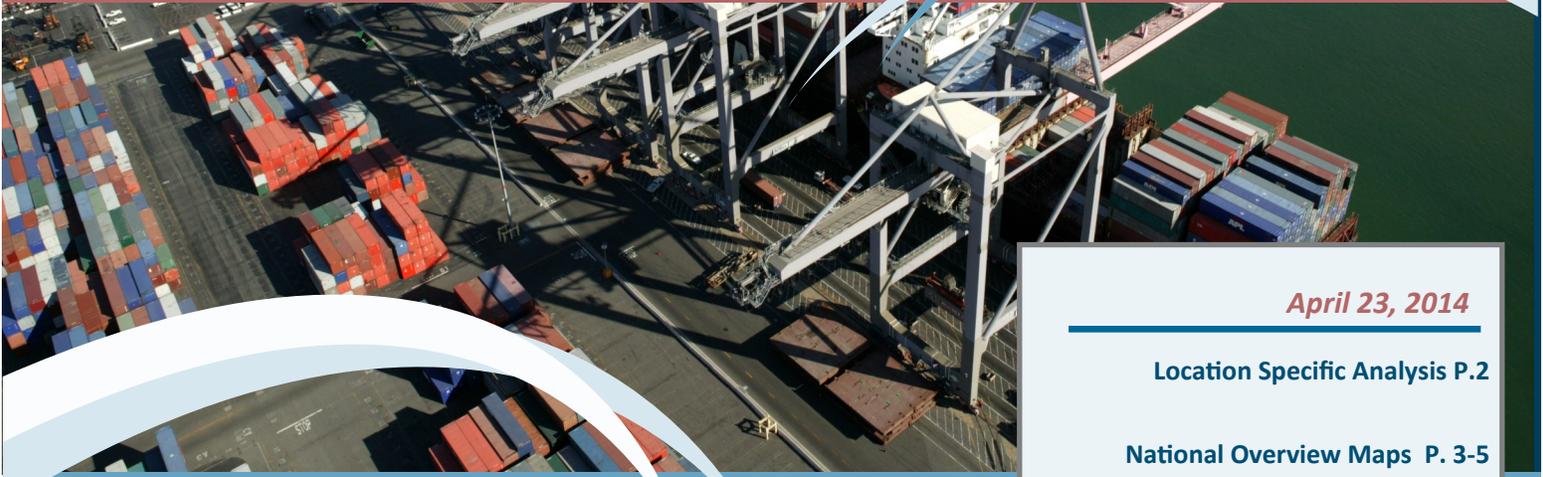




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for 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 6, 2014.

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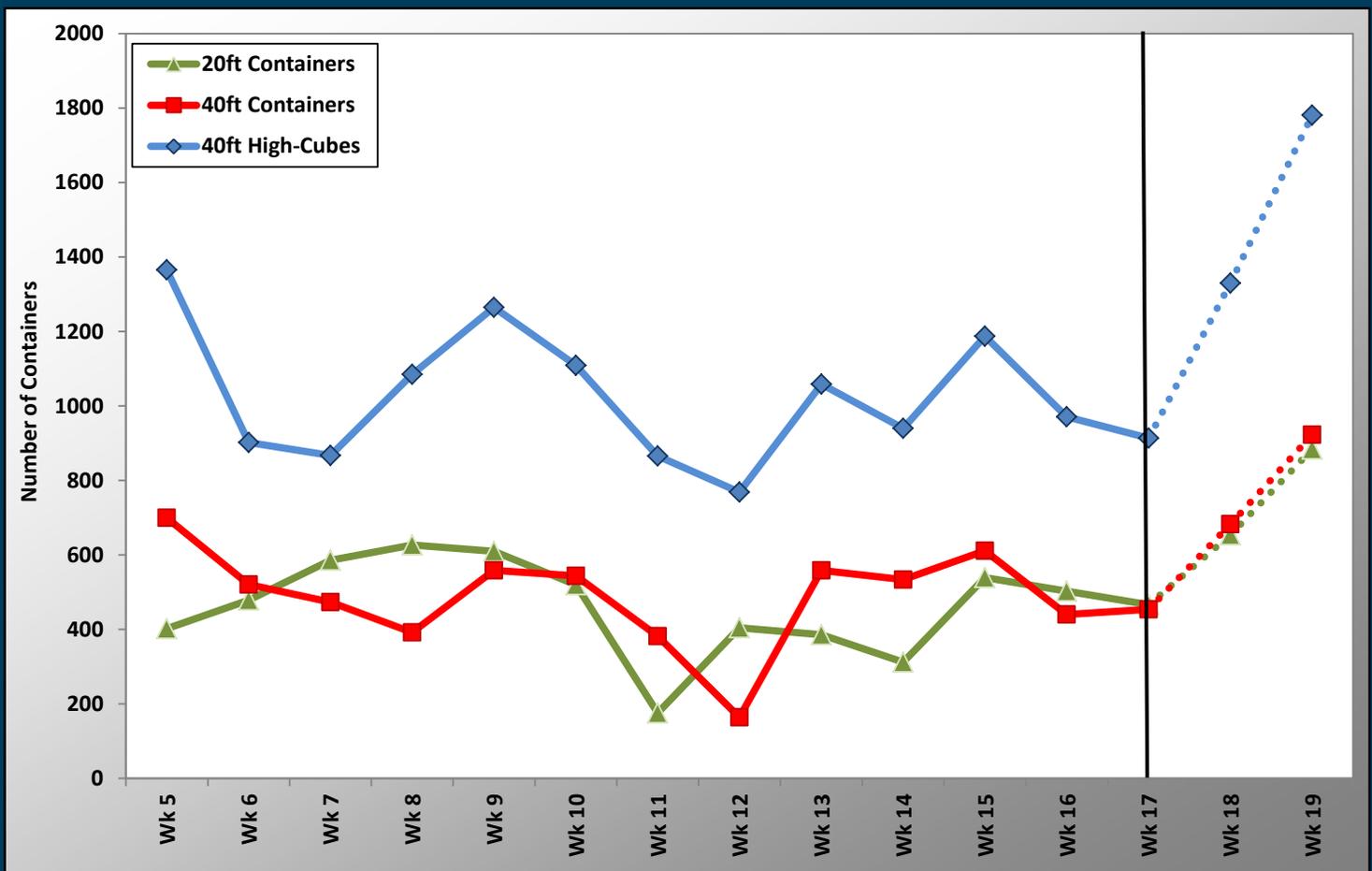
Historical Analysis of Dallas

