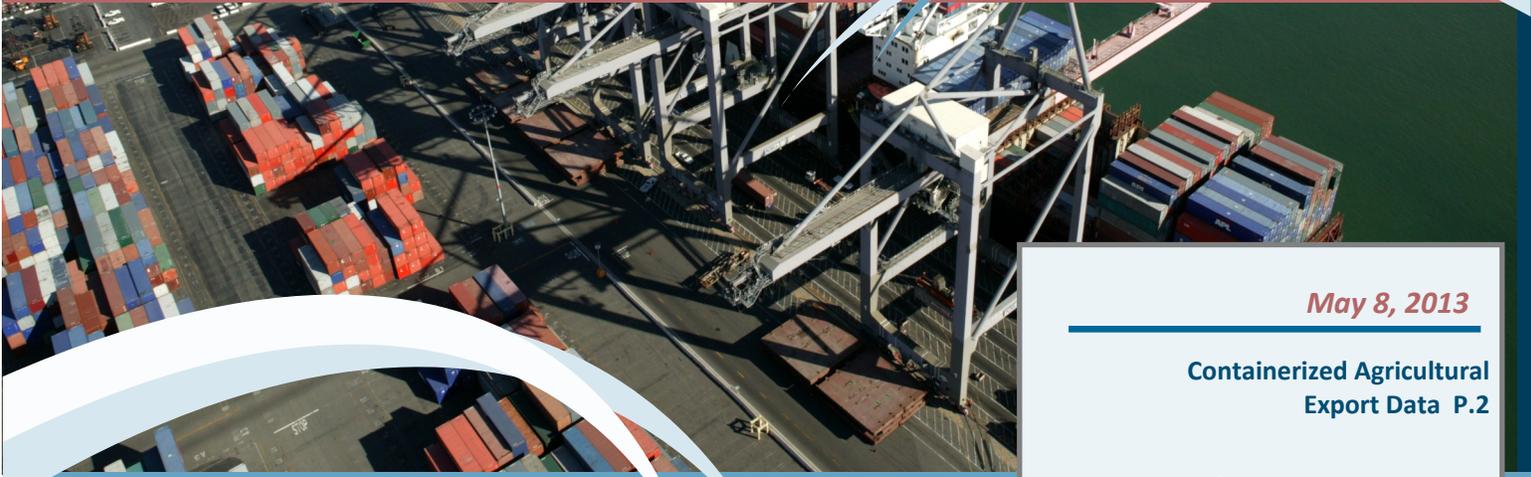


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Weekly Container Overview

May Containerized Agricultural Data Available: This week's OSCAR provides average containerized agricultural export data for May, including the top 10 commodities shipped and the top 10 ports used. This month also specifies commodities shipped and ports used for agricultural exports to Asia. See page 2 for more detail.

- **Ports:** The ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach, New York, Norfolk, and Charleston are expected to have the most available containers among the reported port locations over the next 3 weeks. Container availability estimates at Los Angeles/Long Beach and Charleston rose from the previous week, but fell slightly at New York and Norfolk. Over the next 3 weeks overall availability at each of these locations is expected to increase, except for 40ft refrigerated containers in Norfolk and Charleston.
- **Inland Locations:** Among the reported inland locations, Chicago, Dallas, Memphis, and Columbus are expected to have the most containers available over the next 3 weeks. Availability estimates at each inland location report experienced increases over the previous week except Columbus and Cincinnati.
- **Equipment:** Overall, availability of all container types combined was down just 271 units from the previous week.
 - The largest availability increases this week were in Minneapolis, Houston, and Charleston, particularly for 20ft dry and 40ft high-cube containers.
 - Overall container availability increased this week for 40ft dry and refrigerated containers, but decreased for each of the other container types (see table below). Availability of 40ft refrigerated containers has increased by 75 percent over the past 3 weeks.

Week-to-Week Comparison of Current Week Availability Estimates

Container type	Week of Apr 17-23	Week of Apr 24-30	Week of May 1-7	Week of May 8-14	% Change from Previous Week
20ft dry	8,698	9,521	9,583	9,391	-2%
40ft dry	7,930	9,699	8,733	9,101	4%
40ft high-cube	11,605	13,454	13,083	12,541	-4%
40ft refrigerated	1,250	1,498	2,074	2,190	6%
20ft refrigerated	220	172	185	164	-11%

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Containerized Agricultural Export Data

To provide additional insight and supplement the container availability data provided in OSCAR, monthly summary data on total containerized agricultural exports are now provided (note: ocean carriers reporting for OSCAR move about 40 percent of the cargo represented in the data below). The data provided represents all waterborne containerized agricultural exports moved on average in a given month over the past 5 years (i.e. 2008-2012). The May data below report the top ten commodities moved and the top ten ports used for overall containerized waterborne agricultural movements as well as those destined for Asia.

