

Lake Carriers' Association

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Lakes Limestone Trade Strong in July

CLEVELAND — Shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes totaled 4,300,022 tons in July, an increase of 7.9 percent compared to a year ago. The trade also bettered the month's 5-year average by 11 percent.

Loadings from U.S. quarries totaled 3.485 million tons, an increase of 10.9 percent compared to 2018. Shipments from Canadian quarries dropped to 814,790 tons, a decrease of 3.3 percent.

Year-to-date the Lakes limestone trade stands at 15.1 million tons, an increase of 13.4 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings from Michigan and Ohio quarries total 12.39 million tons, an increase of 14.2 percent. Shipments from Ontario quarries total 2.7 million tons, an increase of 9.8 percent compared to last year.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: JULY 2014-2019 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	3,533,609	3,510,422	2,586,267	3,162,664	3,142,622	3,485,232	3,187,117
Canadian Ports	556,470	562,133	761,773	701,953	842,922	814,790	685,050
Total	4,090,079	4,072,555	3,348,040	3,864,617	3,985,544	4,300,022	3,872,167

YEAR-TO-DATE 2014-2019 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE (net tons)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
U.S. Ports	10,340,545	11,685,126	10,428,847	10,284,836	10,849,884	12,392,300	10,717,848
Canadian Ports	1,701,735	2,279,607	2,712,419	2,350,025	2,424,638	2,661,486	2,293,685
Total	12,042,280	13,964,733	13,141,266	12,634,861	13,274,522	15,053,786	13,011,533

U.S. ports: Calcite, MI, Cedarville, MI, Drummond Island, MI, Marblehead, OH, Port Inland, MI and Presque Isle, MI.
Canadian ports: Bruce Mines, Manitoulin Island and Smelter Bay (all Ontario).

About Lake Carriers' Association

Lake Carriers' Association ("LCA") represents 13 American companies that operate 46 U.S.-flag vessels ("lakers") on the Great Lakes and carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation, as well as salt, sand and grain. Collectively, its members can transport more than 90 million tons of dry-bulk cargo per year and employ more than 1,600 men and women, all of whom are U.S. citizens or legally admitted aliens, and provide annual wages and benefits of approximately \$125 million. In turn, the cargos its members carry create and sustain nearly 116,000 jobs in the eight Great Lakes states and generate more than \$20 billion in economic activity, \$8.3 billion in personal income, \$16.4 billion in business revenue, \$4.1 billion in local purchases and \$3.7 billion in taxes. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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