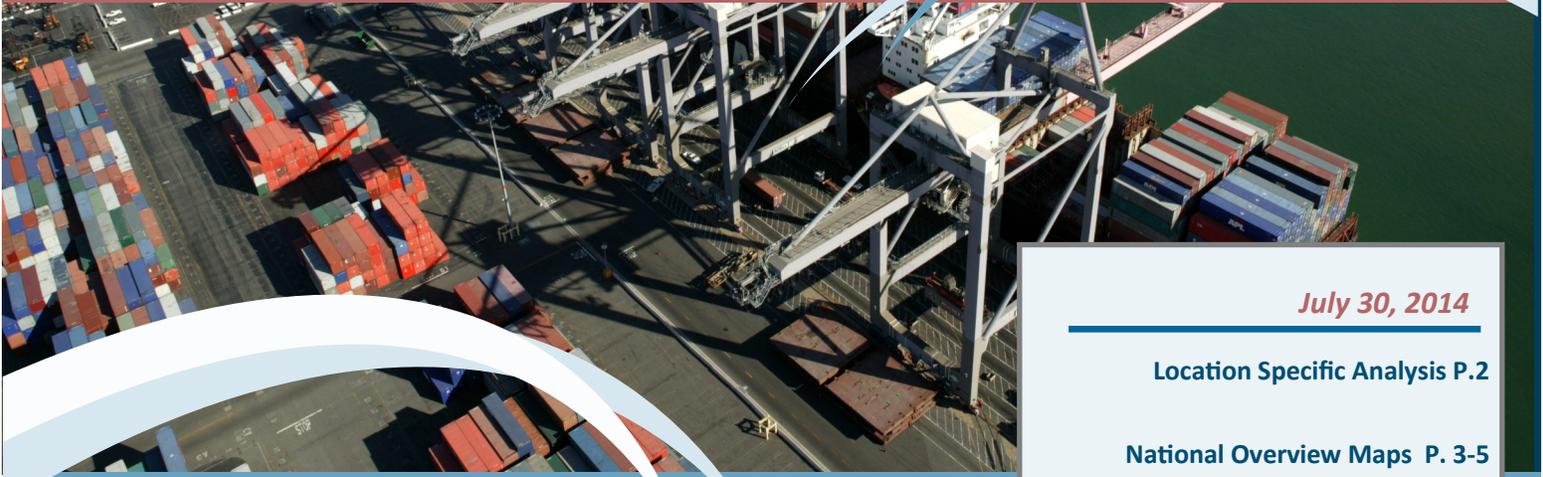




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for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

