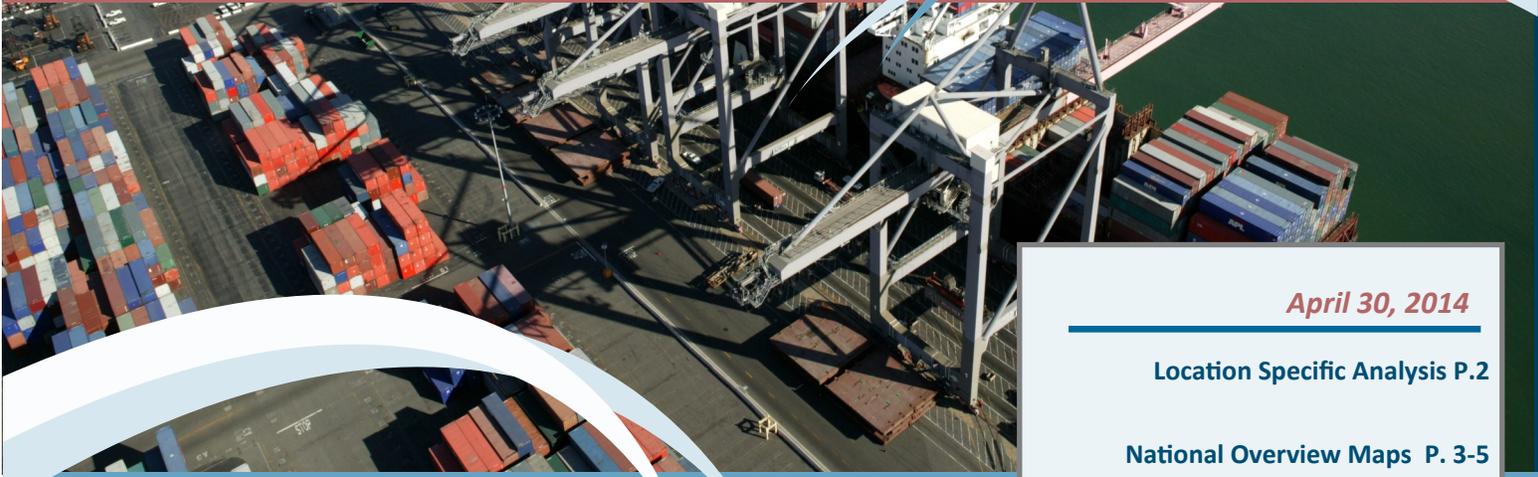




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for 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: This week's report has been updated to correct a typo for one carrier in the Norfolk data for 40ft high-cube containers.

A separate 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 11, 2014.

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Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

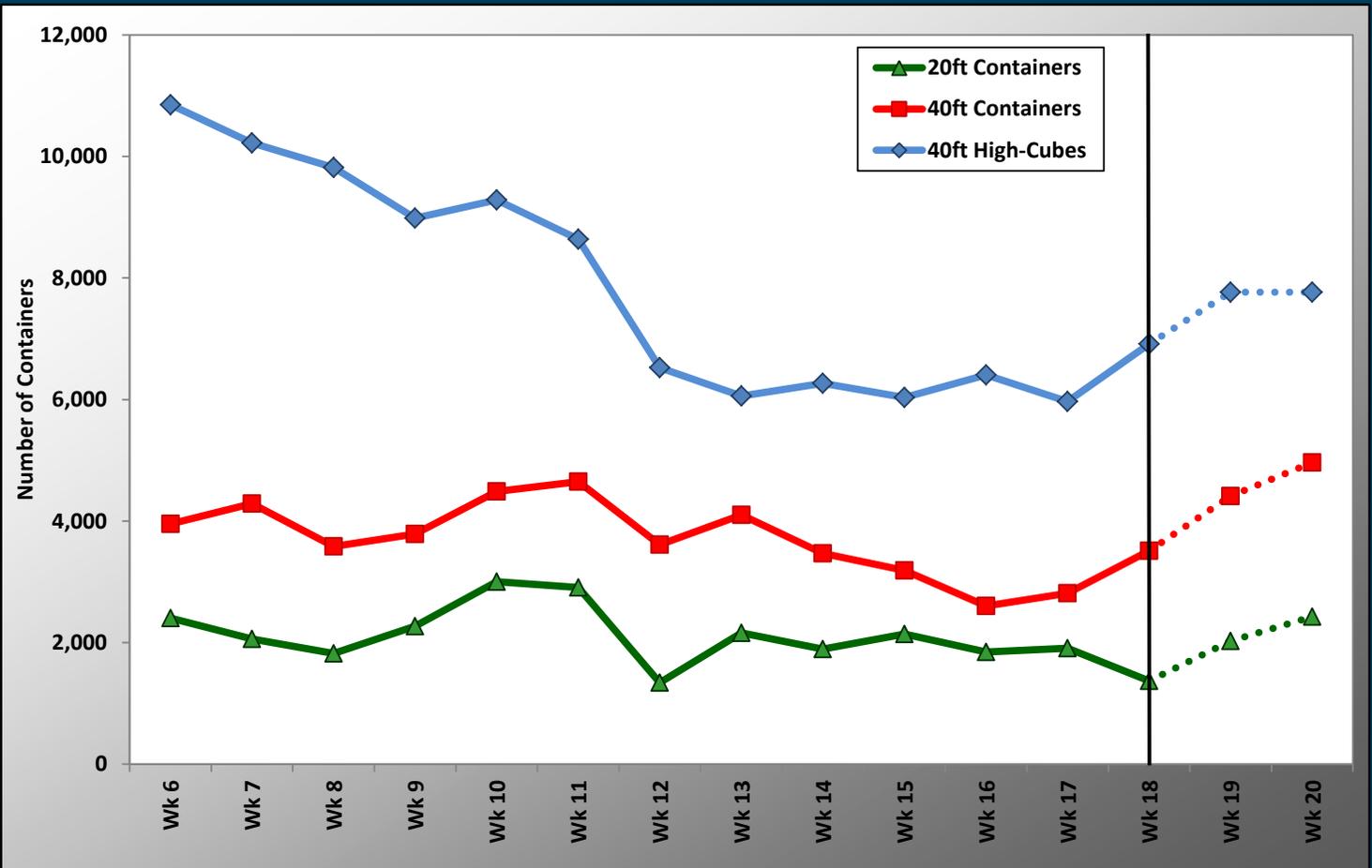
Historical Analysis of Los Angeles/Long Beach

