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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 Denver

Between July and September of 2013, Denver moved more than 8,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products, with animal feed making up more than 28 percent of the volume. Dairy products followed closely at about 24 percent and meat products about 14 percent. During this period, nearly 50 percent of these agricultural exports were moved in 40ft containers. Agricultural exporters used the ocean carrier CMA-CGM to move 20 percent of these products, followed by American President Lines (APL) at 18 percent and Hapag Lloyd at 17 percent. In 2013, agricultural exports moved from Denver favored West Coast ports (95 percent); the California ports (Oakland, Los Angeles, and Long Beach) accounted for 83 percent of those moves.¹

Over the past several weeks, container availability estimates for dry containers in Denver have followed a similar pattern. Estimates for each container type saw peaks during the third and fourth weeks of June and again during the fourth week of July. Estimates for 40ft high-cube containers peaked at 251 units during the fourth week of July, which was the highest weekly estimate on record for the Denver market. These peaks were likely in response to the increase in retail import traffic due to the West Coast Longshore Labor negotiations, as well as the influx of peak season cargo. West Coast imports were strong in July and are expected to continue in August as retailers prepare for back-to-school and seasonal sales. As a result, estimates over the next 2 weeks for each of the dry containers types in Denver are expected to increase, particularly, 40ft high-cube containers.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Denver, 4th week of May (Wk 21) through 3rd week of August (Wk 33), 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 13-19, 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)

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

National Overview

Week of Aug 13-19, 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 13-19	160	99	83	63	48	30	.	.	.	.	483
Week 2: Aug 20-26	179	76	83	77	60	45	.	.	.	.	520
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	205	88	83	92	65	19	.	.	.	.	552
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	313	121	69	49	25	16	.	.	.	.	593
Week 2: Aug 20-26	233	59	60	87	25	65	.	.	.	.	529
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	238	-9	65	75	25	114	.	.	.	.	508
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	612	260	104	104	81	75	.	.	.	.	1,236
Week 2: Aug 20-26	495	260	80	129	158	34	.	.	.	.	1,156
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	533	260	80	155	227	44	.	.	.	.	1,299
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	39	18	12	9	5	-26	.	.	.	.	57
Week 2: Aug 20-26	40	26	3	5	5	-33	.	.	.	.	46
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	46	34	0	2	5	-35	.	.	.	.	52
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	7	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Aug 20-26	8	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	11	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

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 13-19	971	455	303	270	40	11	.	.	.	.	2,050
Week 2: Aug 20-26	1,409	415	300	270	54	258	.	.	.	.	2,706
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,873	504	300	270	50	429	.	.	.	.	3,426
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	250	175	150	86	50	-560	.	.	.	.	151
Week 2: Aug 20-26	375	257	227	15	125	-560	.	.	.	.	439
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	510	385	338	40	100	-560	.	.	.	.	813
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	804	263	217	75	13	-500	.	.	.	.	872
Week 2: Aug 20-26	1,102	368	186	60	100	-500	.	.	.	.	1,316
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,430	453	232	45	100	-500	.	.	.	.	1,760
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	130	40	35	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	205
Week 2: Aug 20-26	131	10	35	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	176
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	162	10	31	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	203
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	14	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Aug 20-26	11	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	9	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18

