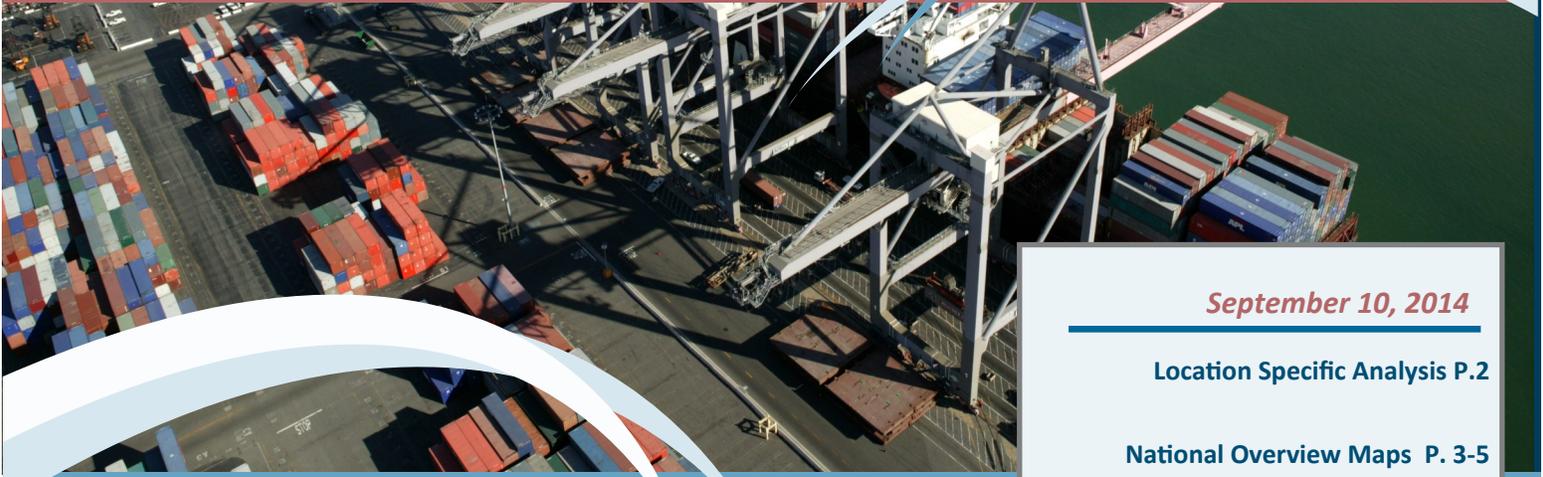




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for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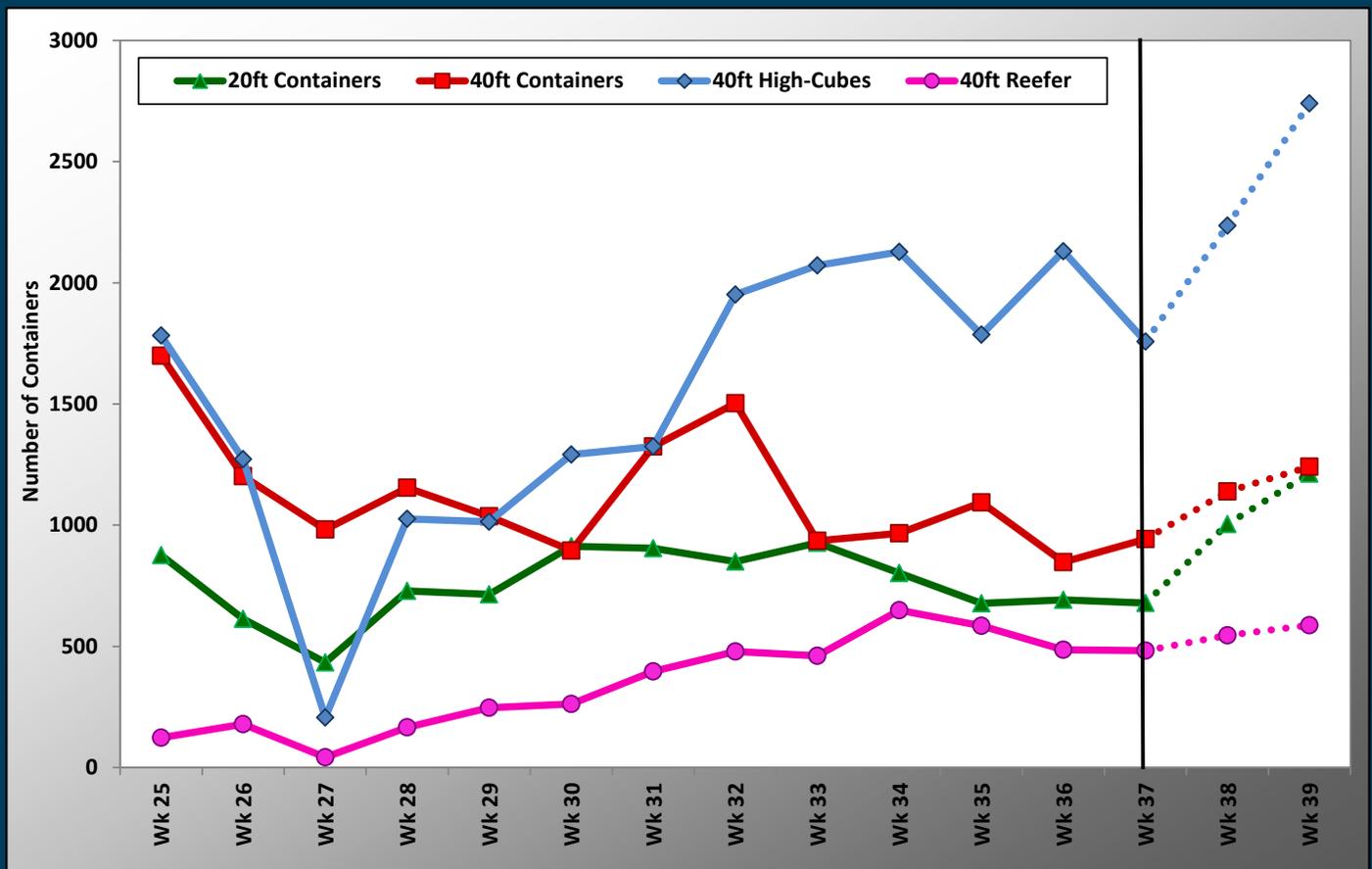
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Historical Analysis of Savannah

