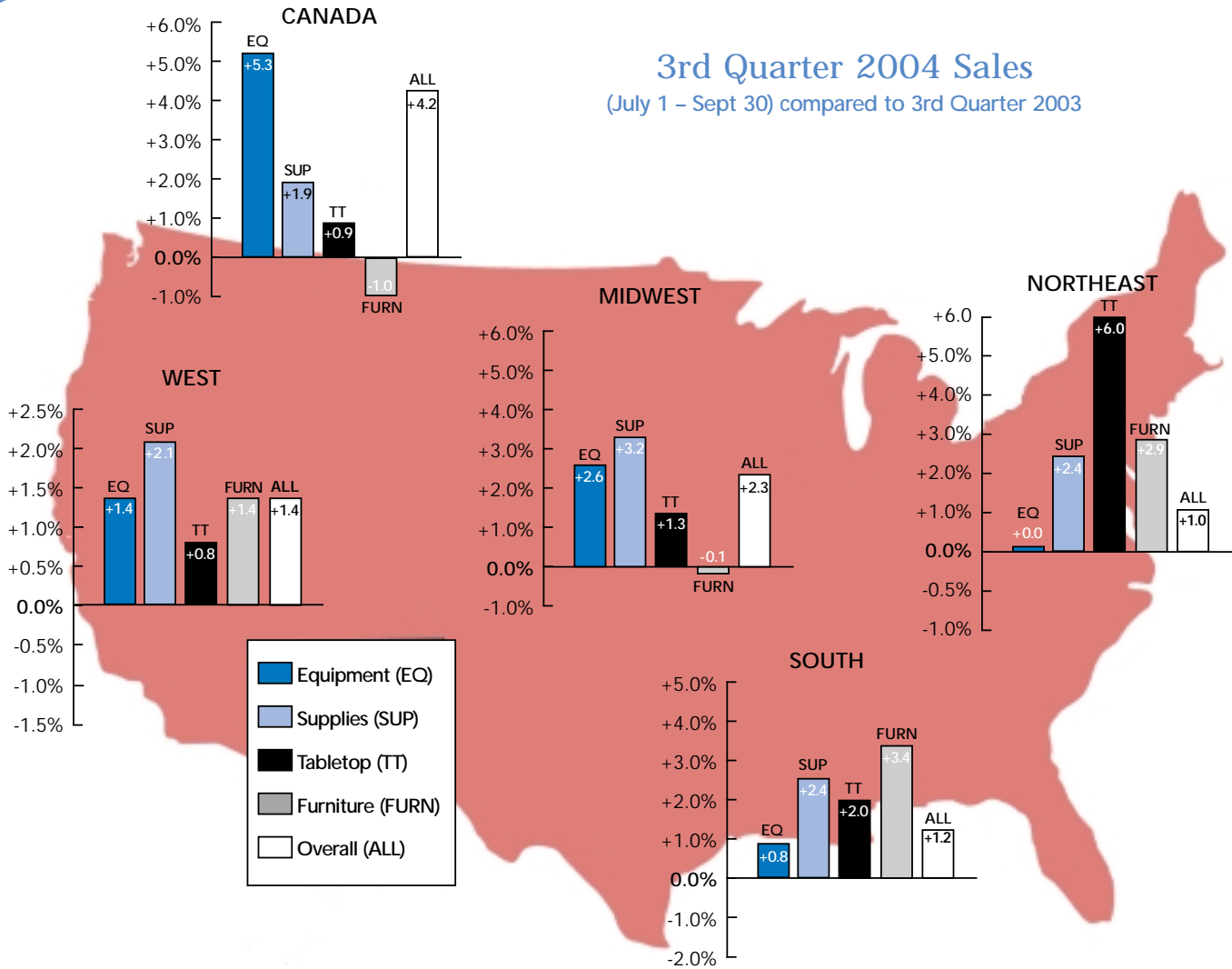


3rd Quarter 2004 Sales
(July 1 – Sept 30) compared to 3rd Quarter 2003



**MAFSI BUSINESS BAROMETER REPORTS +1.9% INCREASE IN SALES FOR Q3/04,
Compared to the Same Time Last Year**

All areas reported an increase in actual overall sales for third quarter 2004, compared to third quarter 2003. In looking ahead at fourth quarter 2004, MAFSI reps from across the U.S. and Canada forecast a 2.2 percent growth in sales. This is according to the latest results of the MAFSI Business Barometer.

