

# Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association Semi-Annual Press Release

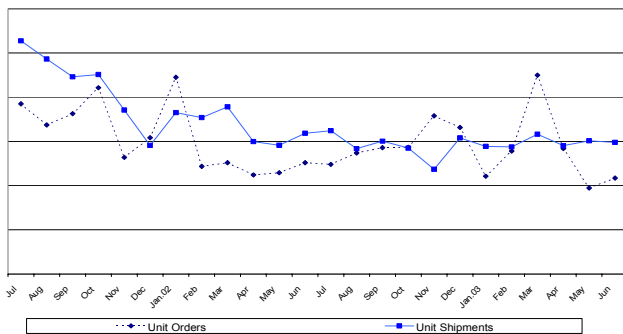
## CONVEYOR INDUSTRY SEES SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN FIRST HALF OF 2003

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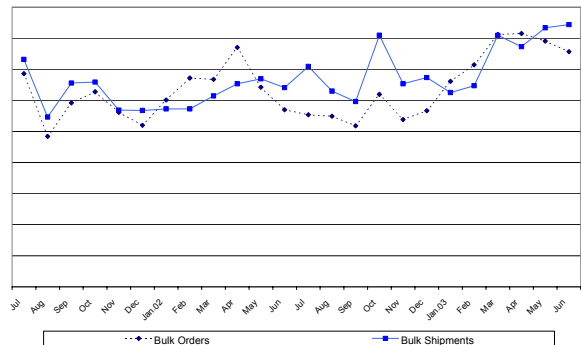
NAPLES, FLORIDA – The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that total new orders increased 3% and billed sales (shipments) were up 22% for Bulk but down 11% for Unit Handling in the first six months of 2003. CEMA estimates that industry new orders totaled \$2.3 billion, up slightly from 2002, and shipments totaled \$2.45 billion. The executives representing CEMA member companies who attended the fall meeting felt confident that new equipment orders and shipments would continue to recover in 2003. CEMA President, Bill Casey announced the results at the Association’s fall meeting in Chicago, Illinois, in September.

CEMA tracks new orders and shipped sales volume in seven classes of unit handling equipment and five classes of bulk handling equipment. The graphs shown below plot monthly order and sales trends from reporting CEMA member companies from July 2001 through June 2003. Trends are totaled and graphed for all product classes in Bulk Handling Equipment, Unit Handling Equipment and Total CEMA members. An electronic version of this document and graphs is located on the CEMA web site at [www.cemanet.org/press/semi.html](http://www.cemanet.org/press/semi.html).

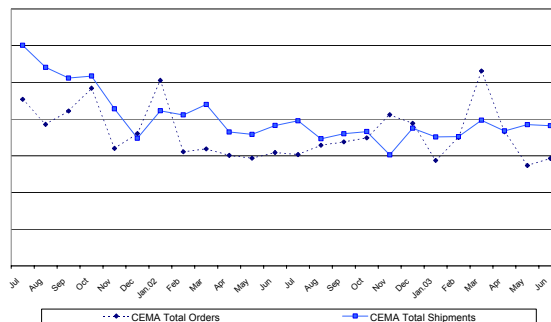
**Unit Orders and Shipments**



**Bulk Orders and Shipments**



**CEMA Total Orders and Shipments**



Founded in 1933, CEMA is the trade association of leading North American conveyor equipment manufacturers and engineering firms.

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