



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Lakes Limestone Trade Down in November

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 2.5 million tons in November, a decrease of 24 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos were 15.1 percent below the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries decreased 23.1 percent from 2021 to 2.1 million tons. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 450,529 tons, a decrease of 28 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at nearly 27.5 million tons, a decrease of 1.6 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries decreased by less than 1 percent to nearly 22 million tons, while shipments from Ontario quarries total 5.6 million tons, a decrease of 4 percent from 2021.

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average 2017-2021
U.S. Ports	2,523,544	2,302,814	2,583,922	2,284,249	2,721,277	2,093,764	2,483,161
Canadian Ports	447,992	488,619	429,649	581,670	625,608	450,529	514,708
Total	2,971,536	2,791,433	3,013,571	2,865,919	3,346,885	2,544,293	2,997,869

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average 2017-2021
U.S. Ports	22,025,906	22,137,094	24,844,595	20,242,293	22,168,663	21,961,432	22,283,710
Canadian Ports	4,765,506	5,060,831	5,390,529	5,234,444	5,818,778	5,588,333	5,254,018
Total	26,791,412	27,197,925	30,235,124	25,476,737	27,987,441	27,549,765	27,537,728

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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