Top 10 U.S. Waterborne Containerized Agricultural Exports, 5-Year Average, May 2008-2012

Commodities	Metric Tons	TEU
Animal feed	439,395	37,086
Grocery items	237,137	26,055
Soybeans	203,528	13,933
Poultry	177,589	14,545
Cotton	171,636	17,027
Meat	169,967	15,673
Vegetables	138,742	11,733
Grain products	115,782	8,821
Bulk grains	115,238	7,586
Beverages	87,196	8,550
Other	754,537	64,087
Total	2,610,746	225,096

Source: Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS)

Top 10 Ports Moving U.S. Waterborne Containerized Agricultural Exports, 5-Year Average, May 2008-2012

U.S. Port	Metric Tons	TEU
Los Angeles	513,478	43,265
Long Beach	393,352	32,473
Oakland	329,402	28,156
Seattle	240,765	19,094
Tacoma	216,725	17,433
Savannah	157,843	13,507
Norfolk	132,901	11,360
New York	112,978	10,931
Houston	91,627	7,408
Jacksonville	88,684	9,917
Other	332,991	31,553
Total	2,610,746	225,096

Source: Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS)

Top 10 U.S. Waterborne Containerized Agricultural Exports to Asia, 5-Year Average, May 2008-2012

Commodities	Metric Tons	TEU
Animal feed	406,156	33,993
Soybeans	196,024	13,258
Cotton	150,774	14,963
Bulk grains	112,975	7,420
Meat	112,744	10,832
Vegetables	105,945	8,965
Poultry	98,189	7,957
Grain products	97,430	6,815
Grocery items	84,820	8,726
Hides, skins, furs	68,782	4,233
Other	436,021	37,908
Total	1,869,859	155,070

Source: Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS)

Top 10 Ports Moving U.S. Waterborne Containerized Agricultural Exports to Asia, 5-Year Average, May 2008-2012

U.S. Port	Metric Tons	TEU
Los Angeles	493,497	41,340
Long Beach	360,753	29,594
Oakland	242,184	21,521
Seattle	223,107	17,651
Tacoma	211,672	16,992
Savannah	101,993	8,693
Norfolk	72,868	6,118
New York	48,236	4,406
Charleston	19,207	1,664
Anchorage	16,601	1,497
Other	79,742	5,595
Total	1,869,859	155,070

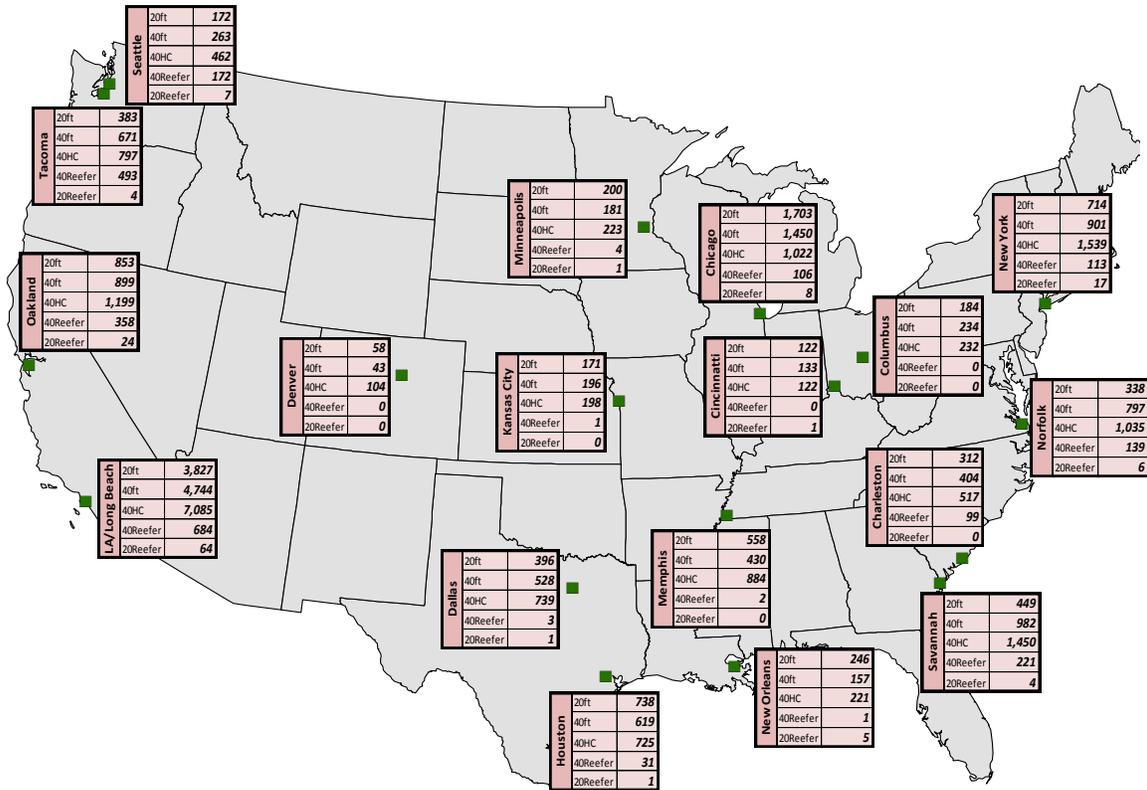
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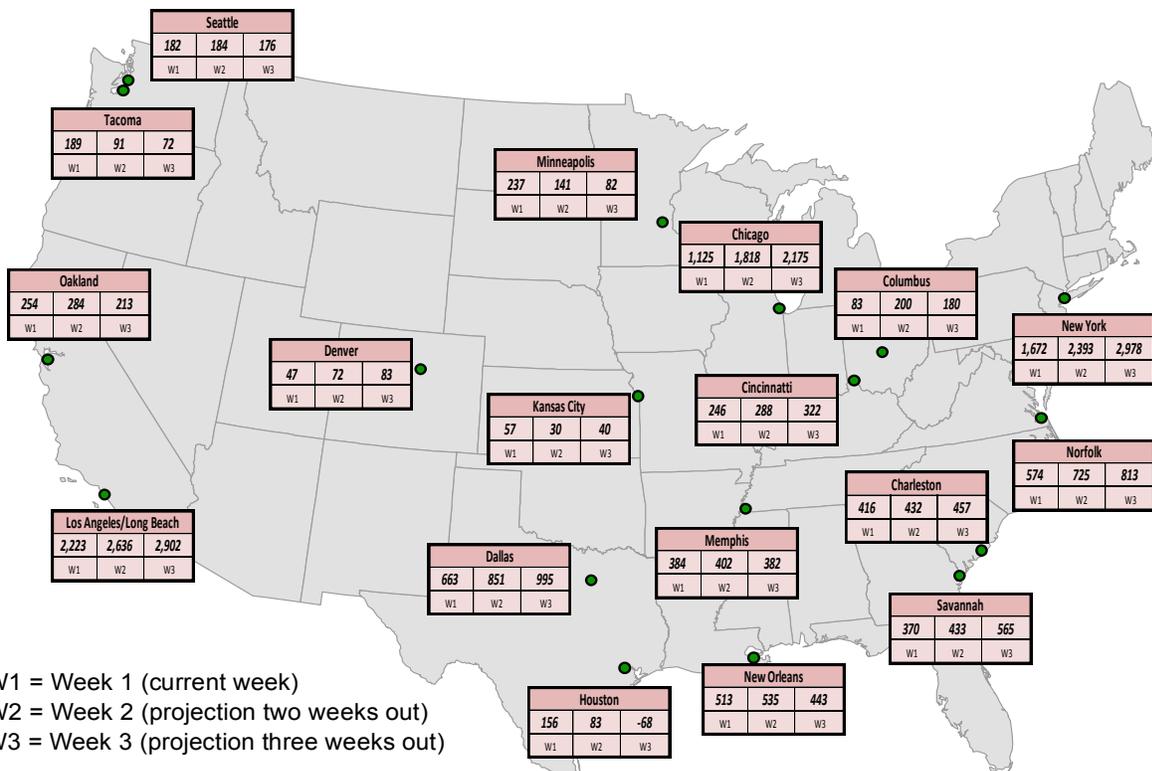
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



