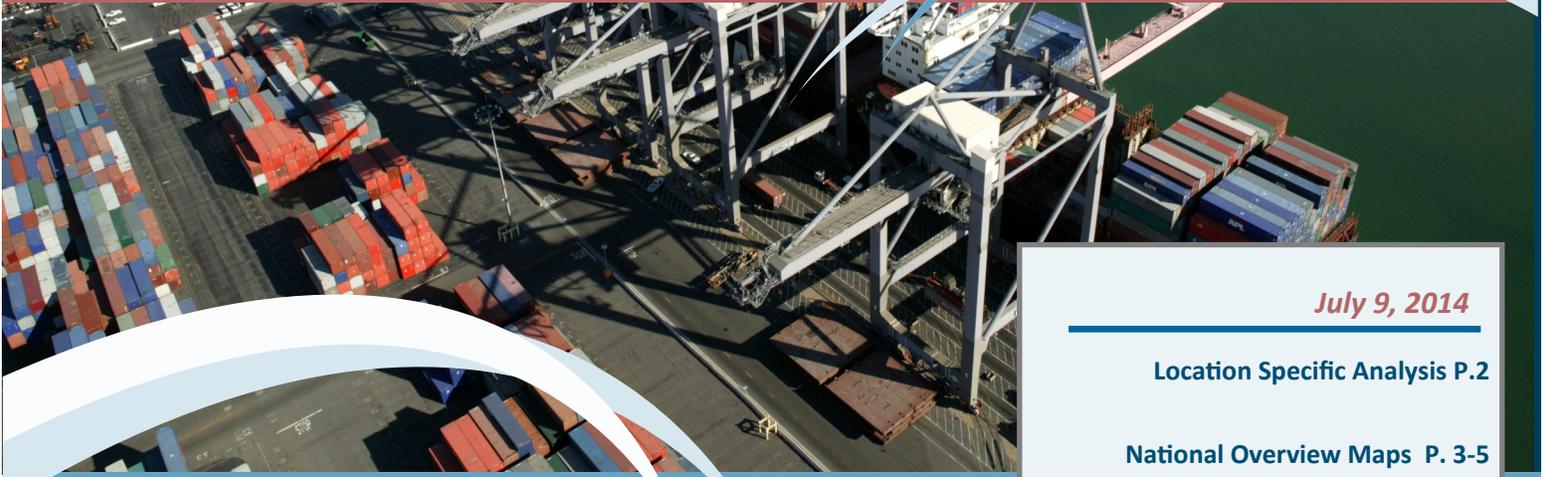




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for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



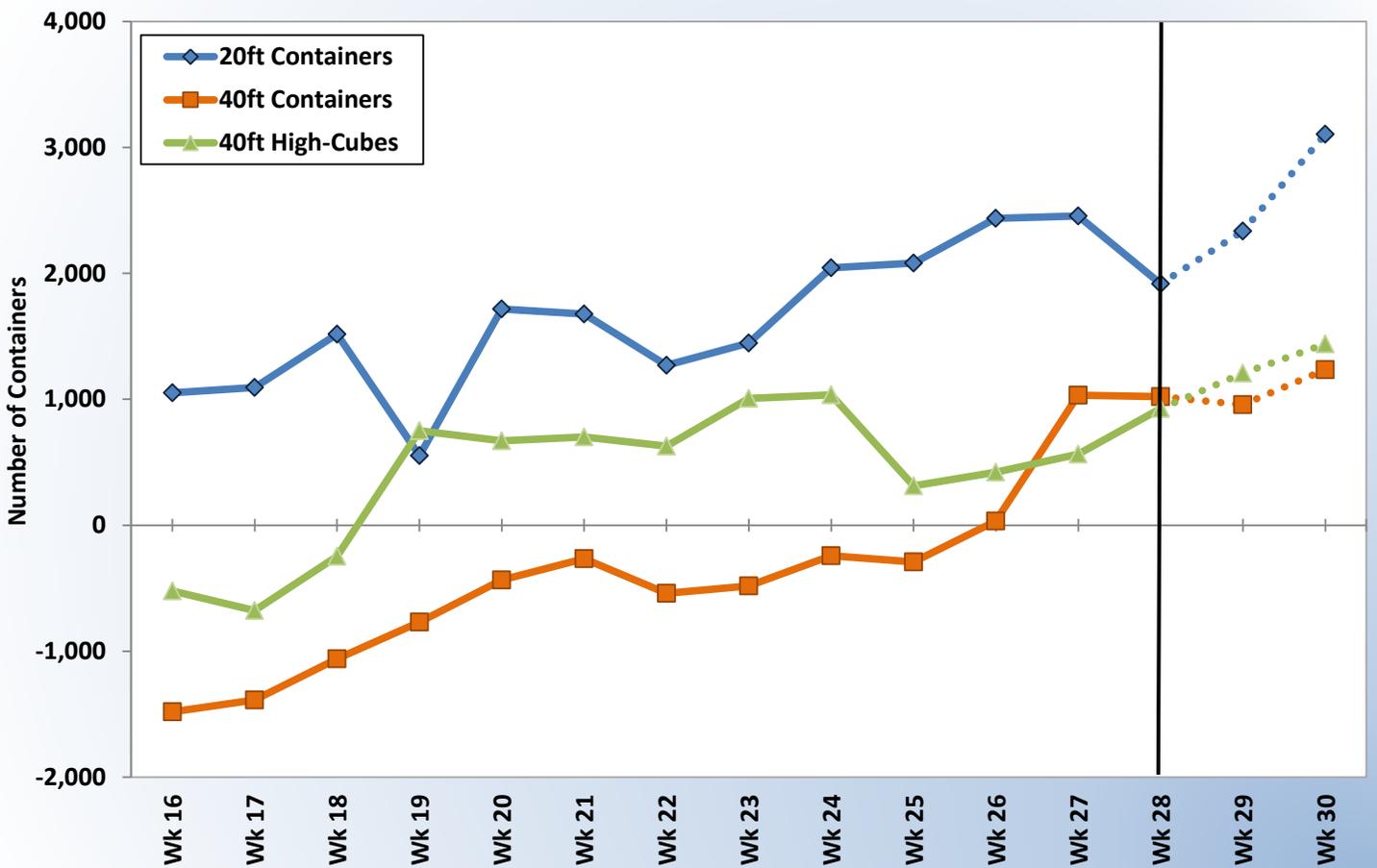
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Historical Analysis of Chicago