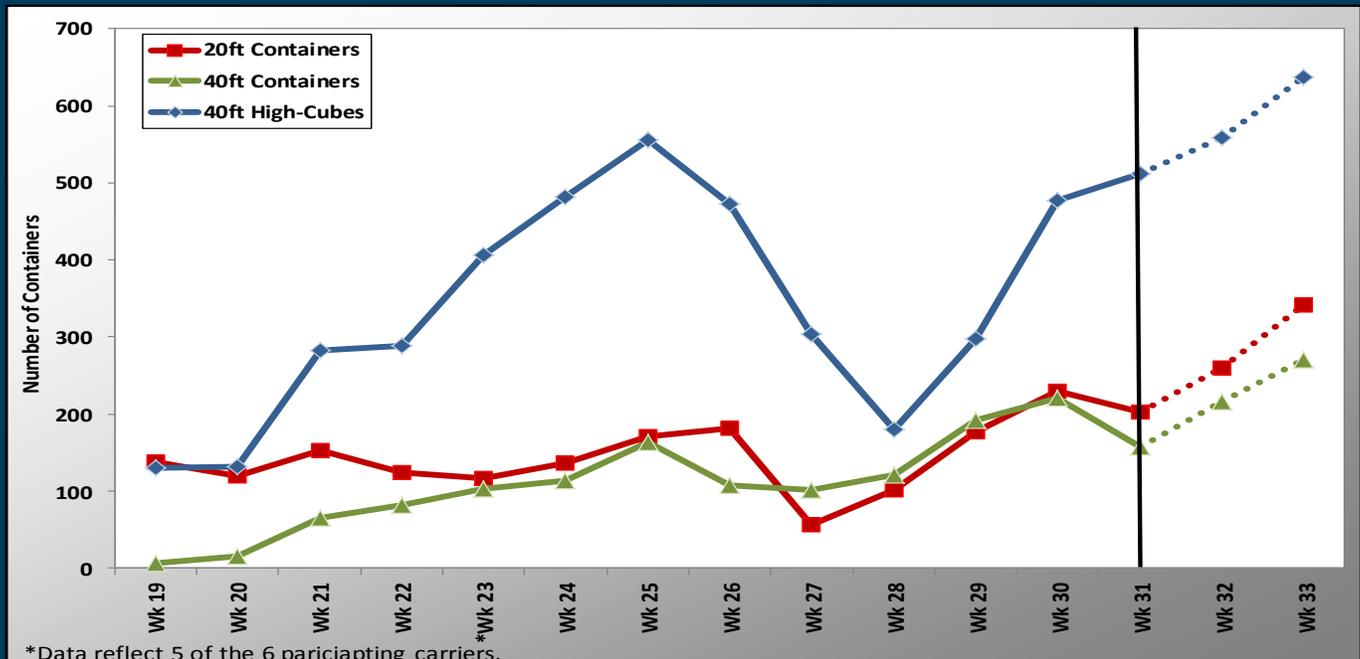
Historical Analysis of Columbus

Much like the Kansas City market highlighted last week, the Columbus inland port region is an important and growing inter-modal hub for containerized grain exporters in the central part of the country. The Journal of Commerce recently pointed to both Kansas City and Columbus as key inland hubs for industrial warehouse space, secondary only to prime port and coastal locations. Between July and September of 2013, Columbus moved more than 68,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Grains and grain products, including soybeans, made up more than 90 percent of them. Grocery items comprised about 4 percent and candy and confections about 1 percent. During the period, more than 99 percent of total agricultural exports through Columbus were moved in containers. Agricultural exports moved from Columbus are split almost evenly between those sent through East Coast ports (52 percent) such as Norfolk and New York, and West Coast ports (48 percent) such as Los Angeles and Long Beach. Agricultural exporters used Hyundai Merchant Marine to move 26 percent of these products, followed by CMA-CGM at 18 percent and Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) at 15 percent.¹

Container availability estimates for 40ft high-cube and 40ft standard containers were on a strong upward trend from mid-May through mid-June, likely in response to the increase in retail import traffic due to the West Coast Longshore Labor negotiations. During the end of June and early July, carriers took corrective action to manage the number of available empties in Columbus. However, since early July, estimates have been on another solid upward trend.

Container availability estimates for the Columbus market are the highest for 40ft high-cube containers. Estimates for this equipment type are expected to reach 637 available units in the next 3 weeks. Estimates for 20ft dry containers have trended relatively flat over the past 3 months, fluctuating between 101 and 229 units and averaging around 147 units. Estimates for 40ft dry containers followed a pattern similar to the 20ft containers over the past 3 months. Projections by participating carriers over the next 2 weeks show increases in availability estimates for each of the dry container types.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Columbus, 2nd week of May (Wk 19) through the 1st week of August (Wk 31), with Projections



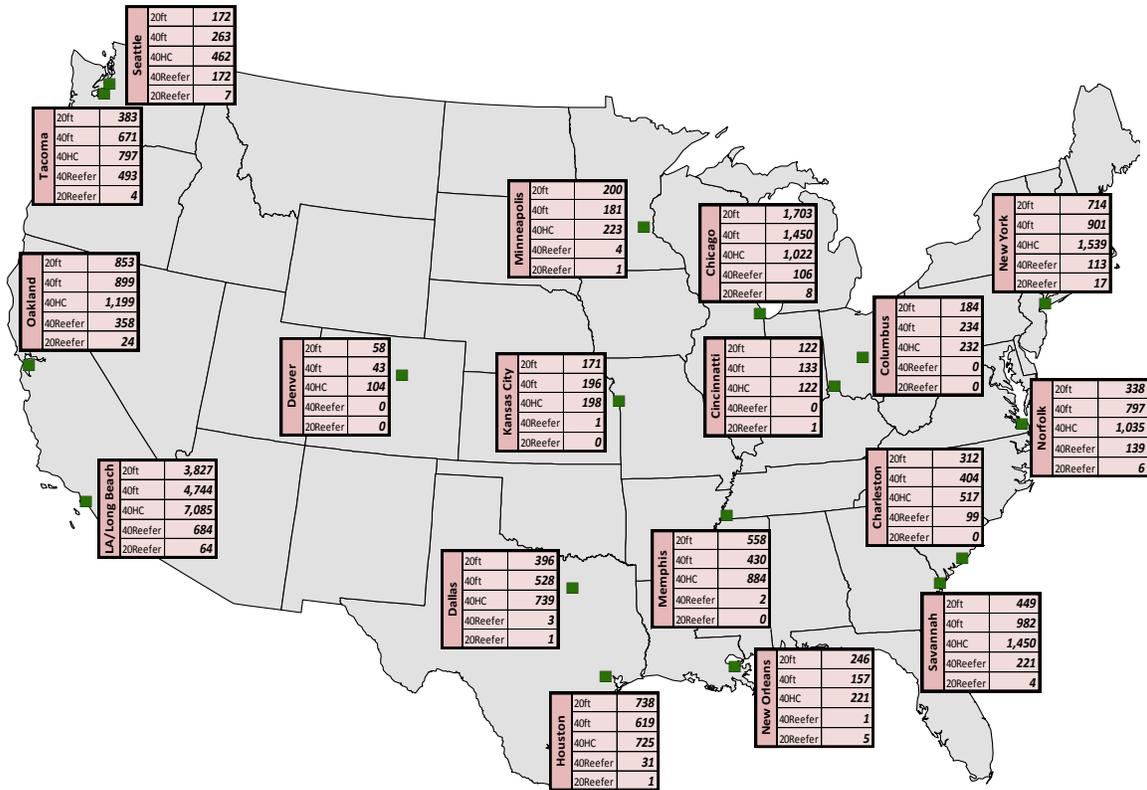
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .
² Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate demand for containers is greater than supply.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

