

# Container Availability Report

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Transportation and Marketing Programs  
Agricultural Marketing Service

Week of August  
30-September 5

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## Weekly Container Overview

This section will provide analytical highlights based on the weekly data provided. Below are samples of such highlights:

- The Port of New York is expected to have the best container availability this week. However, as the next 2 weeks progress, availability of 20 and 40 foot dry equipment is expected to be in shorter supply.
- In terms of refrigerated equipment, the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are expected to have the best container availability for the next few weeks.

# Understanding This Report

This report is a prototype for the proposed weekly USDA Container Availability Report. The goal of the report is to convey information on container availability at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are the result of a pilot project conducted with four ocean carriers from the Westbound Transpacific Stabilization Agreement and six agricultural exporters. Additional carriers will be added upon approval from the Office of Management and Budget for an information collection process. The following items provide guidance to better understand the information presented within:

- Each week, carriers provided current week (W1) container availability data for 18 intermodal locations, as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- The data offer an estimate of container availability per week by the participating carriers. Availability levels are subject to change. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- For purposes of presentation of the data, the carriers have been randomly distributed. Specific carriers have not been identified.
- Color and number coding in the tables and graphs allow the reader to know, at a glance, if there is an adequate supply of containers, a surplus, or a deficit, as well as the approximate number of containers available at each location. The color and number codes are explained in the legend below:

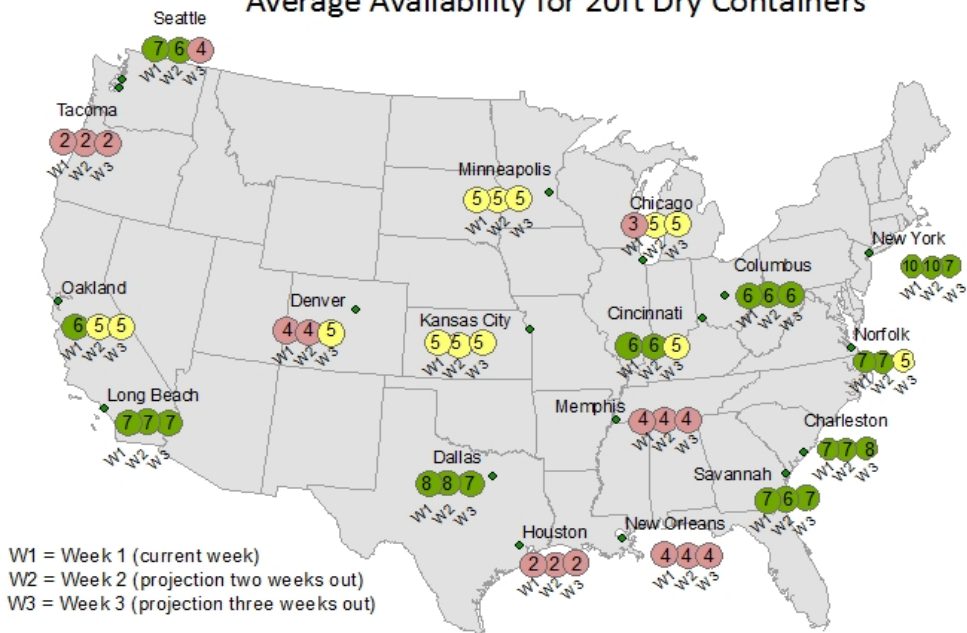
Container Availability Category Legend		
Category Indication	Category Levels	Container Ranges
Deficit	0	-80 or more
Deficit	1	-79 to -60
Deficit	2	-59 to -40
Deficit	3	-39 to -20
Deficit	4	-19 to 0
Adequate	5	0 to 10
Surplus	6	11 to 19
Surplus	7	20 to 39
Surplus	8	40 to 59
Surplus	9	60 to 79
Surplus	10	80+

- Refrigerated containers are often referred to as “reefers” throughout the report.

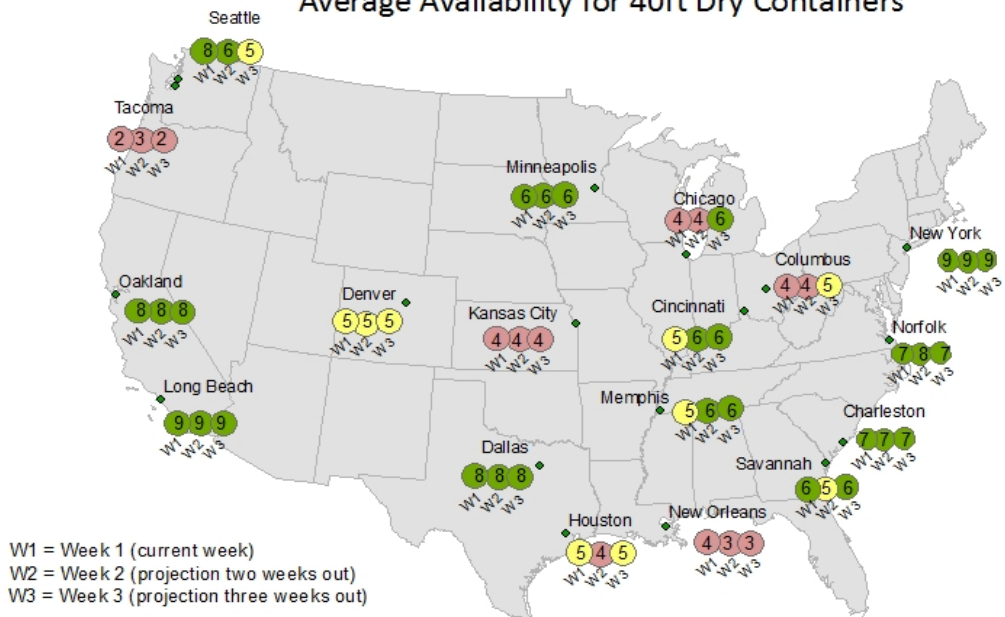
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## Week of August 30-September 5

Average Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



Average Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

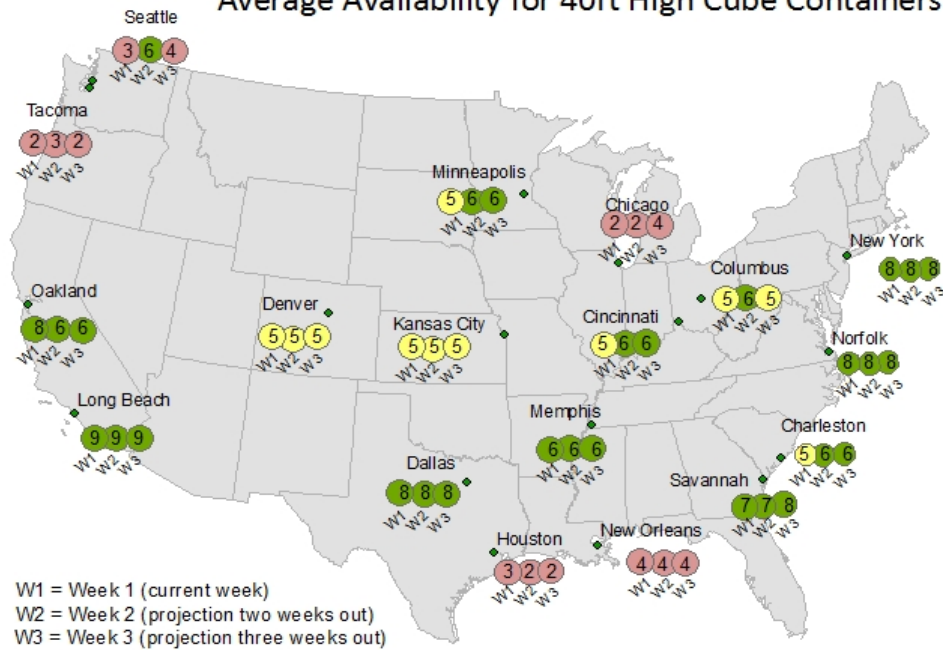


Number of Containers Per Availability Category										
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
-80 or more	-79 to -60	-59 to -40	-39 to -20	-19 to 0	0 to +10	+11 to +19	+20 to +39	+40 to +59	+60 to +79	+80 or more
Deficit					Adequate	Surplus				

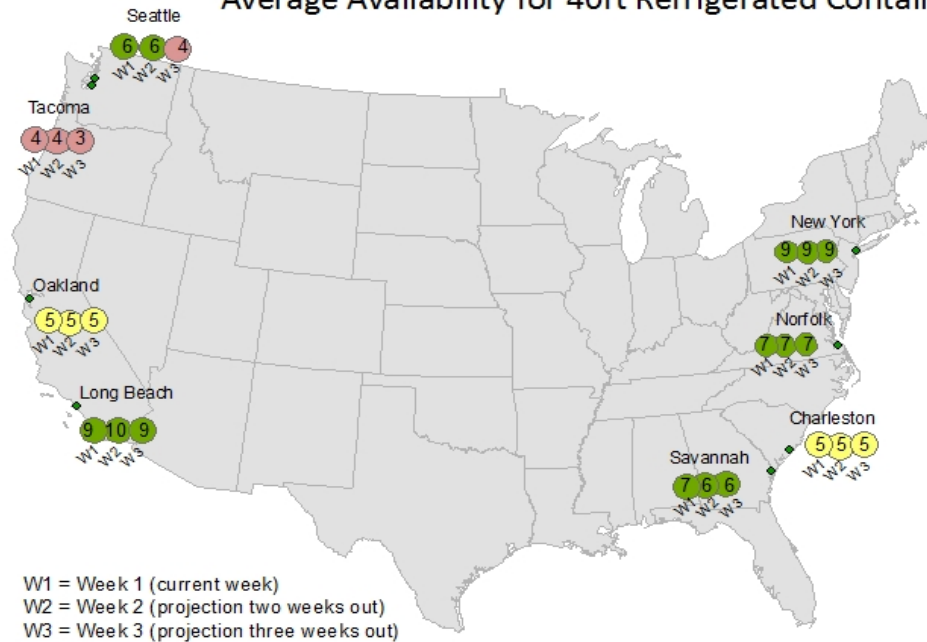
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## Week of August 30-September 5

