

Overall Sales Growth Slows For The 9th Consecutive Quarter, Industry Likely Heading For A Soft Landing

Overall sales for Q3/23 dropped to +2.0%, missing the forecast for the third quarter of +3.5%. This represents the 9th quarter of retrenchment from the post Covid surge.

The past 9 quarter trend is +19.1%, +14.7%, +17.3%, +15.1%, +14.3%, +12.4%, +8.7%, +6.6%, +4.1% and now +2.0%. Q4/23 is projected to slow even further to a slim + 1.7%.

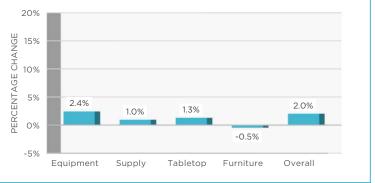
A close look at the detailed Regional and Product Graphs shows that certain categories have dipped slightly into negative levels, which is consistent with several reports from both public and private manufacturers and dealers. Both Quotation and Consultant Activity have lessened, which is certainly a leading indicator. The high interest rate environment has slowed inflation and limited expansion. Given the vitality of our industry, an optimistic view would point to a "soft landing".

As previously pointed out, we are in the third leg of a five-year W shaped cycle, the first leg being the "Covid Shutdown", followed by the "Reopening Surge", and now a period of "Disinflation" marked by destocking, shorter lead times and slim, if any, price increases. The fourth leg will likely see an uptick and a return to market stability as the comparables will be a lot easier to achieve.

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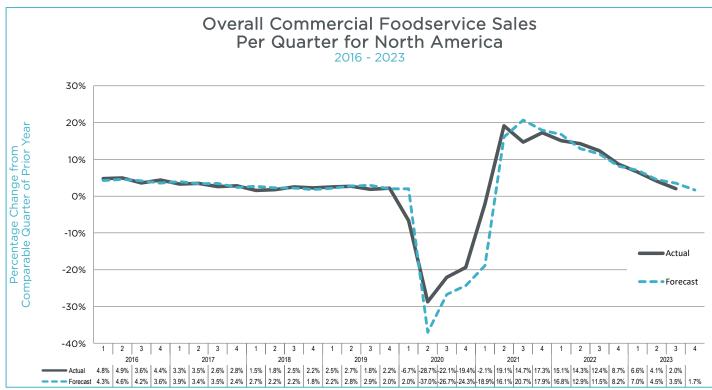
Qtrly Sales Forecast for North America				
Q4/23 vs. Q4/22				
1.7%				
Yearly Sales Forecast for North America				
2023 vs. 2022		2022 vs. 2021		
5.9%		11.3%		
Quoting Activity for Q3/23 vs. Q2/23				
More	Less	No Change		
24%	34%	42%		
Consultant Activity for Q3/23 vs. Q2/23				
More	Less	No Change		
29%	28%	43%		
Jan San Sales for Q3/23 vs. Q3/22				
Equipment	Supplies	Disposables		
2.0%	4.7%	3.3%		

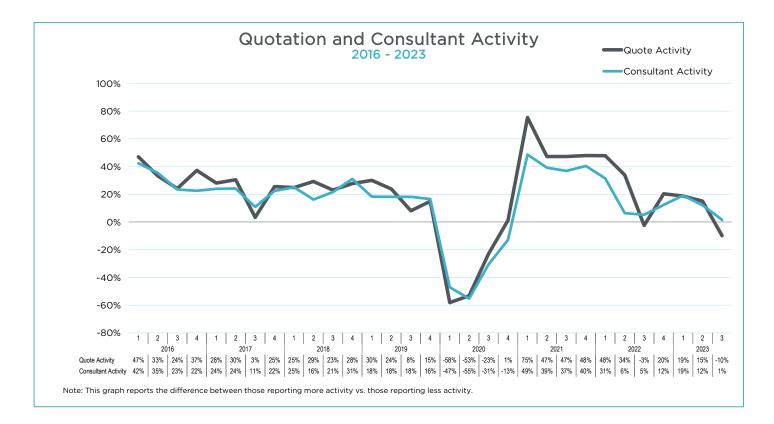
3rd Quarter 2023 Overall Sales for North America Q3/2023 vs. Q3/2022 (Jul 1 - Sep 30)



