

2005 SALT TRADE

The Great Lakes salt trade was essentially unchanged in 2005. Shipments increased over the previous year by about one boatload. However, when compared to the trade's 5-year average, 2005 shipments were up approximately 19 percent. Fluctuations in demand for salt largely mirror the severity of the preceding winter, but the increase in the past two years also reflects resumption of shipments from a mine in Detroit, Michigan.

GREAT LAKES SALT SHIPMENTS CALENDAR YEARS 1996-2005 (net tons)

CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL
1996.....	7,902,232
1997.....	7,857,648
1998.....	8,766,829
1999.....	7,016,358
2000.....	6,093,660
2001.....	7,671,321
2002.....	7,287,312
2003.....	8,506,778
2004.....	9,239,658
2005.....	9,255,371
10-YEAR TOTAL.....	79,597,167