Average Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers



Average Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



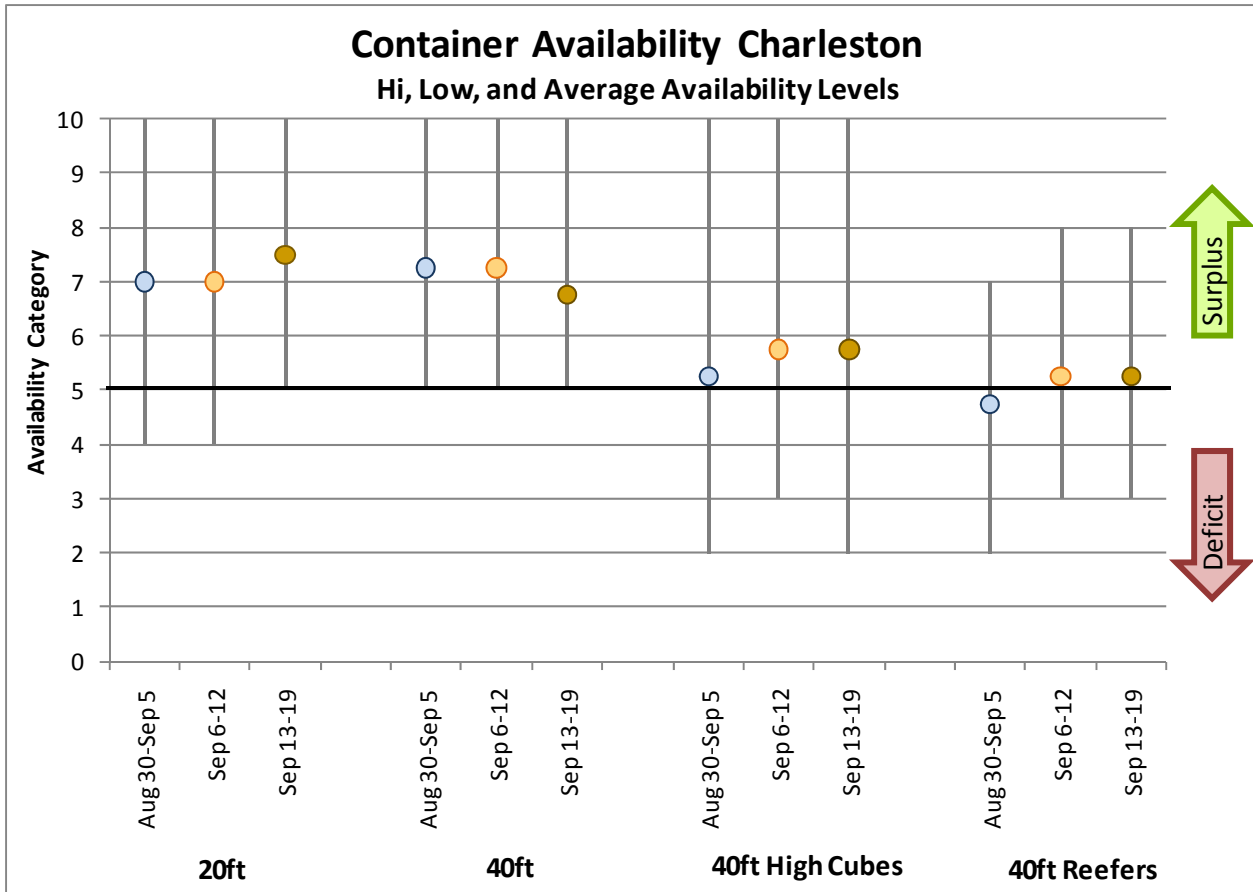
Number of Containers Per Availability Category

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
-80 or more	-79 to -60	-59 to -40	-39 to -20	-19 to 0	0 to +10	+11 to +19	+20 to +39	+40 to +59	+60 to +79	+80 or more
Deficit					Adequate	Surplus				

# Charleston

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	4	4	5	5	5	5
	7	7	7	7	7	5
	7	7	8	7	7	7
	10	10	10	10	10	10
<b>Average</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.25</b>	<b>7.25</b>	<b>6.75</b>

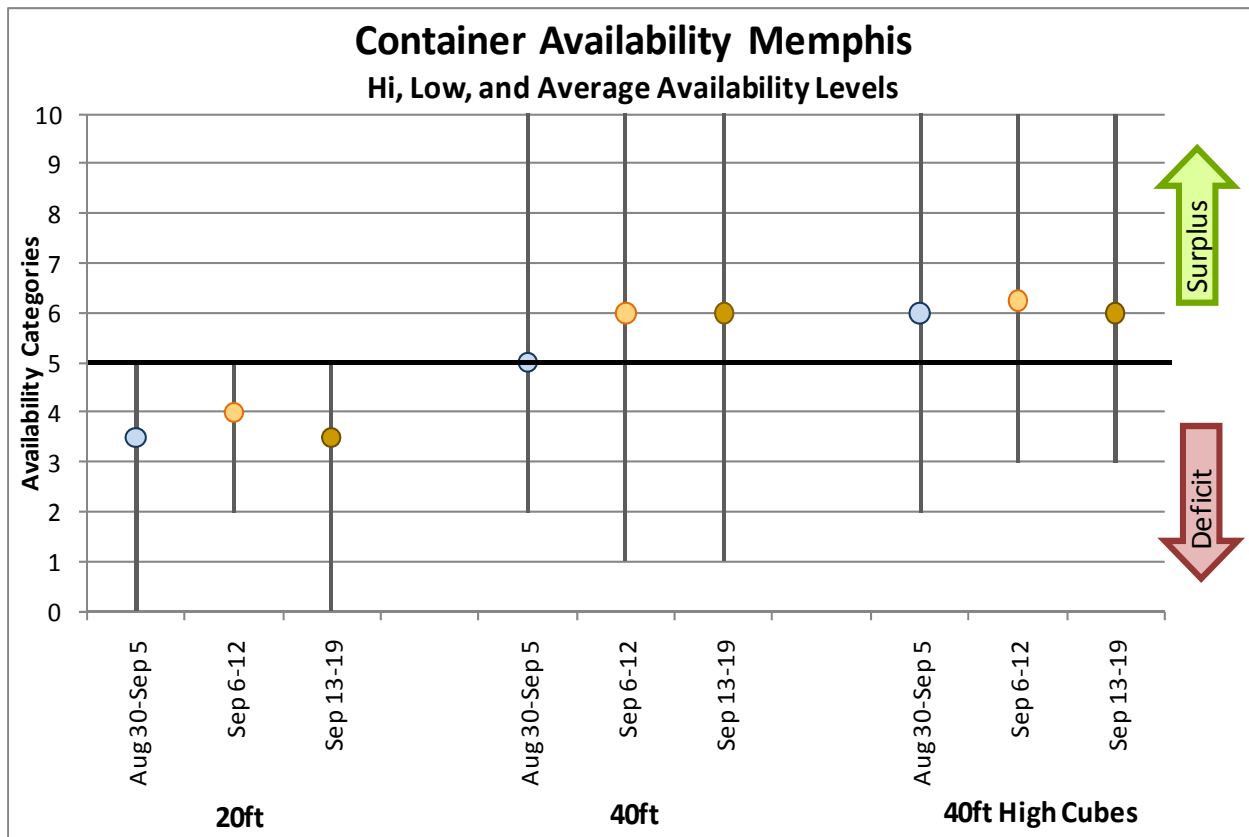
	40ft High Cubes			40ft Refrigerated		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	2	3	2	2	3	3
	2	3	4	5	5	5
	7	7	7	5	5	5
	10	10	10	7	8	8
<b>Average</b>	<b>5.25</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>5.25</b>	<b>5.25</b>



# Memphis

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	0	2	0	2	1	1
	4	4	4	3	4	4
	5	5	5	5	9	9
	5	5	5	10	10	10
Average	3.5	4	3.5	5	6	6

