

Lakes Limestone Trade Down 3.7 Percent in September

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.5 million tons in September, a decrease of 3.7 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos were below the month's 5-year average by 2.7 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.9 million tons, a decrease of 5.4 percent from 2021. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 675,023 tons, a decrease of 1.3 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 21.1 million tons, a near match compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 16.7 million tons, an increase of less than 1 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 4.4 million tons, a decrease 3.4 percent.

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

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Average 2017-2021 |
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| U.S. Ports | 2,867,135 | 2,921,027 | 3,270,324 | 2,693,111 | 3,022,989 | 2,859,853 | 2,954,917 |
| Canadian Ports | 609,425 | 710,782 | 784,589 | 631,840 | 684,234 | 675,023 | 684,174 |
| Total | 3,476,560 | 3,631,809 | 4,054,913 | 3,324,951 | 3,671,223 | 3,534,876 | 3,631,891 |

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

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Average 2017-2021 |
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| U.S. Ports | 16,510,035 | 17,018,993 | 19,147,903 | 15,383,253 | 16,531,770 | 16,669,959 | 16,918,391 |
| Canadian Ports | 3,633,578 | 3,968,955 | 4,263,902 | 3,944,368 | 4,554,653 | 4,401,647 | 4,073,091 |
| Total | 20,143,613 | 20,987,948 | 23,411,805 | 19,327,621 | 21,086,423 | 21,071,606 | 20,991,482 |

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).

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