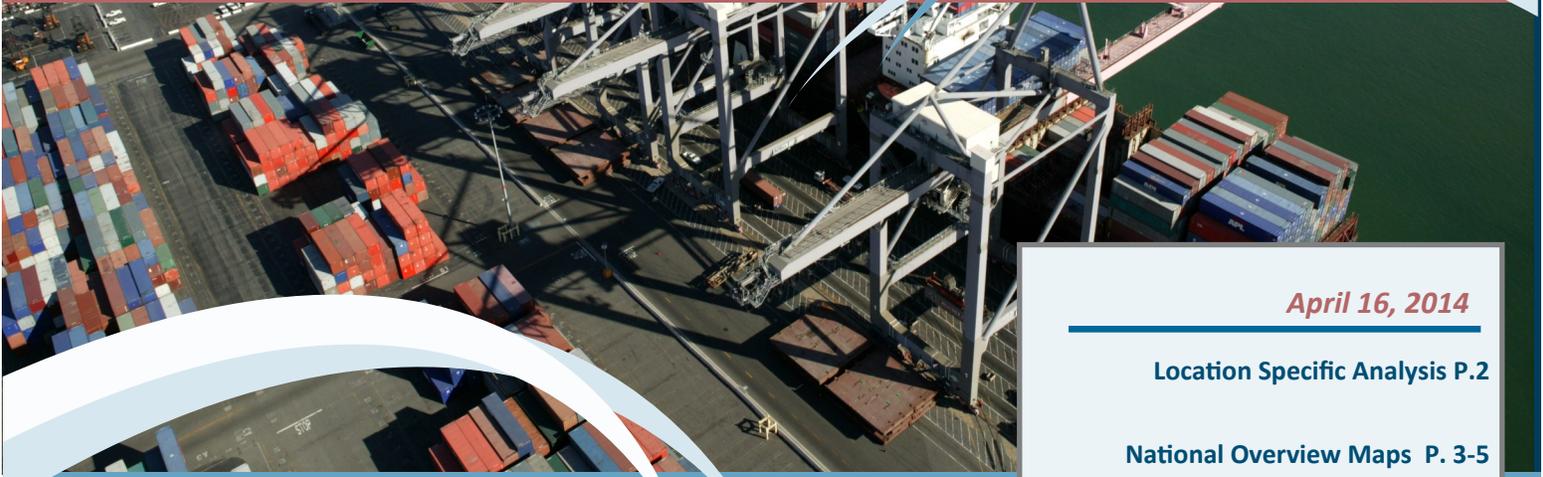




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for 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: An error was found in the Oakland data for one carrier for 40ft high-cube containers; no other locations, container types or carrier responses were impacted. The Oakland data was updated in this report on June 10, 2014.

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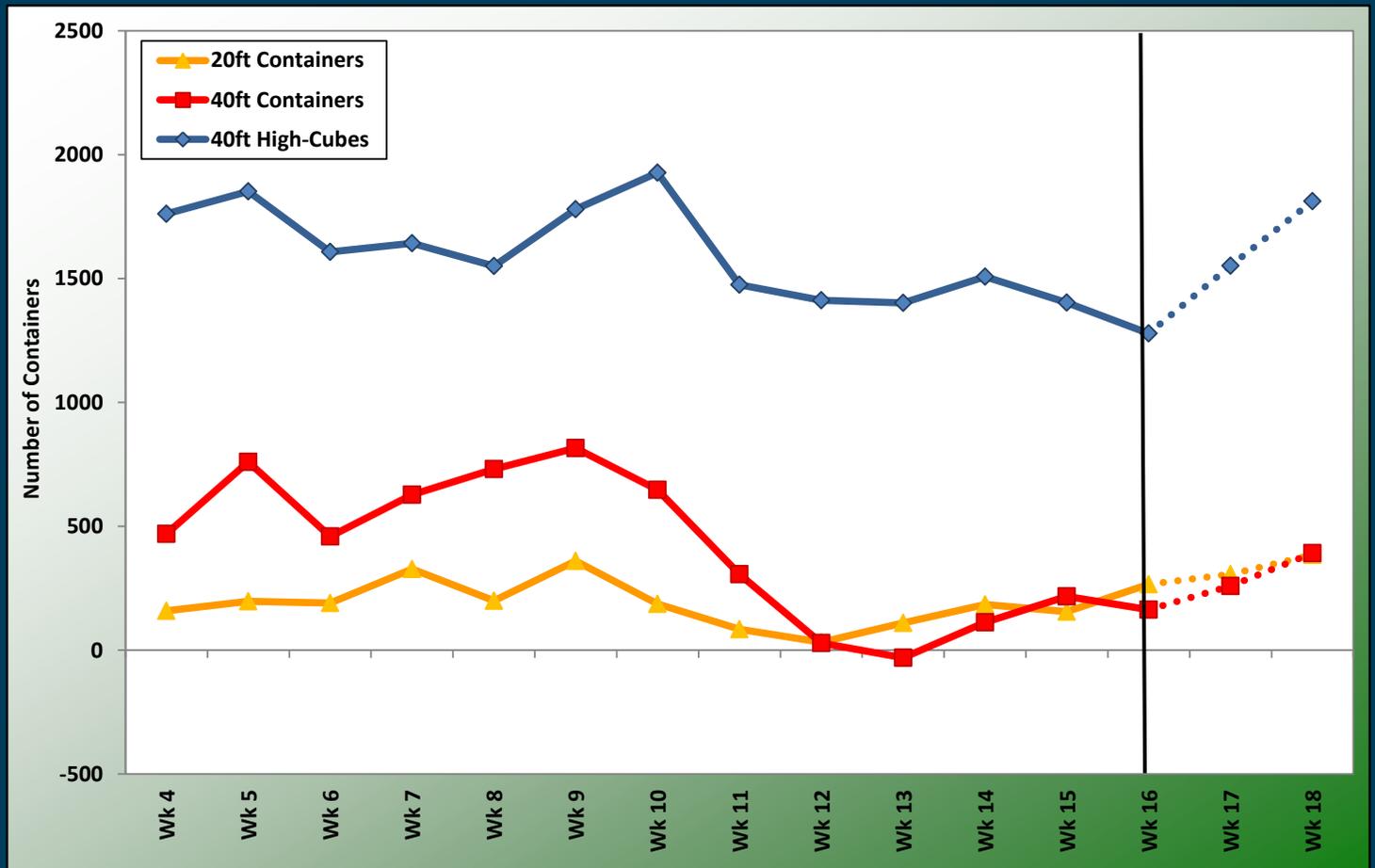
Historical Analysis of Memphis

