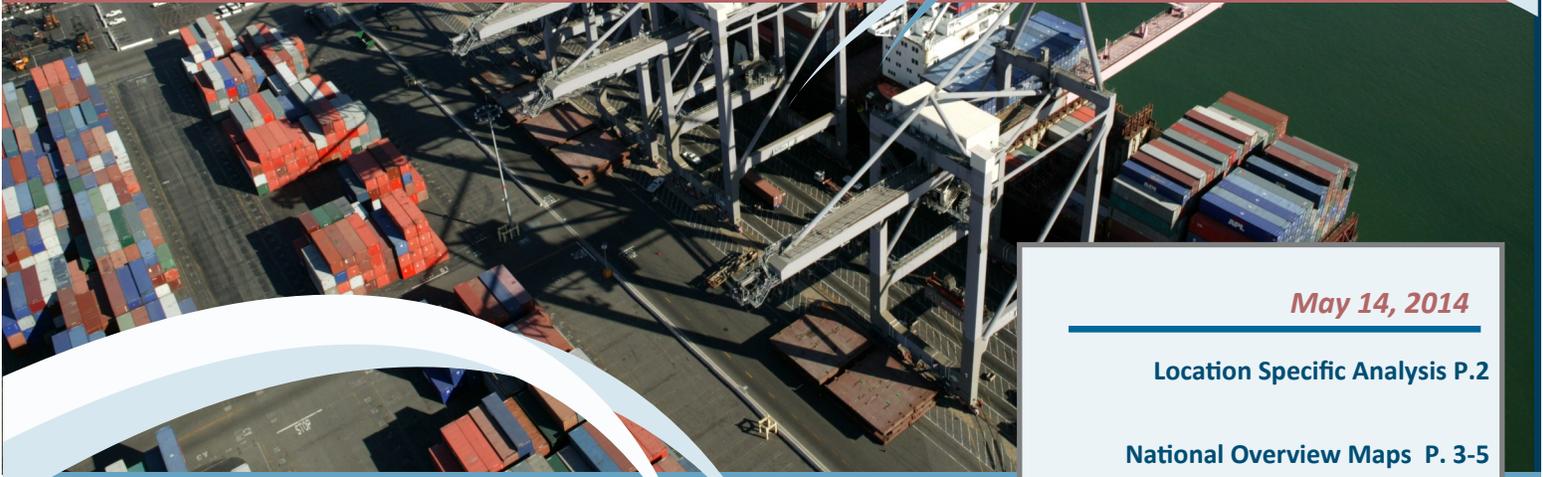




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for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



# Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

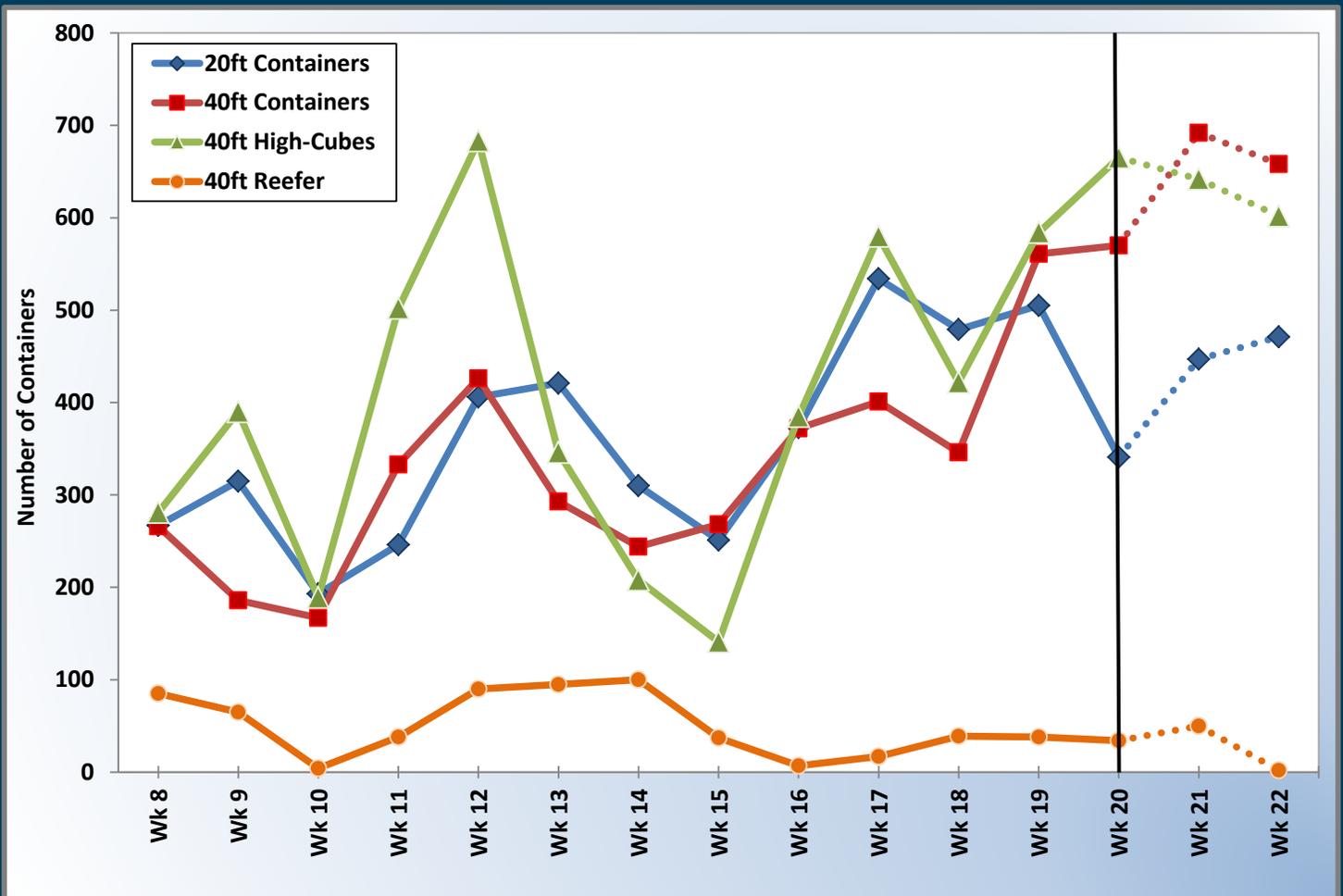
## Historical Analysis of Charleston

The Port of Charleston ranks 23rd in the nation for overall waterborne agricultural exports, but 11th for containerized waterborne agricultural exports. In 2013, more than 99 percent of the agricultural exports through Charleston were moved in containers. Between April and June of 2013, Charleston moved more than 178,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Poultry and meat products accounted for more than 40 percent of agricultural exports through the port—with poultry accounting for 22 percent and meat products 19 percent. Since refrigerated exports are the top containerized agricultural products through Charleston, data for 40ft refrigerated containers is included in the historical graphic below. In 2013, Charleston ranked 4th in the nation for containerized poultry exports. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move approximately 72 percent of these exports. During the same period, agricultural exporters used the Maersk Line to move nearly a third of these exports (30 percent), Evergreen Line moved 13 percent, Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) moved 12 percent and MOL moved 10 percent.<sup>1</sup>

Along with the majority of other East Coast ports, the Port of Charleston is preparing for the additional cargo expected from the expansion of the Panama Canal in late 2015. The port is investing in deeper ship channels which will allow the port to service the larger vessels that will be able to transit the Panama Canal. Additional on-dock rail access is also a priority for the port to more efficiently handle a greater number of containers from the larger vessels.

Over the past several weeks, container availability for each of the container types through Charleston followed a similar pattern. Each of the dry container types averaged between 350 and 415 units. Estimates for 40ft high-cube containers spiked to 683 units in mid-March, then spiked again this week to 665 units. Estimates for 20ft dry containers strayed from the group this last week, falling to 341 units, while 40ft dry and 40ft high-cube containers each increased. Over the next 2 weeks, availability of 20ft containers is expected to increase, 40ft high-cube containers are expected to decrease, and 40ft dry and refrigerated containers are expected to increase during week 21, then decrease in week 22.

**Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Charleston, 3rd week of February (Wk 8) through 3rd week of May (Wk 20), 2014, with Projections**