Between July and September of 2013, Savannah moved nearly 619,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products, with poultry accounting for more than 43 percent of the volume. Animal feed followed at 13 percent, raw cotton at 7 percent, and edible nuts and grocery items represented 6 percent each. During this period, more than 70 percent of these agricultural exports were moved in 40ft containers. Agricultural exporters used ocean carrier Maersk Line to move 29 percent of these products followed by CMA-CGM at 11 percent and MOL and Zim Line at 7 percent each.¹

Total container volumes through the Port of Savannah hit an all-time high this summer—July volumes increased 19.2 percent year-over-year, surpassing pre-recession levels. The port’s executive director reported in a July press release, “Improved confidence among U.S. retailers, newly added port customers and shifting cargo from U.S. West to East Coast are all fueling the growing cargo volumes at Georgia’s deepwater ports.” The Journal of Commerce reported the Port of Savannah was the fastest growing port in terms of containerized imports in the first half of 2014. As a result, availability estimates for dry containers over the past 6 weeks have reached nearly 4,000 units each week—nearly double the weekly amount during the first 5 months of the year. Availability estimates for 40ft high-cube containers at the port reached a record high of 2,130 units just last week (Wk 36). After a dip in availability during the first week in July (Wk 27), estimates followed an upward trend for each of the major container types, particularly 40ft high-cube containers. Estimates over the past few weeks have leveled out for 20ft and 40ft dry containers as well as 40ft refrigerated containers. Carriers anticipate estimates will increase over the next 2 weeks for each of the dry container types, particularly 40ft high-cube containers.

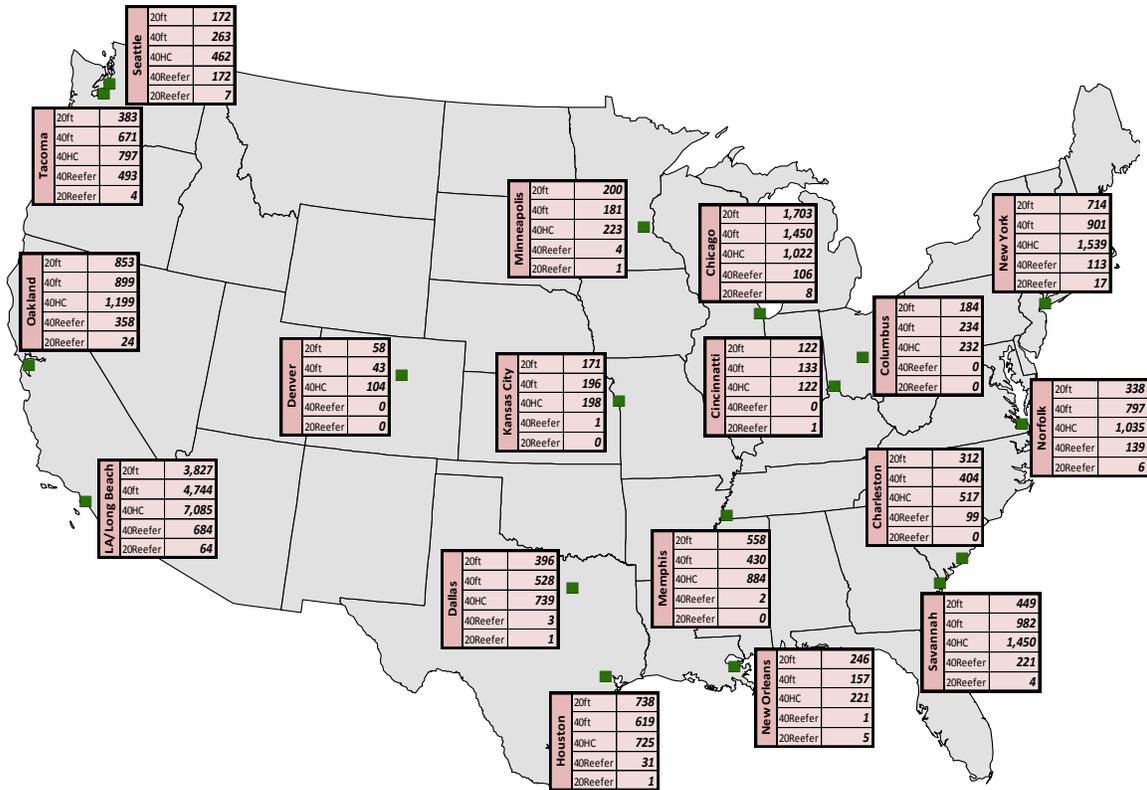
Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Savannah, 3rd week of June (Wk 25) through 2nd week of September (Wk 37), with Projections



