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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 Cincinnati

Between July and September of 2013, Cincinnati moved more than 6,600 metric tons of containerized agricultural products, with soybeans and grain products making up more than 55 percent of the volume. Grocery items comprised about 10 percent and hides and skins about 7 percent. During this period, more than 40 percent of these agricultural exports were moved in 20ft containers. Agricultural exporters used K Line to move 43 percent of these products, followed by Yang Ming at 13 percent and Hyundai Merchant Marine at 11 percent. In 2013, agricultural exports moved from Cincinnati favored West Coast ports (71 percent) such as Los Angeles and Long Beach over East Coast ports (29 percent) such as Norfolk and Jacksonville.¹

Unlike most inland or ports locations, the availability of 20ft containers in Cincinnati is consistently the highest over the other dry container types. For 3 weeks in June, estimates for 20ft containers increased from 176 units to 418 units; estimates had not been that high since July 2013. Estimates for 40ft dry and 40ft high-cube containers have also been on a solid upward trend since the end of June. Estimates for 40ft high-cube containers rose from a low of 41 units to a high of 345 units just 2 weeks ago. These increases were likely in response to the increase in retail import traffic due to the West Coast Longshore Labor negotiations. Over the last 2 weeks, estimates for 20ft and 40ft high-cube containers have fallen while 40ft standard container estimates continued to rise. Over the next 2 weeks, estimates for each of the dry container types are expected to increase.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Cincinnati, 3rd week of May (Wk 20) through 2nd week of August (Wk 32), 2014 with Projections

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

National Overview

Week of Aug 6-12, 2014

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput

Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

National Overview

Week of Aug 6-12, 2014

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers

Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	199	173	65	59	52	41	.	.	.	.	589
Week 2: Aug 13-19	223	192	71	60	76	41	.	.	.	.	663
Week 3: Aug 20-26	248	222	58	65	95	41	.	.	.	.	729
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	297	194	142	127	57	-24	.	.	.	.	793
Week 2: Aug 13-19	315	241	135	98	60	-24	.	.	.	.	825
Week 3: Aug 20-26	340	287	74	110	65	-24	.	.	.	.	852
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	557	287	202	118	75	52	.	.	.	.	1,291
Week 2: Aug 13-19	648	378	202	138	80	29	.	.	.	.	1,475
Week 3: Aug 20-26	717	476	202	179	80	37	.	.	.	.	1,691
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	62	35	12	5	5	-38	.	.	.	.	81
Week 2: Aug 13-19	66	46	9	5	3	-28	.	.	.	.	101
Week 3: Aug 20-26	67	57	5	5	0	-39	.	.	.	.	95
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	3	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Aug 13-19	8	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Aug 20-26	9	4	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: Aug 6-12	1,334	375	246	240	237	109	.	.	.	.	2,541
Week 2: Aug 13-19	1,814	300	416	240	353	49	.	.	.	.	3,172
Week 3: Aug 20-26	2,287	300	601	240	528	55	.	.	.	.	4,011
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	437	142	39	38	20	-592	.	.	.	.	84
Week 2: Aug 13-19	577	353	125	29	-10	-592	.	.	.	.	482
Week 3: Aug 20-26	696	568	100	180	11	-592	.	.	.	.	963
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	1,248	168	131	125	48	-918	.	.	.	.	802
Week 2: Aug 13-19	1,592	79	88	75	100	-918	.	.	.	.	1,016
Week 3: Aug 20-26	1,957	83	92	236	100	-918	.	.	.	.	1,550
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	51	42	0	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	82
Week 2: Aug 13-19	76	10	0	0	-18	.	.	.	.	.	68
Week 3: Aug 20-26	63	10	0	0	-20	.	.	.	.	.	53
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	20	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Aug 13-19	19	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Aug 20-26	18	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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