Experts forecast that 2014 will be a strong economic year for the United States in terms of recovery from the recession. Indicators such as new construction in the housing market, consecutive quarterly GDP growth, and even international trade levels, are forecast to increase in 2014. In February, the Journal of Commerce reported on the availability of industrial warehouse space and the increasing absorption rate of this available space. Regions such as New York/New Jersey, Los Angeles/Long Beach, and the Dallas area were highlighted for strong warehouse space absorption rates, indicating strong international trade expectations through these regions.

Between April and June of 2013, Dallas moved nearly 58,500 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. As in the Memphis region, cotton was the overwhelming top commodity, accounting for 89 percent of the containerized agricultural products moved through the region. Hides and skins accounted for 4 percent, followed by dairy products at 2 percent. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move approximately 82 percent of these exports. During the same period, agricultural exporters used the shipping line Yang Ming to move 29 percent of exports, followed by China Shipping and Evergreen Line at 20 percent each.¹

Over the past 3 months, availability estimates for 40ft high-cube containers through Dallas 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 1,023 40ft high-cube containers over the past 3 months; 40ft containers averaged 487 and 20ft containers averaged 462. The participating carriers are expecting strong increases for each dry container type over the next 2 weeks.

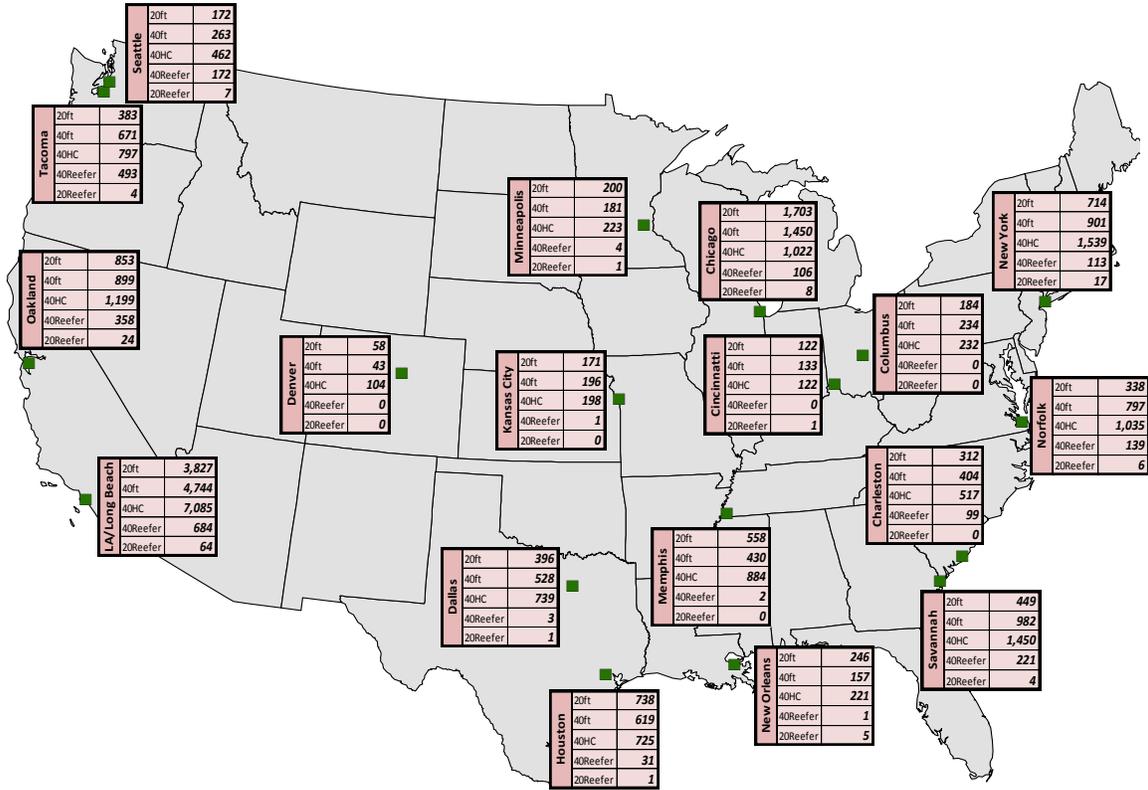
Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Dallas, 1st week of February (Wk 5) through 4th week of April (Wk 17), 2014 with Projections



