



# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade Down 8-Plus Percent in September

CLEVELAND – Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,256,563 tons in September, an increase of 20,000 tons compared to August, but 8.2 percent below the level of a year ago and the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports fell 5.2 percent in September. Loadings at Canadian quarries slipped nearly 22 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 20.5 million tons, an increase of 4.3 percent compared to a year ago, but a decrease of 2.5 percent compared to the 5-year average for the first three quarters.

### GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: SEPTEMBER 2007-2012 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE

(net tons)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
U.S. Ports	3,279,096	2,983,835	2,311,117	2,653,838	2,919,701	2,767,283	2,829,517
Canadian Ports	638,900	791,891	672,738	807,768	625,903	489,280	707,440
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,920,003</b>	<b>3,777,734</b>	<b>2,983,855</b>	<b>3,461,606</b>	<b>3,545,604</b>	<b>3,256,563</b>	<b>3,536,957</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	20,140,991	19,116,807	12,665,220	16,214,902	16,130,669	17,030,068	16,835,717
Canadian Ports	4,460,875	5,095,604	3,686,580	4,255,594	3,540,691	3,495,679	4,207,868
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,603,873</b>	<b>24,214,419</b>	<b>16,351,800</b>	<b>20,470,496</b>	<b>19,671,360</b>	<b>20,525,747</b>	<b>21,043,585</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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