



# Lake Carriers' Association

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## July is Best Month for Lakes Limestone in Two Years

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 4,090,079 tons in July, the highest total for the trade since July of 2012. Loadings that month totaled 4,083,753 tons.

Loadings out of U.S. quarries totaled 3.5 million tons in July, an increase of 17.7 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 555,000 tons, a slight increase over a year ago.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 12 million tons, a decrease of 6.1 percent compared to a year ago. Much of the decrease is the result of the brutal winter of 2013/2014. Ice conditions were so formidable that the limestone trade did not resume in earnest until late April.

### Great Lakes Limestone Shipments from U.S. and Canadian Ports: July 2009-2014 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
U.S. Ports	2,275,398	3,122,348	2,980,108	3,347,818	3,001,741	3,533,609	3,113,003
Canadian Ports	625,158	559,960	670,284	735,935	506,706	556,470	618,221
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,900,556</b>	<b>3,682,308</b>	<b>3,650,392</b>	<b>4,083,753</b>	<b>3,508,447</b>	<b>4,090,079</b>	<b>3,731,224</b>

### Year-To-Date 2009-2014 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
U.S. Ports	7,861,228	10,953,689	10,030,268	11,594,262	11,071,163	10,340,545	10,912,345
Canadian Ports	2,457,729	2,715,661	2,293,211	2,451,747	1,759,075	1,701,735	2,304,926
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,318,957</b>	<b>13,669,350</b>	<b>12,323,479</b>	<b>14,046,009</b>	<b>12,830,238</b>	<b>12,042,280</b>	<b>12,317,271</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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