

MAFSI BUSINESS BAROMETER REPORTS OVERALL SALES INCREASE OF 2.7% FOR Q1/06 Predictions for Second Quarter 2006 and Year 2006 Remain Optimistic

The first quarter 2006 MAFSI Business Barometer has just been released and reveals the following. Although business continues to grow, the rate of growth has slowed from 3.8% for fourth quarter 2005 (Q4/05) down to 2.7% in Q1/06.

The overall growth of 2.7% was less than the forecast of 3.3% for Q1/06 and 5.1% for all of 2006. Growth was spotty in the Northeast at 1.2% and somewhat better in all other regions: Canada at 2.3%, West at 3.2%, South at 3.4% and Midwest at 3.7%.

MAFSI reps remain cautiously optimistic with a forecast of 3.6% growth for Q2/06. Rising gasoline prices may be tempering spring/summer expectations as we observe its impact on restaurant traffic.

For further details on your region of the country please see graphs.

Manufacturers' representatives were surveyed from agencies across the United States and Canada for the MAFSI Business Barometer Survey. The quarterly survey is a leading economic indicator in the foodservice industry that provides an invaluable outlook on sales trends and forecast regionally and nationally. This survey is the industry's most definitive non-food sales/trend indicator.

MAFSI releases the Business Barometer on a quarterly basis. Second quarter results will be released the first week in August.

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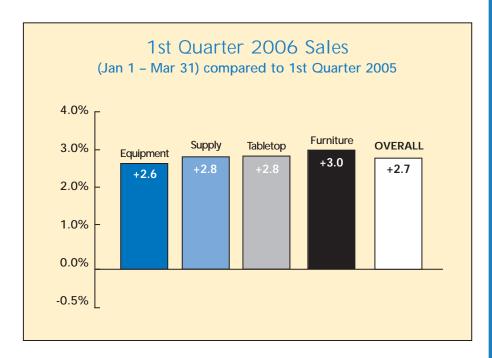
MAFSI Business Confidence Index for 2nd Quarter 2006

(Apr 1 – Jun 30) compared to 2nd Quarter 2005

+3.6%

MAFSI Business Confidence Index for 2006 Compared to 2005

+5.4%



Projected 2nd Quarter 2006 Sales (Apr 1 – June 30) compared to 2nd Quarter 2005

NORTHEAST +3.2%

south +3.5% $^{\text{MIDWEST}}_{+4.4\%}$

west +3.4% canada +3.8%

Projected 2006 Overall Sales Forecast (Compared to Overall Sales for 2005)

NORTHEAST +5.8%

south +5.2% $^{\text{MIDWEST}}_{+4.4\%}$

west +6.3% canada +5.1%

Regions Represented Total Respondents 130

NORTHEAST — ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, DE, NJ, NY, PA, DC, MD, VA

SOUTH — NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, TN, MS, AR, LA, OK, TX

MIDWEST — KY, W.PA, WV, ND, SD, NE, KS, MN, IA, MO, WI, IL, IN, MI, OH

WEST — WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, CO, NM, UT, AZ, NV, CA, AK, HI

CANADA — Includes all of Canada

