



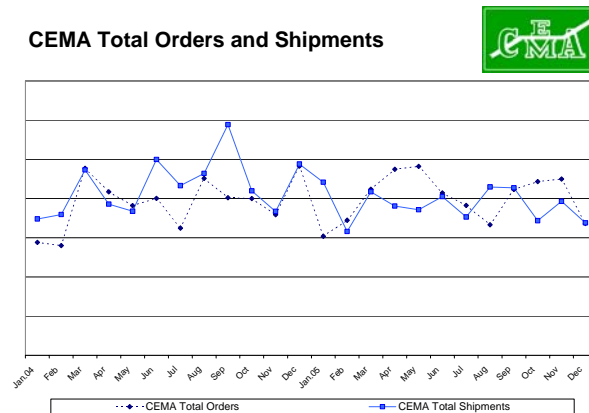
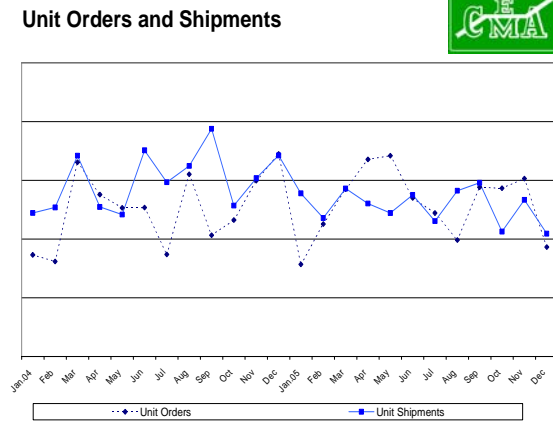
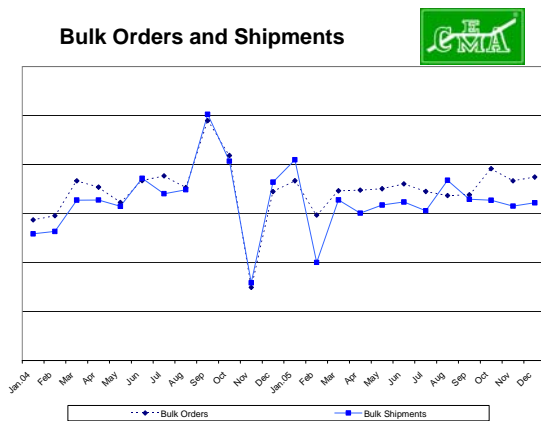
Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association Semi-Annual Press Release

CONVEYOR INDUSTRY SEES ORDER GROWTH AGAIN IN 2005

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NAPLES, FLORIDA – The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that 2005 new orders were up for the conveyor industry for the third consecutive year. CEMA estimates that new orders totaled \$5.27 billion for 2005, which represents a 3.1% increase over 2004. New orders were up 3.1% and shipments were down 11.1% in 2005 compared to 2004. Bulk Handling Equipment orders were up 2.3% and shipments were down 3.5%. Unit Handling Equipment orders were up 3.5% while shipments were down 8.1%. CEMA President, James Lamb, announced the results at the Association’s annual meeting in Marco Island, Florida, 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 2004, through December 2005. Trends are totaled and graphed for all product classes in Bulk Handling Equipment, Unit Handling Equipment and Total CEMA members.



The executives representing CEMA member companies who attended the annual meeting were pleased to see an increase in orders in 2005.

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

CEMA also makes available to both member and nonmember companies, safety labels for all types of conveyor equipment as well as useful technical information and manuals. For example, CEMA has available for purchase the revised Belt Conveyors for Bulk Materials 6th Edition - "The Belt Book". This book is an authoritative technical manual for bulk belt conveyor design worldwide. 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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