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NAPLES, FLORIDA – The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that 2017 shipments in North America were up 15.95%. CEMA estimates that shipments totaled $14.038 billion for 2017, a record level and an increase of $1.85 billion from 2016 shipments of $12.188 billion.

CEMA estimates that new orders totaled $14.145 billion in 2017. New orders in 2017 were $1.82 billion more than 2016, representing an increase of 15.55%.

Unit Handling orders were up 15.6% and shipments were up 19.2%. In the Bulk Conveying area, orders were up 15.4% and shipments were up 7.7%.

CEMA President, Paul Ross, announced the results at the Association’s 85th annual meeting in Naples, FL earlier this month.

CEMA tracks new orders and shipped sales volume in nine classes of unit handling equipment and four classes of bulk handling equipment.

The executives representing CEMA member companies who attended the annual meeting expressed continued optimism and forecasted shipments will increase 9.0% for 2018.

CEMA, the industry leader in safety and technical standards and founded in 1933, makes available to member and nonmember companies safety labels for all types of conveyor equipment as well as useful technical information, standards, and manuals. Highlights of what is available for purchase;

- **Belt Conveyors for Bulk Materials 7th Edition** - "The Belt Book"
- **Bucket Elevator Book Best Practices in Design**
- **CEMA Application Guide for Unit Handling Conveyors 2nd Edition** - "The Unit Book".  

These books are authoritative technical manuals for conveyor design worldwide. Some publications available Portuguese, and Spanish in addition to English.

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