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Weekly Container Overview

Don't Miss the New Addition to OSCAR

Last week's report presented the first in a series of location specific analyses of OSCAR's container availability data. The first location presented last week was Chicago, this week we highlight Kansas City. Over the next several months, AMS will provide similar analysis for each of the 18 reported locations. Please see page 2 for this week's analysis.

- **Ports:** The ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach, New York, Norfolk, and Savannah are expected to have the most available containers among the reported port locations over the next 3 weeks. Availability estimates increased from the previous week in each of the above mentioned locations, in fact, availability estimates increased in 8 of the 10 port locations this week.
- **Inland Locations:** Among the reported inland locations, Dallas, Memphis, Chicago, and Columbus are expected to have the most containers available over the next 3 weeks. Availability estimates decreased this week in Chicago, Dallas, and Memphis, but increased in Columbus.
- **Equipment:** Overall, current week availability for all container types combined increased this week by more than 2,600 units from the previous week.
 - Availability estimates decreased at 7 of the 18 reported locations this week—particularly 20ft dry and 40ft high-cube equipment in Houston and Chicago which experienced significant increases last week. The remaining 11 locations saw increases from the previous week including 20ft dry 40ft dry and 40ft high-cube containers in New Orleans, Tacoma, and Norfolk each of which saw significant decreases last week.

Week-to-Week Comparison of Current Week Availability Estimates

Container type	Week of Oct 16-22	Week of Oct 23-29	Week of Oct 30-Nov 5	Week of Nov 6-12	% Change from Previous Week
20ft dry	7,688	7,511	8,838	8,710	-1%
40ft dry	9,127	10,452	9,136	10,977	20%
40ft high-cube	20,922	21,532	20,293	21,670	7%
40ft refrigerated	3,366	3,133	2,751	2,319	-16%
20ft refrigerated	254	322	245	243	-1%

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Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

AMS now offers location specific container availability analysis for each of OSCAR's 18 reported locations, starting with last week's report which highlighted Chicago and continuing this week with Kansas City. These additional analyses will deliver a historical overview of OSCAR data overtime.

As we continue through the U.S. grain harvest season, the focus of the new analyses will be the major inland grain loading locations. Container availability can be a challenge this time of year at the 8 inland locations report in OSCAR—Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Memphis, Columbus, Cincinnati, Denver, and Dallas. Containerized agricultural exports through Kansas City this time of year consist mostly of soybeans, soybean meal, animal feed, and feed meals. Availability of 40ft dry and high-cube containers has been increasing overall since August with a fall this week for 40ft high-cube equipment. However, 20ft containers have been falling, even into the negative in early October, rising to above 0 last week, only to fall below again this week. Over the next 3 weeks, availability is expected to increase for 40ft high-cube containers, but fall for 20ft and 40ft dry containers. See figure below.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Kansas City
1st Week of August (Wk 31) through 1st Week of November (Wk 45), 2013, with Projections

National Overview

Week of Nov 6-12, 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 6-12, 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 6-12	119	85	66	50	32	2	.	.	.	.	354
Week 2: Nov 13-19	146	101	84	50	35	1	.	.	.	.	417
Week 3: Nov 20-26	115	119	94	50	32	2	.	.	.	.	412
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	176	145	114	82	20	3	.	.	.	.	540
Week 2: Nov 13-19	164	148	163	97	20	7	.	.	.	.	599
Week 3: Nov 20-26	142	153	214	86	20	7	.	.	.	.	622
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	180	89	54	40	36	1	.	.	.	.	400
Week 2: Nov 13-19	265	82	97	40	38	2	.	.	.	.	524
Week 3: Nov 20-26	344	105	37	40	36	2	.	.	.	.	564
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	92	23	21	5	1	-50	.	.	.	.	92
Week 2: Nov 13-19	98	27	9	5	1	-88	.	.	.	.	52
Week 3: Nov 20-26	98	31	9	5	1	-84	.	.	.	.	60
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	7	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Nov 13-19	8	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Nov 20-26	8	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12