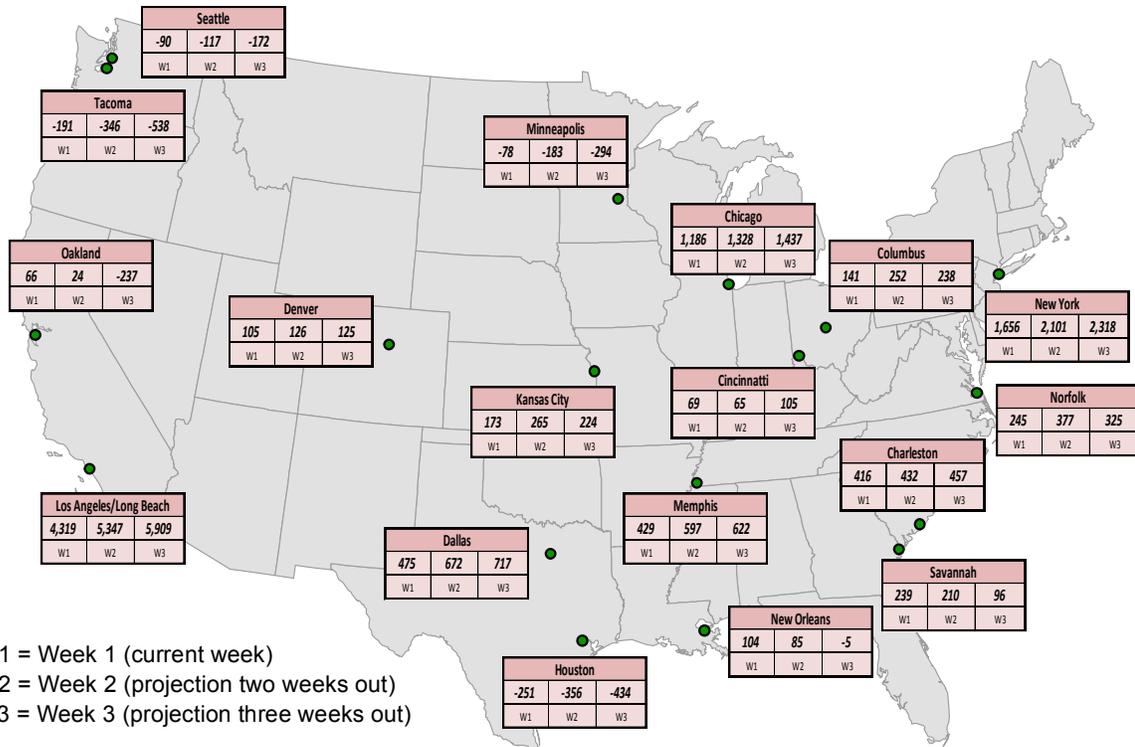
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



