

Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Limestone Trade Up 69 Percent in April

CLEVELAND — Shipments totaled 2,114,432 net tons, an increase of 69 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings surpassed the month's 5-year average by 38 percent.

Loadings at U.S. ports totaled 1.8 million tons, an increase of 69 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 289,737 tons, an increase of 64 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 2.4 million tons, an increase of nearly 60 percent from 2018. Shipments from U.S. ports total 2.1 million tons, an increase of 60 percent. The year-to-date total for U.S. ports includes 54,046 tons shipped in March and 214,025 tons loaded in January.

No limestone moved from Canadian quarries during the first quarter, so the April total is also the year-to-date total for Canadian ports.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: APRIL 2014-2019 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2013-2018
U.S. Ports	968,472	1,604,339	1,552,490	1,332,839	1,077,612	1,824,695	1,307,150
Canadian Ports	14,658	214,366	394,773	297,242	176,614	289,737	219,531
Total	983,130	1,818,705	1,947,263	1,630,081	1,254,226	2,114,432	1,526,681

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE YEAR-TO-DATE: 2014-2019 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2013-2018
U.S. Ports	968,472	1,801,615	1,840,722	1,411,328	1,313,728	2,092,766	1,467,173
Canadian Ports	14,658	238,096	416,882	297,242	176,614	289,737	228,698
Total	983,130	2,039,711	2,257,604	1,708,570	1,490,342	2,382,503	1,695,871

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, Port Colborne (from August 2017 on) and Smelter Bay (all Ontario).

About Lake Carriers' Association

Lake Carriers' Association ("LCA") represents 13 American companies that operate 46 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, the cargos its members carry 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. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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