

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 6 Percent in November

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 2.8 million tons in November, a decrease of 6 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos were however just about on track with the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.3 million tons, a decrease of 8.8 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 473,000 tons, an increase of roughly 40,000 tons.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 27 million tons, an increase of 1 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 22.1 million tons, an increase of 112,000 tons. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 4.8 million tons, an increase 153,000 tons.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: NOVEMBER 2013-2018 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE

(net tons)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	2,315,464	2,235,899	2,484,394	2,081,092	2,523,544	2,302,814	2,328,079
Canadian Ports	505,338	460,412	503,109	405,819	431,432	472,527	461,222
Total	2,820,802	2,696,311	2,987,503	2,486,911	2,954,976	2,775,341	2,789,301

YEAR-TO-DATE 2013-2018 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE

(net tons)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
U.S. Ports	22,702,282	21,691,064	23,290,880	20,463,002	22,025,906	22,137,094	22,034,627
Canadian Ports	3,665,435	4,049,863	4,248,109	4,795,349	4,689,076	4,842,939	4,289,566
Total	26,367,717	25,740,927	27,538,989	25,258,351	26,714,982	26,980,033	26,324,193

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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