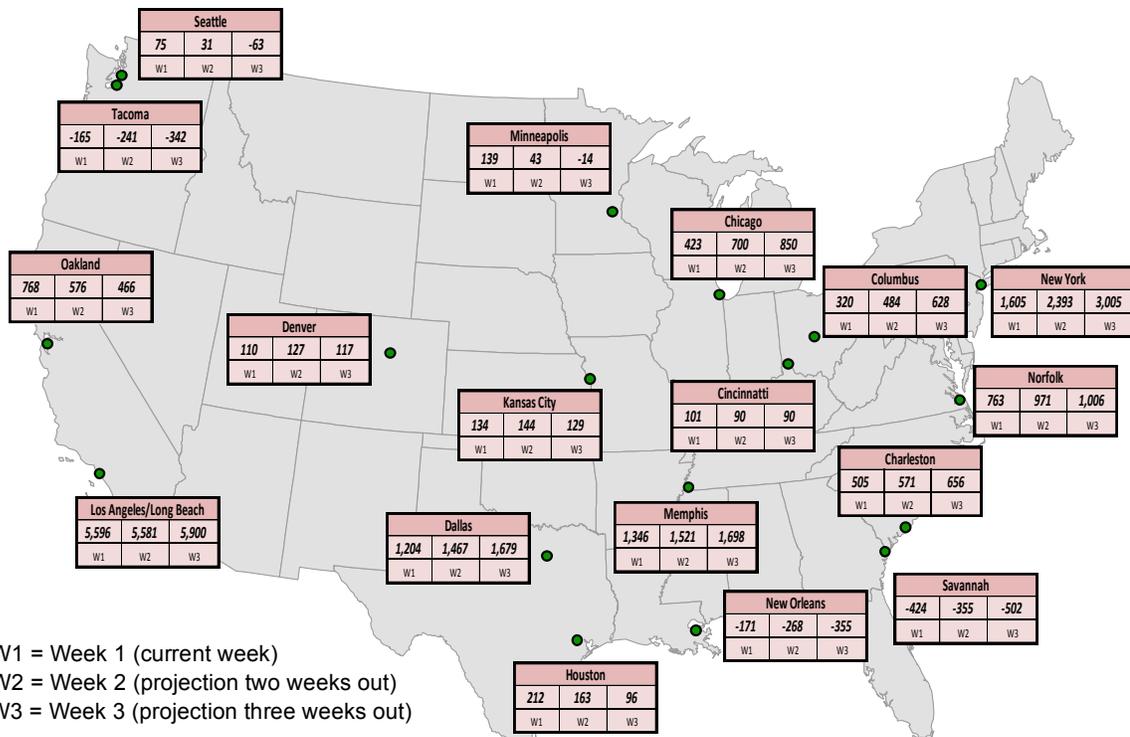
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 W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
 W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

