



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up More Than 6 Percent in September

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.5 million tons in September, an increase of 6.2 percent compared to a year ago. The September total was, however, 4.9 percent below August's tally.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 3 million tons, an increase of 8.1 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings at Canadian quarries – 467,000 tons – dipped by the equivalent of one cargo in a 767-foot-long laker.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 19.9 million tons, a decrease of 2.9 percent compared to a year ago, and 6 percent below the long-term average for the first three quarters.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: SEPTEMBER 2008-2013 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE (net tons)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average 2008-2012*
U.S. Ports	2,983,835	2,311,117	2,653,838	2,919,701	2,767,283	2,990,453	2,831,165
Canadian Ports	791,891	672,738	807,768	625,903	489,280	467,249	678,711
Total	3,777,734	2,983,855	3,461,606	3,545,604	3,256,563	3,457,702	3,509,876

* Excludes 2009.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: YEAR-TO-DATE 2008-2012 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE (net tons)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average 2008-2012*
U.S. Ports	19,116,807	12,665,220	16,214,902	16,130,669	17,030,068	17,214,395	17,123,112
Canadian Ports	5,095,604	3,686,580	4,255,594	3,540,691	3,495,679	2,710,699	4,096,892
Total	24,214,419	16,351,800	20,470,496	19,671,360	20,525,747	19,925,094	21,220,004

* 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. Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President (440-333-9996).

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