

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 7.3 Percent in June

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,455,019 tons in June, a decrease of 7.3 percent compared to a year ago. June's loadings were also 8.9 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.8 million tons, a decrease of 5.5 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 668,000 tons, a decrease of 14.3 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 8.8 million tons, a decrease of 10.4 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 7.1 million tons, a decrease of 9.2 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 1.6 million tons, a decrease of 15.5 percent.

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

(net tons)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	3,226,497	3,137,880	3,069,520	3,278,629	2,948,189	2,786,784	3,132,143
Canadian Ports	626,970	494,770	633,646	764,137	780,907	668,235	660,086
Total	3,853,467	3,632,650	3,703,166	4,042,766	3,729,096	3,455,019	3,792,229

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	8,246,444	8,069,422	6,806,936	8,174,704	7,842,580	7,122,172	7,828,017
Canadian Ports	1,715,812	1,252,369	1,145,265	1,717,474	1,950,646	1,648,072	1,610,913
Total	9,962,256	9,321,791	7,952,201	9,892,178	9,793,226	8,770,244	9,438,930

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 sand, grain and gypsum. 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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