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Weekly Container Overview

Note: This week's report has been updated to include data from all 6 participating ocean carriers.

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Week-to-Week Comparison of Current Week Container Availability Estimates

Container type	Week of Oct 30-Nov 5	Week of Nov 6-12	*Week of Nov 13-19	Week of Nov 20-26	% Change from Previous Week
20ft dry	8,838	8,710	7,297	7,162	-2%
40ft dry	9,136	10,977	8,984	9,023	0.4%
40ft high-cube	20,293	21,670	18,663	18,914	1%
40ft refrigerated	2,751	2,319	1,911	2,429	27%
20ft refrigerated	245	243	160	155	-3%

*Data updated to reflect all 6 participating ocean carriers.

Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

AMS now offers location specific container availability analysis for each of OSCAR's 18 reported locations. Over the past 3 weeks, AMS highlighted the Chicago, Kansas City, and Minneapolis markets; this week we continue with Columbus. These additional analyses deliver a historical overview of OSCAR data.

U.S. containerized agricultural exporters used Columbus to move over 60,000 metric tons of cargo between August and December last year. This year will probably be higher with the forecast record harvest underway. Approximately 80 per-cent of agricultural exports moving through Columbus were grain products along with exports of seeds and grocery items. Since early Mid-August, container availability has been mixed among the dry container types in Columbus. Availability of 20ft containers has been relatively flat while availability of 40ft dry containers has fallen and 40ft high-cube container estimates have increased. Projections over the next 2 weeks show availability increasing for all three dry container types which is atypical for this time of year. See figure below.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Columbus, OH 3rd week of August (Wk 33) through 3rd week of November (Wk 47), 2013 with Projections

National Overview

Week of Nov 20-26, 2013

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 Nov 20-26, 2013

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers

Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	115	103	50	34	2	-32	.	.	.	.	272
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	96	112	50	82	2	-29	.	.	.	.	313
Week 3: Dec 4-10	85	121	50	105	2	-26	.	.	.	.	337
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	173	84	82	20	13	3	.	.	.	.	375
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	159	143	135	20	60	5	.	.	.	.	522
Week 3: Dec 4-10	170	200	115	20	88	7	.	.	.	.	600
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	245	141	40	36	2	-42	.	.	.	.	422
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	350	134	40	107	2	-5	.	.	.	.	628
Week 3: Dec 4-10	455	131	40	25	2	-5	.	.	.	.	648
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	46	15	5	1	0	-127	.	.	.	.	-60
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	57	12	5	1	1	-111	.	.	.	.	-35
Week 3: Dec 4-10	66	11	5	1	2	-104	.	.	.	.	-19
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	8	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	9	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Dec 4-10	10	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Nov 20-26	499	100	76	8	-12	-15	.	.	.	.	656
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	895	100	149	6	83	-10	.	.	.	.	1,223
Week 3: Dec 4-10	1,224	100	304	8	187	-15	.	.	.	.	1,808
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	231	8	6	-61	-63	-800	.	.	.	.	-679
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	351	10	-71	72	-7	-800	.	.	.	.	-445
Week 3: Dec 4-10	475	8	-43	111	-9	-800	.	.	.	.	-258
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	600	371	207	26	10	-20	.	.	.	.	1,194
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	600	525	467	47	8	13	.	.	.	.	1,660
Week 3: Dec 4-10	600	669	547	132	10	10	.	.	.	.	1,968
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	53	29	10	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	94
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	50	47	10	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	110
Week 3: Dec 4-10	47	58	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	116
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	7	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	3	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Dec 4-10	-1	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-8

