

Lake Carriers' Association

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Limestone Trade Down 21.2 Percent in June

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.2 million tons in June, a decrease of 21.2 percent from a year ago. This June's loadings were below the month's 5-year average by 17.4 percent.

Loadings out of U.S. quarries totaled 2.5 million tons, a decrease of 27.2 percent compared to a year ago. However, shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 728,330 tons, an increase of 9.3 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at nearly 9 million tons, a decrease of 16.4 percent compared to 2019. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries decreased almost 19 percent from a year ago. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 1.8 million tons, a decrease of 3.8 percent.

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2014-2019
U.S. Ports	3,278,629	2,948,189	2,786,784	3,238,188	3,400,440	2,475,950	3,130,446
Canadian Ports	764,137	780,907	668,235	854,516	666,475	728,330	746,854
Total	4,042,766	3,729,096	3,455,019	4,092,704	4,066,915	3,204,280	3,877,300

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2014-2019
U.S. Ports	8,174,704	7,842,580	7,122,172	7,707,262	8,907,068	7,216,898	7,950,757
Canadian Ports	1,717,474	1,950,646	1,648,072	1,663,317	1,846,696	1,775,989	1,765,241
Total	9,892,178	9,793,226	8,770,244	9,370,579	10,753,764	8,992,887	9,715,998

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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