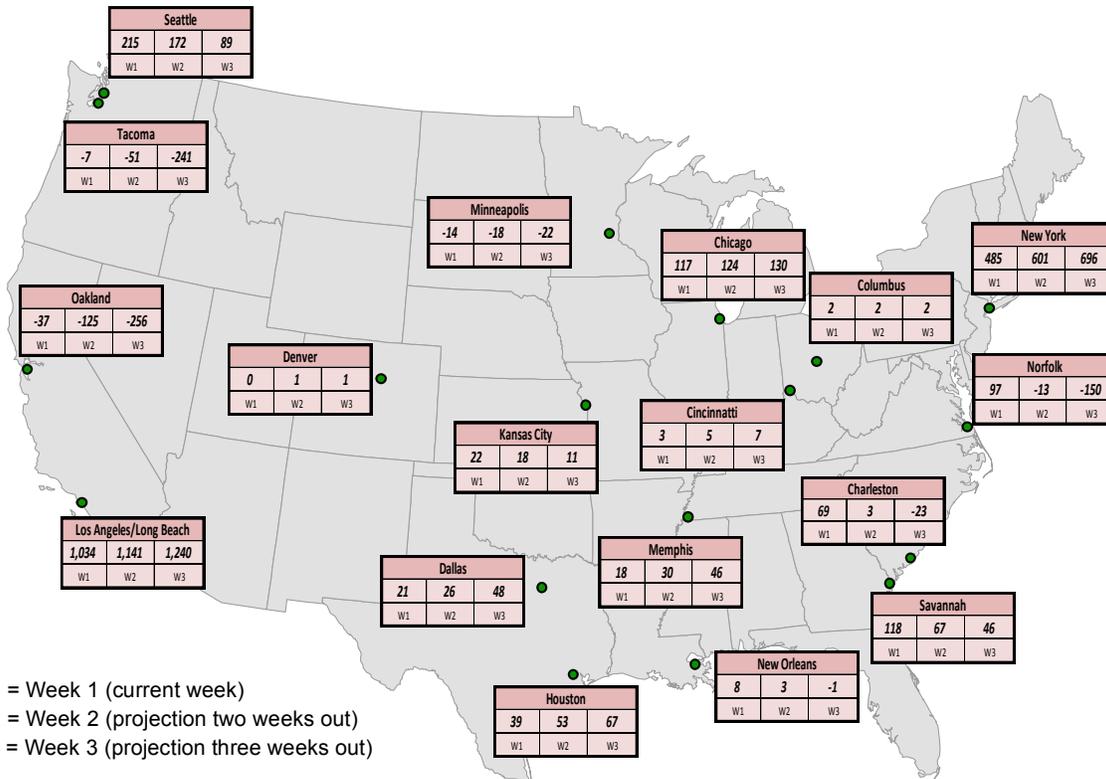


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers



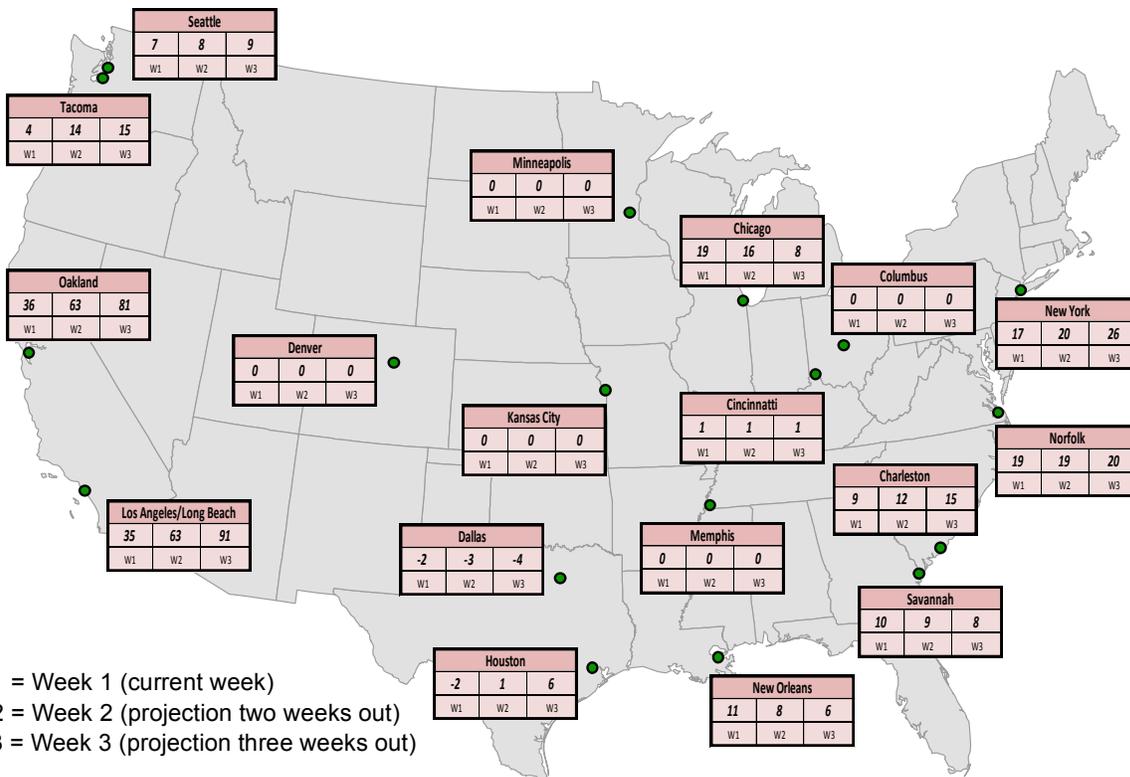


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



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Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers



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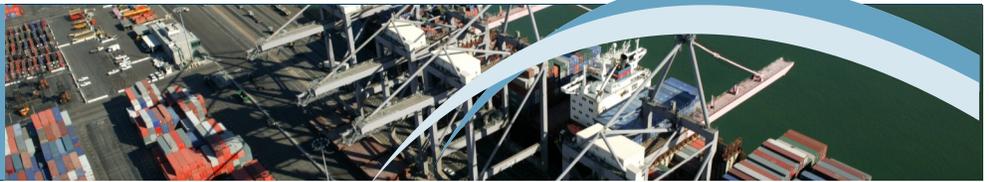


Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	175	88	59	54	21	14	4	1	.	.	416
Week 2: May 15-21	218	72	42	54	27	16	2	1	.	.	432
Week 3: May 22-28	235	60	53	54	42	10	2	1	.	.	457
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	187	117	92	69	25	10	6	-2	.	.	504
Week 2: May 15-21	269	134	96	69	14	10	8	-15	.	.	585
Week 3: May 22-28	318	110	112	69	36	10	4	6	.	.	665
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	267	166	40	30	15	8	6	-27	.	.	505
Week 2: May 15-21	360	171	40	30	-1	-4	7	-32	.	.	571
Week 3: May 22-28	427	186	40	30	-1	-1	5	-30	.	.	656
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	43	20	16	2	0	-2	-10	.	.	.	69
Week 2: May 15-21	16	24	20	2	0	-44	-15	.	.	.	3
Week 3: May 22-28	-9	28	20	2	0	-53	-11	.	.	.	-23
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	5	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: May 15-21	7	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: May 22-28	9	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

