



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Limestone Trade Down in June

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.1 million tons in June, a decrease of 17.6 percent from a year ago. This June's loadings were also below the month's 5-year average by 17.4 percent.

Loadings out of U.S. quarries totaled 2.5 million tons, a decrease of 15.2 percent compared to last year. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 610,702 tons, a decrease of 26.4 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at nearly 8.1 million tons, a decrease of 16.9 percent compared to 2022. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries decreased by 15.8 percent from a year ago. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 1.6 million tons, a decrease of 21.2 percent.

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	3,238,188	3,400,440	2,475,950	2,664,895	2,970,109	2,518,972	2,949,916
Canadian Ports	854,516	666,475	728,330	1,108,564	829,618	610,702	837,501
Total	4,092,704	4,066,915	3,204,280	3,773,459	3,799,727	3,129,674	3,787,417

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	7,707,262	8,907,068	7,216,898	7,529,827	7,659,351	6,448,821	7,804,081
Canadian Ports	1,663,317	1,846,696	1,775,989	2,430,267	2,054,833	1,619,072	1,954,220
Total	9,370,579	10,753,764	8,992,887	9,960,094	9,714,184	8,067,893	9,758,302

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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