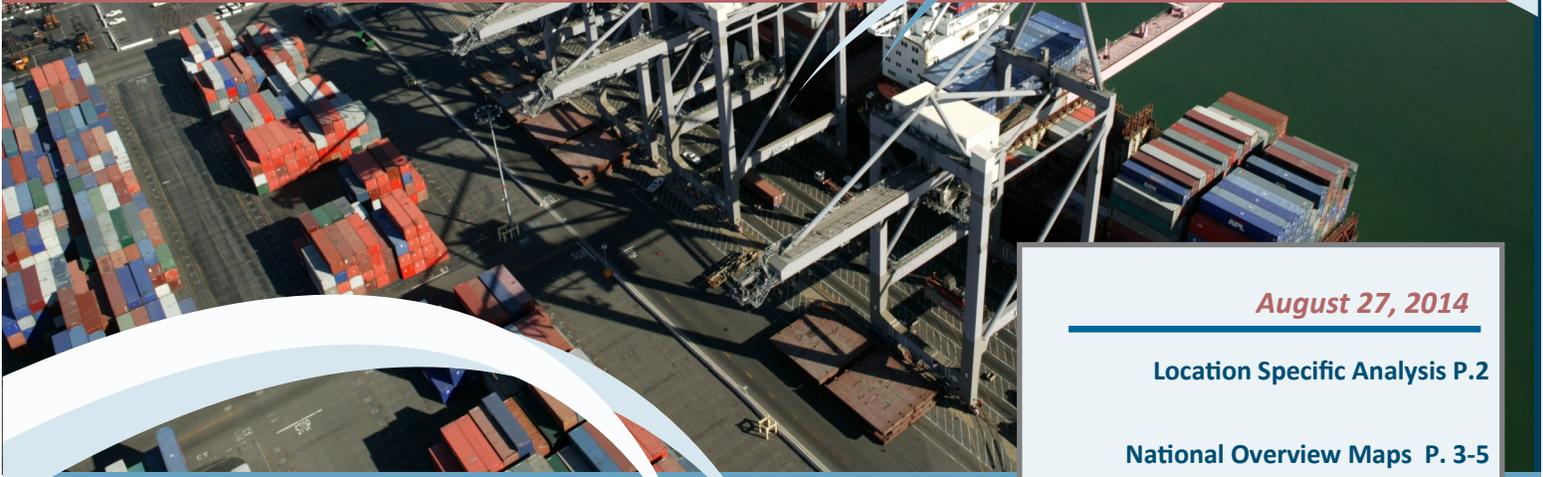




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for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



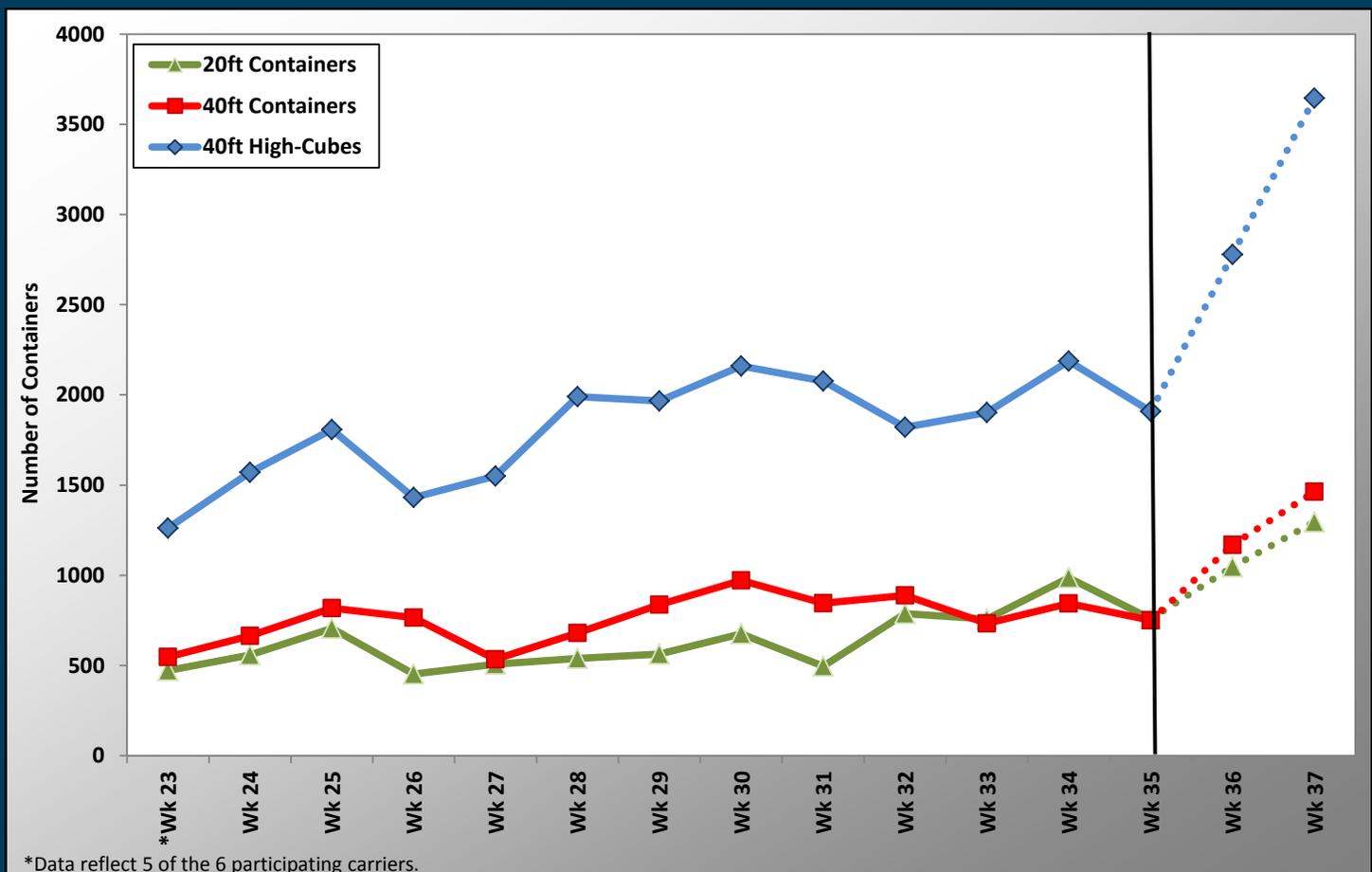
Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

