

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up 7 Percent in April

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 1,947,263 tons in April, an increase of 7 percent compared to a year ago.

Loadings out of U.S. quarries totaled 1,552,490 tons, a decrease of 3.2 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries jumped 85 percent to 394,773 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 2,257,604 tons, an increase of 10.6 percent. Shipments from U.S. quarries are up a boatload or two. Loadings out of Canadian quarries have risen 75 percent.

The year-to-date total includes 180,234 tons from U.S. quarries in January and 107,998 tons in March. Canadian quarries shipped 22,109 tons in March.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: APRIL 2011-2016 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	1,743,034	2,111,327	1,596,519	968,472	1,604,339	1,552,490	1,604,738
Canadian Ports	383,488	462,006	247,670	14,658	214,366	394,773	264,438
Total	2,126,522	2,573,333	1,844,189	983,130	1,818,705	1,947,263	1,869,176

YEAR-TO-DATE 2011-2016 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	1,793,218	2,291,394	1,889,379	968,472	1,801,615	1,840,722	1,748,816
Canadian Ports	383,488	462,006	248,141	14,658	238,096	416,882	269,278
Total	2,176,706	2,753,400	2,137,520	983,130	2,039,711	2,257,604	2,018,094

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 14 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.

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