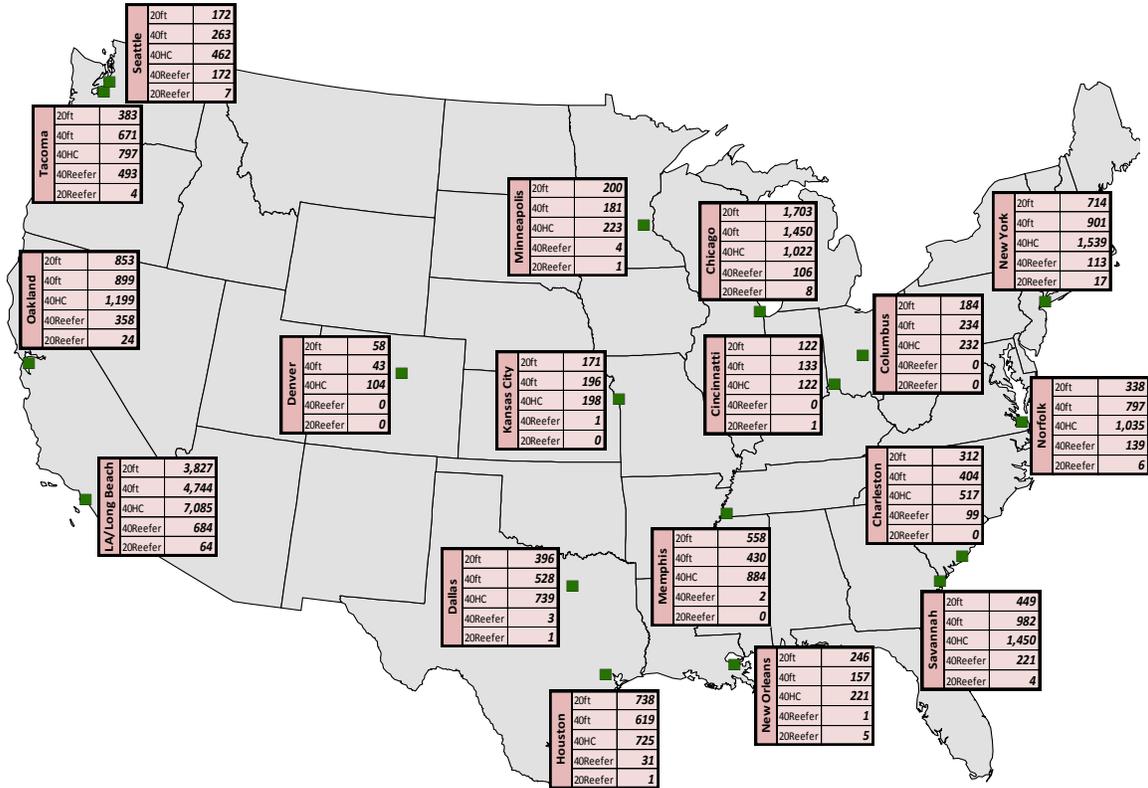
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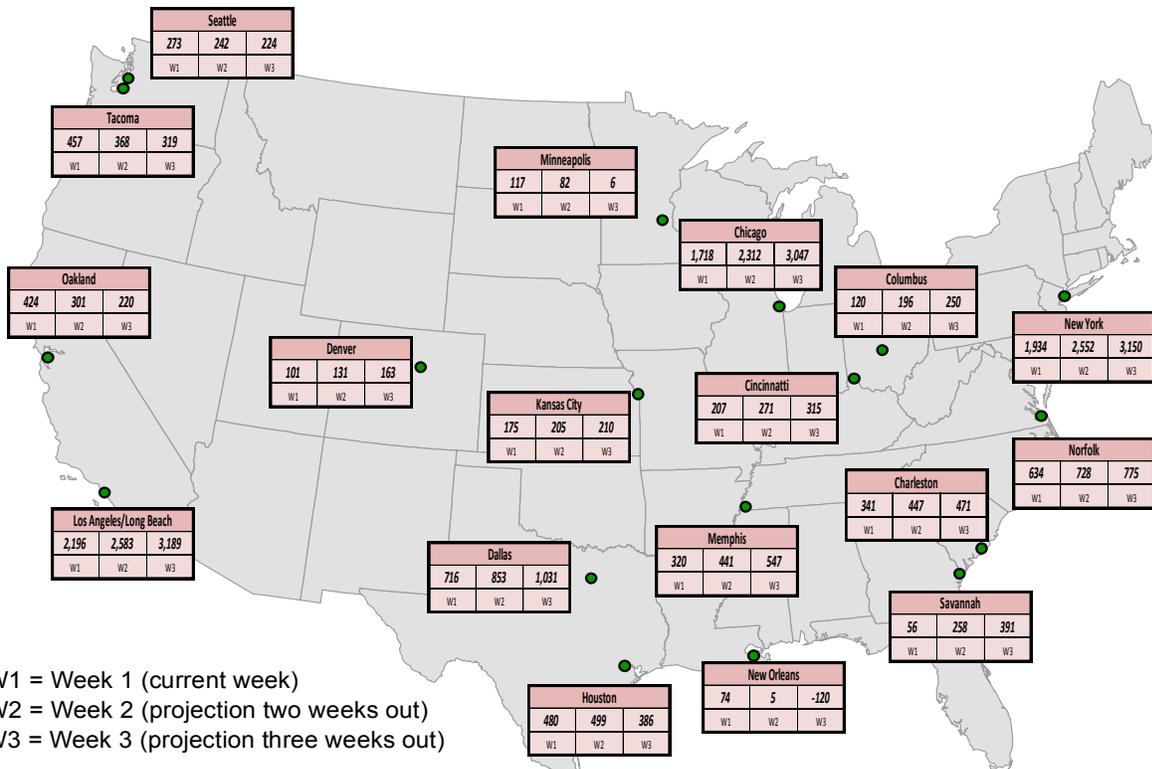
## Week of May 14-20, 2014



### Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



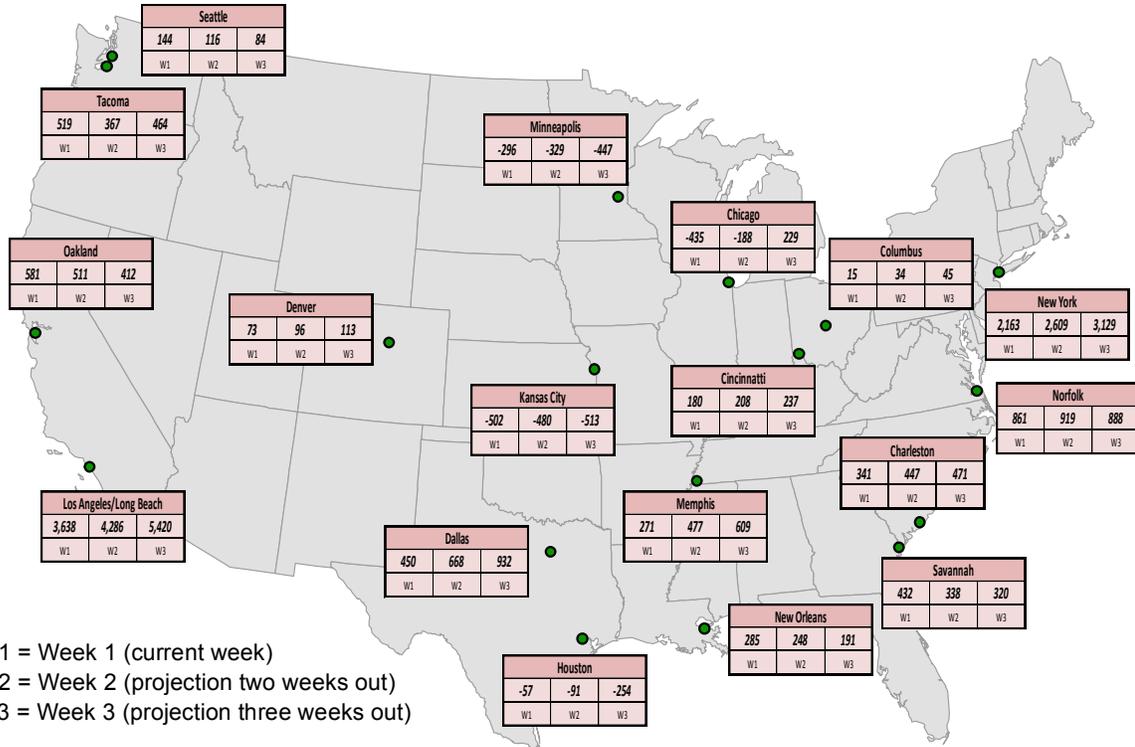
### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



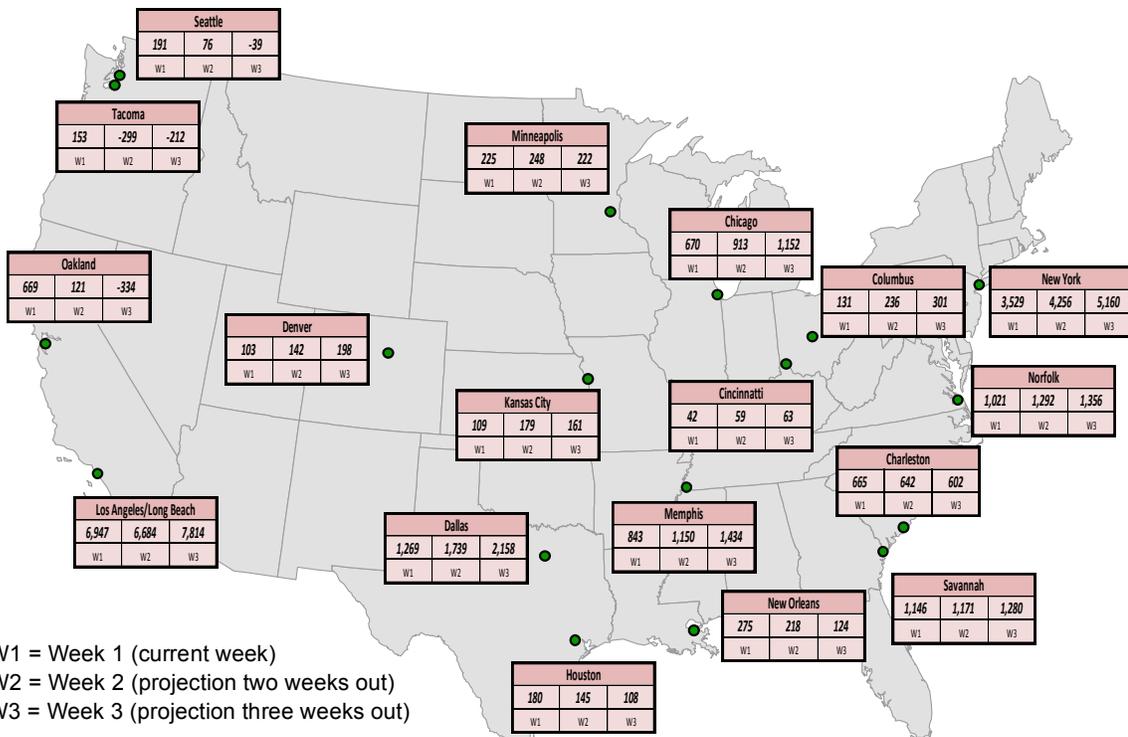
W1 = Week 1 (current week)  
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)  
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



