



## Shipping Season Remains Strong

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(Green Bay, Wis.) – More than 225,000 tons of cargo moved through the Port of Green Bay during May, bringing the Port’s year-to-date total to nearly 455,000 tons. That puts the year-to-date tonnage on pace with the 2019 season, which ended as the best in a dozen years for the [Port of Green Bay](#).

“There are certainly a lot of factors at play during this shipping season,” said Port Director Dean Haen. “The COVID-19 pandemic has slowed some shipping, but high water levels continue to allow for greater material volume per ship. While there may be more uncertainty than ever about what the future holds, right now, we are happy to be on pace with the strong shipping season we had last year. We certainly hope that continues.”

Imports of cement and limestone led the way in May. More than 56,000 tons of cement were imported last month, bringing the year-to-date total to 88,414 tons, 71% above the same timeframe a year ago. While imports of domestic limestone are down 2%, foreign limestone imports totaled 51,000 tons in May, pushing the year-to-date foreign limestone imports up 140% from last year. Haen also points out that Canadian salt imports were very strong in March and April, but dropped to nothing in May, impacting the overall tonnage numbers.

When it comes to vessel traffic, 25 ships visited the Port in May, compared to 17 during March and April. That total of 42 compares to 35 ships during the same time period in 2019.

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**About the Port of Green Bay:** The Port of Green Bay exists to enhance the prosperity of the people of Northeast Wisconsin by providing facilities and infrastructure able to effectively and efficiently move commodities and goods across the nation. As the western-most port of Lake Michigan, the Port of Green Bay offers a direct route for shipping from the Midwest to the rest of the world. The Port of Green Bay has 14 active terminal operators located along three miles of the Fox River involved in shipping commodities: Ace Marine, C. Reiss Coal Company, Construction Resources Management, Flint Hills Resources, Fox River Terminals, Georgia-Pacific, Graymont, GLC Minerals, KK Integrated Logistics, Lafarge Northern America, RGL, Sanimax, St. Mary’s Cement and U.S. Venture.

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