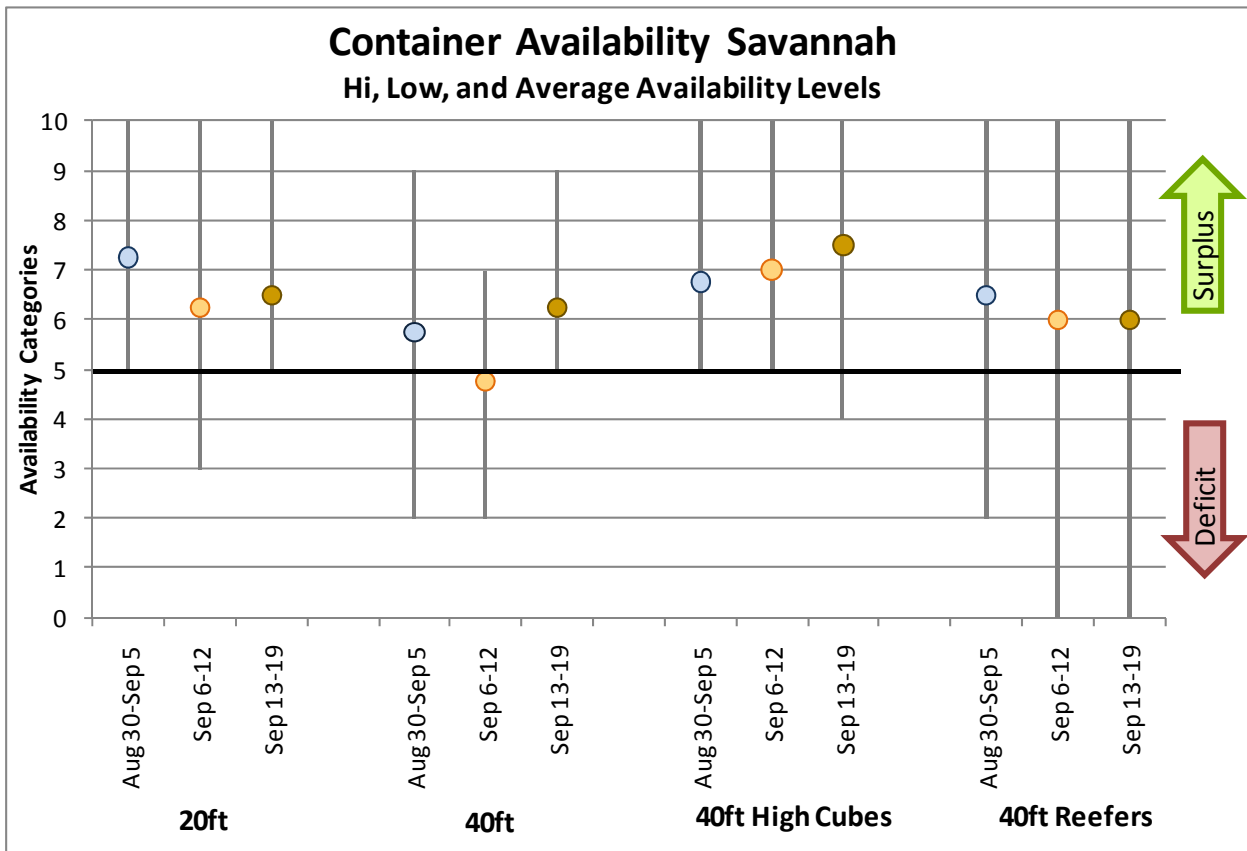
	40ft High Cubes		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	2	3	3
	5	5	5
	7	7	6
	10	10	10
Average	6	6.25	6



# Savannah

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	5	3	5	2	2	5
	7	5	5	5	5	5
	7	7	6	7	5	6
	10	10	10	9	7	9
Average	7.25	6.25	6.5	5.75	4.75	6.25

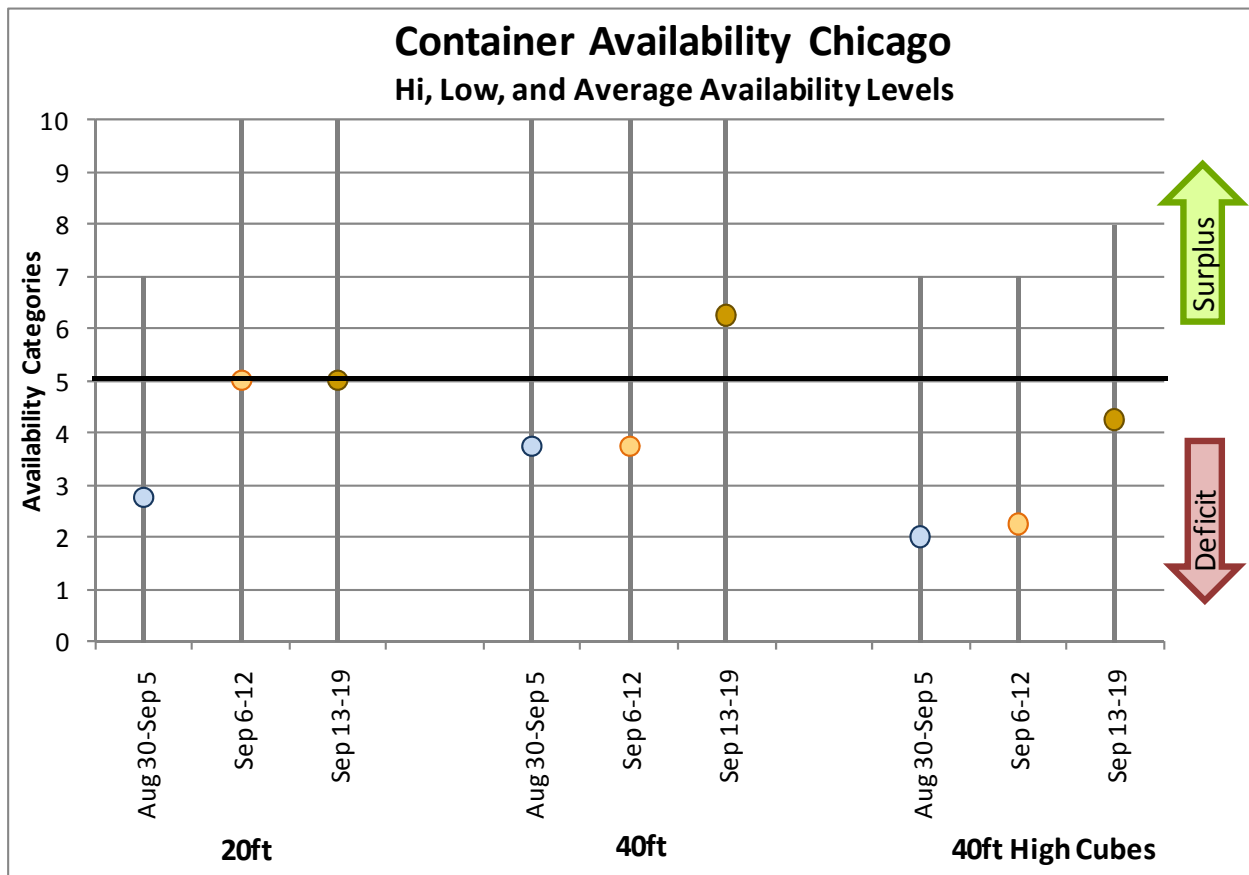
	40ft High Cubes			40ft Refrigerated		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	5	5	4	2	0	0
	5	6	6	4	4	4
	7	7	10	10	10	10
	10	10	10	10	10	10
Average	6.75	7	7.5	6.5	6	6



# Chicago

Date	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	0 1 3 7	0 3 7 10	0 3 7 10	0 0 5 10	0 0 5 10	0 5 10 10
Average	2.75	5	5	3.75	3.75	6.25

Date	40ft High Cubes		
	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	0 0 1 7	0 0 2 7	0 2 7 8
Average	2	2.25	4.25

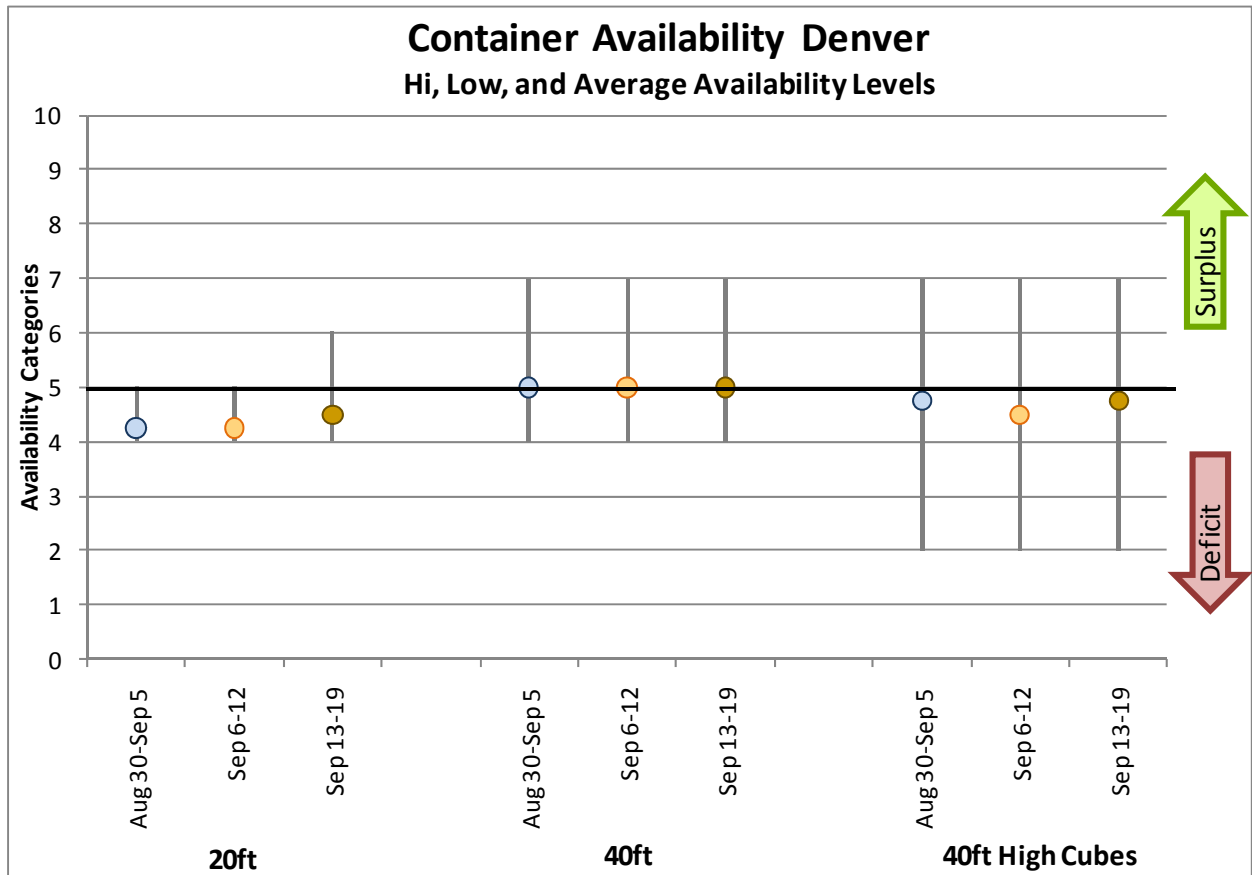




# Denver

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	4	4	4	4	4	4
	4	4	4	4	4	4
	4	4	4	5	5	5
	5	5	6	7	7	7
Average	4.25	4.25	4.5	5	5	5

