

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade Up 13.6 Percent in May

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 4.3 million tons in May, an increase of 13.6 percent compared to a year ago. May's loadings also bettered the month's 5-year average by 17.8 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.4 million tons, an increase of 8.2 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 890,000 tons, an increase of over 40 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at nearly 6.7 million tons, an increase of 26.7 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 5.5 million tons, an increase of 23.2 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 1.18 million tons, an increase of 45.9 percent.

### Great Lakes Limestone Trade: May 2014-2019 and Long-Term Average

(net tons)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	2,768,944	3,094,460	3,053,669	2,924,060	3,155,346	3,413,862	2,999,296
Canadian Ports	496,961	715,241	752,857	682,595	632,187	890,484	655,968
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,265,905</b>	<b>3,809,701</b>	<b>3,806,526</b>	<b>3,606,655</b>	<b>3,787,533</b>	<b>4,304,346</b>	<b>3,655,264</b>

### Great Lakes Limestone Trade: Year-To-Date 2014-2019 and Long-Term Average

(net tons)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	3,737,416	4,896,075	4,894,391	4,335,388	4,469,074	5,506,628	4,466,469
Canadian Ports	511,619	953,337	1,169,739	979,837	808,801	1,180,221	884,667
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,249,035</b>	<b>5,849,412</b>	<b>6,064,130</b>	<b>5,315,225</b>	<b>5,277,875</b>	<b>6,686,849</b>	<b>5,351,136</b>

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).

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