



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Lakes Limestone Trade Up More Than 23 Percent in October

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.6 million tons in October, an increase of 23.3 percent compared to a year ago. The October total was also slightly ahead of the month's 5-year average, and 4.7 percent above September's total of 3,475,702 tons.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 3.2 million tons, an increase of 29 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings at Canadian quarries dipped slightly to 449,000 tons.

One factor behind the increases was better weather this October. Last year U.S.-flag lakers collectively lost about 2,000 steaming hours in October waiting out the heavy weather after Hurricane Sandy.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 23.5 million tons, an increase of a few boatloads compared to a year ago, but still 5 percent below the long-term average for the January-October timeframe.

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average 2008-2012*
U.S. Ports	3,299,547	2,653,204	2,888,187	3,124,083	2,456,809	3,172,423	2,942,157
Canadian Ports	854,773	656,150	572,150	631,261	480,181	449,398	634,592
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,156,328</b>	<b>3,309,354</b>	<b>3,460,337</b>	<b>3,755,344</b>	<b>2,936,990</b>	<b>3,621,821</b>	<b>3,576,749</b>

\* 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	22,416,354	15,318,424	19,103,089	19,254,752	19,486,877	20,386,818	20,065,268
Canadian Ports	5,950,377	4,342,730	4,827,744	4,171,952	3,975,860	3,160,097	4,731,484
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,368,739</b>	<b>19,663,163</b>	<b>23,930,833</b>	<b>23,426,704</b>	<b>23,462,737</b>	<b>23,546,915</b>	<b>24,796,752</b>

\* 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](http://www.lcaships.com). Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President (440-333-9996).

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