



# Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association

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## Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) Semi-Annual Press Release

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NAPLES, FLORIDA – The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that overall industry billed sales (shipments) for the first 6 months of 2008 decreased 3.3% compared to the same period in 2007, with total shipments of \$3.89 billion. CEMA estimates industry orders (bookings) of \$3.87 billion in the same period.

In the Bulk Conveying area, Bulk Systems shipments were up significantly. Furthermore, bulk Accessories bookings were up 18% and shipments up 15%. Screw Conveyor shipments were up 3%. Unit Handling orders were down 9% and shipments were down 10%.

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

The executives representing CEMA member companies who attended the Fall Meeting were pleased with the 2008 results to date but expressed concern over the next 12-18 months. CEMA President, Dan Fannin announced the results at the Association's Fall Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

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

CEMA also makes available to 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 in both CD and/or hardcopy, the 2<sup>nd</sup> printing of *Belt Conveyors for Bulk Materials 6<sup>th</sup> Edition* - "The Belt Book". This book is an authoritative technical manual for bulk belt conveyor design worldwide. For further information on CEMA, "The Voice of the North American Conveyor Industry" 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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