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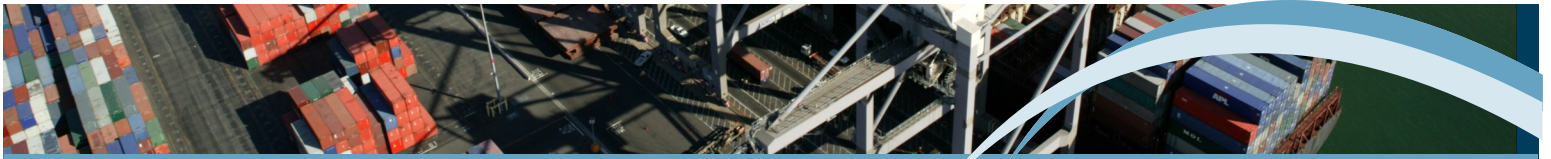
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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for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

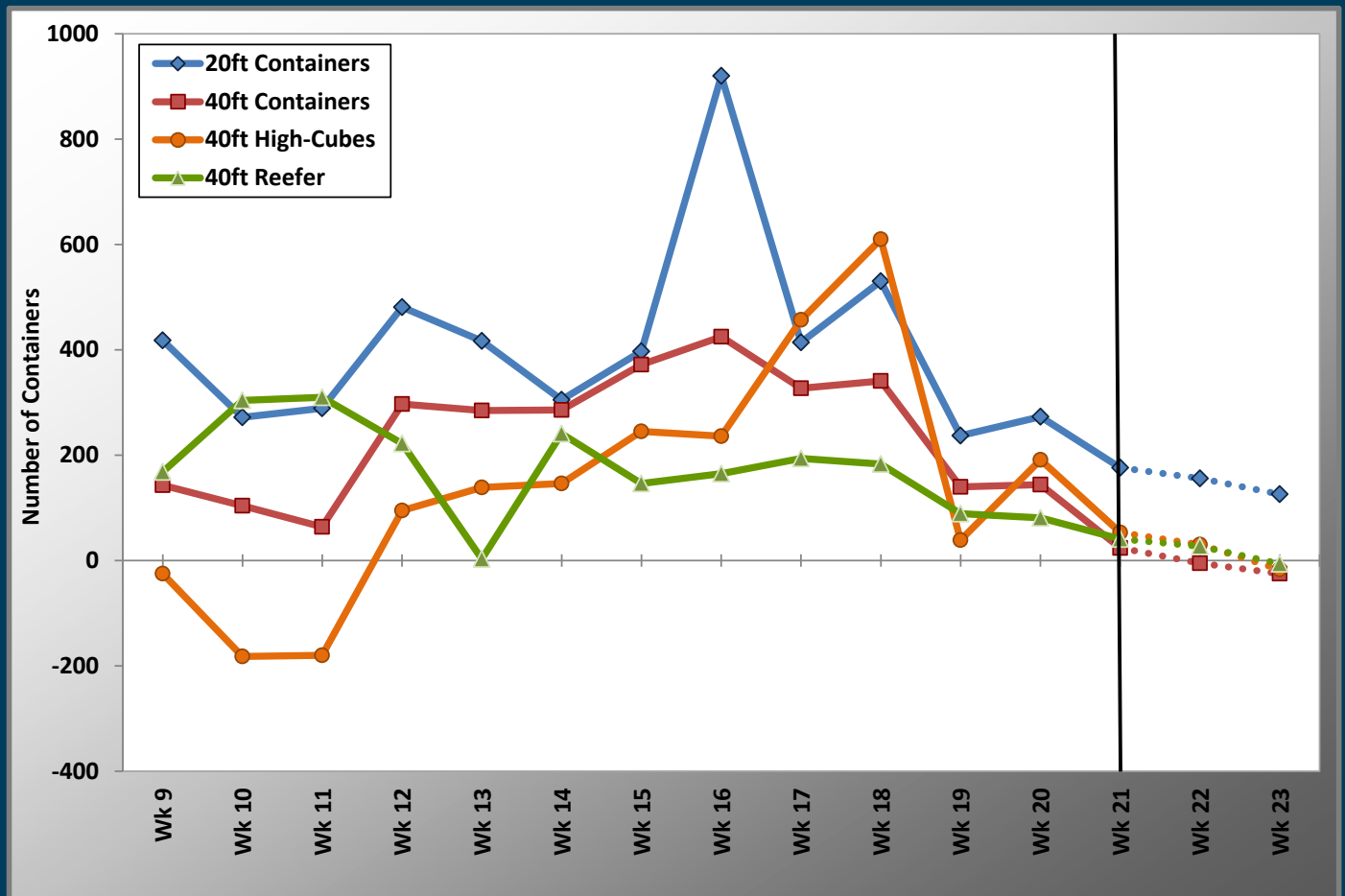
Historical Analysis of Seattle

The Port of Seattle ranks 12th in the nation for overall waterborne agricultural exports, but 6th for containerized waterborne agricultural exports. In 2013, more than 99 percent of the agricultural exports through Seattle were moved in containers. Between April and June of 2013, Seattle moved more than 680,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Grains and grain products, including soybeans, accounted for 50 percent of the agricultural exports through the port. Vegetables and fruit were also among the top exports through Seattle, accounting for 18 and 7 percent, respectively. Since refrigerated exports are among the port's top containerized agricultural products, data for 40ft refrigerated containers is included in the historical graphic below. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move approximately 71 percent of these exports. During the same period, agricultural exporters used American Presidents Line to move 23 percent, followed by Maersk Line, which moved 16 percent, Hanjin Shipping with 13 percent, and MOL with 11 percent.¹

The long awaited passage of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) is expected from Congress this week. The House has already passed the bill, and the Senate is also expected to pass the bill on May 22. Industry reports say President Obama is also expected to sign the bill. What does this mean for Seattle? The new WRRDA allows so-called "donor ports," ports that pay more into the Harbor Maintenance Tax than they spend, to use HMT funds for berth dredging and disposal of dredging material instead of simply channel dredging. Seattle with its naturally deep channel is one such donor port. Seattle has also long postulated this tax on imported cargo puts the port at a disadvantage to Canadian ports across the border.