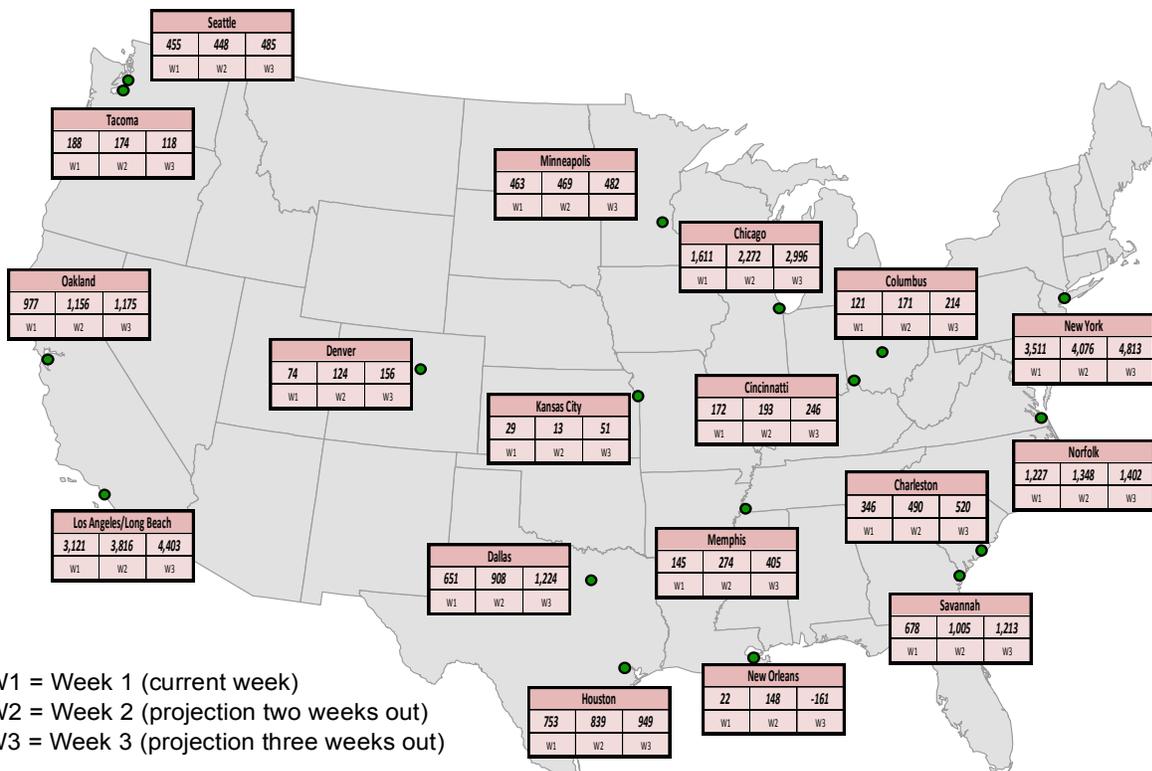
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .



Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



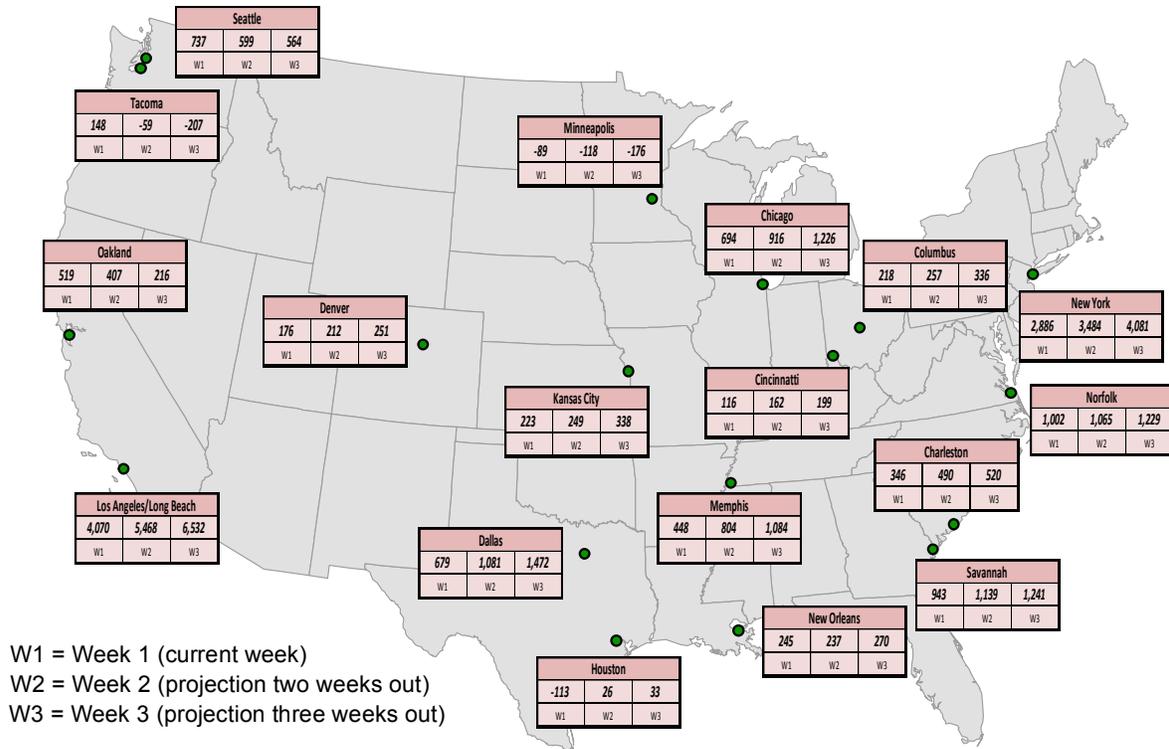
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



