



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Lakes Limestone Trade Up 4.4 Percent in August

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 4 million tons in August, an increase of 4.4 percent from a year ago. Limestone cargos were above the month's 5-year average by 3.7 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.3 million tons, an increase of 5 percent compared to 2022. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 754,178 tons, an increase of 1.9 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 16.2 million tons, a decrease of 7.4 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 13.1 million tons, a decrease of 5.1 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 3.1 million tons, a decrease of 15.6 percent.

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	3,248,082	3,485,279	2,857,671	3,019,800	3,109,744	3,266,057	3,144,115
Canadian Ports	731,350	817,827	729,336	636,327	740,122	754,178	730,992
Total	3,979,432	4,303,106	3,587,007	3,656,127	3,849,866	4,020,235	3,875,108

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	14,097,966	15,877,579	12,690,142	13,508,781	13,810,106	13,103,208	13,996,915
Canadian Ports	3,258,173	3,479,313	3,312,528	3,906,419	3,726,624	3,143,615	3,536,611
Total	17,356,139	19,356,892	16,002,670	17,415,200	17,536,730	16,246,823	17,533,526

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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