

Limestone Trade Up in June

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.3 million tons in June, an increase of 6 percent from a year ago. This June's loadings were below the month's 5-year average by 7.7 percent.

Loadings out of U.S. quarries totaled 2.6 million tons, an increase of 2.4 percent compared to last year. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 738,606 tons, an increase of 20.9 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at nearly 9.8 million tons, an increase of 21.2 percent compared to 2023. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries increased by 21.5 percent from a year ago. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 1.9 million tons, an increase of 20.3 percent.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: JUNE 2019-2024 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	3,400,440	2,475,950	2,664,895	2,970,109	2,518,972	2,578,265	2,806,073
Canadian Ports	666,475	728,330	1,108,564	829,618	610,702	738,606	788,738
Total	4,066,915	3,204,280	3,773,459	3,799,727	3,129,674	3,316,871	3,594,811

YEAR-TO-DATE 2019-2024 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	8,907,068	7,216,898	7,529,827	7,659,351	6,448,821	7,833,297	7,552,393
Canadian Ports	1,846,696	1,775,989	2,430,267	2,054,833	1,619,072	1,947,073	1,945,371
Total	10,753,764	8,992,887	9,960,094	9,714,184	8,067,893	9,780,370	9,497,764

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).

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