Compared to Q3/03, the MAFSI Business Barometer revealed that during third quarter 2004 overall:

- Equipment sales increased +1.9%
- Supply sales increased +2.4%
- Tabletop sales increased +1.9%

- Furniture sales increased +1.5%
- Overall sales increased +1.9%

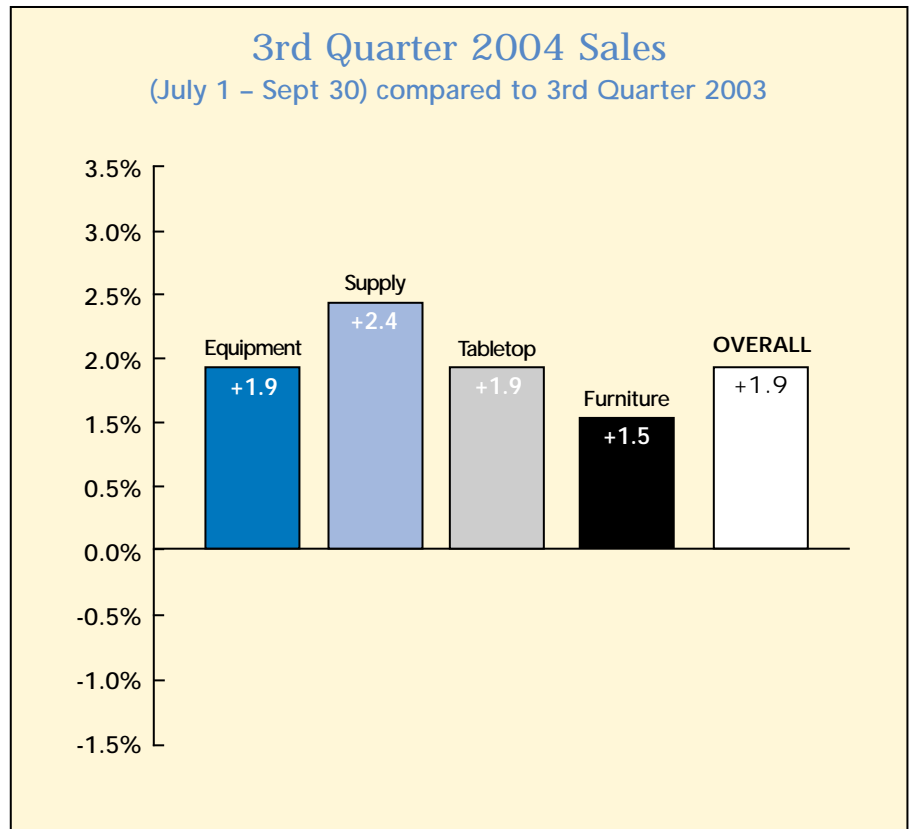
For further details on your region of the country please see graphs.

Manufacturers' representatives were surveyed from agencies across the United States and Canada for the MAFSI Business Barometer Survey. The quarterly survey is a leading economic indicator in the foodservice industry that provides an invaluable outlook on sales trends and forecast regionally and nationally. This survey is the industry's most definitive non-food sales/trend indicator.

MAFSI releases the Business Barometer on a quarterly basis. Fourth quarter results will be released the first week in February.

MAFSI Business Confidence Index for 4th Quarter 2004
(Oct 1 - Dec 31) compared to 4th Quarter 2003

All Regions
+2.2%



Projected 4th Quarter 2004 Sales
(Oct 1 - Dec 31) compared to 4th Quarter 2003

NORTHEAST
+2.1%

SOUTH
+1.7%

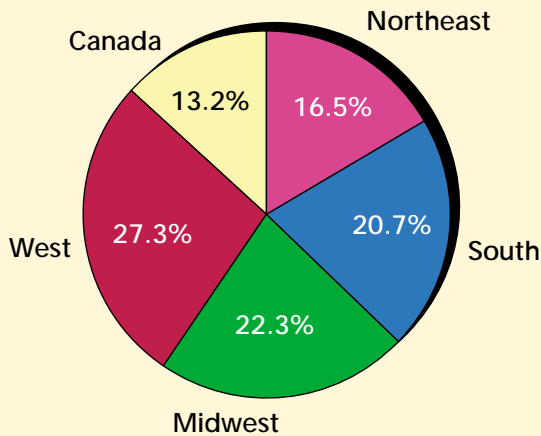
MIDWEST
+2.4%

WEST
+2.2%

CANADA
+2.9%

Regions Represented

Total Respondents 121



NORTHEAST — ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, DE, NJ, NY, PA, DC, MD, VA

SOUTH — NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, TN, MS, AR, LA, OK, TX

MIDWEST — KY, W.PA, WV, ND, SD, NE, KS, MN, IA, MO, WI, IL, IN, MI, OH

WEST — WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, CO, NM, UT, AZ, NV, CA, AK, HI

CANADA — Includes all of Canada