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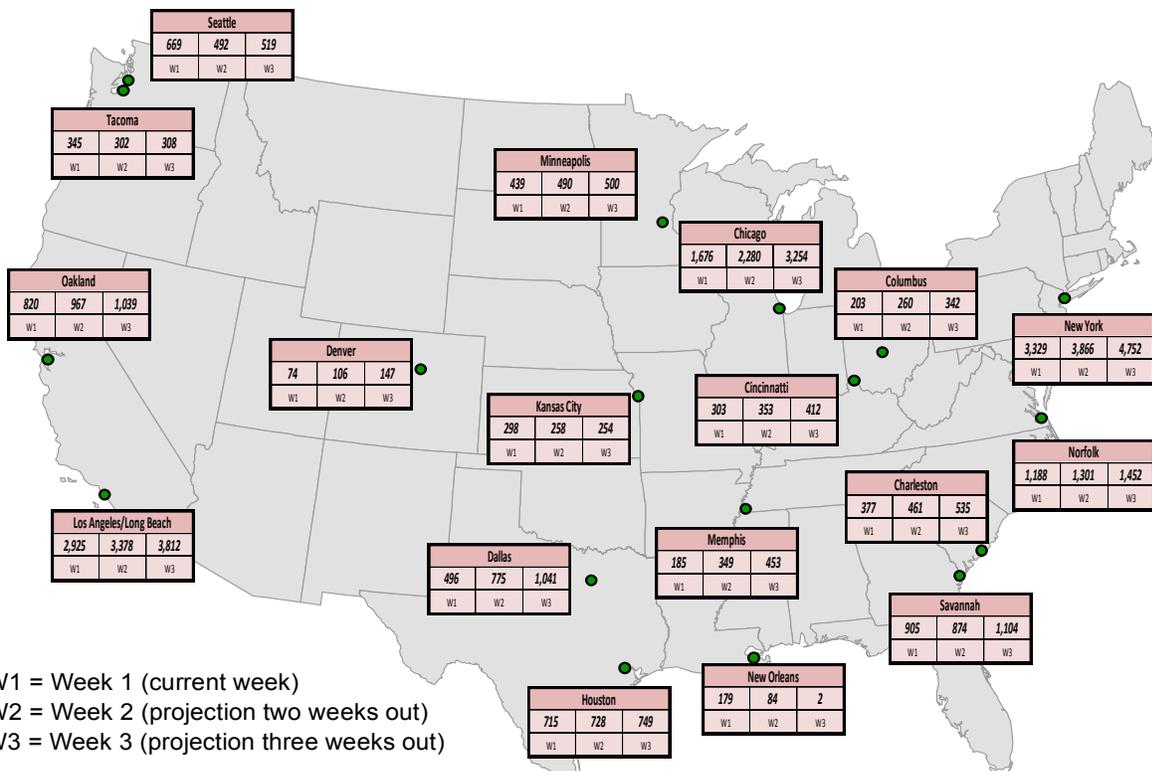
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



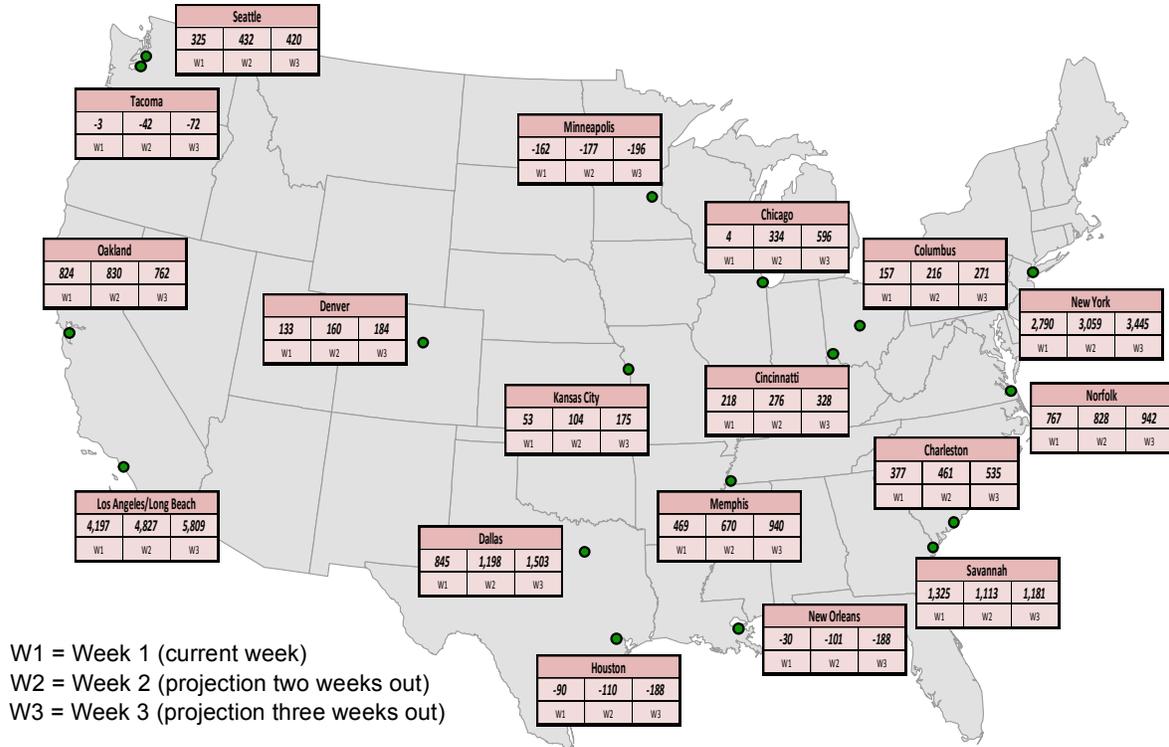
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