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: Nov 20-26	58	54	20	14	10	2	.	.	.	.	158
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	80	73	20	12	41	-3	.	.	.	.	223
Week 3: Dec 4-10	103	83	20	18	72	-5	.	.	.	.	291
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	61	34	30	27	14	-2	.	.	.	.	164
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	81	26	30	47	14	-1	.	.	.	.	197
Week 3: Dec 4-10	103	33	30	52	16	-2	.	.	.	.	232
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	50	49	27	18	-3	-10	.	.	.	.	131
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	50	65	34	14	-2	-7	.	.	.	.	154
Week 3: Dec 4-10	50	80	33	14	-4	7	.	.	.	.	180
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Dec 4-10	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Dec 4-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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: Nov 20-26	62	45	10	3	-3	-3	.	.	.	.	114
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	90	50	12	3	0	0	.	.	.	.	155
Week 3: Dec 4-10	120	62	12	3	42	0	.	.	.	.	239
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	108	30	11	10	-3	-13	.	.	.	.	143
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	156	30	11	26	8	0	.	.	.	.	231
Week 3: Dec 4-10	202	30	16	31	18	-2	.	.	.	.	295
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	135	80	39	15	5	3	.	.	.	.	277
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	175	80	97	15	-15	0	.	.	.	.	352
Week 3: Dec 4-10	214	80	115	14	-23	0	.	.	.	.	400
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	-1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Dec 4-10	-2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Dec 4-10	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

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	178	65	64	32	10	10	.	.	.	.	359
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	288	102	90	71	10	10	.	.	.	.	571
Week 3: Dec 4-10	394	149	152	50	10	15	.	.	.	.	770
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	181	172	143	99	10	5	.	.	.	.	610
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	294	168	131	143	8	5	.	.	.	.	749
Week 3: Dec 4-10	419	186	120	192	11	5	.	.	.	.	933
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	349	300	229	134	133	11	.	.	.	.	1,156
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	419	300	204	253	256	10	.	.	.	.	1,442
Week 3: Dec 4-10	483	300	180	369	419	11	.	.	.	.	1,762
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	9	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	18	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Dec 4-10	27	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Dec 4-10	-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: Nov 20-26	103	19	1	-4	-5	-6	.	.	.	.	108
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	129	22	1	-8	-2	0	.	.	.	.	142
Week 3: Dec 4-10	156	21	1	-8	8	-1	.	.	.	.	177
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	19	8	6	5	4	3	.	.	.	.	45
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	37	12	15	3	3	3	.	.	.	.	73
Week 3: Dec 4-10	55	10	31	1	-2	3	.	.	.	.	98
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	70	20	18	9	1	1	.	.	.	.	119
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	70	40	15	9	-1	-4	.	.	.	.	129
Week 3: Dec 4-10	70	60	10	10	4	1	.	.	.	.	155
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Dec 4-10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Dec 4-10	0	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: Nov 20-26	150	38	8	-9	-43	-178	.	.	.	.	-34
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	150	15	10	-15	-87	-248	.	.	.	.	-175
Week 3: Dec 4-10	150	6	9	-16	-69	-308	.	.	.	.	-228
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	88	70	37	2	-46	-137	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	75	70	27	4	-23	-227	.	.	.	.	-74
Week 3: Dec 4-10	85	70	1	4	-29	-317	.	.	.	.	-186
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	500	89	49	45	5	-226	.	.	.	.	462
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	500	73	16	49	2	-256	.	.	.	.	384
Week 3: Dec 4-10	500	77	12	36	1	-292	.	.	.	.	334
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	160	30	8	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	200
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	160	30	27	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	219
Week 3: Dec 4-10	170	30	39	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	241
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	20	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	23	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Dec 4-10	26	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19

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

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	27	20	19	15	4	-10	.	.	.	.	75
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	-19	20	27	28	2	-10	.	.	.	.	48
Week 3: Dec 4-10	-11	20	34	36	1	-8	.	.	.	.	72
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	300	14	1	-12	-13	-50	.	.	.	.	240
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	300	30	-1	-12	7	-61	.	.	.	.	263
Week 3: Dec 4-10	300	37	-4	-15	0	-70	.	.	.	.	248
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	200	22	3	-5	-6	-14	.	.	.	.	200
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	200	30	19	-5	1	-15	.	.	.	.	230
Week 3: Dec 4-10	200	82	13	-8	-8	-17	.	.	.	.	262
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	16	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	8	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Dec 4-10	2	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Dec 4-10	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	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: Nov 20-26	950	543	479	45	44	-94	.	.	.	.	1,967
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	950	618	649	50	210	-72	.	.	.	.	2,405
Week 3: Dec 4-10	950	706	610	50	377	183	.	.	.	.	2,876
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	1,658	1,500	659	494	70	45	.	.	.	.	4,426
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	2,239	1,500	955	706	129	50	.	.	.	.	5,579
Week 3: Dec 4-10	2,797	1,500	890	1,147	184	50	.	.	.	.	6,568
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	4,400	2,331	1,428	689	60	-466	.	.	.	.	8,442
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	4,400	3,169	1,943	771	60	-621	.	.	.	.	9,722
Week 3: Dec 4-10	4,400	2,907	1,850	1,281	60	-772	.	.	.	.	9,726
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	326	200	100	75	12	6	.	.	.	.	719
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	333	118	100	75	-71	-5	.	.	.	.	550
Week 3: Dec 4-10	327	177	100	75	-114	-12	.	.	.	.	553
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	12	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	18	10	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 3: Dec 4-10	24	10	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53

