

2013 U.S.-FLAG DRY-BULK CARGO CARRIAGE TO / FROM CANADA (CROSS-LAKES TRADE)

Cargos moving between the United States and Canada in U.S.-flag lakers fell considerably in 2013. Shipments slumped to 2.9 million tons, a decrease of 26.7 percent, and a drop of more than 42 percent compared to the long-term average.

The 60-percent decrease in iron ore cargos reflects lower steel production in Canada. The coal total - 556,000 tons - continued the decline that began when Ontario decided to phase out coal for power generation.

Limestone cargos registered a modest increase and cement's total was in line with 2012. Sand and salt recorded small increases, while grain dipped by 10,000 tons.

U.S.-FLAG CARGO CARRIAGE CROSS-LAKES TRADE CALENDAR YEARS 2008-2013 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE (net tons)

COMMODITY	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	AVERAGE 2008-2012*
Iron Ore	3,212,797	687,565	1,433,210	856,549	1,761,187	697,238	1,815,936
Coal	3,883,314	1,248,896	2,172,455	624,663	803,794	555,780	1,871,057
Limestone	479,534	805,419	938,799	870,180	1,124,589	1,294,702	853,276
Cement	146,634	92,108	95,929	116,090	148,138	146,358	126,698
Sand	29,079	15,952	0	0	60,340	117,221	22,355
Salt	99,050	10,246	0	0	24,967	51,343	31,004
Grain	81,122	0	0	0	90,138	80,359	42,815
TOTAL	7,933,538	2,862,195	4,642,403	2,469,493	4,015,165	2,945,014	4,765,150

* Excludes 2009.