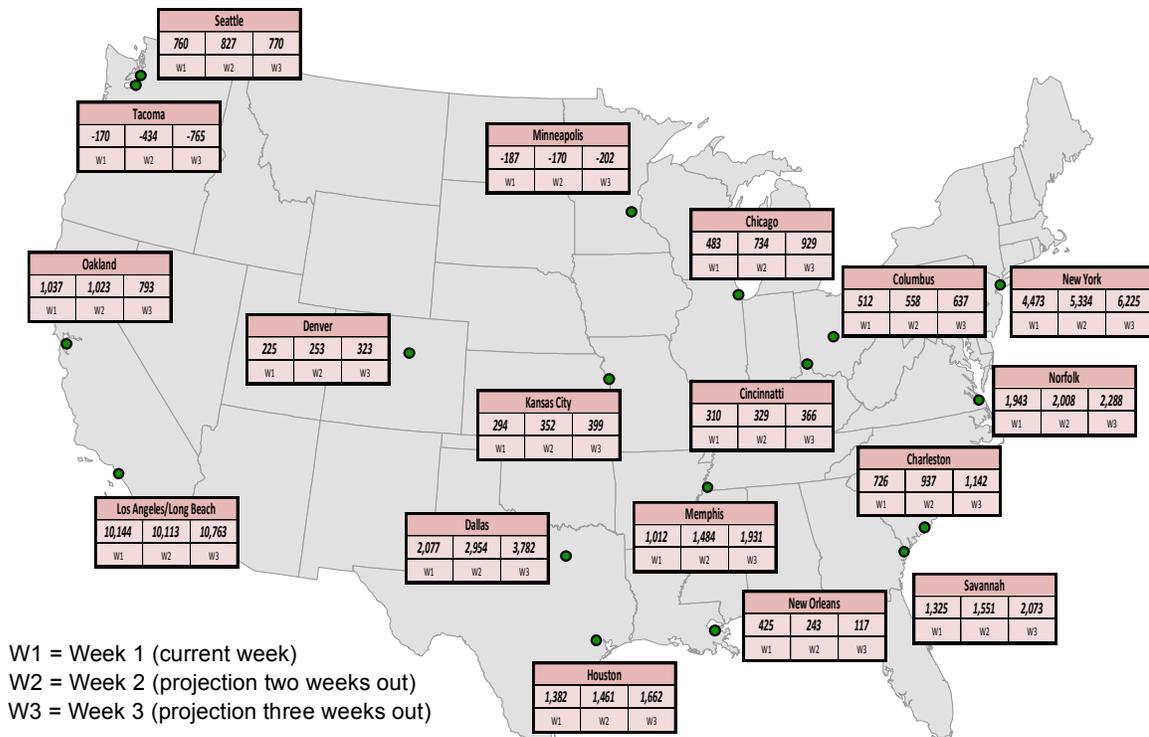
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

