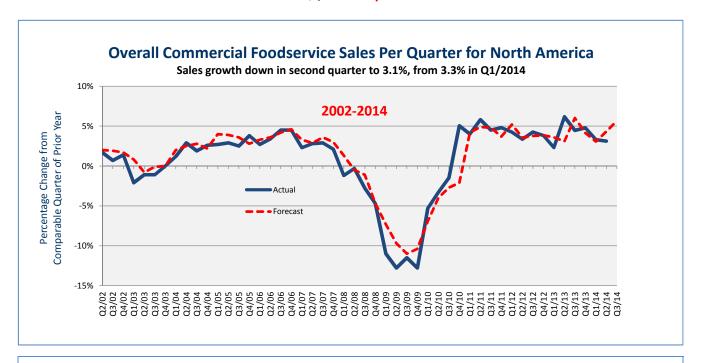


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Q2/14 Reflects Another Tough Quarter; Q3/14 Forecast Calls for a Strong Rebound

Sales growth down in second quarter to 3.1%, from 3.3% in Q1/2014

The second quarter of 2014 was hampered by the lagged effects of a tough winter with growth of 3.1%, down from 3.3% in Q1/14.

As in first quarter, the regional variances were acute, ranging from -1.2% in the Northeast, +3.5% in the Midwest, to +3.8% in the West, +3.9% in Canada to +5.5% in the South.

Weak areas were Northeast equipment at -2.0%, Northeast tabletop at -0.1%. Equipment was strong at +5.9% in the South, supplies at +8.3% in the West and furnishings at +10.0% in Canada.

Overall sales for North America ranged from +4.5% in Supplies, +3.8% in Tabletop, +2.9% in Equipment, to +2.7% in Furnishings.

All indications point to an upturn. MAFSI Reps are forecasting a healthy +5.7% gain in Q3/14. This is supported by strong upticks in both Quoting (56%) and Consulting (47%) activity.

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Sales Forecast for Q3/14 vs. Q3/13 Overall for North America 5.7%

Sales Forecast for 2014 vs. 2013 Overall for North America 4.9%

Quoting Activity for Q2/14 vs. Q1/14

More Less No Change
56% 13% 30%

Consultant Activity for Q2/14 vs. Q1/14
More Less No Change
47% 7% 46%

2nd Quarter 2014 **Overall Sales for North America** Q2/2014 vs. Q2/2013 (Apr 1 - Jun 30) 4.5% 3.8% 4% Percentage Change 3.1% 2.9% 2.7% 3% 2% 1% 0% Equipment Supplies **Furnishings** Overall Tabletop

*The overall industry sales growth is calculated using a weighted average based on the percentage of the total sales volume for the overall industry represented by the various sales categories: Equipment (76%), Supplies (7%), Tabletop (11%), and Furnishings (6%). Market numbers are based on the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM) biennial "Size & Shape of the Industry" study.



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Q3/14 vs. Q3/13 Sales Percentage Change Forecast by Region

3rd Quarter 2014 compared to 3rd Quarter 2013 (Jul 1 - Sep 30)

Northeast 2.1%

South 7.0% Midwest 5.6%

West 6.9% Canada 6.6%

2014 vs. 2013 Overall Sales Forecast by Region

Compared to Overall Sales for 2013

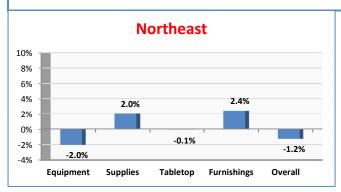
Northeast 4.3%

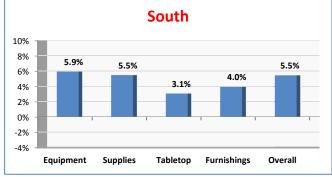
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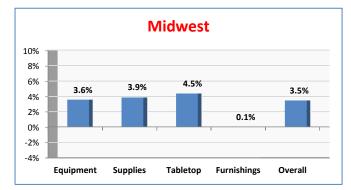
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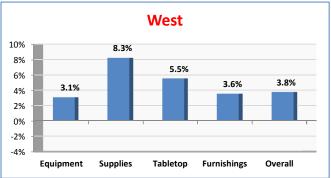
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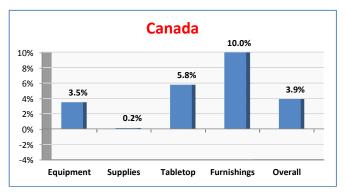
2nd Quarter 2014 compared to 2nd Quarter 2013 (Apr 1 - Jun 30)











NORTHEAST includes the states:

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

SOUTH includes the states:

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

MIDWEST includes the states:

 $\mathsf{KY},\,\mathsf{W}.\,\mathsf{PA},\,\mathsf{WV},\,\mathsf{ND},\,\mathsf{SD},\,\mathsf{NE},\,\mathsf{KS},\,\mathsf{MN},\,\mathsf{IA},\,\mathsf{MO},\,\mathsf{WI},\,\mathsf{IL},\,\mathsf{IN},\,\mathsf{MI},\,\mathsf{OH}$

WEST includes the states:

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

CANADA includes all provinces and territories in Canada.

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