Historical Analysis of Dallas

Between July and September of 2013, Dallas moved more than 15,200 metric tons of containerized agricultural products, with cotton accounting for more than 75 percent of the volume. Grocery items followed at 7 percent and hides and skins at 4 percent. During this period, more than 65 percent of these agricultural exports were moved in 40ft containers. Agricultural exporters used the ocean carrier Evergreen Line to move 31 percent of these products, followed by CMA-CGM at 23 percent and Yang Ming at 13 percent each. In 2013, agricultural exporters overwhelmingly preferred West Coast ports for their departure ports. Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland represented 97 percent of movements. Despite its close proximity, Gulf Ports such as Houston only represented 2 percent of agricultural exports through Dallas.¹

Over the past several weeks, container availability estimates for dry containers in Dallas have followed a similar pattern. Estimates for 40ft high-cube containers remain the strongest of the reported container types. In fact, estimates for 40ft high-cube containers have increased 139 percent since the fourth week of April to reach 2,188 units available last week, the highest availability estimate on record for Dallas. Overall estimates have been on an upward trend because of the increase in import traffic as a result of the ongoing West Coast Longshore Labor Contract negotiations as well as the influx of peak season retail import traffic. Over the past several weeks, estimates for 20ft and 40ft containers have averaged between 625 and 760 units with weekly movements almost consistently in tandem. Carriers are anticipating significant increases over the next 2 weeks for each of the dry container types, particularly 40ft high-cube containers.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Dallas, 1st week of June (Wk 23) through 5th week of August (Wk 35), with Projections



