



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up 12 Percent in November

Cleveland---Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,257,853 net tons in November, a decrease of 13.2 percent from October, but an increase of 1.2 percent compared to a year ago. November loadings were also 5.6 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. quarries increased 10.9 percent compared to a year ago, but were 6.3 percent of the month's 5-year average. Loadings at Canadian quarries rose by 16.9 percent compared to a year ago, and nearly pulled even with the month's 5-year average.

Through November the limestone trade stands at 26.7 million tons, a slight decrease – 156,000 tons – compared to the same point in 2010, but a drop of 10.5 percent compared to the 5-year average for the for the January-November timeframe.

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

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
U.S. Ports	3,317,234	3,026,967	2,823,726	2,577,680	2,387,464	2,647,669	2,826,614
Canadian Ports	829,427	672,700	648,235	509,875	521,952	610,184	636,437
Total	4,146,661	3,701,674	3,471,961	3,089,564	2,909,416	3,257,853	3,463,051

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	28,407,805	26,228,589	25,240,080	17,896,104	21,490,553	21,902,421	23,852,626
Canadian Ports	7,269,610	5,690,875	6,598,612	4,852,605	5,349,696	4,782,136	5,952,279
Total	35,677,415	31,919,464	31,838,692	22,748,709	26,840,249	26,684,557	29,804,905

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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