



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 22 Percent in October

CLEVELAND – Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 2.9 million tons in October, a decrease of 10 percent compared to September, and 21.8 percent below the level of a year ago. The October stone float was also 20 percent off the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports fell 22 percent in October. Loadings at Canadian quarries slipped by 24 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 23.5 million tons, an increase of 36,000 tons compared to a year ago, but a decrease of 1,258,000 tons, or 6 percent, compared to the 5-year average for the January-October timeframe.

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
U.S. Ports	3,060,631	3,299,547	2,653,204	2,888,187	3,124,083	2,456,809	3,005,135
Canadian Ports	557,300	854,773	656,150	572,150	631,261	480,181	654,326
Total	3,617,931	4,156,328	3,309,354	3,460,337	3,755,344	2,936,990	3,659,461

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	23,201,622	22,416,354	15,318,424	19,103,089	19,254,752	19,486,877	19,858,848
Canadian Ports	5,018,175	5,950,377	4,342,730	4,827,744	4,171,952	3,975,860	4,862,195
Total	28,221,804	28,368,739	19,663,163	23,930,833	23,426,704	23,462,737	24,721,043

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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