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 6-12	888	156	100	8	1	-33	.	.	.	.	1,120
Week 2: Nov 13-19	1,293	146	100	6	-6	-20	.	.	.	.	1,519
Week 3: Nov 20-26	1,697	318	100	8	-10	21	.	.	.	.	2,134
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	203	59	11	8	-56	-800	.	.	.	.	-575
Week 2: Nov 13-19	323	38	0	10	-91	-800	.	.	.	.	-520
Week 3: Nov 20-26	452	-3	-2	8	-141	-800	.	.	.	.	-486
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	600	38	35	32	22	10	.	.	.	.	737
Week 2: Nov 13-19	600	55	245	-4	139	8	.	.	.	.	1,043
Week 3: Nov 20-26	600	107	324	-8	248	10	.	.	.	.	1,281
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	57	27	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	94
Week 2: Nov 13-19	55	43	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	109
Week 3: Nov 20-26	52	56	10	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	120
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	47	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
Week 2: Nov 13-19	44	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 3: Nov 20-26	41	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	75	56	40	20	14	1	.	.	.	.	206
Week 2: Nov 13-19	104	61	55	20	12	1	.	.	.	.	253
Week 3: Nov 20-26	134	80	96	20	18	1	.	.	.	.	349
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	65	30	16	14	6	-3	.	.	.	.	128
Week 2: Nov 13-19	77	30	24	14	4	11	.	.	.	.	160
Week 3: Nov 20-26	78	30	33	16	2	22	.	.	.	.	181
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	50	37	27	18	9	1	.	.	.	.	142
Week 2: Nov 13-19	50	63	21	14	10	1	.	.	.	.	159
Week 3: Nov 20-26	50	88	31	14	12	0	.	.	.	.	195
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	18	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 2: Nov 13-19	22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 3: Nov 20-26	26	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 13-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 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	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	64	41	25	10	9	3	.	.	.	.	152
Week 2: Nov 13-19	85	44	37	12	2	3	.	.	.	.	183
Week 3: Nov 20-26	104	54	55	12	0	3	.	.	.	.	228
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	137	30	11	10	3	2	.	.	.	.	193
Week 2: Nov 13-19	192	30	11	17	13	5	.	.	.	.	268
Week 3: Nov 20-26	247	30	16	38	15	3	.	.	.	.	349
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	277	80	44	15	10	-4	.	.	.	.	422
Week 2: Nov 13-19	343	80	66	15	-22	0	.	.	.	.	482
Week 3: Nov 20-26	405	80	111	14	-17	-2	.	.	.	.	591
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Nov 13-19	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Nov 20-26	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Nov 13-19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Nov 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	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 6-12	167	75	52	10	10	9	.	.	.	.	323
Week 2: Nov 13-19	278	102	32	10	10	117	.	.	.	.	549
Week 3: Nov 20-26	389	95	60	10	15	172	.	.	.	.	741
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	167	118	89	72	10	5	.	.	.	.	461
Week 2: Nov 13-19	290	174	130	174	8	5	.	.	.	.	781
Week 3: Nov 20-26	410	160	178	257	11	5	.	.	.	.	1,021
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	300	240	205	191	121	11	.	.	.	.	1,068
Week 2: Nov 13-19	300	389	244	304	333	10	.	.	.	.	1,580
Week 3: Nov 20-26	300	554	220	414	458	11	.	.	.	.	1,957
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	8	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Nov 13-19	12	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Nov 20-26	26	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Nov 13-19	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Nov 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: Nov 6-12	65	7	4	1	0	-4	.	.	.	.	73
Week 2: Nov 13-19	88	9	14	1	0	-7	.	.	.	.	105
