

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade Down 5.4 Percent in May

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.6 million tons in May, a decrease of 5.4 percent compared to a year ago. May's loadings were, however, slightly above the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.9 million tons, a decrease of 4.2 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 683,000 tons, a decrease of 9.3 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 5.3 million tons, a decrease of 12.3 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 4.3 million tons, a decrease of 11.4 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 980,000 tons, a decrease of 16.3 percent.

### Great Lakes Limestone Trade: May 2012-2017 and Long-Term Average

(net tons)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	2,728,553	3,042,163	2,768,944	3,094,460	3,053,669	2,924,060	2,937,558
Canadian Ports	626,836	509,458	496,961	715,241	752,857	682,595	620,271
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,355,389</b>	<b>3,551,621</b>	<b>3,265,905</b>	<b>3,809,701</b>	<b>3,806,526</b>	<b>3,606,655</b>	<b>3,557,829</b>

### Great Lakes Limestone Trade: Year-To-Date 2012-2017 and Long-Term Average

(net tons)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	5,019,947	4,931,542	3,737,416	4,896,075	4,894,391	4,335,388	4,695,874
Canadian Ports	1,088,842	757,599	511,619	953,337	1,169,739	979,837	896,227
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,108,789</b>	<b>5,689,141</b>	<b>4,249,035</b>	<b>5,849,412</b>	<b>6,064,130</b>	<b>5,315,225</b>	<b>5,592,101</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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