The Chicago inland port region is the largest inland port in the country, originating approximately 14 percent of total containerized waterborne agricultural exports. In 2013, 99 percent of the agricultural exports through Chicago were moved in containers. Between July and September of 2013, Chicago moved over 1 million metric tons of containerized agricultural products. More than 84 percent of these exports were grains and grain products, including soybeans. Meat products comprised about 3 percent followed by grocery items and dairy products at 2 percent each. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move approximately 55 percent of exports. During the same period, agricultural exporters used OOCL and Mediterranean Shipping Company to move 16 percent each of these products, followed by APL and COSCO at 13 percent each.¹

Container availability estimates for dry containers through Chicago have been on a steady rise since mid-April—and particularly over the past couple of weeks—for 40ft standard and high-cube containers. Estimates for 40ft standard containers emerged from below zero 2 weeks ago for the first time since mid-March.² This increase is probably due an increase in overall import traffic as shippers worked hard to push more imports through the West Coast ports before the July 1 expiration of the West Coast Longshore Labor Agreement. Negotiators have taken a temporary break from negotiations while the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) officials attend to an unrelated negotiation in the Pacific Northwest. Negotiations are scheduled to resume after 8:00am on July 11. Projections by participating carriers over the next 2 weeks show increases in the number of available containers for each of the dry container types.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Chicago, 3rd week of April (Wk 16) through 2nd week of July (Wk 28), with Projections



*Data reflect 5 of the 6 participating carriers

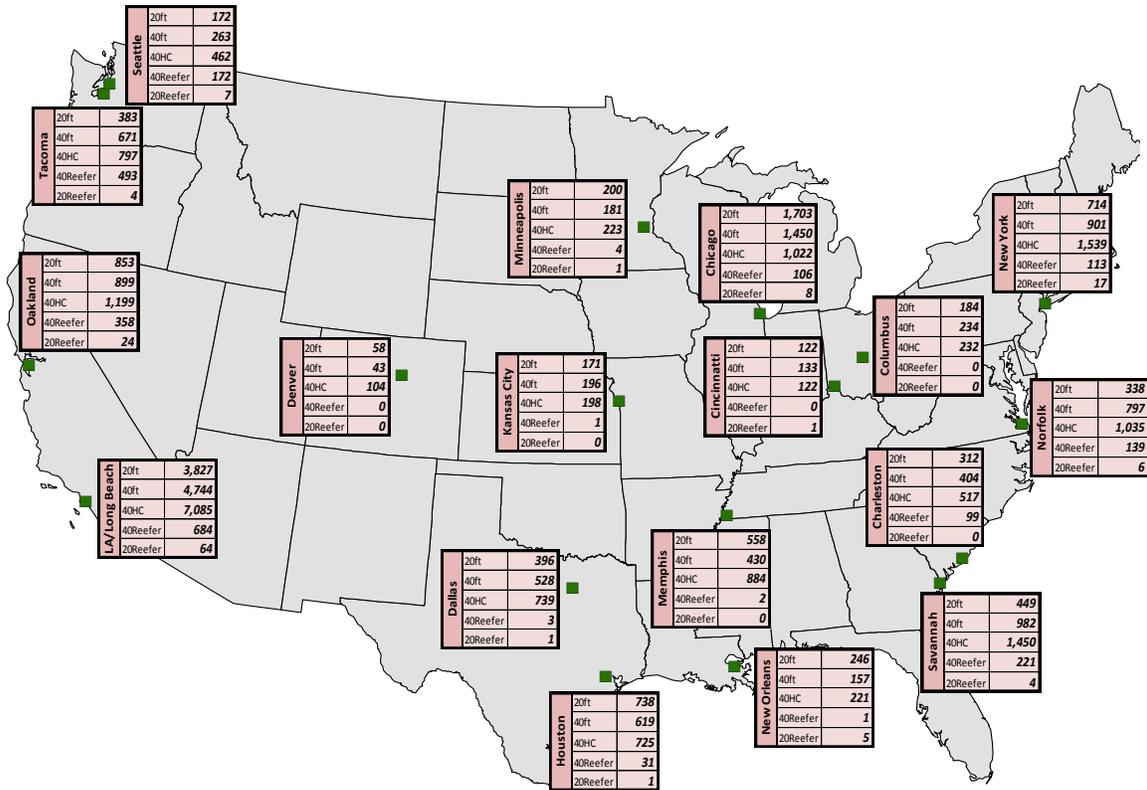
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .
² Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate demand for containers is greater than supply.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

