

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade Up 10.8 Percent in November

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3 million tons in November, an increase of nearly 11 percent compared to a year ago. The trade also outperformed the month's 5-year average by 2.5 percent.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 2.5 million tons in November, an increase of 11.1 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings out of Canadian quarries rose 9.3 percent to 500,000 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 27.5 million tons, an increase of 7 percent compared to the same point in 2014, and 4.3 percent better than the 5-year average for the January-November timeframe. Shipments from U.S. ports are up 7.4 percent. Loadings out of Canadian quarries are up 4.9 percent.

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Average 2010-2014
U.S. Ports	2,387,464	2,647,669	2,321,402	2,315,464	2,235,899	2,484,394	2,381,580
Canadian Ports	521,952	610,184	566,567	505,338	460,412	503,109	532,911
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,909,416</b>	<b>3,257,853</b>	<b>2,887,969</b>	<b>2,820,802</b>	<b>2,696,311</b>	<b>2,987,503</b>	<b>2,914,491</b>

### 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	21,490,553	21,902,421	21,808,279	22,702,282	21,691,064	23,290,880	21,918,920
Canadian Ports	5,349,696	4,782,136	4,542,427	3,665,435	4,049,863	4,248,109	4,477,911
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,840,249</b>	<b>26,684,557</b>	<b>26,350,706</b>	<b>26,367,717</b>	<b>25,740,927</b>	<b>27,538,989</b>	<b>26,396,831</b>

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](http://www.lcaships.com).

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