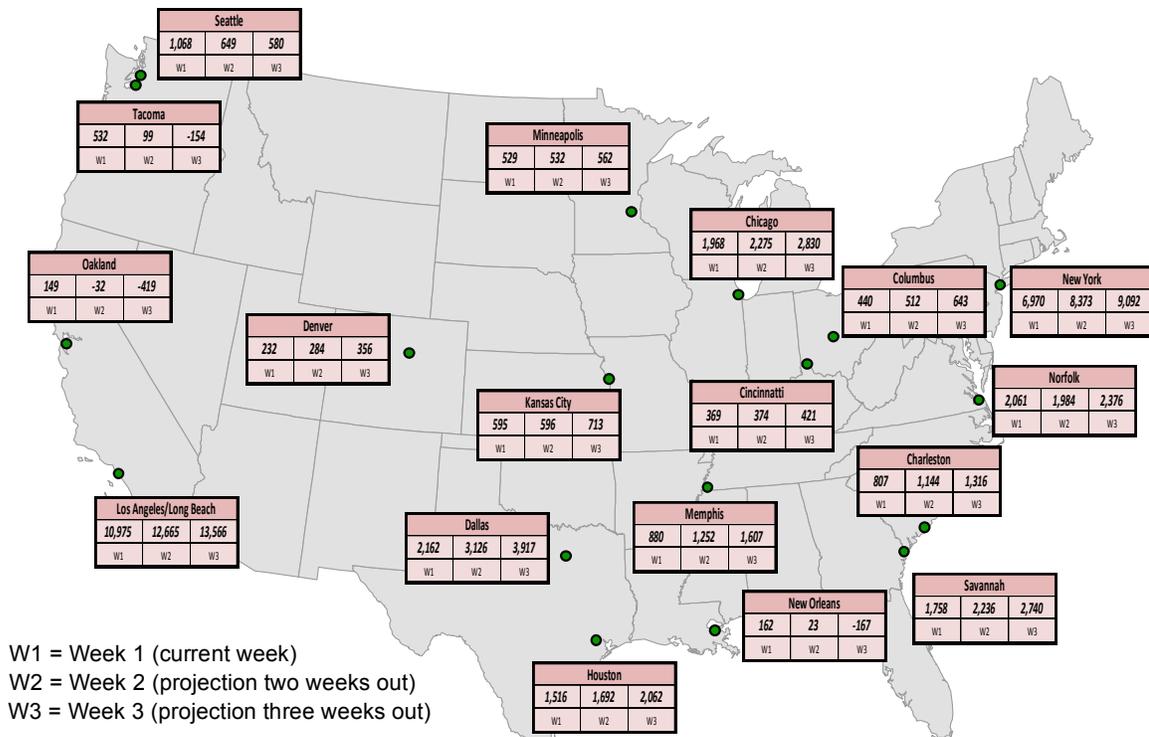
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