The Memphis area is second only to the Chicago area for moving intermodal containers through the nation’s heartland. All major U.S. railroads, along with Canadian National, have terminals in the Memphis region. In early 2013, BNSF opened an expanded terminal that allowed the company to support the growing economic region.

Between April and June of 2013, Memphis moved nearly 92,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Cotton was the overwhelming top commodity, accounting for 69 percent of the containerized agricultural products moved through the region. Grain products (including soybeans) accounted for 9 percent, followed by grocery items at 7 percent. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move approximately 77 percent of these exports. During the same period, agricultural exporters used the shipping line CMA-CGM to move 15 percent of exports, followed by OOCL at 11 percent and Hapag Lloyd and Maersk Line at 10 percent each.¹

Over the past 3 months, availability estimates for 40ft high-cube containers through Memphis have been higher than those of 40ft and 20ft dry containers. However, the three container types seem to follow the same general trend. Availability estimates have averaged around 1,585 40ft high-cube containers over the past 3 months; 40ft containers averaged 408 and 20ft containers averaged 189. Estimates for 40ft dry containers fell slightly below 0 during the last week in March—the only time estimates for dry containers in Memphis have fallen below 0 in more than a year.² The participating carriers are expecting increases for each dry container type over the next 2 weeks.

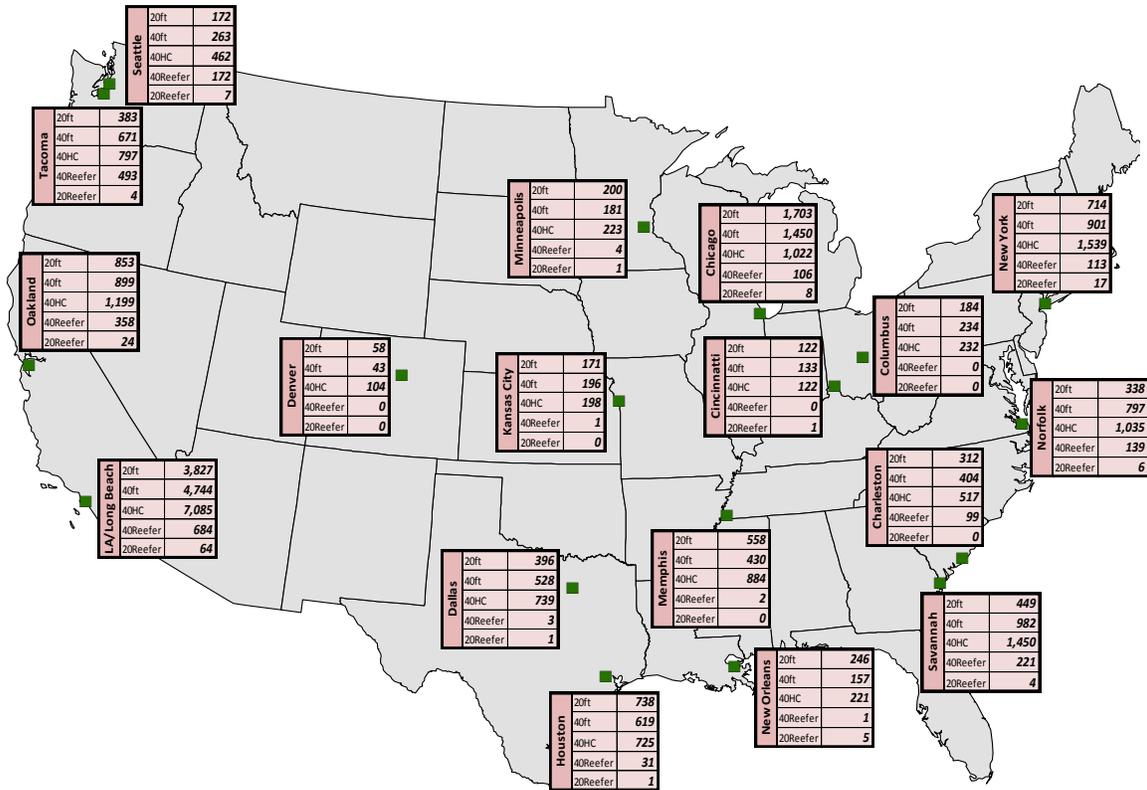
Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Memphis, 4th week of January (Wk 4) through 3rd week of April (Wk 16), 2014 with Projections



