



# 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 2009 decreased 18.8% compared to the same period in 2008, with total shipments of \$3.18 billion. CEMA estimates industry orders (bookings) of \$2.89 billion in the same period.

In the Bulk Conveying area, orders were down 25% and shipments were down 14%. Unit Handling orders were down 26% and shipments were down 23%.

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 not surprised with the 2009 results to date but expressed optimism for later in the year and into 2010. CEMA President, Todd Swinderman 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". CEMA has also recently published the *CEMA Application Guide for Unit Handling Conveyors* – "The Unit Book" (hard copy only). These books are authoritative technical manuals for 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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