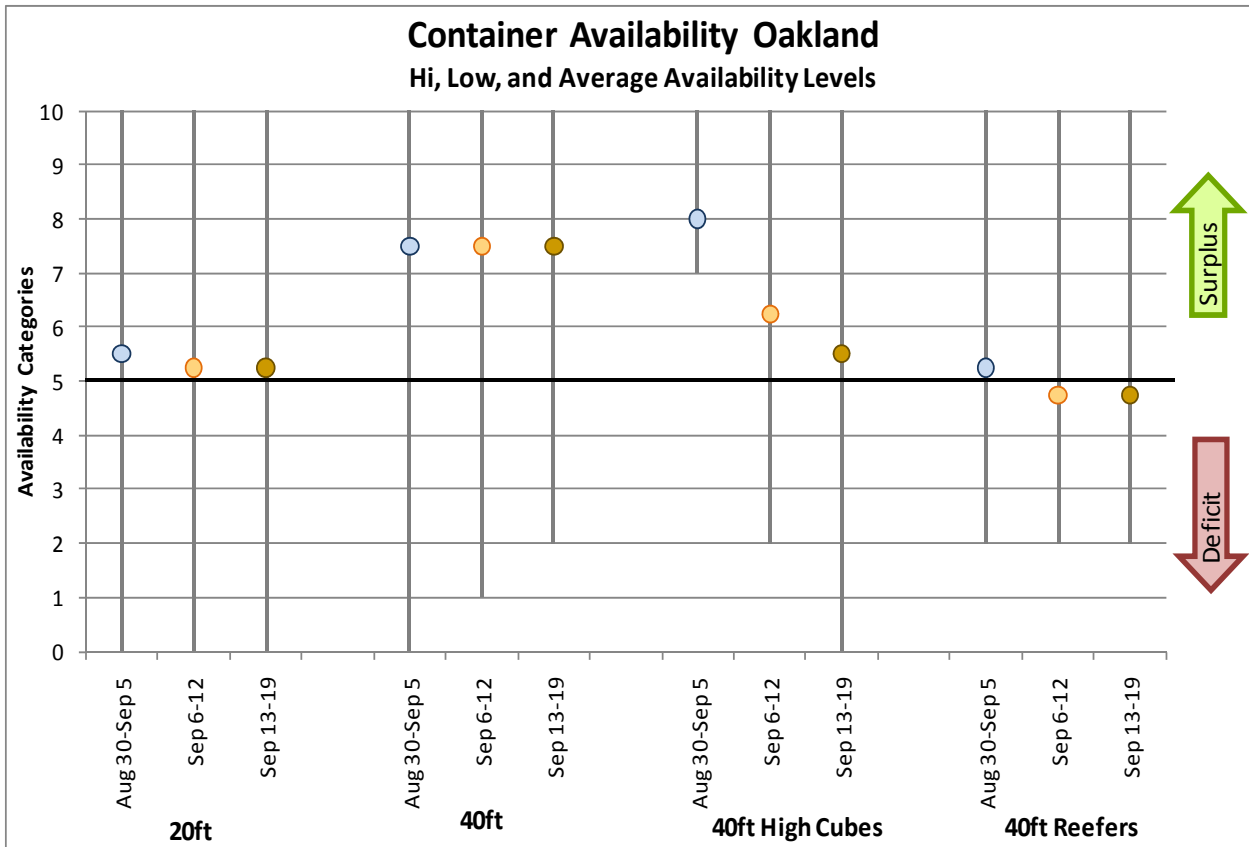
	40ft High Cubes		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	2	2	2
	5	4	4
	5	5	6
	7	7	7
Average	4.75	4.5	4.75



# Oakland

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	0 2 10 10	0 2 9 10	0 2 9 10	0 10 10 10	1 9 10 10	2 8 10 10
Average	5.5	5.25	5.25	7.5	7.5	7.5

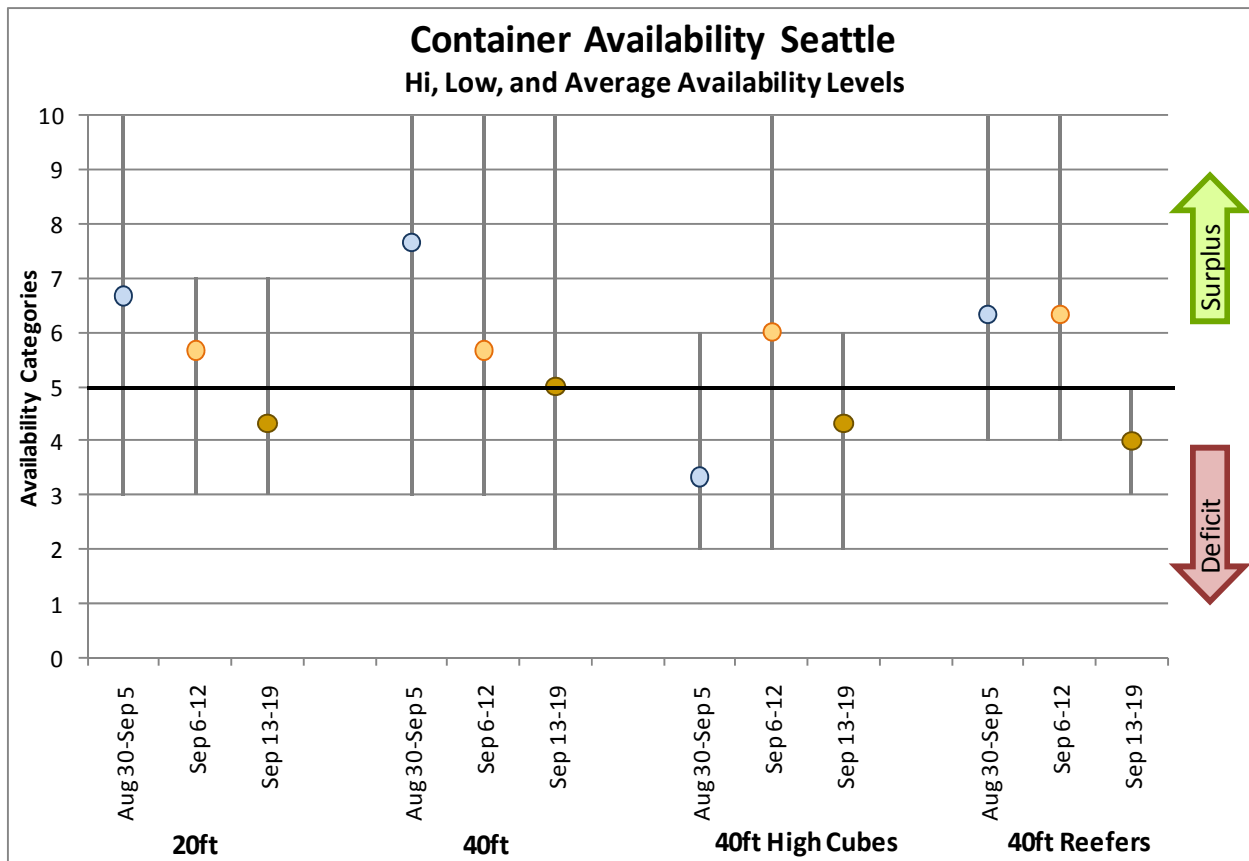
	40ft High Cubes			40ft Refrigerated		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	7 7 8 10	2 6 7 10	0 5 7 10	2 4 5 10	2 2 5 10	2 2 5 10
Average	8	6.25	5.5	5.25	4.75	4.75



# Seattle

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	3 7 10	3 7 7	3 3 7	3 10 10	3 4 10	2 3 10
Average	6.67	5.67	4.33	7.67	5.67	5