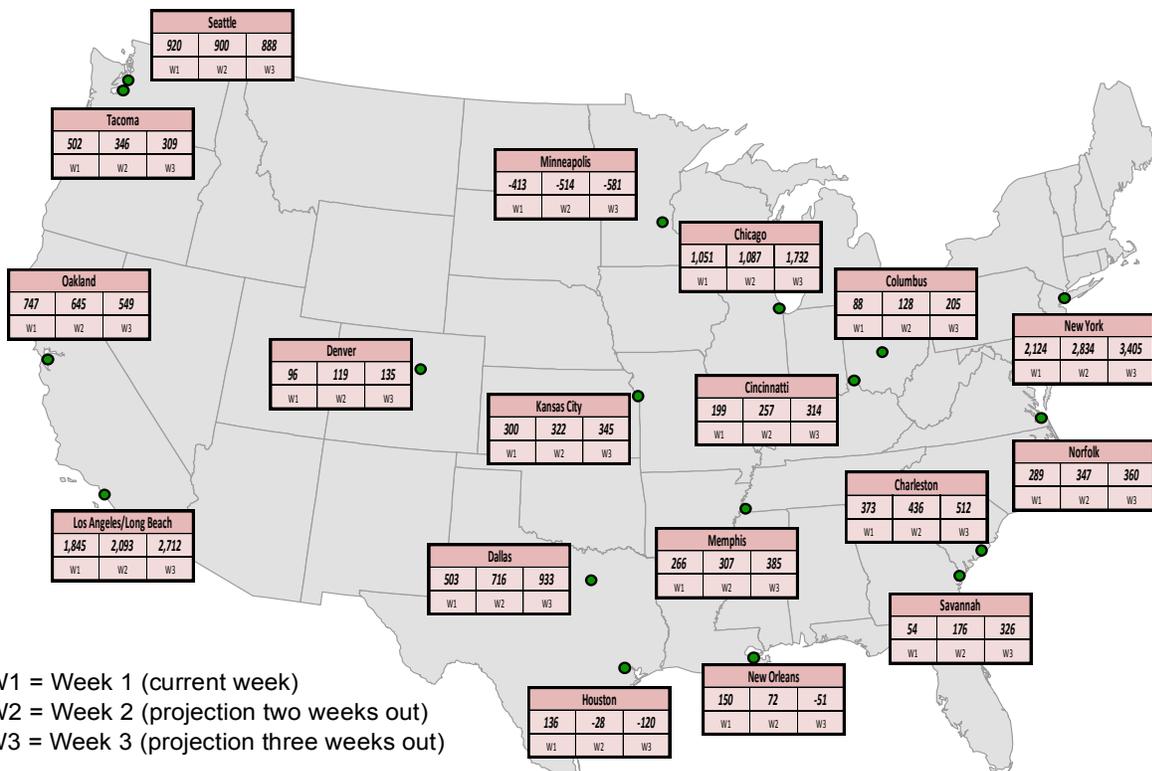
- 1 Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .
- 2 Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate demand for containers is greater than supply.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



Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



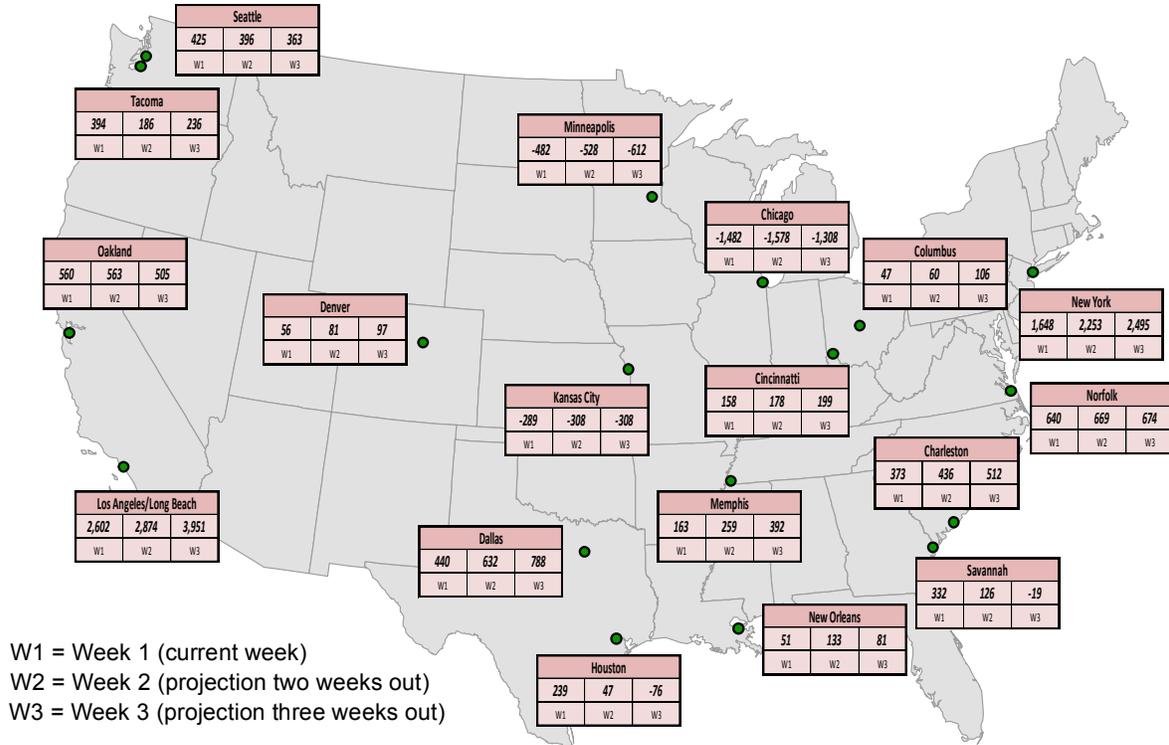
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



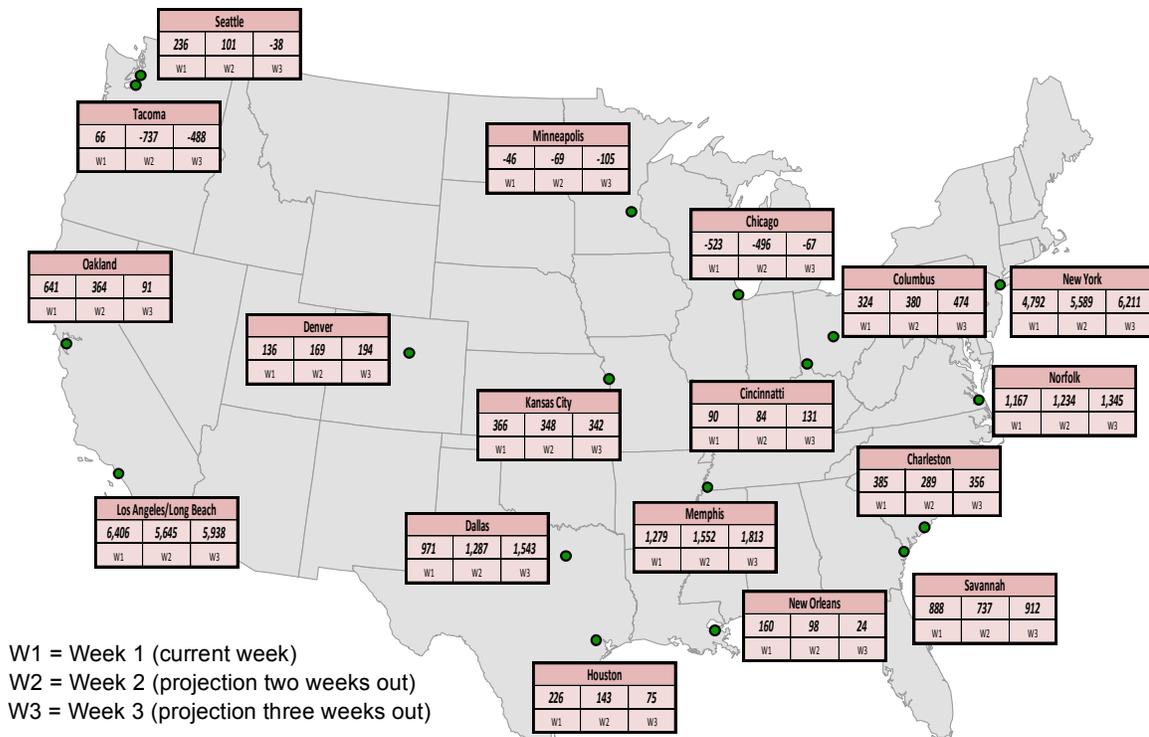
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

