

Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Limestone Trade Up More Than 6 Percent in 2017

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 28 million tons in 2017, an increase of 6.4 percent compared to 2016. 2017's loadings were also 2.1 percent above the trade's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 23.2 million tons, an increase of 8.4 percent compared to 2016. Shipments from U.S. quarries also inched passed their 5-year average.

Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 4.85 million tons, a decrease of 2.1 percent from 2016, but 10.4 percent better than their 5-year average.

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

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	759,222	1,153,638	1,203,358	1,248,823	915,102	1,144,188	1,056,029
Canadian Ports	35,291	84,418	168,771	240,658	163,289	165,920	138,485
Total	794,513	1,238,056	1,372,129	1,489,481	1,078,391	1,310,108	1,194,514

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

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
U.S. Ports	22,567,501	23,855,920	22,894,422	24,539,703	21,378,104	23,170,094	23,047,130
Canadian Ports	4,577,718	3,749,853	4,218,634	4,488,767	4,958,638	4,854,996	4,398,722
Total	27,145,219	27,605,773	27,113,056	29,028,470	26,336,742	28,025,090	27,445,852

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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