



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up 1 Percent in 2011

Cleveland - Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 28,153,642 net tons in 2011, an increase of 1 percent over 2010, but a decrease of 10.2 percent compared to the trade's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. quarries increased 3.5 percent compared to a year ago, but were 7.9 percent off the trade's 5-year average. Loadings at Canadian quarries slipped by 9.3 percent compared to a year ago, and fell even further – 19.4 percent - when compared to the trade's 5-year average.

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

Ports	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
U.S.	2,486,891	1,732,502	451,134	715,473	840,933	1,218,638	1,245,386
Canada	799,609	349,500	77,687	39,950	198,991	250,447	293,147
Total	3,288,506	2,084,009	530,829	755,423	1,039,924	1,469,085	1,538,533

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

Ports	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
U.S.	30,908,502	27,961,091	25,691,214	18,611,577	22,331,486	23,121,059	25,100,774
Canada	8,069,219	6,040,375	6,676,299	4,892,555	5,548,687	5,032,583	6,245,427
Total	38,977,721	34,001,466	32,367,513	23,504,132	27,880,173	28,153,642	31,346,201

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 56 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 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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