



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Lakes Limestone Trade Up Nearly 19 Percent in 2010

Cleveland—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 1,039,924 tons in December, an increase of 37.7 percent compared a year ago. However, the trade was down more than 40 percent compared to the month's 5-year average.

For the year the Lakes limestone trade totaled 27.9 million tons, an increase of 18.6 percent compared to 2009. Shipments from U.S. stone quarries rose 20 percent to 22.3 million tons. Loadings at Canadian quarries increased 13.4 percent to 5.5 million tons.

2010's rebound was not enough to restore the stone trade to previous levels. Shipments were 16.3 percent off the trade's 5-year average, and nearly 30 percent below the volume recorded in 2006.

#### **GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: DECEMBER 2005-2010 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE** (net tons)

Ports	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Average 2005-2009
U.S.	1,586,466	2,486,891	1,732,502	451,134	715,473	840,933	1,394,493
Canada	761,311	799,609	349,500	77,687	39,950	198,991	405,611
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,349,782</b>	<b>3,288,506</b>	<b>2,084,009</b>	<b>530,829</b>	<b>755,423</b>	<b>1,039,924</b>	<b>1,800,104</b>

#### **GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: 2005-2010 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE**

Ports	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Average 2005-2009
U.S.	29,984,216	30,908,502	27,961,091	25,691,214	18,611,577	22,331,486	26,631,320
Canada	7,741,161	8,069,219	6,040,375	6,676,299	4,892,555	5,548,687	6,683,921
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,725,377</b>	<b>38,977,721</b>	<b>34,001,466</b>	<b>32,367,513</b>	<b>23,504,132</b>	<b>27,880,173</b>	<b>33,315,241</b>

U.S. ports: Calcite, MI, Cedarville, MI, Drummond Island, MI, Kellys Island, OH, Marblehead, OH, Port Inland, MI and Presque Isle, MI. Canadian ports: Bruce Mines, Manitoulin Island, Port Colborne, and Smelter Bay (all Ontario). Port Colborne ceased shipping by vessel in 2006 and Kellys Island ceased operations in 2009.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 18 American companies that operate 55 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes and carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation.... Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year when high water offsets lack of adequate dredging. More information available at [www.lcaships.com](http://www.lcaships.com). Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President - Corporate Communications. Phone: (440) 333-9996.

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