*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: Aug 6-12	102	61	31	30	20	1	.	.	.	.	245
Week 2: Aug 13-19	139	79	15	43	20	-1	.	.	.	.	295
Week 3: Aug 20-26	168	109	14	55	20	0	.	.	.	.	366
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	119	66	59	50	42	-1	.	.	.	.	335
Week 2: Aug 13-19	137	66	81	58	19	-2	.	.	.	.	359
Week 3: Aug 20-26	155	66	106	71	18	-1	.	.	.	.	415
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	232	40	12	-1	-8	-8	.	.	.	.	267
Week 2: Aug 13-19	232	66	10	-4	-2	2	.	.	.	.	304
Week 3: Aug 20-26	232	98	11	-2	3	3	.	.	.	.	345
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Aug 13-19	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Aug 20-26	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Aug 13-19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Aug 20-26	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: Aug 6-12	113	32	26	12	1	-6	.	.	.	.	178
Week 2: Aug 13-19	145	53	25	12	11	-1	.	.	.	.	245
Week 3: Aug 20-26	180	85	26	12	27	0	.	.	.	.	330
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	73	54	52	49	12	3	.	.	.	.	243
Week 2: Aug 13-19	87	54	71	11	23	8	.	.	.	.	254
Week 3: Aug 20-26	153	54	106	14	34	7	.	.	.	.	368
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	374	146	77	60	24	6	.	.	.	.	687
Week 2: Aug 13-19	374	188	50	69	26	2	.	.	.	.	709
Week 3: Aug 20-26	374	228	50	125	55	-2	.	.	.	.	830
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Aug 13-19	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Aug 20-26	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Aug 13-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 20-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	284	261	79	78	71	14	.	.	.	.	787
Week 2: Aug 13-19	441	287	68	138	71	9	.	.	.	.	1,014
Week 3: Aug 20-26	596	334	63	189	71	10	.	.	.	.	1,263
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	308	218	169	126	40	27	.	.	.	.	888
Week 2: Aug 13-19	283	373	244	183	40	40	.	.	.	.	1,163
Week 3: Aug 20-26	270	530	309	241	40	45	.	.	.	.	1,435
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	540	425	363	274	198	20	.	.	.	.	1,820
Week 2: Aug 13-19	711	515	593	574	198	150	.	.	.	.	2,741
Week 3: Aug 20-26	902	470	869	873	198	150	.	.	.	.	3,462
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	25	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 2: Aug 13-19	37	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
Week 3: Aug 20-26	46	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	60
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Aug 13-19	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Aug 20-26	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	54	15	10	5	4	-3	.	.	.	.	85
Week 2: Aug 13-19	80	11	14	3	4	0	.	.	.	.	112
Week 3: Aug 20-26	107	13	21	5	4	1	.	.	.	.	151
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	52	47	15	12	9	-17	.	.	.	.	118
Week 2: Aug 13-19	52	65	25	10	8	-3	.	.	.	.	157
Week 3: Aug 20-26	52	82	34	8	8	2	.	.	.	.	186
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	126	23	20	18	13	-6	.	.	.	.	194
Week 2: Aug 13-19	154	5	42	28	14	-6	.	.	.	.	237
Week 3: Aug 20-26	182	10	81	17	12	-6	.	.	.	.	296
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	3	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Aug 13-19	3	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Aug 20-26	4	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Aug 13-19	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 20-26	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

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	466	273	47	21	8	-90	.	.	.	.	725
Week 2: Aug 13-19	466	317	50	43	10	-101	.	.	.	.	785
Week 3: Aug 20-26	466	346	50	56	11	-123	.	.	.	.	806
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	216	139	106	85	10	-335	.	.	.	.	221
Week 2: Aug 13-19	216	100	152	77	3	-437	.	.	.	.	111
Week 3: Aug 20-26	216	50	232	93	5	-509	.	.	.	.	87
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	604	442	188	95	94	88	.	.	.	.	1,511
Week 2: Aug 13-19	604	400	271	66	225	80	.	.	.	.	1,646
Week 3: Aug 20-26	604	400	342	90	385	82	.	.	.	.	1,903
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	89	83	54	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	228
Week 2: Aug 13-19	99	10	82	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	193
Week 3: Aug 20-26	109	8	107	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	226
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	23	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 2: Aug 13-19	28	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: Aug 20-26	33	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40

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: Aug 6-12	88	87	56	45	0	-24	.	.	.	.	252
Week 2: Aug 13-19	64	40	56	44	0	-23	.	.	.	.	181
Week 3: Aug 20-26	100	35	56	44	0	-23	.	.	.	.	212
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	45	24	22	0	-2	-76	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Aug 13-19	49	35	54	30	2	-76	.	.	.	.	94
Week 3: Aug 20-26	54	41	75	30	1	-76	.	.	.	.	125
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	334	40	33	9	-3	-23	.	.	.	.	390
Week 2: Aug 13-19	334	30	49	22	0	-30	.	.	.	.	405
Week 3: Aug 20-26	334	30	59	33	1	-24	.	.	.	.	433
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	46	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	52
Week 2: Aug 13-19	43	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	51
Week 3: Aug 20-26	45	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	55
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Aug 13-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 20-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Aug 6-12	1,178	830	472	388	347	224	.	.	.	.	3,439
Week 2: Aug 13-19	981	841	472	501	500	342	.	.	.	.	3,637
Week 3: Aug 20-26	1,216	835	472	625	450	412	.	.	.	.	4,010
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	1,316	990	675	630	579	316	.	.	.	.	4,506
Week 2: Aug 13-19	1,200	1,605	1,029	630	650	507	.	.	.	.	5,621
Week 3: Aug 20-26	1,000	2,185	1,404	630	629	658	.	.	.	.	6,506
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	4,464	2,345	2,185	1,500	659	160	.	.	.	.	11,313
Week 2: Aug 13-19	4,464	2,000	1,956	2,240	684	155	.	.	.	.	11,499
Week 3: Aug 20-26	4,464	1,800	1,890	2,826	976	113	.	.	.	.	12,069
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	615	414	369	181	160	75	.	.	.	.	1,814
Week 2: Aug 13-19	675	300	422	147	174	75	.	.	.	.	1,793
Week 3: Aug 20-26	765	300	525	104	184	75	.	.	.	.	1,953
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	30	23	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	63
Week 2: Aug 13-19	3	24	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
Week 3: Aug 20-26	16	30	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Aug 6-12	117	102	52	28	18	3	.	.	.	.	320
Week 2: Aug 13-19	146	124	47	28	72	-2	.	.	.	.	415
Week 3: Aug 20-26	178	159	44	28	106	5	.	.	.	.	520
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	173	160	160	103	20	4	.	.	.	.	620
Week 2: Aug 13-19	245	296	150	139	20	-7	.	.	.	.	843
Week 3: Aug 20-26	351	370	150	172	20	-2	.	.	.	.	1,061
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	520	336	151	144	133	0	.	.	.	.	1,284
Week 2: Aug 13-19	802	336	261	209	150	10	.	.	.	.	1,768
Week 3: Aug 20-26	1,041	336	361	257	150	8	.	.	.	.	2,153
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	10	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Aug 13-19	15	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Aug 20-26	18	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Aug 13-19	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Aug 20-26	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

