

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up More Than 15 Percent in July

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.9 million tons in July, an increase of 15.4 percent compared to a year ago. July's loadings were also slightly ahead of the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.16 million tons, an increase of 22.3 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 700,000 tons, a decrease of 60,000 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 12.6 million tons, a decrease of 9.6 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 10.3 million tons, a decrease of 1.4 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 2.35 million tons, a decrease of 13.4 percent.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: JULY 2012-2017 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	3,347,818	3,001,741	3,533,609	3,510,422	2,586,267	3,162,664	3,195,971
Canadian Ports	735,935	506,706	556,470	562,133	761,773	701,953	624,603
Total	4,083,753	3,508,447	4,090,079	4,072,555	3,348,040	3,864,617	3,820,574

YEAR-TO-DATE 2012-2017 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	11,594,262	11,071,163	10,340,545	11,685,126	10,428,847	10,284,836	11,023,987
Canadian Ports	2,451,747	1,759,075	1,701,735	2,279,607	2,712,419	2,350,025	2,180,917
Total	14,046,009	12,830,238	12,042,280	13,964,733	13,141,266	12,634,861	13,204,904

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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