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 13-19	82	55	55	28	17	-2	.	.	.	.	235
Week 2: Aug 20-26	99	15	83	38	17	-1	.	.	.	.	251
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	136	14	105	49	17	-1	.	.	.	.	320
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	62	58	51	49	30	-3	.	.	.	.	247
Week 2: Aug 20-26	62	78	19	63	39	-3	.	.	.	.	258
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	62	89	18	77	57	-1	.	.	.	.	302
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	204	54	17	7	4	-9	.	.	.	.	277
Week 2: Aug 20-26	204	83	25	-2	10	-15	.	.	.	.	305
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	204	97	27	2	11	-21	.	.	.	.	320
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	6	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Aug 20-26	9	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	12	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Aug 20-26	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	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 13-19	101	55	22	18	-2	-5	.	.	.	.	189
Week 2: Aug 20-26	128	87	25	18	-2	-3	.	.	.	.	253
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	162	108	26	18	0	4	.	.	.	.	318
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	73	60	41	39	25	23	.	.	.	.	261
Week 2: Aug 20-26	110	60	75	51	12	11	.	.	.	.	319
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	139	60	90	63	10	14	.	.	.	.	376
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	276	91	85	73	33	0	.	.	.	.	558
Week 2: Aug 20-26	276	168	50	101	48	-2	.	.	.	.	641
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	276	198	50	137	46	-4	.	.	.	.	703
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Aug 20-26	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Aug 20-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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 13-19	251	199	100	86	77	44	.	.	.	.	757
Week 2: Aug 20-26	269	365	100	77	146	9	.	.	.	.	966
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	354	537	100	67	199	10	.	.	.	.	1,267
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	342	121	121	117	16	15	.	.	.	.	732
Week 2: Aug 20-26	309	192	148	285	16	40	.	.	.	.	990
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	320	273	241	454	16	45	.	.	.	.	1,349
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	468	465	451	386	140	-7	.	.	.	.	1,903
Week 2: Aug 20-26	650	501	783	632	140	150	.	.	.	.	2,856
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	923	480	1,116	887	140	150	.	.	.	.	3,696
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	46	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50
Week 2: Aug 20-26	57	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	62
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	72	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	78
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Aug 20-26	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	-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 13-19	46	11	7	6	5	-20	.	.	.	.	55
Week 2: Aug 20-26	76	14	9	2	5	3	.	.	.	.	109
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	107	23	11	4	5	5	.	.	.	.	155
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	50	36	19	13	12	8	.	.	.	.	138
Week 2: Aug 20-26	50	56	25	13	10	-1	.	.	.	.	153
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	50	78	32	11	8	-5	.	.	.	.	174
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	124	65	36	16	9	-6	.	.	.	.	244
Week 2: Aug 20-26	156	73	30	14	5	-6	.	.	.	.	272
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	186	124	28	15	10	-6	.	.	.	.	357
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Aug 20-26	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Aug 20-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Aug 13-19	407	295	136	60	57	-77	.	.	.	.	878
Week 2: Aug 20-26	407	340	50	48	22	-52	.	.	.	.	815
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	407	392	50	75	32	-36	.	.	.	.	920
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	204	177	134	48	36	-355	.	.	.	.	244
Week 2: Aug 20-26	204	100	226	61	12	-423	.	.	.	.	180
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	204	50	290	52	20	-424	.	.	.	.	192
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	832	444	195	71	52	49	.	.	.	.	1,643
Week 2: Aug 20-26	832	400	239	128	68	42	.	.	.	.	1,709
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	832	400	303	220	88	45	.	.	.	.	1,888
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	112	77	41	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	232
Week 2: Aug 20-26	10	84	70	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	166
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	8	91	97	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	198
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	24	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 2: Aug 20-26	29	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	34	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45

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 13-19	158	73	72	39	0	-23	.	.	.	.	319
Week 2: Aug 20-26	51	40	72	47	0	-25	.	.	.	.	185
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	59	35	72	48	0	-25	.	.	.	.	189
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	64	51	23	0	0	-24	.	.	.	.	114
Week 2: Aug 20-26	62	50	26	0	0	30	.	.	.	.	168
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	66	74	36	0	2	30	.	.	.	.	208
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	240	51	44	22	2	-16	.	.	.	.	343
Week 2: Aug 20-26	240	-54	50	31	1	30	.	.	.	.	298
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	240	-12	65	46	1	30	.	.	.	.	370
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	40	21	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	61
Week 2: Aug 20-26	42	24	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	46	27	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	73
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Aug 20-26	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