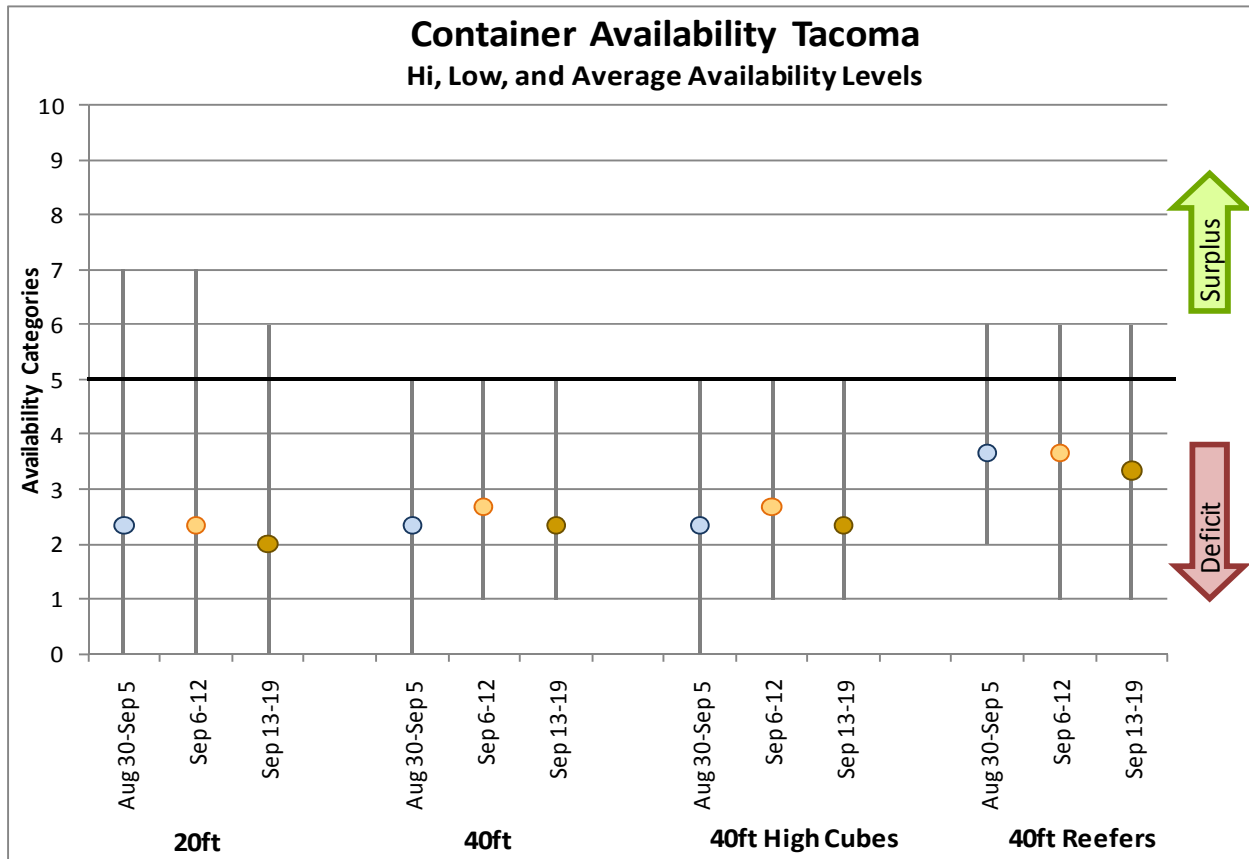
	40ft High Cubes			40ft Refrigerated		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	2 6 2	2 6 10	2 5 6	4 5 10	4 5 10	3 4 5
Average	3.33	6	4.33	6.33	6.33	4



# Tacoma

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	0 0 7	0 0 7	0 0 6	0 2 5	1 2 5	1 1 5
Average	2.33	2.33	2	2.33	2.67	2.33

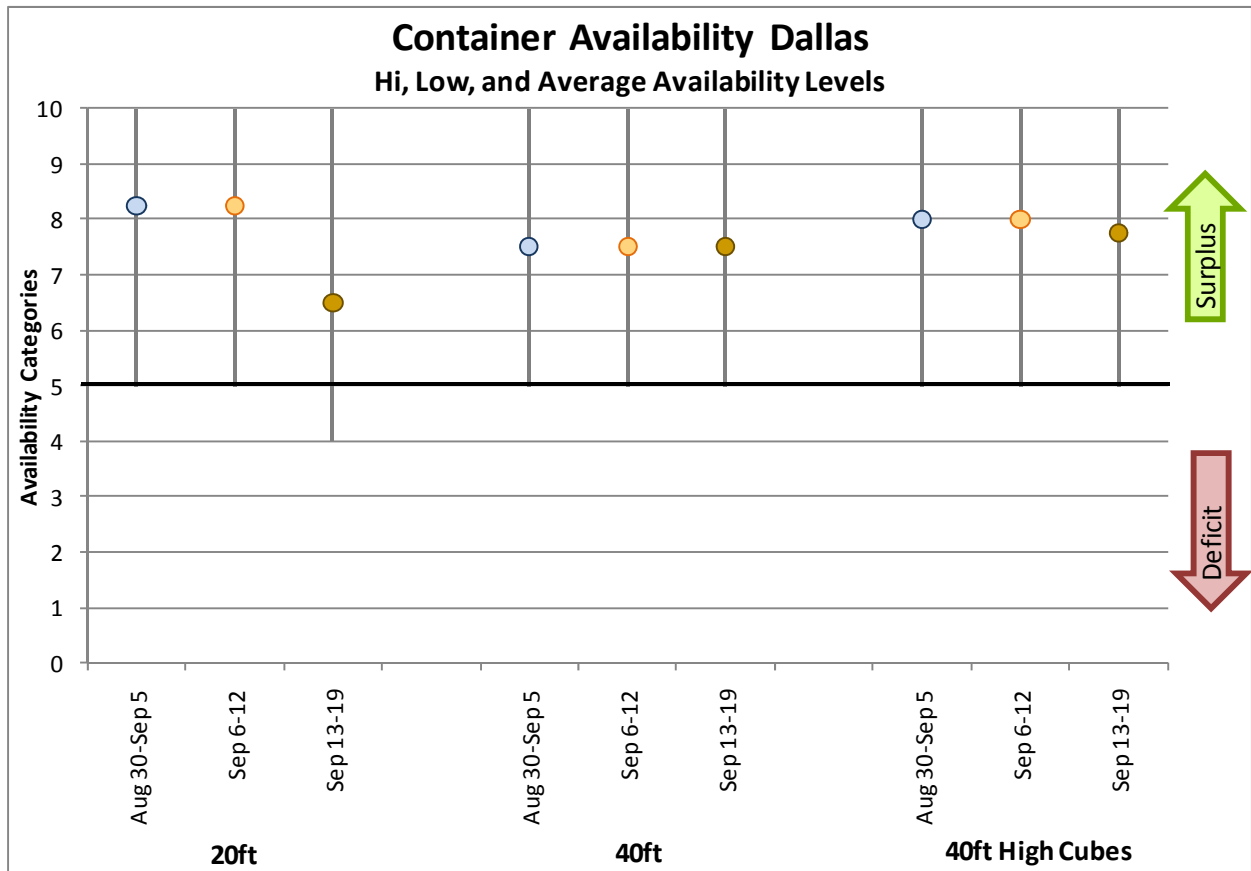
	40ft High Cubes			40ft Refrigerated		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	0 2 5	1 2 5	1 1 5	2 3 6	1 4 6	1 3 6
Average	2.33	2.67	2.33	3.67	3.67	3.33



# Dallas

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	5	5	4	5	5	5
	8	8	4	5	5	5
	10	10	8	10	10	10
	10	10	10	10	10	10
Average	8.25	8.25	7	7.50	7.50	7.50

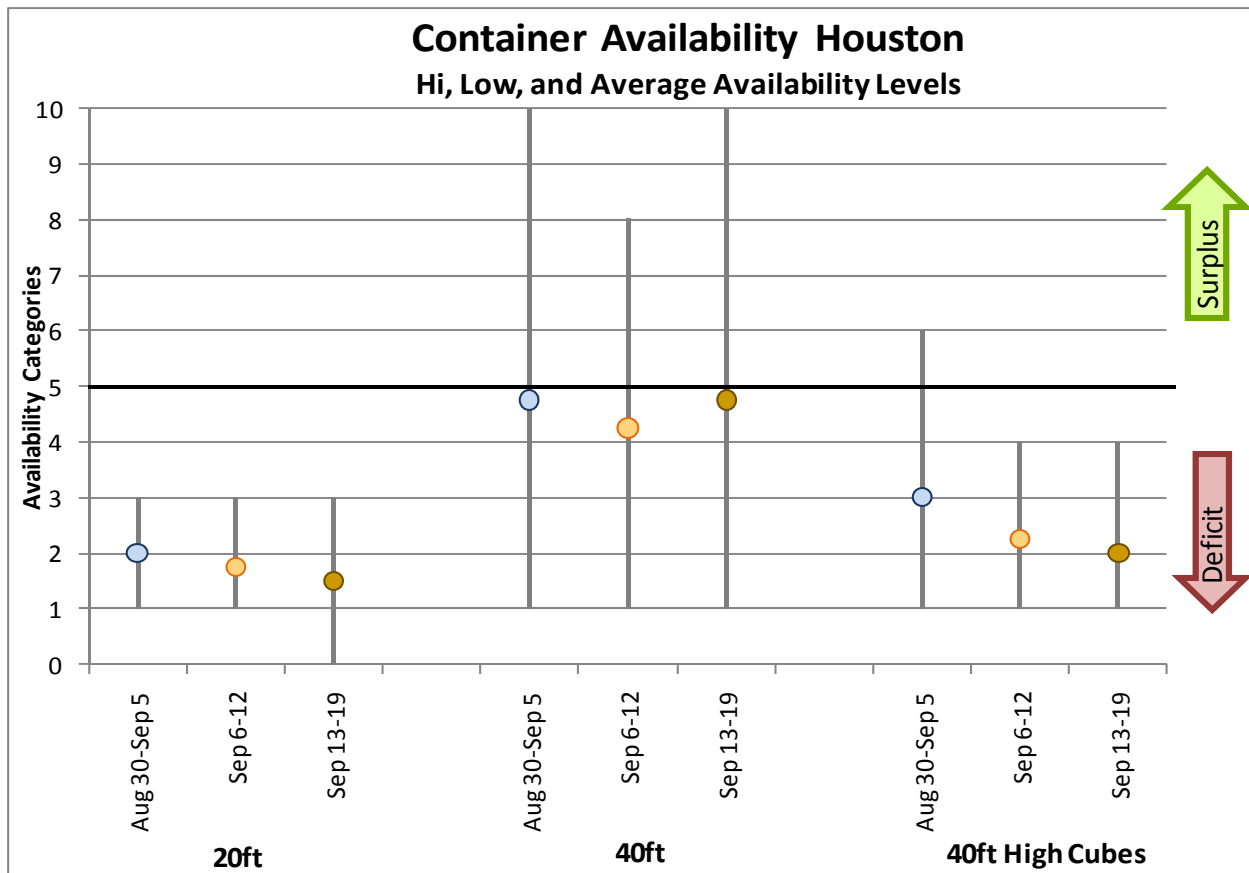
	40ft High Cubes		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	5	5	5
	7	7	6
	10	10	10
	10	10	10
Average	8.00	8.00	7.75



