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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

AMS now offers location specific container availability analysis for each of OSCAR's 18 reported locations. Over the past several weeks, AMS highlighted each of the eight reported inland locations; this week we continue with port locations, the first of which is Los Angeles/Long Beach. These analyses deliver a historical overview of OSCAR data.

The port complex of Los Angeles and Long Beach is the busiest container port in the United States and the top export region for containerized agricultural products. U.S. agricultural exporters used Los Angeles and Long Beach to export nearly 2.8 million metric tons of containerized cargo between October and December last year. Approximately 50 percent of agricultural exports moving through Los Angeles and Long Beach were grains and soybeans. Other significant agricultural containerized exports were cotton (7%) and meat (6%). More than 70 percent of agricultural exports through this port complex were moved in 40ft containers.

Since early October of this year, availability for dry equipment in Los Angeles and Long Beach has been fairly flat with 40ft dry and 40ft high-cube containers following similar weekly fluctuations. The availability of 40ft high-cube containers has been double that of 40ft dry containers while the availability of 20ft containers has hovered around 2,000 units. The dips during weeks 50 and 51 are probably due to one less carrier reporting. Projections over the next 2 weeks show availability increasing for all three dry container types.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Los Angeles/Long Beach, 1st week of October (Wk 40) through 4th week of December (Wk 52), 2013 with Projections

*Data reflect 5 of the 6 participating carriers

National Overview

Week of Dec 25-31, 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 Dec 25-31, 2013