Over the past several weeks, container availability for each of the dry container types through Seattle have followed a similar pattern. Estimates for 20ft dry containers have averaged just below 400 units per week, 40ft dry containers averaged 227 units, and 40ft high-cube containers averaged 140 units. Estimates for 20ft containers peaked in mid-April at 920 units and 40ft high-cube containers rose from -182 in early March to 610 the first week in May.² Estimates for 40ft refrigerated containers started March relatively high—just over 300 units. Estimates fell sharply to just three units 2 weeks later, but then rebounded quickly the next week. Since then, 40ft reefer availability has been on a downward trend. Over the next 2 weeks, availability for each of the reported container types is expected to fall slightly.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Seattle, 1st week of March (Wk 9) through 4th week of May (Wk 21), 2014, with Projections



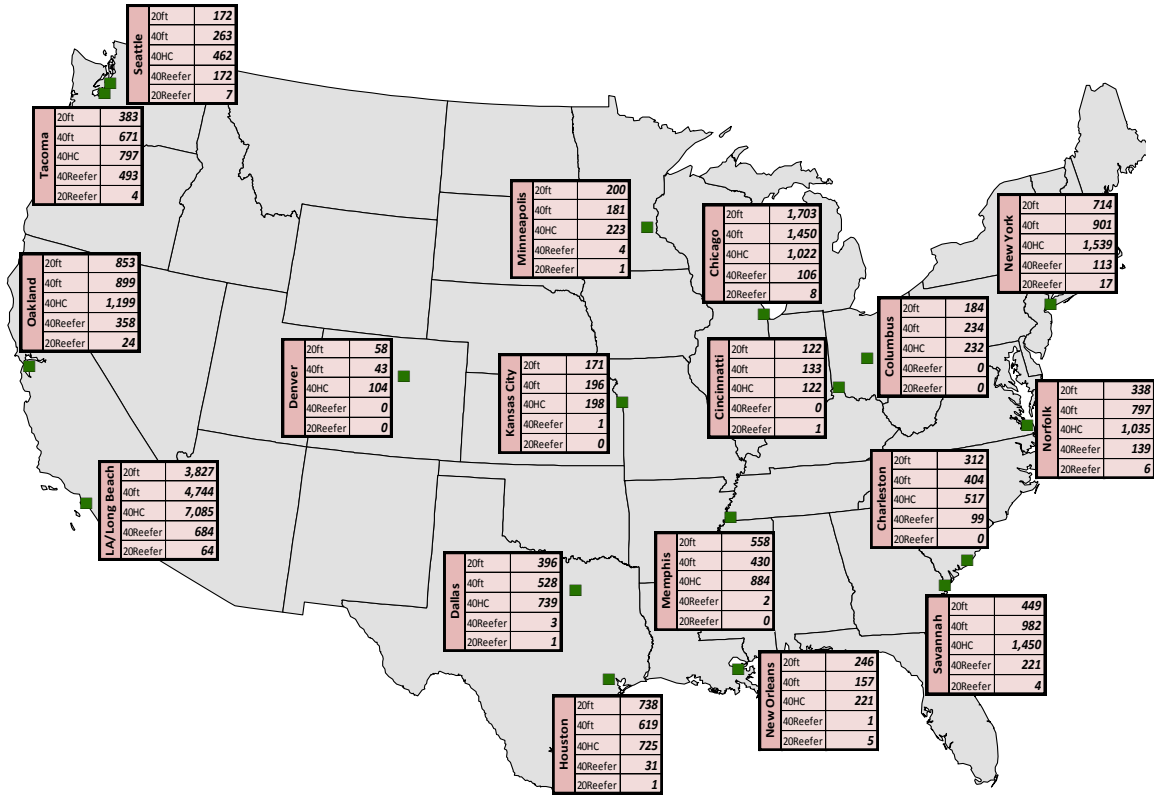
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .
² Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate the demand for containers is greater than the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

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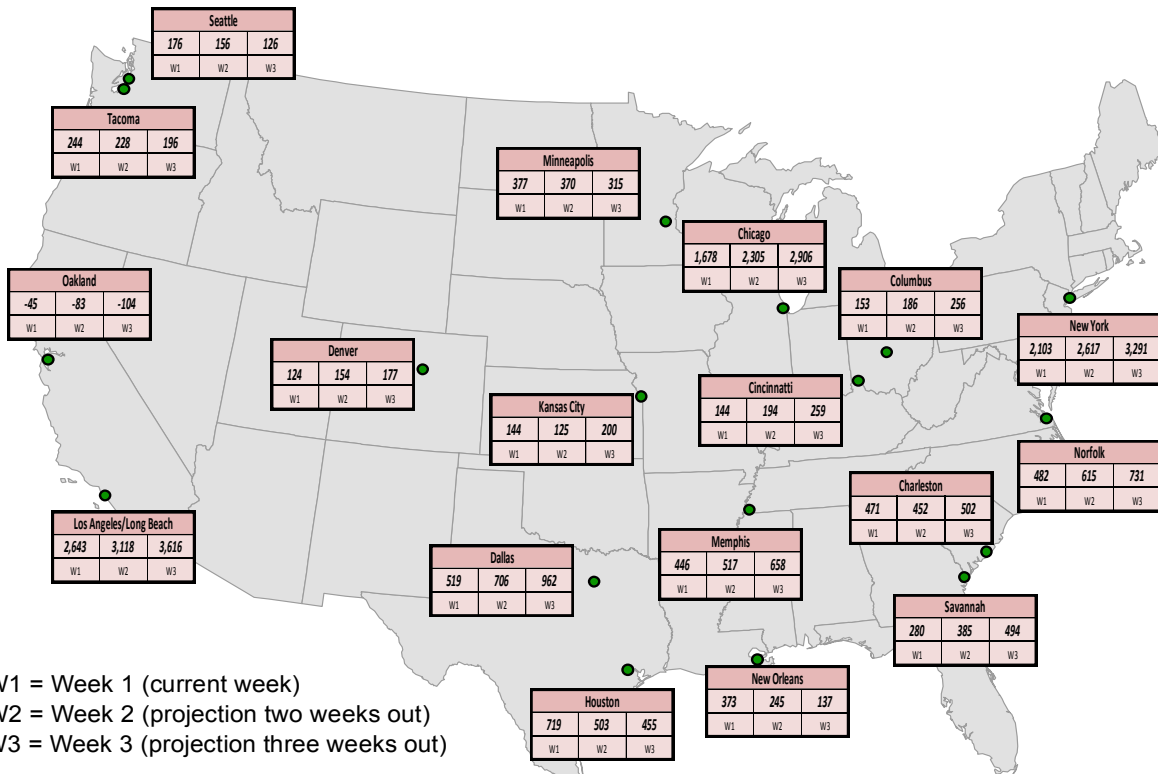
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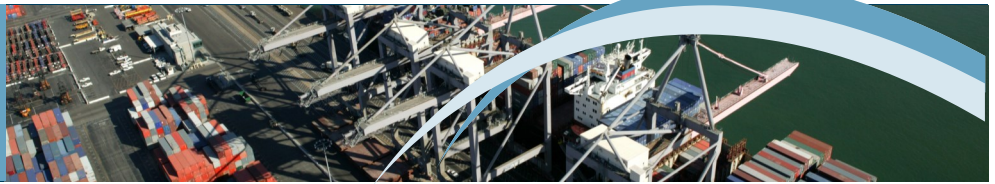
Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



