

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up 11.6 Percent in September

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled nearly 4.1 million tons in September, an increase of 11.6 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos also bettered the month's 5-year average by 20.1 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.3 million tons, an increase of almost 12 percent from 2018. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 784,589 tons, an increase of 10.4 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 23.4 million tons, an increase of 11.5 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 19.1 million tons, an increase of 12.5 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 4.3 million tons, an increase 7.4 percent.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: SEPTEMBER 2014-2019 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	2,939,077	2,928,040	2,495,401	2,867,135	2,921,027	3,270,324	2,830,136
Canadian Ports	598,399	341,047	463,121	609,425	*710,782	784,589	*544,555
Total	3,537,476	3,269,087	2,958,522	3,476,560	*3,631,809	4,054,913	*3,374,691

YEAR-TO-DATE 2014-2019 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	16,359,527	17,886,395	15,689,454	16,510,035	17,018,993	19,147,903	16,692,881
Canadian Ports	2,960,344	3,240,027	3,776,333	*3,633,578	*3,968,955	4,263,902	*3,325,568
Total	19,319,871	21,126,422	19,465,787	*20,143,613	*20,987,948	23,411,805	*20,208,728

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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