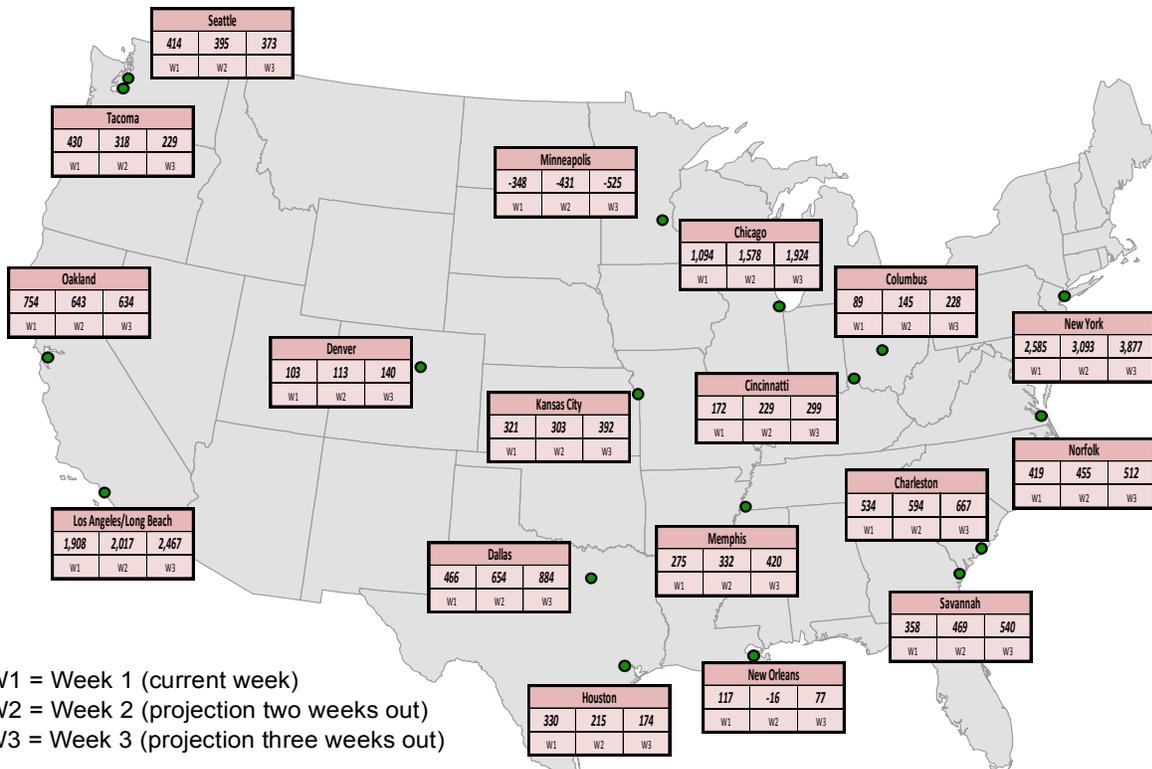
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .



Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



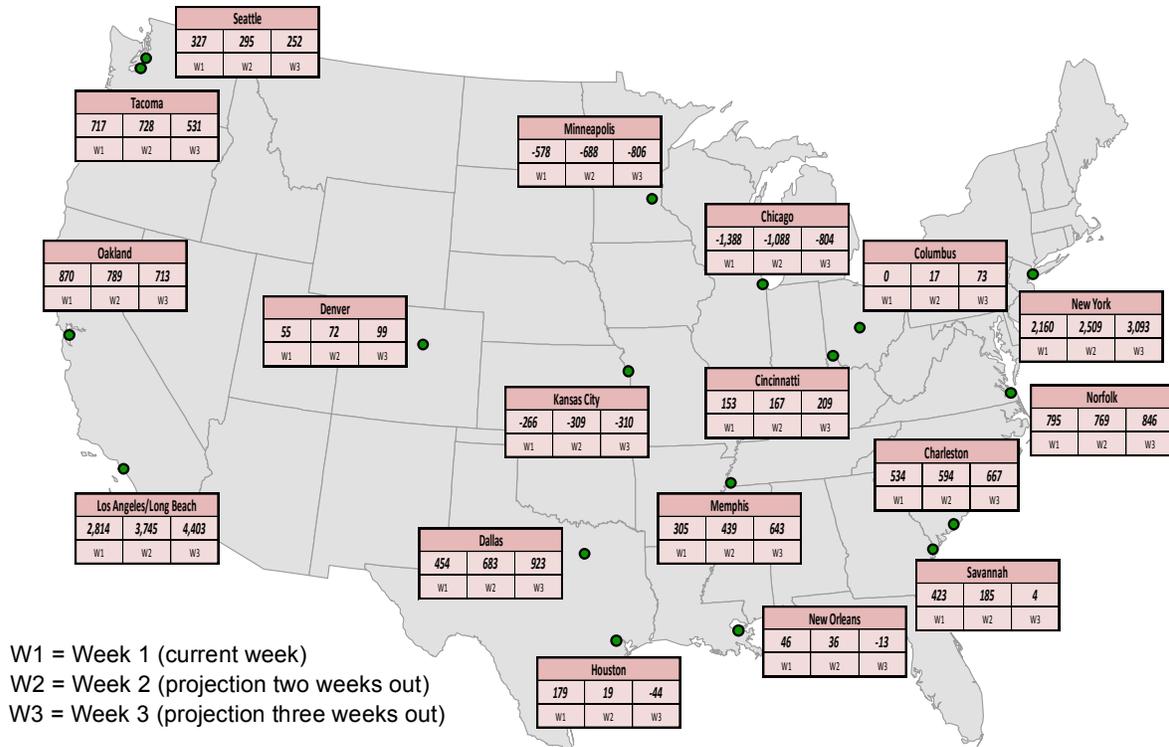
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



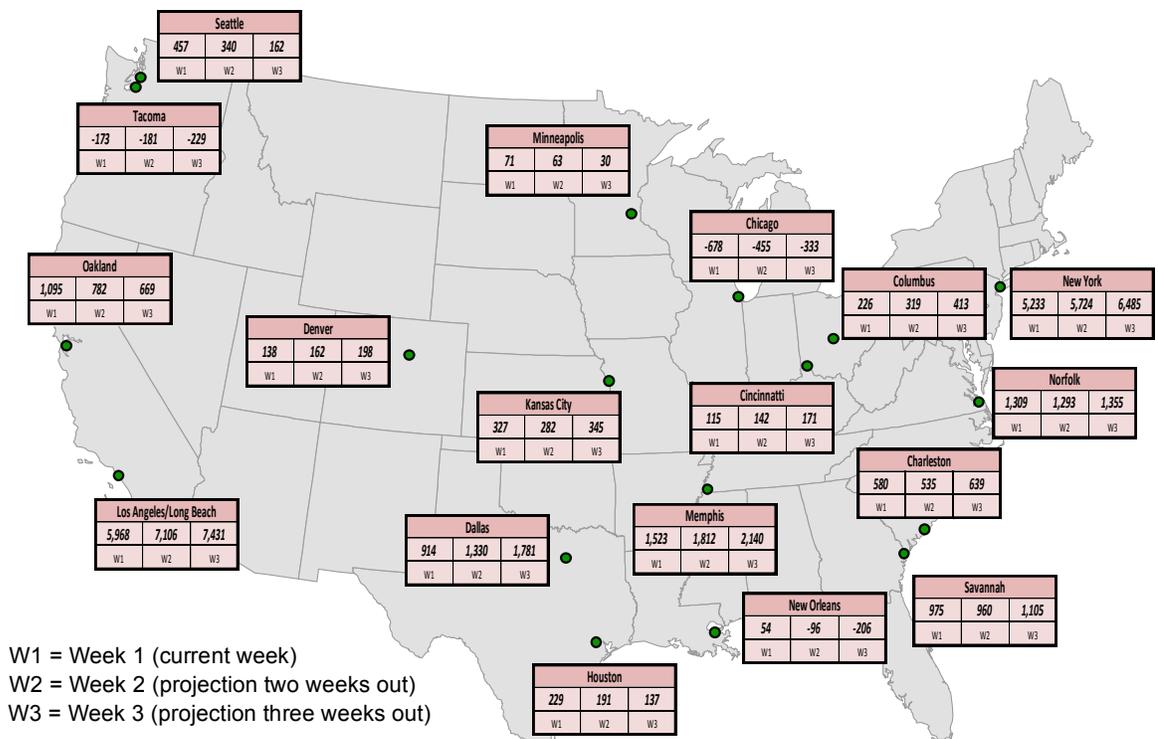
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