Week 3: Nov 20-26	110	8	19	1	0	-8	.	.	.	.	130
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	43	22	8	8	3	-3	.	.	.	.	81
Week 2: Nov 13-19	64	32	12	9	3	6	.	.	.	.	126
Week 3: Nov 20-26	83	42	10	11	3	4	.	.	.	.	153
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	70	31	18	15	9	-3	.	.	.	.	140
Week 2: Nov 13-19	70	56	18	20	9	-7	.	.	.	.	166
Week 3: Nov 20-26	70	80	16	15	10	-8	.	.	.	.	183
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 13-19	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 20-26	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 13-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 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	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: Nov 6-12	150	108	8	-5	-53	-77	.	.	.	.	131
Week 2: Nov 13-19	150	10	10	-19	-22	-82	.	.	.	.	47
Week 3: Nov 20-26	150	-61	9	3	-25	-92	.	.	.	.	-16
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	70	6	2	-11	-50	-338	.	.	.	.	-321
Week 2: Nov 13-19	70	-23	4	21	-96	-323	.	.	.	.	-347
Week 3: Nov 20-26	70	-14	4	15	-118	-496	.	.	.	.	-539
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	500	87	27	5	-22	-90	.	.	.	.	507
Week 2: Nov 13-19	500	110	26	2	6	-139	.	.	.	.	505
Week 3: Nov 20-26	500	142	62	1	4	-219	.	.	.	.	490
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	150	32	14	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	198
Week 2: Nov 13-19	160	58	13	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	233
Week 3: Nov 20-26	170	73	12	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	257
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	19	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Nov 13-19	22	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Nov 20-26	25	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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 6-12	20	9	-3	-6	-10	-45	.	.	.	.	-35
Week 2: Nov 13-19	20	25	-1	2	-10	-112	.	.	.	.	-76
Week 3: Nov 20-26	20	41	-2	5	-8	-116	.	.	.	.	-60
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	300	32	26	13	-4	-10	.	.	.	.	357
Week 2: Nov 13-19	300	38	36	-3	-2	-12	.	.	.	.	357
Week 3: Nov 20-26	300	44	26	-26	-5	-15	.	.	.	.	324
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	200	54	6	4	3	-14	.	.	.	.	253
Week 2: Nov 13-19	200	74	3	12	13	-15	.	.	.	.	287
Week 3: Nov 20-26	200	100	-6	16	12	-17	.	.	.	.	305
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	28	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
Week 2: Nov 13-19	22	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Week 3: Nov 20-26	15	18	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Nov 13-19	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Nov 20-26	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	950	806	404	228	45	-193	.	.	.	.	2,240
Week 2: Nov 13-19	950	769	704	366	50	-141	.	.	.	.	2,698
Week 3: Nov 20-26	950	750	814	496	50	-111	.	.	.	.	2,949
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	1,538	1,500	1,177	1,012	93	45	.	.	.	.	5,365
Week 2: Nov 13-19	2,137	1,500	1,231	1,295	158	50	.	.	.	.	6,371
Week 3: Nov 20-26	2,715	1,500	1,240	1,813	215	50	.	.	.	.	7,533
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	4,400	2,949	2,261	233	60	-483	.	.	.	.	9,420
Week 2: Nov 13-19	4,400	3,929	2,438	277	60	-651	.	.	.	.	10,453
Week 3: Nov 20-26	4,400	4,179	2,580	245	60	-796	.	.	.	.	10,668
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	185	107	100	83	75	46	.	.	.	.	596
Week 2: Nov 13-19	220	259	100	161	75	59	.	.	.	.	874
Week 3: Nov 20-26	265	246	100	132	75	70	.	.	.	.	888
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	31	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 2: Nov 13-19	38	10	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	60
Week 3: Nov 20-26	45	10	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	75

