



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up 8.5 Percent in October

Cleveland---Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,755,344 net tons in October, an increase of 6 percent over September, and an increase of 8.5 percent compared to a year ago. October loadings also inched passed the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. quarries increased 8.2 percent compared to a year ago and beat the month's 5-year average by 75,000 tons. Loadings at Canadian quarries rose by 10.3 percent compared to a year ago, but remained under October's 5-year average.

Through October the Lakes limestone trade stands at 23.4 million tons, a slight decrease - 2.1 percent - compared to the same point in 2010, but a drop of 11 percent compared to the 5-year average for the for the January-October timeframe.

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

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
U.S. Ports	3,368,513	3,060,631	3,299,547	2,653,204	2,888,187	3,124,083	3,054,016
Canadian Ports	723,419	557,300	854,773	656,150	572,150	631,261	672,758
Total	4,091,932	3,617,931	4,156,328	3,309,354	3,460,337	3,755,344	3,726,774

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	25,090,571	23,201,622	22,416,354	15,318,424	19,103,089	19,254,752	21,026,012
Canadian Ports	6,440,183	5,018,175	5,950,377	4,342,730	4,827,744	4,171,952	5,316,042
Total	31,532,760	28,221,804	28,368,739	19,663,163	23,930,833	23,426,704	26,342,054

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. The cargos these vessels carry generate and sustain more than 103,000 jobs in the United States and have an an economic impact of more than \$20 billion. More information is available at www.lcaships.com. Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President. Telephone: (440) 333-9996.

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