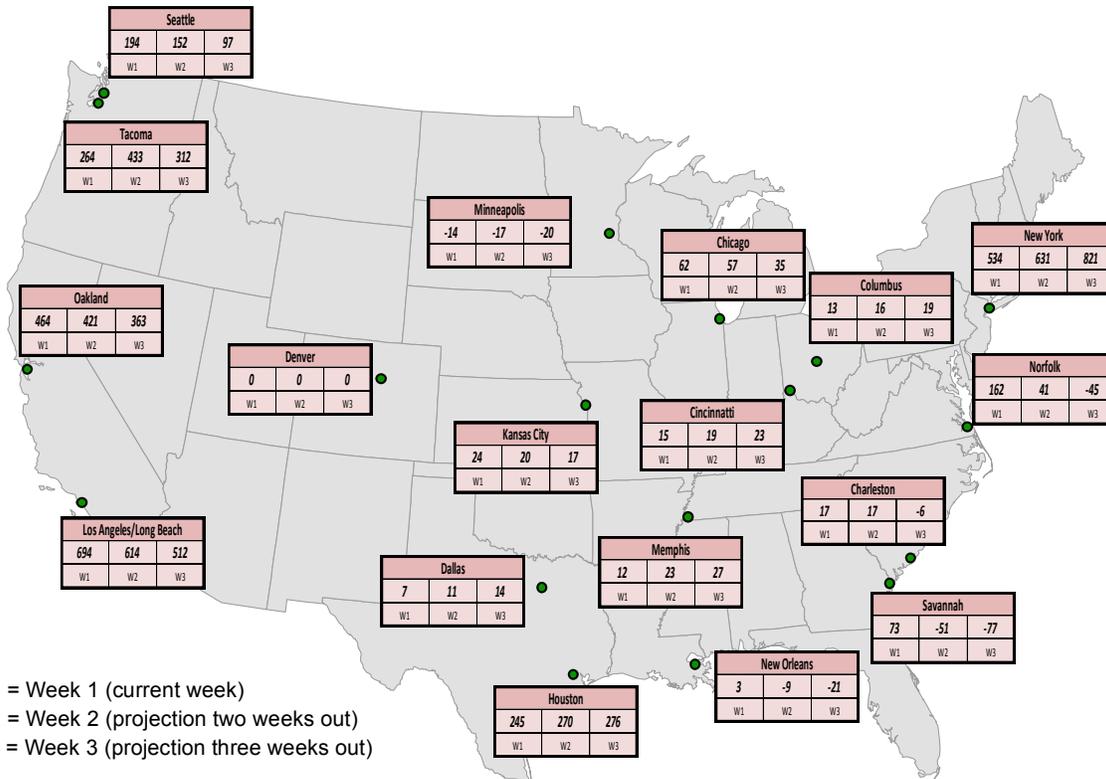


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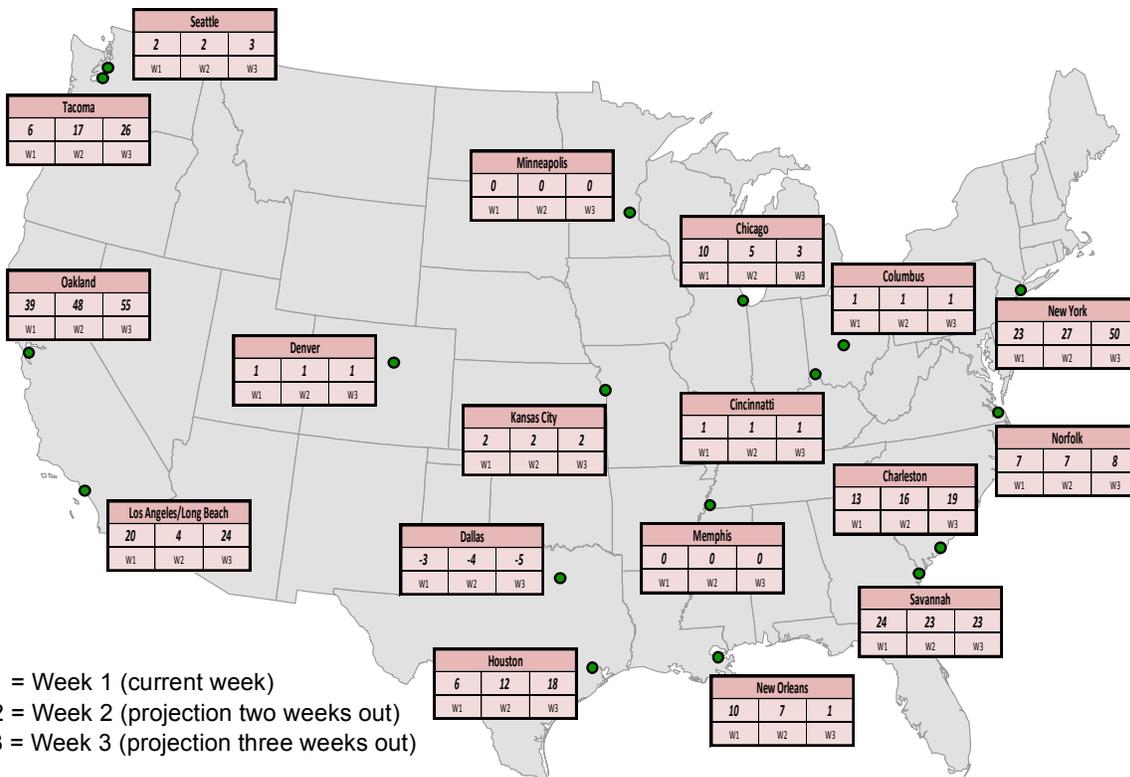
Week of Apr 23-29, 2014



