



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Lakes Limestone Trade Down 2.6 Percent in September

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.4 million tons in September, a decrease of 2.6 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos were below the month's 5-year average by 5.5 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.8 million tons, a decrease of 2.4 percent from 2022. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 651,520 tons, a decrease of 3.5 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 19.7 million tons, a decrease of 6.6 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 15.9 million tons, a decrease of 4.6 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 3.8 million tons, a decrease of 13.8 percent.

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	2,921,027	3,270,324	2,693,111	3,022,989	2,859,853	2,791,942	2,953,461
Canadian Ports	710,782	784,589	631,840	684,234	675,023	651,520	697,294
Total	3,631,809	4,054,913	3,324,951	3,671,223	3,534,876	3,443,462	3,643,554

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	17,018,993	19,147,903	15,383,253	16,531,770	16,669,959	15,895,150	16,950,376
Canadian Ports	3,968,955	4,263,902	3,944,368	4,554,653	4,401,647	3,795,135	4,226,705
Total	20,987,948	23,411,805	19,327,621	21,086,423	21,071,606	19,690,285	21,177,081

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.

###

Information based on data from knowledgeable sources. However, accuracy cannot be guaranteed. LCA assumes no legal responsibility for the outcome of decisions or commitments made on the basis of this information. This report represents the views of LCA and may not necessarily represent the views of its individual members.