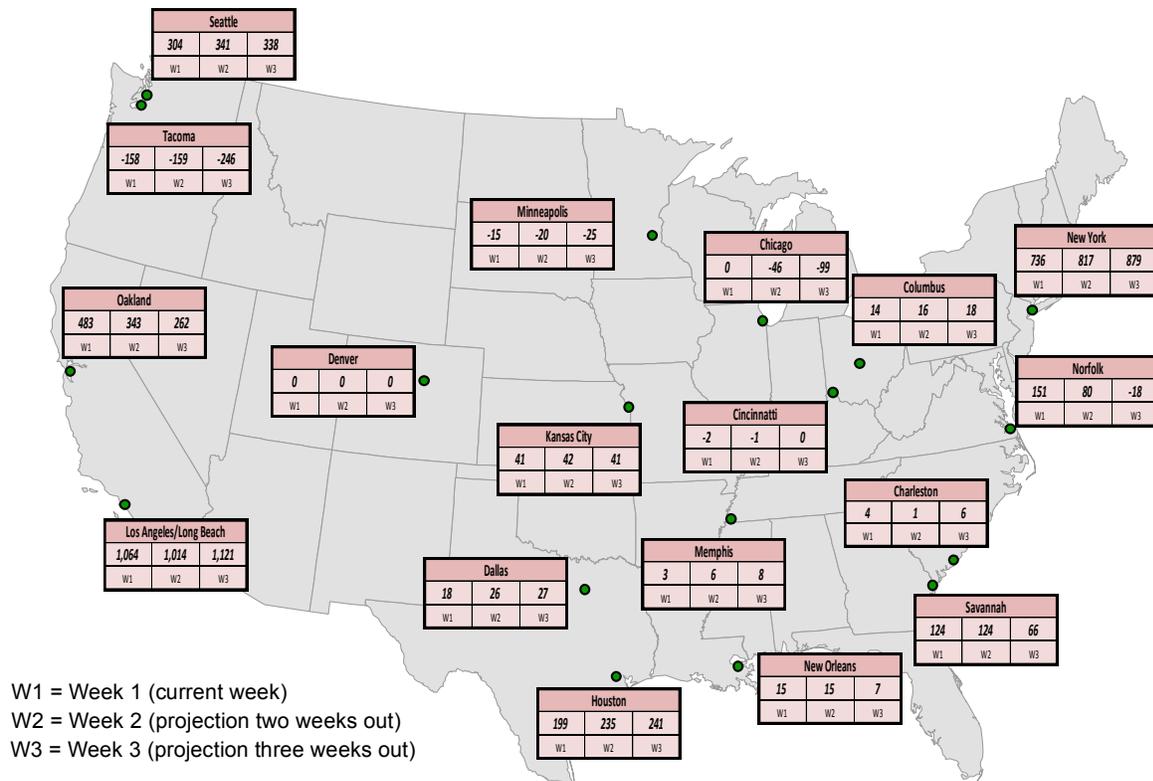


### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

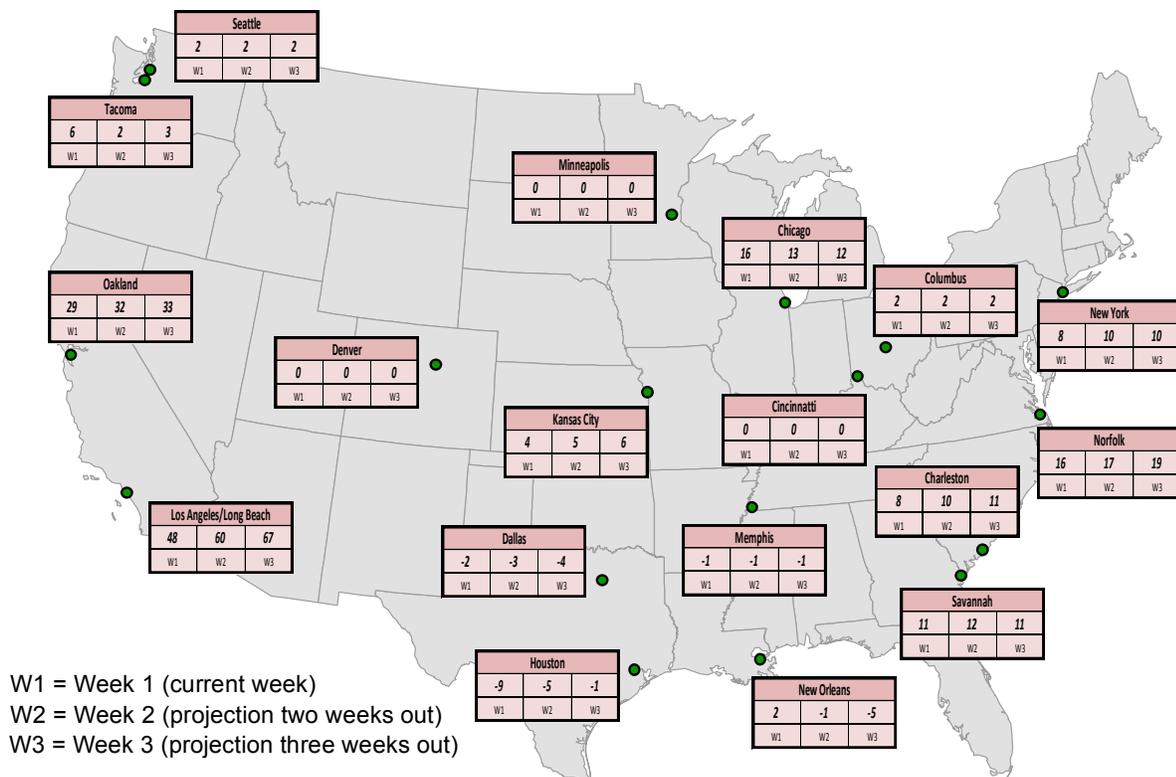




### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	113	70	47	3	-11	-29	.	.	.	.	193
Week 2: Mar 12-18	76	70	55	3	-1	-3	.	.	.	.	200
Week 3: Mar 19-25	76	70	53	2	16	23	.	.	.	.	240
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	94	28	25	11	7	2	.	.	.	.	167
Week 2: Mar 12-18	101	43	25	-11	8	3	.	.	.	.	169
Week 3: Mar 19-25	97	56	25	-11	-7	2	.	.	.	.	162
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	122	85	40	11	1	-70	.	.	.	.	189
Week 2: Mar 12-18	120	84	40	56	2	-63	.	.	.	.	239
Week 3: Mar 19-25	143	105	40	96	2	-63	.	.	.	.	323
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	93	16	12	5	0	-122	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Mar 12-18	63	16	15	5	0	-98	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Mar 19-25	51	15	18	5	0	-83	.	.	.	.	6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	5	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Mar 12-18	6	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Mar 19-25	6	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11

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: Mar 5-11	1,008	85	52	2	-22	-107	.	.	.	.	1,018
Week 2: Mar 12-18	1,218	85	-97	3	-13	-36	.	.	.	.	1,160
Week 3: Mar 19-25	1,407	85	-138	4	-13	-175	.	.	.	.	1,170
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	200	132	41	26	-5	-75	.	.	.	.	319
Week 2: Mar 12-18	200	-6	26	-206	-4	-34	.	.	.	.	-24
Week 3: Mar 19-25	200	-89	26	-241	-5	0	.	.	.	.	-109
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	800	241	176	67	1	-60	.	.	.	.	1,225
Week 2: Mar 12-18	800	373	156	6	1	-158	.	.	.	.	1,178
Week 3: Mar 19-25	800	497	150	6	1	-371	.	.	.	.	1,083
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	25	21	0	-46	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 12-18	30	-6	0	-70	.	.	.	.	.	.	-46
Week 3: Mar 19-25	30	-36	0	-93	.	.	.	.	.	.	-99
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	8	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Mar 12-18	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Mar 19-25	2	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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