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	134	130	120	106	40	4	.	.	.	.	534
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	183	149	122	95	40	5	.	.	.	.	594
Week 3: May 7-13	230	165	139	88	40	5	.	.	.	.	667
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	235	70	61	21	10	4	.	.	.	.	401
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	147	39	63	22	10	6	.	.	.	.	287
Week 3: May 7-13	138	52	67	37	10	4	.	.	.	.	308
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	250	133	108	56	30	3	.	.	.	.	580
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	352	26	81	42	30	4	.	.	.	.	535
Week 3: May 7-13	447	24	101	33	30	4	.	.	.	.	639
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	31	19	8	5	-20	-26	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	19	23	6	5	-20	-16	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: May 7-13	20	27	5	5	-20	-43	.	.	.	.	-6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	9	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	11	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: May 7-13	13	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19

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 23-29	1,100	193	107	4	-10	-300	.	.	.	.	1,094
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	1,400	187	283	2	6	-300	.	.	.	.	1,578
Week 3: May 7-13	1,688	163	366	3	4	-300	.	.	.	.	1,924
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	208	-5	-24	-29	-138	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,388
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	308	-4	-7	169	-154	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,088
Week 3: May 7-13	408	-5	-9	340	-138	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-804
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	699	98	14	1	-90	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-678
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	852	17	251	1	-176	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-455
Week 3: May 7-13	998	10	418	1	-360	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-333
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	68	25	0	-1	-30	.	.	.	.	.	62
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	71	30	0	-1	-43	.	.	.	.	.	57
Week 3: May 7-13	58	30	0	0	-53	.	.	.	.	.	35
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	11	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	9	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: May 7-13	7	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 23-29	66	49	48	12	2	-5	172
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	84	60	79	11	0	-5	.	.	.	.	229
Week 3: May 7-13	106	75	112	10	1	-5	.	.	.	.	299
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	89	49	31	14	0	-30	.	.	.	.	153
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	101	66	22	12	-4	-30	.	.	.	.	167
Week 3: May 7-13	113	70	43	16	-3	-30	.	.	.	.	209
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	55	25	18	14	8	-5	.	.	.	.	115
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	65	25	10	43	-1	0	.	.	.	.	142
Week 3: May 7-13	81	25	11	55	0	-1	.	.	.	.	171
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	19	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: May 7-13	23	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: May 7-13	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	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 23-29	53	15	12	10	3	-4	89
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	70	35	25	8	3	4	.	.	.	.	145
Week 3: May 7-13	88	57	66	12	3	2	.	.	.	.	228
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	34	10	2	-1	-5	-40	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	36	11	-9	18	1	-40	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: May 7-13	37	14	20	42	0	-40	.	.	.	.	73
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	100	88	34	15	-1	-10	.	.	.	.	226
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	100	110	93	15	0	1	.	.	.	.	319
Week 3: May 7-13	100	130	127	10	1	45	.	.	.	.	413
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: May 7-13	19	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: May 7-13	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: Apr 23-29	170	112	75	63	40	6	466
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	184	216	72	136	40	6	.	.	.	.	654
Week 3: May 7-13	244	325	70	198	40	7	.	.	.	.	884
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	179	98	75	50	43	9	.	.	.	.	454
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	236	97	180	50	113	7	.	.	.	.	683
Week 3: May 7-13	321	94	279	50	171	8	.	.	.	.	923
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	345	163	157	150	90	9	.	.	.	.	914
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	467	290	270	150	145	8	.	.	.	.	1,330
Week 3: May 7-13	656	402	439	150	130	4	.	.	.	.	1,781
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	17	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	23	0	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: May 7-13	28	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: May 7-13	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-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	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 23-29	63	25	14	8	1	-8	103
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	79	23	14	3	1	-7	.	.	.	.	113
Week 3: May 7-13	93	25	26	2	1	-7	.	.	.	.	140
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	19	15	6	5	5	5	.	.	.	.	55
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	19	31	8	7	5	2	.	.	.	.	72
Week 3: May 7-13	32	46	8	7	5	1	.	.	.	.	99
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	66	39	20	7	5	1	.	.	.	.	138
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	94	38	20	6	3	1	.	.	.	.	162
Week 3: May 7-13	129	42	18	5	3	1	.	.	.	.	198
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 7-13	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: May 7-13	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 23-29	150	148	33	19	10	-30	330
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	150	91	-11	9	5	-29	.	.	.	.	215
Week 3: May 7-13	150	42	1	7	4	-30	.	.	.	.	174
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	200	148	130	30	2	-331	.	.	.	.	179
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	200	163	117	-1	2	-462	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: May 7-13	200	192	128	-2	3	-565	.	.	.	.	-44
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	160	140	70	5	-42	-104	.	.	.	.	229
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	145	205	70	5	-6	-228	.	.	.	.	191
Week 3: May 7-13	164	240	70	2	-9	-330	.	.	.	.	137
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	160	62	21	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	245
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	175	58	35	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	270
Week 3: May 7-13	170	54	50	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	276
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	13	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	19	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: May 7-13	25	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18

