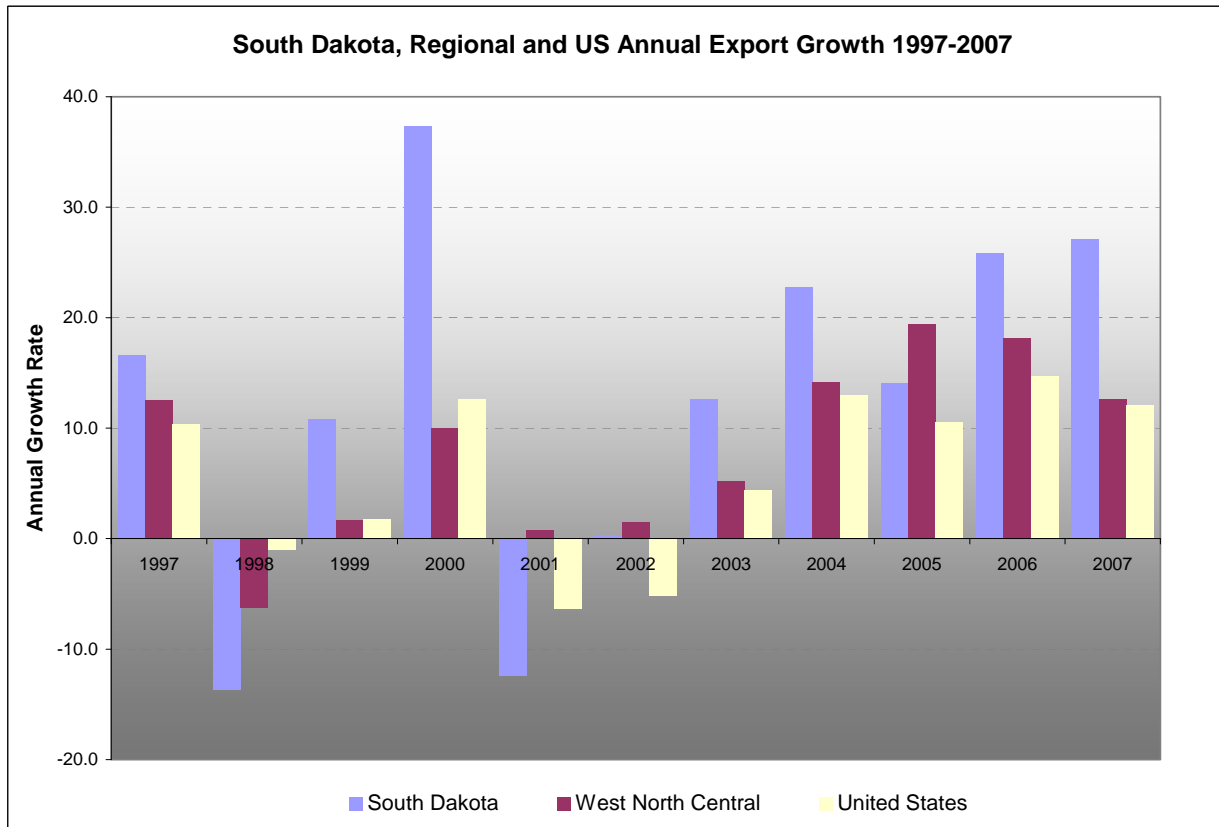
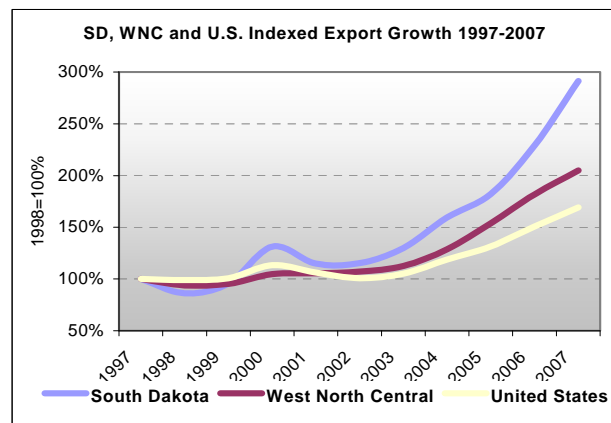


II. INTRODUCTION



Annual Export Growth Rates	2005	2006	2007	Avg 97-07
South Dakota	14.0	25.9	27.1	11.3
West North Central	19.4	18.2	12.6	7.4
United States	10.6	14.7	12.1	5.4

Value Exports (\$Billions)	2005	2006	2007
South Dakota	0.94	1.19	1.51
West North Central	44.37	52.44	59.07
United States	904.38	1037.14	1162.71



- South Dakota exports continued to expand at a record pace in 2007, reaching \$1.5 billion in international shipments. State export growth of 27% was more than double national and regional increases of 12.1% and 12.6% respectively.
- Over the past 10 years, average South Dakota export growth of 11.3% also outpaced the rest of the country and the West North Central region. South Dakota exports nearly tripled between 1997 and 2007.