



EXPORT FACTS

PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS SET EXPORT RECORD FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2008

Missouri's exports through the first quarter of 2008 were up by 5.13 percent compared to the same period in 2007 according to World Institute for Strategic Economic Research (WISER).

Petroleum and Coal products made significant export gains as compared to this time last year, rising in rank from 17th to 9th place. The two major countries that import the products from Missouri are Netherlands and Canada. The two countries import maybe the reason for the jump in petroleum and coal products.

Through the end of March 2008, exports by Missouri companies totaled \$3.2 billion, compared to \$3 billion after the first quarter of 2007. This is particularly good news for the state's businesses because Missouri set a record for exports in 2007 with \$13.4 billion in total global sales. These first quarter 2008 figures put the state on track to top that mark this year.

Thirteen Missouri product categories each topped \$50 million in export sales through the first quarter of 2008, including transportation equipment (1.0 billion), chemicals (457 million), machinery (316 million), food and kindred products (209 million), agricultural products (196 million), electrical equipment (149 million), computer and electronic products (141 million), fabricated metal products (102 million), petroleum and coal products (84 million), waste and scrap (79 million), primary metal manufacturing (76 million), plastic and rubber products (72 million) and mineral and ores (55 million).

