

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade Down 3.5 Percent in October

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.3 million tons in October, a decrease of 3.5 percent compared to a year ago. October's loadings were also 5.4 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.7 million tons, a decrease of 7.8 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 613,000 tons, an increase of 21.4 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 22.8 million tons, a decrease of 7.3 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings out of Michigan and Ohio quarries total 18.4 million tons, a decrease of 11.7 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 4.4 million tons, an increase of 17.2 percent.

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

(net tons)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	3,124,083	2,456,809	3,172,423	3,095,638	2,920,091	2,692,456	2,953,809
Canadian Ports	631,261	480,181	449,398	629,107	504,973	613,197	538,984
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,755,344</b>	<b>2,936,990</b>	<b>3,621,821</b>	<b>3,724,745</b>	<b>3,425,064</b>	<b>3,305,653</b>	<b>3,492,793</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	19,254,752	19,486,877	20,386,818	19,455,165	20,806,486	18,381,910	19,878,020
Canadian Ports	4,171,952	3,975,860	3,160,097	3,589,451	3,745,000	4,389,530	3,728,472
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,426,704</b>	<b>23,462,737</b>	<b>23,546,915</b>	<b>23,044,616</b>	<b>24,551,486</b>	<b>22,771,440</b>	<b>23,606,492</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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