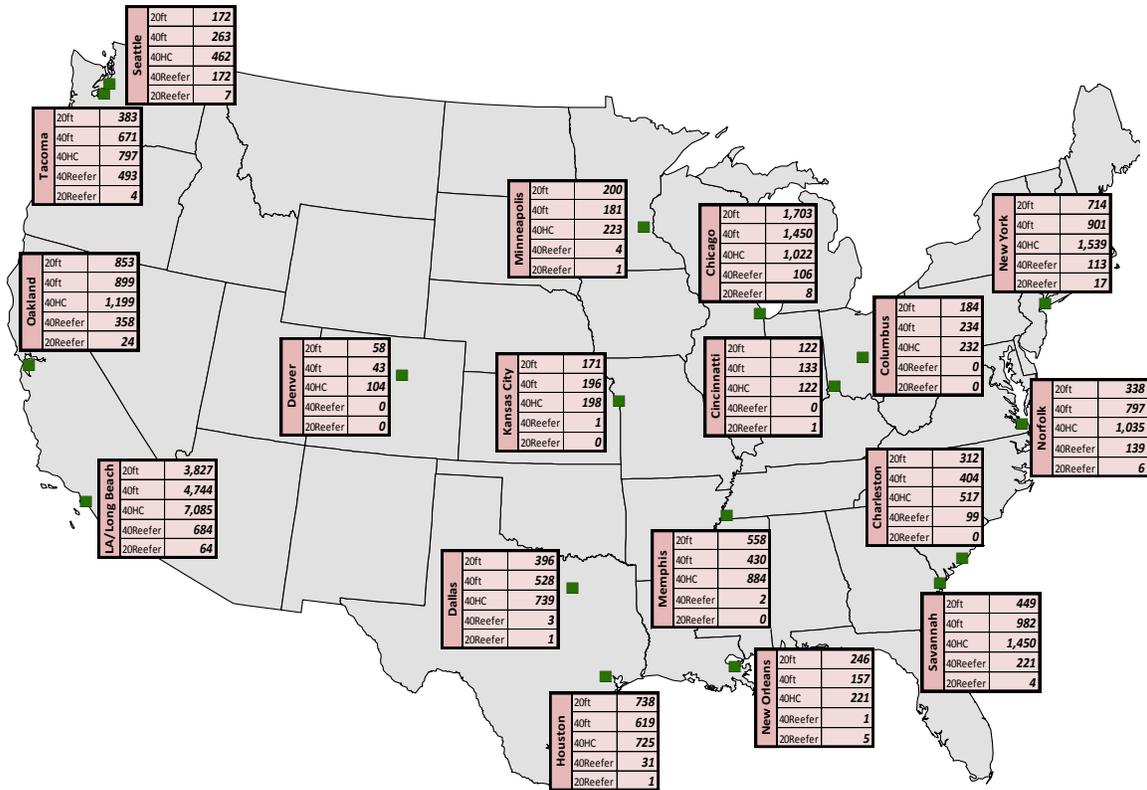
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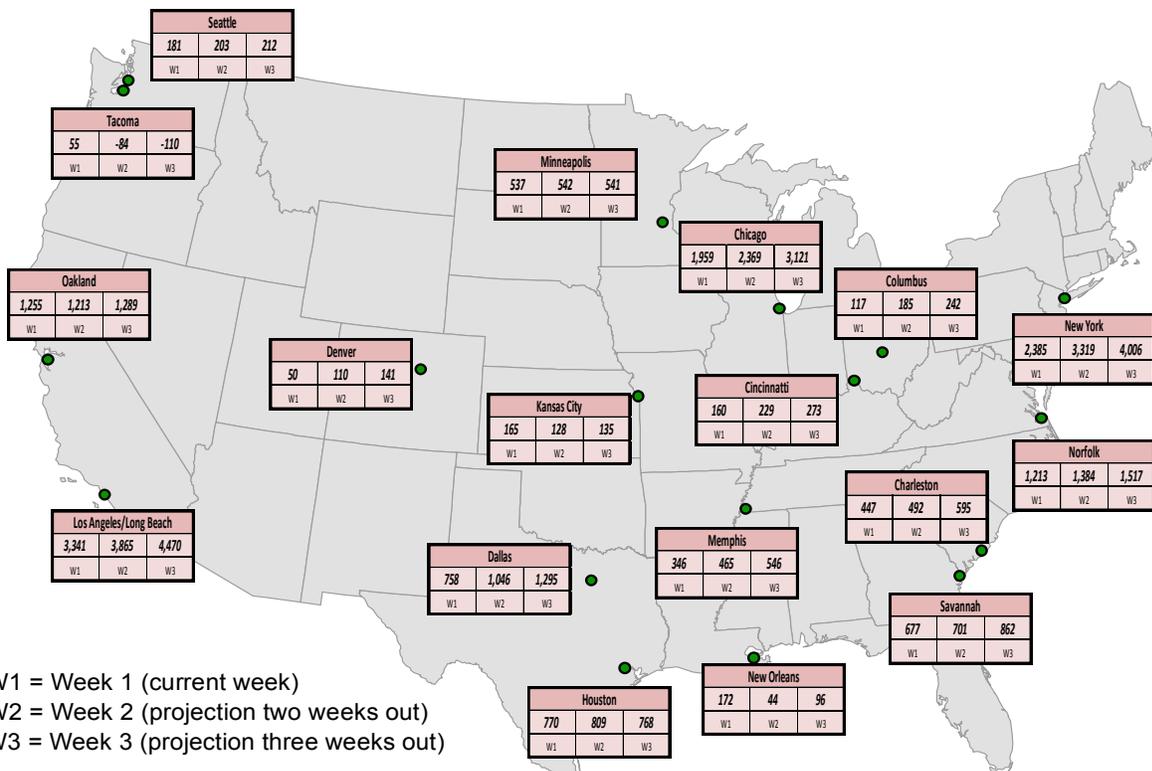
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



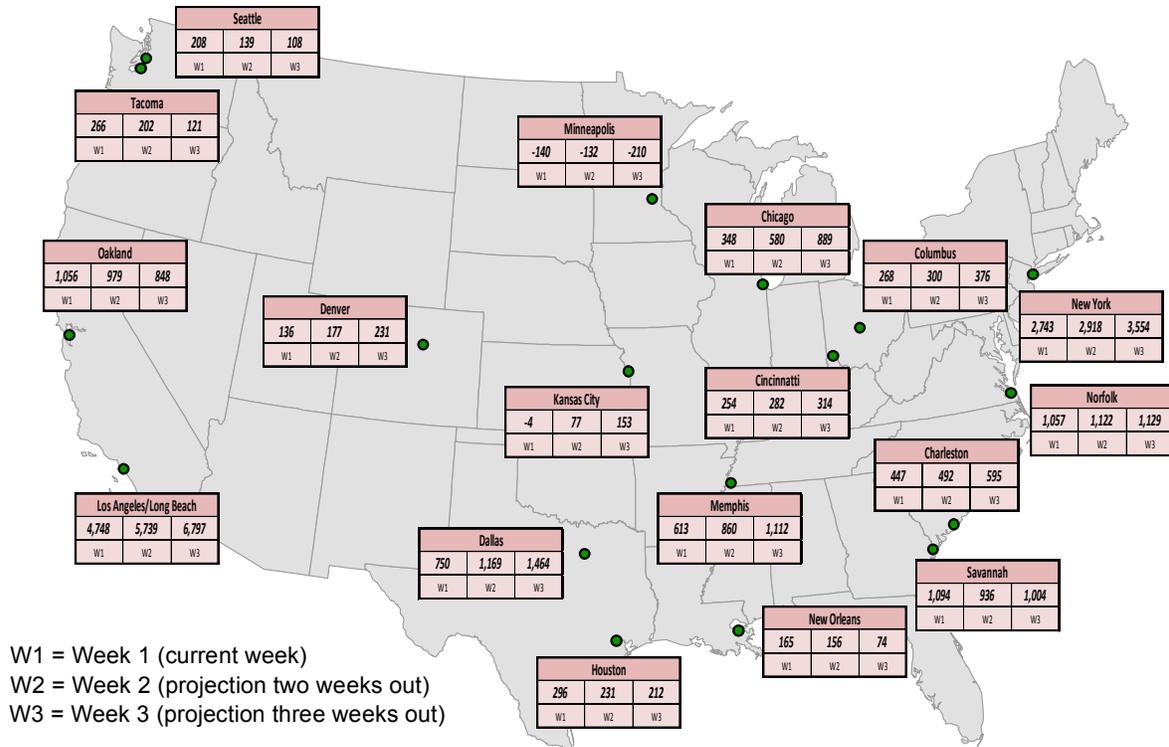
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



