



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 11.4 Percent in November

CLEVELAND – Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 2.9 million tons in November, a decrease of 1.7 percent compared to October, and 11.4 percent below the level of a year ago. The November stone float was also 12 percent off the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports fell 12.3 percent in November. Loadings at Canadian quarries slipped by 7 percent. Shipments were impacted in the first days of the month by some delays related to Hurricane Sandy.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 26,350,706 tons, a decrease of 330,000 tons or 1.3 percent compared to a year ago. Compared to the 5-year average for the January-November timeframe, the trade is down 1,655,000 tons, or 5.9 percent.

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
U.S. Ports	3,026,967	2,823,726	2,577,680	2,387,464	2,647,669	2,321,402	2,692,701
Canadian Ports	672,700	648,235	509,875	521,952	610,184	566,567	592,589
Total	3,701,674	3,471,961	3,089,564	2,909,416	3,257,853	2,887,969	3,285,290

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	26,228,589	25,240,080	17,896,104	21,490,553	21,902,421	21,808,279	22,551,549
Canadian Ports	5,690,875	6,598,612	4,852,605	5,349,696	4,782,136	4,542,427	5,454,784
Total	31,919,464	31,838,692	22,748,709	26,840,249	26,684,557	26,350,706	28,006,333

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. More information available at www.lcaships.com. Contact Glen Nekvasil, Vice President. Phone: (440) 333-9996.

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