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



<b>Cincinnati</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	59	41	16	12	10	-1	.	.	.	.	137
Week 2: Mar 12-18	66	57	28	11	10	0	.	.	.	.	172
Week 3: Mar 19-25	60	73	49	10	10	0	.	.	.	.	202
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	30	16	14	12	9	2	.	.	.	.	83
Week 2: Mar 12-18	30	22	12	26	-7	-1	.	.	.	.	82
Week 3: Mar 19-25	30	24	16	36	-25	-1	.	.	.	.	80
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	75	40	18	18	13	-2	.	.	.	.	162
Week 2: Mar 12-18	75	52	18	10	18	5	.	.	.	.	178
Week 3: Mar 19-25	75	66	19	11	20	5	.	.	.	.	196
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Mar 12-18	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Mar 19-25	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 12-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 19-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



<b>Columbus</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	50	29	29	10	6	-3	.	.	.	.	121
Week 2: Mar 12-18	76	25	52	8	6	-2	.	.	.	.	165
Week 3: Mar 19-25	106	28	76	12	6	-2	.	.	.	.	226
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	73	50	23	10	1	0	.	.	.	.	157
Week 2: Mar 12-18	78	50	37	11	-1	-5	.	.	.	.	170
Week 3: Mar 19-25	94	50	47	14	-1	2	.	.	.	.	206
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	111	93	30	22	15	-5	.	.	.	.	266
Week 2: Mar 12-18	123	143	30	-2	15	-2	.	.	.	.	307
Week 3: Mar 19-25	141	184	30	7	10	-2	.	.	.	.	370
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Mar 12-18	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Mar 19-25	18	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Mar 12-18	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Mar 19-25	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

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

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



<b>Dallas</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	196	89	81	78	70	6	.	.	.	.	520
Week 2: Mar 12-18	316	96	118	86	70	6	.	.	.	.	692
Week 3: Mar 19-25	438	96	154	68	70	7	.	.	.	.	833
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	127	125	123	110	50	9	.	.	.	.	544
Week 2: Mar 12-18	175	203	178	137	50	7	.	.	.	.	750
Week 3: Mar 19-25	188	283	217	137	50	8	.	.	.	.	883
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	293	233	227	180	167	9	.	.	.	.	1,109
Week 2: Mar 12-18	367	263	292	180	302	8	.	.	.	.	1,412
Week 3: Mar 19-25	393	263	321	180	451	4	.	.	.	.	1,612
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	25	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 2: Mar 12-18	34	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 3: Mar 19-25	36	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Mar 12-18	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Mar 19-25	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	85	35	2	2	1	-7	.	.	.	.	118
Week 2: Mar 12-18	106	29	2	4	-1	-6	.	.	.	.	134
Week 3: Mar 19-25	128	31	2	8	-1	-5	.	.	.	.	163
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	44	13	10	7	1	-8	.	.	.	.	67
Week 2: Mar 12-18	67	10	15	9	1	-1	.	.	.	.	101
Week 3: Mar 19-25	89	7	26	8	1	-1	.	.	.	.	130
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	116	33	15	12	7	6	.	.	.	.	189
Week 2: Mar 12-18	165	29	15	26	7	3	.	.	.	.	245
Week 3: Mar 19-25	216	29	15	46	7	0	.	.	.	.	313
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 12-18	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 19-25	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 12-18	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 19-25	0	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