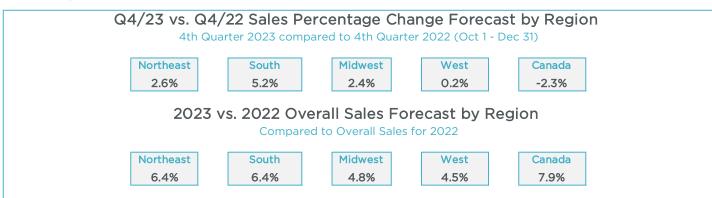
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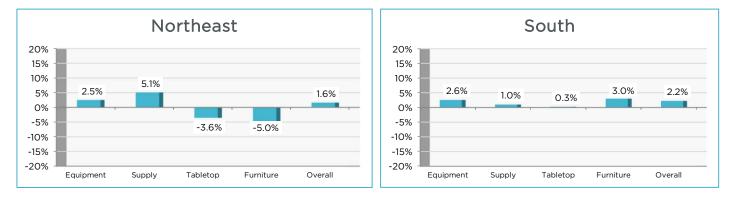


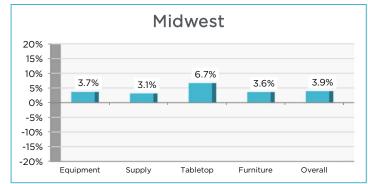


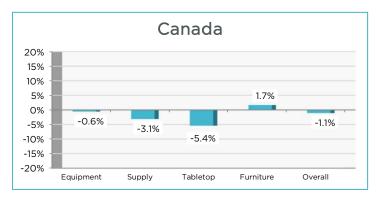


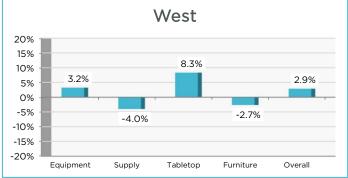
3rd Quarter 2023 Sales Percentage Change by Region

3rd Quarter 2023 compared to 3rd Quarter 2022 (Jul 1 - Sep 30)









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

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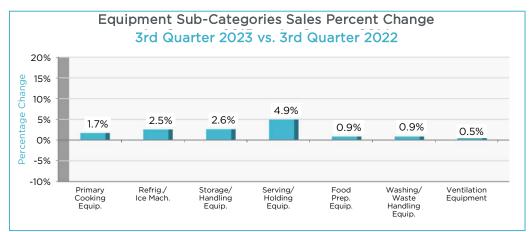
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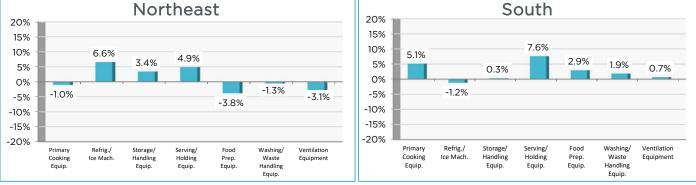
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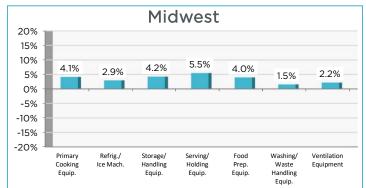
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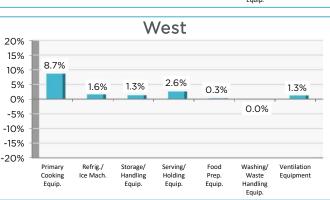


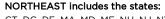


Equipment Sub-Categories Sales Percent Change by Region 3rd Quarter 2023 compared to 3rd Quarter 2022 (Jul 1 - Sep 30)









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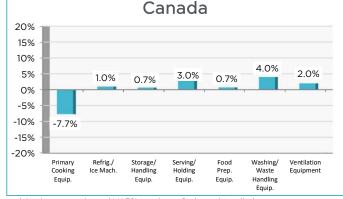
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*The equipment sub-category sales growth is calculated using a weighted average based on the percentage of the equipment sub-category sales volume represented by the various sales categories: Primary Cooking (25%), Refrigeration/Ice Machines (32%), Storage/Handling (9%), Serving (16%), Food Prep (7%), Warewashing (11%) from the (NAFEM) biennial "Size & Shape of the Industry" study. Ventilation not weighted.

