



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Lakes Stone Trade Down 5.8 Percent in June

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.6 million tons in June, a slight increase over May (80,000 tons), but a decrease of 5.8 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments were also down 7.5 percent from June's total in recent years.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 3.1 million tons, a decrease of 2.8 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings at Canadian quarries dipped by more than 21 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 9.3 million tons, a decrease of 6.4 percent compared to a year ago, and 7.7 percent below the average for the January-June timeframe in recent years.

#### Great Lakes Limestone Trade: June 2008-2013 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average 2008-2012
U.S. Ports	3,498,132	2,114,392	3,048,324	2,909,044	3,226,497	3,137,880	3,170,500
Canadian Ports	896,000	878,533	817,458	685,611	626,970	494,770	756,510
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,394,132</b>	<b>2,994,934</b>	<b>3,865,782</b>	<b>3,594,655</b>	<b>3,853,467</b>	<b>3,632,650</b>	<b>3,927,010</b>

Long-term average does not include 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	9,329,070	5,585,830	7,831,341	7,050,160	8,246,444	8,069,422	8,114,254
Canadian Ports	2,445,900	1,832,571	2,155,701	1,622,927	1,715,812	1,252,369	1,985,085
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,774,970</b>	<b>7,418,401</b>	<b>9,987,042</b>	<b>8,673,087</b>	<b>9,962,256</b>	<b>9,321,791</b>	<b>10,099,339</b>

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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).

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