

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 13.5 Percent in August

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,365,999 tons in August, a decrease of 13.5 percent compared to a year ago. August's loadings were also 8 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2,765,206 tons, a decrease of 15.5 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 600,793 tons, a decrease equal to one load in one of the larger river-class vessels.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 16.5 million tons, a decrease of 7.6 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings out of Michigan and Ohio quarries total 13.2 million tons, a decrease of 11.8 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 3.3 million tons, an increase of 14.3 percent.

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

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	3,180,700	2,668,523	3,152,779	3,079,905	3,273,229	2,765,206	3,071,027
Canadian Ports	621,577	554,652	484,375	660,210	619,373	600,793	588,037
Total	3,802,277	3,223,175	3,637,154	3,740,115	3,892,602	3,365,999	3,659,064

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

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	13,210,968	14,262,785	14,223,942	13,420,450	14,958,355	13,194,053	14,015,300
Canadian Ports	2,914,788	3,006,399	2,243,450	2,361,945	2,898,980	3,313,212	2,885,112
Total	16,125,756	17,269,184	16,467,392	15,782,395	17,857,335	16,507,265	16,900,412

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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