

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up More Than 17 Percent in September

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.5 million tons in September, an increase of 17.5 percent compared to a year ago. September's loadings were also 5.5 percent ahead of the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.9 million tons, an increase of nearly 15 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 609,000 tons, an increase of nearly 32 percent over a year ago.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 20.1 million tons, an increase of 3.3 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 16.5 million tons, an increase of 5.3 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 3.6 million tons, a decrease of 4.9 percent.

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

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	2,767,283	2,990,453	2,939,077	2,928,040	2,495,401	2,867,135	2,824,051
Canadian Ports	489,280	467,249	598,399	341,047	463,121	609,425	471,819
Total	3,256,563	3,457,702	3,537,476	3,269,087	2,958,522	3,476,560	3,295,870

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

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	17,030,068	17,214,395	16,359,527	17,886,395	15,689,454	16,510,035	16,835,968
Canadian Ports	3,495,679	2,710,699	2,960,344	3,240,027	3,776,333	3,592,857	3,236,616
Total	20,525,747	19,925,094	19,319,871	21,126,422	19,465,787	20,102,892	20,072,584

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 and grain. 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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