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Lakes Limestone Trade Down Nearly 8 Percent in June

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.7 million tons in June, a decrease of 7.8 percent compared to a year ago. June's loadings were, however, just slightly below the month's 5-year average.

Loadings out of U.S. quarries totaled 2,948,189 tons, a decrease of 10 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 780,907 tons, an increase of 16,770 tons, or roughly one load in a river-class laker.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 9.8 million tons, a decrease of 1 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings out of Michigan and Ohio quarries have slipped 4 percent to 7,842,580 tons. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 1,950,646 tons, an increase of 233,000 tons.

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

	(net tons)						
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	2,909,044	3,226,497	3,137,880	3,069,520	3,278,629	2,948,189	3,124,314
Canadian Ports	685,611	626,970	494,770	633,646	764,137	780,907	641,027
Total	3,594,655	3,853,467	3,632,650	3,703,166	4,042,766	3,729,096	3,765,341

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	7,050,160	8,246,444	8,069,422	6,806,936	8,174,704	7,842,580	7,669,533
Canadian Ports	1,622,927	1,715,812	1,252,369	1,145,265	1,717,474	1,950,646	1,490,769
Total	8,673,087	9,962,256	9,321,791	7,952,201	9,892,178	9,793,226	9,160,302

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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