



Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Up 27 Percent in July

Cleveland—Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 3,682,308 net tons in July, a decrease of 4.7 percent compared to June, but an increase of 27 percent compared to a year ago. The trade was down 11.5 percent when compared to the month's 5-year average.

Loadings at U.S. ports were up nearly 850,000 tons compared to a year ago, but shipments from Canadian docks slipped by 65,000 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 13,669,350 net tons, an increase of 32.5 percent compared to a year ago, but a decrease of 15.2 percent compared to the 5-year average for the January-July timeframe. Loadings at U.S. ports are up 39.3 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian docks are 10.5 percent ahead of last year's pace.

Great Lakes Limestone Shipments from U.S. and Canadian Ports: July 2005-2010 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Average 2005-2009
U.S. Ports	3,594,085	3,846,866	3,683,964	3,350,674	2,275,398	3,122,348	3,350,197
Canadian Ports	874,921	933,553	741,400	863,774	625,158	559,960	807,761
Total	4,469,006	4,780,419	4,427,371	4,214,448	2,900,556	3,682,308	4,157,958

Great Lakes Limestone Shipments from U.S. and Canadian Ports: Year-To-Date 2005-2010 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Average 2005-2009
U.S. Ports	14,929,912	14,764,432	13,545,015	12,679,744	7,861,228	10,953,689	12,756,066
Canadian Ports	3,901,218	4,008,963	3,171,775	3,309,674	2,457,729	2,715,661	3,369,871
Total	18,831,130	18,773,395	16,718,797	15,989,418	10,318,957	13,669,350	16,125,937

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. Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President - Corporate Communications. Phone: (440) 333-9996.

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