



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Lakes Limestone Trade Up Slightly in September

Cleveland---Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.5 million net tons in September, a decrease of 6.7 percent from August, but an increase of 2.4 percent compared to a year ago. September loadings were 4 percent off the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. quarries increased 10 percent compared to a year ago and were only marginally below the month's 5-year average. However, loadings at Canadian quarries were off more than 22 percent compared to a year ago and 8.5 percent below September's 5-year average.

Through September the limestone trade stands at 19.7 million tons, a decrease of 3.9 percent compared to the same point in 2010, and a drop of 13 percent compared to the 5-year average for the for the first three quarters.

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

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
U.S. Ports	3,580,888	3,279,096	2,983,835	2,311,117	2,653,838	2,919,701	2,961,754
Canadian Ports	762,820	638,900	791,891	672,738	807,768	625,903	734,823
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,345,714</b>	<b>3,920,003</b>	<b>3,777,734</b>	<b>2,983,855</b>	<b>3,461,606</b>	<b>3,545,604</b>	<b>3,696,577</b>

#### **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	21,722,058	20,140,991	19,116,807	12,665,220	16,214,902	16,130,669	17,971,995
Canadian Ports	5,716,764	4,460,875	5,095,604	3,686,580	4,255,594	3,540,691	4,643,483
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,440,828</b>	<b>24,603,873</b>	<b>24,214,419</b>	<b>16,351,800</b>	<b>20,470,496</b>	<b>19,671,360</b>	<b>22,615,478</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 the fall of 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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