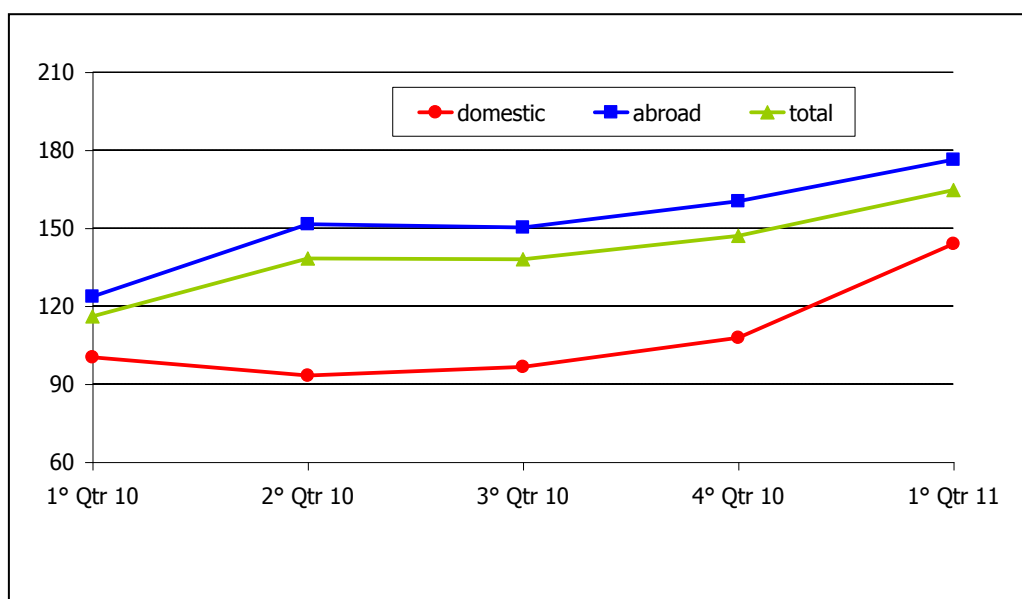


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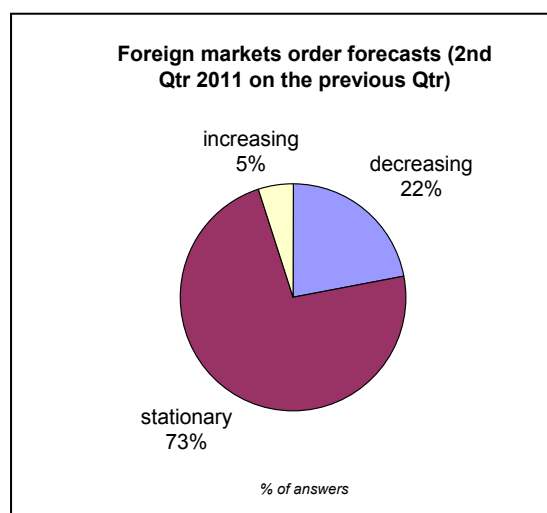
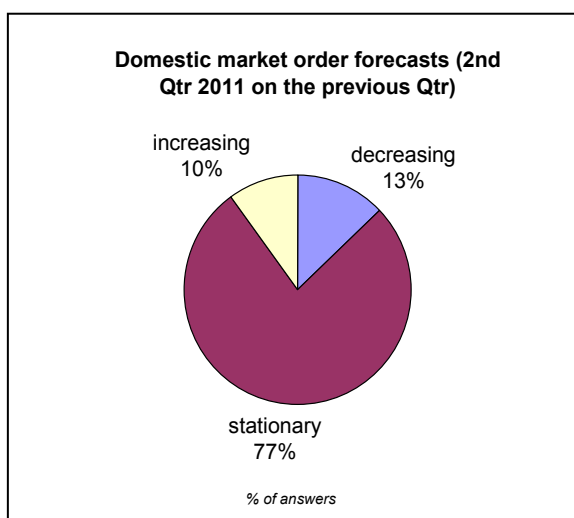
## TEXTILE MACHINERY - FIRST QUARTER 2011 ORDERS CONFIRM SECTOR'S RECOVERY

During the first quarter of 2011, Italy's textile machinery sector continued on its positive trend started the previous year. The orders index for the period ranging from January to March reached **164.6 points**, marking a 12% growth rate over the previous quarter, and a rise of 42% over the same 2010 quarter period. **Orders are on the rise both for the domestic market** (with an index of 143.9 points) **and foreign markets** (176.3 points). This comparison with the last quarter of 2010 shows a significant increase for domestic orders (+33%), whereas the index for exports is less decisive (+10%). The order portfolio as it stood on 30 March 2011 ensured work for the **next 5 months**. The spinning machinery sector has orders lined up for the next 10 months, while those of "other productions" exceeded 5 months, and from 2 to 3 months for other sectors.

**INDEX OF ORDERS**  
(in constant values - base 2005 = 100)



In spite of the consolidation in orders for the first quarter of 2011, Italian machinery builders remain cautious in forecasting a further increase in the order gathering levels achieved thus far. For both the domestic and export markets, the majority of manufacturers believe that the second quarter of 2011 will record **stable orders** compared to the three previous months.



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