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## CONVEYOR INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS CONTINUE UPWARD TREND

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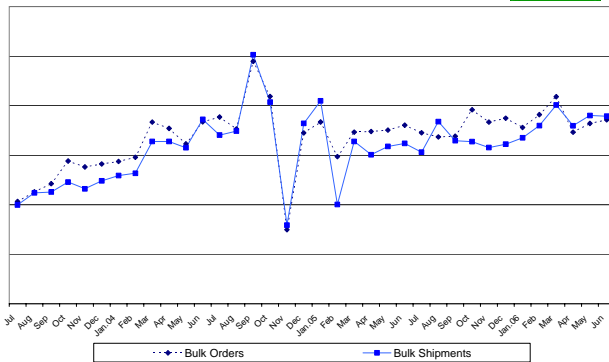
NAPLES, FLORIDA – The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that overall billed sales (shipments) for the first 6 months of 2006 increased 2.8% compared to the same period in 2005, with total shipments of \$2.6 billion. CEMA estimates industry orders (bookings) of \$2.5 billion in the same period.

In the Bulk Conveying area, Bulk Equipment bookings were up 50% and shipments up 56%. Bulk Components were also strong with bookings up 8% and shipments up 13%. Orders for Bulk Accessories were up 6% and shipments 15%. Tow Conveyor shipments were up 3%, and Unit Handling Trolley Conveyors sales were up 1%.

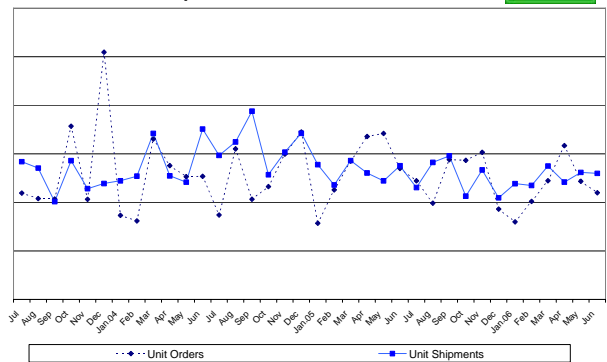
The executives representing CEMA member companies who attended the Fall Meeting felt confident that new equipment orders and shipments would continue growing for the rest of 2006. CEMA President, Tom Easterhouse announced the results at the Association’s Fall Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

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 2004 through June 2006. 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.home](http://www.cemanet.org/press/semi.home).

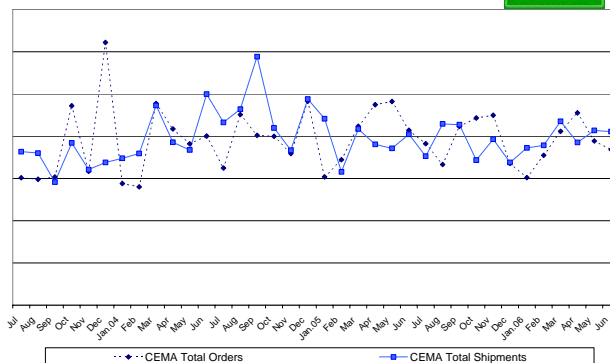
**Bulk Conveying Orders and Shipments - 3 Year Trend**



**Unit Conveying Orders and Shipments - 3 Year Trend**



**CEMA Total Orders and Shipments - 3 Year Trend**



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