

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade Up Almost 11 Percent in October

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.65 million tons in October, an increase of 10.6 percent compared to a year ago. October's loadings were also 7.5 percent ahead of the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3 million tons, an increase of 11.1 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 665,000 tons, an increase of 8.4 percent over a year ago.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 23.8 million tons, an increase of 4.3 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 19.5 million tons, an increase of 6.1 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 4.25 million tons, a decrease of 3 percent.

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

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	2,456,809	3,172,423	3,095,638	2,920,091	2,692,456	2,992,327	2,867,483
Canadian Ports	480,181	449,398	629,107	504,973	613,197	664,787	535,371
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,936,990</b>	<b>3,621,821</b>	<b>3,724,745</b>	<b>3,425,064</b>	<b>3,305,653</b>	<b>3,657,114</b>	<b>3,402,854</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	19,486,877	20,386,818	19,455,165	20,806,486	18,381,910	19,502,362	19,703,451
Canadian Ports	3,975,860	3,160,097	3,589,451	3,745,000	4,389,530	4,257,644	3,771,988
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,462,737</b>	<b>23,546,915</b>	<b>23,044,616</b>	<b>24,551,486</b>	<b>22,771,440</b>	<b>23,760,006</b>	<b>23,475,439</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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