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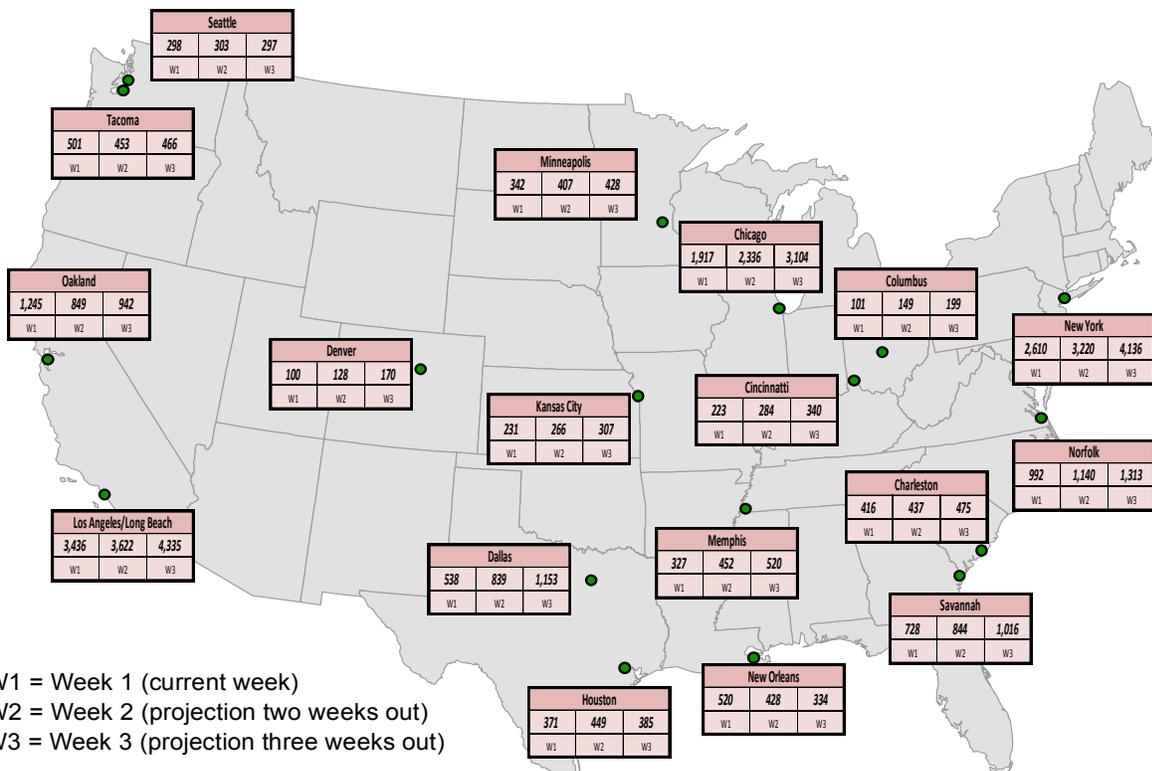
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



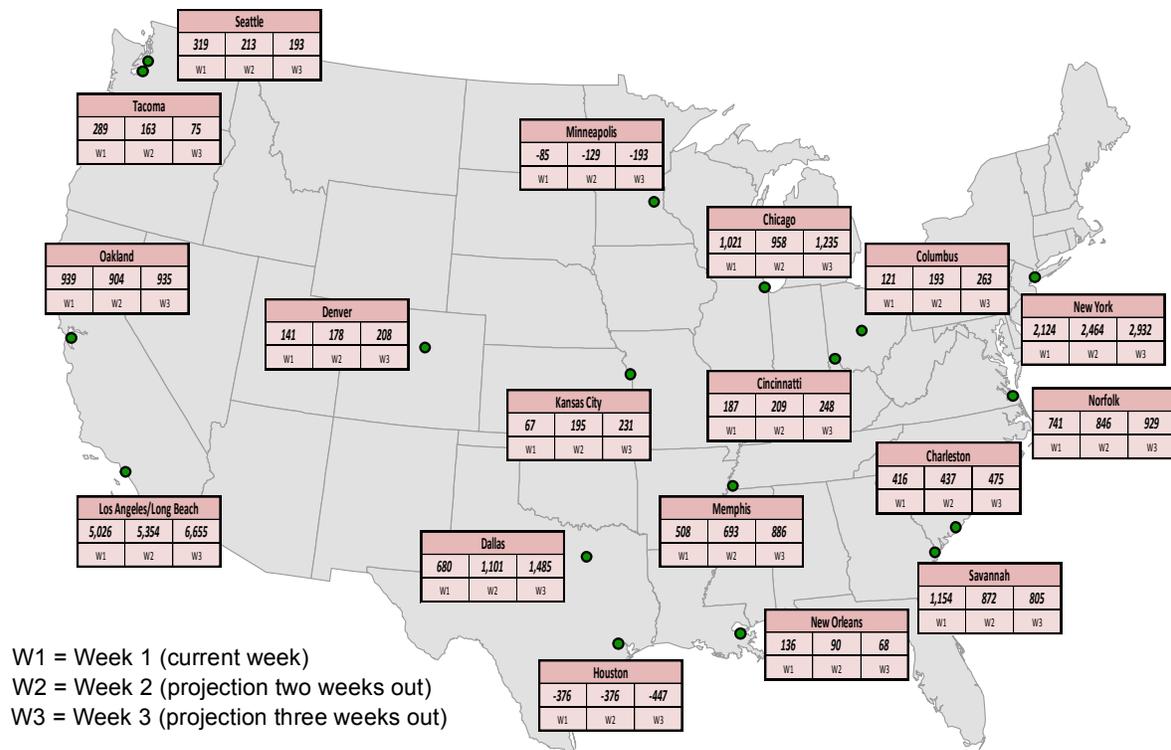
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