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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 6-12	90	81	28	10	3	-7	.	.	.	.	205
Week 2: Nov 13-19	90	86	24	6	2	-26	.	.	.	.	182
Week 3: Nov 20-26	90	89	29	4	2	27	.	.	.	.	241
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	233	150	131	56	4	2	.	.	.	.	576
Week 2: Nov 13-19	288	150	140	114	8	7	.	.	.	.	707
Week 3: Nov 20-26	418	150	161	169	10	5	.	.	.	.	913
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	1,050	211	100	54	10	-16	.	.	.	.	1,409
Week 2: Nov 13-19	1,050	297	217	58	8	9	.	.	.	.	1,639
Week 3: Nov 20-26	1,050	484	345	73	8	7	.	.	.	.	1,967
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Nov 13-19	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Nov 20-26	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Nov 13-19	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Nov 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	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 6-12	42	26	20	-1	-8	-62	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Nov 13-19	33	40	20	6	-8	-122	.	.	.	.	-31
Week 3: Nov 20-26	3	62	20	4	-7	-174	.	.	.	.	-92
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	300	20	11	1	-2	-117	.	.	.	.	213
Week 2: Nov 13-19	300	10	15	17	-11	-197	.	.	.	.	134
Week 3: Nov 20-26	300	7	2	8	-9	-271	.	.	.	.	37
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	70	42	3	-8	-10	-29	.	.	.	.	68
Week 2: Nov 13-19	70	45	3	-8	-8	-54	.	.	.	.	48
Week 3: Nov 20-26	70	46	0	-9	-13	-80	.	.	.	.	14
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	0	-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-19
Week 2: Nov 13-19	0	-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-25
Week 3: Nov 20-26	0	-31	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-31
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Nov 13-19	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Nov 20-26	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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 6-12	106	53	14	6	0	-1	.	.	.	.	178
Week 2: Nov 13-19	140	45	10	3	0	0	.	.	.	.	198
Week 3: Nov 20-26	234	18	10	9	0	0	.	.	.	.	271
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	259	46	10	6	2	0	.	.	.	.	323
Week 2: Nov 13-19	294	60	14	3	2	0	.	.	.	.	373
Week 3: Nov 20-26	247	56	12	0	1	0	.	.	.	.	316
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	175	16	12	0	0	-25	.	.	.	.	178
Week 2: Nov 13-19	2	17	12	0	0	-51	.	.	.	.	-20
Week 3: Nov 20-26	-142	27	9	0	0	-55	.	.	.	.	-161
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	6	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Nov 13-19	1	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Nov 20-26	-4	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	12	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Nov 13-19	10	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Nov 20-26	7	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 6-12	713	519	204	203	80	20	.	.	.	.	1,739
Week 2: Nov 13-19	1,068	631	362	192	80	30	.	.	.	.	2,363
Week 3: Nov 20-26	1,414	717	539	185	80	35	.	.	.	.	2,970
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	784	495	233	120	109	25	.	.	.	.	1,766
Week 2: Nov 13-19	836	767	459	120	73	25	.	.	.	.	2,280
Week 3: Nov 20-26	896	1,032	678	120	67	30	.	.	.	.	2,823
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	1,520	733	400	205	182	25	.	.	.	.	3,065
Week 2: Nov 13-19	1,683	1,087	400	462	108	35	.	.	.	.	3,775
Week 3: Nov 20-26	2,003	1,427	400	749	98	50	.	.	.	.	4,727
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	384	185	162	107	100	10	.	.	.	.	948
Week 2: Nov 13-19	491	237	222	99	120	10	.	.	.	.	1,179
Week 3: Nov 20-26	585	283	267	106	130	10	.	.	.	.	1,381
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	27	5	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 2: Nov 13-19	34	5	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Week 3: Nov 20-26	41	5	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42

