

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down Almost 17 Percent in November

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 2.5 million tons in November, a decrease of 16.8 percent compared to a year ago. November's loadings were also 15.1 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.1 million tons, a decrease of 16.2 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 406,000 tons, a decrease of 19.3 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 25.3 million tons, a decrease of 8.3 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings out of Michigan and Ohio quarries total 20.5 million tons, a decrease of 12.1 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 4.8 million tons, an increase of 12.9 percent.

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

(net tons)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	2,647,669	2,321,402	2,315,464	2,235,899	2,484,394	2,081,092	2,400,966
Canadian Ports	610,184	566,567	505,338	460,412	503,109	405,819	529,122
Total	3,257,853	2,887,969	2,820,802	2,696,311	2,987,503	2,486,911	2,930,088

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	21,902,421	21,808,279	22,702,282	21,691,064	23,290,880	20,463,002	22,278,985
Canadian Ports	4,782,136	4,542,427	3,665,435	4,049,863	4,248,109	4,795,349	4,257,594
Total	26,684,557	26,350,706	26,367,717	25,740,927	27,538,989	25,258,351	26,536,579

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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