



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Up Again in August

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.7 million tons in August, an increase of 2.8 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments bettered the month's long-term average by almost 7 percent.

Loadings out of U.S. quarries totaled 3.1 million tons in August, a slight dip compared to a year ago. However, shipments from Canadian quarries rose 36 percent 660,000 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 15.8 million tons, a decrease of 4.2 percent compared to a year ago. The gap between this year and last has lessened considerably since ice conditions eased in May. At the end of April, limestone cargos were down 55 percent compared to the same point in 2013.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: AUGUST 2009-2014 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
U.S. Ports	2,492,875	2,607,375	3,180,700	2,668,523	3,152,779	3,079,905	2,902,344
Canadian Ports	556,113	732,165	621,577	554,652	484,375	660,210	598,192
Total	3,048,988	3,339,540	3,802,277	3,223,175	3,637,154	3,740,115	3,500,536

* Excludes 2009.

YEAR-TO-DATE 2009-2014 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
U.S. Ports	10,354,103	13,561,064	13,210,968	14,262,785	14,223,942	13,420,450	13,814,689
Canadian Ports	3,013,842	3,447,826	2,914,788	3,006,399	2,243,450	2,361,945	2,903,115
Total	13,367,945	17,008,890	16,125,756	17,269,184	16,467,392	15,782,395	16,717,804

* 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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