



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Limestone Trade Down 7 Percent in June

Cleveland---Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.6 million tons in June, an increase of 23 percent over May, but a decrease of 7 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments trailed the month's 5-year average by 10.6 percent

Shipments from U.S. quarries fell 4.6 percent compared to a year ago and are 7.3 percent off June's 5-year average. Loadings at Canadian quarries slipped by more than 16 percent compared to a year ago and more – 22.4 percent – when compared to the month's 5-year average.

Through June the limestone trade stands at 8.7 million tons, a decrease of 13.1 percent compared to the same point in 2010, and a drop of 21.2 percent compared to the 5-year average for the first half of the year.

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: June 2006-2011 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
U.S. Ports	3,503,499	3,526,974	3,498,132	2,114,392	3,048,324	2,909,044	3,138,264
Canadian Ports	971,684	855,600	896,000	878,533	817,458	685,611	883,855
Total	4,475,183	4,382,574	4,394,132	2,994,934	3,865,782	3,594,655	4,022,119

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: Year-To-Date 2006-2011 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
U.S. Ports	10,917,566	9,861,051	9,329,070	5,585,830	7,831,341	7,050,160	8,704,972
Canadian Ports	3,075,410	2,430,375	2,445,900	1,832,571	2,155,701	1,622,927	2,387,991
Total	13,992,976	12,291,426	11,774,970	7,418,401	9,987,042	8,673,087	11,092,963

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 operations 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. Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President. Telephone: (440) 333-9996.

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