

Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Limestone Trade Up in April

CLEVELAND — Shipments totaled 2,138,786 net tons, an increase of 1.15 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings were also above the month's 5-year average by 22 percent.

Loadings at U.S. ports totaled 1.9 million tons, an increase of 3.8 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 245,191 tons, a decrease of 15.3 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 2.3 million tons, a decrease of 5 percent from 2019. Shipments from U.S. ports total 2 million tons, a decrease of 3.55 percent. The year-to-date total for U.S. ports includes 125,070 tons shipped in March.

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 2015-2020 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2014-2019
U.S. Ports	1,604,339	1,552,490	1,332,839	1,077,612	1,824,695	1,893,595	1,478,395
Canadian Ports	214,366	394,773	297,242	176,614	289,737	245,191	274,546
Total	1,818,705	1,947,263	1,630,081	1,254,226	2,114,432	2,138,786	1,752,941

YEAR-TO-DATE 2015-2020 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2014-2019
U.S. Ports	1,801,615	1,840,722	1,411,328	1,313,728	2,092,766	2,018,665	1,692,032
Canadian Ports	238,096	416,882	297,242	176,614	289,737	245,191	283,714
Total	2,039,711	2,257,604	1,708,570	1,490,342	2,382,503	2,263,856	1,975,746

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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