

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade Up 7 Percent in 2015

CLEVELAND—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 29 million tons 2015, an increase of 7 percent compared to a year ago. The trade also outperformed its 5-year average by 5.2 percent.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 24.5 million tons in 2015, an increase of approximately 7 percent compared to both a year ago and the 5-year average.

Loadings out of Canadian quarries rose 11.1 percent to 4.5 million tons, but still trailed the 5-year average by 3 percent.

### GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: DECEMBER 2010-2015 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE

(net tons)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Average 2010-2014
U.S. Ports	840,933	1,218,638	759,222	1,153,638	1,203,358	1,248,823	1,035,158
Canadian Ports	198,991	250,447	35,291	84,418	168,771	240,658	354,615
<b>Total</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>1,489,481</b>	<b>1,389,773</b>

### GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: 2010-2015 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE

(net tons)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Average 2010-2014
U.S. Ports	22,331,486	23,121,059	22,567,501	23,855,920	22,894,422	24,539,703	22,954,078
Canadian Ports	5,548,687	5,032,583	4,577,718	3,749,853	4,218,634	4,488,767	4,625,495
<b>Total</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>29,028,470</b>	<b>27,579,573</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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