

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 9.5 Percent in September

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 2,958,522 tons in September, a decrease of 9.5 percent compared to a year ago. September's loadings were also 13.3 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2,495,401 tons, a decrease of 14.8 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 463,121 tons, an increase of 35.8 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 19,465,787 tons, a decrease of 7.9 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings out of Michigan and Ohio quarries total 15,689,454 tons, a decrease of 12.3 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 3,776,333 tons, an increase of 16.6 percent.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: SEPTEMBER 2011-2016 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE

(net tons)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	2,919,701	2,767,283	2,990,453	2,939,077	2,928,040	2,495,401	2,908,911
Canadian Ports	625,903	489,280	467,249	598,399	341,047	463,121	504,376
Total	3,545,604	3,256,563	3,457,702	3,537,476	3,269,087	2,958,522	3,413,287

YEAR-TO-DATE 2011-2016 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE

(net tons)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	16,130,669	17,030,068	17,214,395	16,359,527	17,886,395	15,689,454	16,924,211
Canadian Ports	3,540,691	3,495,679	2,710,699	2,960,344	3,240,027	3,776,333	3,189,488
Total	19,671,360	20,525,747	19,925,094	19,319,871	21,126,422	19,465,787	20,113,699

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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