# Houston

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	1	1	0	1	1	1
	2	1	1	3	3	3
	2	2	2	5	5	5
	3	3	3	10	8	10
Average	2.00	1.75	2	4.75	4.25	4.75

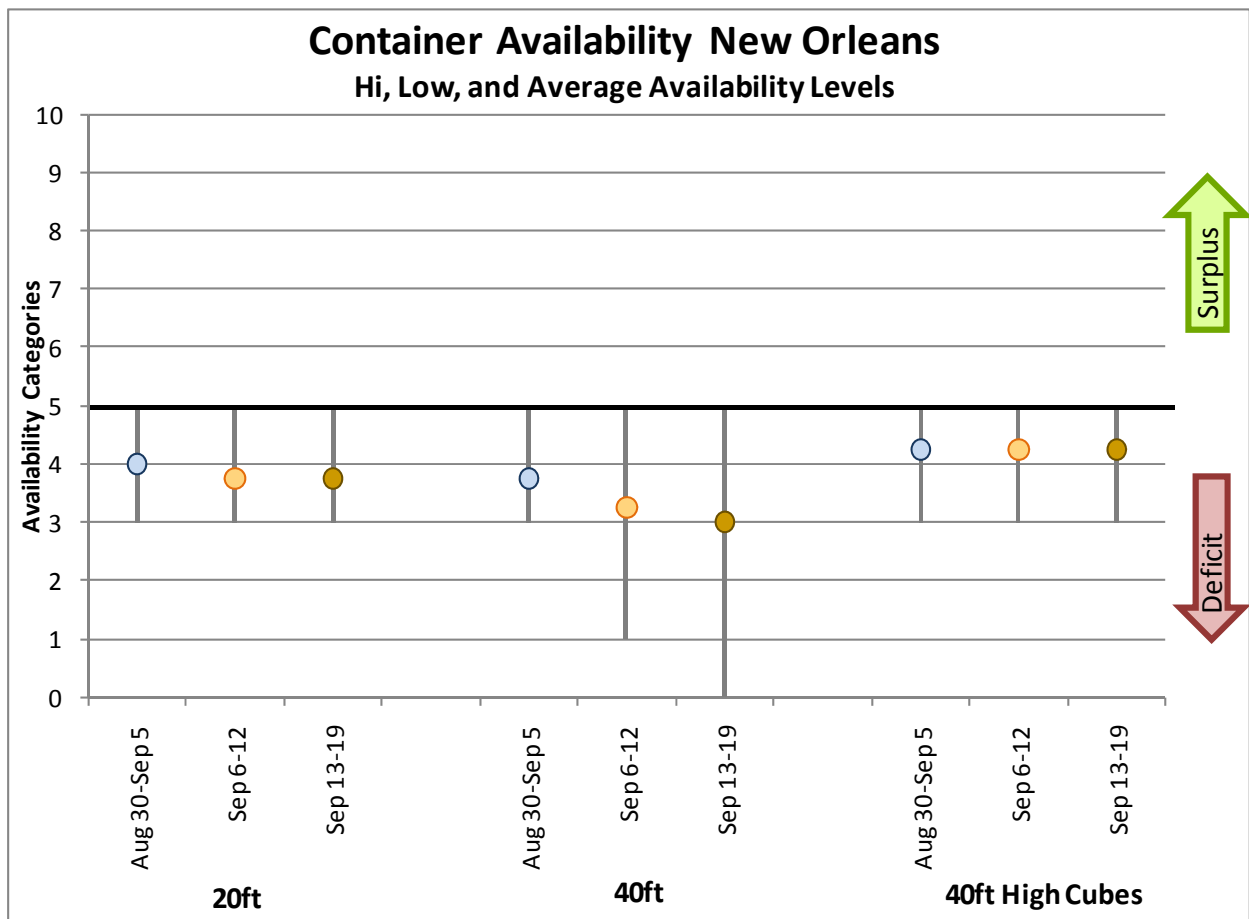
	40ft High Cubes		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	1	1	1
	1	1	1
	4	3	2
	6	4	4
Average	3.00	2.25	2.00



# New Orleans

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	3	3	3	3	1	0
	4	3	3	3	3	3
	4	4	4	4	4	4
	5	5	5	5	6	5
Average	4.00	3.75	4	3.75	5.00	3.00

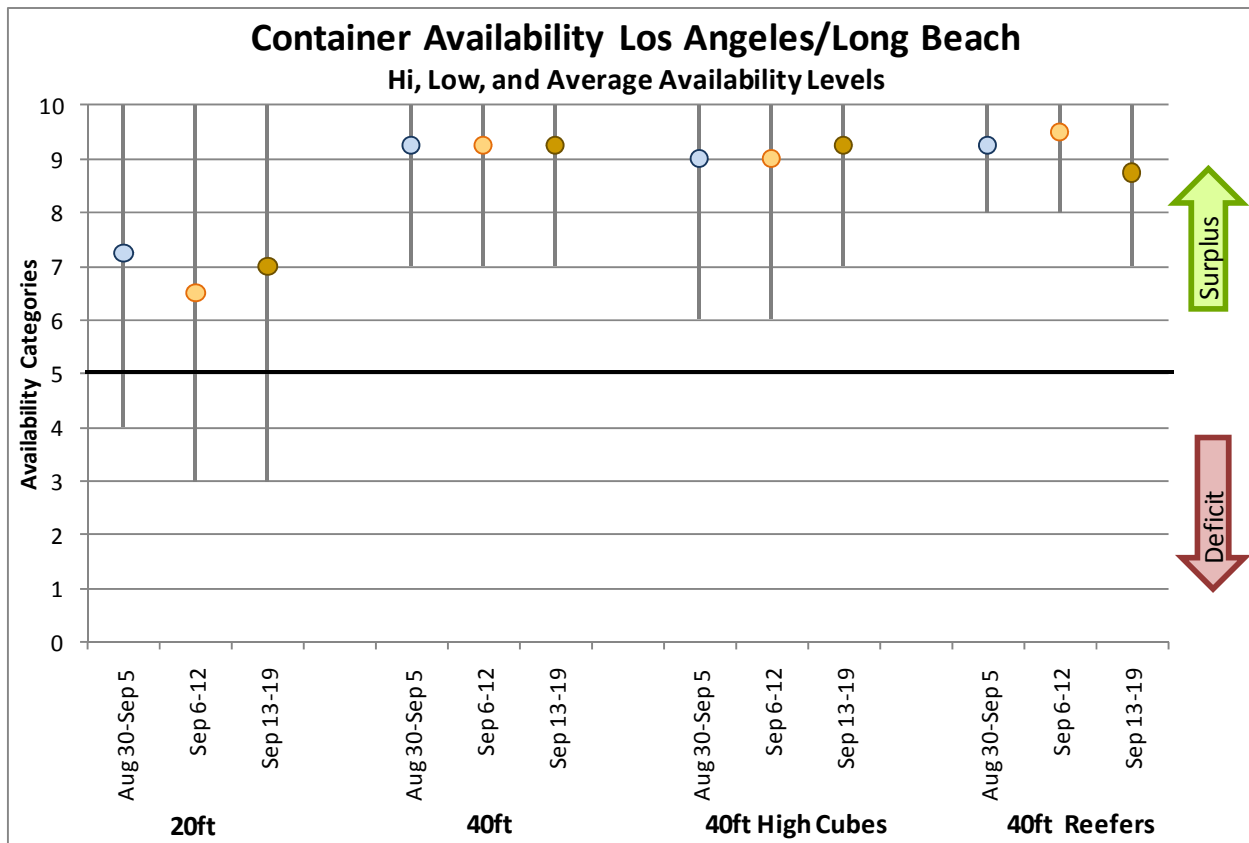
	40ft High Cubes		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	3	3	3
	4	4	4
	5	5	5
	5	5	5
Average	4.25	4.25	4.25



# Los Angeles/Long Beach

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	4	3	3	7	7	7
	5	5	5	10	10	10
	10	8	10	10	10	10
	10	10	10	10	10	10
Average	7.25	6.50	7	9.25	9.25	9.25

	40ft High Cubes			40ft Refrigerated		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	6	6	7	8	8	7
	10	10	10	9	10	8
	10	10	10	10	10	10
	10	10	10	10	10	10
Average	9.00	9.00	9.25	9.25	9.50	8.75

