



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Lakes Limestone Trade Down in August

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3.7 million tons in August, a decrease of 7.7 percent from a year ago. Limestone cargos were also below the month's 5-year average by 4.4 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 2.9 million tons, a decrease of 11.1 percent compared to 2023. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 809,032 tons, an increase of 7.3 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 17.1 million tons, with loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries totaling 13.6 million tons and shipments from Ontario quarries totaling 3.4 million tons, all increases of less than one percent compared to a year ago.

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	3,485,279	2,857,671	3,019,800	3,109,744	3,266,057	2,902,900	3,147,710
Canadian Ports	817,827	729,336	636,327	740,122	754,178	809,032	735,558
Total	4,303,106	3,587,007	3,656,127	3,849,866	4,020,235	3,711,932	3,883,268

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	15,877,579	12,690,142	13,508,781	13,810,106	13,617,066	13,648,481	13,900,735
Canadian Ports	3,479,313	3,312,528	3,906,419	3,726,624	3,399,948	3,407,260	3,564,966
Total	19,356,892	16,002,670	17,415,200	17,536,730	17,017,014	17,055,741	17,465,701

*Revised 7/11/24

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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