



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Great Lakes Limestone Trade Down in April

CLEVELAND — Shipments totaled 1.9 million net tons, a decrease of 3.5 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings were below the month's 5-year average by 11.2 percent.

Loadings at U.S. ports totaled 1.6 million tons, a decrease of 1.4 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries decreased by 12.7 percent to 323,039 tons.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 2 million tons, an increase of less than one percent from 2022. Shipments from U.S. ports increased by four percent from the previous year, while shipments from Canadian ports increased by 7.6 percent.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: APRIL 2018-2023 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	1,077,612	1,824,695	1,893,595	1,926,878	1,646,373	1,622,632	1,822,282
Canadian Ports	176,614	289,737	245,191	490,088	370,107	323,039	368,462
Total	1,254,226	2,114,432	2,138,786	2,416,966	2,016,480	1,945,671	2,190,744

YEAR-TO-DATE 2018-2023 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	1,313,728	2,092,766	2,018,665	1,972,565	1,646,373	1,712,815	1,879,201
Canadian Ports	176,614	289,737	245,191	520,152	370,107	398,295	378,483
Total	1,490,342	2,382,503	2,263,856	2,492,717	2,016,480	2,035,854	2,257,684

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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