



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Little Change in Lakes Limestone Trade in July

Cleveland---Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,650,392 tons in July, an increase of 55,000 tons over June, but a decrease of 32,000 tons compared to a year ago. Shipments trailed the month's 5-year average by 8.8 percent

Shipments from U.S. quarries fell 4.5 percent compared to a year ago and were 8.5 percent off July's 5-year average. Loadings at Canadian quarries increased by nearly 20 percent compared to a year ago, but were 10 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Through July the limestone trade stands at 12.3 million tons, a decrease of 10 percent compared to the same point in 2010, and a drop of 18.4 percent compared to the 5-year average for the January-July timeframe.

#### **Great Lakes Limestone Shipments from U.S. and Canadian Ports: July 2006-2011 and 5-Year Average** (net tons)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
U.S. Ports	3,846,866	3,683,964	3,350,674	2,275,398	3,122,348	2,980,108	3,255,850
Canadian Ports	933,553	741,400	863,774	625,158	559,960	670,284	744,769
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,780,419</b>	<b>4,427,371</b>	<b>4,214,448</b>	<b>2,900,556</b>	<b>3,682,308</b>	<b>3,650,392</b>	<b>4,000,619</b>

#### **Great Lakes Limestone Shipments from U.S. and Canadian Ports: Year-To-Date 2006-2011 and 5-Year Average** (net tons)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
U.S. Ports	14,764,432	13,545,015	12,679,744	7,861,228	10,953,689	10,030,268	11,960,822
Canadian Ports	4,008,963	3,171,775	3,309,674	2,457,729	2,715,661	2,293,211	3,132,761
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,773,395</b>	<b>16,718,797</b>	<b>15,989,418</b>	<b>10,318,957</b>	<b>13,669,350</b>	<b>12,323,479</b>	<b>15,093,583</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 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](http://www.lcaships.com). Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President. Telephone: (440) 333-9996.

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