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: Apr 23-29	150	78	78	13	1	1	321
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	150	99	37	14	1	2	.	.	.	.	303
Week 3: May 7-13	150	120	105	16	1	0	.	.	.	.	392
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	29	10	6	0	-11	-300	.	.	.	.	-266
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	2	12	7	-19	-11	-300	.	.	.	.	-309
Week 3: May 7-13	2	14	6	-20	-12	-300	.	.	.	.	-310
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	250	71	16	3	1	-14	.	.	.	.	327
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	250	47	29	4	-33	-15	.	.	.	.	282
Week 3: May 7-13	250	121	27	-1	-37	-15	.	.	.	.	345
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	15	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	18	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: May 7-13	21	-4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: May 7-13	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: Apr 23-29	746	313	310	300	195	44	.	.	.	.	1,908
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	690	486	150	300	351	40	.	.	.	.	2,017
Week 3: May 7-13	670	685	325	300	447	40	.	.	.	.	2,467
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	861	750	719	644	55	-215	.	.	.	.	2,814
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	797	750	1,077	1,284	52	-215	.	.	.	.	3,745
Week 3: May 7-13	770	750	1,365	1,710	45	-237	.	.	.	.	4,403
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	3,400	1,405	1,021	150	52	-60	.	.	.	.	5,968
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	3,400	1,303	1,874	588	52	-111	.	.	.	.	7,106
Week 3: May 7-13	3,400	1,205	2,511	468	50	-203	.	.	.	.	7,431
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	255	188	120	75	66	-10	.	.	.	.	694
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	257	122	79	75	91	-10	.	.	.	.	614
Week 3: May 7-13	281	-9	50	75	115	0	.	.	.	.	512
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	23	10	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	8	10	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: May 7-13	25	10	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24

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 23-29	119	97	80	4	0	-25	275
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	166	98	80	2	-4	-10	.	.	.	.	332
Week 3: May 7-13	198	135	80	3	-5	9	.	.	.	.	420
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	169	97	25	20	4	-10	.	.	.	.	305
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	302	61	58	20	4	-6	.	.	.	.	439
Week 3: May 7-13	409	129	92	20	2	-9	.	.	.	.	643
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	900	441	107	79	3	-7	.	.	.	.	1,523
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	900	661	119	139	6	-13	.	.	.	.	1,812
Week 3: May 7-13	900	862	187	204	4	-17	.	.	.	.	2,140
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	7	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	16	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: May 7-13	18	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 7-13	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	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 23-29	149	61	3	-6	-100	-455	-348
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	163	91	1	-7	-100	-579	.	.	.	.	-431
Week 3: May 7-13	177	104	0	-7	-100	-699	.	.	.	.	-525
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	55	2	-8	-41	-200	-386	.	.	.	.	-578
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	73	5	-8	-47	-200	-511	.	.	.	.	-688
Week 3: May 7-13	85	2	-8	-66	-200	-619	.	.	.	.	-806
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	150	84	0	-8	-33	-122	.	.	.	.	71
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	150	115	4	-8	-40	-158	.	.	.	.	63
Week 3: May 7-13	150	149	2	-9	-61	-201	.	.	.	.	30
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-14
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	0	-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-17
Week 3: May 7-13	0	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 7-13	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: Apr 23-29	97	16	10	0	0	-6	117
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	-11	14	10	0	0	-29	.	.	.	.	-16
Week 3: May 7-13	99	16	10	0	1	-49	.	.	.	.	77
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	42	11	0	-1	-2	-4	.	.	.	.	46
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	41	8	0	0	-2	-11	.	.	.	.	36
Week 3: May 7-13	-9	9	0	0	-3	-10	.	.	.	.	-13
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	19	15	10	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	54
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	20	-127	0	11	0	0	.	.	.	.	-96
Week 3: May 7-13	43	-259	-2	11	0	1	.	.	.	.	-206
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	-4	-5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9
Week 3: May 7-13	-10	-11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	7	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	4	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: May 7-13	-2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