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 8-14	692	280	116	90	10	-2	-26	-35	.	.	1,125
Week 2: May 15-21	943	280	398	90	8	2	105	-8	.	.	1,818
Week 3: May 22-28	1,202	280	671	90	5	4	-149	72	.	.	2,175
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	700	247	139	58	30	13	11	-12	.	.	1,186
Week 2: May 15-21	700	315	146	58	24	74	11	0	.	.	1,328
Week 3: May 22-28	700	394	202	58	-150	221	10	2	.	.	1,437
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	350	148	147	91	10	-2	-46	-275	.	.	423
Week 2: May 15-21	350	148	187	242	10	-22	-11	-204	.	.	700
Week 3: May 22-28	350	148	286	280	12	-103	-6	-117	.	.	850
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	53	40	14	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	117
Week 2: May 15-21	50	52	14	10	0	-2	.	.	.	.	124
Week 3: May 22-28	45	62	14	11	0	-2	.	.	.	.	130
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	16	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 2: May 15-21	11	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: May 22-28	6	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: May 8-14	85	46	44	26	25	15	5	0	.	.	246
Week 2: May 15-21	111	46	65	46	25	14	-19	0	.	.	288
Week 3: May 22-28	146	46	37	70	25	19	-23	2	.	.	322
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	34	15	15	11	4	3	-6	-7	.	.	69
Week 2: May 15-21	38	15	15	11	0	5	-16	-3	.	.	65
Week 3: May 22-28	61	15	17	11	1	6	-6	0	.	.	105
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	50	19	17	11	6	5	0	-7	.	.	101
Week 2: May 15-21	46	15	17	17	1	-5	0	-1	.	.	90
Week 3: May 22-28	42	12	17	20	1	3	0	-5	.	.	90
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: May 15-21	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: May 22-28	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: May 15-21	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: May 22-28	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: May 8-14	66	35	11	10	2	-4	-13	-24	.	.	83
Week 2: May 15-21	78	35	43	12	-3	-1	-13	49	.	.	200
Week 3: May 22-28	89	35	51	12	-6	-4	-13	16	.	.	180
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	120	48	31	11	11	3	0	-83	.	.	141
Week 2: May 15-21	120	57	31	-7	11	24	1	15	.	.	252
Week 3: May 22-28	120	69	31	-13	16	30	-6	-9	.	.	238
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	141	60	47	22	22	15	14	-1	.	.	320
Week 2: May 15-21	193	60	130	30	22	15	35	-1	.	.	484
Week 3: May 22-28	244	60	157	47	22	14	89	-5	.	.	628
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: May 15-21	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: May 22-28	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	0
Week 2: May 15-21	0
Week 3: May 22-28	0

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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	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: May 8-14	227	123	95	77	65	40	20	16	.	.	663
Week 2: May 15-21	350	169	100	75	83	40	18	16	.	.	851
Week 3: May 22-28	470	235	165	60	-9	40	18	16	.	.	995
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	126	94	84	70	67	20	10	4	.	.	475
Week 2: May 15-21	229	130	76	77	126	20	10	4	.	.	672
Week 3: May 22-28	318	120	104	-4	147	18	10	4	.	.	717
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	371	227	155	150	135	115	29	22	.	.	1,204
Week 2: May 15-21	438	309	234	150	148	115	53	20	.	.	1,467
Week 3: May 22-28	603	391	286	150	132	115	-18	20	.	.	1,679
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	23	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 2: May 15-21	28	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 3: May 22-28	50	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: May 15-21	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: May 22-28	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	51	10	7	4	2	-5	-10	-12	.	.	47
Week 2: May 15-21	66	10	1	4	7	4	-10	-10	.	.	72
Week 3: May 22-28	81	10	-12	4	14	6	-10	-10	.	.	83
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	39	34	11	8	5	5	2	1	.	.	105
Week 2: May 15-21	51	38	16	5	5	8	2	1	.	.	126
Week 3: May 22-28	65	30	15	0	5	4	5	1	.	.	125
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	38	21	20	11	10	8	2	0	.	.	110
Week 2: May 15-21	52	30	20	12	10	4	-1	0	.	.	127
Week 3: May 22-28	67	10	20	14	10	-3	-1	0	.	.	117
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 15-21	0	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: May 22-28	0	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 15-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 22-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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



Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	160	91	54	28	15	8	-96	-104	.	.	156
Week 2: May 15-21	160	55	22	28	26	9	-229	12	.	.	83
Week 3: May 22-28	160	95	12	28	22	9	-385	-9	.	.	-68
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	59	40	20	10	4	1	-63	-322	.	.	-251
Week 2: May 15-21	52	40	13	10	1	2	-12	-462	.	.	-356
Week 3: May 22-28	39	40	48	10	4	4	2	-581	.	.	-434
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	100	97	45	16	5	-4	-21	-26	.	.	212
Week 2: May 15-21	100	-42	63	31	2	51	-16	-26	.	.	163
Week 3: May 22-28	100	-177	137	72	1	7	-18	-26	.	.	96
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	20	10	7	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: May 15-21	39	10	2	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	53
Week 3: May 22-28	58	10	-3	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	67
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	4	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: May 15-21	6	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: May 22-28	8	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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: May 8-14	63	23	12	8	5	1	-10	-45	.	.	57
Week 2: May 15-21	90	31	-5	3	5	1	-8	-87	.	.	30
Week 3: May 22-28	115	38	-41	5	5	1	-4	-79	.	.	40
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	200	10	3	1	0	0	-10	-31	.	.	173
Week 2: May 15-21	200	17	15	-1	0	4	-12	42	.	.	265
Week 3: May 22-28	200	22	35	-6	0	18	-15	-30	.	.	224
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	93	80	10	4	0	-10	-12	-31	.	.	134
Week 2: May 15-21	122	80	12	1	0	-5	-15	-51	.	.	144
Week 3: May 22-28	157	80	15	-22	0	-14	-18	-69	.	.	129
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	20	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 2: May 15-21	16	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: May 22-28	9	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	0
Week 2: May 15-21	0
Week 3: May 22-28	0

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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