*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: Aug 6-12	255	104	57	17	4	4	.	.	.	.	441
Week 2: Aug 13-19	242	104	91	10	15	0	.	.	.	.	462
Week 3: Aug 20-26	233	104	93	5	10	0	.	.	.	.	445
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	64	5	-5	-20	-58	-135	.	.	.	.	-149
Week 2: Aug 13-19	102	0	-5	-30	-58	-176	.	.	.	.	-167
Week 3: Aug 20-26	102	0	10	-24	-58	-226	.	.	.	.	-196
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	90	-22	-27	-29	-84	-162	.	.	.	.	-234
Week 2: Aug 13-19	136	17	0	-18	-84	-226	.	.	.	.	-175
Week 3: Aug 20-26	160	12	0	-31	-84	-303	.	.	.	.	-246
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	0	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-13
Week 2: Aug 13-19	0	-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-17
Week 3: Aug 20-26	0	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Aug 13-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 20-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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

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

New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	48	32	21	13	1	0	.	.	.	.	115
Week 2: Aug 13-19	50	76	11	13	-1	0	.	.	.	.	149
Week 3: Aug 20-26	48	-142	12	13	0	12	.	.	.	.	-57
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	20	10	7	1	-31	-108	.	.	.	.	-101
Week 2: Aug 13-19	20	10	30	-1	-34	-165	.	.	.	.	-140
Week 3: Aug 20-26	20	9	30	1	-42	-215	.	.	.	.	-197
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	338	28	16	10	0	-5	.	.	.	.	387
Week 2: Aug 13-19	176	28	23	28	0	-15	.	.	.	.	240
Week 3: Aug 20-26	77	28	28	25	0	-26	.	.	.	.	132
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	39	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36
Week 2: Aug 13-19	38	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 3: Aug 20-26	35	0	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	9	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Aug 13-19	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Aug 20-26	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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

New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	1,333	886	574	561	320	314	.	.	.	.	3,988
Week 2: Aug 13-19	1,753	800	574	681	547	256	.	.	.	.	4,611
Week 3: Aug 20-26	2,170	850	574	874	670	240	.	.	.	.	5,378
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	801	779	592	582	325	291	.	.	.	.	3,370
Week 2: Aug 13-19	1,047	612	761	582	218	382	.	.	.	.	3,602
Week 3: Aug 20-26	1,286	700	958	582	240	380	.	.	.	.	4,146
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	1,926	1,370	1,101	1,065	437	433	.	.	.	.	6,332
Week 2: Aug 13-19	1,926	1,796	1,219	1,485	411	400	.	.	.	.	7,237
Week 3: Aug 20-26	1,926	2,205	1,504	1,683	409	400	.	.	.	.	8,127
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	336	309	137	93	20	10	.	.	.	.	905
Week 2: Aug 13-19	429	366	212	93	50	10	.	.	.	.	1,160
Week 3: Aug 20-26	519	416	321	1	50	10	.	.	.	.	1,317
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	44	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
Week 2: Aug 13-19	49	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	59
Week 3: Aug 20-26	54	5	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Aug 6-12	425	395	303	193	88	82	.	.	.	.	1,486
Week 2: Aug 13-19	463	466	401	204	88	34	.	.	.	.	1,656
Week 3: Aug 20-26	515	539	399	239	88	44	.	.	.	.	1,824
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	474	169	116	26	24	9	.	.	.	.	818
Week 2: Aug 13-19	572	164	135	26	142	-2	.	.	.	.	1,037
Week 3: Aug 20-26	589	145	152	26	145	-5	.	.	.	.	1,052
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	567	496	419	326	240	107	.	.	.	.	2,155
Week 2: Aug 13-19	345	524	530	326	296	64	.	.	.	.	2,085
Week 3: Aug 20-26	350	561	662	326	384	77	.	.	.	.	2,360
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	202	131	121	38	10	-10	.	.	.	.	492
Week 2: Aug 13-19	166	107	30	40	10	-3	.	.	.	.	350
Week 3: Aug 20-26	127	77	30	47	10	-10	.	.	.	.	281
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	11	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Aug 13-19	11	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Aug 20-26	11	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14