The Los Angeles/Long Beach, CA, port complex is the busiest container port complex in the country. The port complex maintains a container surplus due to the high import volume moved through the region. The complex is also the top export region for containerized agricultural products—particularly grain products, but many others also. All eyes are focused on the West Coast ports, particularly Los Angeles and Long Beach, as labor negotiations are scheduled to begin in mid-May. The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) contract with the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) expires on July 1, 2014. Many importers and exporters are adjusting schedules and trade routes to avoid any potential disruption in the coming months. As a result, we could see changes in container availability at the port complex.

Between April and June of 2013, Los Angeles/Long Beach moved nearly 2.9 million metric tons of containerized agricultural products. More than 55 percent of the containerized agricultural exports through Los Angeles/Long Beach were grains or grain products. Cotton accounted for 9 percent, followed by meat products at 5 percent and hides and skins at 4 percent. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move approximately 72 percent of these exports. During the same period, agricultural exporters used the shipping line American President Lines (APL) to move 13 percent of exports, followed by OOCL at 11 percent and Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) at 9 percent.¹

As the busiest container port complex in the country, Los Angeles/Long Beach typically has strong available container pools. The late winter and early spring season is typically slow for containerized import cargo which supplies the container pools for U.S. containerized export cargo. The slow season, along with preparations for the impending contract negotiations, is probably why 40ft high-cube container availability fell through mid-March and has remained relatively flat. This week, availability estimates increased for both 40ft dry and high-cube containers, but fell for 20ft dry containers. The participating carriers are expecting strong increases for each dry container type over the next 2 weeks.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Los Angeles/Long Beach, 2nd week of February (Wk 6) through 1st week of May (Wk 18), 2014 with Projections



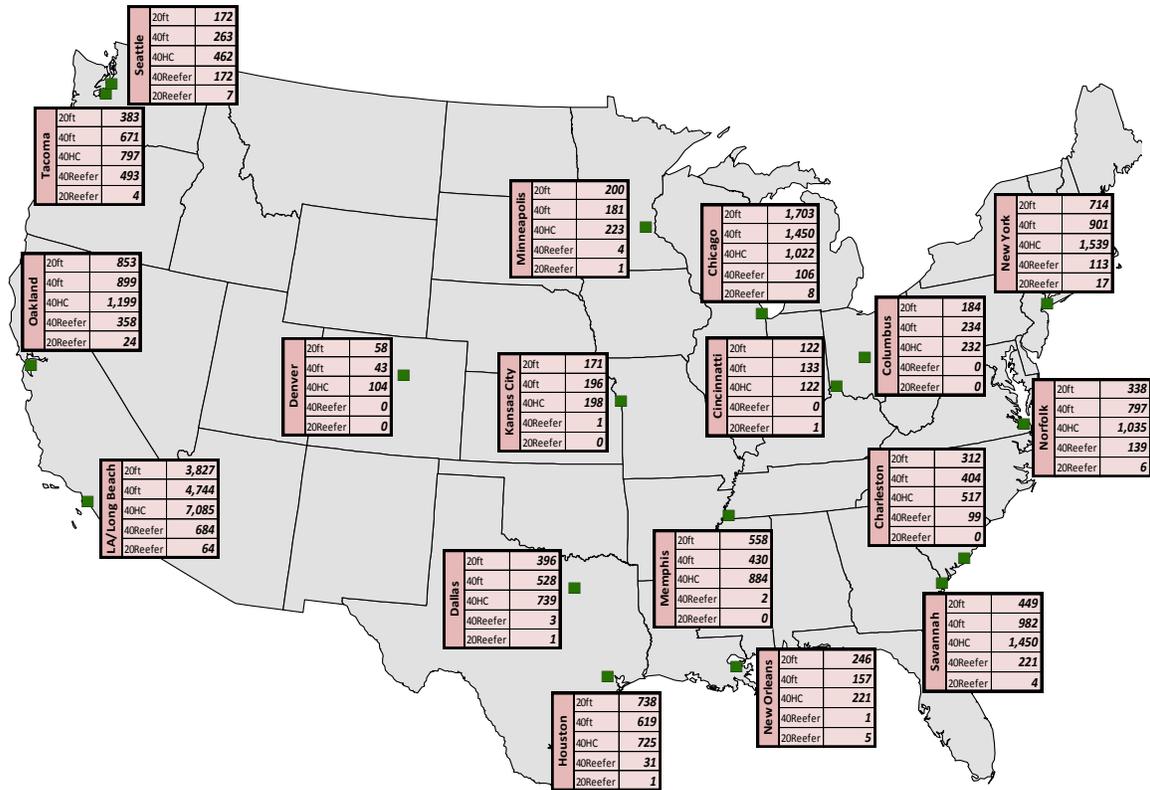
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .

