



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Lakes Limestone Trade Up 22.8 Percent in November

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.1 million tons in November, an increase of 22.8 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos were 7.3 percent above the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries increased 23.6 percent from 2022 to 2.6 million tons. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 536,912 tons, an increase of 19.2 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at nearly 26.6 million tons, a decrease of 3.3 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries decreased by 2.2 percent to nearly 21.5 million tons, while shipments from Ontario quarries total 5.2 million tons, a decrease of 7.5 percent from 2022.

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	2,302,814	2,583,922	2,284,249	2,721,277	2,093,764	2,587,779	2,397,205
Canadian Ports	488,619	429,649	581,670	625,608	450,529	536,912	515,215
Total	2,791,433	3,013,571	2,865,919	3,346,885	2,544,293	3,124,691	2,912,420

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average 2018-2022
U.S. Ports	22,137,094	24,844,595	20,242,293	22,168,663	21,961,432	21,475,391	22,270,815
Canadian Ports	5,060,831	5,390,529	5,234,444	5,818,778	5,588,333	5,167,248	5,418,583
Total	27,197,925	30,235,124	25,476,737	27,987,441	27,549,765	26,642,639	27,689,398

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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