

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up Nearly 4 Percent in September

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.6 million tons in September, an increase of 3.7 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos also bettered the month's 5-year average by 8 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.9 million tons, an increase of 1.8 percent, or 54,000 tons compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 685,000 tons, an increase of 12.4 percent, or 76,000 tons.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 20.8 million tons, an increase of 3.6 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 17 million tons, an increase of 3.1 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 3.8 million tons, an increase 5.8 percent.

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

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	2,990,453	2,939,077	2,928,040	2,495,401	2,867,135	2,921,027	2,844,021
Canadian Ports	467,249	598,399	341,047	463,121	609,425	685,212	495,848
Total	3,457,702	3,537,476	3,269,087	2,958,522	3,476,560	3,606,239	3,339,869

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

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	17,214,395	16,359,527	17,886,395	15,689,454	16,510,035	17,018,993	16,731,961
Canadian Ports	2,710,699	2,960,344	3,240,027	3,776,333	3,592,857	3,802,853	3,256,052
Total	19,925,094	19,319,871	21,126,422	19,465,787	20,102,892	20,821,846	19,988,013

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 116,000 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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