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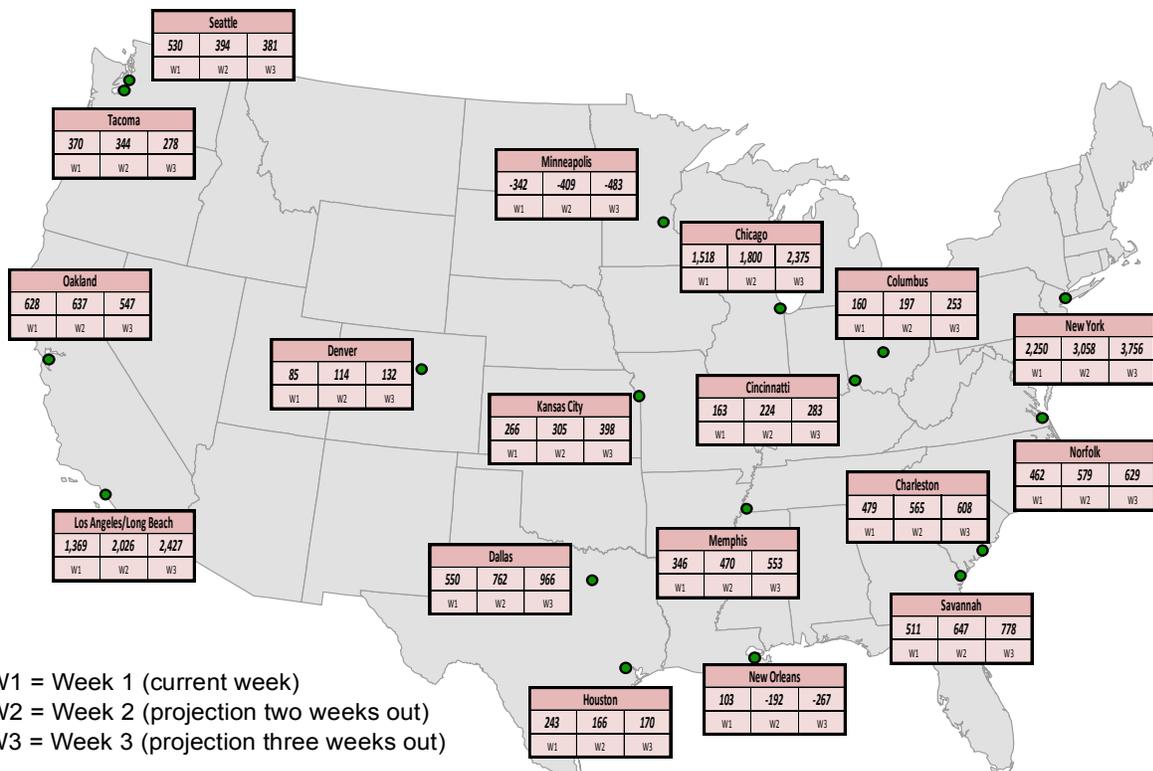
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



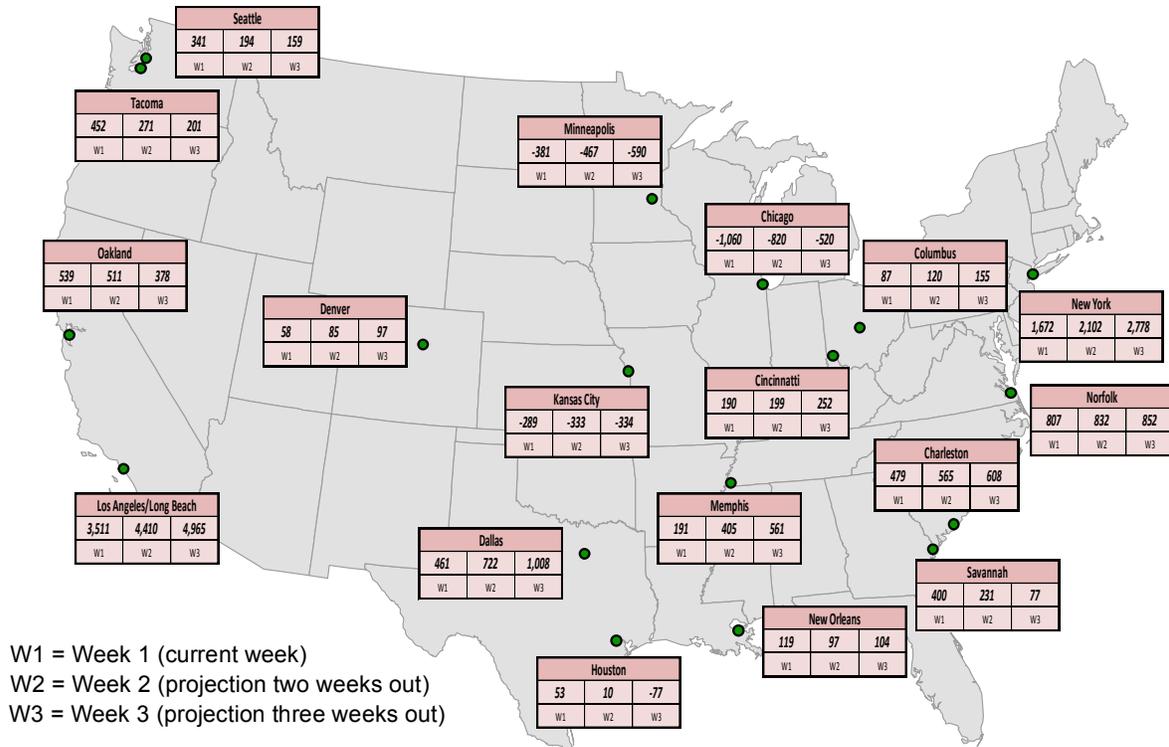
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