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 13-19	765	391	354	307	178	116	.	.	.	.	2,111
Week 2: Aug 20-26	839	391	435	543	247	500	.	.	.	.	2,955
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	800	391	732	780	292	450	.	.	.	.	3,445
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	1,284	1,197	800	710	531	367	.	.	.	.	4,889
Week 2: Aug 20-26	1,200	1,764	692	710	874	518	.	.	.	.	5,758
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,000	2,384	700	710	1,236	697	.	.	.	.	6,727
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	2,784	2,414	2,114	1,672	729	710	.	.	.	.	10,423
Week 2: Aug 20-26	2,784	2,000	2,056	2,276	713	877	.	.	.	.	10,706
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	2,784	1,800	2,020	3,266	734	955	.	.	.	.	11,559
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	444	434	344	165	141	75	.	.	.	.	1,603
Week 2: Aug 20-26	529	300	434	161	162	75	.	.	.	.	1,661
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	630	300	541	151	172	75	.	.	.	.	1,869
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	46	10	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66
Week 2: Aug 20-26	61	22	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	93
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	73	27	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	110

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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

*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 13-19	89	55	54	35	25	4	.	.	.	.	262
Week 2: Aug 20-26	108	47	94	35	4	37	.	.	.	.	325
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	161	44	141	35	6	75	.	.	.	.	462
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	182	154	65	64	-5	-11	.	.	.	.	449
Week 2: Aug 20-26	248	233	150	64	-8	27	.	.	.	.	714
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	358	371	150	64	-10	77	.	.	.	.	1,010
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	540	418	128	31	29	3	.	.	.	.	1,149
Week 2: Aug 20-26	720	418	160	141	150	5	.	.	.	.	1,594
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	982	418	227	250	150	4	.	.	.	.	2,031
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	12	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Aug 20-26	15	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	19	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Aug 20-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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

*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 13-19	263	140	81	61	29	-1	.	.	.	.	573
Week 2: Aug 20-26	257	140	79	56	0	7	.	.	.	.	539
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	249	140	77	66	0	5	.	.	.	.	537
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	63	22	5	-42	-54	-121	.	.	.	.	-127
Week 2: Aug 20-26	62	3	0	-44	-54	-169	.	.	.	.	-202
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	30	10	0	-34	-54	-200	.	.	.	.	-248
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	83	0	0	-30	-33	-133	.	.	.	.	-113
Week 2: Aug 20-26	132	0	6	-46	0	-200	.	.	.	.	-108
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	107	0	7	-27	0	-237	.	.	.	.	-150
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9
Week 2: Aug 20-26	0	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-12
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	0	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-15
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Aug 20-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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 13-19	53	40	15	13	2	0	.	.	.	.	123
Week 2: Aug 20-26	-25	30	11	13	12	0	.	.	.	.	41
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	67	23	12	13	20	0	.	.	.	.	135
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	20	19	7	6	-3	-31	.	.	.	.	18
Week 2: Aug 20-26	20	9	6	30	-2	-81	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	20	-1	11	30	-1	-132	.	.	.	.	-73
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	53	28	23	7	-1	-15	.	.	.	.	95
Week 2: Aug 20-26	41	28	28	28	-1	-8	.	.	.	.	116
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	-212	28	25	25	0	-13	.	.	.	.	-147
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	50	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56
Week 2: Aug 20-26	45	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	41	-2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	8	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Aug 20-26	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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 13-19	1,061	877	596	490	262	221	.	.	.	.	3,507
Week 2: Aug 20-26	1,502	800	596	623	481	273	.	.	.	.	4,275
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,945	850	596	810	688	250	.	.	.	.	5,139
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	686	631	624	598	348	262	.	.	.	.	3,149
Week 2: Aug 20-26	827	863	624	434	278	382	.	.	.	.	3,408
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,007	1,134	624	534	260	380	.	.	.	.	3,939
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	1,622	1,298	898	871	684	534	.	.	.	.	5,907
Week 2: Aug 20-26	1,622	1,544	1,279	982	400	477	.	.	.	.	6,304
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,622	1,857	1,666	1,282	400	480	.	.	.	.	7,307
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	337	249	167	139	100	10	.	.	.	.	1,002
Week 2: Aug 20-26	461	50	224	223	88	10	.	.	.	.	1,056
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	529	50	267	313	75	10	.	.	.	.	1,244
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	24	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 2: Aug 20-26	29	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	34	6	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45

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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

