



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up 4 Percent in August

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone from U.S. and Canadian quarries on the Great Lakes totaled 3.9 million tons in August, an increase of 4 percent compared to a year ago, and even more, 10 percent, when compared to the month's long-term average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries in Michigan and Ohio approached 3.3 million tons, an increase of 6 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries in Ontario dipped by a couple boatloads.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 17,857,335 tons, an increase of 13 percent compared to the same point in 2014. Loadings out of U.S. quarries are 11 percent ahead of last year's pace. Shipments from Canadian quarries have surged by 23 percent.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: AUGUST 2010-2015 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Average 2010-2014
U.S. Ports	2,607,375	3,180,700	2,668,523	3,152,779	3,079,905	3,273,229	2,937,856
Canadian Ports	732,165	621,577	554,652	484,375	660,210	619,373	610,596
Total	3,339,540	3,802,277	3,223,175	3,637,154	3,740,115	3,892,602	3,548,452

YEAR-TO-DATE 2010-2015 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Average 2010-2014
U.S. Ports	13,561,064	13,210,968	14,262,785	14,223,942	13,420,450	14,958,355	13,735,842
Canadian Ports	3,447,826	2,914,788	3,006,399	2,243,450	2,361,945	2,898,980	2,794,882
Total	17,008,890	16,125,756	17,269,184	16,467,392	15,782,395	17,857,335	16,530,724

U.S. ports: Calcite, MI, Cedarville, MI, Drummond Island, MI, Marblehead, OH, Port Inland, MI and Presque Isle, MI. Canadian ports: Bruce Mines, Manitoulin Island and Smelter Bay (all Ontario).

Lake Carriers' Association represents 16 American companies that operate 56 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 100 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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