

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Down 4.9 Percent in November

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 2.9 million tons in November, a decrease of 4.9 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos were less than 1 percent above the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries decreased 11.6 percent from 2019 to 2.3 million tons. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 581,670 tons, an increase of 35.4 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 25.5 million tons, a decrease of 15.7 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries decreased 18.5 percent to 20.2 million tons, while shipments from Ontario quarries total 5.2 million tons, a decrease of 2.9 percent from 2019.

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2015-2019
U.S. Ports	2,484,394	2,081,092	2,523,544	2,302,814	2,583,922	2,284,249	2,395,153
Canadian Ports	503,109	405,819	447,992	488,619	429,649	581,670	455,038
Total	2,987,503	2,486,911	2,971,536	2,791,433	3,013,571	2,865,919	2,850,191

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2015-2019
U.S. Ports	23,290,880	20,463,002	22,025,906	22,137,094	24,844,595	20,242,293	22,552,295
Canadian Ports	4,248,109	4,795,349	4,765,506	5,060,831	5,390,529	5,234,444	4,852,065
Total	27,538,989	25,258,351	26,791,412	27,197,925	30,235,124	25,476,737	27,404,360

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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