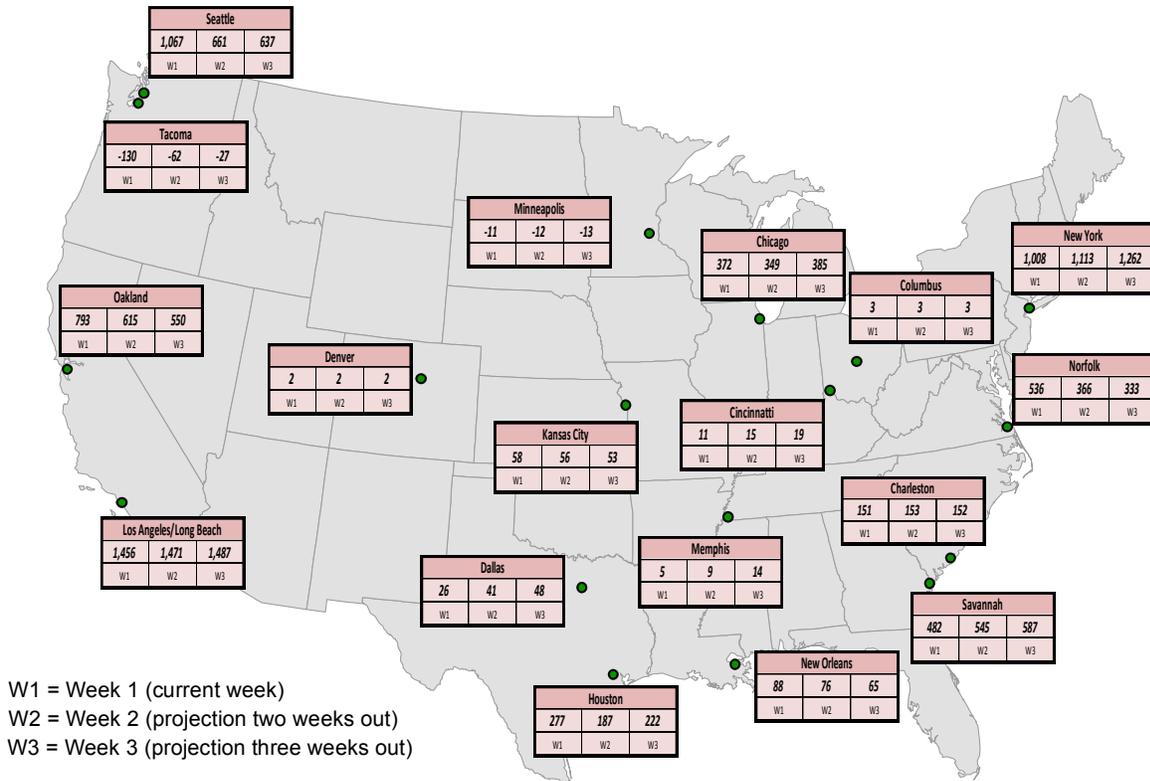


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

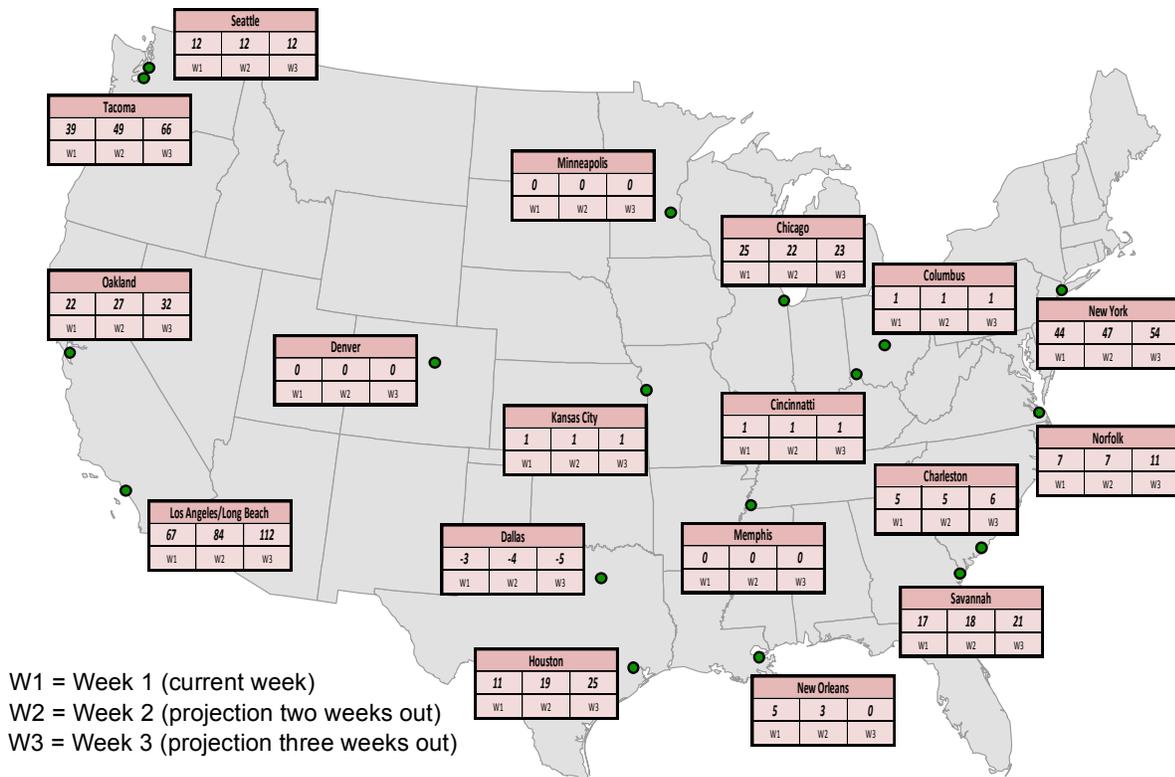




Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	86	80	75	53	39	13	.	.	.	.	346
Week 2: Sep 17-23	86	131	92	77	65	39	.	.	.	.	490
Week 3: Sep 24-30	86	144	111	87	65	27	.	.	.	.	520
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	168	160	137	120	38	3	.	.	.	.	626
Week 2: Sep 17-23	168	207	89	122	65	46	.	.	.	.	697
Week 3: Sep 24-30	168	254	86	124	65	52	.	.	.	.	749
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	278	212	144	95	87	-9	.	.	.	.	807
Week 2: Sep 17-23	278	279	219	150	150	68	.	.	.	.	1,144
Week 3: Sep 24-30	278	365	296	163	150	64	.	.	.	.	1,316
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	133	35	5	4	3	-29	.	.	.	.	151
Week 2: Sep 17-23	142	43	5	0	4	-41	.	.	.	.	153
Week 3: Sep 24-30	137	51	5	0	1	-42	.	.	.	.	152
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Sep 17-23	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Sep 24-30	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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: Sep 10-16	1,054	264	133	94	67	-1	.	.	.	.	1,611
Week 2: Sep 17-23	1,454	354	200	94	173	-3	.	.	.	.	2,272
Week 3: Sep 24-30	1,854	522	200	94	331	-5	.	.	.	.	2,996
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	227	178	161	88	40	0	.	.	.	.	694
Week 2: Sep 17-23	443	75	265	100	33	0	.	.	.	.	916
Week 3: Sep 24-30	631	82	378	100	35	0	.	.	.	.	1,226
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	750	485	294	219	122	98	.	.	.	.	1,968
Week 2: Sep 17-23	750	667	284	436	38	100	.	.	.	.	2,275
Week 3: Sep 24-30	750	797	545	608	30	100	.	.	.	.	2,830
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	247	81	44	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	372
Week 2: Sep 17-23	254	85	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	349
Week 3: Sep 24-30	287	88	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	385
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	14	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 2: Sep 17-23	13	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 3: Sep 24-30	16	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23