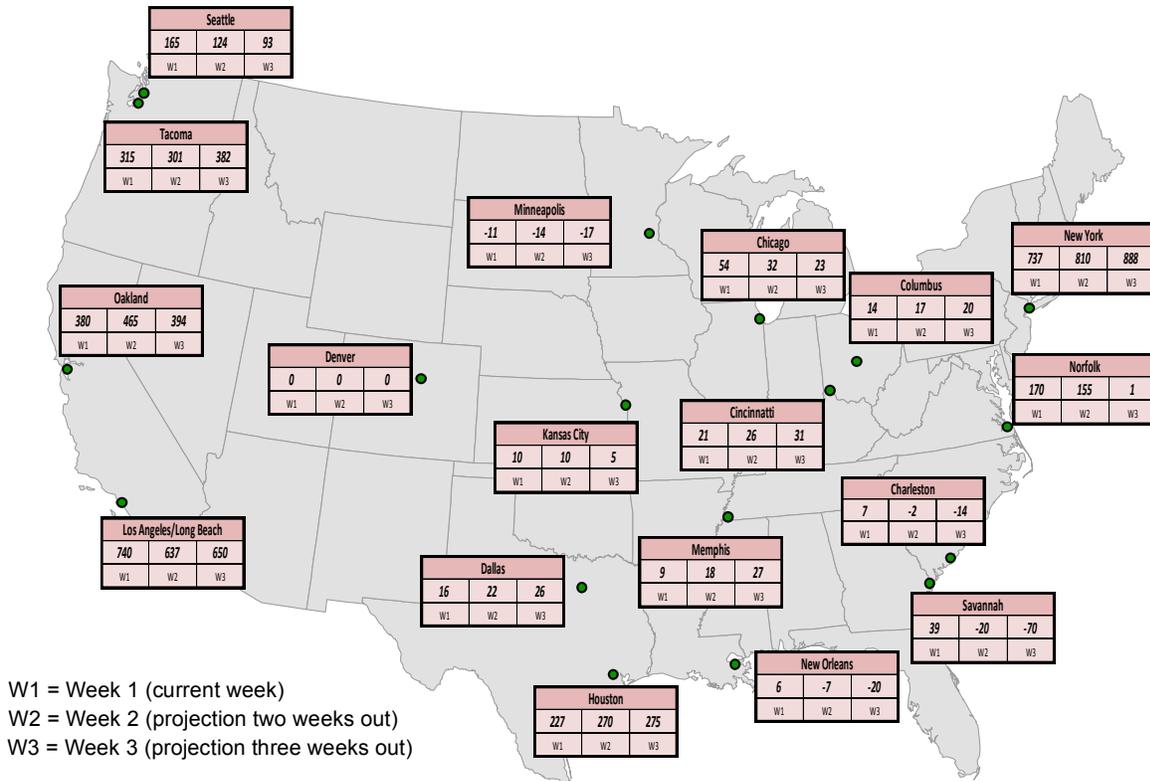


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

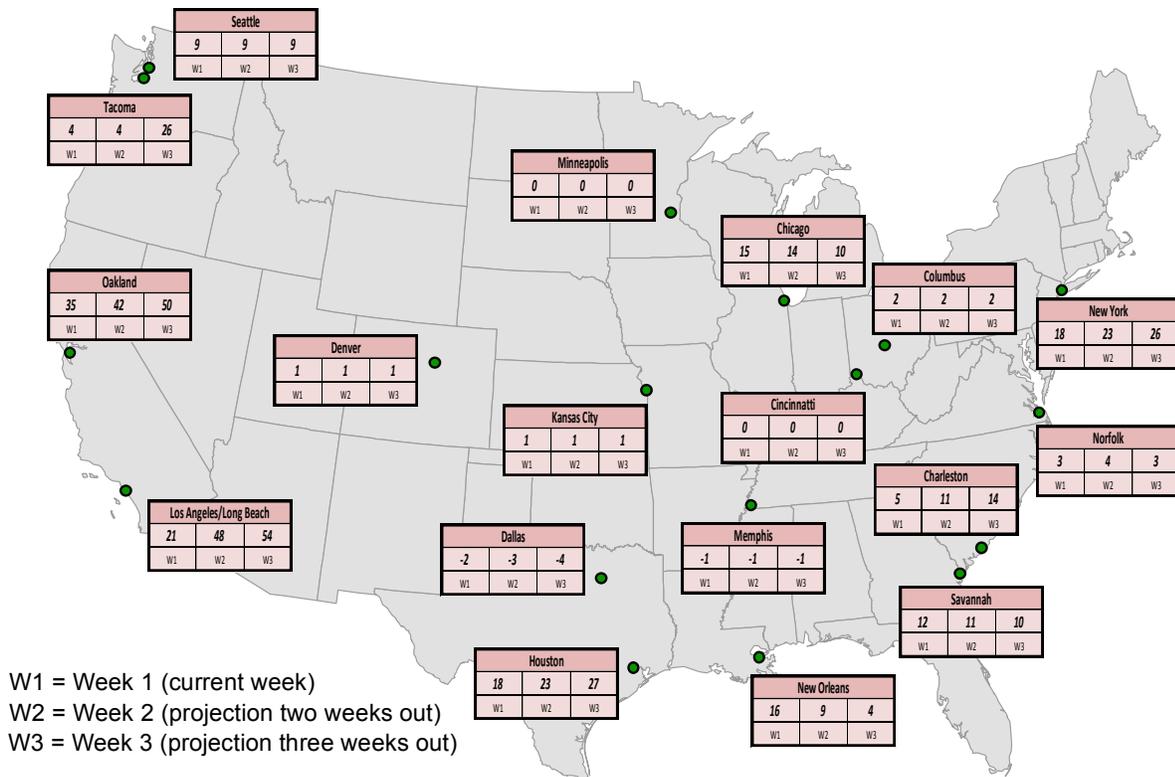




Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	145	104	43	40	37	4	.	.	.	.	373
Week 2: Apr 23-29	83	124	91	40	93	5	.	.	.	.	436
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	78	132	112	40	145	5	.	.	.	.	512
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	148	115	59	36	10	4	.	.	.	.	372
Week 2: Apr 23-29	70	137	53	44	10	6	.	.	.	.	320
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	65	156	50	19	10	4	.	.	.	.	304
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	136	87	70	59	30	3	.	.	.	.	385
Week 2: Apr 23-29	-32	175	57	55	30	4	.	.	.	.	289
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	-40	265	43	54	30	4	.	.	.	.	356
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	56	21	5	4	-20	-59	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Apr 23-29	48	25	5	4	-20	-64	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	34	29	5	4	-20	-66	.	.	.	.	-14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	5	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Apr 23-29	10	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	12	0	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Apr 16-22	1,019	171	162	4	-5	-300	.	.	.	.	1,051
Week 2: Apr 23-29	1,282	129	-21	2	-5	-300	.	.	.	.	1,087
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	1,565	473	-6	3	-3	-300	.	.	.	.	1,732
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	69	5	-5	-34	-117	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,482
Week 2: Apr 23-29	119	-3	-4	-112	-178	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,578
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	186	-5	-5	130	-214	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,308
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	574	324	1	-8	-14	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-523
Week 2: Apr 23-29	643	224	1	-16	52	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-496
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	749	516	1	-14	81	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-67
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	62	25	0	-33	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
Week 2: Apr 23-29	51	30	0	-49	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	59	30	0	-66	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	14	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Apr 23-29	13	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	12	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Apr 16-22	85	68	38	12	1	-5	199
Week 2: Apr 23-29	105	84	61	11	1	-5	.	.	.	.	257
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	121	111	77	10	0	-5	.	.	.	.	314
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	92	53	34	14	-5	-30	.	.	.	.	158
Week 2: Apr 23-29	107	67	25	12	-3	-30	.	.	.	.	178
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	117	81	20	16	-5	-30	.	.	.	.	199
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	32	25	18	18	0	-3	.	.	.	.	90
Week 2: Apr 23-29	47	25	15	10	-4	-9	.	.	.	.	84
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	61	25	48	11	-2	-12	.	.	.	.	131
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	21	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Apr 23-29	26	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	31	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 23-29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Apr 16-22	60	20	10	3	-1	-4	88
Week 2: Apr 23-29	88	43	8	3	1	-15	.	.	.	.	128
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	108	63	12	3	0	19	.	.	.	.	205