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

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	90	72	69	38	4	3	.	.	.	.	276
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	90	96	77	41	1	2	.	.	.	.	307
Week 3: Dec 4-10	90	112	71	24	2	3	.	.	.	.	302
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	150	120	76	51	4	2	.	.	.	.	403
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	150	268	100	98	8	-3	.	.	.	.	621
Week 3: Dec 4-10	150	406	138	144	10	-5	.	.	.	.	843
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	1,050	220	89	52	9	6	.	.	.	.	1,426
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	1,050	477	182	88	8	3	.	.	.	.	1,808
Week 3: Dec 4-10	1,050	710	278	171	8	2	.	.	.	.	2,219
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	2	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	5	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5
Week 3: Dec 4-10	16	0	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Dec 4-10	-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	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: Nov 20-26	52	20	-2	-8	-11	-280	.	.	.	.	-229
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	59	20	0	-8	30	-372	.	.	.	.	-271
Week 3: Dec 4-10	0	20	-5	-7	70	-465	.	.	.	.	-387
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	300	13	5	3	-2	-292	.	.	.	.	27
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	300	16	10	1	-11	-406	.	.	.	.	-90
Week 3: Dec 4-10	300	8	-25	-8	-9	-517	.	.	.	.	-251
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	77	70	48	6	-8	-33	.	.	.	.	160
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	39	70	71	-4	-8	-36	.	.	.	.	132
Week 3: Dec 4-10	7	70	67	-5	-9	-25	.	.	.	.	105
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	0	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	0	-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-28
Week 3: Dec 4-10	0	-35	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-35
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Dec 4-10	-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	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: Nov 20-26	132	80	14	14	0	0	.	.	.	.	240
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	102	57	10	13	0	0	.	.	.	.	182
Week 3: Dec 4-10	69	13	10	19	0	0	.	.	.	.	111
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	180	21	10	3	1	0	.	.	.	.	215
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	153	16	14	-7	1	0	.	.	.	.	177
Week 3: Dec 4-10	223	23	12	-13	-2	0	.	.	.	.	243
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	20	12	1	0	-24	-84	.	.	.	.	-75
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	19	12	0	0	-26	-163	.	.	.	.	-158
Week 3: Dec 4-10	26	9	0	0	-43	-299	.	.	.	.	-307
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	8	0	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-7
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	8	0	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-13
Week 3: Dec 4-10	8	0	-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-19
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	12	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Dec 4-10	-1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Nov 20-26	535	321	110	80	44	20	.	.	.	.	1,110
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	889	434	171	80	271	30	.	.	.	.	1,875
Week 3: Dec 4-10	1,258	543	150	80	460	35	.	.	.	.	2,526
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	697	519	145	120	58	25	.	.	.	.	1,564
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	867	749	376	120	88	25	.	.	.	.	2,225
Week 3: Dec 4-10	951	1,006	635	120	60	30	.	.	.	.	2,802
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	1,291	400	125	35	25	-5	.	.	.	.	1,871
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	1,555	400	502	391	35	82	.	.	.	.	2,965
Week 3: Dec 4-10	1,715	400	673	738	50	65	.	.	.	.	3,641
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	207	200	156	117	102	10	.	.	.	.	792
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	246	200	250	128	159	10	.	.	.	.	993
Week 3: Dec 4-10	287	200	365	116	192	10	.	.	.	.	1,170
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	26	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	33	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 3: Dec 4-10	40	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46