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

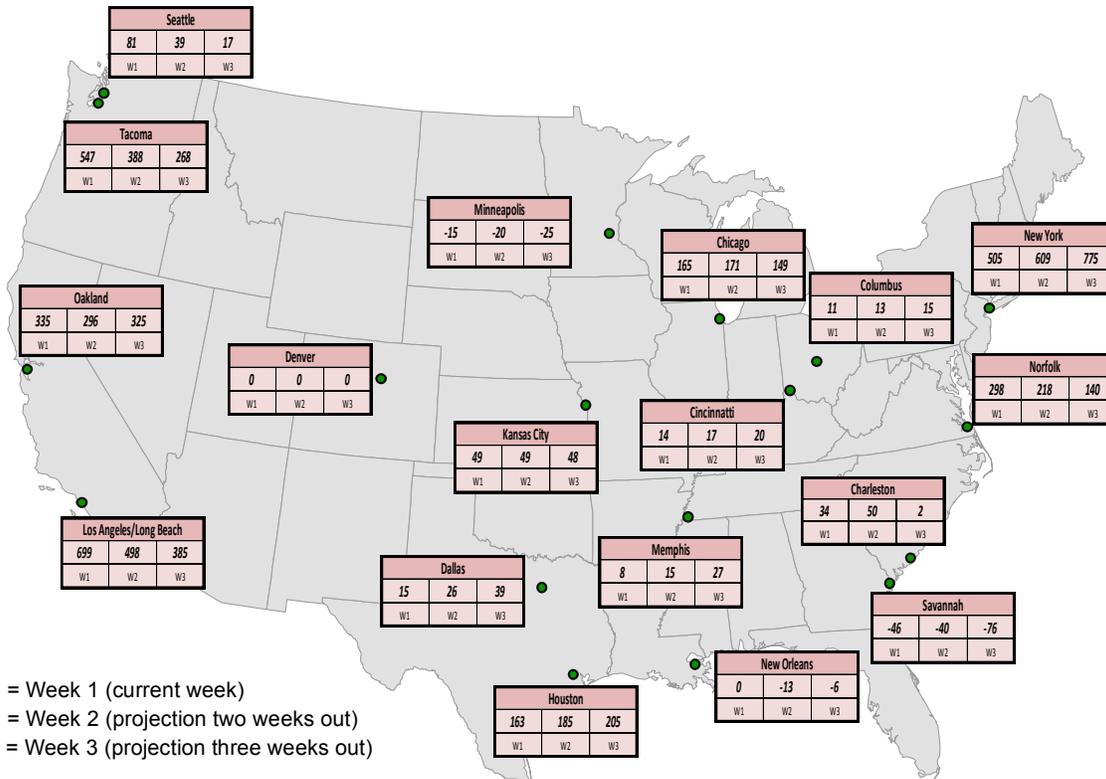


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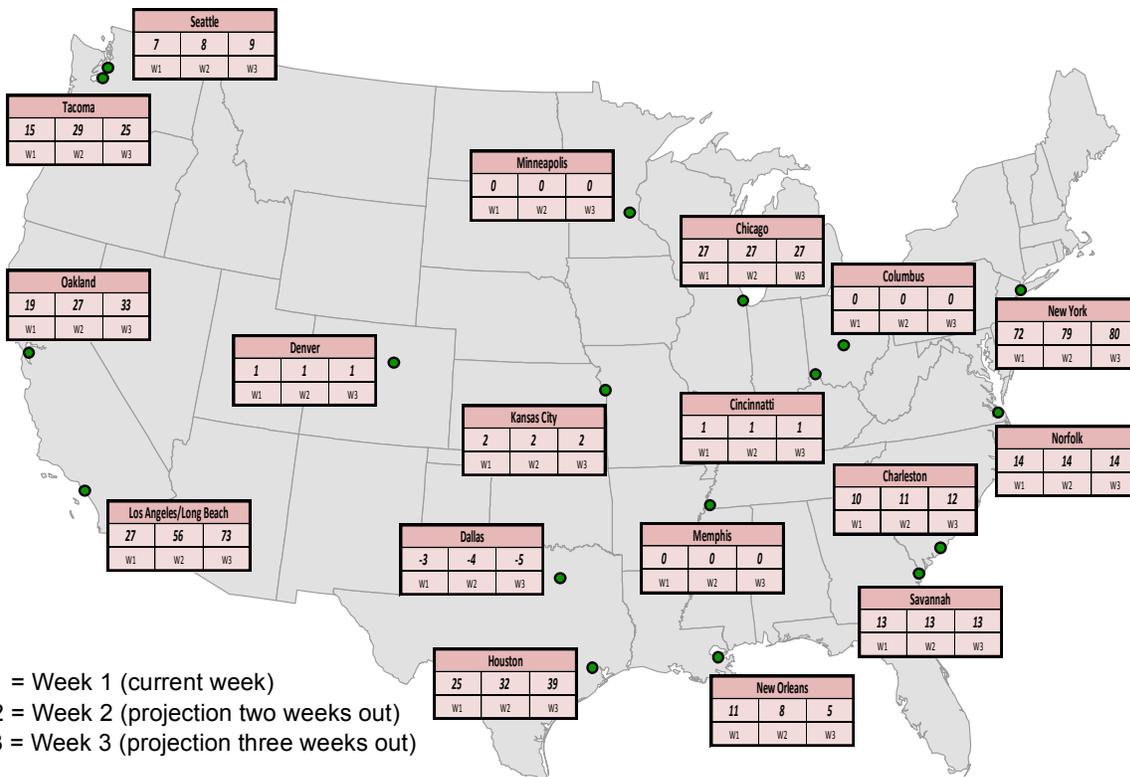


### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



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

### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers



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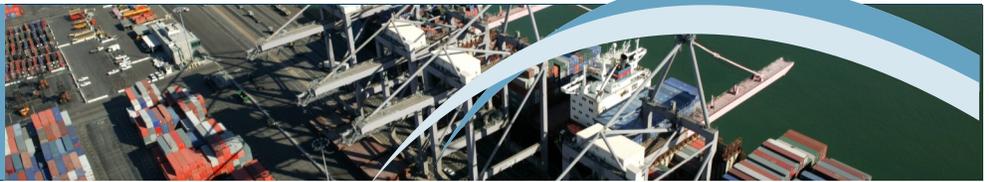


Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	110	80	74	50	23	4	.	.	.	.	341
Week 2: May 21-27	107	120	72	50	89	9	.	.	.	.	447
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	117	141	66	50	89	8	.	.	.	.	471
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	172	136	110	90	54	8	.	.	.	.	570
Week 2: May 21-27	201	143	185	90	65	8	.	.	.	.	692
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	201	121	164	90	75	7	.	.	.	.	658
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	241	184	150	65	22	3	.	.	.	.	665
Week 2: May 21-27	318	144	150	58	-36	8	.	.	.	.	642
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	380	96	150	52	-81	5	.	.	.	.	602
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	33	29	5	5	3	-41	.	.	.	.	34
Week 2: May 21-27	37	19	5	5	0	-16	.	.	.	.	50
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	41	12	5	5	-3	-58	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	6	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: May 21-27	7	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	8	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	1,396	362	114	8	-12	-150	.	.	.	.	1,718
Week 2: May 21-27	1,756	467	211	8	20	-150	.	.	.	.	2,312
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	2,050	747	375	7	18	-150	.	.	.	.	3,047
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	309	290	59	35	-3	-1125	.	.	.	.	-435
Week 2: May 21-27	418	306	212	5	-4	-1125	.	.	.	.	-188
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	449	423	481	3	-2	-1125	.	.	.	.	229
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	766	267	170	62	5	-600	.	.	.	.	670
Week 2: May 21-27	964	219	285	42	3	-600	.	.	.	.	913
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	1,028	290	385	45	4	-600	.	.	.	.	1,152
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	92	48	25	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	165
Week 2: May 21-27	96	45	30	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	171
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	87	32	30	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	149
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	21	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 2: May 21-27	20	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	19	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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



<b>Cincinnati</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	91	59	40	12	5	0	.	.	.	.	207
Week 2: May 21-27	118	75	60	11	5	2	.	.	.	.	271
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	153	82	64	10	5	1	.	.	.	.	315
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	69	60	47	14	0	-10	.	.	.	.	180
Week 2: May 21-27	61	72	74	12	-1	-10	.	.	.	.	208
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	67	82	84	16	-2	-10	.	.	.	.	237
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	58	38	18	-1	-21	-50	.	.	.	.	42
Week 2: May 21-27	73	38	10	5	-17	-50	.	.	.	.	59
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	63	54	11	3	-18	-50	.	.	.	.	63
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: May 21-27	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: May 21-27	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



<b>Columbus</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	78	32	22	10	-10	-12	.	.	.	.	120
Week 2: May 21-27	105	55	36	8	-10	2	.	.	.	.	196
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	125	67	55	12	-10	1	.	.	.	.	250
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	28	27	10	4	-4	-50	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: May 21-27	13	36	11	25	-1	-50	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	27	31	14	23	0	-50	.	.	.	.	45
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	63	48	45	15	0	-40	.	.	.	.	131
Week 2: May 21-27	88	52	121	15	0	-40	.	.	.	.	236
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	101	53	176	10	1	-40	.	.	.	.	301
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: May 21-27	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 21-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

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

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<b>Dallas</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	215	180	140	125	50	6	.	.	.	.	716
Week 2: May 21-27	319	206	99	173	50	6	.	.	.	.	853
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	403	251	87	233	50	7	.	.	.	.	1,031
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	184	175	160	10	-9	-70	.	.	.	.	450
Week 2: May 21-27	114	256	241	11	116	-70	.	.	.	.	668
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	108	344	326	11	213	-70	.	.	.	.	932
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	337	297	269	210	147	9	.	.	.	.	1,269
Week 2: May 21-27	502	510	192	210	317	8	.	.	.	.	1,739
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	650	654	188	210	447	9	.	.	.	.	2,158
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	17	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: May 21-27	28	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	41	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: May 21-27	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	68	17	11	8	5	-8	.	.	.	.	101
Week 2: May 21-27	96	17	16	4	5	-7	.	.	.	.	131
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	120	18	25	2	5	-7	.	.	.	.	163
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	34	23	8	6	1	1	.	.	.	.	73
Week 2: May 21-27	55	25	6	10	-1	1	.	.	.	.	96
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	74	32	-4	12	-2	1	.	.	.	.	113
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	99	34	33	7	0	-70	.	.	.	.	103
Week 2: May 21-27	141	37	34	6	-6	-70	.	.	.	.	142
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	176	63	30	5	-6	-70	.	.	.	.	198
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 21-27	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: May 21-27	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	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