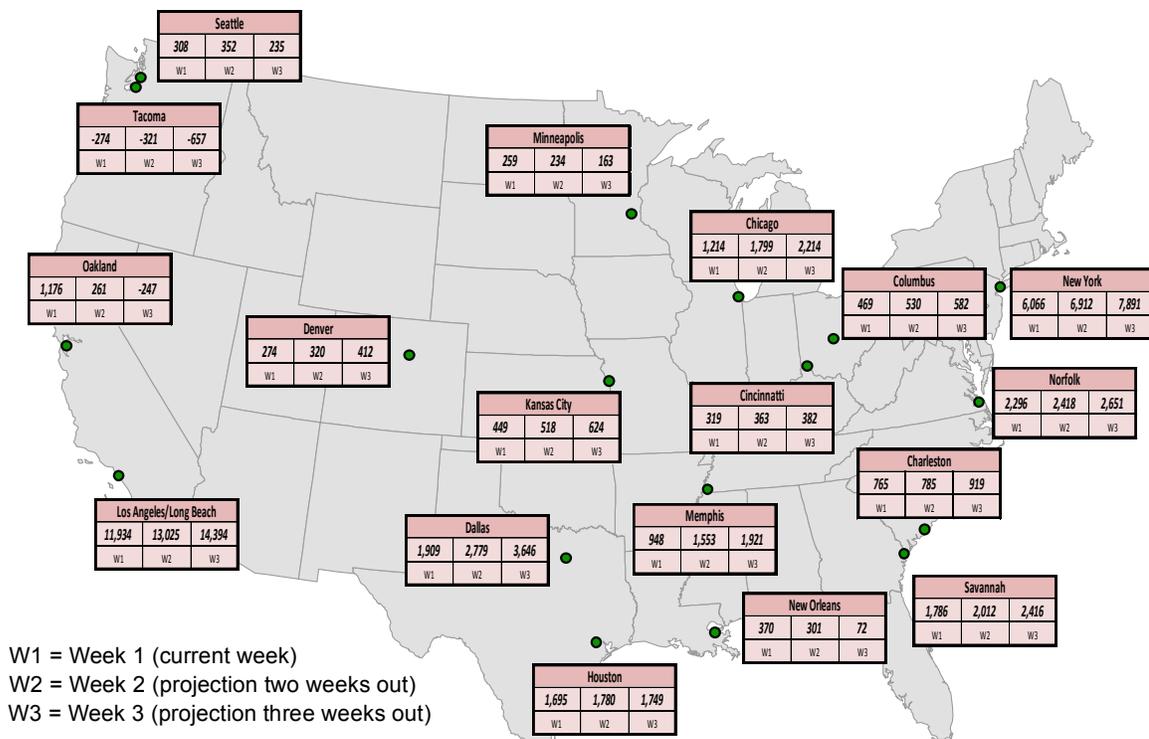
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