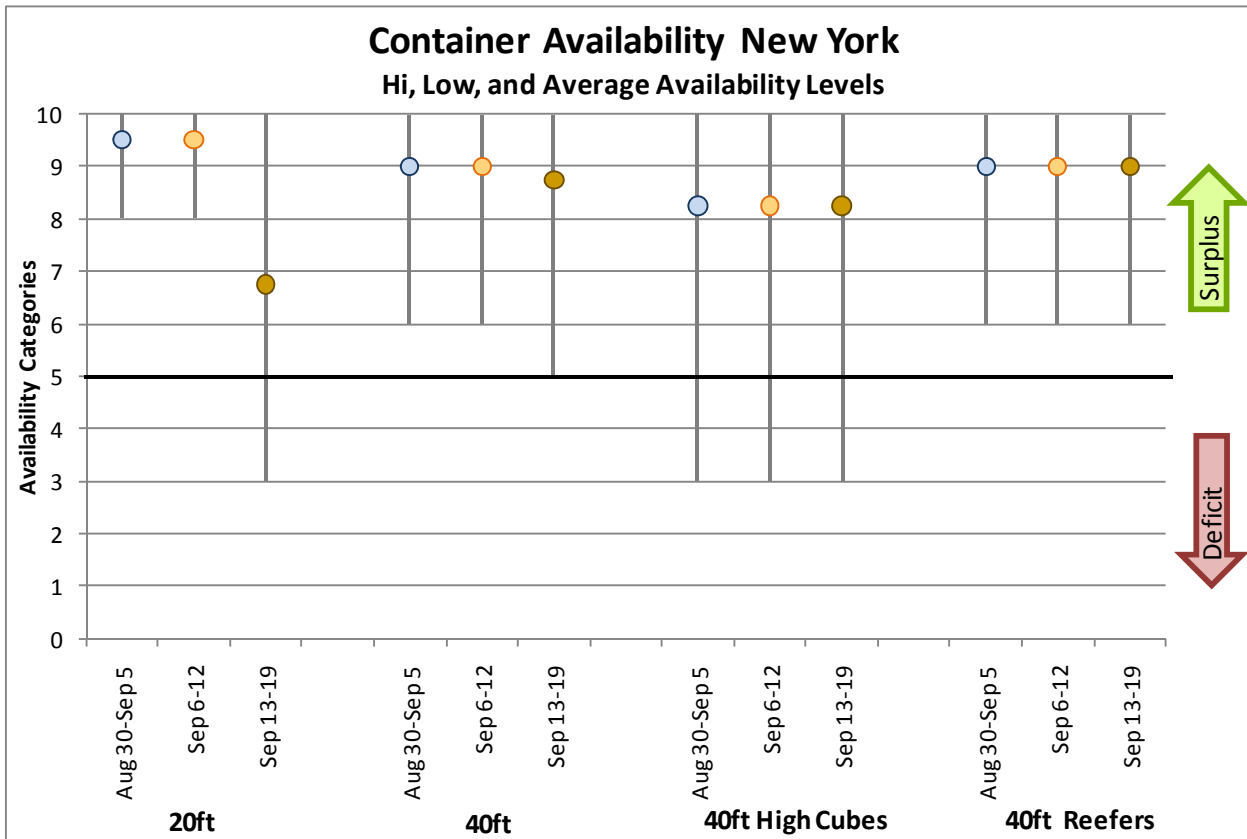




# New York

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	8	8	3	6	6	5
	10	10	4	10	10	10
	10	10	10	10	10	10
	10	10	10	10	10	10
Average	9.50	9.50	7	9.00	9.00	8.75

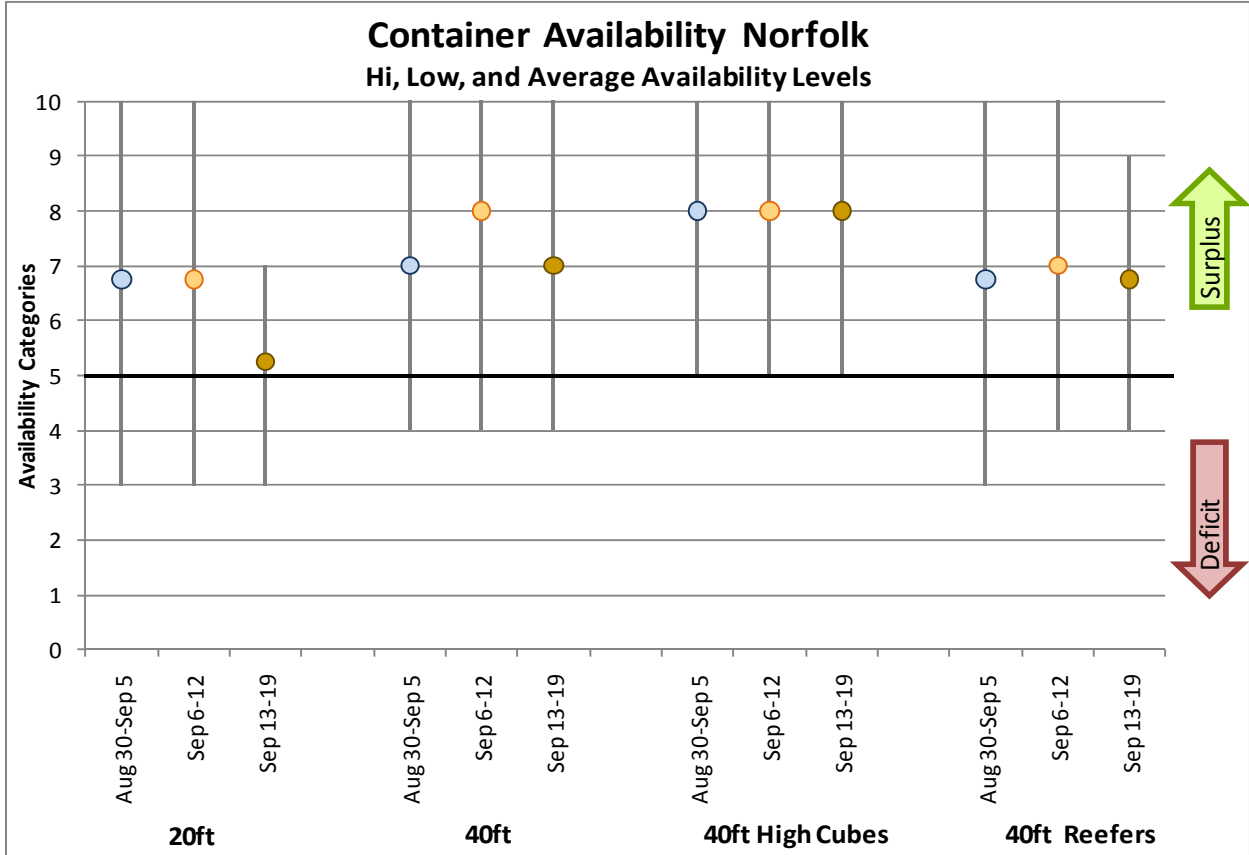
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Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	3	3	3	6	6	6
	10	10	10	10	10	10
	10	10	10	10	10	10
	10	10	10	10	10	10
Average	8.25	8.25	8.25	9.00	9.00	9.00



# Norfolk

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	3	3	3	4	4	4
	4	4	5	4	8	4
	10	10	6	10	10	10
	10	10	7	10	10	10
Average	6.75	6.75	5.25	7.00	8.00	7.00

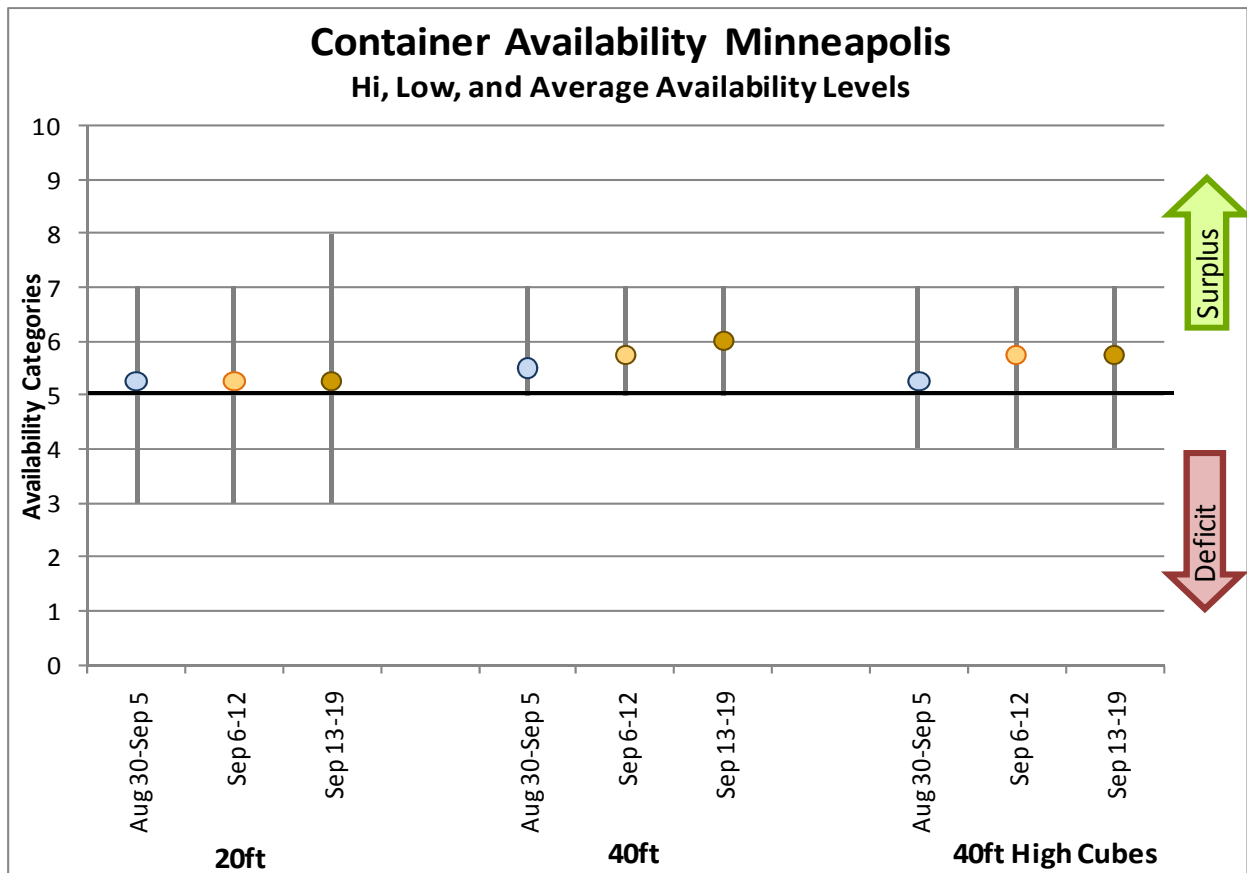
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Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	5	5	5	3	4	4
	7	7	7	5	5	5
	10	10	10	9	9	9
	10	10	10	10	10	9
Average	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.75	7.00	6.75



