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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: October 2003-2008 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,085,457	4,653,325	4,597,243	4,345,968	4,607,352	4,651,943	4,457,869
Transshipments	211,172	238,068	268,006	317,107	101,146	219,064	227,100
Total - Iron Ore	4,296,629	4,891,393	4,865,249	4,663,075	4,708,498	4,871,007	4,684,969
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,487,538	1,565,124	1,854,789	1,842,782	1,747,910	1,851,640	1,699,629
Lake Michigan	386,295	423,560	406,553	364,351	379,138	363,573	391,979
Lake Erie	725,030	517,033	687,869	480,571	642,348	439,452	610,570
Total - Coal	2,598,863	2,505,717	2,949,211	2,687,704	2,769,396	2,654,665	2,702,178
Limestone	3,337,355	3,581,970	3,055,717	3,055,157	2,985,181	2,942,381	3,203,076
Cement	404,855	385,055	423,783	450,062	363,550	366,750	405,461
Salt	148,778	98,291	119,530	114,404	185,169	96,633	133,234
Sand	56,206	47,414	63,730	95,281	82,735	88,445	69,073
Grain	82,737	43,417	28,478	45,391	56,735	40,359	51,352
Totals	10,925,423	11,553,257	11,505,698	11,111,074	11,151,264	11,060,240	11,249,343

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: Year-To-Date 2003-2008 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	32,369,404	38,979,971	35,942,040	37,315,382	36,439,784	38,899,486	36,209,316
Transshipments	1,273,355	2,425,326	2,238,692	2,850,311	1,883,977	1,893,887	2,134,332
Total - Iron Ore	33,642,759	41,405,297	38,180,732	40,165,693	38,323,761	40,793,373	38,343,648
Coal							
Lake Superior	11,568,645	12,272,303	14,221,801	13,691,673	13,339,677	14,147,459	13,018,820
Lake Michigan	2,200,020	2,863,841	3,129,701	2,465,611	2,121,693	2,476,531	2,556,173
Lake Erie	3,748,460	4,151,970	4,754,293	4,069,385	4,802,340	2,961,957	4,305,290
Total - Coal	17,517,125	19,288,114	22,105,795	20,226,669	20,263,710	19,585,947	19,880,283
Limestone	20,141,407	25,178,850	23,777,419	23,809,296	21,599,087	20,603,550	22,901,212
Cement	3,257,055	3,339,375	3,221,022	3,396,710	3,047,609	2,732,252	3,252,354
Salt	804,049	898,407	860,019	921,421	991,146	970,441	895,008
Sand	434,134	386,867	398,640	360,878	387,986	257,684	393,701
Grain	286,854	287,677	312,605	268,898	338,920	215,202	298,991
Totals	76,083,383	90,784,587	88,856,232	89,149,565	84,952,219	85,158,449	85,965,197

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