



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Lakes Limestone Trade Up 29 Percent in June

Cleveland—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,865,782 net tons in June, an increase of 6.2 percent compared to May, and an increase of 29 percent compared to a year ago. The trade was, however, down 8 percent when compared to the month's 5-year average.

Loadings at U.S. ports were up 44.2 percent compared to a year ago, but shipments from Canadian docks dipped slightly, about 60,000 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 9,987,042 net tons, an increase of 34.6 percent compared to a year ago, but a decrease of 16.6 percent compared to the 5-year average for the first half of the year. Loadings at U.S. ports are up 40.2 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian docks are 17.6 percent ahead of last year's pace.

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

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Average 2005-2009
U.S. Ports	3,729,611	3,503,499	3,526,974	3,498,132	2,114,392	3,048,324	3,274,521
Canadian Ports	1,028,905	971,684	855,600	896,000	878,533	817,458	926,144
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,758,516</b>	<b>4,475,183</b>	<b>4,382,574</b>	<b>4,394,132</b>	<b>2,994,934</b>	<b>3,865,782</b>	<b>4,200,665</b>

**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	11,335,827	10,917,566	9,861,051	9,329,070	5,585,830	7,831,341	9,405,868
Canadian Ports	3,026,297	3,075,410	2,430,375	2,445,900	1,832,571	2,155,701	2,562,110
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,362,124</b>	<b>13,992,976</b>	<b>12,291,426</b>	<b>11,774,970</b>	<b>7,418,401</b>	<b>9,987,042</b>	<b>11,967,978</b>

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 operations 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](http://www.lcaships.com). Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President - Corporate Communications. Telephone: (440) 333-9996.

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