



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Lakes Limestone Down 2.7 Percent in October

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.8 million tons in October, a decrease of 2.7 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos were above the month's 5-year average by 6.3 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3 million tons, a decrease of 6.4 percent. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 835,201 tons, an increase of 13.5 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 23.5 million tons, a decrease of 5.9 percent compared to 2022. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 18.9 million tons, a decrease of 4.9 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 4.6 million tons, a decrease of 9.9 percent.

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	2,815,287	3,112,770	2,574,791	2,915,616	3,197,709	2,992,462	2,923,235
Canadian Ports	603,257	696,978	708,406	638,517	736,157	835,201	676,663
Total	3,418,544	3,809,748	3,283,197	3,554,133	3,933,866	3,827,663	3,599,898

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	19,834,280	22,260,673	17,958,044	19,447,386	19,867,668	18,887,612	19,873,610
Canadian Ports	4,572,212	4,960,880	4,652,774	5,193,170	5,137,804	4,630,336	4,903,368
Total	24,406,492	27,221,553	22,610,818	24,640,556	25,005,472	23,517,948	24,776,978

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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