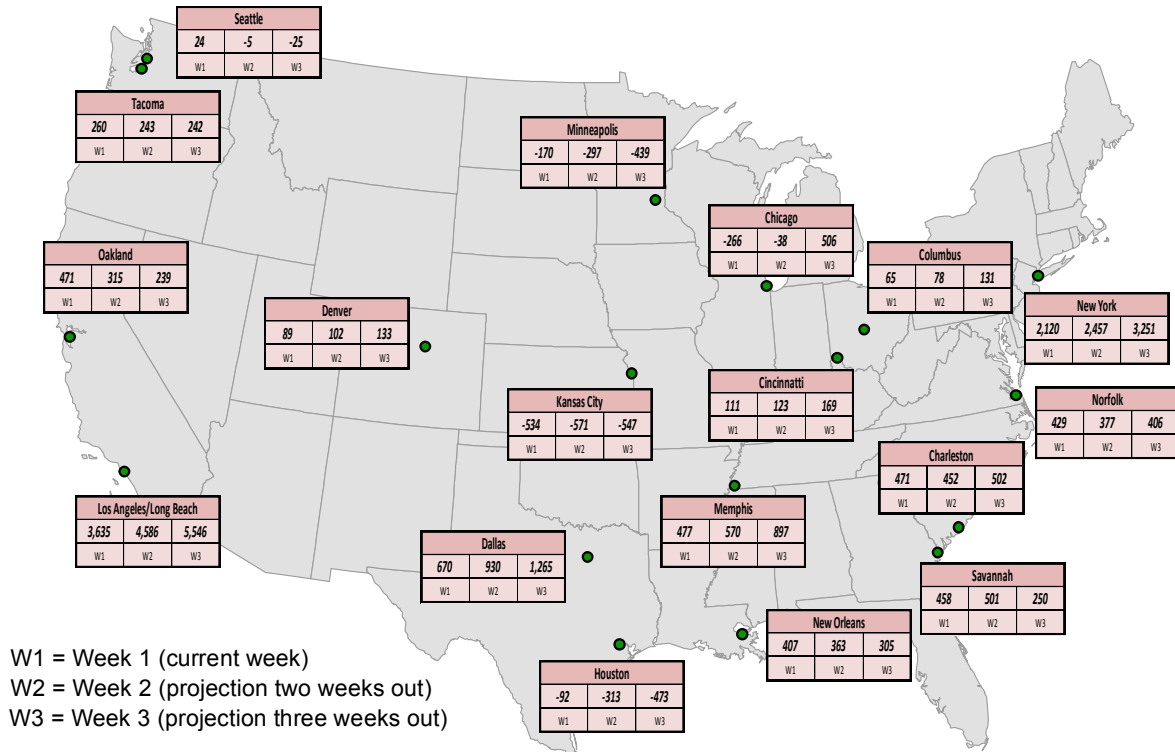
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



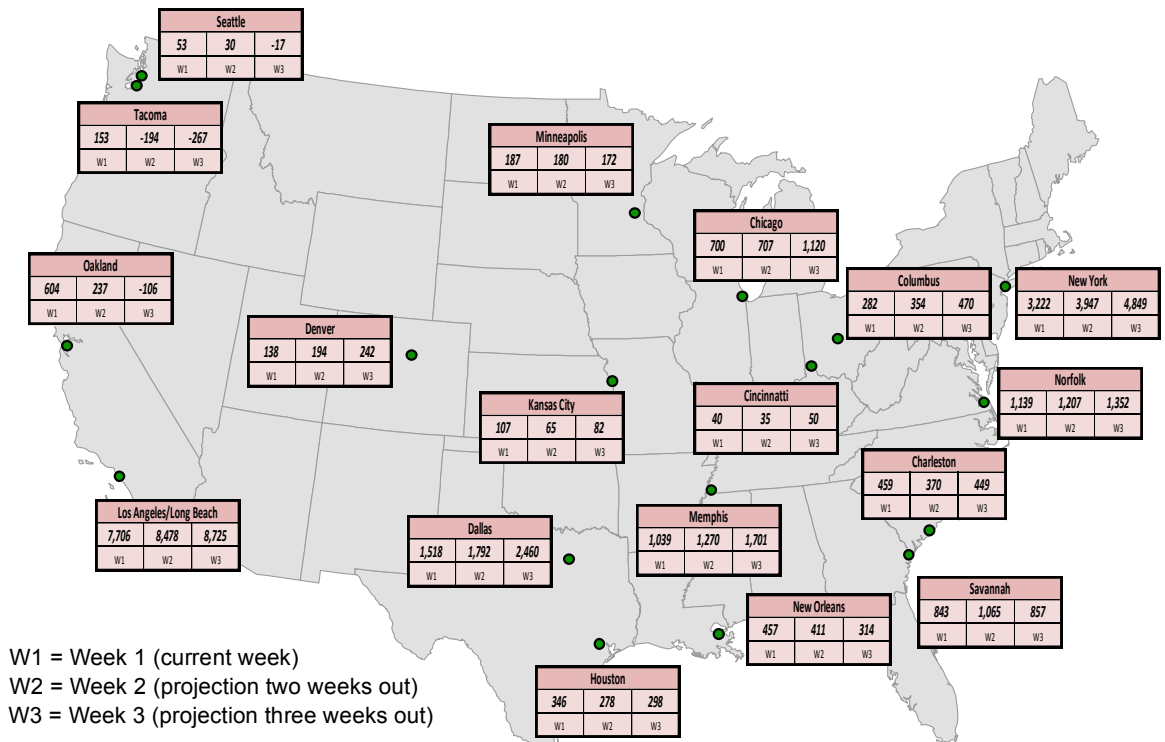
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

