

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up 8.1 Percent In August

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 4,303,106 tons in August, an increase of 8.1 percent from 2018. Limestone cargos also bettered the month's 5-year average by 13.2 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.485 million tons, an increase of 7.3 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 817,827 tons, an increase of 11.8 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 19.4 million tons, an increase of 11.5 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 15.9 million tons, an increase of 12.6 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 3.5 million tons, an increase 6.8 percent.

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	3,079,905	3,273,229	2,765,206	3,358,064	3,248,082	3,485,279	3,144,897
Canadian Ports	660,210	619,373	600,793	*674,128	*731,350	817,827	*657,171
Total	3,740,115	3,892,602	3,365,999	*4,032,192	*3,979,432	4,303,106	*3,802,068

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	13,420,450	14,958,355	13,194,053	13,642,900	14,097,966	15,877,579	13,862,745
Canadian Ports	2,361,945	2,898,980	3,313,212	*3,042,153	*3,258,173	3,479,313	*2,974,893
Total	15,782,395	17,857,335	16,507,265	*16,667,053	*17,356,139	19,356,892	*16,834,037

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

Since 1880, Lake Carriers' has represented the U.S.-flag Great Lakes fleet, which today can move more than 90 million tons of cargos annually that are the foundation of American industry, infrastructure, and power: iron ore, stone, coal, cement, and other dry bulk materials such as grain, salt, and sand. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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