



# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade Down 15 Percent in August

CLEVELAND – Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.2 million tons in August, a decrease of 21 percent from July, and 15.2 percent below the level of a year ago. Loadings were also 13.4 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports fell 16.1 percent in August. Loadings at Canadian quarries slipped nearly 11 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 17.3 million tons, an increase of 7 percent compared to a year ago, but a slight decrease compared to the 5-year average for the January-August timeframe.

### **GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: AUGUST 2007-2012 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE** (net tons)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
U.S. Ports	3,316,880	3,453,228	2,492,875	2,607,375	3,180,700	2,668,523	3,010,212
Canadian Ports	650,200	994,039	556,113	732,165	621,577	554,652	710,819
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,969,087</b>	<b>4,447,267</b>	<b>3,048,988</b>	<b>3,339,540</b>	<b>3,802,277</b>	<b>3,223,175</b>	<b>3,721,031</b>

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
U.S. Ports	16,861,895	16,132,972	10,354,103	13,561,064	13,210,968	14,262,785	14,024,201
Canadian Ports	3,821,975	4,303,713	3,013,842	3,447,826	2,914,788	3,006,399	3,500,429
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,685,877</b>	<b>20,436,685</b>	<b>13,367,945</b>	<b>17,008,890</b>	<b>16,125,756</b>	<b>17,269,184</b>	<b>17,524,630</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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