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers

Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	93	80	73	72	20	3	.	.	.	.	341
Week 2: Jan 1-7	101	80	85	33	24	3	.	.	.	.	326
Week 3: Jan 8-14	118	80	108	56	35	2	.	.	.	.	399
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	107	85	60	44	20	2	.	.	.	.	318
Week 2: Jan 1-7	74	114	-40	59	20	2	.	.	.	.	229
Week 3: Jan 8-14	73	150	-30	66	20	3	.	.	.	.	282
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	102	73	34	30	3	-21	.	.	.	.	221
Week 2: Jan 1-7	169	63	-32	30	2	-30	.	.	.	.	202
Week 3: Jan 8-14	239	80	-30	30	2	-11	.	.	.	.	310
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	104	30	11	5	2	-65	.	.	.	.	87
Week 2: Jan 1-7	74	33	11	5	1	-40	.	.	.	.	84
Week 3: Jan 8-14	79	36	11	5	1	-49	.	.	.	.	83
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	4	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Jan 1-7	5	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Jan 8-14	5	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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: Dec 25-31	618	377	100	10	-8	-65	.	.	.	.	1,032
Week 2: Jan 1-7	903	457	100	7	-10	-158	.	.	.	.	1,299
Week 3: Jan 8-14	1,238	429	100	8	-15	48	.	.	.	.	1,808
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	173	54	8	-18	-213	-600	.	.	.	.	-596
Week 2: Jan 1-7	312	111	8	-22	-268	-600	.	.	.	.	-459
Week 3: Jan 8-14	474	202	8	-30	-281	-600	.	.	.	.	-227
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	600	336	134	112	9	-13	.	.	.	.	1,178
Week 2: Jan 1-7	600	440	302	116	8	-16	.	.	.	.	1,450
Week 3: Jan 8-14	600	561	385	174	10	-36	.	.	.	.	1,694
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	82	12	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	104
Week 2: Jan 1-7	74	11	-17	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	68
Week 3: Jan 8-14	67	10	19	-1	0	.	.	.	.	.	95
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	13	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Jan 1-7	10	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Jan 8-14	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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: Dec 25-31	78	36	14	0	-1	-2	.	.	.	.	125
Week 2: Jan 1-7	106	45	12	0	-1	9	.	.	.	.	171
Week 3: Jan 8-14	136	57	18	0	1	38	.	.	.	.	250
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	67	14	14	10	4	0	.	.	.	.	109
Week 2: Jan 1-7	91	11	14	10	19	0	.	.	.	.	145
Week 3: Jan 8-14	119	15	16	10	36	0	.	.	.	.	196
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	97	50	18	4	-1	-4	.	.	.	.	164
Week 2: Jan 1-7	118	50	14	5	0	-12	.	.	.	.	175
Week 3: Jan 8-14	139	50	14	1	1	4	.	.	.	.	209
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Jan 1-7	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Jan 8-14	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Jan 1-7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Jan 8-14	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: Dec 25-31	93	53	26	10	1	-2	.	.	.	.	181
Week 2: Jan 1-7	114	59	27	12	1	-1	.	.	.	.	212
Week 3: Jan 8-14	143	82	21	12	1	1	.	.	.	.	260
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	50	42	11	11	1	-4	.	.	.	.	111
Week 2: Jan 1-7	50	62	6	11	14	-2	.	.	.	.	141
Week 3: Jan 8-14	50	88	22	16	32	-1	.	.	.	.	207
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	169	150	65	15	1	-3	.	.	.	.	397
Week 2: Jan 1-7	227	150	96	15	-8	-1	.	.	.	.	479
Week 3: Jan 8-14	286	150	122	14	-10	-5	.	.	.	.	557
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Jan 1-7	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Jan 8-14	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Jan 1-7	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Jan 8-14	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Dec 25-31	84	79	51	50	22	10	.	.	.	.	296
Week 2: Jan 1-7	87	60	88	50	113	10	.	.	.	.	408
Week 3: Jan 8-14	118	80	147	50	205	15	.	.	.	.	615
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	188	157	97	19	10	5	.	.	.	.	476
Week 2: Jan 1-7	238	265	77	89	8	5	.	.	.	.	682
Week 3: Jan 8-14	239	382	95	179	11	5	.	.	.	.	911
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	385	250	213	170	62	11	.	.	.	.	1,091
Week 2: Jan 1-7	496	250	356	150	232	10	.	.	.	.	1,494
Week 3: Jan 8-14	655	250	505	169	306	11	.	.	.	.	1,896
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	31	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 2: Jan 1-7	34	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 3: Jan 8-14	48	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Jan 1-7	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Jan 8-14	-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	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: Dec 25-31	77	13	2	-3	-3	-7	.	.	.	.	79
Week 2: Jan 1-7	103	20	2	1	0	-6	.	.	.	.	120
Week 3: Jan 8-14	129	24	2	0	5	-5	.	.	.	.	155
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	9	8	6	4	1	-2	.	.	.	.	26
Week 2: Jan 1-7	27	10	8	9	1	5	.	.	.	.	60
Week 3: Jan 8-14	45	10	0	11	1	14	.	.	.	.	81
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	67	38	15	9	6	-9	.	.	.	.	126
Week 2: Jan 1-7	55	65	15	8	8	-10	.	.	.	.	141
Week 3: Jan 8-14	45	90	15	10	12	-3	.	.	.	.	169
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	2	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Jan 1-7	2	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Jan 8-14	2	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Jan 1-7	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Jan 8-14	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Dec 25-31	34	30	8	-31	-37	-289	.	.	.	.	-285
Week 2: Jan 1-7	22	30	8	-28	-34	-313	.	.	.	.	-315
Week 3: Jan 8-14	48	30	6	-30	-9	-365	.	.	.	.	-320
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	57	50	26	17	2	-40	.	.	.	.	112
Week 2: Jan 1-7	46	50	-20	14	3	-35	.	.	.	.	58
Week 3: Jan 8-14	-122	50	-14	27	4	-35	.	.	.	.	-90
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	500	109	55	5	-21	-181	.	.	.	.	467
Week 2: Jan 1-7	500	152	52	2	-15	-224	.	.	.	.	467
Week 3: Jan 8-14	500	149	59	1	-20	-238	.	.	.	.	451
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	170	37	19	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	228
Week 2: Jan 1-7	175	34	36	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	247
Week 3: Jan 8-14	170	31	69	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	272
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	9	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Jan 1-7	11	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Jan 8-14	13	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Dec 25-31	70	56	19	12	-4	-9	.	.	.	.	144
Week 2: Jan 1-7	70	35	30	34	-5	-10	.	.	.	.	154
Week 3: Jan 8-14	70	41	47	58	-5	-8	.	.	.	.	203
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	220	27	7	5	-2	-10	.	.	.	.	247
Week 2: Jan 1-7	220	21	9	5	-3	-12	.	.	.	.	240
Week 3: Jan 8-14	220	4	14	9	-2	-15	.	.	.	.	230
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	150	45	21	-5	-14	-43	.	.	.	.	154
Week 2: Jan 1-7	150	31	24	-6	-15	-56	.	.	.	.	128
Week 3: Jan 8-14	150	34	30	-3	-17	-67	.	.	.	.	127
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	17	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 2: Jan 1-7	10	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Jan 8-14	5	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Jan 1-7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Jan 8-14	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: Dec 25-31	750	556	472	44	42	-174	.	.	.	.	1,690
Week 2: Jan 1-7	750	456	794	40	201	-151	.	.	.	.	2,090
Week 3: Jan 8-14	750	550	1,069	48	379	-20	.	.	.	.	2,776
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	1,500	936	867	163	58	50	.	.	.	.	3,574
Week 2: Jan 1-7	1,500	850	1,514	269	187	50	.	.	.	.	4,370
Week 3: Jan 8-14	1,500	930	2,138	735	324	45	.	.	.	.	5,672
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	5,500	1,214	407	176	60	-23	.	.	.	.	7,334
Week 2: Jan 1-7	5,500	1,150	1,645	192	60	-278	.	.	.	.	8,269
Week 3: Jan 8-14	5,500	1,210	2,722	236	60	36	.	.	.	.	9,764
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	329	180	134	117	75	58	.	.	.	.	893
Week 2: Jan 1-7	178	190	198	234	75	54	.	.	.	.	929
Week 3: Jan 8-14	276	188	235	193	75	48	.	.	.	.	1,015
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	27	12	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49
Week 2: Jan 1-7	26	19	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	55
Week 3: Jan 8-14	52	26	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	88

