



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Stone Trade Up 5.8 Percent in May

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.5 million tons in May, an increase of 5.8 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments were also in line with May's total in recent years.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 3 million tons, an increase of 11.5 percent compared to a year ago. However, loadings at Canadian quarries dipped by nearly 20 percent 510,000 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 5.7 million tons, a decrease of 6.9 percent compared to a year ago, and 7.8 percent below the average for the January-May timeframe in recent years.

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: May 2008-2013 and 5-Year Average

(net tons)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average 2008-2012
U.S. Ports	3,324,222	2,229,887	2,740,212	2,347,898	2,728,553	3,042,163	2,785,222
Canadian Ports	893,800	627,727	898,836	553,828	626,836	509,458	743,325
Total	4,220,030	2,857,614	3,639,048	2,901,726	3,355,389	3,551,621	3,528,547

Note: 5-year average excludes 2009.

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: Year-To-Date 2008-2013 and 5-Year Average

(net tons)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average 2008-2012
U.S. Ports	5,830,938	3,471,438	4,783,017	4,141,116	5,019,947	4,931,542	4,943,755
Canadian Ports	1,549,900	954,038	1,338,243	937,316	1,088,842	757,599	1,228,576
Total	7,382,846	4,425,476	6,121,260	5,078,432	6,108,789	5,689,141	6,172,331

Note: 5-year average excludes 2009.

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, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation, as well as salt, sand and grain. Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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