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First Quarter 2017 Suffers "Hang-Over" from Strong Fourth Quarter 2016 Finish

The MAFSI Business Barometer results for the first quarter of 2017 dropped to a gain of +3.3% against a Q1/17 forecast of +3.9% and a previous quarter (Q4/16) stronger than expected performance of +4.4%. You might say that the 1st quarter market was "hung-over" from the 4th quarter. This is likely due to year end purchases to maximize buying programs and to beat typical 1st quarter price increases driven by material raises.

By product type, the Q1/17 overall growth broke down as follows: Tabletop +5.3%, Equipment +3.1% (from +4.5% previous quarter), Supply +2.9%, and Furniture +1.7%. By region, the gains varied from +4.5% South, +4.2% Canada, +3.9% Northeast, +2.5% West and +2.1% Midwest. Product type results within regions greatly varied (see page 3 and 4 Graphs for fuller details).

With a growing number of MAFSI firms representing janitorial and sanitation products, we've included Jan/San reporting in Q12017 for the first time in the Barometer's history. Numbers are overall for North America, with +4.9% equipment, +3.5% supplies, and +3.1% disposables.

Quoting activity held steady at 48% Quoting More and so did Consultant Activity at 37% Busier. Hopefully, this indicates a temporary nature of a short term "hangover". The actual forecast for Q2/17 calls for a slight improvement to \pm 3.4%.

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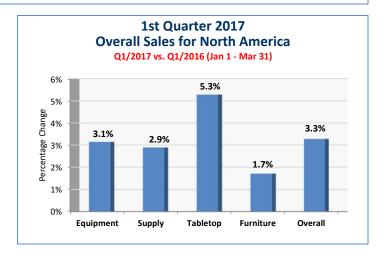
Qtrly Sales Forecast for North America Q2/17 vs. Q2/16 3.4%

Yearly Sales Forecast for North America
2017 vs. 2016
2016 vs. 2015
4.4%
4.5%

	Quoting Activity for Q1/17 vs. Q4/16	
More	Less	No Change
48%	20%	33%

Consultant Activity for Q1/17 vs. Q4/16
More Less No Change
37% 13% 50%





*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 (77%), Supplies (6%), 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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Q2/17 vs. Q2/16 Sales Percentage Change Forecast by Region

2nd Quarter 2017 compared to 2nd Quarter 2016 (Apr 1 - Jun 30)

Northeast 3.5% South 4.3% Midwest 2.5%

West 2.1%

Canada 4.9%

2017 vs. 2016 Overall Sales Forecast by Region

Compared to Overall Sales for 2016

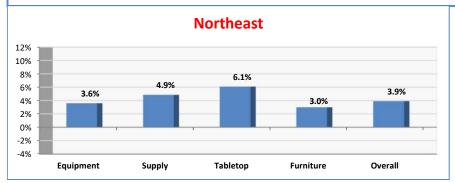
Northeast 4.2%

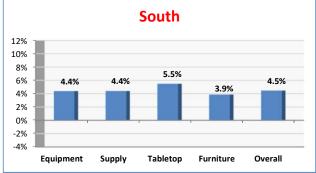
South
4.4%

Midwest 4.6% West 4.4% Canada 4.1%

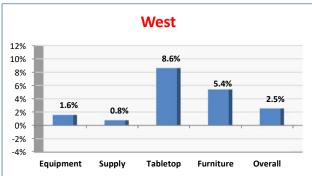
1st Quarter 2017 Sales Percentage Change by Region

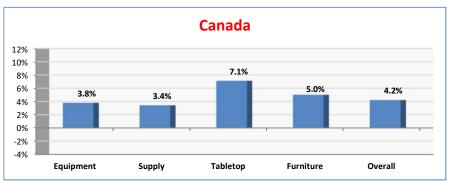
1st Quarter 2017 compared to 1st Quarter 2016 (Jan 1 - Mar 31)











NORTHEAST includes the states:

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

SOUTH includes the states:

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

MIDWEST includes the states:

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

WEST includes the states:

