



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Lakes Limestone Trade Up 1.9 Percent in August

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.7 million tons in August, an increase of 1.9 percent from 2020. Limestone cargos were below the month's 5-year average by 5.1 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3 million tons, an increase of 5.7 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 636,327 tons, a decrease of 12.8 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 17.4 million tons, an increase of 8.8 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 13.5 million tons, an increase of 6.5 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 3.9 million tons, an increase of 17.9 percent.

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average 2016-2020
U.S. Ports	2,765,206	3,358,064	3,248,082	3,485,279	2,857,671	3,019,800	3,142,860
Canadian Ports	600,793	674,128	731,350	817,827	729,336	636,327	710,687
Total	3,365,999	4,032,192	3,979,432	4,303,106	3,587,007	3,656,127	3,853,547

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average 2016-2020
U.S. Ports	13,194,053	13,642,900	14,097,966	15,877,579	12,690,142	13,508,781	13,900,528
Canadian Ports	3,313,212	3,042,153	3,258,173	3,479,313	3,312,528	3,906,419	3,281,076
Total	16,507,265	16,685,053	17,356,139	19,356,892	16,002,670	17,415,200	17,181,604

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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