

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade in May Repeats a Year Ago

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,806,526 tons in May, a virtual repeat of a year ago when the trade totaled 3,809,701 tons. This May's loadings were, however, slightly below the month's 5-year average.

Loadings out of U.S. quarries totaled 3,053,669 tons, a decrease of approximately 40,000 tons compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 752,857 tons, an increase of 37,000 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 6,064,130 tons, an increase of 3.7 percent compared to a year ago. Again, loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries are virtually unchanged from a year ago – 4.9 million tons. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 1,169,739 tons, an increase of 216,000 tons.

### Great Lakes Limestone Trade: May 2011-2016 and Long-Term Average

(net tons)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	2,347,898	2,728,553	3,042,163	2,768,944	3,094,460	3,053,669	2,796,404
Canadian Ports	553,828	626,836	509,458	496,961	715,241	752,857	1,139,746
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,901,726</b>	<b>3,355,389</b>	<b>3,551,621</b>	<b>3,265,905</b>	<b>3,809,701</b>	<b>3,806,526</b>	<b>3,936,150</b>

### Great Lakes Limestone Trade: Year-To-Date 2011-2016 and Long-Term Average

(net tons)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	4,141,116	5,019,947	4,931,542	3,737,416	4,896,075	4,894,391	4,545,219
Canadian Ports	937,316	1,088,842	757,599	511,619	953,337	1,169,739	849,743
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,078,432</b>	<b>6,108,789</b>	<b>5,689,141</b>	<b>4,249,035</b>	<b>5,849,412</b>	<b>6,064,130</b>	<b>5,394,962</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).

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