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	42	36	10	1	-2	-40	.	.	.	.	47
Week 2: Apr 23-29	72	4	11	2	11	-40	.	.	.	.	60
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	100	17	14	-1	16	-40	.	.	.	.	106
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	121	100	86	15	4	-2	.	.	.	.	324
Week 2: Apr 23-29	145	100	137	15	-17	0	.	.	.	.	380
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	166	100	174	10	23	1	.	.	.	.	474
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Apr 23-29	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Apr 23-29	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	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	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: Apr 16-22	203	125	72	57	40	6	503
Week 2: Apr 23-29	327	181	44	118	40	6	.	.	.	.	716
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	452	196	37	201	40	7	.	.	.	.	933
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	127	124	93	50	37	9	.	.	.	.	440
Week 2: Apr 23-29	82	201	179	50	113	7	.	.	.	.	632
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	78	205	267	50	180	8	.	.	.	.	788
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	265	232	210	150	105	9	.	.	.	.	971
Week 2: Apr 23-29	475	342	105	150	207	8	.	.	.	.	1,287
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	506	466	102	150	315	4	.	.	.	.	1,543
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	27	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Apr 23-29	35	0	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	41	0	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Apr 23-29	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	-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: Apr 16-22	84	9	9	1	1	-8	96
Week 2: Apr 23-29	100	14	11	1	0	-7	.	.	.	.	119
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	117	13	12	1	-1	-7	.	.	.	.	135
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	34	9	6	5	4	-2	.	.	.	.	56
Week 2: Apr 23-29	48	16	8	5	2	2	.	.	.	.	81
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	65	16	8	5	-1	4	.	.	.	.	97
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	93	24	8	7	3	1	.	.	.	.	136
Week 2: Apr 23-29	125	25	7	6	5	1	.	.	.	.	169
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	154	28	5	5	1	1	.	.	.	.	194
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 23-29	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Apr 23-29	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	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: Apr 16-22	150	56	42	10	-47	-75	136
Week 2: Apr 23-29	150	11	7	5	-99	-102	.	.	.	.	-28
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	150	9	-10	4	-197	-76	.	.	.	.	-120
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	200	157	94	2	-17	-197	.	.	.	.	239
Week 2: Apr 23-29	200	168	111	2	-25	-409	.	.	.	.	47
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	200	188	112	3	-30	-549	.	.	.	.	-76
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	140	93	70	6	5	-88	.	.	.	.	226
Week 2: Apr 23-29	157	141	70	-15	5	-215	.	.	.	.	143
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	243	138	70	-20	2	-358	.	.	.	.	75
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	160	46	19	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	227
Week 2: Apr 23-29	175	62	31	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	270
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	170	57	46	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	275
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	27	0	-9	18
Week 2: Apr 23-29	31	0	-8	23
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	35	0	-8	27

