

2004 LIMESTONE TRADE

The Great Lakes limestone trade totaled 40.2 million net tons in 2004, the highest level recorded since 1998.

The 2004 stone float also represents increases of 17.7 percent compared to 2003 and 8.1 percent compared to the 5-year average. Again, the increase over 2003 largely reflects the sluggish demand that characterized most of that year, but 2004 shipments also benefited from fewer weather-related delays in the spring and late fall compared to 2003.

2004 LIMESTONE SHIPMENTS BY MONTH

(net tons)

MONTH	U.S. PORTS	CANADIAN PORTS	TOTAL
January	98,000	170,000	268,000
February.....	0	0	0
March	405,800	70,285	476,085
April.....	3,073,382	752,962	3,826,344
May	3,837,843	1,089,572	4,927,415
June	3,795,869	912,385	4,708,254
July.....	3,990,715	1,124,277	5,114,992
August.....	4,157,862	1,077,724	5,235,586
September	3,761,479	868,152	4,629,631
October	3,797,009	906,608	4,703,617
November	3,243,308	882,439	4,125,747
December	1,529,816	676,565	2,206,381
TOTAL	31,691,083	8,530,969	40,222,052

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE SHIPMENTS CALENDAR YEARS 1995-2004

(net tons)

CALENDAR YEAR	U.S. PORTS*	CANADIAN PORTS	TOTAL
1995	30,159,406	3,617,310	33,776,716
1996	30,151,516	4,437,757	34,589,273
1997	33,918,708	5,326,505	39,245,213
1998	34,950,366	5,922,573	40,872,939
1999	31,738,565	6,585,998	38,324,563
2000	31,002,777	7,116,220	38,118,997
2001	30,724,237	7,180,562	37,904,799
2002	30,673,673	6,863,570	37,537,243
2003	27,067,685	7,115,172	34,182,857
2004	31,691,083	8,530,969	40,222,052
10-YEAR TOTAL	312,078,016	62,696,636	374,774,652

* Totals for U.S. ports amended for years 1995-2003 to include shipments from Kelleys Island, Ohio.