*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 23-29	1,376	500	343	248	100	18	.	.	.	.	2,585
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	1,800	500	361	181	226	25	.	.	.	.	3,093
Week 3: May 7-13	2,188	500	567	161	441	20	.	.	.	.	3,877
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	782	506	425	400	27	20	.	.	.	.	2,160
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	1,050	461	504	400	71	23	.	.	.	.	2,509
Week 3: May 7-13	1,298	633	662	400	80	20	.	.	.	.	3,093
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	2,300	1,256	996	529	132	20	.	.	.	.	5,233
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	2,300	1,664	1,032	591	104	33	.	.	.	.	5,724
Week 3: May 7-13	2,300	2,068	1,272	716	99	30	.	.	.	.	6,485
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	177	158	157	52	10	-20	.	.	.	.	534
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	209	183	205	44	10	-20	.	.	.	.	631
Week 3: May 7-13	303	200	259	69	10	-20	.	.	.	.	821
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	23	5	-5	23
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	25	5	-3	27
Week 3: May 7-13	27	5	18	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	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 23-29	179	80	61	42	35	22	419
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	193	80	128	5	40	9	.	.	.	.	455
Week 3: May 7-13	215	80	198	3	10	6	.	.	.	.	512
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	229	220	175	158	7	6	.	.	.	.	795
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	200	226	175	173	-12	7	.	.	.	.	769
Week 3: May 7-13	159	261	175	256	-15	10	.	.	.	.	846
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	450	412	327	126	8	-14	.	.	.	.	1,309
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	450	451	232	219	6	-65	.	.	.	.	1,293
Week 3: May 7-13	450	482	178	310	5	-70	.	.	.	.	1,355
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	91	71	15	10	-5	-20	.	.	.	.	162
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	43	34	11	10	-37	-20	.	.	.	.	41
Week 3: May 7-13	-5	-18	11	10	-23	-20	.	.	.	.	-45
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	7	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	7	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: May 7-13	7	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 23-29	250	224	168	85	22	5	754
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	250	151	71	139	27	5	.	.	.	.	643
Week 3: May 7-13	250	190	68	81	40	5	.	.	.	.	634
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	595	221	82	8	4	-40	.	.	.	.	870
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	514	176	36	100	3	-40	.	.	.	.	789
Week 3: May 7-13	528	109	33	78	5	-40	.	.	.	.	713
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	641	358	300	194	8	-406	.	.	.	.	1,095
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	219	405	300	239	7	-388	.	.	.	.	782
Week 3: May 7-13	65	459	300	240	3	-398	.	.	.	.	669
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	334	118	70	30	-10	-78	.	.	.	.	464
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	285	131	58	30	-10	-73	.	.	.	.	421
Week 3: May 7-13	264	158	44	30	-15	-118	.	.	.	.	363
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	19	10	10	39
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	29	9	10	48
Week 3: May 7-13	39	6	10	55

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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 23-29	140	85	80	37	11	5	358
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	211	61	80	91	19	7	.	.	.	.	469
Week 3: May 7-13	229	55	80	137	33	6	.	.	.	.	540
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	570	120	39	7	-33	-280	.	.	.	.	423
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	526	120	-23	7	-27	-418	.	.	.	.	185
Week 3: May 7-13	512	120	-53	5	-30	-550	.	.	.	.	4
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	806	300	142	27	0	-300	.	.	.	.	975
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	844	300	208	-6	0	-386	.	.	.	.	960
Week 3: May 7-13	1,008	300	245	-8	0	-440	.	.	.	.	1,105
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	128	67	10	-11	-21	-100	.	.	.	.	73
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	101	13	10	-47	-28	-100	.	.	.	.	-51
Week 3: May 7-13	53	32	10	-36	-36	-100	.	.	.	.	-77
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	19	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	18	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: May 7-13	17	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23

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 23-29	295	90	24	5	414
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	270	90	27	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	395
Week 3: May 7-13	250	90	24	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	373
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	150	126	49	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	327
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	150	90	50	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	295
Week 3: May 7-13	150	50	43	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	252
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	240	207	6	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	457
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	240	99	4	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	340
Week 3: May 7-13	240	3	9	-90	.	.	.	.	.	.	162
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	168	21	20	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	194
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	124	18	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	152
Week 3: May 7-13	72	13	20	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	97
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: May 7-13	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: Apr 23-29	199	124	94	8	5	430
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	196	84	26	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	318
Week 3: May 7-13	210	75	-68	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	229
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	503	236	15	8	-45	.	.	.	.	.	717
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	528	233	15	8	-56	.	.	.	.	.	728
Week 3: May 7-13	370	197	15	12	-63	.	.	.	.	.	531
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	194	80	54	8	-509	.	.	.	.	.	-173
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	160	80	66	9	-496	.	.	.	.	.	-181
Week 3: May 7-13	89	80	102	10	-510	.	.	.	.	.	-229
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	285	200	5	0	-226	.	.	.	.	.	264
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	406	226	5	0	-204	.	.	.	.	.	433
Week 3: May 7-13	272	283	5	0	-248	.	.	.	.	.	312
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 23-29	5	1	6
Week 2: Apr 30-May 6	16	1	17
Week 3: May 7-13	25	1	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	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.
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 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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