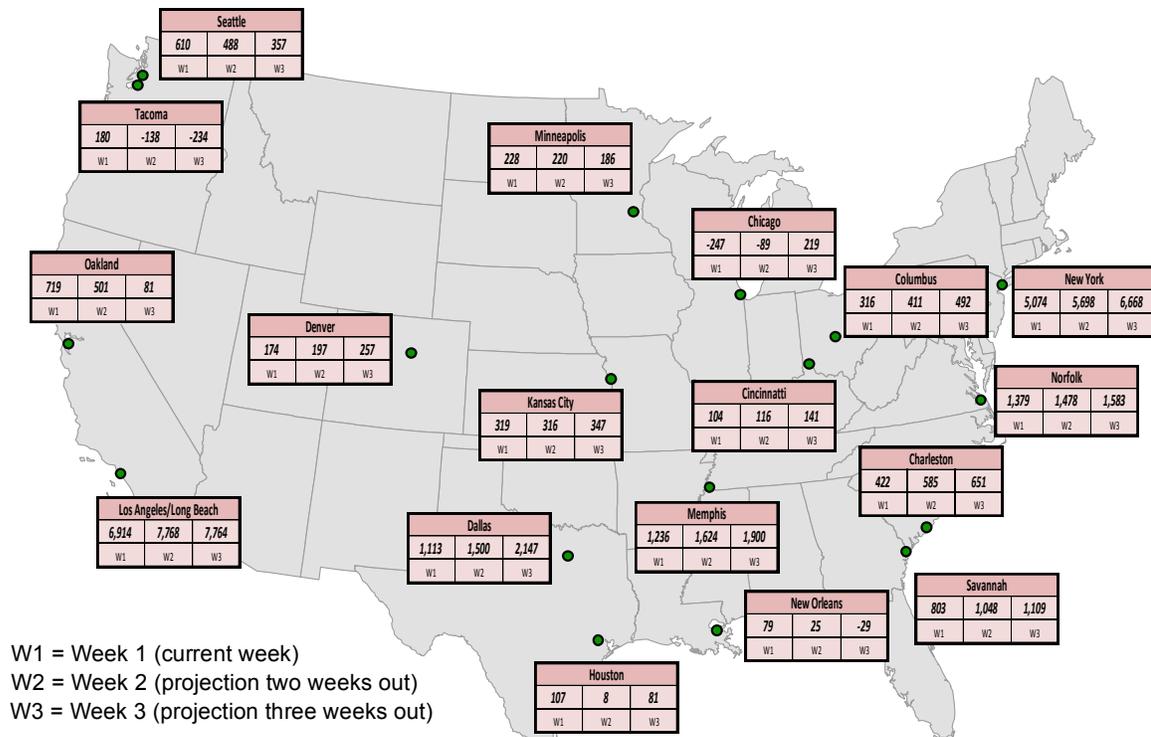
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
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W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

