

Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association Semi-Annual Press Release

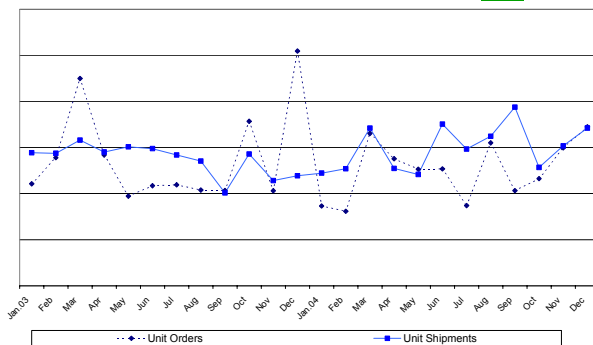
CONVEYOR INDUSTRY SEES CONTINUING GROWTH IN 2004

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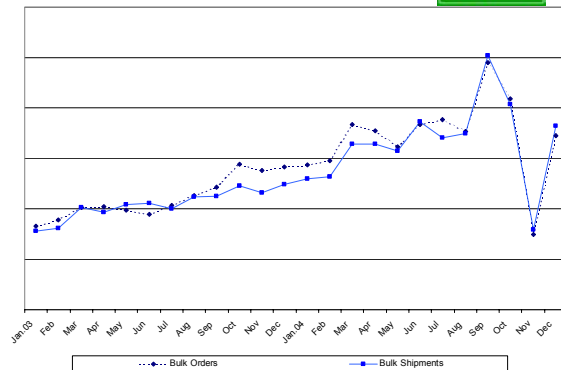
NAPLES, FLORIDA – The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that 2004 new orders were up for the conveyor industry for the second consecutive year. CEMA estimates that new orders totaled \$5.1 billion for 2004, which represents a 5.7% increase over 2003. Shipments outpaced new orders by 15.3% in 2004. CEMA President, James Lamb, announced the results at the Association’s annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, in March.

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 January 2003, through December 2004.

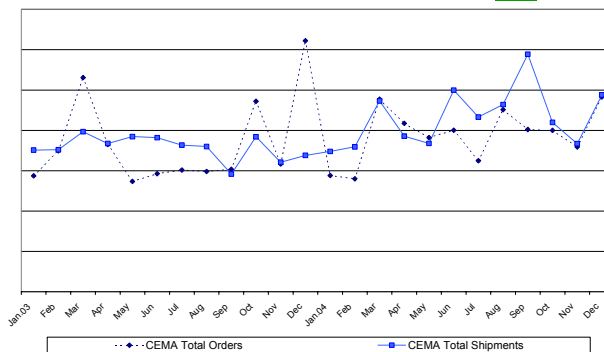
Unit Orders and Shipments



Bulk Orders and Shipments



CEMA Total Orders and Shipments



The executives representing CEMA member companies who attended the annual meeting were pleased to see an increase in orders in 2004, and have seen the trend continue into 2005 so far.

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

CEMA has available for purchase the new 6th Edition of “The Belt Book” – Belt Conveyors for Bulk Materials. This book is the authoritative technical manual for bulk belt conveyor design worldwide. CEMA also makes available safety labels for all types of conveyor equipment as well as useful technical information and manuals. For further information on CEMA or its member companies, or to order safety labels or CEMA publications, visit our web site at <http://www.cemanet.org>.

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