

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 8 Percent in October

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.4 million tons in October, a decrease of 8 percent compared to a year ago. However, the trade was only 2 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 2.9 million tons in October, a decrease of 6 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings out of Canadian quarries totaled 505,000 tons, 20 percent less than a year ago.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 24.5 million tons, an increase of 6.5 percent compared to the same point in 2014, and 4.5 percent better than the 5-year average for the January-October timeframe. Shipments from U.S. ports are up 7 percent. Loadings out of Canadian quarries are up 4.3 percent.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Average 2010-2014
U.S. Ports	2,888,187	3,124,083	2,456,809	3,172,423	3,095,638	2,920,091	2,947,428
Canadian Ports	572,150	631,261	480,181	449,398	629,107	504,973	552,419
Total	3,460,337	3,755,344	2,936,990	3,621,821	3,724,745	3,425,064	3,499,847

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Average 2010-2014
U.S. Ports	19,103,089	19,254,752	19,486,877	20,386,818	19,455,165	20,806,486	19,537,340
Canadian Ports	4,827,744	4,171,952	3,975,860	3,160,097	3,589,451	3,745,000	3,945,021
Total	23,930,833	23,426,704	23,462,737	23,546,915	23,044,616	24,551,486	23,482,361

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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