



## MISSOURI EXPORTS ON TRACK TO SET NEW RECORD Third Quarter 2007 Facts

Missouri's exports through the third quarter of 2007 were up by seven (7.15) percent compared to the same period in 2006 according to World Institute for Strategic Economic Research (WISER).

Through the end of September 2007, exports by Missouri companies totaled \$9.8 billion, compared to \$9.1 billion after the third quarter of 2006. This is particularly good news for the state's businesses because Missouri set a record for exports in 2006 with \$12.8 billion in total global sales. These third quarter 2007 figures put the state on track to top that mark this year.

The 2007 third quarter increase in exports can be attributed to the improved global economy and weak U.S. dollar particularly in countries that have been strong trading partners for Missouri products. The strong global economy has caused increased demand for U.S. goods, and a weak dollar, compared with other currencies, has made goods relatively less expensive, thus increasing relative demand for them.

Fifteen Missouri product categories each topped \$100 million in export sales through the third quarter of 2007, including transportation equipment (3.3 billion), chemicals (1.7 billion), machinery (871 million), electrical equipment (519 million), food and kindred products (515 million), agricultural products (410 million), computer and electronic products (367 million), fabricated metal products (311 million), minerals and ores (287 million), primary metal manufacturing (239 million), waste and scrap (204 million), plastics and rubber products (178 million), printing, publishing (149 million), miscellaneous manufactured (127 million) and leather and allied products (123 million).