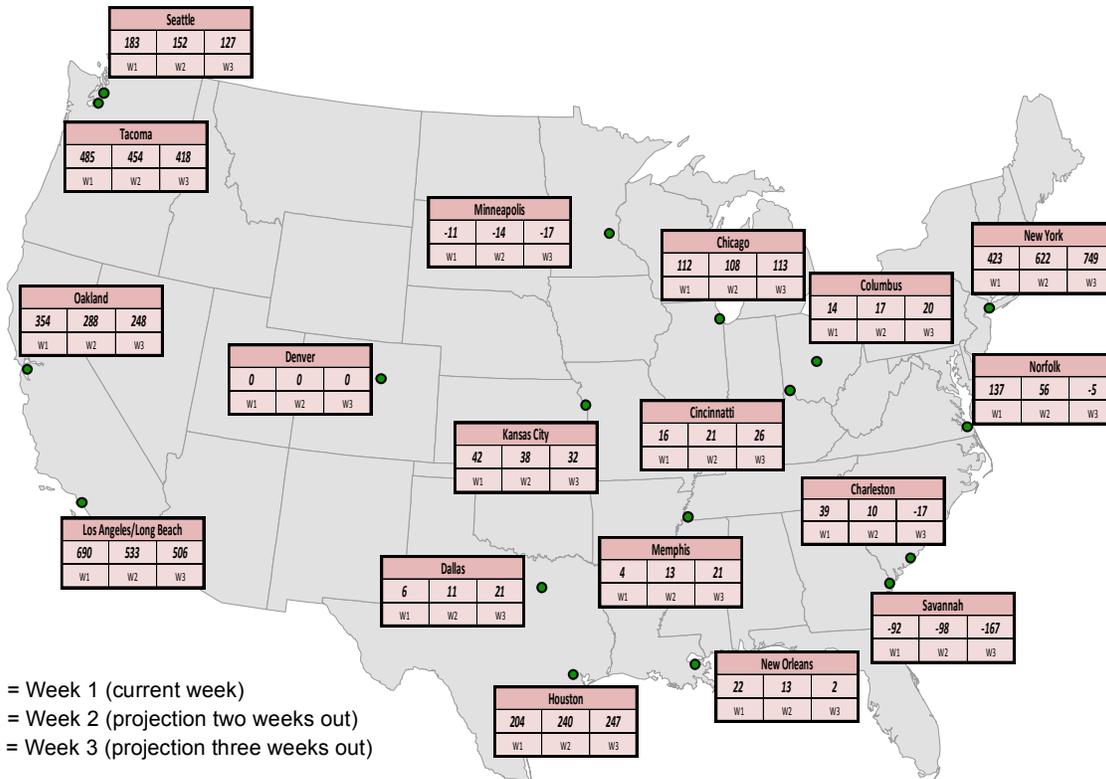


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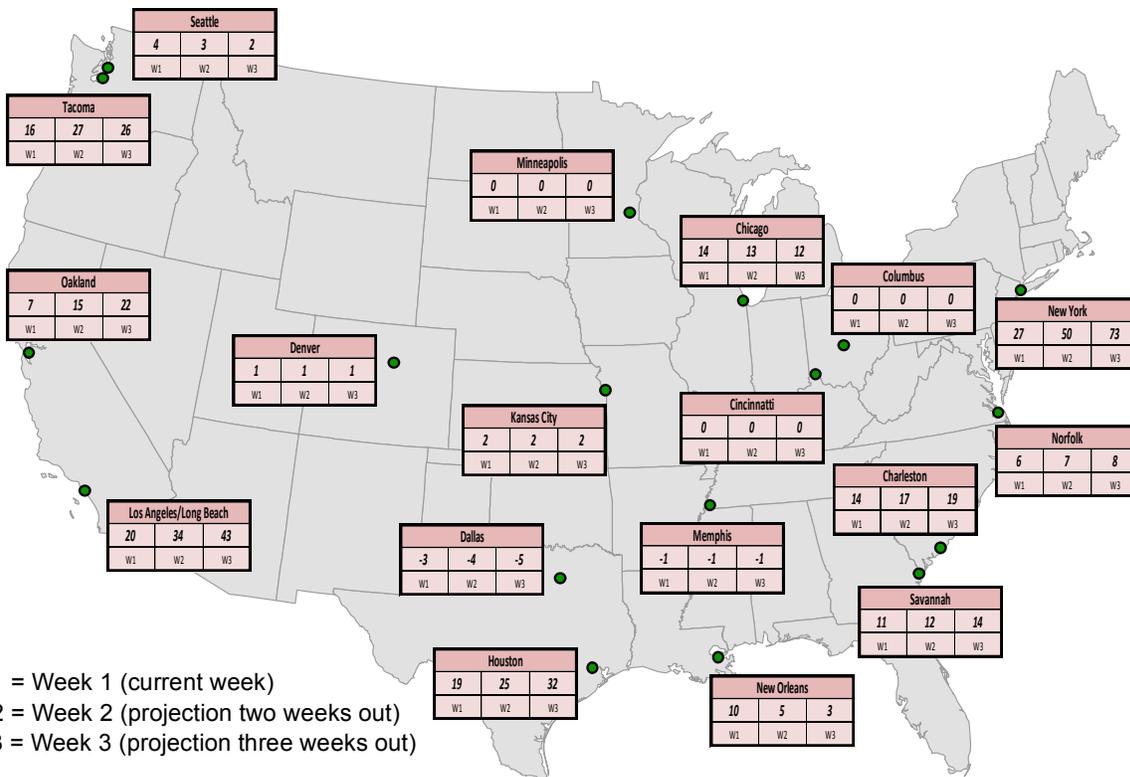
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	146	122	90	73	40	8	.	.	.	.	479
Week 2: May 7-13	166	170	98	86	40	5	.	.	.	.	565
Week 3: May 14-20	176	212	88	88	40	4	.	.	.	.	608
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	187	94	69	10	4	-18	.	.	.	.	346
Week 2: May 7-13	211	97	91	10	4	-1	.	.	.	.	412
Week 3: May 14-20	202	91	109	10	4	11	.	.	.	.	427
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	303	85	38	30	3	-37	.	.	.	.	422
Week 2: May 7-13	405	84	15	30	3	48	.	.	.	.	585
Week 3: May 14-20	501	67	6	30	4	43	.	.	.	.	651
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	48	19	5	3	-16	-20	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: May 7-13	44	23	5	1	-43	-20	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: May 14-20	32	27	5	0	-61	-20	.	.	.	.	-17
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	10	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: May 7-13	12	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: May 14-20	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 30-May 6	1,041	392	322	59	4	-300	.	.	.	.	1,518
Week 2: May 7-13	1,304	453	316	25	2	-300	.	.	.	.	1,800
Week 3: May 14-20	1,572	572	506	22	3	-300	.	.	.	.	2,375
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	288	145	-5	-20	-68	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,060
Week 2: May 7-13	401	244	-4	-22	-39	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-820
Week 3: May 14-20	578	348	-5	-20	-21	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-520
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	855	399	1	-10	-92	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-247
Week 2: May 7-13	1,035	479	1	44	-248	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-89
Week 3: May 14-20	1,198	590	1	40	-210	-1,400	.	.	.	.	219
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	70	25	18	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	112
Week 2: May 7-13	67	30	11	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	108
Week 3: May 14-20	78	30	5	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	113
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	18	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: May 7-13	16	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: May 14-20	14	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	77	48	30	12	1	-5	163
Week 2: May 7-13	102	61	53	11	2	-5	.	.	.	.	224
Week 3: May 14-20	117	88	72	10	1	-5	.	.	.	.	283
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	87	83	42	14	-6	-30	.	.	.	.	190
Week 2: May 7-13	99	84	37	12	-3	-30	.	.	.	.	199
Week 3: May 14-20	105	110	53	16	-2	-30	.	.	.	.	252
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	48	41	25	18	-3	-25	.	.	.	.	104
Week 2: May 7-13	65	44	25	10	3	-31	.	.	.	.	116
Week 3: May 14-20	73	67	25	11	2	-37	.	.	.	.	141
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: May 7-13	21	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: May 14-20	26	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 7-13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 14-20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	55	41	34	17	10	3	160
Week 2: May 7-13	75	55	49	7	8	3	.	.	.	.	197
Week 3: May 14-20	93	74	66	5	12	3	.	.	.	.	253
