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CONVEYOR INDUSTRY SEES CONTINUED GROWTH IN FIRST HALF OF 2005

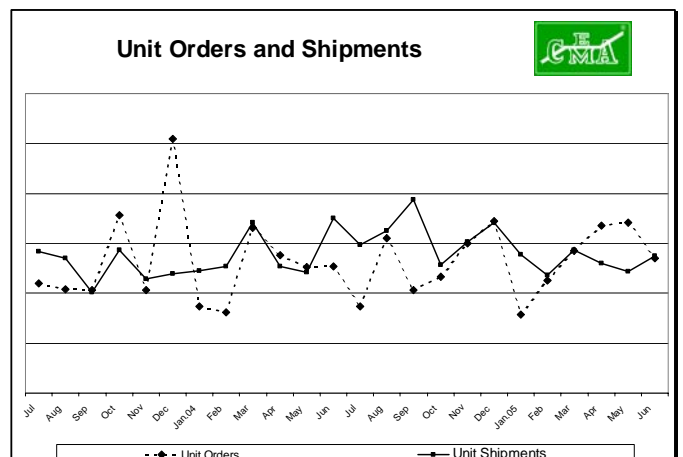
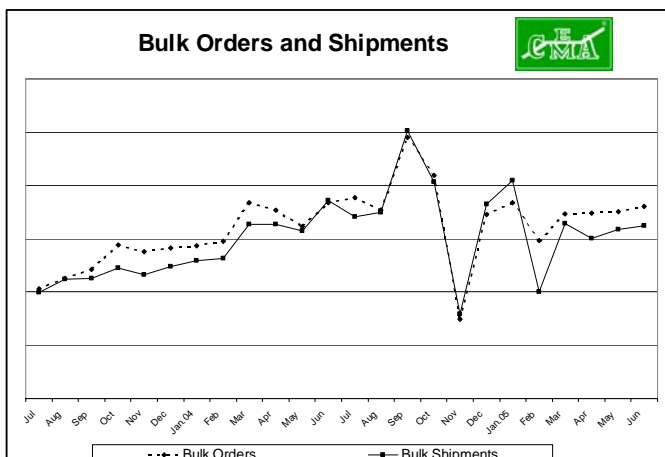
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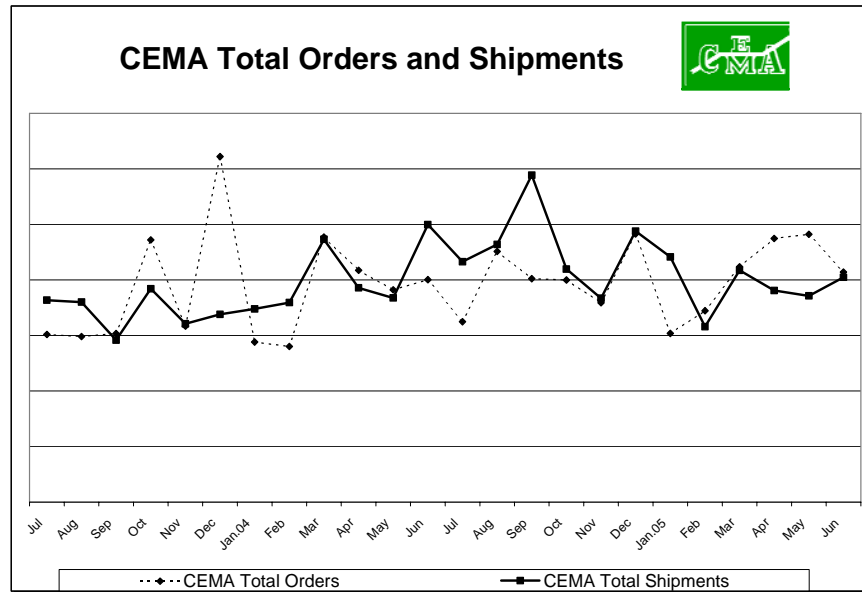
NAPLES, FLORIDA – The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that overall booked sales (new orders) for the first 6 months of 2005 increased 8.8% compared to the same period in 2004, with total new orders of \$2.6 billion. CEMA estimates industry shipments of \$2.5 billion in the same period.

In the Bulk Conveying area, Screw Conveyors were strong with bookings up 18% and shipments up 24%. Bulk Equipment was also strong with bookings up 30% and shipments up 18%. Orders for Bulk Accessories were up 17% and shipments 14%. Unit Handling Systems were strong with overall bookings up almost 14%, Tow Conveyors up 67%, and Conveyor Chain up 16%.

The executives representing CEMA member companies who attended the fall meeting felt confident that new equipment orders and shipments would continue growing for the rest of 2005. CEMA President, Jim Lamb 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 the monthly order and sales trends reported by CEMA member companies from July 2003 through June 2005. 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





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