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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: Apr 16-22	150	92	51	4	2	1	300
Week 2: Apr 23-29	150	111	52	6	2	1	.	.	.	.	322
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	150	130	56	7	1	1	.	.	.	.	345
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	24	6	1	-9	-11	-300	.	.	.	.	-289
Week 2: Apr 23-29	44	-28	-1	-12	-11	-300	.	.	.	.	-308
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	43	-30	1	-10	-12	-300	.	.	.	.	-308
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	250	63	50	13	4	-14	.	.	.	.	366
Week 2: Apr 23-29	250	54	70	19	-30	-15	.	.	.	.	348
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	250	51	63	28	-35	-15	.	.	.	.	342
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Apr 23-29	12	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	14	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Apr 23-29	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	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	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: Apr 16-22	646	542	452	300	44	-139	.	.	.	.	1,845
Week 2: Apr 23-29	686	713	337	300	40	17	.	.	.	.	2,093
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	697	849	641	300	40	185	.	.	.	.	2,712
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	894	750	663	404	55	-164	.	.	.	.	2,602
Week 2: Apr 23-29	806	750	705	707	52	-146	.	.	.	.	2,874
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	1,477	750	700	1,095	45	-116	.	.	.	.	3,951
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	3,400	2,137	969	275	52	-427	.	.	.	.	6,406
Week 2: Apr 23-29	3,400	1,308	1,268	201	52	-584	.	.	.	.	5,645
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	3,400	2,711	155	381	50	-759	.	.	.	.	5,938
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	345	152	114	75	64	-10	.	.	.	.	740
Week 2: Apr 23-29	201	123	145	75	103	-10	.	.	.	.	637
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	308	-8	176	75	99	0	.	.	.	.	650
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	15	10	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Apr 23-29	38	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	52	10	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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: Apr 16-22	113	87	80	7	4	-25	266
Week 2: Apr 23-29	137	100	80	-1	2	-11	.	.	.	.	307
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	198	101	80	-5	3	8	.	.	.	.	385
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	173	20	4	2	1	-37	.	.	.	.	163
Week 2: Apr 23-29	158	20	4	-1	104	-26	.	.	.	.	259
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	166	20	2	-3	221	-14	.	.	.	.	392
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	900	225	134	23	3	-6	.	.	.	.	1,279
Week 2: Apr 23-29	900	404	148	78	6	16	.	.	.	.	1,552
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	900	602	167	128	4	12	.	.	.	.	1,813
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	8	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Apr 23-29	15	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	22	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Apr 23-29	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	-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: Apr 16-22	106	43	-4	-6	-100	-452	-413
Week 2: Apr 23-29	111	42	4	-7	-100	-564	.	.	.	.	-514
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	131	63	2	-7	-100	-670	.	.	.	.	-581
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	38	2	1	-8	-200	-315	.	.	.	.	-482
Week 2: Apr 23-29	62	7	4	-8	-200	-393	.	.	.	.	-528
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	73	-5	2	-8	-200	-474	.	.	.	.	-612
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	150	55	0	-8	-31	-212	.	.	.	.	-46
Week 2: Apr 23-29	150	106	-1	-8	-41	-275	.	.	.	.	-69
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	150	116	0	-9	-34	-328	.	.	.	.	-105
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-11
Week 2: Apr 23-29	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-14
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	0	-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-17
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 23-29	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	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