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



<b>Houston</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	309	150	76	10	-13	-52	.	.	.	.	480
Week 2: May 21-27	288	150	93	5	0	-37	.	.	.	.	499
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	176	150	109	4	-2	-51	.	.	.	.	386
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	211	180	2	-14	-100	-336	.	.	.	.	-57
Week 2: May 21-27	247	194	2	8	-100	-442	.	.	.	.	-91
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	258	201	3	6	-100	-622	.	.	.	.	-254
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	182	108	6	5	4	-125	.	.	.	.	180
Week 2: May 21-27	220	138	-88	5	-5	-125	.	.	.	.	145
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	250	203	-215	2	-7	-125	.	.	.	.	108
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	100	49	12	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	163
Week 2: May 21-27	100	57	26	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	185
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	100	58	45	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	205
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	33	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 2: May 21-27	40	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	46	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	129	37	14	1	-1	-5	.	.	.	.	175
Week 2: May 21-27	142	52	15	2	-1	-5	.	.	.	.	205
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	134	63	18	2	-2	-5	.	.	.	.	210
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	34	13	13	-8	-54	-500	.	.	.	.	-502
Week 2: May 21-27	34	11	14	-7	-32	-500	.	.	.	.	-480
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	36	-10	-1	-8	-30	-500	.	.	.	.	-513
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	200	44	43	-8	-30	-140	.	.	.	.	109
Week 2: May 21-27	200	39	57	-10	-38	-69	.	.	.	.	179
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	200	35	51	-10	-50	-65	.	.	.	.	161
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	25	24	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49
Week 2: May 21-27	22	27	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	18	30	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: May 21-27	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	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

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



Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	650	544	500	327	135	40	.	.	.	.	2,196
Week 2: May 21-27	691	631	500	521	198	42	.	.	.	.	2,583
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	660	811	500	706	482	30	.	.	.	.	3,189
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	1,047	800	793	528	420	50	.	.	.	.	3,638
Week 2: May 21-27	1,247	800	852	619	718	50	.	.	.	.	4,286
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	1,875	800	835	691	1,174	45	.	.	.	.	5,420
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	3,000	2,388	1,832	50	18	-341	.	.	.	.	6,947
Week 2: May 21-27	3,000	2,534	1,539	48	86	-523	.	.	.	.	6,684
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	3,000	3,320	1,450	49	729	-734	.	.	.	.	7,814
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	333	161	75	63	52	15	.	.	.	.	699
Week 2: May 21-27	282	116	75	94	-89	20	.	.	.	.	498
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	343	71	75	116	-245	25	.	.	.	.	385
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	21	10	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 2: May 21-27	36	10	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	50	10	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	73

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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



<b>Memphis</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	141	109	30	25	8	7	.	.	.	.	320
Week 2: May 21-27	227	105	30	69	7	3	.	.	.	.	441
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	277	121	30	112	6	1	.	.	.	.	547
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	145	40	39	33	9	5	.	.	.	.	271
Week 2: May 21-27	180	40	177	74	2	4	.	.	.	.	477
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	182	40	267	112	3	5	.	.	.	.	609
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	500	147	132	33	28	3	.	.	.	.	843
Week 2: May 21-27	500	398	161	95	-9	5	.	.	.	.	1,150
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	500	606	204	132	-13	5	.	.	.	.	1,434
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	5	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: May 21-27	7	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	10	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 21-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



<b>Minneapolis</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	162	58	15	7	3	-128	.	.	.	.	117
Week 2: May 21-27	165	90	15	4	3	-195	.	.	.	.	82
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	165	87	15	2	3	-266	.	.	.	.	6
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	33	13	-2	-4	-136	-200	.	.	.	.	-296
Week 2: May 21-27	38	23	-2	10	-198	-200	.	.	.	.	-329
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	9	18	-1	3	-276	-200	.	.	.	.	-447
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	86	70	62	6	3	-2	.	.	.	.	225
Week 2: May 21-27	65	70	91	9	19	-6	.	.	.	.	248
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	20	70	129	10	-2	-5	.	.	.	.	222
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	0	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-15
Week 2: May 21-27	0	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-20
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	0	-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-25
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 21-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	76	10	9	0	-1	-20	.	.	.	.	74
Week 2: May 21-27	65	10	12	0	1	-83	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	49	10	14	0	0	-193	.	.	.	.	-120
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	277	11	3	0	0	-6	.	.	.	.	285
Week 2: May 21-27	241	8	4	0	0	-5	.	.	.	.	248
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	185	9	5	1	0	-9	.	.	.	.	191
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	185	55	26	10	0	-1	.	.	.	.	275
Week 2: May 21-27	121	62	25	11	0	-1	.	.	.	.	218
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	23	71	19	11	0	0	.	.	.	.	124
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	3	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 21-27	-4	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-13
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	9	0	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	6	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: May 21-27	6	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	6	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	696	417	350	232	221	18	.	.	.	.	1,934
Week 2: May 21-27	1,093	516	350	233	336	24	.	.	.	.	2,552
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	1,436	628	350	218	497	21	.	.	.	.	3,150
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	671	537	460	300	180	15	.	.	.	.	2,163
Week 2: May 21-27	955	677	546	300	111	20	.	.	.	.	2,609
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	1,172	832	690	300	120	15	.	.	.	.	3,129
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	1,102	821	800	600	186	20	.	.	.	.	3,529
Week 2: May 21-27	1,281	1,254	800	706	182	33	.	.	.	.	4,256
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	1,544	1,681	800	926	179	30	.	.	.	.	5,160
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	195	169	73	48	10	10	.	.	.	.	505
Week 2: May 21-27	261	234	23	71	10	10	.	.	.	.	609
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	316	327	37	75	10	10	.	.	.	.	775
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	43	24	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	72
Week 2: May 21-27	46	28	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	79
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	44	31	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	80