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



<b>Houston</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	500	17	10	-2	-36	-245	.	.	.	.	244
Week 2: Mar 12-18	500	-6	5	18	-124	-303	.	.	.	.	90
Week 3: Mar 19-25	500	-41	4	18	-217	-392	.	.	.	.	-128
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	400	40	35	4	2	-269	.	.	.	.	212
Week 2: Mar 12-18	400	47	-1	28	2	-349	.	.	.	.	127
Week 3: Mar 19-25	400	42	-16	28	3	-448	.	.	.	.	9
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	600	191	47	37	32	5	.	.	.	.	912
Week 2: Mar 12-18	600	225	-43	50	13	5	.	.	.	.	850
Week 3: Mar 19-25	600	263	-90	50	-19	2	.	.	.	.	806
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	160	22	15	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	199
Week 2: Mar 12-18	175	21	37	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	235
Week 3: Mar 19-25	170	20	49	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	241
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	0	-1	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9
Week 2: Mar 12-18	0	1	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5
Week 3: Mar 19-25	0	3	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	60	29	9	1	-3	-9	.	.	.	.	87
Week 2: Mar 12-18	60	-11	5	1	-2	9	.	.	.	.	62
Week 3: Mar 19-25	60	-35	8	1	-2	25	.	.	.	.	57
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	52	4	2	-1	-11	-240	.	.	.	.	-194
Week 2: Mar 12-18	26	5	2	-29	-11	-240	.	.	.	.	-247
Week 3: Mar 19-25	12	7	5	-29	-12	-240	.	.	.	.	-257
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	220	66	-2	-14	-22	-62	.	.	.	.	186
Week 2: Mar 12-18	220	73	-50	-15	-50	-71	.	.	.	.	107
Week 3: Mar 19-25	220	72	-50	-15	-89	-85	.	.	.	.	53
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	38	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 2: Mar 12-18	34	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
Week 3: Mar 19-25	28	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Mar 12-18	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Mar 19-25	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

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

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



Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	824	800	691	642	44	1	.	.	.	.	3,002
Week 2: Mar 12-18	778	800	630	834	40	112	.	.	.	.	3,194
Week 3: Mar 19-25	778	800	759	1,021	40	117	.	.	.	.	3,515
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	1,337	1,150	936	576	435	55	.	.	.	.	4,489
Week 2: Mar 12-18	1,107	1,150	889	854	564	52	.	.	.	.	4,616
Week 3: Mar 19-25	1,435	1,150	889	1,126	699	45	.	.	.	.	5,344
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	5,550	2,130	1,890	206	52	-542	.	.	.	.	9,286
Week 2: Mar 12-18	5,550	1,645	1,918	-111	52	-686	.	.	.	.	8,368
Week 3: Mar 19-25	5,550	2,202	1,918	-630	50	-815	.	.	.	.	8,275
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	536	189	178	75	50	36	.	.	.	.	1,064
Week 2: Mar 12-18	444	222	228	75	50	-5	.	.	.	.	1,014
Week 3: Mar 19-25	450	256	219	75	50	71	.	.	.	.	1,121
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	33	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
Week 2: Mar 12-18	42	10	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	60
Week 3: Mar 19-25	52	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67

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

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



<b>Memphis</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	145	88	31	14	4	-95	.	.	.	.	187
Week 2: Mar 12-18	145	93	18	16	1	-127	.	.	.	.	146
Week 3: Mar 19-25	145	86	25	16	2	-162	.	.	.	.	112
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	260	238	176	9	1	-37	.	.	.	.	647
Week 2: Mar 12-18	260	74	211	8	1	-34	.	.	.	.	520
Week 3: Mar 19-25	260	-5	213	8	2	-26	.	.	.	.	452
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	1,100	446	220	121	36	4	.	.	.	.	1,927
Week 2: Mar 12-18	1,100	277	255	189	30	6	.	.	.	.	1,857
Week 3: Mar 19-25	1,100	273	320	261	30	5	.	.	.	.	1,989
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Mar 12-18	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Mar 19-25	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Mar 12-18	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Mar 19-25	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