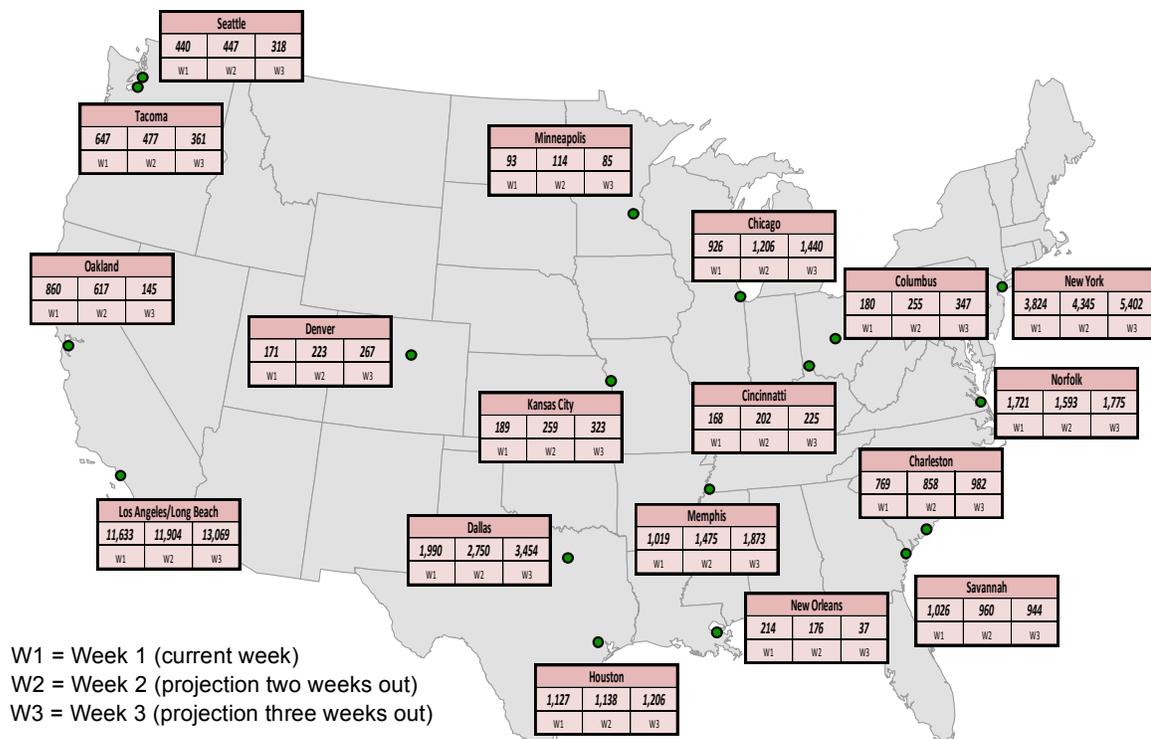
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