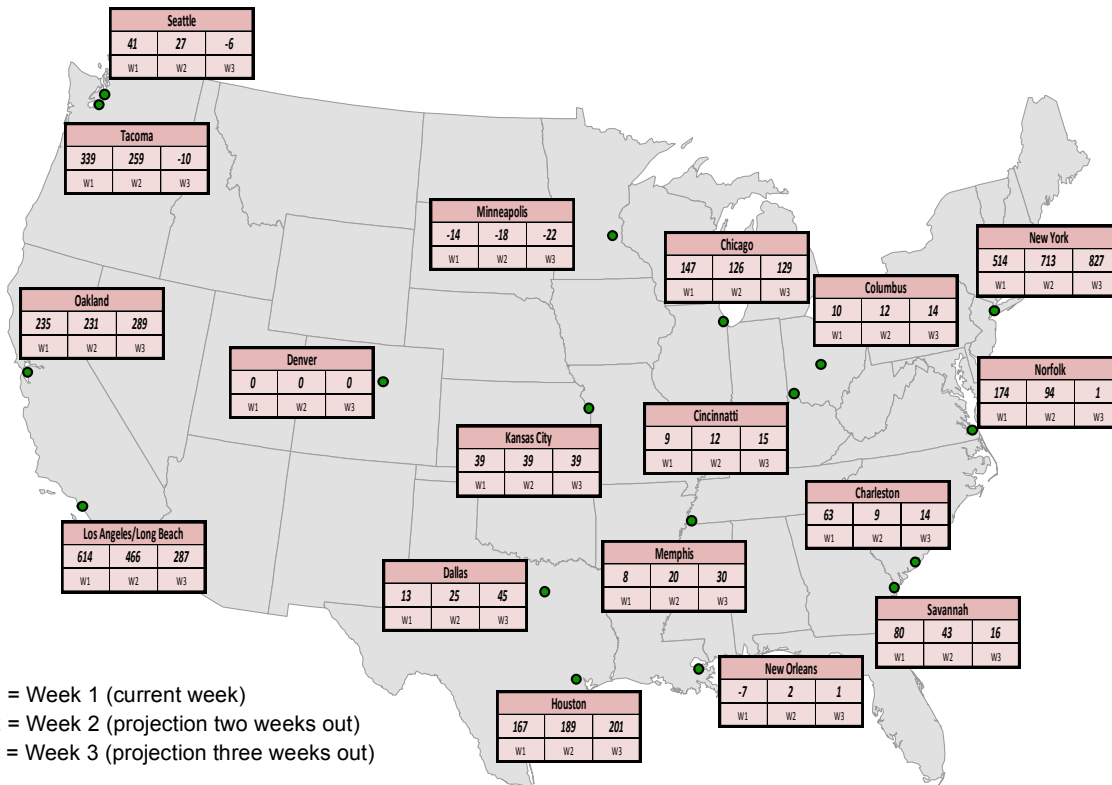


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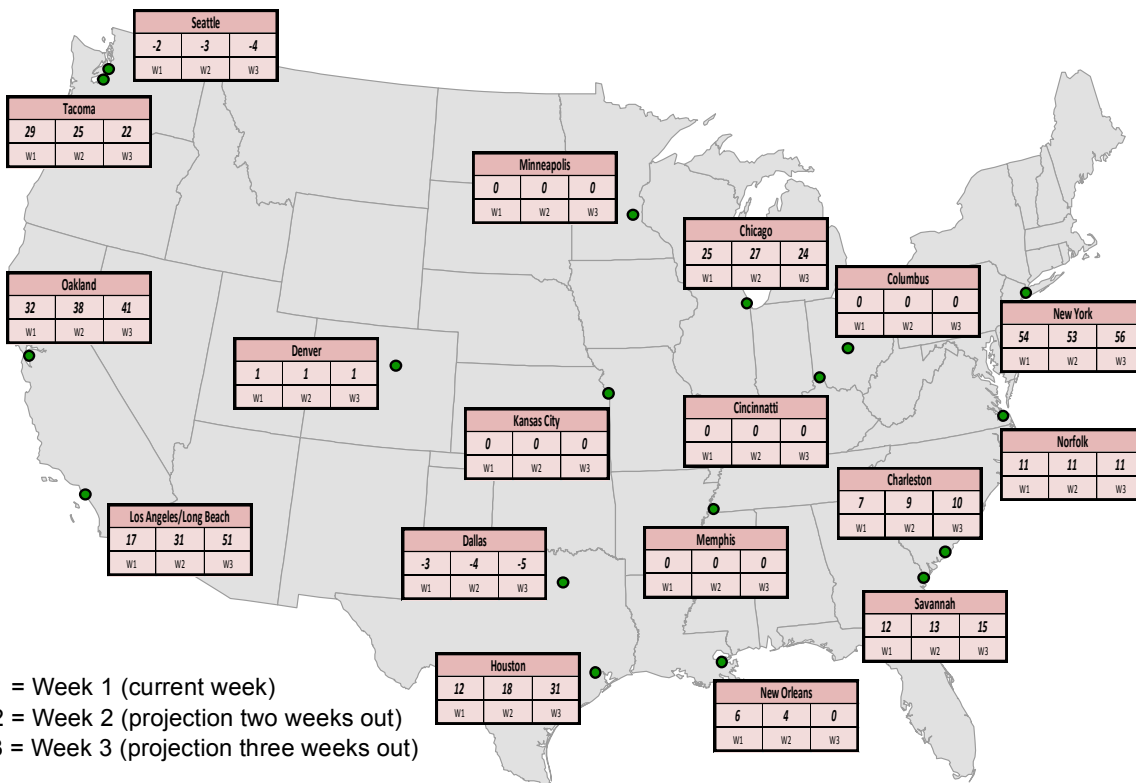
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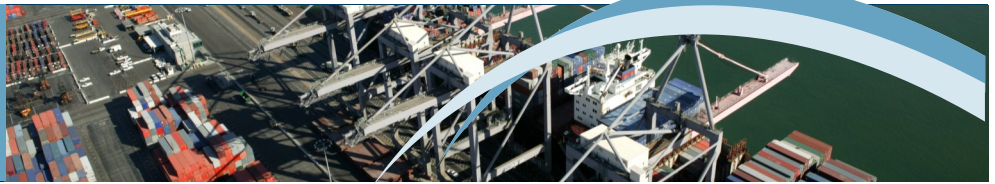


