



Lake Carriers' Association

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Another Good Month for Lakes Limestone; Up 16 Percent in May

CLEVELAND – Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,355,389 net tons in May, an increase of 30 percent compared to April and 15.6 percent better than a year ago. However, shipments were down 9.3 percent compared to the month's 5-year average.

The strongest gains came at U.S. ports. Loadings rose by 380,000 tons, or 16.2 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries increased by 73,000 tons, or 13.2 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 6.1 million net tons, an increase of 20.3 percent compared to a year ago, but a few boatloads shy of the 5-year average for the January-May timeframe.

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: May 2007-2012 and 5-Year Average

(net tons)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
U.S. Ports	3,498,762	3,324,222	2,229,887	2,740,212	2,347,898	2,728,553	2,828,196
Canadian Ports	869,900	893,800	627,727	898,836	553,828	626,836	768,812
Total	4,370,669	4,220,030	2,857,614	3,639,048	2,901,726	3,355,389	3,597,008

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: Year-To-Date 2007-2012 and 5-Year Average

(net tons)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
U.S. Ports	6,334,077	5,830,938	3,471,438	4,783,017	4,141,116	5,019,947	4,912,118
Canadian Ports	1,574,775	1,549,900	954,038	1,338,243	937,316	1,088,842	1,270,855
Total	7,910,859	7,382,846	4,425,476	6,121,260	5,078,432	6,108,789	6,182,973

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 and Smelter Bay (all Ontario).

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 57 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, as well as salt, sand grain. Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year. The cargos these vessels carry generate and sustain more than 103,000 jobs in the United States and have an economic impact of more than \$20 billion.

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