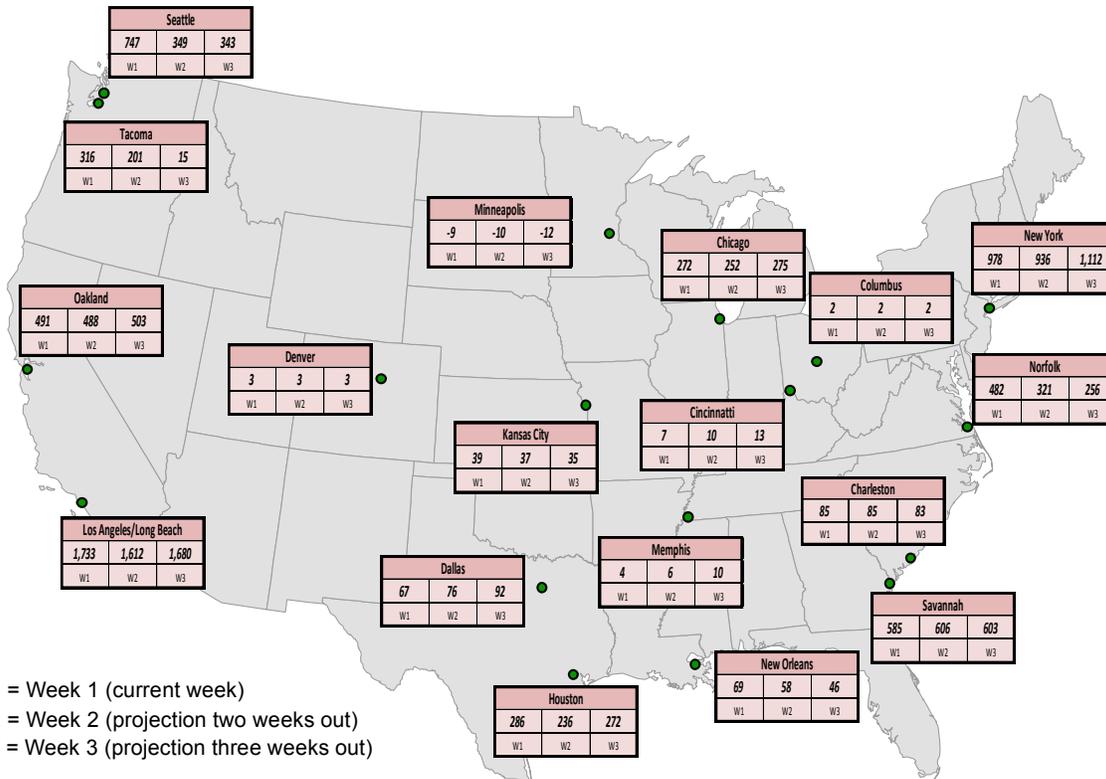


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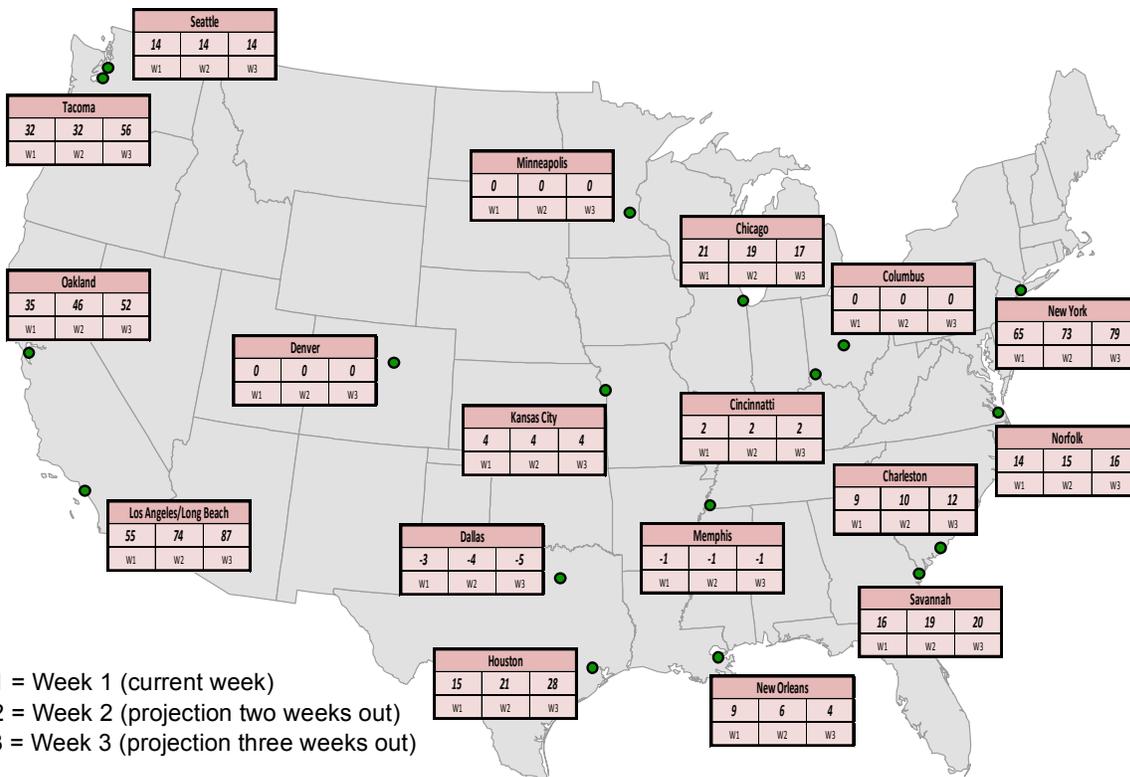


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



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

Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers



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W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
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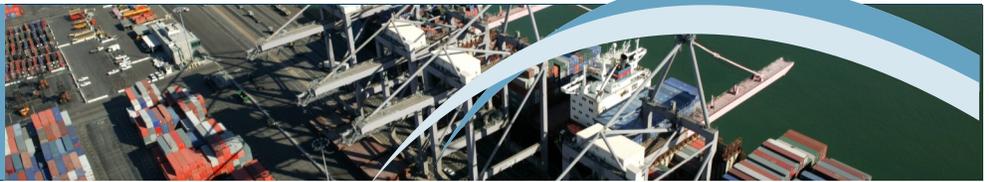


Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	179	74	66	59	39	30	447
Week 2: Sep 3-9	183	57	73	59	65	55	.	.	.	.	492
Week 3: Sep 10-16	234	87	80	59	65	70	.	.	.	.	595
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	149	140	77	50	37	35	.	.	.	.	488
Week 2: Sep 3-9	200	140	101	65	33	77	.	.	.	.	616
Week 3: Sep 10-16	257	140	140	65	10	68	.	.	.	.	680
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	206	165	130	109	82	73	.	.	.	.	765
Week 2: Sep 3-9	206	208	80	110	76	105	.	.	.	.	785
Week 3: Sep 10-16	206	269	80	153	80	131	.	.	.	.	919
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	61	32	12	5	4	-29	.	.	.	.	85
Week 2: Sep 3-9	64	41	12	5	0	-37	.	.	.	.	85
Week 3: Sep 10-16	62	50	8	5	0	-42	.	.	.	.	83
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	6	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Sep 3-9	6	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Sep 10-16	7	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,389	231	217	67	48	7	.	.	.	.	1,959
Week 2: Sep 3-9	1,428	231	300	325	56	29	.	.	.	.	2,369
Week 3: Sep 10-16	1,807	231	300	486	277	20	.	.	.	.	3,121
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	363	241	163	94	67	-580	.	.	.	.	348
Week 2: Sep 3-9	306	401	300	100	53	-580	.	.	.	.	580
Week 3: Sep 10-16	398	506	407	100	58	-580	.	.	.	.	889
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	779	264	200	32	0	-61	.	.	.	.	1,214
Week 2: Sep 3-9	773	490	354	82	0	100	.	.	.	.	1,799
Week 3: Sep 10-16	1,046	476	526	66	0	100	.	.	.	.	2,214
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	193	40	39	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	272
Week 2: Sep 3-9	200	10	42	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	252
Week 3: Sep 10-16	223	10	42	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	275
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	11	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Sep 3-9	9	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: Sep 10-16	7	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Aug 27-Sep 2	52	37	30	25	21	-5	160
Week 2: Sep 3-9	68	75	14	25	40	7	.	.	.	.	229
Week 3: Sep 10-16	89	93	14	25	47	5	.	.	.	.	273
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	70	60	44	43	37	0	.	.	.	.	254
Week 2: Sep 3-9	70	77	64	51	18	2	.	.	.	.	282
Week 3: Sep 10-16	70	84	78	63	18	1	.	.	.	.	314
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	306	30	-2	-3	-3	-9	.	.	.	.	319
Week 2: Sep 3-9	306	53	5	-3	0	2	.	.	.	.	363
Week 3: Sep 10-16	306	63	5	-4	11	1	.	.	.	.	382
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	6	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Sep 3-9	9	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Sep 10-16	12	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Sep 3-9	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Sep 10-16	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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: Aug 27-Sep 2	62	38	24	18	-11	-14	117
Week 2: Sep 3-9	72	66	24	26	-4	1	.	.	.	.	185
Week 3: Sep 10-16	92	79	24	26	12	9	.	.	.	.	242
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total	
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	100	58	37	36	30	7	.	.	.	.	268
Week 2: Sep 3-9	108	58	48	62	14	10	.	.	.	.	300
Week 3: Sep 10-16	132	58	77	87	14	8	.	.	.	.	376
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total	
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	234	95	88	41	13	-2	.	.	.	.	469
Week 2: Sep 3-9	234	115	50	119	10	2	.	.	.	.	530
Week 3: Sep 10-16	234	138	50	149	8	3	.	.	.	.	582
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total	
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Sep 3-9	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Sep 10-16	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total	
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	0
Week 2: Sep 3-9	0
Week 3: Sep 10-16	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: Aug 27-Sep 2	329	234	98	66	38	-7	758
Week 2: Sep 3-9	491	238	164	66	77	10	.	.	.	.	1,046
Week 3: Sep 10-16	684	281	204	66	50	10	.	.	.	.	1,295
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	254	238	127	72	67	-8	.	.	.	.	750
Week 2: Sep 3-9	431	288	162	72	171	45	.	.	.	.	1,169
Week 3: Sep 10-16	640	267	195	72	245	45	.	.	.	.	1,464
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	495	443	412	365	242	-48	.	.	.	.	1,909
Week 2: Sep 3-9	462	719	789	567	242	0	.	.	.	.	2,779
Week 3: Sep 10-16	452	963	1,200	789	242	0	.	.	.	.	3,646
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	60	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
Week 2: Sep 3-9	67	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	76
Week 3: Sep 10-16	82	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	92
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Sep 3-9	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Sep 10-16	-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: Aug 27-Sep 2	51	16	6	5	-12	-16	50
Week 2: Sep 3-9	72	26	3	5	-1	5	.	.	.	.	110
Week 3: Sep 10-16	96	29	9	5	-3	5	.	.	.	.	141
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	57	42	15	14	11	-3	.	.	.	.	136
Week 2: Sep 3-9	83	42	14	8	33	-3	.	.	.	.	177
Week 3: Sep 10-16	108	42	17	8	47	9	.	.	.	.	231
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	110	91	39	12	12	10	.	.	.	.	274
Week 2: Sep 3-9	132	118	32	12	16	10	.	.	.	.	320
Week 3: Sep 10-16	200	144	22	12	24	10	.	.	.	.	412
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Sep 3-9	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Sep 10-16	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 3-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 10-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Aug 27-Sep 2	319	273	132	88	-4	-38	770
Week 2: Sep 3-9	331	273	100	101	14	-10	.	.	.	.	809
Week 3: Sep 10-16	328	273	100	117	10	-60	.	.	.	.	768
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	224	160	53	0	-66	-75	.	.	.	.	296
Week 2: Sep 3-9	301	80	77	17	-66	-178	.	.	.	.	231
Week 3: Sep 10-16	342	100	80	14	-66	-258	.	.	.	.	212
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,250	266	82	40	38	19	.	.	.	.	1,695
Week 2: Sep 3-9	1,250	250	157	19	62	42	.	.	.	.	1,780
Week 3: Sep 10-16	1,250	250	220	-72	67	34	.	.	.	.	1,749
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	116	102	66	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	286
Week 2: Sep 3-9	128	8	98	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	236
Week 3: Sep 10-16	140	8	122	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	272
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	17	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Sep 3-9	22	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Sep 10-16	27	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28

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: Aug 27-Sep 2	69	52	51	24	-1	-30	165
Week 2: Sep 3-9	35	58	62	24	1	-52	.	.	.	.	128
Week 3: Sep 10-16	35	66	69	24	0	-59	.	.	.	.	135
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	37	31	7	2	-25	-56	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 2: Sep 3-9	46	76	10	1	0	-56	.	.	.	.	77
Week 3: Sep 10-16	51	110	17	1	30	-56	.	.	.	.	153
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	344	72	38	20	-2	-23	.	.	.	.	449
Week 2: Sep 3-9	344	79	54	42	-1	0	.	.	.	.	518
Week 3: Sep 10-16	344	95	97	56	2	30	.	.	.	.	624
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	27	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: Sep 3-9	23	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
Week 3: Sep 10-16	19	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	4	4
Week 2: Sep 3-9	4	4
Week 3: Sep 10-16	4	4

