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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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Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

Historical Analysis of Houston

The Port of Houston ranks 4th in the nation for overall waterborne agricultural exports, and 10th for containerized waterborne agricultural exports. In 2013, only 18 percent of the agricultural exports through Houston were moved in containers; however, Houston is the largest container port in the U.S. Gulf. Between April and June of 2013, Houston moved more than 269,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Grocery items was the top commodity exported at 27 percent, followed by meat at 17 percent, poultry at 12 percent, and cotton at 7 percent. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move approximately 59 percent of exports. Since refrigerated meat products exports are among the port's top containerized agricultural products, data for 40ft refrigerated containers is included in the historical graphic below. During the same period, agricultural exporters used Maersk Line to move 42 percent of these products, followed by Mediterranean Shipping Company, which moved 15 percent, and Hapag Lloyd, representing 12 percent.¹

In early April, the availability of dry containers in Houston averaged approximately 250 units. After a dip below zero in May, estimates for 20ft and 40ft high-cube containers increased to a high of 919 and 1129 units this week. These increases are probably due to an increase in import traffic as shippers attempt to avoid a possible disruption to West Coast ports during the current port labor contract negotiations. The contract is set to expire at midnight on June 30; negotiations are expected to continue past the expiration date. Estimates for 40ft dry containers continued to fall after the dip in May and have remained below zero.² Estimates for 40ft refrigerated containers remained fairly flat, ranging from 113 to 245 units over the past several weeks. Over the next 2 weeks, estimates for 20ft dry and 40ft high-cube containers are expected to increase, as will 40ft refrigerated containers. Estimates for 40ft dry containers are expected to continue the downward trend.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Houston, 1st week of April (Wk 14) through 4th week of June (Wk 26), 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.

National Overview

Week of Jun 25-Jul 1, 2014

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)

National Overview

Week of Jun 25-Jul 1, 2014

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

National Overview

Week of Jun 25-Jul 1, 2014

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers

Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	75	70	60	60	51	46	.	.	.	.	362
Week 2: Jul 2-8	106	70	86	88	108	35	.	.	.	.	493
Week 3: Jul 9-15	126	70	129	97	109	32	.	.	.	.	563
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	133	121	107	80	60	24	.	.	.	.	525
Week 2: Jul 2-8	127	150	134	80	76	12	.	.	.	.	579
Week 3: Jul 9-15	137	188	165	80	72	13	.	.	.	.	655
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	190	184	123	99	10	6	.	.	.	.	612
Week 2: Jul 2-8	190	207	151	145	5	55	.	.	.	.	753
Week 3: Jul 9-15	190	214	195	224	3	62	.	.	.	.	888
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	48	32	5	1	1	-89	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Jul 2-8	49	40	5	1	2	-42	.	.	.	.	55
Week 3: Jul 9-15	50	48	5	1	4	-44	.	.	.	.	64
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	5	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Jul 2-8	6	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Jul 9-15	8	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13

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: Jun 25-Jul 1	1,146	784	322	281	4	-100	.	.	.	.	2,437
Week 2: Jul 2-8	1,565	944	461	200	-14	-100	.	.	.	.	3,056
Week 3: Jul 9-15	2,093	977	719	225	-17	-100	.	.	.	.	3,897
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	423	264	113	27	-44	-750	.	.	.	.	33
Week 2: Jul 2-8	533	592	187	15	-10	-750	.	.	.	.	567
Week 3: Jul 9-15	723	767	297	25	-8	-750	.	.	.	.	1,054
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	935	201	145	24	-33	-850	.	.	.	.	422
Week 2: Jul 2-8	1,086	384	100	-61	5	-850	.	.	.	.	664
Week 3: Jul 9-15	1,347	307	100	24	7	-850	.	.	.	.	935
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	90	5	2	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	97
Week 2: Jul 2-8	110	-2	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	118
Week 3: Jul 9-15	119	-5	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	124
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	14	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 2: Jul 2-8	13	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 3: Jul 9-15	12	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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

