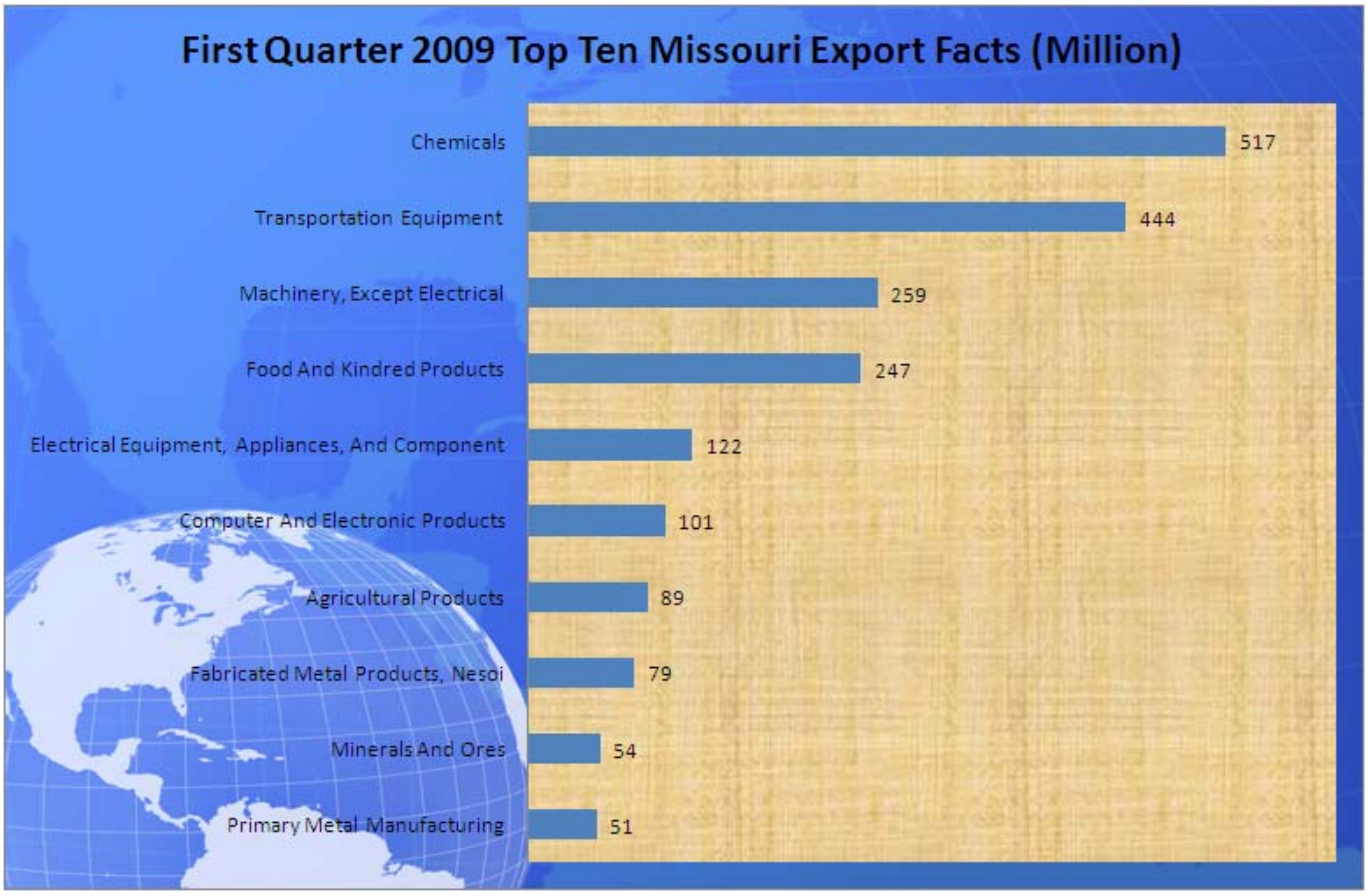
MERIC
MISSOURI ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND INFORMATION CENTER
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EXPORT FACTS

FIRST QUARTER OF 2009 MISSOURI EXPORTS

Missouri's exports through the first quarter of 2009 were down by 29.66 percent compared to the same period in 2008 according to World Institute for Strategic Economic Research (WISER).

Through the end of March 2009, exports by Missouri companies totaled $2.2 billion, compared to $3.1 billion after the first quarter of 2008. This is the first quarter Missouri did not set an export record since 2007. This is due to the deepening global recession and falling agriculture and oil prices that caused a decline in Missouri worldwide merchandise export.

Ten Missouri product categories each topped $50 million in export sales through the first quarter of 2009, including chemicals (517 million), transportation equipment (444 million), machinery (259 million), food and kindred products (247 million), electrical equipment (122 million), computer and electronic products (101 million), agricultural products (89 million), fabricated metal products (79 million), minerals and ores (54 million) and primary metal manufacturing (51 million).