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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: Aug 27-Sep 2	964	812	752	502	178	133	.	.	.	.	3,341
Week 2: Sep 3-9	869	1,016	752	547	231	450	.	.	.	.	3,865
Week 3: Sep 10-16	873	1,259	752	824	312	450	.	.	.	.	4,470
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,269	918	845	822	751	143	.	.	.	.	4,748
Week 2: Sep 3-9	1,800	918	752	1,231	800	238	.	.	.	.	5,739
Week 3: Sep 10-16	2,293	918	760	1,582	800	444	.	.	.	.	6,797
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	5,560	2,141	1,877	1,709	446	201	.	.	.	.	11,934
Week 2: Sep 3-9	5,560	2,782	2,077	1,800	544	262	.	.	.	.	13,025
Week 3: Sep 10-16	5,560	4,061	1,900	1,800	646	427	.	.	.	.	14,394
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	492	454	314	221	177	75	.	.	.	.	1,733
Week 2: Sep 3-9	494	300	401	156	186	75	.	.	.	.	1,612
Week 3: Sep 10-16	501	300	453	156	195	75	.	.	.	.	1,680
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	28	17	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	55
Week 2: Sep 3-9	42	22	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	74
Week 3: Sep 10-16	57	20	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	87

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: Aug 27-Sep 2	111	103	70	43	37	-18	346
Week 2: Sep 3-9	141	123	115	44	37	5	.	.	.	.	465
Week 3: Sep 10-16	165	160	137	44	37	3	.	.	.	.	546
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	179	129	121	94	85	5	.	.	.	.	613
Week 2: Sep 3-9	233	150	262	94	122	-1	.	.	.	.	860
Week 3: Sep 10-16	292	150	413	94	167	-4	.	.	.	.	1,112
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	358	339	124	99	17	11	.	.	.	.	948
Week 2: Sep 3-9	358	732	214	148	100	1	.	.	.	.	1,553
Week 3: Sep 10-16	358	918	325	217	100	3	.	.	.	.	1,921
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	5	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Sep 3-9	7	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Sep 10-16	11	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Sep 3-9	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Sep 10-16	-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: Aug 27-Sep 2	295	121	55	28	20	18	537
Week 2: Sep 3-9	303	121	99	11	0	8	.	.	.	.	542
Week 3: Sep 10-16	307	121	74	29	0	10	.	.	.	.	541
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	52	21	8	-27	-38	-156	.	.	.	.	-140
Week 2: Sep 3-9	117	13	0	-21	-38	-203	.	.	.	.	-132
Week 3: Sep 10-16	98	10	0	-27	-38	-253	.	.	.	.	-210
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	316	68	17	0	-36	-106	.	.	.	.	259
Week 2: Sep 3-9	316	116	0	0	-48	-150	.	.	.	.	234
Week 3: Sep 10-16	316	107	0	0	-69	-191	.	.	.	.	163
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9
Week 2: Sep 3-9	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-10
Week 3: Sep 10-16	0	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-12
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 3-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 10-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Aug 27-Sep 2	126	16	12	10	8	0	.	.	.	.	172
Week 2: Sep 3-9	25	12	12	10	-15	0	.	.	.	.	44
Week 3: Sep 10-16	98	12	12	9	-36	1	.	.	.	.	96
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	143	21	2	2	0	-3	.	.	.	.	165
Week 2: Sep 3-9	142	-2	2	30	-1	-15	.	.	.	.	156
Week 3: Sep 10-16	90	-29	2	30	0	-19	.	.	.	.	74
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	226	70	29	24	22	-1	.	.	.	.	370
Week 2: Sep 3-9	191	70	25	3	12	0	.	.	.	.	301
Week 3: Sep 10-16	-5	70	25	-22	3	1	.	.	.	.	72
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	66	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	69
Week 2: Sep 3-9	60	-2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	58
Week 3: Sep 10-16	53	-7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Sep 3-9	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Sep 10-16	5	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Aug 27-Sep 2	838	577	452	247	243	28	.	.	.	.	2,385
Week 2: Sep 3-9	1,112	689	452	403	263	400	.	.	.	.	3,319
Week 3: Sep 10-16	1,527	876	452	496	255	400	.	.	.	.	4,006
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	689	627	560	366	318	183	.	.	.	.	2,743
Week 2: Sep 3-9	480	816	636	366	320	300	.	.	.	.	2,918
Week 3: Sep 10-16	588	1,119	799	366	302	380	.	.	.	.	3,554
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	2,366	1,392	913	692	423	280	.	.	.	.	6,066
Week 2: Sep 3-9	2,366	1,569	1,213	984	480	300	.	.	.	.	6,912
Week 3: Sep 10-16	2,366	1,669	1,615	1,400	441	400	.	.	.	.	7,891
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	316	271	161	144	76	10	.	.	.	.	978
Week 2: Sep 3-9	391	50	201	235	49	10	.	.	.	.	936
Week 3: Sep 10-16	484	50	244	309	15	10	.	.	.	.	1,112
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	54	6	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	65
Week 2: Sep 3-9	59	9	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	73
Week 3: Sep 10-16	64	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	79

