



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Limestone Trade Up in April

CLEVELAND — Shipments totaled 2.4 million net tons, an increase of 13 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings were also above the month's 5-year average by 33 percent.

Loadings at U.S. ports totaled 1.9 million tons, an increase of 1.8 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 490,088 tons, which is nearly double last year's total.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 2.5 million tons, an increase of 10.1 percent from 2020. Shipments from U.S. ports decreased by 2.3 percent from the previous year, while shipments from Canadian ports increased by 112.1 percent. The year-to-date total includes 75,751 tons shipped in March.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: APRIL 2016-2021 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average 2016-2020
U.S. Ports	1,552,490	1,332,839	1,077,612	1,824,695	1,893,595	1,926,878	1,536,246
Canadian Ports	394,773	297,242	176,614	289,737	245,191	490,088	280,711
Total	1,947,263	1,630,081	1,254,226	2,114,432	2,138,786	2,416,966	1,816,957

YEAR-TO-DATE 2016-2021 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average 2016-2020
U.S. Ports	1,840,722	1,411,328	1,313,728	2,092,766	2,018,665	1,972,565	1,735,442
Canadian Ports	416,882	297,242	176,614	289,737	245,191	520,152	285,133
Total	2,257,604	1,708,570	1,490,342	2,382,503	2,263,856	2,492,717	2,020,575

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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