



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Lakes Limestone Trade Up More Than 7 Percent in June

CLEVELAND – Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,853,467 net tons in June, an increase of 14.8 percent over May, and 7.2 percent better than a year ago. Loadings were a mirror image of the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports rose 11 percent to 3.2 million tons, but Canadian quarries' total of 625,000 tons represented a dip of two or three boatloads.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 9,962,256 tons, an increase of 14.9 percent compared to a year ago, but a few boatloads shy of the 5-year average for the first half of the year.

#### **Great Lakes Limestone Trade: June 2007-2012 and 5-Year Average** (net tons)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
U.S. Ports	3,526,974	3,498,132	2,114,392	3,048,324	2,909,044	3,226,497	3,019,374
Canadian Ports	855,600	896,000	878,533	817,458	685,611	626,970	826,641
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,382,574</b>	<b>4,394,132</b>	<b>2,994,934</b>	<b>3,865,782</b>	<b>3,594,655</b>	<b>3,853,467</b>	<b>3,846,015</b>

#### **Great Lakes Limestone Trade: Year-To-Date 2007-2012 and 5-Year Average** (net tons)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
U.S. Ports	9,861,051	9,329,070	5,585,830	7,831,341	7,050,160	8,246,444	7,931,491
Canadian Ports	2,430,375	2,445,900	1,832,571	2,155,701	1,622,927	1,715,812	2,097,495
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,291,426</b>	<b>11,774,970</b>	<b>7,418,401</b>	<b>9,987,042</b>	<b>8,673,087</b>	<b>9,962,256</b>	<b>10,028,986</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 shipping in fall 2009. Canadian ports: Bruce Mines, Manitoulin Island and Smelter Bay (all Ontario).

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 57 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, as well as salt, sand grain. Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year. 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.

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