

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up Nearly 4 Percent in May

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.745 million tons in May, an increase of 3.9 percent compared to a year ago. May's loadings also bettered the month's 5-year average by the same percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.155 million tons, an increase of 7.9 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 590,000 tons, a decrease of 13.5 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 5.2 million tons, a decrease of 1.5 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 4.47 million tons, an increase of 3.1 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 767,000 tons, a decrease of 21.7 percent.

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: May 2013-2018 and Long-Term Average

(net tons)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	3,042,163	2,768,944	3,094,460	3,053,669	2,924,060	3,155,346	2,976,659
Canadian Ports	509,458	496,961	715,241	752,857	682,595	590,296	631,422
Total	3,551,621	3,265,905	3,809,701	3,806,526	3,606,655	3,745,642	3,608,081

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: Year-To-Date 2013-2018 and Long-Term Average

(net tons)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	4,931,542	3,737,416	4,896,075	4,894,391	4,335,388	4,469,074	4,558,962
Canadian Ports	757,599	511,619	953,337	1,169,739	979,837	766,910	874,426
Total	5,689,141	4,249,035	5,849,412	6,064,130	5,315,225	5,235,984	5,433,388

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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Lake Carriers' Association represents 13 American companies that operate 45 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, grain and gypsum. 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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