

Missouri's 2011 Third Quarter Top Exports

Missouri's exports through the first three quarters of 2011 totaled \$10.6 billion according to the latest figures from WISER Export Trade data. This amount represents a 13 percent increase over the \$9.3 billion during the same time period in 2010. The third quarter result, alone, was \$3.5 billion, up from the \$3.1 billion from the same quarter of 2010. The sector with the most significant gain through three quarters of 2011 was minerals and ores, which increased 69%, led by a 60% increase in coal and petroleum gases. Waste and scrap was up 41% and has already surpassed its export amount for the entire year of 2010. The miscellaneous manufactured commodities category grew 20%, led by a 27% increase in the medical equipment and supplies subcategory.

The largest foreign market for Missouri exports continues to be Canada which purchased \$3.3 billion in goods and services during the first three quarters of 2011. Mexico (\$1.0 billion) was next followed by China (\$870 million), Korea (\$518 million), Japan (\$430 million), and Belgium (\$392 million).

Missouri's top two exporting sectors in the first three quarters of 2011 continue to be transportation equipment (\$2.6 billion) and chemicals (\$2.0 billion). These two far exceed the next industry down the list which is machinery (\$1.1 billion). Food and kindred services (\$1.0 billion) follows and is the only other industry with over \$1.0 billion in exports. Minerals & ores, computer & electronic products, waste & scrap, electrical equipment & appliances, fabricated metal products, and agricultural products represent the 5th through 10th place spots respectively, each totaling over \$330 million in export sales. The chart below shows each sector that had over \$120 million in exports through the first three quarters of 2011.

