



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Lakes Limestone Trade Down 4.9 Percent in November

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled nearly 3 million tons in November, a decrease of 4.9 percent compared to a year ago. Limestone cargos were a mere 8,340 tons below the month's 5-year average.

Loadings from U.S. quarries decreased 4.5 percent from 2023 to 2.5 million tons. Shipments from Canadian quarries totaled 498,801 tons, a decrease of 7.1 percent.

Year-to-date the limestone trade stands at 27.1 million tons, a decrease of 1.1 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries were a near match to 2023 at 21.9 million tons, while shipments from Ontario quarries total 5.2 million tons, a decrease of 4.6 percent from 2023.

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	2,583,922	2,284,249	2,721,277	2,093,764	2,587,779	2,471,931	2,454,198
Canadian Ports	429,649	581,670	625,608	450,529	536,912	498,801	524,874
Total	3,013,571	2,865,919	3,346,885	2,544,293	3,124,691	2,970,732	2,979,072

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	Average 2019-2023
U.S. Ports	24,844,595	20,242,293	22,168,663	21,961,432	21,989,249	21,949,322	22,241,246
Canadian Ports	5,390,529	5,234,444	5,818,778	5,588,333	5,423,581	5,171,710	5,491,133
Total	30,235,124	25,476,737	27,987,441	27,549,765	27,412,830	27,121,032	27,732,379

*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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