*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 8-14	573	500	381	308	274	235	45	-93	.	.	2,223
Week 2: May 15-21	500	500	381	390	326	438	50	51	.	.	2,636
Week 3: May 22-28	400	500	381	-19	598	795	50	197	.	.	2,902
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	1,040	887	812	561	345	323	306	45	.	.	4,319
Week 2: May 15-21	1,040	1,394	775	856	500	323	409	50	.	.	5,347
Week 3: May 22-28	1,040	1,773	765	1,329	666	323	-37	50	.	.	5,909
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	1,700	1,510	850	652	553	169	102	60	.	.	5,596
Week 2: May 15-21	1,700	1,410	678	652	568	370	143	60	.	.	5,581
Week 3: May 22-28	1,700	1,350	1,151	652	982	-175	180	60	.	.	5,900
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	334	263	216	169	75	40	-63	.	.	.	1,034
Week 2: May 15-21	348	309	257	170	75	45	-63	.	.	.	1,141
Week 3: May 22-28	419	349	300	120	75	40	-63	.	.	.	1,240
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	13	12	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
Week 2: May 15-21	18	35	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	63
Week 3: May 22-28	26	55	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	91

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



Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	250	73	25	21	9	7	2	-3	.	.	384
Week 2: May 15-21	250	56	25	15	-3	54	1	4	.	.	402
Week 3: May 22-28	250	43	25	10	11	33	1	9	.	.	382
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	270	107	57	50	7	6	5	-73	.	.	429
Week 2: May 15-21	270	119	199	67	7	10	10	-85	.	.	597
Week 3: May 22-28	270	80	283	63	7	12	5	-98	.	.	622
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	950	181	139	29	23	12	8	4	.	.	1,346
Week 2: May 15-21	950	180	274	77	3	12	7	18	.	.	1,521
Week 3: May 22-28	950	202	397	123	4	12	5	5	.	.	1,698
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	11	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 2: May 15-21	19	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 3: May 22-28	31	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 15-21	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 22-28	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

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



Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	130	78	48	34	13	4	-9	-61	.	.	237
Week 2: May 15-21	130	28	61	21	13	7	-9	-110	.	.	141
Week 3: May 22-28	130	-16	94	15	13	5	-8	-151	.	.	82
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	80	29	20	7	5	2	-2	-219	.	.	-78
Week 2: May 15-21	80	27	7	24	5	7	-10	-323	.	.	-183
Week 3: May 22-28	80	16	6	24	5	6	-10	-421	.	.	-294
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	53	34	32	18	7	5	0	-10	.	.	139
Week 2: May 15-21	60	15	-51	18	5	5	1	-10	.	.	43
Week 3: May 22-28	76	12	-118	18	0	5	3	-10	.	.	-14
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-14
Week 2: May 15-21	0	-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 3: May 22-28	0	-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-22
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 15-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: May 22-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: May 8-14	439	37	15	14	5	3	0	0	.	.	513
Week 2: May 15-21	470	20	24	14	4	3	0	0	.	.	535
Week 3: May 22-28	387	23	13	10	5	3	0	2	.	.	443
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	72	56	12	3	0	0	-1	-38	.	.	104
Week 2: May 15-21	64	29	14	-1	0	-1	-1	-19	.	.	85
Week 3: May 22-28	55	-20	12	-8	0	-4	-1	-39	.	.	-5
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	16	14	7	1	0	-3	-5	-201	.	.	-171
Week 2: May 15-21	16	16	8	1	0	-22	-5	-282	.	.	-268
Week 3: May 22-28	17	10	13	-6	0	6	-5	-390	.	.	-355
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	13	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: May 15-21	7	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: May 22-28	1	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: May 15-21	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: May 22-28	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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 8-14	638	392	194	155	122	100	41	30	.	.	1,672
Week 2: May 15-21	994	522	195	191	122	100	229	40	.	.	2,393
Week 3: May 22-28	1,343	652	208	180	122	100	328	45	.	.	2,978
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	748	415	280	179	50	28	25	-69	.	.	1,656
Week 2: May 15-21	814	641	416	95	50	28	35	22	.	.	2,101
Week 3: May 22-28	926	913	426	88	50	28	40	-153	.	.	2,318
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	642	258	180	159	152	144	45	25	.	.	1,605
Week 2: May 15-21	733	532	180	159	486	204	64	35	.	.	2,393
Week 3: May 22-28	871	795	180	159	664	231	55	50	.	.	3,005
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	157	103	95	61	54	10	5	.	.	.	485
Week 2: May 15-21	218	90	131	93	54	10	5	.	.	.	601
Week 3: May 22-28	272	42	174	139	54	10	5	.	.	.	696
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	18	5	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: May 15-21	22	5	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: May 22-28	26	5	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	261	194	37	36	24	9	8	5	.	.	574
Week 2: May 15-21	248	294	91	52	17	9	9	5	.	.	725
Week 3: May 22-28	246	391	120	16	15	9	11	5	.	.	813
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	177	60	44	11	3	0	-2	-48	.	.	245
Week 2: May 15-21	184	60	53	11	52	0	29	-12	.	.	377
Week 3: May 22-28	145	60	80	10	76	0	20	-66	.	.	325
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	401	350	121	27	10	10	-1	-155	.	.	763
Week 2: May 15-21	397	350	210	27	32	9	26	-80	.	.	971
Week 3: May 22-28	406	350	289	27	26	9	35	-136	.	.	1,006
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	124	24	10	-3	-5	-14	-39	.	.	.	97
Week 2: May 15-21	70	17	10	-3	-4	-10	-93	.	.	.	-13
Week 3: May 22-28	10	20	10	-3	-3	-38	-146	.	.	.	-150
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	19	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 2: May 15-21	19	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: May 22-28	19	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20

