



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Shipments Up for Fifth Straight Month

## Great Lakes Limestone Rally Continues in October

CLEVELAND—The Great Lakes limestone trade racked up its fifth straight month of increases over the corresponding period last year in October. Stone cargos totaled 3.7 million tons, an increase of 2.8 percent. The trade also bettered its long-term average by 8.1 percent.

Despite the 5-month rally, year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade is still slightly behind last year's pace. The 23 million tons shipped through October represent a decrease of 2.1 percent. Weather will play a leading role in determining if the 500,000-ton gap between this year and last can be erased. Some Novembers have been so stormy that the Lakes fleet had to go to anchor for more than 5,000 hours. Last year the U.S. Coast Guard started breaking ice on December 6, the earliest date on record.

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

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
U.S. Ports	2,653,204	2,888,187	3,124,083	2,456,809	3,172,423	3,095,638	2,910,375
Canadian Ports	656,150	572,150	631,261	480,181	449,398	629,107	533,248
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,309,354</b>	<b>3,460,337</b>	<b>3,755,344</b>	<b>2,936,990</b>	<b>3,621,821</b>	<b>3,724,745</b>	<b>3,443,623</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	15,318,424	19,103,089	19,254,752	19,486,877	20,386,818	19,455,165	19,557,884
Canadian Ports	4,342,730	4,827,744	4,171,952	3,975,860	3,160,097	3,589,451	4,033,913
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,663,163</b>	<b>23,930,833</b>	<b>23,426,704</b>	<b>23,462,737</b>	<b>23,546,915</b>	<b>23,044,616</b>	<b>23,591,797</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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