

Not all news is glum among privately held companies

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Lumber wholesalers, real estate agencies and brokers and cement manufacturers have taken a beating in the past year, but privately held companies in some sectors are doing well.

Sageworks, which tracks sales of U.S. privately held companies, said the following industries had sales rise more than 10 percent between November 2007 and November 2008.

- Animal food manufacturers (up 26 percent); farm product merchant wholesalers (23 percent); Internet publishing and broadcasting (22 percent); pesticide and fertilizer makers (16 percent).
- Also, waste management services (16 percent); software publishers (15 percent); navigation/electromedical/measuring instruments manufacturers (14 percent); mining support services (13 percent); direct selling (13 percent).