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

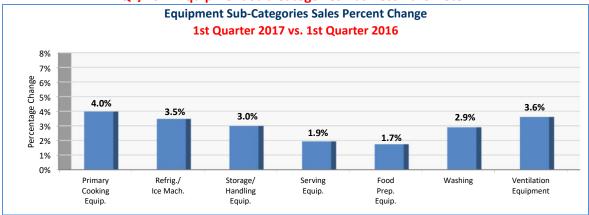
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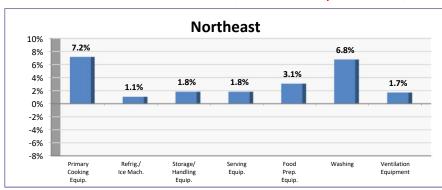
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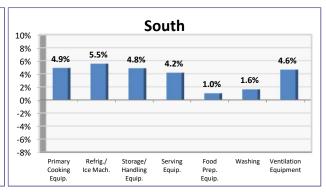
Q1/2017 Equipment Sub-Categories Business Barometer

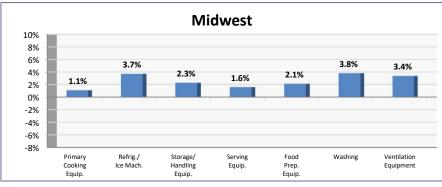


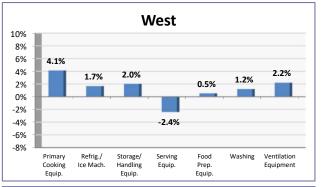
Equipment Sub-Categories Sales Percent Change by Region

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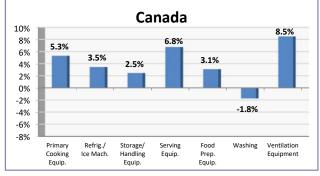
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*The equipment sub-category sales growth is calculated using a weighted average based on the percentage of the equipment sub-category sales volume represented by the various sales categories: Primary Cooking (26%), Refrigeration/ice Machines (32%), Storage/Handling (9%), Serving (16%), Food Prep (7%), Warewashing (10%) from the (NAFEM) biennial "Size & Shape of the Industry" study. Ventilation not weighted.



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Business Barometer Category Product List

Please note: As of q3, 2015, "Menu and Message Boards" (previously calculated in Supplies) are now in Tabletop, and "Thermometers and Temperature Monitoring Devices" (previously in Food Preparation Equipment) are now in Supplies.

