



Lake Carriers' Association

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September Fourth Straight Month Lakes Limestone Up

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.5 million tons in September, an increase of 2.3 percent compared to a year ago, and the fourth month in a row that loadings topped the corresponding period last year. Shipments also bettered the month's long-term average by 3.1 percent.

Year-to-date, the Lakes limestone trade stands at 19.3 million tons, a decrease of 3 percent compared to a year ago. Since ice conditions eased in May, the gap between this year and last has continued to narrow. The delays experienced in April were so severe that limestone cargos were then down 55 percent compared to the same point in 2013.

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

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
U.S. Ports	2,311,117	2,653,838	2,919,701	2,767,283	2,990,453	2,939,077	2,832,819
Canadian Ports	672,738	807,768	625,903	489,280	467,249	598,399	597,550
Total	2,983,855	3,461,606	3,545,604	3,256,563	3,457,702	3,537,476	3,430,369

* 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	12,665,220	16,214,902	16,130,669	17,030,068	17,214,395	16,359,527	16,647,509
Canadian Ports	3,686,580	4,255,594	3,540,691	3,495,679	2,710,699	2,960,344	3,500,666
Total	16,351,800	20,470,496	19,671,360	20,525,747	19,925,094	19,319,871	20,148,175

* 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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