*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: Apr 16-22	173	10	4	0	0	-37	.	.	.	.	150
Week 2: Apr 23-29	92	10	15	0	0	-45	.	.	.	.	72
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	-8	10	13	0	-1	-65	.	.	.	.	-51
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	42	11	10	0	0	-12	.	.	.	.	51
Week 2: Apr 23-29	136	8	2	0	0	-13	.	.	.	.	133
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	90	9	2	0	0	-20	.	.	.	.	81
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	117	22	11	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	160
Week 2: Apr 23-29	49	22	15	11	0	1	.	.	.	.	98
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	-22	14	22	11	0	-1	.	.	.	.	24
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	4	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Apr 23-29	-3	-4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-7
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	-10	-10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	10	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Apr 23-29	10	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	10	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Apr 16-22	1,015	500	288	162	141	18	.	.	.	.	2,124
Week 2: Apr 23-29	1,452	500	418	172	267	25	.	.	.	.	2,834
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	1,892	500	455	165	373	20	.	.	.	.	3,405
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	447	400	327	322	132	20	.	.	.	.	1,648
Week 2: Apr 23-29	617	400	631	477	105	23	.	.	.	.	2,253
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	552	400	899	525	99	20	.	.	.	.	2,495
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	2,300	975	925	536	36	20	.	.	.	.	4,792
Week 2: Apr 23-29	2,300	1,422	1,080	670	84	33	.	.	.	.	5,589
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	2,300	1,855	1,063	885	78	30	.	.	.	.	6,211
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	305	199	156	87	10	-20	.	.	.	.	737
Week 2: Apr 23-29	324	246	219	31	10	-20	.	.	.	.	810
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	344	262	263	29	10	-20	.	.	.	.	888
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	15	5	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 2: Apr 23-29	17	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	19	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	159	80	44	35	-10	-19	289
Week 2: Apr 23-29	165	80	103	40	-14	-27	.	.	.	.	347
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	181	80	166	10	-45	-32	.	.	.	.	360
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	192	175	129	120	18	6	.	.	.	.	640
Week 2: Apr 23-29	197	175	167	144	-21	7	.	.	.	.	669
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	202	175	158	154	-25	10	.	.	.	.	674
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	450	359	247	201	8	-98	.	.	.	.	1,167
Week 2: Apr 23-29	450	397	196	283	6	-98	.	.	.	.	1,234
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	450	442	195	358	5	-105	.	.	.	.	1,345
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	92	83	19	10	-14	-20	.	.	.	.	170
Week 2: Apr 23-29	116	51	16	10	-18	-20	.	.	.	.	155
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	5	9	19	10	-22	-20	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	3	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Apr 23-29	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	1	1	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	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: Apr 16-22	250	187	176	78	51	5	747
Week 2: Apr 23-29	250	166	125	61	38	5	.	.	.	.	645
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	250	118	64	55	57	5	.	.	.	.	549
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	472	126	34	4	-36	-40	.	.	.	.	560
Week 2: Apr 23-29	492	95	24	3	-11	-40	.	.	.	.	563
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	408	48	22	5	62	-40	.	.	.	.	505
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	504	300	165	8	8	-344	.	.	.	.	641
Week 2: Apr 23-29	346	300	182	-10	7	-461	.	.	.	.	364
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	24	300	214	20	3	-470	.	.	.	.	91
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	364	43	37	30	-10	-84	.	.	.	.	380
Week 2: Apr 23-29	318	98	98	30	-10	-69	.	.	.	.	465
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	273	103	93	30	-15	-90	.	.	.	.	394
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	16	10	9	35
Week 2: Apr 23-29	24	10	8	42
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	33	10	7	50

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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: Apr 16-22	80	66	60	41	5	-198	54
Week 2: Apr 23-29	80	69	98	53	7	-131	.	.	.	.	176
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	80	106	152	51	6	-69	.	.	.	.	326
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	535	120	7	-33	-36	-261	.	.	.	.	332
Week 2: Apr 23-29	522	120	7	-87	-42	-394	.	.	.	.	126
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	526	120	5	-111	-36	-523	.	.	.	.	-19
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	758	300	45	2	0	-217	.	.	.	.	888
Week 2: Apr 23-29	784	300	-4	-89	0	-254	.	.	.	.	737
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	929	300	90	-91	0	-316	.	.	.	.	912
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	101	89	10	-4	-57	-100	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: Apr 23-29	75	50	10	-7	-48	-100	.	.	.	.	-20
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	56	33	10	-9	-60	-100	.	.	.	.	-70
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	7	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Apr 23-29	6	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	5	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Apr 16-22	789	90	36	5	920
Week 2: Apr 23-29	759	90	43	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	900
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	742	90	47	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	888
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	230	150	43	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	425
Week 2: Apr 23-29	192	150	49	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	396
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	154	150	50	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	363
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	240	6	-2	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	236
Week 2: Apr 23-29	240	4	-44	-99	.	.	.	.	.	.	101
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	240	9	-77	-210	.	.	.	.	.	.	-38
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	138	22	20	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	165
Week 2: Apr 23-29	92	22	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	124
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	62	19	20	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	93
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Apr 23-29	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9

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: Apr 16-22	189	176	124	8	5	502
Week 2: Apr 23-29	237	73	24	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	346
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	235	40	22	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	309
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	433	15	8	-26	-36	.	.	.	.	.	394
Week 2: Apr 23-29	247	15	8	-38	-46	.	.	.	.	.	186
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	316	15	12	-55	-52	.	.	.	.	.	236
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	262	153	80	8	-437	.	.	.	.	.	66
Week 2: Apr 23-29	-305	81	80	9	-602	.	.	.	.	.	-737
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	58	14	80	10	-650	.	.	.	.	.	-488
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	293	230	5	0	-213	.	.	.	.	.	315
Week 2: Apr 23-29	339	191	5	0	-234	.	.	.	.	.	301
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	375	234	5	0	-232	.	.	.	.	.	382
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 16-22	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Apr 23-29	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Apr 30-May 6	25	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26

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 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.
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 - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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