



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Limestone Trade Up Slightly in 2013

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 27.6 million tons in 2013, an increase of 1.7 percent compared to 2012. The trade was, however, 4 percent below its long-term average.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 23.9 million tons, an increase of 5.7 percent compared to 2012. That total is also the highest for U.S. ports since 2008.

Shipments from Canadian ports totaled 3.7 million tons, a decrease of 18 percent compared to 2013.

The stone trade was pretty well wrapped by mid-December. Shipments during the ice season that statistically began on December 16 totaled 313,000 tons, or 25 percent of the December float. The limestone trade does typically end sooner than iron ore and coal as much of the stone moving on the Lakes is washed prior to loading into vessels and hence susceptible to freezing as temperature plummet.

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average 2008-2012*
U.S. Ports	451,134	715,473	840,933	1,218,638	759,222	1,153,638	817,482
Canadian Ports	77,687	39,950	198,991	250,447	35,291	84,418	140,604
Total	530,829	755,423	1,039,924	1,469,085	794,513	1,238,056	958,086

* Excludes 2009.

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average 2008-2012*
U.S. Ports	25,691,214	18,611,577	22,331,486	23,121,059	22,567,501	23,855,920	23,427,815
Canadian Ports	6,676,299	4,892,555	5,548,687	5,032,583	4,577,718	3,749,853	5,458,822
Total	32,367,513	23,504,132	27,880,173	28,153,642	27,145,219	27,605,773	28,886,637

* 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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