

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 20.4 Percent in July

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.4 million tons in July, a decrease of 20.4 percent compared to a year ago. The trade was below the month's 5-year average by 12.6 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.6 million tons, a decrease of 25 percent compared to 2019. Shipments from Canadian quarries decreased by less than 1 percent to 807,203 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 12.4 million tons, a decrease of 17.5 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 9.8 million tons, a decrease of 20.7 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 2.6 million tons, a decrease of 2.9 percent compared to 2019.

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2015-2019
U.S. Ports	3,510,422	2,586,267	3,162,664	3,142,622	3,485,232	2,615,573	3,177,441
Canadian Ports	562,133	761,773	701,953	863,506	814,790	807,203	740,831
Total	4,072,555	3,348,040	3,864,617	4,006,128	4,300,022	3,422,776	3,918,272

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2015-2019
U.S. Ports	11,685,126	10,428,847	10,284,836	10,849,884	12,392,300	9,832,471	11,128,199
Canadian Ports	2,279,607	2,712,419	2,350,025	2,526,823	2,661,486	2,583,192	2,506,072
Total	13,964,733	13,141,266	12,634,861	13,376,707	15,053,786	12,415,663	13,634,271

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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