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

Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	257	80	41	25	20	-5	.	.	.	.	418
Week 2: Jul 2-8	279	103	58	25	15	3	.	.	.	.	483
Week 3: Jul 9-15	306	138	71	25	14	0	.	.	.	.	554
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	92	33	23	21	10	1	.	.	.	.	180
Week 2: Jul 2-8	109	19	27	38	10	1	.	.	.	.	204
Week 3: Jul 9-15	129	18	34	57	10	1	.	.	.	.	249
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	43	38	2	-9	-13	-20	.	.	.	.	41
Week 2: Jul 2-8	51	67	10	-4	-11	-20	.	.	.	.	93
Week 3: Jul 9-15	52	83	11	-6	-5	-20	.	.	.	.	115
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Jul 2-8	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Jul 9-15	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Jul 2-8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Jul 9-15	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

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

Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	55	48	45	41	-1	-7	.	.	.	.	181
Week 2: Jul 2-8	67	25	63	52	1	-7	.	.	.	.	201
Week 3: Jul 9-15	75	26	81	76	2	-7	.	.	.	.	253
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	68	47	12	9	1	-30	.	.	.	.	107
Week 2: Jul 2-8	79	80	14	7	11	-30	.	.	.	.	161
Week 3: Jul 9-15	102	94	25	5	14	-30	.	.	.	.	210
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	146	130	104	50	40	2	.	.	.	.	472
Week 2: Jul 2-8	110	196	125	50	71	3	.	.	.	.	555
Week 3: Jul 9-15	109	228	157	50	93	1	.	.	.	.	638
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Jul 2-8	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Jul 9-15	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Jul 2-8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Jul 9-15	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

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

Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	152	143	72	47	20	18	.	.	.	.	452
Week 2: Jul 2-8	281	203	123	60	20	9	.	.	.	.	696
Week 3: Jul 9-15	440	242	177	79	20	10	.	.	.	.	968
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	229	212	166	145	10	3	.	.	.	.	765
Week 2: Jul 2-8	170	347	239	225	10	40	.	.	.	.	1,031
Week 3: Jul 9-15	185	532	350	311	10	45	.	.	.	.	1,433
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	499	405	279	150	134	-36	.	.	.	.	1,431
Week 2: Jul 2-8	450	541	527	150	263	50	.	.	.	.	1,981
Week 3: Jul 9-15	460	775	775	150	437	60	.	.	.	.	2,657
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	21	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Jul 2-8	35	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: Jul 9-15	47	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Jul 2-8	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Jul 9-15	-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: Jun 25-Jul 1	120	28	18	10	3	1	.	.	.	.	180
Week 2: Jul 2-8	147	29	17	3	3	-1	.	.	.	.	198
Week 3: Jul 9-15	176	34	4	5	3	-2	.	.	.	.	220
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	76	35	28	10	3	2	.	.	.	.	154
Week 2: Jul 2-8	94	35	38	10	1	2	.	.	.	.	180
Week 3: Jul 9-15	116	35	47	8	2	2	.	.	.	.	210
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	107	36	22	9	7	0	.	.	.	.	181
Week 2: Jul 2-8	136	44	19	27	9	0	.	.	.	.	235
Week 3: Jul 9-15	164	55	24	29	21	0	.	.	.	.	293
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 2-8	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jul 9-15	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 2-8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jul 9-15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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

Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	400	378	75	29	19	18	.	.	.	.	919
Week 2: Jul 2-8	400	348	98	61	100	17	.	.	.	.	1,024
Week 3: Jul 9-15	400	375	93	11	125	22	.	.	.	.	1,026
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	126	70	9	4	-125	-426	.	.	.	.	-342
Week 2: Jul 2-8	107	80	-8	29	-125	-644	.	.	.	.	-561
Week 3: Jul 9-15	106	90	-8	65	-125	-766	.	.	.	.	-638
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	389	308	300	98	27	7	.	.	.	.	1,129
Week 2: Jul 2-8	500	191	300	61	84	-25	.	.	.	.	1,111
Week 3: Jul 9-15	490	244	300	85	146	-23	.	.	.	.	1,242
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	120	26	21	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	169
Week 2: Jul 2-8	154	10	50	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	216
Week 3: Jul 9-15	158	8	65	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	233
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	37	0	-3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 2: Jul 2-8	43	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
Week 3: Jul 9-15	49	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50

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

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

Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	80	50	35	25	3	-24	.	.	.	.	169
Week 2: Jul 2-8	89	40	65	25	1	-14	.	.	.	.	206
Week 3: Jul 9-15	93	35	103	25	1	-3	.	.	.	.	254
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	59	33	1	-11	-24	-300	.	.	.	.	-242
Week 2: Jul 2-8	74	28	-3	35	-28	-300	.	.	.	.	-194
Week 3: Jul 9-15	79	45	0	38	-25	-300	.	.	.	.	-163
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	105	71	25	13	1	-29	.	.	.	.	186
Week 2: Jul 2-8	105	90	27	59	-2	-23	.	.	.	.	256
Week 3: Jul 9-15	105	97	37	58	-4	-17	.	.	.	.	276
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	19	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 2: Jul 2-8	14	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Jul 9-15	9	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Jul 2-8	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Jul 9-15	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	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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

Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	603	415	389	316	261	95	.	.	.	.	2,079
Week 2: Jul 2-8	620	415	455	400	429	218	.	.	.	.	2,537
Week 3: Jul 9-15	605	415	547	450	674	320	.	.	.	.	3,011
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	1,170	1,084	800	682	606	265	.	.	.	.	4,607
Week 2: Jul 2-8	1,704	755	800	715	919	264	.	.	.	.	5,157
Week 3: Jul 9-15	2,243	756	800	700	1,347	360	.	.	.	.	6,206
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	3,500	2,375	1,821	1,791	680	6	.	.	.	.	10,173
Week 2: Jul 2-8	3,500	2,760	2,528	1,650	980	-166	.	.	.	.	11,252
Week 3: Jul 9-15	3,500	2,755	3,087	1,700	1,266	-228	.	.	.	.	12,080
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	561	439	138	126	101	75	.	.	.	.	1,440
Week 2: Jul 2-8	125	458	121	73	107	75	.	.	.	.	959
Week 3: Jul 9-15	125	516	42	48	114	75	.	.	.	.	920
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	16	10	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 2: Jul 2-8	31	10	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	61
Week 3: Jul 9-15	26	10	35	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	71

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

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

Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	95	50	32	0	-3	-53	.	.	.	.	121
Week 2: Jul 2-8	130	50	47	4	10	-10	.	.	.	.	231
Week 3: Jul 9-15	158	50	44	6	29	20	.	.	.	.	307
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	256	178	116	60	3	0	.	.	.	.	613
Week 2: Jul 2-8	342	90	280	60	19	1	.	.	.	.	792
Week 3: Jul 9-15	377	87	420	60	50	3	.	.	.	.	997
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	450	200	158	110	90	21	.	.	.	.	1,029
Week 2: Jul 2-8	450	465	131	178	159	13	.	.	.	.	1,396
Week 3: Jul 9-15	450	766	135	242	248	18	.	.	.	.	1,859
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	8	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Jul 2-8	9	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Jul 9-15	12	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Jul 2-8	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Jul 9-15	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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

Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	200	180	50	7	-28	-45	.	.	.	.	364
Week 2: Jul 2-8	190	191	24	-2	8	-45	.	.	.	.	366
Week 3: Jul 9-15	195	185	22	0	6	-45	.	.	.	.	363
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	60	33	-14	-16	-50	-133	.	.	.	.	-120
Week 2: Jul 2-8	49	25	-21	5	-50	-205	.	.	.	.	-197
Week 3: Jul 9-15	59	22	-32	-7	-50	-264	.	.	.	.	-272
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	148	75	24	0	-13	-30	.	.	.	.	204
Week 2: Jul 2-8	142	101	65	0	-15	-15	.	.	.	.	278
Week 3: Jul 9-15	166	71	60	0	-31	-14	.	.	.	.	252
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	0	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-20
Week 2: Jul 2-8	0	-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-26
Week 3: Jul 9-15	0	-32	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-32
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 2-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jul 9-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Jun 25-Jul 1	348	23	6	-1	-30	-58	.	.	.	.	288
Week 2: Jul 2-8	267	14	6	0	-30	11	.	.	.	.	268
Week 3: Jul 9-15	188	-6	5	-1	-30	12	.	.	.	.	168
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	183	28	13	5	3	1	.	.	.	.	233
Week 2: Jul 2-8	117	45	17	5	5	2	.	.	.	.	191
Week 3: Jul 9-15	100	46	13	5	9	0	.	.	.	.	173
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	235	69	25	10	1	-20	.	.	.	.	320
Week 2: Jul 2-8	148	19	29	10	0	28	.	.	.	.	234
Week 3: Jul 9-15	60	12	25	10	1	25	.	.	.	.	133
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	24	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 2: Jul 2-8	16	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Jul 9-15	8	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Jul 2-8	5	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Jul 9-15	5	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-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	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: Jun 25-Jul 1	1,116	546	410	400	219	195	.	.	.	.	2,886
Week 2: Jul 2-8	800	909	536	400	372	210	.	.	.	.	3,227
Week 3: Jul 9-15	850	1,373	652	400	574	205	.	.	.	.	4,054
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	550	437	402	200	146	82	.	.	.	.	1,817
Week 2: Jul 2-8	711	680	382	200	83	90	.	.	.	.	2,146
Week 3: Jul 9-15	946	994	380	200	200	95	.	.	.	.	2,815
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	1,300	752	665	621	493	72	.	.	.	.	3,903
Week 2: Jul 2-8	1,300	1,011	1,000	610	720	127	.	.	.	.	4,768
Week 3: Jul 9-15	1,300	1,413	1,446	612	939	118	.	.	.	.	5,828
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	224	152	123	120	46	10	.	.	.	.	675
Week 2: Jul 2-8	303	233	50	155	75	10	.	.	.	.	826
Week 3: Jul 9-15	372	314	50	209	27	10	.	.	.	.	982
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	37	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	43
Week 2: Jul 2-8	42	5	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50
Week 3: Jul 9-15	47	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56

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: Jun 25-Jul 1	446	216	205	60	38	-78	.	.	.	.	887
Week 2: Jul 2-8	401	231	280	60	22	-27	.	.	.	.	967
Week 3: Jul 9-15	399	256	343	60	20	59	.	.	.	.	1,137
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	368	152	40	22	-92	-158	.	.	.	.	332
Week 2: Jul 2-8	439	142	40	-18	-50	-221	.	.	.	.	332
Week 3: Jul 9-15	486	145	40	1	-45	-257	.	.	.	.	370
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	549	234	225	193	183	-152	.	.	.	.	1,232
Week 2: Jul 2-8	345	338	225	302	148	-110	.	.	.	.	1,248
Week 3: Jul 9-15	350	492	225	381	249	-90	.	.	.	.	1,607
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	108	57	49	39	10	-87	.	.	.	.	176
Week 2: Jul 2-8	93	30	38	-8	10	-26	.	.	.	.	137
Week 3: Jul 9-15	33	30	37	15	10	-18	.	.	.	.	107
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	8	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Jul 2-8	7	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Jul 9-15	6	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

