



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up Almost 12 Percent in July

CLEVELAND – Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 4.1 million net tons in July, an increase of 6 percent over June, and 11.9 percent better than a year ago. Loadings were also more than 8 percent ahead of the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports rose 12.3 percent to 3,347,818 tons. Canadian quarries' total of 735,935 tons represented an increase of roughly three boatloads.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 14 million tons, an increase of 14 percent compared to a year ago, and a slight increase compared to the 5-year average for the January-July timeframe.

Great Lakes Limestone Shipments from U.S. and Canadian Ports: July 2007-2012 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
U.S. Ports	3,683,964	3,350,674	2,275,398	3,122,348	2,980,108	3,347,818	3,082,498
Canadian Ports	741,400	863,774	625,158	559,960	670,284	735,935	692,115
Total	4,427,371	4,214,448	2,900,556	3,682,308	3,650,392	4,083,753	3,774,613

Great Lakes Limestone Shipments from U.S. and Canadian Ports: Year-To-Date 2007-2012 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
U.S. Ports	13,545,015	12,679,744	7,861,228	10,953,689	10,030,268	11,594,262	11,013,989
Canadian Ports	3,171,775	3,309,674	2,457,729	2,715,661	2,293,211	2,451,747	2,789,610
Total	16,718,797	15,989,418	10,318,957	13,669,350	12,323,479	14,046,009	13,803,599

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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