



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Lakes Limestone Trade Up 5.5 Percent in May

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.9 million tons in May, an increase of 5.5 percent compared to a year ago. May's loadings were also above the month's 5-year average by 3 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3 million tons, an increase of 5.2 percent compared to 2021. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 855,108 tons, an increase of 6.7 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at nearly 5.9 million tons, a decrease of 4.4 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 4.7 million tons, a decrease of 3.6 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 1.2 million tons, a decrease of 7.3 percent.

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average 2017-2021
U.S. Ports	2,924,060	3,155,346	3,413,862	2,722,283	2,892,367	3,042,869	3,021,584
Canadian Ports	682,595	632,187	890,484	802,468	801,551	855,108	761,857
Total	3,606,655	3,787,533	4,304,346	3,524,751	3,693,918	3,897,977	3,783,441

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average 2017-2021
U.S. Ports	4,335,388	4,469,074	5,506,628	4,740,948	4,864,932	4,689,242	4,783,394
Canadian Ports	979,837	808,801	1,180,221	1,047,659	1,321,703	1,225,215	1,067,644
Total	5,315,225	5,277,875	6,686,849	5,788,607	6,186,635	5,914,457	5,851,038

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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