*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 13-19	387	345	166	112	102	15	.	.	.	.	1,127
Week 2: Aug 20-26	448	401	193	188	102	31	.	.	.	.	1,363
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	498	399	217	262	102	25	.	.	.	.	1,503
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	556	182	78	74	25	-7	.	.	.	.	908
Week 2: Aug 20-26	590	140	78	142	47	3	.	.	.	.	1,000
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	633	72	78	145	70	4	.	.	.	.	1,002
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	664	535	412	381	236	18	.	.	.	.	2,246
Week 2: Aug 20-26	400	564	412	416	324	39	.	.	.	.	2,155
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	400	724	412	528	426	45	.	.	.	.	2,535
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	133	132	127	25	10	-3	.	.	.	.	424
Week 2: Aug 20-26	30	94	106	16	10	2	.	.	.	.	258
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	30	45	76	26	10	-9	.	.	.	.	178
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	7	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Aug 20-26	7	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	7	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Aug 13-19	186	109	104	64	53	50	.	.	.	.	566
Week 2: Aug 20-26	162	179	104	120	69	40	.	.	.	.	674
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	129	150	104	203	71	40	.	.	.	.	697
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	385	168	114	105	88	76	.	.	.	.	936
Week 2: Aug 20-26	253	143	185	300	112	76	.	.	.	.	1,069
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	169	152	193	300	100	76	.	.	.	.	990
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	615	386	378	223	80	-115	.	.	.	.	1,567
Week 2: Aug 20-26	682	386	-166	240	48	0	.	.	.	.	1,190
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	781	386	-633	224	55	0	.	.	.	.	813
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	243	204	142	30	-33	-47	.	.	.	.	539
Week 2: Aug 20-26	266	167	150	30	-45	-67	.	.	.	.	501
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	215	154	150	30	-89	-87	.	.	.	.	373
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	14	10	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Aug 20-26	9	10	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	5	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 13-19	241	195	162	154	117	58	.	.	.	.	927
Week 2: Aug 20-26	200	270	266	158	117	65	.	.	.	.	1,076
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	200	322	374	192	117	62	.	.	.	.	1,267
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	407	396	340	140	-21	-326	.	.	.	.	936
Week 2: Aug 20-26	595	500	300	140	-24	-400	.	.	.	.	1,111
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	561	587	300	140	-20	-483	.	.	.	.	1,085
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	708	556	329	282	109	88	.	.	.	.	2,072
Week 2: Aug 20-26	904	556	400	310	105	35	.	.	.	.	2,310
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,073	556	400	386	274	40	.	.	.	.	2,729
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	273	133	60	10	-1	-14	.	.	.	.	461
Week 2: Aug 20-26	263	130	150	10	21	-2	.	.	.	.	572
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	275	150	150	10	-3	-5	.	.	.	.	577
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	8	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Aug 20-26	9	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	10	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13

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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

*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 13-19	333	323	138	131	.	.	.	.	.	.	925
Week 2: Aug 20-26	250	265	138	139	.	.	.	.	.	.	792
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	250	282	138	147	.	.	.	.	.	.	817
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	70	46	29	-92	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
Week 2: Aug 20-26	72	46	-9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	109
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	77	46	-32	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	91
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	192	100	80	71	.	.	.	.	.	.	443
Week 2: Aug 20-26	173	100	66	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	339
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	158	100	55	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	313
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	537	305	20	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	876
Week 2: Aug 20-26	100	286	20	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	407
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	100	267	20	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	381
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Aug 20-26	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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 13-19	482	165	140	84	10	.	.	.	.	.	881
Week 2: Aug 20-26	408	106	140	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	714
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	460	100	127	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	747
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	320	78	1	-4	-17	.	.	.	.	.	378
Week 2: Aug 20-26	-78	59	1	48	-34	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	-107	41	1	50	-30	.	.	.	.	.	-45
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	167	20	-19	-39	-85	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 2: Aug 20-26	-403	20	0	-54	-157	.	.	.	.	.	-594
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	-459	20	0	-202	-140	.	.	.	.	.	-781
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	131	65	5	4	-137	.	.	.	.	.	68
Week 2: Aug 20-26	80	93	5	142	-176	.	.	.	.	.	144
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	80	86	5	97	-186	.	.	.	.	.	82
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Aug 13-19	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Aug 20-26	16	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Aug 27-Sep 2	33	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34

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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