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	79	21	13	10	4	-40	.	.	.	.	87
Week 2: May 7-13	84	49	17	11	-1	-40	.	.	.	.	120
Week 3: May 14-20	93	59	31	14	-2	-40	.	.	.	.	155
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	104	100	69	29	15	-1	.	.	.	.	316
Week 2: May 7-13	169	100	85	43	15	-1	.	.	.	.	411
Week 3: May 14-20	203	100	106	74	10	-1	.	.	.	.	492
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: May 7-13	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: May 14-20	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 7-13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 14-20	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	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 30-May 6	179	119	109	97	40	6	550
Week 2: May 7-13	221	230	179	86	40	6	.	.	.	.	762
Week 3: May 14-20	270	339	234	76	40	7	.	.	.	.	966
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	184	165	76	50	10	-24	.	.	.	.	461
Week 2: May 7-13	279	250	87	50	11	45	.	.	.	.	722
Week 3: May 14-20	425	317	85	50	11	120	.	.	.	.	1,008
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	313	276	187	178	150	9	.	.	.	.	1,113
Week 2: May 7-13	430	459	139	314	150	8	.	.	.	.	1,500
Week 3: May 14-20	710	624	125	529	150	9	.	.	.	.	2,147
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	11	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: May 7-13	17	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: May 14-20	28	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: May 7-13	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: May 14-20	-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 30-May 6	66	21	6	1	-1	-8	85
Week 2: May 7-13	86	22	8	1	4	-7	.	.	.	.	114
Week 3: May 14-20	106	17	13	1	2	-7	.	.	.	.	132
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	26	13	12	6	5	-4	.	.	.	.	58
Week 2: May 7-13	43	9	19	8	5	1	.	.	.	.	85
Week 3: May 14-20	60	5	19	8	5	0	.	.	.	.	97
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	84	57	21	7	4	1	.	.	.	.	174
Week 2: May 7-13	125	39	20	6	6	1	.	.	.	.	197
Week 3: May 14-20	167	37	37	5	10	1	.	.	.	.	257
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 7-13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 14-20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	1	1
Week 2: May 7-13	1	1
Week 3: May 14-20	1	1

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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	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 30-May 6	150	58	24	10	6	-5	243
Week 2: May 7-13	150	-3	6	5	13	-5	.	.	.	.	166
Week 3: May 14-20	150	-25	19	4	11	11	.	.	.	.	170
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	200	170	114	2	0	-433	.	.	.	.	53
Week 2: May 7-13	200	185	105	2	15	-497	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: May 14-20	200	212	121	3	13	-626	.	.	.	.	-77
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	168	145	70	8	5	-289	.	.	.	.	107
Week 2: May 7-13	197	157	70	-17	5	-404	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: May 14-20	249	191	70	-18	2	-413	.	.	.	.	81
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	160	31	11	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	204
Week 2: May 7-13	175	37	26	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	240
Week 3: May 14-20	170	35	40	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	247
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	26	0	-7	19
Week 2: May 7-13	32	0	-7	25
Week 3: May 14-20	38	0	-6	32