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: Aug 6-12	149	127	105	82	39	35	.	.	.	.	537
Week 2: Aug 13-19	223	206	80	82	40	34	.	.	.	.	665
Week 3: Aug 20-26	180	283	76	82	40	48	.	.	.	.	709
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	460	247	127	116	64	54	.	.	.	.	1,068
Week 2: Aug 13-19	261	300	116	164	34	54	.	.	.	.	929
Week 3: Aug 20-26	164	300	107	205	15	54	.	.	.	.	845
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	353	266	264	207	28	-188	.	.	.	.	930
Week 2: Aug 13-19	-5	266	349	261	38	0	.	.	.	.	909
Week 3: Aug 20-26	-451	266	422	270	33	0	.	.	.	.	540
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	283	215	30	5	-32	-41	.	.	.	.	460
Week 2: Aug 13-19	231	150	30	96	-53	-59	.	.	.	.	395
Week 3: Aug 20-26	221	150	30	89	-82	-78	.	.	.	.	330
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	19	10	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 2: Aug 13-19	21	10	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 3: Aug 20-26	16	10	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41

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: Aug 6-12	267	255	107	91	78	52	.	.	.	.	850
Week 2: Aug 13-19	417	200	194	91	85	65	.	.	.	.	1,052
Week 3: Aug 20-26	554	200	261	91	101	62	.	.	.	.	1,269
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	699	382	312	180	1	-71	.	.	.	.	1,503
Week 2: Aug 13-19	743	300	385	180	-15	-147	.	.	.	.	1,446
Week 3: Aug 20-26	836	300	575	180	-13	-222	.	.	.	.	1,656
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	478	421	397	393	236	26	.	.	.	.	1,951
Week 2: Aug 13-19	478	638	493	400	396	10	.	.	.	.	2,415
Week 3: Aug 20-26	478	782	486	400	610	12	.	.	.	.	2,768
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	267	111	66	27	10	-2	.	.	.	.	479
Week 2: Aug 13-19	278	150	95	23	10	-2	.	.	.	.	554
Week 3: Aug 20-26	300	150	106	19	10	1	.	.	.	.	586
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	12	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Aug 13-19	14	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Aug 20-26	16	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

*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: Aug 6-12	316	157	105	53	.	.	.	.	.	.	631
Week 2: Aug 13-19	250	185	105	61	.	.	.	.	.	.	601
Week 3: Aug 20-26	250	207	105	73	.	.	.	.	.	.	635
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	90	20	18	-92	.	.	.	.	.	.	36
Week 2: Aug 13-19	90	7	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	114
Week 3: Aug 20-26	90	-5	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	102
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	200	62	31	-291	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Aug 13-19	200	35	0	-306	.	.	.	.	.	.	-71
Week 3: Aug 20-26	200	31	0	-316	.	.	.	.	.	.	-85
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	577	347	28	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	972
Week 2: Aug 13-19	100	336	7	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	463
Week 3: Aug 20-26	100	323	-4	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	439
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Aug 13-19	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Aug 20-26	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: Aug 6-12	228	124	113	64	10	.	.	.	.	.	539
Week 2: Aug 13-19	197	96	133	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	486
Week 3: Aug 20-26	172	105	141	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	478
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	120	52	17	1	-141	.	.	.	.	.	49
Week 2: Aug 13-19	1	49	48	1	-50	.	.	.	.	.	49
Week 3: Aug 20-26	-3	33	50	1	-40	.	.	.	.	.	41
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	20	-25	-46	-65	-264	.	.	.	.	.	-380
Week 2: Aug 13-19	20	0	-154	-456	-135	.	.	.	.	.	-725
Week 3: Aug 20-26	20	0	-266	-680	-162	.	.	.	.	.	-1,088
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	152	133	95	5	-180	.	.	.	.	.	205
Week 2: Aug 13-19	52	80	61	5	-183	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Aug 20-26	249	80	115	5	-208	.	.	.	.	.	241
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 6-12	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Aug 13-19	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Aug 20-26	19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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