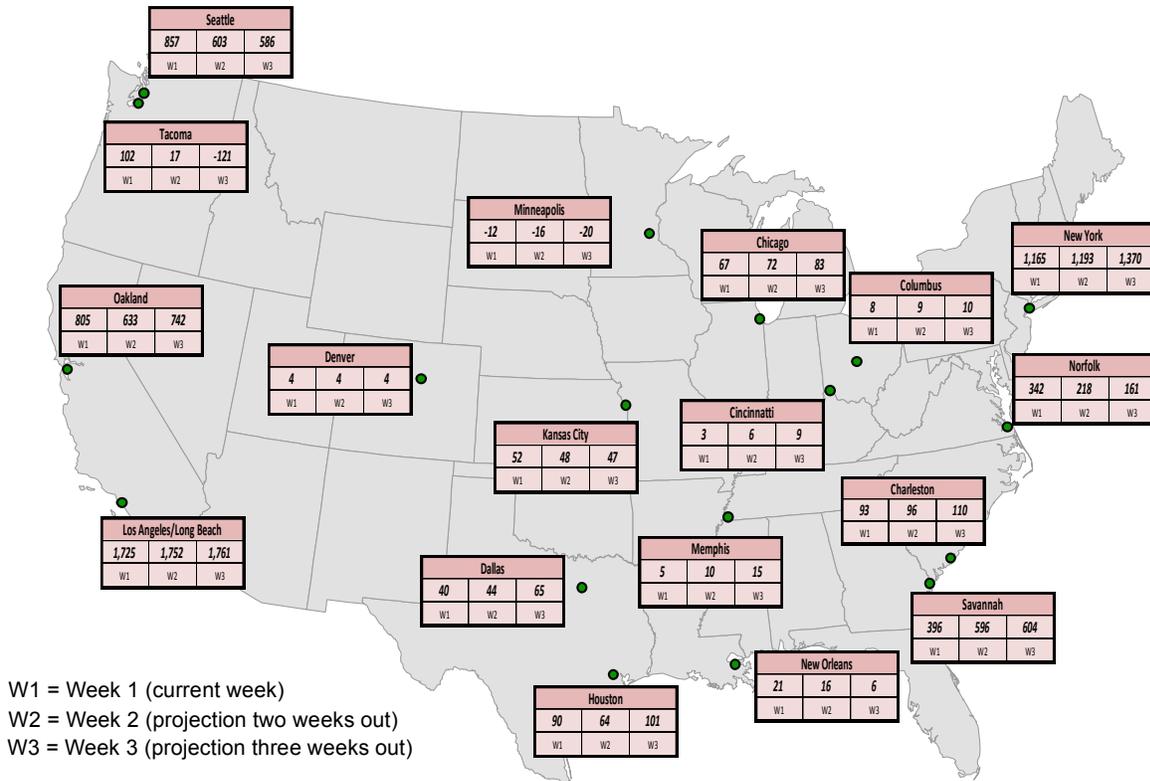


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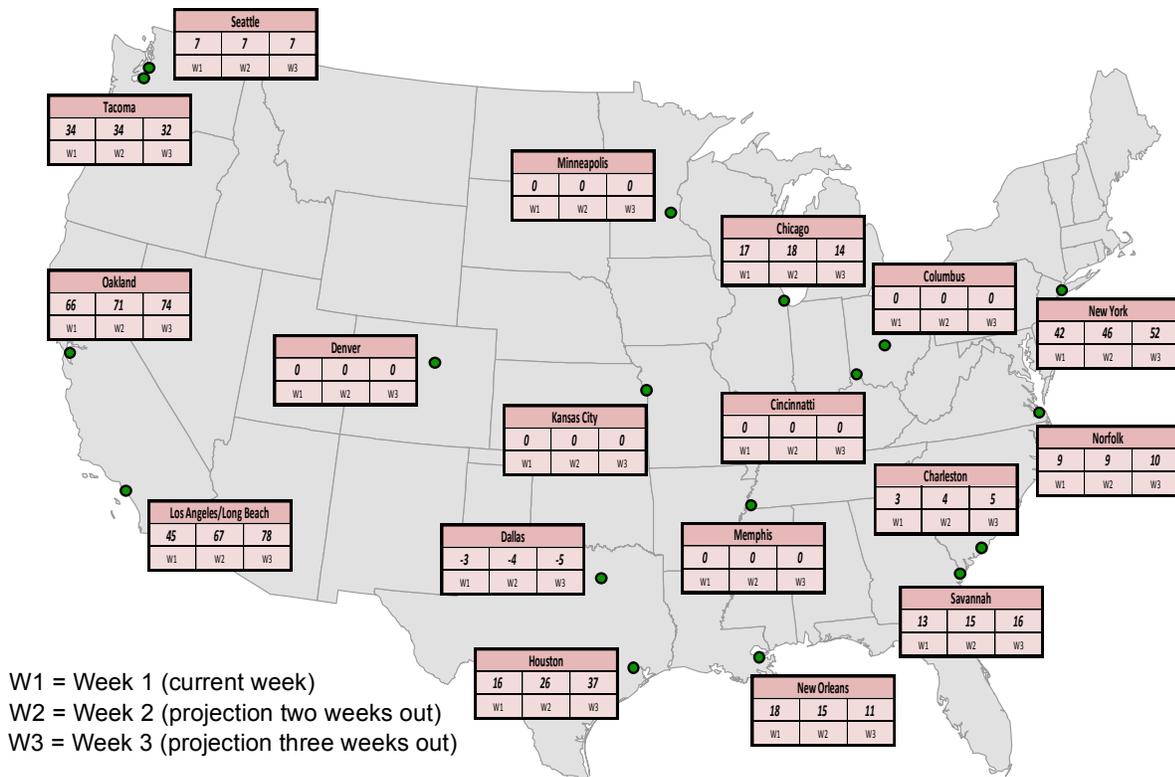
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers