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers



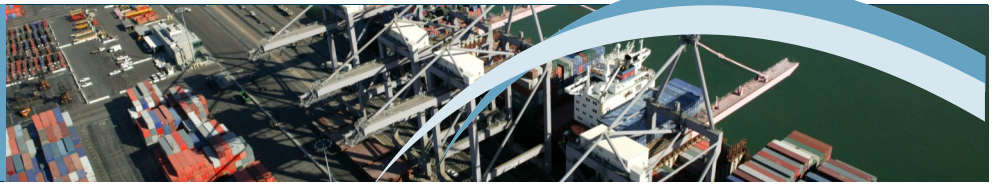


Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	120	95	90	82	80	4	.	.	.	.	471
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	132	59	90	71	91	9	.	.	.	.	452
Week 3: Jun 4-10	128	48	90	102	126	8	.	.	.	.	502
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	181	162	101	90	50	8	.	.	.	.	592
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	146	90	111	90	50	8	.	.	.	.	495
Week 3: Jun 4-10	136	94	134	90	65	7	.	.	.	.	526
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	174	130	122	89	3	-59	.	.	.	.	459
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	120	130	64	123	8	-75	.	.	.	.	370
Week 3: Jun 4-10	110	130	79	193	5	-68	.	.	.	.	449
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	35	28	5	5	3	-13	.	.	.	.	63
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	27	32	5	5	-6	-54	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Jun 4-10	20	36	5	5	-6	-46	.	.	.	.	14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	6	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	7	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Jun 4-10	8	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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

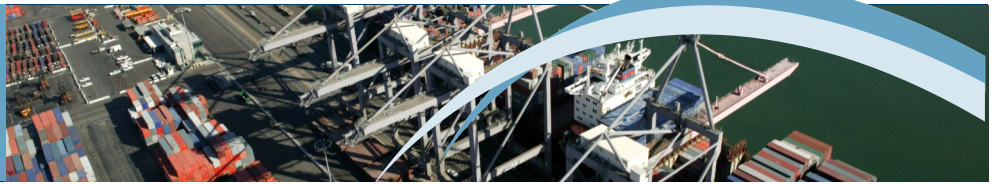


Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	1,332	281	203	54	8	-200	.	.	.	.	1,678
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	1,647	552	277	21	8	-200	.	.	.	.	2,305
Week 3: Jun 4-10	1,973	699	412	15	7	-200	.	.	.	.	2,906
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	454	275	206	2	-3	-1,200	.	.	.	.	-266
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	469	417	261	19	-4	-1,200	.	.	.	.	-38
Week 3: Jun 4-10	558	760	374	16	-2	-1,200	.	.	.	.	506
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	886	305	219	85	5	-800	.	.	.	.	700
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	945	281	204	74	3	-800	.	.	.	.	707
Week 3: Jun 4-10	1,133	419	296	68	4	-800	.	.	.	.	1,120
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	114	25	8	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	147
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	108	30	-11	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	126
Week 3: Jun 4-10	120	30	-21	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	129
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	17	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	16	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 3: Jun 4-10	15	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24

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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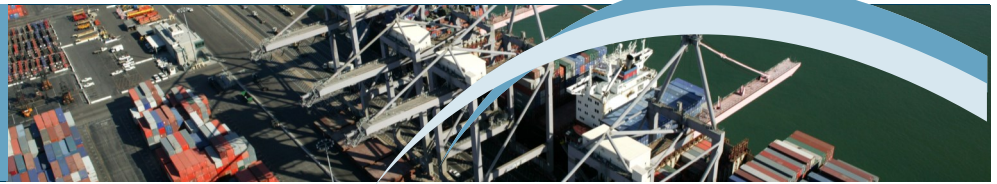


Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	76	42	15	12	8	-9	144
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	106	50	15	11	17	-5	.	.	.	.	194
Week 3: Jun 4-10	127	68	15	10	45	-6	.	.	.	.	259
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	38	33	29	14	2	-5	.	.	.	.	111
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	47	30	38	12	1	-5	.	.	.	.	123
Week 3: Jun 4-10	56	34	68	16	0	-5	.	.	.	.	169
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	45	30	18	-7	-15	-31	.	.	.	.	40
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	44	37	10	-4	-15	-37	.	.	.	.	35
Week 3: Jun 4-10	47	54	11	-5	-15	-42	.	.	.	.	50
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Jun 4-10	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	0
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	0
Week 3: Jun 4-10	0

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

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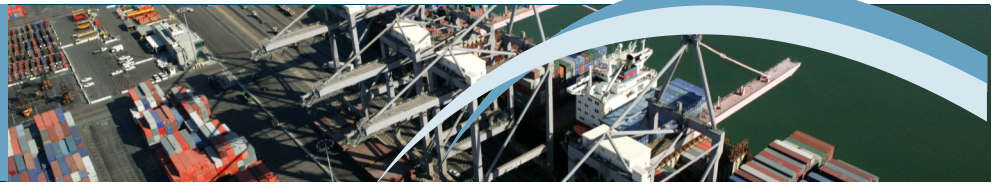


Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	79	41	18	10	5	0	153
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	96	51	32	8	5	-6	.	.	.	.	186
Week 3: Jun 4-10	115	80	52	12	5	-8	.	.	.	.	256
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	44	20	10	0	-3	-6	.	.	.	.	65
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	39	20	11	7	6	-5	.	.	.	.	78
Week 3: Jun 4-10	44	20	14	31	25	-3	.	.	.	.	131
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	138	79	30	19	15	1	.	.	.	.	282
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	157	138	30	13	15	1	.	.	.	.	354
Week 3: Jun 4-10	187	226	30	18	10	-1	.	.	.	.	470
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Jun 4-10	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	0
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	0
Week 3: Jun 4-10	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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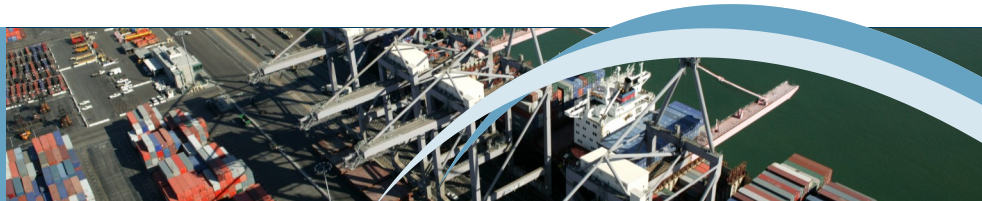


Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	162	101	95	92	60	9	519
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	259	121	124	133	60	9	.	.	.	.	706
Week 3: Jun 4-10	381	118	240	153	60	10	.	.	.	.	962
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	194	176	135	135	20	10	.	.	.	.	670
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	276	180	227	215	20	12	.	.	.	.	930
Week 3: Jun 4-10	307	170	330	426	20	12	.	.	.	.	1,265
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	431	346	343	238	150	10	.	.	.	.	1,518
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	350	408	492	382	150	10	.	.	.	.	1,792
Week 3: Jun 4-10	340	806	613	541	150	10	.	.	.	.	2,460
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	14	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	26	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 3: Jun 4-10	46	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	-3	-3
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	-4	-4
Week 3: Jun 4-10	-5	-5

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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	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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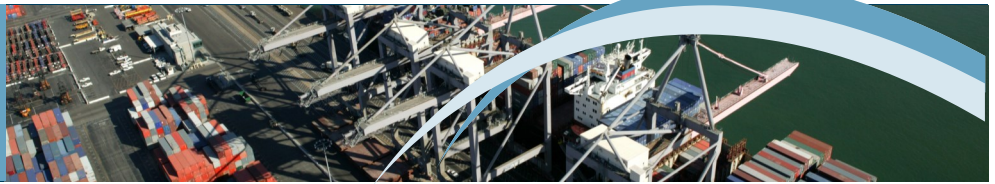


Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	84	29	10	5	4	-8	124
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	109	28	9	5	10	-7	.	.	.	.	154
Week 3: Jun 4-10	133	27	7	5	12	-7	.	.	.	.	177
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	53	15	10	6	4	1	.	.	.	.	89
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	74	19	-5	10	3	1	.	.	.	.	102
Week 3: Jun 4-10	97	29	-8	12	2	1	.	.	.	.	133
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	151	28	22	7	0	-70	.	.	.	.	138
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	191	31	34	6	2	-70	.	.	.	.	194
Week 3: Jun 4-10	234	25	42	5	6	-70	.	.	.	.	242
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jun 4-10	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	1	1
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	1	1
Week 3: Jun 4-10	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	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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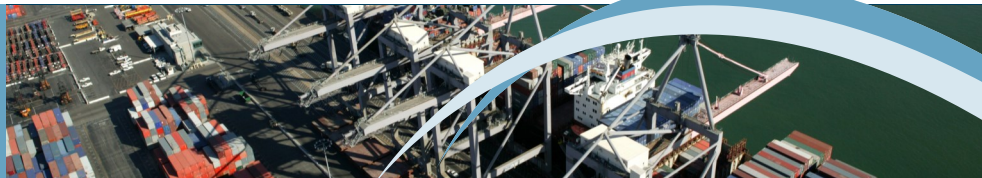


Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	388	200	92	30	10	-1	719
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	313	200	57	9	5	-81	.	.	.	.	503
Week 3: Jun 4-10	275	200	61	7	4	-92	.	.	.	.	455
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	209	187	2	-18	-200	-272	.	.	.	.	-92
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	201	150	2	-16	-200	-450	.	.	.	.	-313
Week 3: Jun 4-10	212	108	3	-13	-200	-583	.	.	.	.	-473
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	178	118	116	29	5	-100	.	.	.	.	346
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	200	17	139	17	5	-100	.	.	.	.	278
Week 3: Jun 4-10	195	7	182	12	2	-100	.	.	.	.	298
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	100	59	6	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	167
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	100	58	29	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	189
Week 3: Jun 4-10	100	57	42	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	201
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	21	0	-9	12
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	27	0	-9	18
Week 3: Jun 4-10	33	0	-2	31

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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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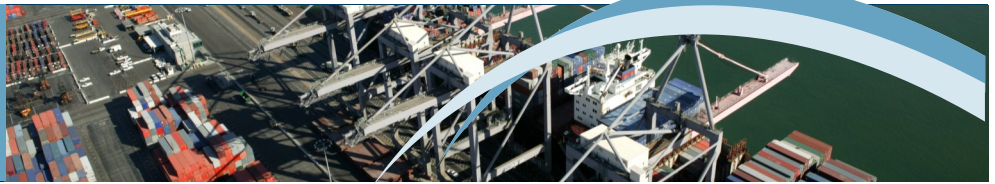


Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	119	40	14	1	0	-30	144
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	85	53	15	2	0	-30	.	.	.	.	125
Week 3: Jun 4-10	131	73	25	2	-1	-30	.	.	.	.	200
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	45	34	-2	-3	-8	-600	.	.	.	.	-534
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	48	20	-1	-31	-7	-600	.	.	.	.	-571
Week 3: Jun 4-10	54	18	-2	-9	-8	-600	.	.	.	.	-547
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	54	50	32	-1	-8	-20	.	.	.	.	107
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	34	50	28	-4	-10	-33	.	.	.	.	65
Week 3: Jun 4-10	49	50	38	-3	-10	-42	.	.	.	.	82
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	23	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	20	19	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 3: Jun 4-10	17	22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	0	0
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	0	0
Week 3: Jun 4-10	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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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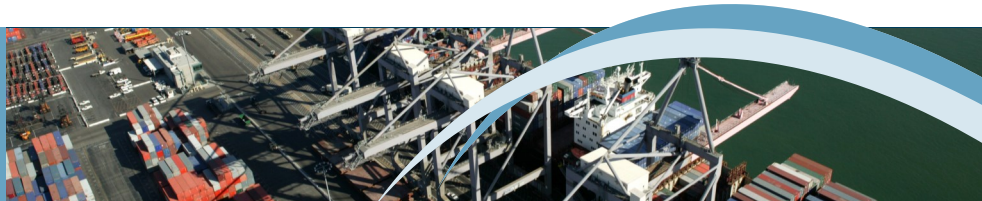


Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	929	600	514	308	252	40	.	.	.	.	2,643
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	790	600	658	516	512	42	.	.	.	.	3,118
Week 3: Jun 4-10	770	600	734	752	730	30	.	.	.	.	3,616
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	1,155	900	868	409	253	50	.	.	.	.	3,635
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	1,568	900	831	876	361	50	.	.	.	.	4,586
Week 3: Jun 4-10	2,025	900	815	1,238	523	45	.	.	.	.	5,546
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	3,200	2,249	2,194	50	43	-30	.	.	.	.	7,706
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	3,200	2,041	2,788	48	600	-199	.	.	.	.	8,478
Week 3: Jun 4-10	3,200	2,100	3,057	49	612	-293	.	.	.	.	8,725
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	386	113	75	25	11	4	.	.	.	.	614
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	355	93	75	20	-88	11	.	.	.	.	466
Week 3: Jun 4-10	326	93	75	25	-267	35	.	.	.	.	287
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	10	5	2	17
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	10	7	14	31
Week 3: Jun 4-10	10	11	30	51

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

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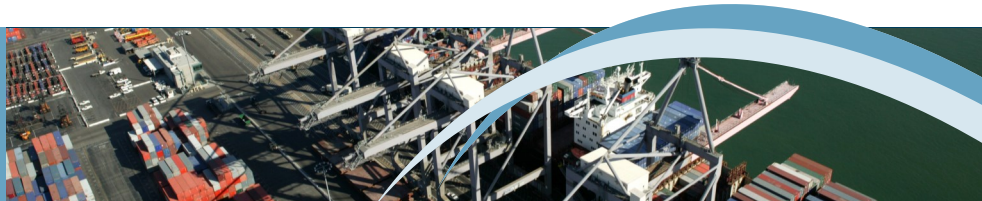


Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	159	125	100	54	10	-2	446
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	183	130	100	91	10	3	.	.	.	.	517
Week 3: Jun 4-10	260	158	100	129	10	1	.	.	.	.	658
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	187	124	100	42	14	10	.	.	.	.	477
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	191	201	100	56	12	10	.	.	.	.	570
Week 3: Jun 4-10	244	451	100	82	8	12	.	.	.	.	897
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	600	281	91	45	11	11	.	.	.	.	1,039
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	600	441	120	77	20	12	.	.	.	.	1,270
Week 3: Jun 4-10	600	761	180	133	17	10	.	.	.	.	1,701
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	4	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	6	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Jun 4-10	8	22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jun 4-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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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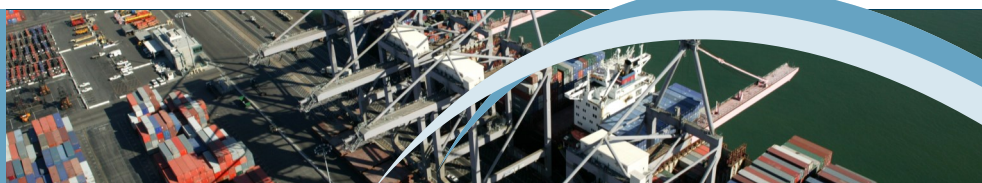


Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	166	118	112	6	5	-30	377
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	176	107	103	8	6	-30	.	.	.	.	370
Week 3: Jun 4-10	152	96	87	6	4	-30	.	.	.	.	315
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	56	40	32	2	-125	-175	.	.	.	.	-170
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	41	18	32	5	-125	-268	.	.	.	.	-297
Week 3: Jun 4-10	3	15	31	4	-125	-367	.	.	.	.	-439
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	120	109	15	2	1	-60	.	.	.	.	187
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	84	157	11	2	-14	-60	.	.	.	.	180
Week 3: Jun 4-10	55	180	8	2	-13	-60	.	.	.	.	172
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-14
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	0	-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 3: Jun 4-10	0	-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-22
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	0	0
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	0	0
Week 3: Jun 4-10	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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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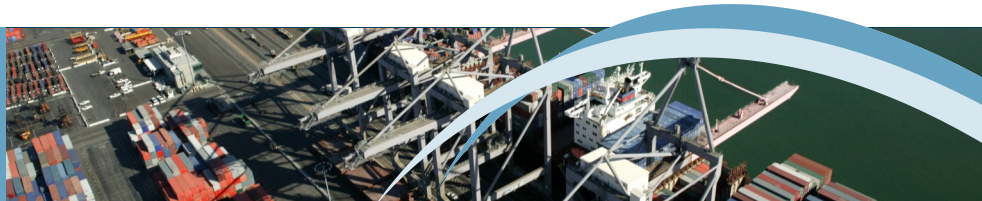


New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	315	68	13	8	-1	-30	373
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	196	54	15	11	-1	-30	.	.	.	.	245
Week 3: Jun 4-10	101	41	15	12	-2	-30	.	.	.	.	137
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	392	11	5	4	0	-5	.	.	.	.	407
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	355	8	5	3	0	-8	.	.	.	.	363
Week 3: Jun 4-10	296	8	5	3	1	-8	.	.	.	.	305
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	344	64	32	10	10	-3	.	.	.	.	457
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	289	73	31	10	10	-2	.	.	.	.	411
Week 3: Jun 4-10	187	88	20	10	10	-1	.	.	.	.	314
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	0	-3	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-7
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	0	-7	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Jun 4-10	0	-11	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	5	1	6
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	5	-1	4
Week 3: Jun 4-10	5	-5	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	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	784	445	400	260	196	18	2,103
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	1,107	514	400	246	326	24	.	.	.	.	2,617
Week 3: Jun 4-10	1,521	720	400	230	399	21	.	.	.	.	3,291
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	579	544	514	350	118	15	.	.	.	.	2,120
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	650	578	710	350	149	20	.	.	.	.	2,457
Week 3: Jun 4-10	863	849	1,021	350	153	15	.	.	.	.	3,251
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	1,075	900	645	508	74	20	.	.	.	.	3,222
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	1,162	900	1,046	676	130	33	.	.	.	.	3,947
Week 3: Jun 4-10	1,383	900	1,501	918	117	30	.	.	.	.	4,849
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	165	151	150	28	10	10	.	.	.	.	514
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	273	188	157	75	10	10	.	.	.	.	713
Week 3: Jun 4-10	322	272	185	28	10	10	.	.	.	.	827
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	27	22	5	54
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	25	23	5	53
Week 3: Jun 4-10	24	27	5	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	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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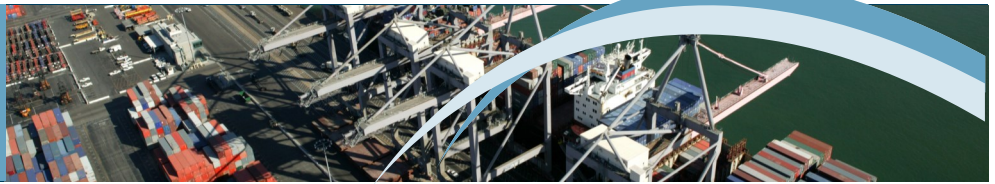


Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	225	100	61	58	35	3	482
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	234	100	147	77	40	17	.	.	.	.	615
Week 3: Jun 4-10	276	100	239	92	10	14	.	.	.	.	731
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	211	137	55	20	6	0	.	.	.	.	429
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	230	95	32	20	7	-7	.	.	.	.	377
Week 3: Jun 4-10	261	86	39	20	10	-10	.	.	.	.	406
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	368	359	331	150	8	-77	.	.	.	.	1,139
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	416	457	272	150	6	-94	.	.	.	.	1,207
Week 3: Jun 4-10	471	556	267	150	5	-97	.	.	.	.	1,352
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	75	70	20	10	10	-11	.	.	.	.	174
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	27	18	26	10	15	-2	.	.	.	.	94
Week 3: Jun 4-10	-21	-35	35	10	30	-18	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	9	1	1	11
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	9	1	1	11
Week 3: Jun 4-10	9	1	1	11

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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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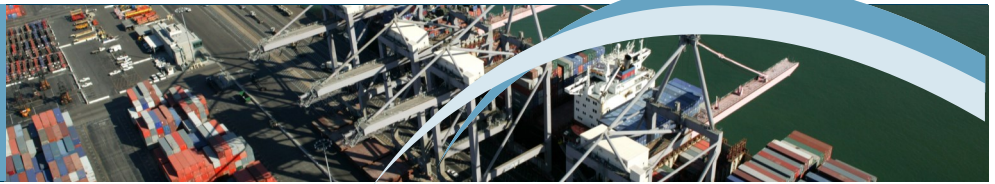


Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	200	198	110	5	-23	-535	-45
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	200	145	29	5	-23	-439	.	.	.	.	-83
Week 3: Jun 4-10	200	138	7	5	-5	-449	.	.	.	.	-104
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	458	70	70	56	4	-187	.	.	.	.	471
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	367	46	70	99	3	-270	.	.	.	.	315
Week 3: Jun 4-10	337	42	70	98	5	-313	.	.	.	.	239
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	300	176	138	95	8	-113	.	.	.	.	604
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	300	165	172	-295	7	-112	.	.	.	.	237
Week 3: Jun 4-10	300	169	212	-676	3	-114	.	.	.	.	-106
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	279	69	30	10	-40	-113	.	.	.	.	235
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	269	76	30	-5	-42	-97	.	.	.	.	231
Week 3: Jun 4-10	291	138	30	-5	-47	-118	.	.	.	.	289
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	16	10	6	32
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	22	10	6	38
Week 3: Jun 4-10	28	10	3	41

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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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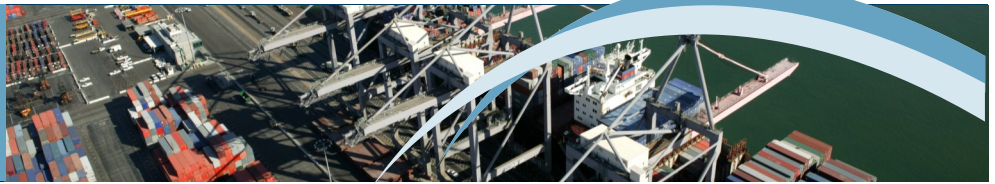


Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	177	140	79	74	4	-194	280
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	209	140	60	117	6	-147	.	.	.	.	385
Week 3: Jun 4-10	242	140	62	110	7	-67	.	.	.	.	494
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	340	295	160	8	-7	-338	.	.	.	.	458
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	367	414	160	7	-28	-419	.	.	.	.	501
Week 3: Jun 4-10	328	353	160	4	-34	-561	.	.	.	.	250
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	633	400	316	0	-192	-314	.	.	.	.	843
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	796	400	354	0	-107	-378	.	.	.	.	1,065
Week 3: Jun 4-10	649	400	317	0	-110	-399	.	.	.	.	857
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	117	71	10	-13	-30	-75	.	.	.	.	80
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	98	48	10	-12	-51	-50	.	.	.	.	43
Week 3: Jun 4-10	105	35	10	-11	-73	-50	.	.	.	.	16
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	6	5	1	12
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	6	6	1	13
Week 3: Jun 4-10	7	7	1	15

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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	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: May 21-27	150	24	5	-3	176
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	150	32	8	-34	.	.	.	.	.	.	156
Week 3: Jun 4-10	150	26	9	-59	.	.	.	.	.	.	126
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	44	15	2	-37	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	46	15	5	-71	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5
Week 3: Jun 4-10	45	15	9	-94	.	.	.	.	.	.	-25
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	100	6	-16	-37	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	100	4	-80	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 3: Jun 4-10	100	9	-133	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	-17
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	22	20	1	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	18	20	5	-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 3: Jun 4-10	10	20	8	-44	.	.	.	.	.	.	-6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	1	-3	-2
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	1	-4	-3
Week 3: Jun 4-10	1	-5	-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	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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



Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	147	62	17	10	8	.	.	.	.	.	244
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	79	72	60	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	228
Week 3: Jun 4-10	48	83	48	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	196
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	443	8	1	-55	-137	.	.	.	.	.	260
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	396	8	1	-51	-111	.	.	.	.	.	243
Week 3: Jun 4-10	410	12	1	-55	-126	.	.	.	.	.	242
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	559	20	8	-147	-287	.	.	.	.	.	153
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	320	20	9	-187	-356	.	.	.	.	.	-194
Week 3: Jun 4-10	308	20	10	-245	-360	.	.	.	.	.	-267
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	323	318	5	0	-307	.	.	.	.	.	339
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	322	211	5	0	-279	.	.	.	.	.	259
Week 3: Jun 4-10	277	7	5	0	-299	.	.	.	.	.	-10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: May 21-27	28	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
Week 2: May 28-Jun 3	24	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 3: Jun 4-10	21	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22

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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