

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Surges in June

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 4,052,994 tons in June, an increase of more than 17 percent compared to a year ago. This June also represented the first month in which loadings topped 4 million tons since July 2015.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.2 million tons, an increase of 16.2 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 815,000 tons, an increase of 22 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 9.3 million tons, an increase of 5.9 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 7.7 million tons, an increase of 8.2 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 1.6 million tons, a decrease of about three boatloads.

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: June 2013-2018 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	3,137,880	3,069,520	3,278,629	2,948,189	2,786,784	3,238,188	3,044,200
Canadian Ports	494,770	633,646	764,137	780,907	668,235	814,806	668,339
Total	3,632,650	3,703,166	4,042,766	3,729,096	3,455,019	4,052,994	3,712,539

Year-To-Date 2013-2018 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	8,069,422	6,806,936	8,174,704	7,842,580	7,122,172	7,707,262	7,603,163
Canadian Ports	1,252,369	1,145,265	1,717,474	1,950,646	1,648,072	1,581,716	1,542,765
Total	9,321,791	7,952,201	9,892,178	9,793,226	8,770,244	9,288,978	9,145,928

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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