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: May 8-14	140	137	61	45	16	-41	-42	-62	.	.	254
Week 2: May 15-21	140	90	-6	45	18	-24	17	4	.	.	284
Week 3: May 22-28	140	46	7	45	20	-30	-17	2	.	.	213
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	135	108	90	22	16	-35	-118	-152	.	.	66
Week 2: May 15-21	187	-40	90	22	19	11	-24	-241	.	.	24
Week 3: May 22-28	149	-147	90	22	19	20	-68	-322	.	.	-237
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	329	250	172	160	58	14	-106	-109	.	.	768
Week 2: May 15-21	395	-133	216	160	58	18	-143	5	.	.	576
Week 3: May 22-28	467	-262	215	160	58	20	-152	-40	.	.	466
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	153	62	20	19	10	-84	-104	-113	.	.	-37
Week 2: May 15-21	111	29	20	20	10	-99	-103	-113	.	.	-125
Week 3: May 22-28	60	-66	20	16	10	-100	-83	-113	.	.	-256
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	23	10	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	36
Week 2: May 15-21	40	10	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	63
Week 3: May 22-28	57	10	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	81

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	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: May 8-14	130	60	48	47	31	31	18	5	.	.	370
Week 2: May 15-21	185	60	85	47	43	25	10	-22	.	.	433
Week 3: May 22-28	237	60	73	47	82	16	12	38	.	.	565
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	434	90	75	12	7	-58	-87	-234	.	.	239
Week 2: May 15-21	513	68	75	10	7	-13	-65	-385	.	.	210
Week 3: May 22-28	512	42	75	10	7	-10	2	-542	.	.	96
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	250	152	111	107	12	-113	-123	-820	.	.	-424
Week 2: May 15-21	250	274	111	72	10	-11	-73	-988	.	.	-355
Week 3: May 22-28	250	304	111	48	10	-8	-69	-1,148	.	.	-502
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	148	27	5	-5	-6	-16	-35	.	.	.	118
Week 2: May 15-21	154	33	5	-5	-6	-69	-45	.	.	.	67
Week 3: May 22-28	162	8	5	-5	-6	-64	-54	.	.	.	46
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: May 15-21	8	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: May 22-28	8	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	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 8-14	128	39	10	10	3	-8	.	.	.	.	182
Week 2: May 15-21	128	35	10	10	9	-8	.	.	.	.	184
Week 3: May 22-28	127	37	10	10	0	-8	.	.	.	.	176
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	35	25	10	8	-21	-147	.	.	.	.	-90
Week 2: May 15-21	30	25	10	8	-6	-184	.	.	.	.	-117
Week 3: May 22-28	22	25	10	8	-7	-230	.	.	.	.	-172
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	100	57	10	2	-12	-82	.	.	.	.	75
Week 2: May 15-21	100	68	10	2	-67	-82	.	.	.	.	31
Week 3: May 22-28	100	54	10	-5	-140	-82	.	.	.	.	-63
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	270	20	20	-6	-89	.	.	.	.	.	215
Week 2: May 15-21	201	20	25	15	-89	.	.	.	.	.	172
Week 3: May 22-28	114	20	30	14	-89	.	.	.	.	.	89
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: May 15-21	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: May 22-28	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

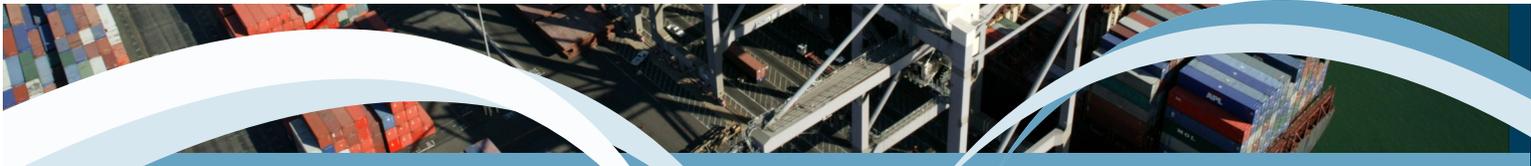


Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	73	51	34	26	10	10	-15	.	.	.	189
Week 2: May 15-21	56	29	34	12	10	10	-60	.	.	.	91
Week 3: May 22-28	32	27	34	10	10	10	-51	.	.	.	72
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	135	10	8	-26	-29	-118	-171	.	.	.	-191
Week 2: May 15-21	187	10	8	-215	-29	-84	-223	.	.	.	-346
Week 3: May 22-28	149	10	8	-425	-29	-90	-161	.	.	.	-538
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	172	137	50	8	-23	-106	-403	.	.	.	-165
Week 2: May 15-21	216	16	50	10	-23	-180	-330	.	.	.	-241
Week 3: May 22-28	215	-62	50	10	-23	-192	-340	.	.	.	-342
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	227	62	5	0	-22	-99	-180	.	.	.	-7
Week 2: May 15-21	205	29	5	0	-22	-109	-159	.	.	.	-51
Week 3: May 22-28	183	-66	5	0	-22	-166	-175	.	.	.	-241
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 8-14	3	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: May 15-21	13	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: May 22-28	14	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from the 8 member carriers in the Westbound Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (WTSA). The WTSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, OOCL, K Line, and Hyundai Merchant Marine.

- 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.
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 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
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