

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Down 13.8 Percent in October

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.3 million tons in October, a decrease of 13.8 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos were also below the month's 5-year average by 6.9 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.6 million tons, a decrease of 17.3 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 708,406 tons, an increase of 1.6 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 22.6 million tons, a decrease of 16.9 percent compared to 2019. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total nearly 18 million tons, a decrease of 19.3 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 4.7 million tons, a decrease 6.2 percent.

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2015-2019
U.S. Ports	2,920,091	2,692,456	2,992,327	2,815,287	3,112,770	2,574,791	2,906,586
Canadian Ports	504,973	613,197	683,936	603,257	696,978	708,406	620,468
Total	3,425,064	3,305,653	3,676,263	3,418,544	3,809,748	3,283,197	3,527,054

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2015-2019
U.S. Ports	20,806,486	18,381,910	19,502,362	19,834,280	22,260,673	17,958,044	20,157,142
Canadian Ports	3,745,000	4,389,530	4,317,514	4,572,212	4,960,880	4,652,774	4,397,027
Total	24,551,486	22,771,440	23,819,876	24,406,492	27,221,553	22,610,818	24,554,169

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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