



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Great Lakes Limestone Trade Down 13.8 Percent in April

Cleveland---Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 2,126,522 net tons in April, a decrease of nearly 14 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments trailed the month's 5-year average by 28.4 percent

Shipments from U.S. quarries fell 14 percent compared to a year ago and are 26.3 percent off April's 5-year average. Canadian quarries were marginally below last April's total, but are nearly 41 percent behind the month's 5-year average.

The April totals basically reflect limestone's year-to-date performance. Only two cargos – 50,184 tons – were loaded in March.

#### **GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: APRIL 2006-2011 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE** (net tons)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
U.S. Ports	2,845,006	2,485,315	2,347,463	1,225,179	2,025,885	1,743,034	2,365,70
Canadian Ports	978,224	609,875	656,100	326,311	439,407	383,488	601,983
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,825,236</b>	<b>3,095,190</b>	<b>3,005,571</b>	<b>1,553,499</b>	<b>2,465,294</b>	<b>2,126,522</b>	<b>2,967,753</b>

#### **GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: YEAR-TO-DATE 2006-2011 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
U.S. Ports	3,310,762	2,835,315	2,506,716	1,241,551	2,042,805	1,793,218	2,387,430
Canadian Ports	1,099,241	704,875	656,100	326,311	439,407	383,488	645,187
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,412,009</b>	<b>3,540,190</b>	<b>3,164,824</b>	<b>1,569,871</b>	<b>2,482,212</b>	<b>2,176,706</b>	<b>3,032,617</b>

U.S. ports: Calcite, MI, Cedarville, MI, Drummond Island, MI, Kellys Island, OH, Marblehead, OH, Port Inland, MI and Presque Isle, MI. Kellys Island ceased shipping in fall 2009. Canadian ports: Bruce Mines, Manitoulin Island, Port Colborne, and Smelter Bay (all Ontario). Port Colborne ceased shipping by vessel in 2006.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 55 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes and carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, limestone and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation.... Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo a year when high water offsets lack of adequate dredging. More information is available at [www.lcaships.com](http://www.lcaships.com). Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President. Telephone: (440) 333-9996.

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