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MAIN CATEGORIES	
Equipment Please note: as of Q315, "Thermometers and Temperature Monitoring Devices" (previously in Food Preparation Equipment) are now in Supplies.	Food Preparation Equipment, Janitorial & Sanitation Equipment, Primary Cooking Equipment, Refrigeration & Ice Machines, Serving & Holding Equipment, Storage & Handling Equipment, Ventilation, Warewashing, Waste Handling Equipment
Supplies Please note: as of Q315, "Menu and Message Boards" (previously calculated in Supplies) are now in Furniture.	Barware, Bakeware, Bins, Bus/Tote Boxes, Buckets (Ice & Wine), Buffetware, Can Openers, Chef Apparel/Shoes, Cleaning Tools, Colanders, Cookware/Pans/Pots, Cutting Boards, Knives/Cutlery Blocks/Sharpeners, Mixing Bowls, Storage Containers, Thermometers/Temperature Measurement/Food Safety, Textiles (Kitchen), Utensils/Tools (Kitchen)
Tabletop	Baskets, Beverage Pitchers/Servers, Candle Holders/Lamps, Candle & Chafing Fuel, Carafes/Decanters, Chafers, Covers, Dinnerware, Drinkware, Flatware, Glassware/Stemware, Linens (Napkins & Tablecloths/Covers), Menu Covers, Salt & Pepper Shakers, Serving Bowls/Plates, Servingware, Trays, Tray Stands
Furniture	Bars (Stationary & Mobile), Benches, Booths, Cabinets (Decor), Chairs, Coat Racks, Drive -Thru/Pass-Thru Windows, Heaters (Patio/Outdoor), Hostess Stands, Menu/Message Boards, Railings & Railings Fittings, Signs/Signage, Stools, Tables, Table Bases, Table Tops, Umbrellas
SUB-CATEGORIES	
Primary Cooking Equipment	Braising Pans, Broilers, Charbroilers, Cook-Chill Systems, Fryers, Griddles, Grills, Hot Dog Grills/Rollers, Microwaves, Oil Filtration Systems, Ovens, Panini Grills, Pasta Cookers, Ranges, Rice Cookers, Smokers, Steam Jacketed Kettles, Steamers, Tilting Skillets, Toasters, Waffle Bakers/Crepe Equipment
Refrigeration & Ice Machines	Air Curtains, Blast Chillers, Compressors, Condensers & Evaporators, Coolers, Doors (Walk-In/Insulated), Drop-In Pan Chillers, Freezers, Ice Cream Cabinets, Ice Machines, Refrigeration, Slush/Smoothie Machines, Soft-Serve Ice Cream/Yogurt Machines, Water Filter Systems
Storage & Handling Equipment	Cabinets, Carts, Conveyor Systems, Covers, Dispensers (non-food), Dollies (Can, Dish, Rack), Food & Ingredient Canisters & Containers, Hand Trucks/Utility Trucks, Meal Delivery Systems, Racks, Receiving Scales, Shelving, Work Tables (Bakers, Cooks, Makeup, Prep, etc.)
Serving & Holding Equipment	Beer Systems, Beverage Dispensers, Carving Stations, Coffee Equipment, Display/Merchandisers, Food Dispensers, Food Shields, Heat Lamps, Kiosks/Mobile Serving Units, Salad/Food Bars, Serving/Buffet Lines, Serving Carts, Soda Fountains, 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, Pasta Makers, Popcorn Carts/Machines, Salad/Vegetable Washers & Dryers, Scales, Slicers, Timers, Vacuum-Pack Machines
Warewashing & Waste Handling Equipment Please Note, as of Q416, Sanitation Equipment is included under Janitorial and Sanitation Equipment.	Booster Heaters, Can & Bottle Crushers, Can Washers, Drainboards, Faucets/Spray Units/Washers/Hoses, Flatware-Handling/Recovery Systems, Floor Troughs & Drains, Mats (Anti-Fatigues, Bar, Rubber, etc.), Pulpers & De-Water Equipment, Racks (Warewashing/Dishwashing Racks), Sinks, Tables (Dish), Warewashing/Dishwashing Machines, Waste Bins/Recycling, 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
Janitorial & Sanitation Lines	
Janitorial & Sanitation Equipment	Air Blowers/Carpet Dryers, Air Filtration Equipment, Bathroom Faucets and Faucet Systems, Bathroom Stall Doors, Dehumidifying Equipment, Eye Wash Stations, Pressure Washing Systems, Restroom Partitions/Stalls, Floor Scrubbers, Sinks, Toilets, Toilet Flushing Systems, Urinals
Janitorial & Sanitation Supplies	Baby Changing Stations, Brooms, Dusts Mops, etc., Brushes (Equipment Cleaning Brushes, Scouring Pads, etc.), Carpet Sweepers, Vacuums, Floor & Carpet Care Products, Carts (Janitorial), Cloths Microfiber, Hand Dryers, Mops, Buckets & Pails, Odor Control Chemicals & Devices, Paper Towel Dispensers, Soaps and Hand Sanitizers, Soap Dispensers, Stall Storage Systems, Toilet Paper and Sanitary Dispensers
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

