

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 18 Percent in September

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.3 million tons in September, a decrease of 18 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos were below the month's 5-year average by 4.4 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.7 million tons, a decrease of almost 17.7 percent from 2019. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 631,840 tons, a decrease of 19.5 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 19.3 million tons, a decrease of 17.4 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 15.4 million tons, a decrease of 19.7 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 3.9 million tons, a decrease 7.5 percent.

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2015-2019
U.S. Ports	2,928,040	2,495,401	2,867,135	2,921,027	3,270,324	2,693,111	2,896,385
Canadian Ports	341,047	463,121	609,425	710,782	784,589	631,840	581,793
Total	3,269,087	2,958,522	3,476,560	3,631,809	4,054,913	3,324,951	3,478,178

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2015-2019
U.S. Ports	17,886,395	15,689,454	16,510,035	17,018,993	19,147,903	15,383,253	17,250,556
Canadian Ports	3,240,027	3,776,333	3,633,578	3,968,955	4,263,902	3,944,368	3,776,559
Total	21,126,422	19,465,787	20,143,613	20,987,948	23,411,805	19,327,621	21,027,115

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

Since 1880, Lake Carriers' has represented the U.S.-flag Great Lakes fleet, which today can move more than 90 million tons of cargos annually that are the foundation of American industry, infrastructure, and power: iron ore, stone, coal, cement, and other dry bulk materials such as grain, salt, and sand. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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