



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Skips a Beat in September

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.3 million tons in September, a decrease of 8 percent compared to a year ago. The decrease came almost entirely at Canadian quarries. Shipments from the three quarries fell 257,000 tons compared to a year ago, a decrease of 43 percent.

Year-to-date, the Lakes limestone trade stands at 21.1 million tons, an increase of 9 percent. U.S. quarries account for much of the increase. Loadings from the quarries in Michigan and Ohio have increased by more than 1.5 million tons.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Average 2010-2014
U.S. Ports	2,653,838	2,919,701	2,767,283	2,990,453	2,939,077	2,928,040	2,854,070
Canadian Ports	807,768	625,903	489,280	467,249	598,399	341,047	597,720
Total	3,461,606	3,545,604	3,256,563	3,457,702	3,537,476	3,269,087	3,451,790

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Average 2010-2014
U.S. Ports	16,214,902	16,130,669	17,030,068	17,214,395	16,359,527	17,886,395	16,589,912
Canadian Ports	4,255,594	3,540,691	3,495,679	2,710,699	2,960,344	3,240,027	3,392,601
Total	20,470,496	19,671,360	20,525,747	19,925,094	19,319,871	21,126,422	19,982,513

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 15 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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