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 6-12	195	165	100	46	10	8	.	.	.	.	524
Week 2: Nov 13-19	243	172	86	23	10	9	.	.	.	.	543
Week 3: Nov 20-26	292	184	100	18	10	11	.	.	.	.	615
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	238	108	86	80	70	12	.	.	.	.	594
Week 2: Nov 13-19	306	153	16	80	31	10	.	.	.	.	596
Week 3: Nov 20-26	318	206	-86	80	29	10	.	.	.	.	557
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	400	280	260	40	12	-112	.	.	.	.	880
Week 2: Nov 13-19	400	364	333	70	9	-41	.	.	.	.	1,135
Week 3: Nov 20-26	400	447	399	-27	9	-45	.	.	.	.	1,183
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	188	147	43	10	4	-37	.	.	.	.	355
Week 2: Nov 13-19	152	147	45	10	3	-52	.	.	.	.	305
Week 3: Nov 20-26	117	141	50	10	1	-62	.	.	.	.	257
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	16	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Nov 13-19	17	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Nov 20-26	18	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 6-12	244	100	49	12	-41	-180	.	.	.	.	184
Week 2: Nov 13-19	163	100	104	12	-89	-292	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: Nov 20-26	92	100	98	14	-99	-272	.	.	.	.	-67
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	249	90	33	10	-3	-229	.	.	.	.	150
Week 2: Nov 13-19	55	90	30	9	-1	-300	.	.	.	.	-117
Week 3: Nov 20-26	-46	90	32	14	-3	-375	.	.	.	.	-288
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	600	470	403	149	10	-157	.	.	.	.	1,475
Week 2: Nov 13-19	600	37	357	179	15	-154	.	.	.	.	1,034
Week 3: Nov 20-26	600	-404	303	158	20	-160	.	.	.	.	517
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	49	30	9	1	-48	-90	.	.	.	.	-49
Week 2: Nov 13-19	-4	30	44	1	-63	-110	.	.	.	.	-102
Week 3: Nov 20-26	-61	30	46	1	-89	-53	.	.	.	.	-126
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	64	10	-32	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
Week 2: Nov 13-19	62	10	-53	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: Nov 20-26	61	10	-65	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 6-12	180	125	31	28	9	3	.	.	.	.	376
Week 2: Nov 13-19	180	248	47	20	77	3	.	.	.	.	575
Week 3: Nov 20-26	180	362	36	44	130	3	.	.	.	.	755
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	473	150	92	6	-17	-248	.	.	.	.	456
Week 2: Nov 13-19	414	150	146	7	-28	-365	.	.	.	.	324
Week 3: Nov 20-26	437	150	149	4	-30	-478	.	.	.	.	232
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	360	350	194	0	-101	-226	.	.	.	.	577
Week 2: Nov 13-19	293	350	215	0	-82	-268	.	.	.	.	508
Week 3: Nov 20-26	317	350	276	0	-90	-309	.	.	.	.	544
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	300	123	95	11	10	-62	.	.	.	.	477
Week 2: Nov 13-19	300	104	72	12	10	-41	.	.	.	.	457
Week 3: Nov 20-26	325	88	103	13	10	-72	.	.	.	.	467
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	5	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Nov 13-19	4	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Nov 20-26	4	2	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	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 6-12	542	100	31	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	682
Week 2: Nov 13-19	699	100	24	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	832
Week 3: Nov 20-26	649	100	16	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	775
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	79	72	40	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	198
Week 2: Nov 13-19	123	72	40	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	243
Week 3: Nov 20-26	77	51	40	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	175
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	175	84	49	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	314
Week 2: Nov 13-19	175	132	26	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	341
Week 3: Nov 20-26	175	86	32	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	301
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	23	22	20	-128	.	.	.	.	.	.	-63
Week 2: Nov 13-19	14	20	20	-230	.	.	.	.	.	.	-176
Week 3: Nov 20-26	23	20	20	-360	.	.	.	.	.	.	-297
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Nov 13-19	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Nov 20-26	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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 6-12	145	70	11	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	241
Week 2: Nov 13-19	63	86	9	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	173
Week 3: Nov 20-26	36	76	33	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	160
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	696	8	-15	-66	-151	.	.	.	.	.	472
Week 2: Nov 13-19	602	8	-15	-65	-146	.	.	.	.	.	384
Week 3: Nov 20-26	666	8	-15	-147	-150	.	.	.	.	.	362
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	1,121	40	8	-180	-374	.	.	.	.	.	615
Week 2: Nov 13-19	875	40	10	-100	-335	.	.	.	.	.	490
Week 3: Nov 20-26	1,135	40	10	-315	-380	.	.	.	.	.	490
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	35	5	0	-101	-330	.	.	.	.	.	-391
Week 2: Nov 13-19	22	5	0	-261	-320	.	.	.	.	.	-554
Week 3: Nov 20-26	-17	5	0	-357	-263	.	.	.	.	.	-632
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 6-12	11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Nov 13-19	16	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Nov 20-26	22	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 the 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (WTSA). 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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