

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Great Lakes Limestone Trade Down 9 Percent in 2016

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 26.3 million tons in 2016, a decrease of 9.3 percent compared to 2015. 2016's loadings were also 5.3 percent below the trade's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 21.4 million tons, a decrease of nearly 13 percent compared to 2015. Shipments from U.S. quarries also trailed their 5-year average by 8.6 percent.

Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 5 million tons, an increase of 10.5 percent over 2015 and 12.4 percent better than their 5-year average.

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

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	1,218,638	759,222	1,153,638	1,203,358	1,248,823	915,102	1,116,736
Canadian Ports	250,447	35,291	84,418	168,771	240,658	163,289	155,917
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,469,085</b>	<b>794,513</b>	<b>1,238,056</b>	<b>1,372,129</b>	<b>1,489,481</b>	<b>1,078,391</b>	<b>1,272,206</b>

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

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
U.S. Ports	23,121,059	22,567,501	23,855,920	22,894,422	24,539,703	21,378,104	23,395,721
Canadian Ports	5,032,583	4,577,718	3,749,853	4,218,634	4,488,767	4,958,638	4,413,511
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,153,642</b>	<b>27,145,219</b>	<b>27,605,773</b>	<b>27,113,056</b>	<b>29,028,470</b>	<b>26,336,742</b>	<b>27,809,232</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).

Lake Carriers' Association represents 13 American companies that operate 49 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](http://www.lcaships.com).

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