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: Sep 10-16	49	49	39	20	18	-3	172
Week 2: Sep 17-23	14	58	39	38	39	5	.	.	.	.	193
Week 3: Sep 24-30	14	78	39	52	60	3	.	.	.	.	246
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	39	33	26	9	7	2	.	.	.	.	116
Week 2: Sep 17-23	40	53	26	21	18	4	.	.	.	.	162
Week 3: Sep 24-30	57	63	26	33	18	2	.	.	.	.	199
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	272	51	28	15	2	1	.	.	.	.	369
Week 2: Sep 17-23	272	52	33	18	0	-1	.	.	.	.	374
Week 3: Sep 24-30	272	74	40	24	11	0	.	.	.	.	421
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	11	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Sep 17-23	15	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Sep 24-30	19	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Sep 17-23	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Sep 24-30	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	29	29	28	17	15	3	121
Week 2: Sep 17-23	49	46	28	20	2	26	.	.	.	.	171
Week 3: Sep 24-30	73	58	28	25	4	26	.	.	.	.	214
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	68	58	51	31	17	-7	.	.	.	.	218
Week 2: Sep 17-23	68	74	75	14	30	-4	.	.	.	.	257
Week 3: Sep 24-30	68	109	102	14	49	-6	.	.	.	.	336
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	246	105	34	32	16	7	.	.	.	.	440
Week 2: Sep 17-23	246	135	50	11	32	38	.	.	.	.	512
Week 3: Sep 24-30	246	199	50	15	54	79	.	.	.	.	643
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Sep 17-23	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Sep 24-30	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Sep 17-23	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Sep 24-30	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	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: Sep 10-16	277	109	101	71	65	28	651
Week 2: Sep 17-23	459	130	167	71	71	10	.	.	.	.	908
Week 3: Sep 24-30	625	238	218	71	62	10	.	.	.	.	1,224
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	277	147	126	78	54	-3	.	.	.	.	679
Week 2: Sep 17-23	286	353	224	164	54	0	.	.	.	.	1,081
Week 3: Sep 24-30	260	564	310	284	54	0	.	.	.	.	1,472
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	544	492	386	382	368	-10	.	.	.	.	2,162
Week 2: Sep 17-23	763	922	602	471	368	0	.	.	.	.	3,126
Week 3: Sep 24-30	962	1,333	841	413	368	0	.	.	.	.	3,917
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	19	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 2: Sep 17-23	34	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 3: Sep 24-30	41	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Sep 17-23	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Sep 24-30	-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: Sep 10-16	54	21	7	6	-5	-9	74
Week 2: Sep 17-23	88	27	7	5	-3	0	.	.	.	.	124
Week 3: Sep 24-30	120	31	7	4	-6	0	.	.	.	.	156
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	88	32	30	22	9	-5	.	.	.	.	176
Week 2: Sep 17-23	120	32	35	23	2	0	.	.	.	.	212
Week 3: Sep 24-30	145	32	45	28	1	0	.	.	.	.	251
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	100	81	29	18	6	-2	.	.	.	.	232
Week 2: Sep 17-23	125	105	20	18	6	10	.	.	.	.	284
Week 3: Sep 24-30	148	141	32	19	6	10	.	.	.	.	356
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	1	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Sep 17-23	1	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Sep 24-30	1	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 17-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 24-30	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Sep 10-16	404	215	61	48	26	-1	753
Week 2: Sep 17-23	404	244	87	100	9	-5	.	.	.	.	839
Week 3: Sep 24-30	404	291	99	100	15	40	.	.	.	.	949
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	132	48	35	-25	-94	-209	.	.	.	.	-113
Week 2: Sep 17-23	216	89	80	14	-94	-279	.	.	.	.	26
Week 3: Sep 24-30	239	128	100	18	-94	-358	.	.	.	.	33
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	774	307	205	200	62	-32	.	.	.	.	1,516
Week 2: Sep 17-23	774	250	283	293	79	13	.	.	.	.	1,692
Week 3: Sep 24-30	774	250	530	378	113	17	.	.	.	.	2,062
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	131	75	69	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	277
Week 2: Sep 17-23	8	96	81	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	187
Week 3: Sep 24-30	8	119	93	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	222
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	15	0	-4	11
Week 2: Sep 17-23	20	0	-1	19
Week 3: Sep 24-30	25	0	0	25