<b>Minneapolis</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	90	85	42	-1	-6	-256	.	.	.	.	-46
Week 2: Mar 12-18	90	95	11	-3	-7	-368	.	.	.	.	-182
Week 3: Mar 19-25	90	96	-28	-3	-7	-471	.	.	.	.	-323
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	190	45	3	-8	-18	-370	.	.	.	.	-158
Week 2: Mar 12-18	190	11	4	-8	-41	-398	.	.	.	.	-242
Week 3: Mar 19-25	190	-62	4	-8	-69	-504	.	.	.	.	-449
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	40	10	1	-8	-11	-170	.	.	.	.	-138
Week 2: Mar 12-18	12	6	1	-8	-18	-227	.	.	.	.	-234
Week 3: Mar 19-25	-38	6	1	-9	-31	-287	.	.	.	.	-358
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	0	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-15
Week 2: Mar 12-18	0	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-20
Week 3: Mar 19-25	0	-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-25
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Mar 12-18	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 19-25	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	369	11	0	0	-1	-7	.	.	.	.	372
Week 2: Mar 12-18	278	7	1	0	0	-33	.	.	.	.	253
Week 3: Mar 19-25	183	8	1	0	0	-44	.	.	.	.	148
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	297	15	15	11	1	0	.	.	.	.	339
Week 2: Mar 12-18	256	15	15	10	1	0	.	.	.	.	297
Week 3: Mar 19-25	217	13	9	10	1	0	.	.	.	.	250
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	37	17	10	1	0	-110	.	.	.	.	-45
Week 2: Mar 12-18	44	11	12	1	0	-282	.	.	.	.	-214
Week 3: Mar 19-25	44	0	9	1	0	-458	.	.	.	.	-404
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	29	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Mar 12-18	26	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Mar 19-25	25	0	-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	6	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Mar 12-18	6	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Mar 19-25	6	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-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: Mar 5-11	832	600	451	376	151	18	.	.	.	.	2,428
Week 2: Mar 12-18	1,151	600	535	598	120	25	.	.	.	.	3,029
Week 3: Mar 19-25	1,485	600	649	692	120	20	.	.	.	.	3,566
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	829	773	428	330	124	20	.	.	.	.	2,504
Week 2: Mar 12-18	1,057	816	667	330	77	23	.	.	.	.	2,970
Week 3: Mar 19-25	1,296	1,046	563	330	77	20	.	.	.	.	3,332
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	1,571	1,330	689	685	85	20	.	.	.	.	4,380
Week 2: Mar 12-18	1,647	1,330	1,027	1,000	74	33	.	.	.	.	5,111
Week 3: Mar 19-25	1,962	1,330	1,105	1,311	74	30	.	.	.	.	5,812
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	248	177	140	101	60	10	.	.	.	.	736
Week 2: Mar 12-18	337	210	168	27	65	10	.	.	.	.	817
Week 3: Mar 19-25	350	263	197	9	50	10	.	.	.	.	879
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	9	5	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Mar 12-18	10	5	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Mar 19-25	11	5	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10

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



<b>Norfolk</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	165	146	84	60	35	9	.	.	.	.	499
Week 2: Mar 12-18	204	194	113	60	40	4	.	.	.	.	615
Week 3: Mar 19-25	216	239	97	60	10	4	.	.	.	.	626
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	142	118	100	6	-37	-66	.	.	.	.	263
Week 2: Mar 12-18	156	127	100	7	-9	-70	.	.	.	.	311
Week 3: Mar 19-25	168	104	100	10	-9	-81	.	.	.	.	292
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	432	254	220	170	8	-121	.	.	.	.	963
Week 2: Mar 12-18	351	245	288	170	6	-137	.	.	.	.	923
Week 3: Mar 19-25	416	232	352	170	5	-137	.	.	.	.	1,038
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	129	31	10	7	0	-26	.	.	.	.	151
Week 2: Mar 12-18	116	21	10	-44	0	-23	.	.	.	.	80
Week 3: Mar 19-25	77	29	10	-99	0	-35	.	.	.	.	-18
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	15	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Mar 12-18	16	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Mar 19-25	17	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