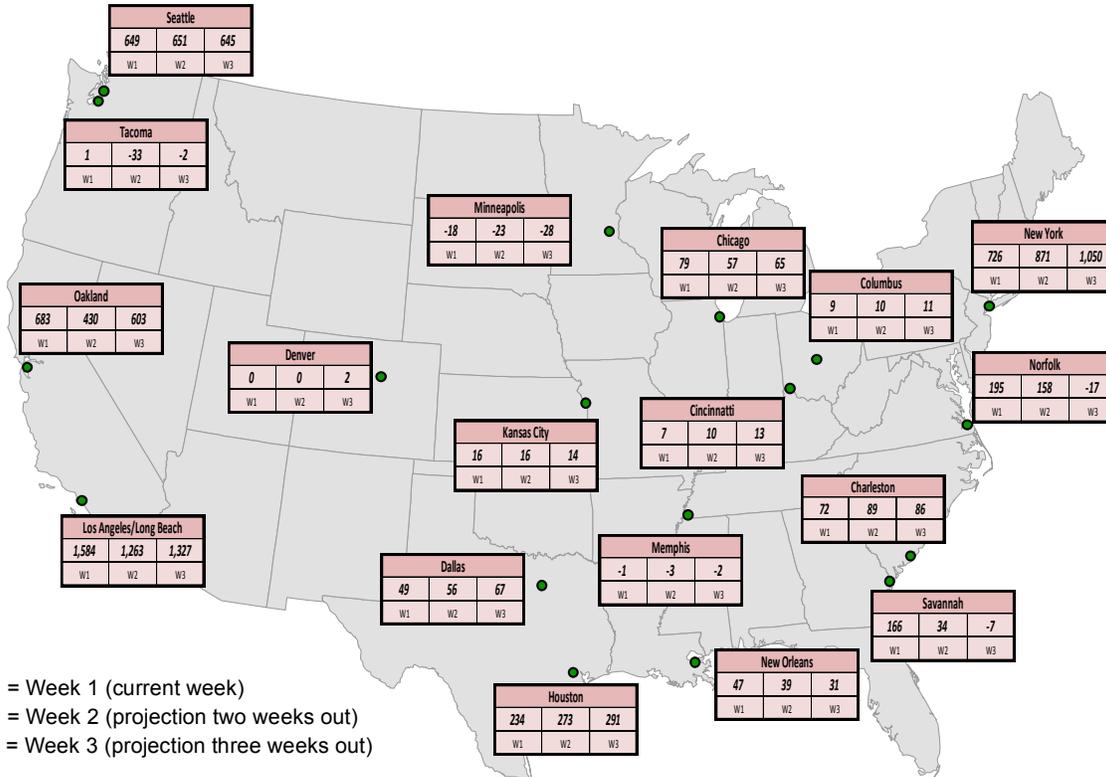


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers



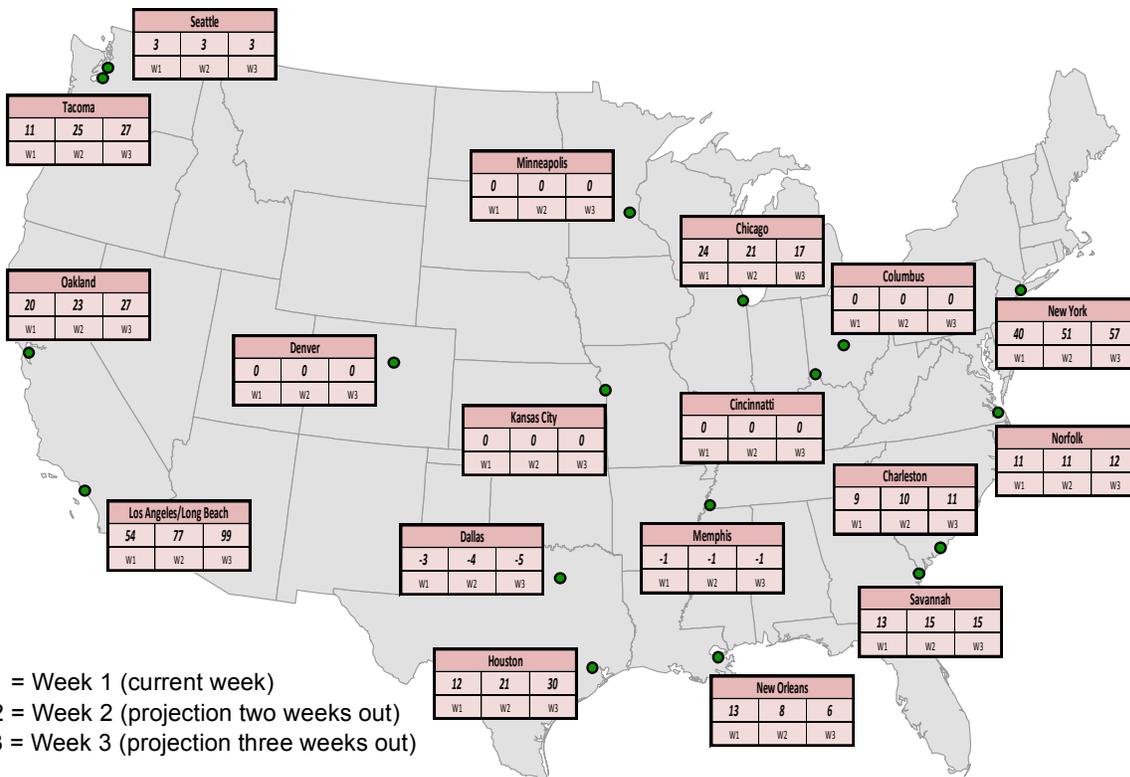


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



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



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



Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	121	88	80	59	47	21	.	.	.	.	416
Week 2: Jul 16-22	116	101	80	35	63	42	.	.	.	.	437
Week 3: Jul 23-29	120	114	80	32	75	54	.	.	.	.	475
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	132	125	124	107	55	30	.	.	.	.	573
Week 2: Jul 16-22	129	125	177	146	40	64	.	.	.	.	681
Week 3: Jul 23-29	153	125	228	133	40	81	.	.	.	.	760
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	175	146	144	109	103	92	.	.	.	.	769
Week 2: Jul 16-22	175	207	180	102	114	80	.	.	.	.	858
Week 3: Jul 23-29	175	289	188	107	143	80	.	.	.	.	982
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	73	22	10	5	2	-40	.	.	.	.	72
Week 2: Jul 16-22	72	32	12	5	0	-32	.	.	.	.	89
Week 3: Jul 23-29	71	42	12	5	0	-44	.	.	.	.	86
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	7	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Jul 16-22	7	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Jul 23-29	7	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 9-15	863	380	366	282	26	0	.	.	.	.	1,917
Week 2: Jul 16-22	1,217	369	540	200	10	0	.	.	.	.	2,336
Week 3: Jul 23-29	1,664	539	664	225	12	0	.	.	.	.	3,104
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	451	398	170	118	34	-150	.	.	.	.	1,021
Week 2: Jul 16-22	568	430	-1	100	11	-150	.	.	.	.	958
Week 3: Jul 23-29	721	598	-53	100	19	-150	.	.	.	.	1,235
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	724	525	174	90	13	-600	.	.	.	.	926
Week 2: Jul 16-22	928	676	121	31	50	-600	.	.	.	.	1,206
Week 3: Jul 23-29	1,209	615	125	41	50	-600	.	.	.	.	1,440
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	44	26	9	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	79
Week 2: Jul 16-22	25	22	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	57
Week 3: Jul 23-29	37	18	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	65
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	14	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 2: Jul 16-22	12	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Jul 23-29	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17

