



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Great Lakes Limestone Trade Down 8 Percent in May

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.3 million tons in May, a decrease of 8 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments were also 3 percent below the month's long-term average.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 2.8 million tons, a decrease of 9 percent compared to a year ago. However, loadings at Canadian quarries were a virtual carbon copy of a year ago.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 4.2 million tons, a decrease of 25.3 percent compared to a year ago. That decrease largely reflects how severely the trade was impacted by the heavy ice formations in March and April. No stone moved in March, and April's total was down nearly 50 percent from a year ago.

**Great Lakes Limestone Trade: May 2009-2014 and Long-Term Average**  
(net tons)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
U.S. Ports	2,229,887	2,740,212	2,347,898	2,728,553	3,042,163	2,768,944	2,714,707
Canadian Ports	627,727	898,836	553,828	626,836	509,458	496,961	647,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,857,614</b>	<b>3,639,048</b>	<b>2,901,726</b>	<b>3,355,389</b>	<b>3,551,621</b>	<b>3,265,905</b>	<b>3,361,946</b>

\* Excludes 2009.

**Great Lakes Limestone Trade: Year-To-Date 2009-2014 and Long-Term Average**  
(net tons)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
U.S. Ports	3,471,438	4,783,017	4,141,116	5,019,947	4,931,542	3,737,416	4,718,905
Canadian Ports	954,038	1,338,243	937,316	1,088,842	757,599	511,619	1,030,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,425,476</b>	<b>6,121,260</b>	<b>5,078,432</b>	<b>6,108,789</b>	<b>5,689,141</b>	<b>4,249,035</b>	<b>5,749,405</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).

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