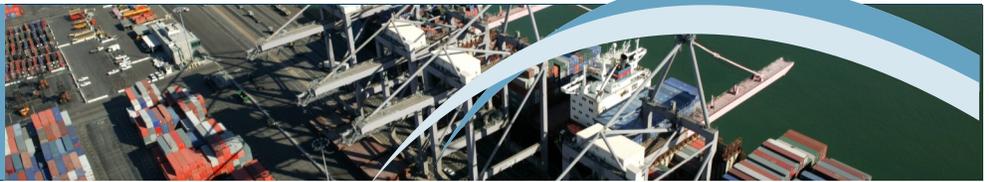


Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	129	75	72	39	33	29	.	.	.	.	377
Week 2: Aug 6-12	154	75	77	64	56	35	.	.	.	.	461
Week 3: Aug 13-19	175	75	85	85	83	32	.	.	.	.	535
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	287	118	80	78	71	34	.	.	.	.	668
Week 2: Aug 6-12	293	130	80	89	115	40	.	.	.	.	747
Week 3: Aug 13-19	327	125	80	93	159	40	.	.	.	.	824
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	449	200	66	36	-3	-22	.	.	.	.	726
Week 2: Aug 6-12	431	200	97	80	110	19	.	.	.	.	937
Week 3: Aug 13-19	497	200	123	80	222	20	.	.	.	.	1,142
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	80	29	12	6	5	-39	.	.	.	.	93
Week 2: Aug 6-12	78	40	12	3	5	-42	.	.	.	.	96
Week 3: Aug 13-19	80	51	11	0	5	-37	.	.	.	.	110
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Aug 6-12	3	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Aug 13-19	4	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Jul 30-Aug 5	770	312	300	229	100	-35	.	.	.	.	1,676
Week 2: Aug 6-12	1,193	493	200	277	100	17	.	.	.	.	2,280
Week 3: Aug 13-19	1,601	749	225	551	100	28	.	.	.	.	3,254
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	356	75	65	-23	-69	-400	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Aug 6-12	487	125	174	-45	-7	-400	.	.	.	.	334
Week 3: Aug 13-19	605	100	321	-16	-14	-400	.	.	.	.	596
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	884	158	82	12	-53	-600	.	.	.	.	483
Week 2: Aug 6-12	1,170	218	50	-111	7	-600	.	.	.	.	734
Week 3: Aug 13-19	1,448	137	50	-116	10	-600	.	.	.	.	929
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	27	21	19	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	67
Week 2: Aug 6-12	10	51	11	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	72
Week 3: Aug 13-19	10	69	4	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	83
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	13	4	17
Week 2: Aug 6-12	11	7	18
Week 3: Aug 13-19	9	5	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	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: Jul 30-Aug 5	155	69	37	29	16	-3	303
Week 2: Aug 6-12	184	88	15	53	16	-3	.	.	.	.	353
Week 3: Aug 13-19	206	115	14	62	16	-1	.	.	.	.	412
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	78	48	48	34	17	-7	.	.	.	.	218
Week 2: Aug 6-12	95	48	70	19	45	-1	.	.	.	.	276
Week 3: Aug 13-19	110	48	91	18	61	0	.	.	.	.	328
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	258	34	15	11	1	-9	.	.	.	.	310
Week 2: Aug 6-12	258	42	24	10	1	-6	.	.	.	.	329
Week 3: Aug 13-19	258	75	25	11	1	-4	.	.	.	.	366
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Aug 6-12	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Aug 13-19	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	0
Week 2: Aug 6-12	0
Week 3: Aug 13-19	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	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: Jul 30-Aug 5	165	27	8	6	0	-3	203
Week 2: Aug 6-12	203	25	15	6	10	1	.	.	.	.	260
Week 3: Aug 13-19	239	26	56	6	13	2	.	.	.	.	342
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	48	44	27	23	18	-3	.	.	.	.	157
Week 2: Aug 6-12	71	44	49	31	11	10	.	.	.	.	216
Week 3: Aug 13-19	77	44	84	44	14	8	.	.	.	.	271
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	180	138	119	73	12	-10	.	.	.	.	512
Week 2: Aug 6-12	180	180	149	50	6	-7	.	.	.	.	558
Week 3: Aug 13-19	180	221	155	50	34	-3	.	.	.	.	637
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Aug 6-12	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Aug 13-19	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	0
Week 2: Aug 6-12	0
Week 3: Aug 13-19	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: Jul 30-Aug 5	183	165	73	43	23	9	496
Week 2: Aug 6-12	253	330	113	47	23	9	.	.	.	.	775
Week 3: Aug 13-19	299	494	160	55	23	10	.	.	.	.	1,041
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	324	182	169	129	34	7	.	.	.	.	845
Week 2: Aug 6-12	280	360	244	240	34	40	.	.	.	.	1,198
Week 3: Aug 13-19	260	538	318	308	34	45	.	.	.	.	1,503
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	536	494	431	350	250	16	.	.	.	.	2,077
Week 2: Aug 6-12	545	712	699	698	250	50	.	.	.	.	2,954
Week 3: Aug 13-19	566	914	964	1,038	250	50	.	.	.	.	3,782
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	38	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 2: Aug 6-12	42	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 3: Aug 13-19	62	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	65
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Aug 6-12	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Aug 13-19	-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: Jul 30-Aug 5	54	16	4	3	3	-6	74
Week 2: Aug 6-12	80	15	4	8	3	-4	.	.	.	.	106
Week 3: Aug 13-19	107	18	4	14	5	-1	.	.	.	.	147
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	48	48	20	12	5	0	.	.	.	.	133
Week 2: Aug 6-12	48	68	30	10	2	2	.	.	.	.	160
Week 3: Aug 13-19	48	85	41	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	184
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	139	24	20	19	18	5	.	.	.	.	225
Week 2: Aug 6-12	167	18	20	35	5	8	.	.	.	.	253
Week 3: Aug 13-19	193	27	20	62	10	11	.	.	.	.	323
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	3	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Aug 6-12	3	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Aug 13-19	3	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	0	0
Week 2: Aug 6-12	0	0
Week 3: Aug 13-19	0	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	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: Jul 30-Aug 5	450	189	89	54	16	-83	715
Week 2: Aug 6-12	450	223	100	27	12	-84	.	.	.	.	728
Week 3: Aug 13-19	450	245	80	51	9	-86	.	.	.	.	749
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	84	75	60	25	-11	-323	.	.	.	.	-90
Week 2: Aug 6-12	126	73	100	25	-5	-429	.	.	.	.	-110
Week 3: Aug 13-19	178	84	50	25	-2	-523	.	.	.	.	-188
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	550	423	195	137	67	10	.	.	.	.	1,382
Week 2: Aug 6-12	550	300	313	203	82	13	.	.	.	.	1,461
Week 3: Aug 13-19	550	300	444	286	67	15	.	.	.	.	1,662
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	60	32	2	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	90
Week 2: Aug 6-12	10	47	2	0	5	.	.	.	.	.	64
Week 3: Aug 13-19	8	77	2	0	14	.	.	.	.	.	101
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	18	0	-2	16
Week 2: Aug 6-12	24	0	2	26
Week 3: Aug 13-19	30	0	7	37

