

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up Almost 19 Percent in November

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 2.95 million tons in November, an increase of 18.8 percent compared to a year ago. November's loadings were also 6.4 percent ahead of the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.5 million tons, an increase of 21.2 percent compared to a year ago. It should be noted, however, that shipments from U.S. quarries in November 2016 were at their lowest level in more than a decade.

Shipments from Canadian quarries this November totaled 430,000 tons, an increase of one cargo in a mid-sized Great Lakes freighter.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 26.7 million tons, an increase of 5.8 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 22 million tons, an increase of 7.6 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 4.7 million tons, a decrease of 2.2 percent.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: NOVEMBER 2012-2017 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE

(net tons)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	2,321,402	2,315,464	2,235,899	2,484,394	2,081,092	2,523,544	2,287,650
Canadian Ports	566,567	505,338	460,412	503,109	405,819	431,432	488,249
Total	2,887,969	2,820,802	2,696,311	2,987,503	2,486,911	2,954,976	2,775,899

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	21,808,279	22,702,282	21,691,064	23,290,880	20,463,002	22,025,906	21,991,101
Canadian Ports	4,542,427	3,665,435	4,049,863	4,248,109	4,795,349	4,689,076	4,260,237
Total	26,350,706	26,367,717	25,740,927	27,538,989	25,258,351	26,714,982	26,251,338

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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