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	100	62	34	18	5	-5	.	.	.	.	214
Week 2: Jan 1-7	100	78	22	20	4	-3	.	.	.	.	221
Week 3: Jan 8-14	100	100	28	36	4	-4	.	.	.	.	264
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	400	201	74	5	-10	-11	.	.	.	.	659
Week 2: Jan 1-7	400	307	81	7	-23	-8	.	.	.	.	764
Week 3: Jan 8-14	400	364	113	7	-24	-3	.	.	.	.	857
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	1,400	187	104	89	8	-9	.	.	.	.	1,779
Week 2: Jan 1-7	1,400	385	196	191	8	-10	.	.	.	.	2,170
Week 3: Jan 8-14	1,400	394	259	303	6	-7	.	.	.	.	2,355
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	9	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Jan 1-7	15	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Jan 8-14	31	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-6
Week 2: Jan 1-7	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-7
Week 3: Jan 8-14	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-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	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: Dec 25-31	56	30	28	11	-8	-153	.	.	.	.	-36
Week 2: Jan 1-7	81	30	-25	8	-8	-213	.	.	.	.	-127
Week 3: Jan 8-14	115	30	-57	5	-7	-291	.	.	.	.	-205
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	275	38	22	0	-2	-140	.	.	.	.	193
Week 2: Jan 1-7	275	22	4	-7	-11	-240	.	.	.	.	43
Week 3: Jan 8-14	275	15	-14	2	-9	-335	.	.	.	.	-66
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	120	34	33	-8	-15	-28	.	.	.	.	136
Week 2: Jan 1-7	120	-4	28	-8	-10	-42	.	.	.	.	84
Week 3: Jan 8-14	120	-33	33	-9	-12	-43	.	.	.	.	56
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	0	-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-23
Week 2: Jan 1-7	0	-29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-29
Week 3: Jan 8-14	0	-36	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-36
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jan 1-7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jan 8-14	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	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: Dec 25-31	79	37	14	11	1	0	.	.	.	.	142
Week 2: Jan 1-7	51	26	10	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	97
Week 3: Jan 8-14	49	-65	10	13	1	0	.	.	.	.	8
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	25	11	10	0	-1	-13	.	.	.	.	32
Week 2: Jan 1-7	24	10	14	0	0	-80	.	.	.	.	-32
Week 3: Jan 8-14	16	12	12	0	0	-174	.	.	.	.	-134
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	334	12	3	0	-2	-14	.	.	.	.	333
Week 2: Jan 1-7	312	12	1	0	1	-28	.	.	.	.	298
Week 3: Jan 8-14	218	9	8	0	-1	-33	.	.	.	.	201
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	15	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Jan 1-7	9	22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Week 3: Jan 8-14	3	24	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	7	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Jan 1-7	7	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jan 8-14	7	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Dec 25-31	638	417	225	177	125	20	.	.	.	.	1,602
Week 2: Jan 1-7	991	518	225	160	258	30	.	.	.	.	2,182
Week 3: Jan 8-14	1,363	640	225	155	508	35	.	.	.	.	2,926
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	922	513	230	229	25	19	.	.	.	.	1,938
Week 2: Jan 1-7	1,151	760	230	373	25	10	.	.	.	.	2,549
Week 3: Jan 8-14	1,237	1,027	230	599	30	10	.	.	.	.	3,133
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	1,387	708	600	271	60	25	.	.	.	.	3,051
Week 2: Jan 1-7	1,711	1,027	600	407	50	35	.	.	.	.	3,830
Week 3: Jan 8-14	1,938	1,398	600	905	55	50	.	.	.	.	4,946
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	276	225	205	163	113	10	.	.	.	.	992
Week 2: Jan 1-7	338	225	272	103	161	10	.	.	.	.	1,109
Week 3: Jan 8-14	456	225	334	57	210	10	.	.	.	.	1,292
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	21	5	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 2: Jan 1-7	25	5	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28
Week 3: Jan 8-14	29	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38

