



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up 27 Percent in May

Cleveland—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,639,048 net tons in May, an increase of 47.6 percent compared to April, and an increase of 27.3 percent compared to a year ago. The trade was, however, down more than 16 percent when compared to the month's 5-year average.

Loadings at U.S. ports were up 23 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian docks increased even more, 43.2 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 6,121,260 net tons, an increase of 38.3 percent compared to a year ago, but a decrease of 21.1 percent compared to the 5-year average for the January-May timeframe. Loadings at U.S. ports are up 37.8 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian docks are 40.3 percent ahead of last year's pace.

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: May 2005-2010 and 5-Year Average
(net tons)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Average 2005-2009
U.S. Ports	4,066,583	4,103,305	3,498,762	3,324,222	2,229,887	2,740,212	3,444,551
Canadian Ports	1,073,064	1,004,485	869,900	893,800	627,727	898,836	893,795
Total	5,141,652	5,109,796	4,370,669	4,220,030	2,857,614	3,639,048	4,338,346

Great Lakes Limestone Trade: Year-To-Date 2005-2010 and 5-Year Average
(net tons)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Average 2005-2009
U.S. Ports	7,606,216	7,414,067	6,334,077	5,830,938	3,471,438	4,783,017	6,131,347
Canadian Ports	1,997,392	2,103,726	1,574,775	1,549,900	954,038	1,338,243	1,635,966
Total	9,605,613	9,519,799	7,910,859	7,382,846	4,425,476	6,121,260	7,767,313

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

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, limestone and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation.... Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo a year when high water offsets lack of adequate dredging. More information is available at www.lcaships.com. Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President - Corporate Communications. Telephone: (440) 333-9996.

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