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: Jul 9-15	111	97	31	14	-4	-26	223
Week 2: Jul 16-22	132	128	15	14	0	-5	.	.	.	.	284
Week 3: Jul 23-29	155	150	14	14	-2	9	.	.	.	.	340
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	61	42	32	24	24	4	.	.	.	.	187
Week 2: Jul 16-22	61	58	46	19	24	1	.	.	.	.	209
Week 3: Jul 23-29	75	70	62	18	24	-1	.	.	.	.	248
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	85	48	32	6	3	-6	.	.	.	.	168
Week 2: Jul 16-22	85	65	41	10	4	-3	.	.	.	.	202
Week 3: Jul 23-29	85	95	34	11	2	-2	.	.	.	.	225
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Jul 16-22	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Jul 23-29	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 16-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jul 23-29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	38	36	24	4	2	-3	101
Week 2: Jul 16-22	63	25	42	1	21	-3	.	.	.	.	149
Week 3: Jul 23-29	88	26	49	0	39	-3	.	.	.	.	199
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	58	33	19	9	2	0	.	.	.	.	121
Week 2: Jul 16-22	81	63	34	4	11	0	.	.	.	.	193
Week 3: Jul 23-29	109	91	46	3	14	0	.	.	.	.	263
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	50	48	46	17	15	4	.	.	.	.	180
Week 2: Jul 16-22	81	50	46	60	15	3	.	.	.	.	255
Week 3: Jul 23-29	139	50	34	108	15	1	.	.	.	.	347
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Jul 16-22	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Jul 23-29	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 16-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jul 23-29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	268	126	108	27	26	-17	538
Week 2: Jul 16-22	451	155	153	27	44	9	.	.	.	.	839
Week 3: Jul 23-29	654	219	191	27	52	10	.	.	.	.	1,153
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	218	198	136	78	40	10	.	.	.	.	680
Week 2: Jul 16-22	200	298	261	262	40	40	.	.	.	.	1,101
Week 3: Jul 23-29	214	425	324	437	40	45	.	.	.	.	1,485
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	630	472	432	225	188	43	.	.	.	.	1,990
Week 2: Jul 16-22	536	664	735	225	540	50	.	.	.	.	2,750
Week 3: Jul 23-29	518	917	863	225	871	60	.	.	.	.	3,454
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	48	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49
Week 2: Jul 16-22	55	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56
Week 3: Jul 23-29	66	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Jul 16-22	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Jul 23-29	-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 9-15	77	12	9	7	1	-6	100
Week 2: Jul 16-22	108	16	-7	7	3	1	.	.	.	.	128
Week 3: Jul 23-29	139	17	0	7	5	2	.	.	.	.	170
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	60	44	18	14	4	1	.	.	.	.	141
Week 2: Jul 16-22	90	44	28	10	3	3	.	.	.	.	178
Week 3: Jul 23-29	117	44	37	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	208
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	114	23	18	16	8	-8	.	.	.	.	171
Week 2: Jul 16-22	149	47	18	12	5	-8	.	.	.	.	223
Week 3: Jul 23-29	181	54	20	10	10	-8	.	.	.	.	267
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 16-22	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jul 23-29	0	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 16-22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jul 23-29	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	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 9-15	500	86	15	3	-40	-193	371
Week 2: Jul 16-22	500	95	17	10	25	-198	.	.	.	.	449
Week 3: Jul 23-29	500	110	-59	8	25	-199	.	.	.	.	385
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	93	28	-10	-12	-75	-400	.	.	.	.	-376
Week 2: Jul 16-22	102	39	50	1	-75	-493	.	.	.	.	-376
Week 3: Jul 23-29	105	72	50	-3	-75	-596	.	.	.	.	-447
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	700	348	118	62	10	-111	.	.	.	.	1,127
Week 2: Jul 16-22	700	300	160	76	-8	-90	.	.	.	.	1,138
Week 3: Jul 23-29	700	300	185	94	-6	-67	.	.	.	.	1,206
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	188	25	19	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	234
Week 2: Jul 16-22	228	10	33	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	273
Week 3: Jul 23-29	228	8	53	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	291
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	17	0	-5	12
Week 2: Jul 16-22	23	0	-2	21
Week 3: Jul 23-29	29	0	1	30