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

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	182	47	35	20	8	6	.	.	.	.	298
Week 2: Jan 1-7	277	-32	2	20	9	10	.	.	.	.	286
Week 3: Jan 8-14	301	-62	71	20	9	8	.	.	.	.	347
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	114	61	30	10	2	-2	.	.	.	.	215
Week 2: Jan 1-7	129	89	30	10	-36	-1	.	.	.	.	221
Week 3: Jan 8-14	102	106	30	10	-71	0	.	.	.	.	177
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	595	450	291	200	12	10	.	.	.	.	1,558
Week 2: Jan 1-7	643	450	437	145	9	20	.	.	.	.	1,704
Week 3: Jan 8-14	639	450	494	71	9	15	.	.	.	.	1,678
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	190	138	48	10	10	4	.	.	.	.	400
Week 2: Jan 1-7	153	116	49	10	-34	3	.	.	.	.	297
Week 3: Jan 8-14	117	105	55	10	-3	1	.	.	.	.	285
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	11	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Jan 1-7	10	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Jan 8-14	11	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Dec 25-31	103	80	20	14	8	-54	.	.	.	.	171
Week 2: Jan 1-7	99	80	-12	-77	10	-66	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: Jan 8-14	100	80	97	-62	11	-79	.	.	.	.	147
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	180	104	68	36	8	-19	.	.	.	.	377
Week 2: Jan 1-7	180	80	-52	-4	8	-37	.	.	.	.	175
Week 3: Jan 8-14	180	90	-48	-73	10	-45	.	.	.	.	114
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	625	500	213	165	10	2	.	.	.	.	1,515
Week 2: Jan 1-7	326	500	107	160	11	1	.	.	.	.	1,105
Week 3: Jan 8-14	234	500	127	167	12	1	.	.	.	.	1,041
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	108	74	72	30	10	-209	.	.	.	.	85
Week 2: Jan 1-7	70	54	60	30	10	-192	.	.	.	.	32
Week 3: Jan 8-14	67	75	49	30	10	-194	.	.	.	.	37
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	10	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 2: Jan 1-7	10	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 3: Jan 8-14	10	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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: Dec 25-31	100	31	12	3	0	-31	.	.	.	.	115
Week 2: Jan 1-7	100	53	15	3	75	-1	.	.	.	.	245
Week 3: Jan 8-14	100	71	39	3	128	45	.	.	.	.	386
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	333	113	101	100	60	6	.	.	.	.	713
Week 2: Jan 1-7	296	-28	66	100	-144	6	.	.	.	.	296
Week 3: Jan 8-14	299	-36	9	100	-239	4	.	.	.	.	137
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	678	575	33	0	-132	-380	.	.	.	.	774
Week 2: Jan 1-7	710	575	-22	0	-59	-454	.	.	.	.	750
Week 3: Jan 8-14	775	575	-57	0	7	-501	.	.	.	.	799
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	180	145	94	92	10	-63	.	.	.	.	458
Week 2: Jan 1-7	190	117	96	81	10	-82	.	.	.	.	412
Week 3: Jan 8-14	200	89	102	123	10	-81	.	.	.	.	443
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Jan 1-7	7	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Jan 8-14	6	1	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	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: Dec 25-31	154	40	23	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	226
Week 2: Jan 1-7	190	40	33	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	272
Week 3: Jan 8-14	167	40	42	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	259
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	91	72	7	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	172
Week 2: Jan 1-7	97	34	8	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	141
Week 3: Jan 8-14	74	-8	7	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	90	66	57	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	219
Week 2: Jan 1-7	90	62	49	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	209
Week 3: Jan 8-14	90	35	10	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	143
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	436	24	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	470
Week 2: Jan 1-7	305	30	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	345
Week 3: Jan 8-14	175	34	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	219
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Jan 1-7	12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Jan 8-14	14	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

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: Dec 25-31	131	118	10	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	272
Week 2: Jan 1-7	53	99	8	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	173
Week 3: Jan 8-14	-10	102	9	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	114
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	539	37	30	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	616
Week 2: Jan 1-7	497	37	30	8	-6	.	.	.	.	.	566
Week 3: Jan 8-14	410	35	30	8	-52	.	.	.	.	.	431
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	993	25	8	-47	-190	.	.	.	.	.	789
Week 2: Jan 1-7	939	25	10	-138	-190	.	.	.	.	.	646
Week 3: Jan 8-14	883	25	10	-241	-180	.	.	.	.	.	497
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	69	5	0	-149	-278	.	.	.	.	.	-353
Week 2: Jan 1-7	39	5	0	-173	-381	.	.	.	.	.	-510
Week 3: Jan 8-14	24	5	0	-194	-292	.	.	.	.	.	-457
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 25-31	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Jan 1-7	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Jan 8-14	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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