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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: Jul 30-Aug 5	104	72	68	55	1	-2	298
Week 2: Aug 6-12	78	79	40	55	0	6	.	.	.	.	258
Week 3: Aug 13-19	66	83	35	55	1	14	.	.	.	.	254
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	88	59	0	-18	-26	-50	.	.	.	.	53
Week 2: Aug 6-12	92	75	0	0	-13	-50	.	.	.	.	104
Week 3: Aug 13-19	97	90	0	10	28	-50	.	.	.	.	175
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	125	62	53	32	25	-3	.	.	.	.	294
Week 2: Aug 6-12	125	66	56	76	30	-1	.	.	.	.	352
Week 3: Aug 13-19	125	78	61	104	30	1	.	.	.	.	399
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	49	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	52
Week 2: Aug 6-12	43	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
Week 3: Aug 13-19	40	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	0
Week 2: Aug 6-12	0
Week 3: Aug 13-19	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

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	986	589	519	468	251	112	.	.	.	.	2,925
Week 2: Aug 6-12	860	817	519	571	400	211	.	.	.	.	3,378
Week 3: Aug 13-19	854	1,040	519	710	450	239	.	.	.	.	3,812
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	1,035	984	744	714	449	271	.	.	.	.	4,197
Week 2: Aug 6-12	755	1,467	680	714	580	631	.	.	.	.	4,827
Week 3: Aug 13-19	756	2,047	691	714	718	883	.	.	.	.	5,809
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	3,560	2,085	1,988	1,768	683	60	.	.	.	.	10,144
Week 2: Aug 6-12	3,560	1,880	1,500	2,472	684	17	.	.	.	.	10,113
Week 3: Aug 13-19	3,560	1,900	1,500	3,097	703	3	.	.	.	.	10,763
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	577	347	289	233	204	75	.	.	.	.	1,725
Week 2: Aug 6-12	633	300	297	254	193	75	.	.	.	.	1,752
Week 3: Aug 13-19	686	300	351	278	71	75	.	.	.	.	1,761
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	18	17	10	45
Week 2: Aug 6-12	33	24	10	67
Week 3: Aug 13-19	47	21	10	78

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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	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: Jul 30-Aug 5	90	47	40	14	7	-13	185
Week 2: Aug 6-12	125	75	40	47	60	2	.	.	.	.	349
Week 3: Aug 13-19	151	103	40	44	114	1	.	.	.	.	453
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	157	150	114	36	24	-12	.	.	.	.	469
Week 2: Aug 6-12	219	294	90	36	31	0	.	.	.	.	670
Week 3: Aug 13-19	319	439	87	36	62	-3	.	.	.	.	940
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	428	318	126	83	52	5	.	.	.	.	1,012
Week 2: Aug 6-12	701	318	198	100	155	12	.	.	.	.	1,484
Week 3: Aug 13-19	970	318	271	100	258	14	.	.	.	.	1,931
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	6	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Aug 6-12	11	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Aug 13-19	16	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	0
Week 2: Aug 6-12	0
Week 3: Aug 13-19	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	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: Jul 30-Aug 5	264	96	55	50	-6	-20	439
Week 2: Aug 6-12	259	121	58	50	2	0	.	.	.	.	490
Week 3: Aug 13-19	254	137	56	50	3	0	.	.	.	.	500
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	52	6	-14	-32	-75	-99	.	.	.	.	-162
Week 2: Aug 6-12	48	0	-21	8	-75	-137	.	.	.	.	-177
Week 3: Aug 13-19	55	0	-13	6	-75	-169	.	.	.	.	-196
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	75	-11	-29	-35	-50	-137	.	.	.	.	-187
Week 2: Aug 6-12	113	7	-47	10	-50	-203	.	.	.	.	-170
Week 3: Aug 13-19	127	11	-27	10	-50	-273	.	.	.	.	-202
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	0	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-12
Week 2: Aug 6-12	0	-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-16
Week 3: Aug 13-19	0	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	0
Week 2: Aug 6-12	0
Week 3: Aug 13-19	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	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: Jul 30-Aug 5	121	27	18	13	0	0	.	.	.	.	179
Week 2: Aug 6-12	38	23	11	13	0	-1	.	.	.	.	84
Week 3: Aug 13-19	-35	13	12	13	-1	0	.	.	.	.	2
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	13	2	2	0	-19	-28	.	.	.	.	-30
Week 2: Aug 6-12	12	2	30	-2	-22	-121	.	.	.	.	-101
Week 3: Aug 13-19	-13	2	30	1	-31	-177	.	.	.	.	-188
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	347	50	22	8	-1	-1	.	.	.	.	425
Week 2: Aug 6-12	152	50	15	28	0	-2	.	.	.	.	243
Week 3: Aug 13-19	50	50	9	25	0	-17	.	.	.	.	117
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	18	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Aug 6-12	17	-1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Aug 13-19	11	-5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	11	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 2: Aug 6-12	8	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Aug 13-19	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11

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: Jul 30-Aug 5	954	832	425	414	386	318	3,329
Week 2: Aug 6-12	1,406	800	522	414	459	265	.	.	.	.	3,866
Week 3: Aug 13-19	1,841	850	699	414	696	252	.	.	.	.	4,752
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	673	649	532	362	308	266	.	.	.	.	2,790
Week 2: Aug 6-12	609	755	781	362	382	170	.	.	.	.	3,059
Week 3: Aug 13-19	635	862	1,039	362	380	167	.	.	.	.	3,445
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	1,076	1,000	863	787	562	185	.	.	.	.	4,473
Week 2: Aug 6-12	1,223	1,000	1,307	994	410	400	.	.	.	.	5,334
Week 3: Aug 13-19	1,439	1,000	1,731	1,249	406	400	.	.	.	.	6,225
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	391	259	212	191	102	10	.	.	.	.	1,165
Week 2: Aug 6-12	455	305	50	280	93	10	.	.	.	.	1,193
Week 3: Aug 13-19	560	351	50	382	17	10	.	.	.	.	1,370
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	29	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
Week 2: Aug 6-12	34	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
Week 3: Aug 13-19	39	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	52

