

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Lakes Limestone Trade Down 16.6 Percent in August

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.6 million tons in August, a decrease of 16.6 percent from 2019. Limestone cargos were also below the month's 5-year average by 8.4 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.9 million tons, a decrease of 18 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 729,336 tons, a decrease of 10.8 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 16 million tons, a decrease of 17.3 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 12.7 million tons, a decrease of 20 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 3.3 million tons, a decrease of 4.8 percent.

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

|                | 2015             | 2016             | 2017             | 2018             | 2019             | 2020             | Average<br>2015-2019 |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| U.S. Ports     | 3,273,229        | 2,765,206        | 3,358,064        | 3,248,082        | 3,485,279        | 2,857,671        | 3,225,972            |
| Canadian Ports | 619,373          | 600,793          | 674,128          | 731,350          | 817,827          | 729,336          | 688,694              |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>3,892,602</b> | <b>3,365,999</b> | <b>4,032,192</b> | <b>3,979,432</b> | <b>4,303,106</b> | <b>3,587,007</b> | <b>3,914,666</b>     |

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

|                | 2015              | 2016              | 2017              | 2018              | 2019              | 2020              | Average<br>2015-2019 |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| U.S. Ports     | 14,958,355        | 13,194,053        | 13,642,900        | 14,097,966        | 15,877,579        | 12,690,142        | 14,354,171           |
| Canadian Ports | 2,898,980         | 3,313,212         | 3,042,153         | 3,258,173         | 3,479,313         | 3,312,528         | 3,198,366            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>17,857,335</b> | <b>16,507,265</b> | <b>16,685,053</b> | <b>17,356,139</b> | <b>19,356,892</b> | <b>16,002,670</b> | <b>17,552,537</b>    |

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

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