



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Lakes Limestone Trade Down 1.8 Percent in 2014

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 27.1 million tons in 2014, a decrease of 1.8 percent from 2013 and a drop of 2.1 percent compared to the trade's long-term average. Shipments from U.S. ports dipped 4 percent, but loadings out of Canadian quarries rose 12.5 percent.

The decline Lakeswide largely reflects the significant delays in resuming shipments in the spring. Heavy ice formations covered the Lakes and loadings in April were down nearly 50 percent. Even in May shipments lagged the previous year by 8 percent.

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

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
U.S. Ports	715,473	840,933	1,218,638	759,222	1,153,638	1,203,358	993,108
Canadian Ports	39,950	198,991	250,447	35,291	84,418	168,771	142,287
<b>Total</b>	<b>755,423</b>	<b>1,039,924</b>	<b>1,469,085</b>	<b>794,513</b>	<b>1,238,056</b>	<b>1,372,129</b>	<b>1,135,395</b>

\* Excludes 2009.

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

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
U.S. Ports	18,611,577	22,331,486	23,121,059	22,567,501	23,855,920	22,894,422	22,968,992
Canadian Ports	4,892,555	5,548,687	5,032,583	4,577,718	3,749,853	4,218,634	4,727,211
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,504,132</b>	<b>27,880,173</b>	<b>28,153,642</b>	<b>27,145,219</b>	<b>27,605,773</b>	<b>27,113,056</b>	<b>27,696,203</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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