

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade Up Nearly 19 Percent in August

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,991,471 tons in August, an increase of 18.6 percent compared to a year ago. August's loadings were also nearly 12 percent ahead of the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3,358,064 tons, an increase of 21.4 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 633,407 tons, a slight increase over a year ago.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 16,626,332 tons, an increase of 0.7 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings out of Michigan and Ohio quarries total 13,642,900 tons, an increase of 3.4 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 2,983,432 tons, a decrease of 10 percent.

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

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	2,668,523	3,152,779	3,079,905	3,273,229	2,765,206	3,358,064	2,987,928
Canadian Ports	554,652	484,375	660,210	619,373	600,793	633,407	583,881
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,223,175</b>	<b>3,637,154</b>	<b>3,740,115</b>	<b>3,892,602</b>	<b>3,365,999</b>	<b>3,991,471</b>	<b>3,571,809</b>

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

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	14,262,785	14,223,942	13,420,450	14,958,355	13,194,053	13,642,900	14,011,917
Canadian Ports	3,006,399	2,243,450	2,361,945	2,898,980	3,313,212	2,983,432	2,764,797
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,269,184</b>	<b>16,467,392</b>	<b>15,782,395</b>	<b>17,857,335</b>	<b>16,507,265</b>	<b>16,626,332</b>	<b>16,776,714</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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