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



<b>Norfolk</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	258	168	100	42	35	31	.	.	.	.	634
Week 2: May 21-27	269	265	100	25	40	29	.	.	.	.	728
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	278	335	100	26	10	26	.	.	.	.	775
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	359	215	195	100	6	-14	.	.	.	.	861
Week 2: May 21-27	388	292	140	100	7	-8	.	.	.	.	919
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	391	278	119	100	10	-10	.	.	.	.	888
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	308	284	282	250	8	-111	.	.	.	.	1,021
Week 2: May 21-27	431	342	308	250	6	-45	.	.	.	.	1,292
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	525	380	256	250	5	-60	.	.	.	.	1,356
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	186	90	16	10	10	-14	.	.	.	.	298
Week 2: May 21-27	155	29	16	15	10	-7	.	.	.	.	218
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	109	-16	22	30	10	-15	.	.	.	.	140
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	12	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: May 21-27	12	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	12	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



<b>Oakland</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	175	158	91	26	5	-31	.	.	.	.	424
Week 2: May 21-27	175	64	78	5	5	-26	.	.	.	.	301
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	175	29	72	-57	5	-4	.	.	.	.	220
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	480	81	70	21	4	-75	.	.	.	.	581
Week 2: May 21-27	402	124	70	35	3	-123	.	.	.	.	511
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	378	129	70	32	5	-202	.	.	.	.	412
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	290	250	160	72	8	-111	.	.	.	.	669
Week 2: May 21-27	335	250	175	-331	7	-315	.	.	.	.	121
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	364	250	133	-779	3	-305	.	.	.	.	-334
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	286	76	30	10	1	-68	.	.	.	.	335
Week 2: May 21-27	281	89	30	-5	-1	-98	.	.	.	.	296
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	287	97	30	-5	0	-84	.	.	.	.	325
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	10	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 2: May 21-27	10	7	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	10	4	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	101	75	41	27	4	-192	.	.	.	.	56
Week 2: May 21-27	178	75	65	41	6	-107	.	.	.	.	258
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	213	75	60	86	7	-50	.	.	.	.	391
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	365	271	75	8	-49	-238	.	.	.	.	432
Week 2: May 21-27	350	291	75	7	-42	-343	.	.	.	.	338
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	463	296	75	4	-38	-480	.	.	.	.	320
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	865	325	300	0	-22	-322	.	.	.	.	1,146
Week 2: May 21-27	887	366	300	0	-10	-372	.	.	.	.	1,171
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	1,054	396	300	0	-12	-458	.	.	.	.	1,280
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	58	54	10	-5	-63	-100	.	.	.	.	-46
Week 2: May 21-27	42	39	10	-4	-27	-100	.	.	.	.	-40
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	49	39	10	-3	-71	-100	.	.	.	.	-76
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	6	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: May 21-27	6	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	6	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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



Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	150	92	26	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	273
Week 2: May 21-27	150	59	25	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	242
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	150	30	35	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	224
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	77	50	15	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	144
Week 2: May 21-27	44	52	15	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	116
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	4	56	15	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	84
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	158	35	6	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	191
Week 2: May 21-27	95	35	4	-58	.	.	.	.	.	.	76
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	17	35	9	-100	.	.	.	.	.	.	-39
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	46	20	14	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	81
Week 2: May 21-27	4	20	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	-18	20	7	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 14-20	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: May 21-27	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	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

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



<b>Tacoma</b>											
<b>20ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	290	103	61	8	-5	.	.	.	.	.	457
Week 2: May 21-27	313	97	-44	7	-5	.	.	.	.	.	368
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	313	88	-84	7	-5	.	.	.	.	.	319
<b>40ft Dry</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	558	8	1	-2	-46	.	.	.	.	.	519
Week 2: May 21-27	431	8	1	-21	-52	.	.	.	.	.	367
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	539	12	1	-38	-50	.	.	.	.	.	464
<b>40ft High Cube</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	458	60	51	8	-424	.	.	.	.	.	153
Week 2: May 21-27	142	60	-18	9	-492	.	.	.	.	.	-299
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	276	60	-73	10	-485	.	.	.	.	.	-212
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	430	341	5	0	-229	.	.	.	.	.	547
Week 2: May 21-27	310	376	5	0	-303	.	.	.	.	.	388
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	170	352	5	0	-259	.	.	.	.	.	268
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>											
	<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>										<b>Total</b>
Current Week: May 14-20	14	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: May 21-27	28	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
Week 3: May 28-Jun 3	24	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

<b>Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput</b>		
<b>June 2012-November 2012</b>		
<b>Container Types</b>	<b>Average Total Weekly Throughput*</b>	<b>Range of Individual Carrier Responses</b>
<b>20ft</b>	383	1...300
<b>40ft</b>	671	15...500
<b>40ft High Cubes</b>	797	76...600
<b>40ft Refrigerated</b>	493	0...203
<b>20ft Refrigerated</b>	4	0...4

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



## Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

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