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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 30-May 6	150	60	28	25	2	1	266
Week 2: May 7-13	150	80	28	44	2	1	.	.	.	.	305
Week 3: May 14-20	150	103	30	113	1	1	.	.	.	.	398
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	30	4	1	-8	-16	-300	.	.	.	.	-289
Week 2: May 7-13	28	1	-35	-8	-19	-300	.	.	.	.	-333
Week 3: May 14-20	37	0	-40	-10	-21	-300	.	.	.	.	-334
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	250	33	28	22	0	-14	.	.	.	.	319
Week 2: May 7-13	250	89	24	22	-59	-10	.	.	.	.	316
Week 3: May 14-20	250	127	24	22	-65	-11	.	.	.	.	347
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	22	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
Week 2: May 7-13	16	22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Week 3: May 14-20	8	24	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	2	2
Week 2: May 7-13	2	2
Week 3: May 14-20	2	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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 30-May 6	592	502	300	150	40	-215	.	.	.	.	1,369
Week 2: May 7-13	669	713	300	303	42	-1	.	.	.	.	2,026
Week 3: May 14-20	645	832	300	418	30	202	.	.	.	.	2,427
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	933	828	818	750	132	50	.	.	.	.	3,511
Week 2: May 7-13	1,424	1,231	840	750	115	50	.	.	.	.	4,410
Week 3: May 14-20	1,771	1,480	810	750	109	45	.	.	.	.	4,965
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	3,400	1,803	1,397	277	50	-13	.	.	.	.	6,914
Week 2: May 7-13	3,400	2,444	1,401	638	48	-163	.	.	.	.	7,768
Week 3: May 14-20	3,400	2,664	1,320	615	49	-284	.	.	.	.	7,764
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	318	150	79	78	75	-10	.	.	.	.	690
Week 2: May 7-13	276	45	50	97	75	-10	.	.	.	.	533
Week 3: May 14-20	323	-91	77	122	75	0	.	.	.	.	506
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	18	10	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: May 7-13	31	10	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: May 14-20	43	10	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	43

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 30-May 6	163	80	71	39	4	-11	346
Week 2: May 7-13	211	80	105	78	2	-6	.	.	.	.	470
Week 3: May 14-20	242	80	122	116	3	-10	.	.	.	.	553
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	167	20	16	2	-1	-13	.	.	.	.	191
Week 2: May 7-13	293	20	85	1	-6	12	.	.	.	.	405
Week 3: May 14-20	386	20	126	1	-8	36	.	.	.	.	561
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	900	342	32	32	3	-73	.	.	.	.	1,236
Week 2: May 7-13	900	575	86	97	6	-40	.	.	.	.	1,624
Week 3: May 14-20	900	760	127	159	4	-50	.	.	.	.	1,900
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	6	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: May 7-13	13	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: May 14-20	19	0	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: May 7-13	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: May 14-20	-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 30-May 6	104	91	6	-6	-100	-437	-342
Week 2: May 7-13	114	116	5	-7	-100	-537	.	.	.	.	-409
Week 3: May 14-20	128	110	3	-7	-100	-617	.	.	.	.	-483
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	56	11	-8	-22	-200	-218	.	.	.	.	-381
Week 2: May 7-13	83	7	-8	-36	-200	-313	.	.	.	.	-467
Week 3: May 14-20	75	2	-8	-56	-200	-403	.	.	.	.	-590
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	150	86	16	-2	-8	-14	.	.	.	.	228
Week 2: May 7-13	150	135	8	-37	-8	-28	.	.	.	.	220
Week 3: May 14-20	150	139	1	-68	-9	-27	.	.	.	.	186
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-11
Week 2: May 7-13	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-14
Week 3: May 14-20	0	-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-17
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 7-13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 14-20	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 30-May 6	110	10	1	0	0	-18	.	.	.	.	103
Week 2: May 7-13	-172	10	1	2	0	-33	.	.	.	.	-192
Week 3: May 14-20	-223	10	0	4	0	-58	.	.	.	.	-267
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	126	11	1	1	0	-20	.	.	.	.	119
Week 2: May 7-13	113	8	0	0	0	-24	.	.	.	.	97
Week 3: May 14-20	125	9	2	0	0	-32	.	.	.	.	104
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	44	22	10	3	0	0	.	.	.	.	79
Week 2: May 7-13	-29	44	11	-1	0	0	.	.	.	.	25
Week 3: May 14-20	-83	50	11	-8	1	0	.	.	.	.	-29
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	21	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 2: May 7-13	15	-2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: May 14-20	9	-7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	6	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: May 7-13	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: May 14-20	-1	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	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	1,173	500	207	180	172	18	2,250
Week 2: May 7-13	1,597	500	349	214	374	24	.	.	.	.	3,058
Week 3: May 14-20	1,997	500	523	202	513	21	.	.	.	.	3,756
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	547	400	384	253	73	15	.	.	.	.	1,672
Week 2: May 7-13	809	400	501	322	50	20	.	.	.	.	2,102
Week 3: May 14-20	1,070	400	681	567	45	15	.	.	.	.	2,778
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	2,300	1,003	818	747	186	20	.	.	.	.	5,074
Week 2: May 7-13	2,300	1,460	941	805	159	33	.	.	.	.	5,698
Week 3: May 14-20	2,300	1,913	1,268	1,012	145	30	.	.	.	.	6,668
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	173	138	78	44	10	-20	.	.	.	.	423
Week 2: May 7-13	276	157	130	69	10	-20	.	.	.	.	622
Week 3: May 14-20	324	176	225	34	10	-20	.	.	.	.	749
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	23	5	-1	27
Week 2: May 7-13	25	5	20	50
Week 3: May 14-20	27	5	41	73

