



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up Nearly 13 Percent in August

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.6 million tons in August, an increase of 3.7 percent compared to July, and 12.8 percent better than a year ago.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 3.15 million tons, an increase of 18.1 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings at Canadian quarries slipped by nearly 13 percent, falling to 485,000 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 16.5 million tons, a decrease of 4.6 percent compared to a year ago, and 7 percent below the long-term average for the January-August timeframe.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: AUGUST 2008-2013 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average 2008-2012*
U.S. Ports	3,453,228	2,492,875	2,607,375	3,180,700	2,668,523	3,152,779	2,977,456
Canadian Ports	994,039	556,113	732,165	621,577	554,652	484,375	725,609
Total	4,447,267	3,048,988	3,339,540	3,802,277	3,223,175	3,637,154	3,703,065

* Excludes 2009.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: YEAR-TO-DATE 2006-2011 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average 2008-2012*
U.S. Ports	16,132,972	10,354,103	13,561,064	13,210,968	14,262,785	14,223,942	14,291,948
Canadian Ports	4,303,713	3,013,842	3,447,826	2,914,788	3,006,399	2,243,450	3,418,182
Total	20,436,685	13,367,945	17,008,890	16,125,756	17,269,184	16,467,392	17,710,130

* Excludes 2009. Year-to-date for U.S. ports revised to reflect a reduction of 20,807 tons in total for July.

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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