2011 U.S.-FLAG DRY-BULK CARGO CARRIAGE TO / FROM CANADA (CROSS-LAKES TRADE)

U.S.-flag participation in the U.S./Canada trade continued to decline in 2011. Shipments totaled 2.5 million tons, a decrease of almost 47 percent compared to 2010. The decrease was even greater when compared to the 5-year average (6,408,401 tons) – 38.5 percent. The largest fall-off came in coal. That trade slipped 71.3 percent compared to 2010 and 79.4 percent compared to its 5-year average. As noted in the Coal Trade section, the decrease stems largely from Ontario's phasing out of coal for power generation.

U.S.-FLAG CARGO CARRIAGE CROSS-LAKES TRADE CALENDAR YEARS 2006-2011 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE

(net tons)

COMMODITY	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	AVERAGE 2006-2010
Iron Ore.....	2,014,342	2,673,415	3,212,797	687,565	1,433,210	856,549	2,004,265
Coal.....	3,968,691	3,904,426	3,883,314	1,248,896	2,172,455	624,663	3,035,556
Limestone.....	1,875,132	1,446,694	479,534	805,419	938,799	870,180	1,109,116
Cement.....	265,323	133,175	146,634	92,108	95,929	116,090	146,634
Sand.....	63,456	97,618	29,079	15,952	0	0	41,221
Salt.....	64,770	73,057	99,050	10,246	0	0	49,425
Grain	27,282	26,836	81,122	0	0	0	27,048
**TOTAL	**8,278,996**	**8,355,221**	**7,931,530**	**2,860,186**	**4,640,393**	**2,467,482**	**6,413,265**