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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 30-May 6	204	93	80	35	26	24	462
Week 2: May 7-13	221	181	80	40	24	33	.	.	.	.	579
Week 3: May 14-20	247	270	80	10	-8	30	.	.	.	.	629
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	248	225	189	175	6	-36	.	.	.	.	807
Week 2: May 7-13	282	183	200	175	7	-15	.	.	.	.	832
Week 3: May 14-20	296	169	220	175	10	-18	.	.	.	.	852
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	468	450	269	202	8	-18	.	.	.	.	1,379
Week 2: May 7-13	512	450	206	320	6	-16	.	.	.	.	1,478
Week 3: May 14-20	509	450	197	439	5	-17	.	.	.	.	1,583
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	164	10	10	10	-20	-37	.	.	.	.	137
Week 2: May 7-13	119	14	-44	10	-20	-23	.	.	.	.	56
Week 3: May 14-20	93	17	-85	10	-20	-20	.	.	.	.	-5
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	6	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: May 7-13	6	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: May 14-20	6	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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 30-May 6	250	225	62	45	41	5	628
Week 2: May 7-13	250	180	41	56	105	5	.	.	.	.	637
Week 3: May 14-20	250	126	-7	75	98	5	.	.	.	.	547
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	448	64	46	17	4	-40	.	.	.	.	539
Week 2: May 7-13	415	90	-7	50	3	-40	.	.	.	.	511
Week 3: May 14-20	353	95	-77	42	5	-40	.	.	.	.	378
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	469	300	214	141	8	-413	.	.	.	.	719
Week 2: May 7-13	532	300	-102	174	7	-410	.	.	.	.	501
Week 3: May 14-20	582	300	-491	107	3	-420	.	.	.	.	81
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	309	94	30	4	-10	-73	.	.	.	.	354
Week 2: May 7-13	261	132	30	-7	-10	-118	.	.	.	.	288
Week 3: May 14-20	239	108	30	-17	-15	-97	.	.	.	.	248
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	10	9	-12	7
Week 2: May 7-13	10	8	-3	15
Week 3: May 14-20	10	6	6	22

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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 30-May 6	171	132	80	66	58	4	511
Week 2: May 7-13	262	150	80	76	73	6	.	.	.	.	647
Week 3: May 14-20	341	189	80	72	89	7	.	.	.	.	778
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	500	120	8	5	-20	-213	.	.	.	.	400
Week 2: May 7-13	481	120	7	-19	-27	-331	.	.	.	.	231
Week 3: May 14-20	432	120	4	-16	-25	-438	.	.	.	.	77
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	776	300	183	0	-95	-361	.	.	.	.	803
Week 2: May 7-13	956	300	210	0	-34	-384	.	.	.	.	1,048
Week 3: May 14-20	1,007	300	224	0	-30	-392	.	.	.	.	1,109
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	71	17	10	-43	-47	-100	.	.	.	.	-92
Week 2: May 7-13	41	36	10	-49	-36	-100	.	.	.	.	-98
Week 3: May 14-20	13	49	10	-54	-85	-100	.	.	.	.	-167
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	8	2	1	11
Week 2: May 7-13	8	3	1	12
Week 3: May 14-20	8	5	1	14

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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	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 30-May 6	403	90	32	5	530
Week 2: May 7-13	267	90	29	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	394
Week 3: May 14-20	244	90	38	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	381
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	150	143	46	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	341
Week 2: May 7-13	150	4	35	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	194
Week 3: May 14-20	150	-35	35	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	159
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	361	240	6	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	610
Week 2: May 7-13	285	240	4	-41	.	.	.	.	.	.	488
Week 3: May 14-20	224	240	9	-116	.	.	.	.	.	.	357
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	161	20	17	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	183
Week 2: May 7-13	129	20	13	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	152
Week 3: May 14-20	107	20	8	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	127
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: May 7-13	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: May 14-20	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 30-May 6	199	108	50	8	5	370
Week 2: May 7-13	247	-2	87	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	344
Week 3: May 14-20	258	-82	90	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	278
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	607	15	8	-68	-110	.	.	.	.	.	452
Week 2: May 7-13	406	15	8	-80	-78	.	.	.	.	.	271
Week 3: May 14-20	337	15	12	-83	-80	.	.	.	.	.	201
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	526	80	56	8	-490	.	.	.	.	.	180
Week 2: May 7-13	260	80	13	9	-500	.	.	.	.	.	-138
Week 3: May 14-20	300	80	-74	10	-550	.	.	.	.	.	-234
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	449	235	5	0	-204	.	.	.	.	.	485
Week 2: May 7-13	370	327	5	0	-248	.	.	.	.	.	454
Week 3: May 14-20	293	350	5	0	-230	.	.	.	.	.	418
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 30-May 6	15	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: May 7-13	26	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 3: May 14-20	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

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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.
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- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
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- 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.
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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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