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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: Sep 10-16	61	36	31	-5	-45	-49	29
Week 2: Sep 17-23	35	43	31	-1	-52	-43	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Sep 24-30	35	56	31	-4	-26	-41	.	.	.	.	51
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	112	52	47	18	-2	-4	.	.	.	.	223
Week 2: Sep 17-23	123	52	59	14	1	0	.	.	.	.	249
Week 3: Sep 24-30	158	52	73	23	2	30	.	.	.	.	338
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	486	67	34	26	-4	-14	.	.	.	.	595
Week 2: Sep 17-23	486	81	31	0	-2	0	.	.	.	.	596
Week 3: Sep 24-30	486	151	33	30	-5	18	.	.	.	.	713
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	49	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	58
Week 2: Sep 17-23	45	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56
Week 3: Sep 24-30	40	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	1	1
Week 2: Sep 17-23	1	1
Week 3: Sep 24-30	1	1

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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: Sep 10-16	631	616	544	512	456	362	.	.	.	.	3,121
Week 2: Sep 17-23	773	616	801	450	669	507	.	.	.	.	3,816
Week 3: Sep 24-30	932	616	750	450	905	750	.	.	.	.	4,403
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	1,133	1,044	727	606	450	110	.	.	.	.	4,070
Week 2: Sep 17-23	1,611	1,445	800	767	450	395	.	.	.	.	5,468
Week 3: Sep 24-30	2,082	1,912	800	701	450	587	.	.	.	.	6,532
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	4,470	2,491	1,843	1,333	713	125	.	.	.	.	10,975
Week 2: Sep 17-23	4,470	3,510	1,800	1,802	825	258	.	.	.	.	12,665
Week 3: Sep 24-30	4,470	4,322	1,800	1,670	930	374	.	.	.	.	13,566
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	377	376	334	222	75	72	.	.	.	.	1,456
Week 2: Sep 17-23	398	450	300	177	75	71	.	.	.	.	1,471
Week 3: Sep 24-30	367	565	300	113	75	67	.	.	.	.	1,487
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	35	22	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
Week 2: Sep 17-23	47	27	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	84
Week 3: Sep 24-30	61	41	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	112

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: Sep 10-16	84	54	43	12	0	-48	145
Week 2: Sep 17-23	131	84	43	44	-4	-24	.	.	.	.	274
Week 3: Sep 24-30	172	137	43	44	-6	15	.	.	.	.	405
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	286	133	74	57	1	-103	.	.	.	.	448
Week 2: Sep 17-23	453	187	74	150	0	-60	.	.	.	.	804
Week 3: Sep 24-30	587	281	74	150	1	-9	.	.	.	.	1,084
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	356	212	111	107	55	39	.	.	.	.	880
Week 2: Sep 17-23	356	279	312	194	100	11	.	.	.	.	1,252
Week 3: Sep 24-30	356	365	452	319	100	15	.	.	.	.	1,607
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	4	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Sep 17-23	7	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Sep 24-30	11	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 17-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 24-30	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	281	82	71	56	7	-34	463
Week 2: Sep 17-23	287	94	71	60	4	-47	.	.	.	.	469
Week 3: Sep 24-30	283	107	71	50	6	-35	.	.	.	.	482
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	82	41	18	-32	-86	-112	.	.	.	.	-89
Week 2: Sep 17-23	111	20	11	-32	-86	-142	.	.	.	.	-118
Week 3: Sep 24-30	63	30	16	-32	-86	-167	.	.	.	.	-176
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	366	109	52	36	15	-49	.	.	.	.	529
Week 2: Sep 17-23	366	159	25	8	30	-56	.	.	.	.	532
Week 3: Sep 24-30	366	215	10	10	40	-79	.	.	.	.	562
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-11
Week 2: Sep 17-23	0	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-12
Week 3: Sep 24-30	0	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 17-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 24-30	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Sep 10-16	31	28	2	-1	-3	-35	22
Week 2: Sep 17-23	33	28	2	0	10	75	.	.	.	.	148
Week 3: Sep 24-30	18	28	6	2	10	-225	.	.	.	.	-161
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	143	99	3	2	-1	-1	.	.	.	.	245
Week 2: Sep 17-23	127	98	1	2	10	-1	.	.	.	.	237
Week 3: Sep 24-30	71	93	2	2	100	2	.	.	.	.	270
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	67	39	29	22	5	0	.	.	.	.	162
Week 2: Sep 17-23	65	25	-91	22	2	0	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Sep 24-30	67	25	-283	22	2	0	.	.	.	.	-167
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	77	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	88
Week 2: Sep 17-23	70	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	76
Week 3: Sep 24-30	64	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	65
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	7	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Sep 17-23	7	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Sep 24-30	7	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Sep 10-16	1,137	807	622	428	291	226	.	.	.	.	3,511
Week 2: Sep 17-23	1,540	500	877	428	485	246	.	.	.	.	4,076
Week 3: Sep 24-30	1,925	500	1,036	428	704	220	.	.	.	.	4,813
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	664	605	526	503	348	240	.	.	.	.	2,886
Week 2: Sep 17-23	961	616	526	634	500	247	.	.	.	.	3,484
Week 3: Sep 24-30	1,200	918	526	702	500	235	.	.	.	.	4,081
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	3,264	1,217	1,136	631	484	238	.	.	.	.	6,970
Week 2: Sep 17-23	3,264	1,462	1,640	958	449	600	.	.	.	.	8,373
Week 3: Sep 24-30	3,264	1,723	1,959	1,226	420	500	.	.	.	.	9,092
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	304	267	171	146	110	10	.	.	.	.	1,008
Week 2: Sep 17-23	471	50	212	281	89	10	.	.	.	.	1,113
Week 3: Sep 24-30	584	50	248	356	14	10	.	.	.	.	1,262
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	38	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 2: Sep 17-23	45	5	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47
Week 3: Sep 24-30	52	5	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54

