

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Steady In August

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,941,085 tons in August, a near carbon copy of both a year ago and July of this year. Limestone cargos also bettered the month's 5-year average by 5.8 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.248 million tons, a decrease 3.3 percent, or 110,000 tons, compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 693,003 tons, an increase of 9.4 percent or roughly three loads in a mid-sized laker.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 17.2 million tons, an increase of 3.5 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 14.1 million tons, an increase of 3.3 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 3.1 million tons, an increase 4.5 percent.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: AUGUST 2013-2018 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	3,152,779	3,079,905	3,273,229	2,765,206	3,358,064	3,248,082	3,125,837
Canadian Ports	484,375	660,210	619,373	600,793	633,407	693,003	599,632
Total	3,637,154	3,740,115	3,892,602	3,365,999	3,991,471	3,941,085	3,725,469

YEAR-TO-DATE 2013-2018 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	14,223,942	13,420,450	14,958,355	13,194,053	13,642,900	14,097,966	13,887,940
Canadian Ports	2,243,450	2,361,945	2,898,980	3,313,212	2,983,432	3,117,641	2,760,204
Total	16,467,392	15,782,395	17,857,335	16,507,265	16,626,332	17,215,607	16,648,144

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 ("LCA") represents 13 American companies that operate 45 U.S.-flag vessels ("lakers") 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 salt, sand and grain. Collectively, its members can transport more than 90 million tons of dry-bulk cargo per year and employ more than 1,600 men and women, all of whom are U.S. citizens or legally admitted aliens, and provide annual wages and benefits of approximately \$125 million. In turn, those cargos create and sustain nearly 116,00 jobs in the eight Great Lakes states and generate more than \$20 billion in economic activity, \$8.3 billion in personal income, \$16.4 billion in business revenue, \$4.1 billion in local purchases and \$3.7 billion in taxes.

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