# Minneapolis

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	3	3	3	5	5	5
	5	5	5	5	5	5
	6	6	5	5	6	7
	7	7	8	7	7	7
Average	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.50	5.75	6.00

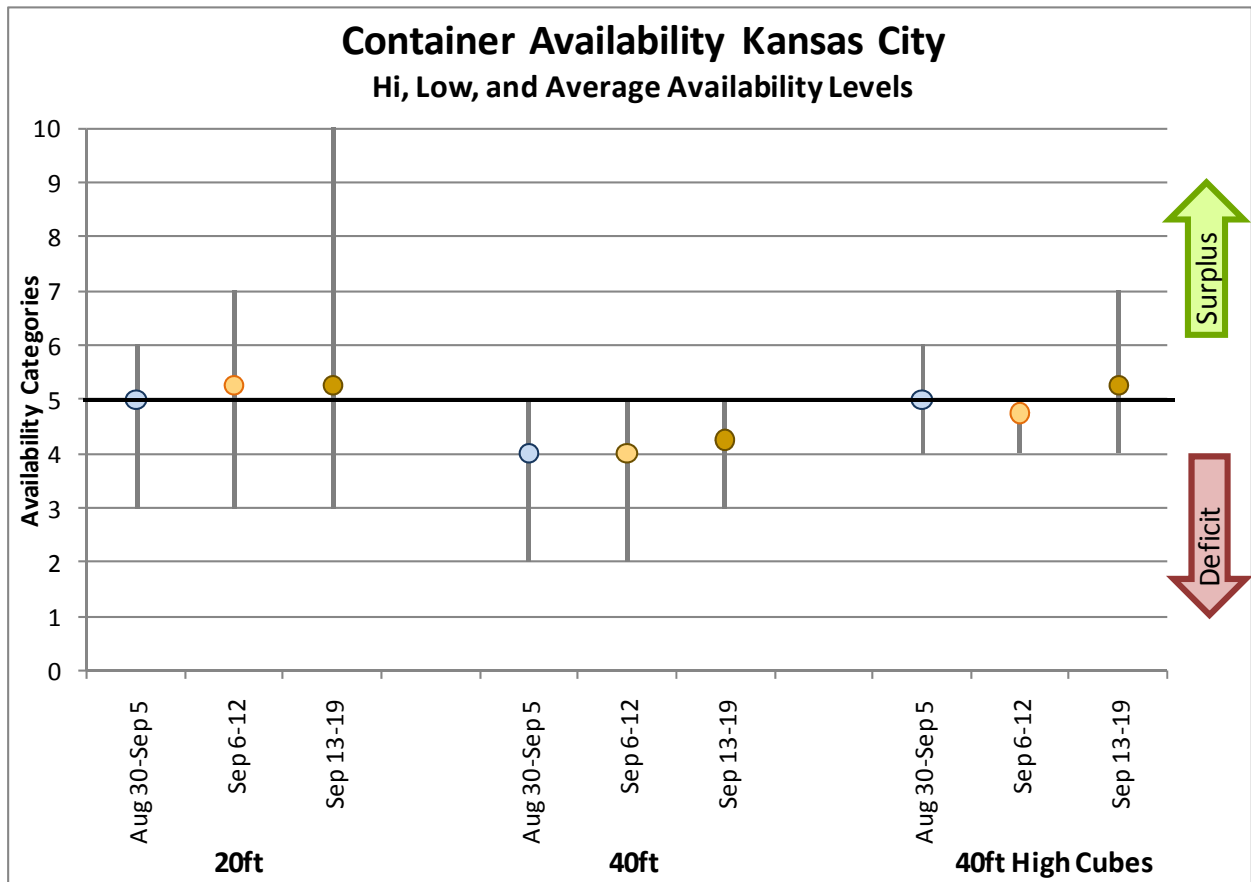
	40ft High Cubes		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	4	4	4
	5	5	5
	5	7	7
	7	7	7
Average	5.25	5.75	5.75



# Kansas City

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	3	3	3	2	2	3
	5	5	4	4	4	4
	6	6	4	5	5	5
	6	7	10	5	5	5
Average	5.00	5.25	5.25	4.00	4.00	4.25

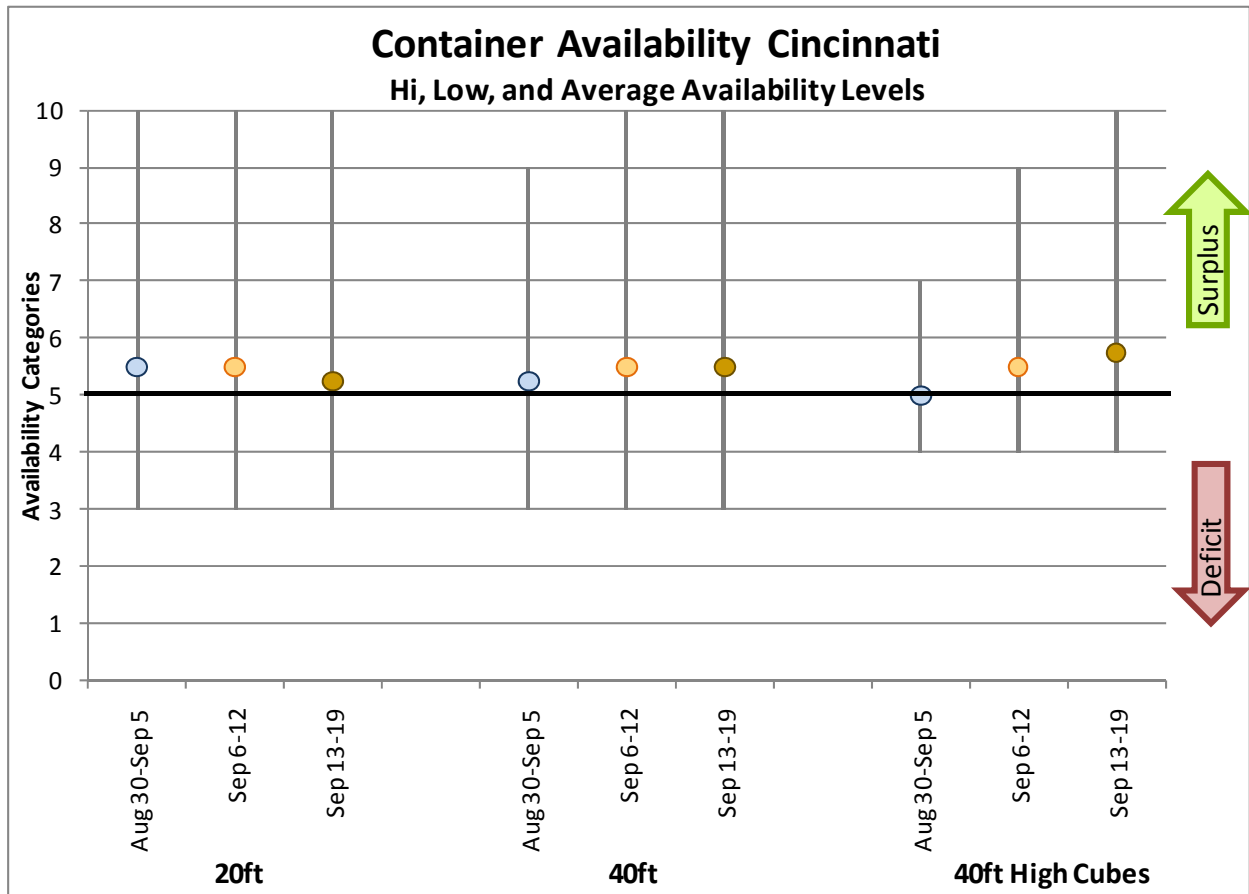
	40ft High Cubes		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	4	4	4
	5	5	5
	5	5	5
	6	5	7
Average	5.00	4.75	5.25



# Cincinnati

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	3	3	3	3	3	3
	4	4	4	4	4	4
	5	5	4	5	5	5
	10	10	10	9	10	10
Average	5.50	5.50	5.25	5.25	5.50	5.50

	40ft High Cubes		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	4	4	4
	4	4	4
	5	5	5
	7	9	10
Average	5.00	5.50	5.75



# Columbus

	20ft Equipment			40ft Equipment		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	3	3	2	2	2	2
	5	5	5	4	4	4
	7	7	7	4	4	4
	7	8	8	6	7	9
<b>Average</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>4.75</b>

	40ft High Cubes		
Date	8/30-9/5	9/6-9/12	9/13-9/19
Carrier Responses	4	4	3
	4	4	4
	5	4	4
	8	10	10
<b>Average</b>	<b>5.25</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>5.25</b>