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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 9-15	72	65	60	23	15	-4	231
Week 2: Jul 16-22	76	40	60	65	25	0	.	.	.	.	266
Week 3: Jul 23-29	80	35	60	101	33	-2	.	.	.	.	307
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	102	34	7	-1	-25	-50	.	.	.	.	67
Week 2: Jul 16-22	121	74	21	-6	35	-50	.	.	.	.	195
Week 3: Jul 23-29	127	87	33	-4	38	-50	.	.	.	.	231
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	100	75	22	0	-1	-7	.	.	.	.	189
Week 2: Jul 16-22	122	59	82	0	5	-9	.	.	.	.	259
Week 3: Jul 23-29	126	58	131	0	13	-5	.	.	.	.	323
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	9	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Jul 16-22	7	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Jul 23-29	3	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 16-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jul 23-29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 9-15	881	697	600	514	467	277	.	.	.	.	3,436
Week 2: Jul 16-22	788	1,010	600	550	400	274	.	.	.	.	3,622
Week 3: Jul 23-29	755	1,244	600	759	450	527	.	.	.	.	4,335
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	1,184	1,062	1,000	745	730	305	.	.	.	.	5,026
Week 2: Jul 16-22	755	1,564	1,000	700	843	492	.	.	.	.	5,354
Week 3: Jul 23-29	756	2,183	1,000	720	1,382	614	.	.	.	.	6,655
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	4,500	2,360	1,963	1,698	600	512	.	.	.	.	11,633
Week 2: Jul 16-22	4,500	2,200	1,800	2,007	706	691	.	.	.	.	11,904
Week 3: Jul 23-29	4,500	2,300	1,857	2,779	877	756	.	.	.	.	13,069
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	494	481	247	184	103	75	.	.	.	.	1,584
Week 2: Jul 16-22	526	125	273	140	124	75	.	.	.	.	1,263
Week 3: Jul 23-29	614	125	300	103	110	75	.	.	.	.	1,327
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	23	21	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
Week 2: Jul 16-22	40	27	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	77
Week 3: Jul 23-29	53	36	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	99

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	132	52	45	42	40	16	327
Week 2: Jul 16-22	166	64	127	47	40	8	.	.	.	.	452
Week 3: Jul 23-29	192	84	154	44	40	6	.	.	.	.	520
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	199	161	111	32	21	-16	.	.	.	.	508
Week 2: Jul 16-22	286	269	90	32	7	9	.	.	.	.	693
Week 3: Jul 23-29	342	387	87	32	8	30	.	.	.	.	886
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	430	290	142	127	17	13	.	.	.	.	1,019
Week 2: Jul 16-22	668	290	233	131	133	20	.	.	.	.	1,475
Week 3: Jul 23-29	906	290	300	135	231	11	.	.	.	.	1,873
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	4	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Jul 16-22	4	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Jul 23-29	7	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Jul 16-22	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Jul 23-29	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	346	78	10	-17	-25	-50	342
Week 2: Jul 16-22	364	93	4	-12	8	-50	.	.	.	.	407
Week 3: Jul 23-29	381	117	6	-32	6	-50	.	.	.	.	428
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	58	10	10	6	-35	-134	.	.	.	.	-85
Week 2: Jul 16-22	71	3	25	7	-35	-200	.	.	.	.	-129
Week 3: Jul 23-29	50	5	22	24	-35	-259	.	.	.	.	-193
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	155	68	16	-18	-28	-100	.	.	.	.	93
Week 2: Jul 16-22	148	85	-5	20	-34	-100	.	.	.	.	114
Week 3: Jul 23-29	153	78	-8	20	-58	-100	.	.	.	.	85
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	0	-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 2: Jul 16-22	0	-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-23
Week 3: Jul 23-29	0	-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-28
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 16-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jul 23-29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	447	59	14	2	0	-2	520
Week 2: Jul 16-22	379	36	11	3	0	-1	.	.	.	.	428
Week 3: Jul 23-29	292	31	12	1	0	-2	.	.	.	.	334
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	86	22	14	10	6	-2	.	.	.	.	136
Week 2: Jul 16-22	22	30	13	18	6	1	.	.	.	.	90
Week 3: Jul 23-29	-2	30	10	24	6	0	.	.	.	.	68
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	98	32	31	30	25	-2	.	.	.	.	214
Week 2: Jul 16-22	55	32	36	28	25	0	.	.	.	.	176
Week 3: Jul 23-29	-85	28	43	25	25	1	.	.	.	.	37
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	25	22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47
Week 2: Jul 16-22	22	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 3: Jul 23-29	19	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	7	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Jul 16-22	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Jul 23-29	0	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Jul 9-15	740	734	368	299	269	200	.	.	.	.	2,610
Week 2: Jul 16-22	800	1,110	437	240	433	200	.	.	.	.	3,220
Week 3: Jul 23-29	850	1,559	636	252	639	200	.	.	.	.	4,136
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	597	500	413	266	225	123	.	.	.	.	2,124
Week 2: Jul 16-22	771	765	382	201	225	120	.	.	.	.	2,464
Week 3: Jul 23-29	1,000	1,051	380	136	225	140	.	.	.	.	2,932
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	1,000	944	675	453	435	317	.	.	.	.	3,824
Week 2: Jul 16-22	1,000	1,065	1,164	400	516	200	.	.	.	.	4,345
Week 3: Jul 23-29	1,000	1,414	1,660	400	699	229	.	.	.	.	5,402
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	298	162	134	94	28	10	.	.	.	.	726
Week 2: Jul 16-22	367	231	50	146	67	10	.	.	.	.	871
Week 3: Jul 23-29	451	338	50	184	17	10	.	.	.	.	1,050
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	32	5	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 2: Jul 16-22	38	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	51
Week 3: Jul 23-29	44	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	57

