



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes November Limestone Trade on Track with Last Year

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 2.8 million tons in November, a virtual tie with a year ago. The November total was down 10 percent from the month's long-term average, and 22 percent below October's float of 3.6 million tons.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 2.3 million tons, a near perfect repeat of a year ago. Loadings at Canadian quarries dipped slightly to 505,000 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 26.4 million tons, an increase of one boatload compared to a year ago, but 5.6 percent below the long-term average for the January-November timeframe.

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average 2008-2012*
U.S. Ports	2,823,726	2,577,680	2,387,464	2,647,669	2,321,402	2,315,464	2,545,066
Canadian Ports	648,235	509,875	521,952	610,184	566,567	505,338	586,735
Total	3,471,961	3,089,564	2,909,416	3,257,853	2,887,969	2,820,802	3,131,801

* 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	25,240,080	17,896,104	21,490,553	21,902,421	21,808,279	22,702,282	22,610,334
Canadian Ports	6,598,612	4,852,605	5,349,696	4,782,136	4,542,427	3,665,435	5,318,218
Total	31,838,692	22,748,709	26,840,249	26,684,557	26,350,706	26,367,717	27,928,552

* 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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