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



Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	455	312	186	160	54	21	.	.	.	.	1,188
Week 2: Aug 6-12	401	371	207	242	54	26	.	.	.	.	1,301
Week 3: Aug 13-19	399	420	232	318	54	29	.	.	.	.	1,452
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	439	160	88	52	26	2	.	.	.	.	767
Week 2: Aug 6-12	481	94	142	85	26	0	.	.	.	.	828
Week 3: Aug 13-19	568	95	145	109	26	-1	.	.	.	.	942
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	463	446	336	330	305	63	.	.	.	.	1,943
Week 2: Aug 6-12	576	345	306	330	399	52	.	.	.	.	2,008
Week 3: Aug 13-19	635	350	426	330	497	50	.	.	.	.	2,288
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	112	92	81	59	10	-12	.	.	.	.	342
Week 2: Aug 6-12	69	72	30	53	10	-16	.	.	.	.	218
Week 3: Aug 13-19	32	32	30	60	10	-3	.	.	.	.	161
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	8	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Aug 6-12	8	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Aug 13-19	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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: Jul 30-Aug 5	246	242	190	128	24	-10	820
Week 2: Aug 6-12	309	260	172	128	48	50	.	.	.	.	967
Week 3: Aug 13-19	383	250	173	128	45	60	.	.	.	.	1,039
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	435	174	93	82	62	-22	.	.	.	.	824
Week 2: Aug 6-12	320	300	90	104	62	-46	.	.	.	.	830
Week 3: Aug 13-19	235	300	97	138	62	-70	.	.	.	.	762
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	444	313	286	171	-2	-175	.	.	.	.	1,037
Week 2: Aug 6-12	444	-106	374	197	14	100	.	.	.	.	1,023
Week 3: Aug 13-19	444	-440	441	236	12	100	.	.	.	.	793
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	332	276	197	30	-14	-16	.	.	.	.	805
Week 2: Aug 6-12	302	150	247	30	-23	-73	.	.	.	.	633
Week 3: Aug 13-19	284	150	380	30	-32	-70	.	.	.	.	742
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	48	10	8	0	66
Week 2: Aug 6-12	52	10	9	71
Week 3: Aug 13-19	56	10	8	74

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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: Jul 30-Aug 5	348	181	149	100	68	59	905
Week 2: Aug 6-12	200	295	169	100	48	62	.	.	.	.	874
Week 3: Aug 13-19	200	406	255	100	53	90	.	.	.	.	1,104
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	833	349	284	116	-23	-234	.	.	.	.	1,325
Week 2: Aug 6-12	838	355	150	116	-26	-320	.	.	.	.	1,113
Week 3: Aug 13-19	891	461	150	116	-20	-417	.	.	.	.	1,181
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	431	362	279	275	26	-48	.	.	.	.	1,325
Week 2: Aug 6-12	467	472	200	275	187	-50	.	.	.	.	1,551
Week 3: Aug 13-19	551	728	200	275	361	-42	.	.	.	.	2,073
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	266	122	38	10	4	-44	.	.	.	.	396
Week 2: Aug 6-12	270	300	31	10	0	-15	.	.	.	.	596
Week 3: Aug 13-19	289	300	36	10	-4	-27	.	.	.	.	604
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	7	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Aug 6-12	8	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Aug 13-19	9	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	284	197	123	65	669
Week 2: Aug 6-12	204	100	123	65	.	.	.	.	.	.	492
Week 3: Aug 13-19	222	100	123	74	.	.	.	.	.	.	519
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	259	90	7	-31	.	.	.	.	.	.	325
Week 2: Aug 6-12	261	90	-19	100	.	.	.	.	.	.	432
Week 3: Aug 13-19	259	90	-29	100	.	.	.	.	.	.	420
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	514	364	-4	-114	.	.	.	.	.	.	760
Week 2: Aug 6-12	491	364	-53	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	827
Week 3: Aug 13-19	464	364	-83	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	770
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	454	349	34	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	857
Week 2: Aug 6-12	457	100	26	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	603
Week 3: Aug 13-19	461	100	5	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	586
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Aug 6-12	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Aug 13-19	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

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: Jul 30-Aug 5	122	112	51	50	10	345
Week 2: Aug 6-12	91	88	63	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	302
Week 3: Aug 13-19	71	90	87	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	308
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	30	2	1	-13	-23	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Aug 6-12	48	-13	1	-13	-65	.	.	.	.	.	-42
Week 3: Aug 13-19	50	-15	1	-22	-86	.	.	.	.	.	-72
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	20	-11	-15	-40	-124	.	.	.	.	.	-170
Week 2: Aug 6-12	20	90	-98	-110	-336	.	.	.	.	.	-434
Week 3: Aug 13-19	20	110	-222	-122	-551	.	.	.	.	.	-765
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	122	105	64	5	-194	.	.	.	.	.	102
Week 2: Aug 6-12	80	49	70	5	-187	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Aug 13-19	80	-72	69	5	-203	.	.	.	.	.	-121
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 30-Aug 5	33	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 2: Aug 6-12	33	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: Aug 13-19	31	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32

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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 - 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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