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: Jul 9-15	369	184	170	137	70	62	992
Week 2: Jul 16-22	401	207	205	226	70	31	.	.	.	.	1,140
Week 3: Jul 23-29	399	229	288	302	70	25	.	.	.	.	1,313
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	331	139	103	86	70	12	.	.	.	.	741
Week 2: Jul 16-22	392	155	142	107	70	-20	.	.	.	.	846
Week 3: Jul 23-29	471	136	145	117	70	-10	.	.	.	.	929
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	604	336	335	300	95	51	.	.	.	.	1,721
Week 2: Jul 16-22	345	460	383	300	137	-32	.	.	.	.	1,593
Week 3: Jul 23-29	350	577	501	300	73	-26	.	.	.	.	1,775
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	155	50	32	10	-23	-29	.	.	.	.	195
Week 2: Jul 16-22	83	30	35	10	9	-9	.	.	.	.	158
Week 3: Jul 23-29	34	30	36	10	-8	-119	.	.	.	.	-17
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	10	1	0	11
Week 2: Jul 16-22	10	1	0	11
Week 3: Jul 23-29	10	1	1	12

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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	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 9-15	667	200	104	100	97	77	1,245
Week 2: Jul 16-22	269	189	50	100	95	146	.	.	.	.	849
Week 3: Jul 23-29	366	189	60	100	62	165	.	.	.	.	942
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	355	287	150	74	52	21	.	.	.	.	939
Week 2: Jul 16-22	300	241	212	74	60	17	.	.	.	.	904
Week 3: Jul 23-29	300	233	244	74	75	9	.	.	.	.	935
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	309	300	243	75	7	-74	.	.	.	.	860
Week 2: Jul 16-22	362	300	243	100	-342	-46	.	.	.	.	617
Week 3: Jul 23-29	409	300	189	100	-787	-66	.	.	.	.	145
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	366	319	41	30	-21	-52	.	.	.	.	683
Week 2: Jul 16-22	150	282	61	30	-35	-58	.	.	.	.	430
Week 3: Jul 23-29	150	251	301	30	-49	-80	.	.	.	.	603
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	10	5	5	20
Week 2: Jul 16-22	10	9	4	23
Week 3: Jul 23-29	10	13	4	27

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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 9-15	276	167	111	98	72	4	728
Week 2: Jul 16-22	200	265	203	81	72	23	.	.	.	.	844
Week 3: Jul 23-29	200	355	279	90	72	20	.	.	.	.	1,016
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	482	358	208	100	26	-20	.	.	.	.	1,154
Week 2: Jul 16-22	573	324	90	100	-189	-26	.	.	.	.	872
Week 3: Jul 23-29	594	315	110	100	-282	-32	.	.	.	.	805
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	511	442	225	132	-100	-184	.	.	.	.	1,026
Week 2: Jul 16-22	475	353	225	80	-48	-125	.	.	.	.	960
Week 3: Jul 23-29	657	262	225	90	-60	-230	.	.	.	.	944
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	123	63	31	10	-24	-37	.	.	.	.	166
Week 2: Jul 16-22	30	19	25	10	-7	-43	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: Jul 23-29	25	19	10	10	-22	-49	.	.	.	.	-7
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	9	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Jul 16-22	10	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Jul 23-29	11	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 9-15	150	101	43	4	298
Week 2: Jul 16-22	150	100	47	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	303
Week 3: Jul 23-29	150	100	48	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	297
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	130	107	95	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	319
Week 2: Jul 16-22	50	100	95	-32	.	.	.	.	.	.	213
Week 3: Jul 23-29	50	96	95	-48	.	.	.	.	.	.	193
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	430	120	19	-129	.	.	.	.	.	.	440
Week 2: Jul 16-22	430	60	-68	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	447
Week 3: Jul 23-29	430	14	-151	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	318
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	398	201	30	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	649
Week 2: Jul 16-22	394	200	37	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	651
Week 3: Jul 23-29	388	200	37	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	645
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Jul 16-22	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Jul 23-29	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	185	131	97	78	10	501
Week 2: Jul 16-22	243	73	77	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	453
Week 3: Jul 23-29	266	60	80	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	466
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	217	123	63	1	-115	.	.	.	.	.	289
Week 2: Jul 16-22	88	114	48	1	-88	.	.	.	.	.	163
Week 3: Jul 23-29	3	96	50	1	-75	.	.	.	.	.	75
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	589	95	82	20	-139	.	.	.	.	.	647
Week 2: Jul 16-22	456	33	90	20	-122	.	.	.	.	.	477
Week 3: Jul 23-29	376	-23	110	20	-122	.	.	.	.	.	361
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	140	129	5	-21	-252	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Jul 16-22	80	134	5	-32	-220	.	.	.	.	.	-33
Week 3: Jul 23-29	80	128	5	10	-225	.	.	.	.	.	-2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 9-15	10	1	11
Week 2: Jul 16-22	24	1	25
Week 3: Jul 23-29	26	1	27

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

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Understanding this Report

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

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
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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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