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: Aug 27-Sep 2	467	339	190	129	95	-7	1,213
Week 2: Sep 3-9	488	399	212	129	128	28	.	.	.	.	1,384
Week 3: Sep 10-16	530	399	235	129	204	20	.	.	.	.	1,517
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	492	198	177	140	61	-11	.	.	.	.	1,057
Week 2: Sep 3-9	541	198	158	145	85	-5	.	.	.	.	1,122
Week 3: Sep 10-16	540	198	180	145	72	-6	.	.	.	.	1,129
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	734	552	501	373	166	-30	.	.	.	.	2,296
Week 2: Sep 3-9	734	400	572	503	168	41	.	.	.	.	2,418
Week 3: Sep 10-16	734	400	623	623	238	33	.	.	.	.	2,651
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	190	135	132	27	10	-12	.	.	.	.	482
Week 2: Sep 3-9	155	106	30	19	10	1	.	.	.	.	321
Week 3: Sep 10-16	132	61	30	28	10	-5	.	.	.	.	256
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	10	3	1	14
Week 2: Sep 3-9	10	4	1	15
Week 3: Sep 10-16	10	5	1	16

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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: Aug 27-Sep 2	471	223	190	179	159	33	1,255
Week 2: Sep 3-9	611	171	40	179	153	59	.	.	.	.	1,213
Week 3: Sep 10-16	703	180	40	179	107	80	.	.	.	.	1,289
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	294	224	200	155	131	52	.	.	.	.	1,056
Week 2: Sep 3-9	151	242	300	122	112	52	.	.	.	.	979
Week 3: Sep 10-16	9	239	300	134	114	52	.	.	.	.	848
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	506	277	198	194	36	-35	.	.	.	.	1,176
Week 2: Sep 3-9	174	256	-362	157	36	0	.	.	.	.	261
Week 3: Sep 10-16	39	253	-740	165	36	0	.	.	.	.	-247
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	309	196	30	13	-18	-39	.	.	.	.	491
Week 2: Sep 3-9	383	140	30	0	8	-73	.	.	.	.	488
Week 3: Sep 10-16	456	100	30	0	-7	-76	.	.	.	.	503
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	26	10	-1	35
Week 2: Sep 3-9	34	10	2	46
Week 3: Sep 10-16	42	10	0	52

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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: Aug 27-Sep 2	304	179	122	66	59	-53	677
Week 2: Sep 3-9	200	198	169	66	58	10	.	.	.	.	701
Week 3: Sep 10-16	200	217	211	66	60	108	.	.	.	.	862
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	435	323	201	176	30	-71	.	.	.	.	1,094
Week 2: Sep 3-9	406	300	239	176	-16	-169	.	.	.	.	936
Week 3: Sep 10-16	465	300	308	176	-14	-231	.	.	.	.	1,004
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	692	568	267	188	68	3	.	.	.	.	1,786
Week 2: Sep 3-9	883	568	350	169	59	-17	.	.	.	.	2,012
Week 3: Sep 10-16	1,145	568	400	197	55	51	.	.	.	.	2,416
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	232	191	91	54	10	7	.	.	.	.	585
Week 2: Sep 3-9	196	206	150	54	10	-10	.	.	.	.	606
Week 3: Sep 10-16	203	183	150	54	10	3	.	.	.	.	603
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	10	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Sep 3-9	12	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: Sep 10-16	14	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Aug 27-Sep 2	137	70	49	-75	181
Week 2: Sep 3-9	137	85	-19	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	203
Week 3: Sep 10-16	137	102	-27	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	212
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	120	58	39	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	208
Week 2: Sep 3-9	120	62	0	-43	.	.	.	.	.	.	139
Week 3: Sep 10-16	120	67	0	-79	.	.	.	.	.	.	108
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	482	90	-129	-135	.	.	.	.	.	.	308
Week 2: Sep 3-9	482	42	0	-172	.	.	.	.	.	.	352
Week 3: Sep 10-16	482	-43	0	-204	.	.	.	.	.	.	235
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	527	199	20	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	747
Week 2: Sep 3-9	100	230	20	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	349
Week 3: Sep 10-16	100	215	20	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	343
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	13	1	14
Week 2: Sep 3-9	13	1	14
Week 3: Sep 10-16	13	1	14

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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: Aug 27-Sep 2	150	91	10	-15	-181	55
Week 2: Sep 3-9	124	50	10	-77	-191	.	.	.	.	.	-84
Week 3: Sep 10-16	138	50	10	-82	-226	.	.	.	.	.	-110
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	330	1	1	-14	-52	.	.	.	.	.	266
Week 2: Sep 3-9	243	1	50	-44	-48	.	.	.	.	.	202
Week 3: Sep 10-16	186	1	50	-32	-84	.	.	.	.	.	121
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	136	20	-33	-64	-333	.	.	.	.	.	-274
Week 2: Sep 3-9	85	20	0	-204	-222	.	.	.	.	.	-321
Week 3: Sep 10-16	-75	20	0	-352	-250	.	.	.	.	.	-657
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	207	193	98	5	-187	.	.	.	.	.	316
Week 2: Sep 3-9	178	96	80	5	-158	.	.	.	.	.	201
Week 3: Sep 10-16	163	-55	80	5	-178	.	.	.	.	.	15
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 27-Sep 2	31	1	32
Week 2: Sep 3-9	31	1	32
Week 3: Sep 10-16	55	1	56

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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

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



Understanding this Report

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

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