

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Strong in July

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 4,300,022 tons in July, an increase of 7.35 percent compared to a year ago. The trade also bettered the month's 5-year average by 10.9 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.485 million tons, an increase of 10.9 percent compared to 2018. Shipments from Canadian quarries dropped to 814,790 tons, a decrease of 5.7 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 15.1 million tons, an increase of 12.5 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 12.39 million tons, an increase of 14.2 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 2.7 million tons, an increase of 5.3 percent compared to last year.

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	3,533,609	3,510,422	2,586,267	3,162,664	3,142,622	3,485,232	3,187,117
Canadian Ports	556,470	562,133	761,773	701,953	*863,506	814,790	*689,167
Total	4,090,079	4,072,555	3,348,040	3,864,617	*4,006,128	4,300,022	*3,876,284

YEAR-TO-DATE 2014-2019 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	10,340,545	11,685,126	10,428,847	10,284,836	10,849,884	12,392,300	10,717,848
Canadian Ports	1,701,735	2,279,607	2,712,419	2,350,025	*2,526,823	2,661,486	*2,314,122
Total	12,042,280	13,964,733	13,141,266	12,634,861	*13,376,707	15,053,786	*13,031,970

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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