<b>Oakland</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	344	190	187	20	5	-9	.	.	.	.	737
Week 2: Mar 12-18	251	190	134	-15	2	25	.	.	.	.	587
Week 3: Mar 19-25	133	190	134	-13	7	35	.	.	.	.	486
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	610	100	25	2	-20	-135	.	.	.	.	582
Week 2: Mar 12-18	625	100	9	3	-73	-165	.	.	.	.	499
Week 3: Mar 19-25	621	100	9	6	-148	-191	.	.	.	.	397
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	906	600	177	165	9	-96	.	.	.	.	1,761
Week 2: Mar 12-18	457	600	161	190	7	-135	.	.	.	.	1,280
Week 3: Mar 19-25	-88	600	131	143	3	-135	.	.	.	.	654
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	469	31	30	30	-9	-68	.	.	.	.	483
Week 2: Mar 12-18	359	20	30	30	-22	-74	.	.	.	.	343
Week 3: Mar 19-25	241	9	30	35	19	-72	.	.	.	.	262
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	18	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
Week 2: Mar 12-18	23	10	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 3: Mar 19-25	28	10	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	145	137	110	58	3	-92	.	.	.	.	361
Week 2: Mar 12-18	143	200	110	74	3	-45	.	.	.	.	485
Week 3: Mar 19-25	173	282	110	74	3	5	.	.	.	.	647
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	321	236	130	122	4	-79	.	.	.	.	734
Week 2: Mar 12-18	355	270	130	-135	2	-98	.	.	.	.	524
Week 3: Mar 19-25	364	269	130	-269	3	-98	.	.	.	.	399
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	548	200	77	0	-30	-307	.	.	.	.	488
Week 2: Mar 12-18	575	200	127	0	5	-389	.	.	.	.	518
Week 3: Mar 19-25	627	200	87	0	5	-451	.	.	.	.	468
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	72	54	30	10	-4	-38	.	.	.	.	124
Week 2: Mar 12-18	69	30	35	10	3	-23	.	.	.	.	124
Week 3: Mar 19-25	51	34	20	10	10	-59	.	.	.	.	66
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Mar 5-11	9	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Mar 12-18	8	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Mar 19-25	7	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11

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

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



<b>Seattle</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	161	60	46	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	272
Week 2: Mar 12-18	228	60	62	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	358
Week 3: Mar 19-25	201	60	52	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	322
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	48	30	24	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	104
Week 2: Mar 12-18	23	30	18	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	76
Week 3: Mar 19-25	-1	30	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	43
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	49	30	6	-267	.	.	.	.	.	.	-182
Week 2: Mar 12-18	6	30	4	-354	.	.	.	.	.	.	-314
Week 3: Mar 19-25	-46	30	9	-436	.	.	.	.	.	.	-443
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	225	59	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	304
Week 2: Mar 12-18	263	58	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	341
Week 3: Mar 19-25	265	53	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	338
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Mar 12-18	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Mar 19-25	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



<b>Tacoma</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	287	125	63	30	8	.	.	.	.	.	513
Week 2: Mar 12-18	188	69	83	30	8	.	.	.	.	.	378
Week 3: Mar 19-25	168	69	111	30	8	.	.	.	.	.	386
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	737	20	7	-67	-96	.	.	.	.	.	601
Week 2: Mar 12-18	564	20	8	-113	-135	.	.	.	.	.	344
Week 3: Mar 19-25	590	20	8	-113	-142	.	.	.	.	.	363
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	525	241	120	8	-225	.	.	.	.	.	669
Week 2: Mar 12-18	0	119	120	9	-348	.	.	.	.	.	-100
Week 3: Mar 19-25	153	68	120	10	-348	.	.	.	.	.	3
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	245	5	0	-174	-234	.	.	.	.	.	-158
Week 2: Mar 12-18	202	5	0	-269	-97	.	.	.	.	.	-159
Week 3: Mar 19-25	223	5	0	-247	-227	.	.	.	.	.	-246
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: Mar 5-11	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Mar 12-18	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Mar 19-25	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

<b>Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput</b>		
<b>June 2012-November 2012</b>		
<b>Container Types</b>	<b>Average Total Weekly Throughput*</b>	<b>Range of Individual Carrier Responses</b>
<b>20ft</b>	383	1...300
<b>40ft</b>	671	15...500
<b>40ft High Cubes</b>	797	76...600
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>	493	0...203
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>	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 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

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



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