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

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	230	200	124	123	90	29	.	.	.	.	796
Week 2: Jul 2-8	256	200	130	51	93	50	.	.	.	.	780
Week 3: Jul 9-15	346	200	146	30	109	60	.	.	.	.	891
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	218	186	83	53	50	-35	.	.	.	.	555
Week 2: Jul 2-8	68	150	125	88	50	-75	.	.	.	.	406
Week 3: Jul 9-15	57	150	151	107	50	-44	.	.	.	.	471
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	360	234	207	177	5	-73	.	.	.	.	910
Week 2: Jul 2-8	360	248	217	-149	100	-70	.	.	.	.	706
Week 3: Jul 9-15	360	295	187	-364	100	-68	.	.	.	.	510
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	286	129	69	30	-25	-53	.	.	.	.	436
Week 2: Jul 2-8	295	100	125	30	-38	-38	.	.	.	.	474
Week 3: Jul 9-15	302	100	151	30	-51	-42	.	.	.	.	490
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	10	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Jul 2-8	10	13	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
Week 3: Jul 9-15	10	17	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37

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

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

Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	208	206	125	121	80	-127	.	.	.	.	613
Week 2: Jul 2-8	244	244	125	100	75	-92	.	.	.	.	696
Week 3: Jul 9-15	257	329	125	100	78	-1	.	.	.	.	888
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	595	401	225	64	-28	-55	.	.	.	.	1,202
Week 2: Jul 2-8	641	443	225	90	-162	-50	.	.	.	.	1,187
Week 3: Jul 9-15	734	509	225	110	-259	-46	.	.	.	.	1,273
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	516	462	450	89	79	-324	.	.	.	.	1,272
Week 2: Jul 2-8	647	468	450	110	125	-451	.	.	.	.	1,349
Week 3: Jul 9-15	700	521	450	125	105	-549	.	.	.	.	1,352
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	101	41	10	10	9	8	.	.	.	.	179
Week 2: Jul 2-8	103	4	-18	10	-7	-23	.	.	.	.	69
Week 3: Jul 9-15	118	3	-21	10	-18	-14	.	.	.	.	78
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	10	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Jul 2-8	11	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Jul 9-15	12	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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

Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	200	116	16	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	341
Week 2: Jul 2-8	200	40	15	-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	239
Week 3: Jul 9-15	200	45	6	-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	226
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	134	70	29	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	252
Week 2: Jul 2-8	120	70	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	202
Week 3: Jul 9-15	112	70	-13	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	178
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	350	101	14	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	478
Week 2: Jul 2-8	350	25	-127	-58	.	.	.	.	.	.	190
Week 3: Jul 9-15	350	25	-189	-109	.	.	.	.	.	.	77
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	444	322	20	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	805
Week 2: Jul 2-8	200	325	20	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	565
Week 3: Jul 9-15	200	324	20	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	563
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Jul 2-8	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Jul 9-15	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

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

*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: Jun 25-Jul 1	124	122	56	54	10	.	.	.	.	.	366
Week 2: Jul 2-8	146	97	25	60	10	.	.	.	.	.	338
Week 3: Jul 9-15	158	55	23	70	10	.	.	.	.	.	316
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	158	39	27	1	-42	.	.	.	.	.	183
Week 2: Jul 2-8	80	48	35	1	-48	.	.	.	.	.	116
Week 3: Jul 9-15	41	17	19	1	-50	.	.	.	.	.	28
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	638	226	47	20	-89	.	.	.	.	.	842
Week 2: Jul 2-8	563	159	90	20	-130	.	.	.	.	.	702
Week 3: Jul 9-15	481	45	110	20	-120	.	.	.	.	.	536
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	214	111	5	-41	-259	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 2: Jul 2-8	191	50	5	-68	-251	.	.	.	.	.	-73
Week 3: Jul 9-15	200	40	5	-36	-262	.	.	.	.	.	-53
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 25-Jul 1	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Jul 2-8	20	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Jul 9-15	26	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27

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

*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.
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