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: Nov 20-26	175	109	28	23	10	8	.	.	.	.	353
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	317	77	45	21	10	9	.	.	.	.	479
Week 3: Dec 4-10	335	51	58	15	10	11	.	.	.	.	480
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	80	32	18	12	-34	-46	.	.	.	.	62
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	80	-9	22	10	-21	-14	.	.	.	.	68
Week 3: Dec 4-10	80	-21	11	10	-9	7	.	.	.	.	78
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	400	384	70	12	-42	-101	.	.	.	.	723
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	400	444	34	9	-50	-90	.	.	.	.	747
Week 3: Dec 4-10	400	603	13	9	5	-92	.	.	.	.	938
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	162	137	44	10	4	-11	.	.	.	.	346
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	129	112	49	10	3	-46	.	.	.	.	257
Week 3: Dec 4-10	111	104	55	10	1	-45	.	.	.	.	236
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	15	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	15	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Dec 4-10	15	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19

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: Nov 20-26	202	100	91	46	12	-65	.	.	.	.	386
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	126	100	160	90	12	-85	.	.	.	.	403
Week 3: Dec 4-10	71	100	-71	80	14	-104	.	.	.	.	90
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	188	90	76	61	10	-112	.	.	.	.	313
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	57	90	99	36	9	-75	.	.	.	.	216
Week 3: Dec 4-10	-106	90	69	11	14	-80	.	.	.	.	-2
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	600	554	234	138	10	-325	.	.	.	.	1,211
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	600	368	197	143	15	-277	.	.	.	.	1,046
Week 3: Dec 4-10	600	209	155	164	20	-298	.	.	.	.	850
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	30	16	4	1	-30	-40	.	.	.	.	-19
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	30	24	-55	1	-58	-94	.	.	.	.	-152
Week 3: Dec 4-10	30	12	-56	1	-125	-76	.	.	.	.	-214
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	10	4	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	10	8	-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Dec 4-10	10	7	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-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	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: Nov 20-26	180	149	144	105	96	3	.	.	.	.	677
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	180	241	194	112	54	3	.	.	.	.	784
Week 3: Dec 4-10	180	311	227	141	45	3	.	.	.	.	907
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	505	150	40	6	-22	-284	.	.	.	.	395
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	491	150	59	6	-34	-368	.	.	.	.	304
Week 3: Dec 4-10	390	150	98	4	-41	-453	.	.	.	.	148
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	350	281	0	-89	-110	-184	.	.	.	.	248
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	350	321	0	-35	-108	-210	.	.	.	.	318
Week 3: Dec 4-10	350	316	0	-23	-115	-237	.	.	.	.	291
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	300	55	46	32	10	-32	.	.	.	.	411
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	300	72	60	27	10	-53	.	.	.	.	416
Week 3: Dec 4-10	325	87	52	13	10	-56	.	.	.	.	431
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	7	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	6	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Dec 4-10	5	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11

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: Nov 20-26	318	100	21	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	448
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	335	100	26	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	470
Week 3: Dec 4-10	273	100	23	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	406
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	109	64	40	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	220
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	128	35	40	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	211
Week 3: Dec 4-10	87	-3	40	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	131
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	175	160	77	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	418
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	175	141	54	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	378
Week 3: Dec 4-10	175	93	38	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	314
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	38	20	-4	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	34	20	-47	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Dec 4-10	22	20	-195	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	-163
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Dec 4-10	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Nov 20-26	112	52	47	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	226
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	91	72	40	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	218
Week 3: Dec 4-10	88	68	33	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	204
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	651	8	-15	-67	-91	.	.	.	.	.	486
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	610	8	-15	-55	-164	.	.	.	.	.	384
Week 3: Dec 4-10	592	8	-15	-77	-175	.	.	.	.	.	333
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	902	40	8	-31	-390	.	.	.	.	.	529
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	879	40	10	-61	-431	.	.	.	.	.	437
Week 3: Dec 4-10	903	40	10	-216	-480	.	.	.	.	.	257
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	157	5	0	-2	-264	.	.	.	.	.	-104
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	164	5	0	-112	-340	.	.	.	.	.	-283
Week 3: Dec 4-10	152	5	0	-206	-334	.	.	.	.	.	-383
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 20-26	15	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Nov 27-Dec 3	15	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Dec 4-10	18	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19

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 of 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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 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
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