

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 18.1 Percent in May

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.5 million tons in May, a decrease of 18.1 percent compared to a year ago. May's loadings were also below the month's 5-year average by 8.75 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.7 million tons, a decrease of 20.3 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 802,468 tons, a decrease of 9.9 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at nearly 5.8 million tons, a decrease of 13.4 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 4.7 million tons, a decrease of 13.9 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total a little over 1 million tons, a decrease of 11.2 percent.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: MAY 2015-2020 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2014-2019
U.S. Ports	3,094,460	3,053,669	2,924,060	3,155,346	3,413,862	2,722,283	3,128,279
Canadian Ports	715,241	752,857	682,595	632,187	890,484	802,468	734,673
Total	3,809,701	3,806,526	3,606,655	3,787,533	4,304,346	3,524,751	3,862,952

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2014-2019
U.S. Ports	4,896,075	4,894,391	4,335,388	4,469,074	5,506,628	4,740,948	4,820,311
Canadian Ports	953,337	1,169,739	979,837	808,801	1,180,221	1,047,659	1,018,387
Total	5,849,412	6,064,130	5,315,225	5,277,875	6,686,849	5,788,607	5,838,698

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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