MAIN CATEGORIES		
Equipment	Food Preparation Equipment, Primary Cooking Equipment, Refrigeration & Ice Machines, Serving Equipment, Storage & Handling Equipment, Ventilation, Warewashing & Sanitation Equipment	
Supplies	Bar Supplies, Buffetware, Can Openers, Cleaning Tools, Colanders, Cookware, Cutting Boards, Knives/Cutlery Blocks/Sharpeners, Mixing Bowls, Pans, Storage, Thermometers/Temperature Monitoring, Textiles (Kitchen), Utensils (Kitchen)	
Tabletop	Baskets, Beverage Pitchers/Servers, Buckets (Ice & Wine), Candle Holders/Lamps, Candle & Chafing Fuel, Carafes/Decanters, Chafers, Covers, Dinnerware, Flatware, Glassware/Stemware, Menu Covers, Menu/Message Boards, Salt & Pepper Shakers, Serving Bowls/Plates, Servingware, Trays, Tray Stands	
Furniture	Baby-Changing Stations, Bars (Stationary & Mobile), Benches, Booths, Cabinets, Chairs, Coat Racks, Drive Through Windows, Lamps (Dining/Table), Signs, Patio/Outdoor Heaters, Railings & Railings Fittings, Stools, Tables, Table Bases, Table Cloths, Umbrellas	
SUB-CATEGORIES		
Primary Cooking Equipment	Braising Pans, Broilers, Charbroilers, Cook-Chill Systems, Fryers, Griddles, Grills, Oil Filtration Systems, Ovens, Panini Grills, Pasta Cookers, Ranges, Rice Cookers, Smokers, Steamers, Tilting Skillets, Toasters	
Refrigeration & Ice Machines	Air Curtains, Blast Chillers, Coolers, Doors, Drop-In Pan Chillers, Freezers, Ice Cream Cabinets, Ice Machines, Refrigeration, Refrigeration Compressors, Condensers & Evaporators, Slush/Smoothie Machines, Soft-Serve Ice Cream/Yogurt Machines, Water Filter Systems	
Storage & Handling Equipment	Bins, Bus/Tote Boxes, Cabinets, Carts, Conveyor Systems, Covers, Dispensers (non-food), Dollies, Food & Ingredient Canisters & Containers, Hand Trucks/Utility Trucks, Racks, Receiving Scales, Shelving, Tables (Standard Work Tables not Custom Fabricated) (Bakers, Cooks, Makeup, Prep, Etc.)	
Serving Equipment	Beverage Dispensers, Carving Stations, Coffee Equipment, Food Dispensers, Food Shields, Merchandisers, Salad Bars/Tabletop Food Bars, Serving/Buffet Lines, Serving Carts, Soup Kettles/Servers, Steam Tables/Hot-Food Tables/Bain Marie, Tea Brewers, Warmers	
Food Preparation Equipment	Blenders, Breaders, Bread Slicers, Choppers (Dicers, Graters, Peelers, Non-Bread Slicers), Dough Preparation Equipment, Food Processors, Juice Extractors/Juicing Equipment, Meat Saws, Meat Tenderizers/Marinators, Mixers, Mixer Stands & Tables, Popcorn Carts/Machines, Salad/Vegetable Washers & Dryers, Scales, Slicers, Timers	
Warewashing Equipment (please note: as of Q416, Sanitation Equipment is included under Janitorial and Sanitation Equipment)	Booster Heaters, Can Washers, Faucets/Spray Units/Washers/Hoses, Flatware-Handling/Recovery Systems, Floor Troughs & Drains, Pulpers & De-Water Equipment, Racks (Warewashing/Dishwashing Racks), Sinks, Tables (Dish), Warewashing/Dishwashing Machines, Waste Compactors, Waste Disposal Systems	
Ventilation	Appliance Connectors, Grease/Exhaust Filters, Grease Interceptors, Fire Suppression Systems/Fire Extinguishers, HVAC - Exhaust Systems, Fans, Utility Distribution Systems, Ventilation & Hoods	
New! Janitorial & Sanitation Equipment	Air Blowers/Carpet Dryers, Air Filtration Equipment, Bathroom Stall Doors, Cabinet Bases, Dehumidifying Equipment, Drain Pipes, Eye Wash Stations, Faucets and Faucet Systems, Pressure Washing Systems, Restroom Partitions/Stalls, Floor Scrubbers, Sinks, Toilets, Toilet Flushing Systems, Urinals	
New! Janitorial & Sanitation Supplies	Baby Changing Stations, Brooms, Dusts Mops, etc., Brushes (Equipment Cleaning Brushes, Scouring Pads, etc.), Can & Bottle Crushers, Carpet Sweepers, Vacuums, Floor & Carpet Care Products, Carts (Janitorial), Cloths Microfiber, Drainboards, Hand Dryers, Mats (Anti-Fatigues, Bar, Rubber, etc.), Mops, Buckets & Pails, Odor Control Chemicals & Devices, Paper Towel Dispensers, Soaps and Hand Sanitizers, Soap Dispensers, Stall Storage Systems, Toilet Paper and Sanitary Dispensers, Waste Bins & Recycling Containers	
New! Disposables	Disposable: Catering Trays and Serving Ware, Cloths Non-Woven, Concession Food Bags, Eco-Friendly Cups, Bowls, Flatware, Lids and Plates, Deli Food Safety Labels, Food Trays & Lids, Foam Food Cups, Bowls and Plates, Gloves, Garbage Bags, Paper Napkins, Paper Cups, Lids and Plates, Placemats (Disposable), Plastic Barware, Plastic Cups, Plates and Lids, Plastic Flatware, Take-Out Containers, Trash Can Liners	