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: Sep 10-16	464	387	195	108	57	16	.	.	.	.	1,227
Week 2: Sep 17-23	399	463	219	197	57	13	.	.	.	.	1,348
Week 3: Sep 24-30	399	407	260	268	57	11	.	.	.	.	1,402
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	491	197	148	86	79	1	.	.	.	.	1,002
Week 2: Sep 17-23	551	145	148	119	113	-11	.	.	.	.	1,065
Week 3: Sep 24-30	599	145	148	170	177	-10	.	.	.	.	1,229
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	690	548	479	400	-1	-55	.	.	.	.	2,061
Week 2: Sep 17-23	400	617	507	400	47	13	.	.	.	.	1,984
Week 3: Sep 24-30	400	682	778	400	101	15	.	.	.	.	2,376
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	178	167	126	45	10	10	.	.	.	.	536
Week 2: Sep 17-23	141	162	30	22	10	1	.	.	.	.	366
Week 3: Sep 24-30	97	157	30	43	10	-4	.	.	.	.	333
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	3	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Sep 17-23	3	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Sep 24-30	7	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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



Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	317	200	171	168	64	57	.	.	.	.	977
Week 2: Sep 17-23	200	200	148	343	165	100	.	.	.	.	1,156
Week 3: Sep 24-30	200	200	153	357	144	121	.	.	.	.	1,175
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	224	194	103	32	2	-36	.	.	.	.	519
Week 2: Sep 17-23	-7	200	148	7	95	-36	.	.	.	.	407
Week 3: Sep 24-30	-165	200	161	-32	88	-36	.	.	.	.	216
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	270	122	15	11	-84	-185	.	.	.	.	149
Week 2: Sep 17-23	270	126	0	-202	100	-326	.	.	.	.	-32
Week 3: Sep 24-30	270	77	0	-392	89	-463	.	.	.	.	-419
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	407	177	104	98	30	-23	.	.	.	.	793
Week 2: Sep 17-23	374	100	46	120	30	-55	.	.	.	.	615
Week 3: Sep 24-30	349	100	21	127	30	-77	.	.	.	.	550
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	11	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 2: Sep 17-23	16	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 3: Sep 24-30	21	10	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	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: Sep 10-16	247	175	124	88	29	15	678
Week 2: Sep 17-23	344	200	157	238	51	15	.	.	.	.	1,005
Week 3: Sep 24-30	448	200	207	299	44	15	.	.	.	.	1,213
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	294	228	173	168	123	-43	.	.	.	.	943
Week 2: Sep 17-23	294	262	200	341	82	-40	.	.	.	.	1,139
Week 3: Sep 24-30	294	219	200	428	138	-38	.	.	.	.	1,241
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	832	491	188	133	69	45	.	.	.	.	1,758
Week 2: Sep 17-23	832	832	192	107	23	250	.	.	.	.	2,236
Week 3: Sep 24-30	832	1,029	361	112	156	250	.	.	.	.	2,740
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	184	113	104	73	10	-2	.	.	.	.	482
Week 2: Sep 17-23	216	105	150	79	10	-15	.	.	.	.	545
Week 3: Sep 24-30	236	98	150	86	10	7	.	.	.	.	587
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	13	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Sep 17-23	15	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Sep 24-30	17	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21

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: Sep 10-16	359	189	9	-102	455
Week 2: Sep 17-23	289	189	-30	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	448
Week 3: Sep 24-30	324	189	-28	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	485
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	511	114	94	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	737
Week 2: Sep 17-23	518	0	94	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	599
Week 3: Sep 24-30	521	0	94	-51	.	.	.	.	.	.	564
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	697	422	0	-51	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,068
Week 2: Sep 17-23	775	0	0	-126	.	.	.	.	.	.	649
Week 3: Sep 24-30	753	0	0	-173	.	.	.	.	.	.	580
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	859	170	20	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,067
Week 2: Sep 17-23	400	230	20	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	661
Week 3: Sep 24-30	400	192	20	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	637
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Sep 17-23	11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Sep 24-30	11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Sep 10-16	98	41	36	10	3	188
Week 2: Sep 17-23	115	50	-6	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	174
Week 3: Sep 24-30	104	50	-61	10	15	.	.	.	.	.	118
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	181	24	17	1	-75	.	.	.	.	.	148
Week 2: Sep 17-23	-11	50	-5	1	-94	.	.	.	.	.	-59
Week 3: Sep 24-30	-147	50	-10	1	-101	.	.	.	.	.	-207
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	366	117	36	20	-7	.	.	.	.	.	532
Week 2: Sep 17-23	378	-109	0	20	-190	.	.	.	.	.	99
Week 3: Sep 24-30	272	-116	0	20	-330	.	.	.	.	.	-154
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	144	34	5	-14	-299	.	.	.	.	.	-130
Week 2: Sep 17-23	140	-77	5	80	-210	.	.	.	.	.	-62
Week 3: Sep 24-30	201	-105	5	80	-208	.	.	.	.	.	-27
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 10-16	38	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: Sep 17-23	48	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49
Week 3: Sep 24-30	65	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66

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.
- 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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