



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 13-Plus Percent in July

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.5 million tons in July, a decrease of 2.9 percent compared to June, and 13.6 percent off the pace of a year ago.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 3 million tons, a decrease of 9.7 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings at Canadian quarries dipped by more than 30 percent, falling to 507,000 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 12.85 million tons, a decrease of 8.5 percent compared to a year ago, and 23 percent below the average for the January-July timeframe in recent years.

Great Lakes Limestone Shipments from U.S. and Canadian Ports: July 2008-2013 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average* 2008-2012*
U.S. Ports	3,350,674	2,275,398	3,122,348	2,980,108	3,347,818	3,001,741	3,200,237
Canadian Ports	863,774	625,158	559,960	670,284	735,935	506,706	707,489
Total	4,214,448	2,900,556	3,682,308	3,650,392	4,083,753	3,508,447	3,907,726

Year-To-Date 2008-2013 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average* 2008-2012*
U.S. Ports	12,679,744	7,861,228	10,953,689	10,030,268	11,594,262	11,071,163	11,314,491
Canadian Ports	3,309,674	2,457,729	2,715,661	2,293,211	2,451,747	1,759,075	2,692,574
Total	15,989,418	10,318,957	13,669,350	12,323,479	14,046,009	12,830,238	16,699,639

* Excludes 2009. July shipments from U.S. ports revised downward by 20,807 tons.

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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