



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



U.S. Limestone Trade Down 27.5 Percent in April

CLEVELAND — Limestone shipments from U.S. ports decreased 27.5 percent compared to April 2025 to 1.1 million net tons. Loadings were also below the month's 5-year average by 35.4 percent.

Year-to-date, the U.S. limestone trade stands at 1.2 million tons, a decrease of 26.6 percent from last year and 31.9 percent below the 5-year average.

As of April 2026, Canadian ports are no longer supplying information regarding limestone shipments.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: APRIL 2021-2026 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Average 2021-2025
U.S. Ports	1,926,878	1,646,373	1,622,632	1,874,176	1,533,095	1,112,052	1,720,631
Canadian Ports	490,088	370,107	323,039	459,393	297,064	NA*	387,938
Total	2,416,966	2,016,480	1,945,671	2,333,569	1,830,159	1,112,052	2,108,569

YEAR-TO-DATE 2021-2026 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (NET TONS)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Average 2021-2025
U.S. Ports	1,972,565	1,646,373	1,712,815	2,103,241	1,694,278	1,243,304	1,825,854
Canadian Ports	520,152	370,107	323,039	473,978	297,064	NA*	396,868
Total	2,492,717	2,016,480	2,035,854	2,577,219	1,991,342	1,243,304	2,222,722

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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