



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Limestone Trade Down in April

CLEVELAND — Shipments totaled 2 million net tons, a decrease of 16.6 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings were above the month's 5-year average by 5.5 percent.

Loadings at U.S. ports totaled 1.6 million tons, a decrease of 14.6 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries decreased by 24.4 percent to 370,107 tons.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 2 million tons, a decrease of 19.1 percent from 2021. Shipments from U.S. ports decreased by 16.5 percent from the previous year, while shipments from Canadian ports decreased by 28.8 percent.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: APRIL 2017-2022 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average 2017-2021
U.S. Ports	1,332,839	1,077,612	1,824,695	1,893,595	1,926,878	1,646,373	1,611,124
Canadian Ports	297,242	176,614	289,737	245,191	490,088	370,107	299,774
Total	1,630,081	1,254,226	2,114,432	2,138,786	2,416,966	2,016,480	1,910,898

YEAR-TO-DATE 2017-2022 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average 2017-2021
U.S. Ports	1,411,328	1,313,728	2,092,766	2,018,665	1,972,565	1,646,373	1,761,810
Canadian Ports	297,242	176,614	289,737	245,191	520,152	370,107	305,787
Total	1,708,570	1,490,342	2,382,503	2,263,856	2,492,717	2,016,480	2,067,597

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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