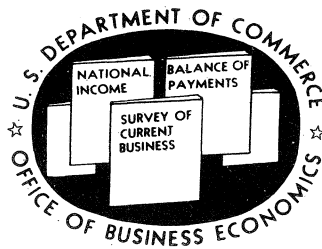


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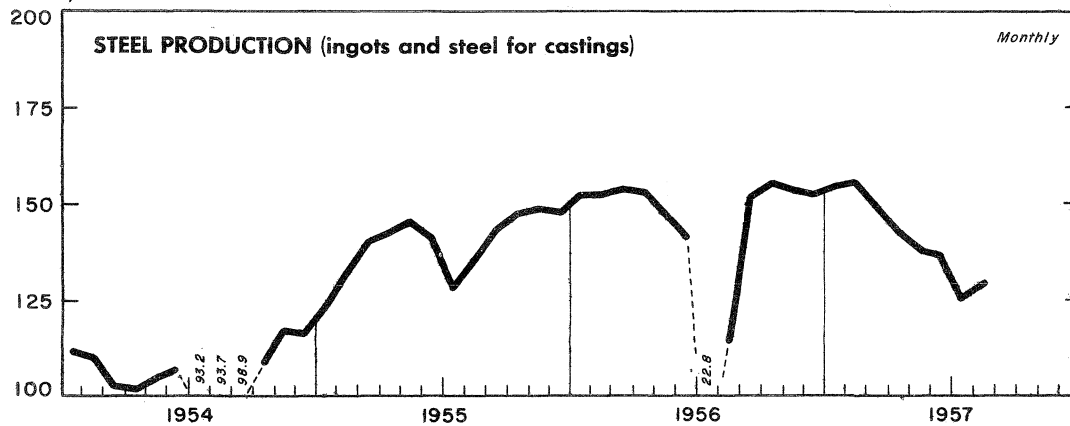
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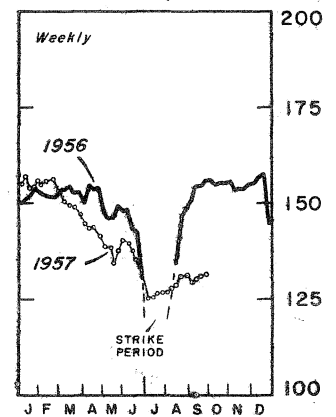
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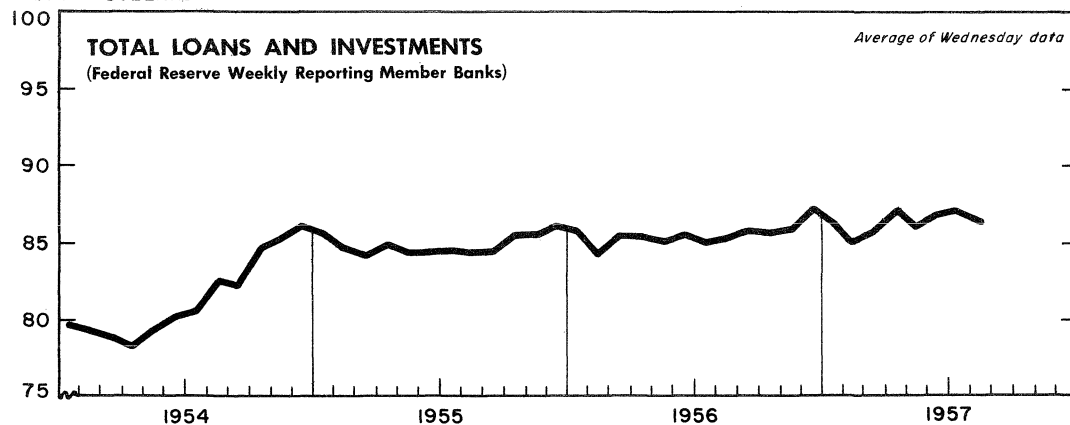
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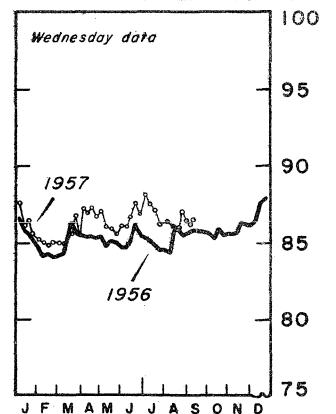
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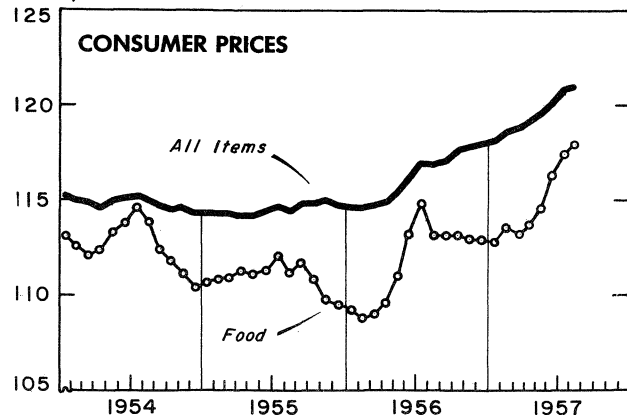
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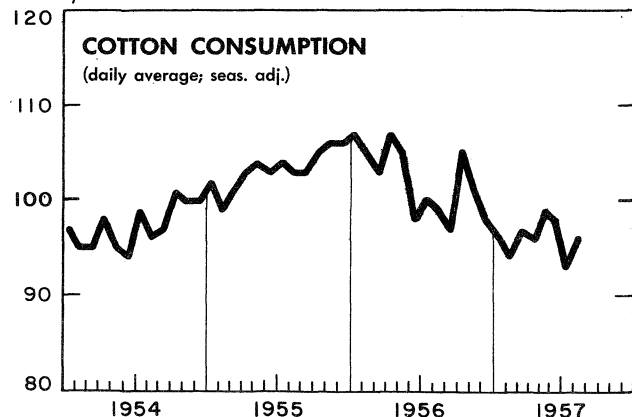
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Aug. 31	Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*115.5		118.3	118.1	117.8
Farm products.....do....		*90.1		93.0	92.5	90.7
Foods, processed.....do....		*104.0		107.3	106.7	106.0
All other.....do....		*123.1		125.9	125.8	125.8
22 commodities <u>2/</u>.....do....	91.2	91.9	88.4	88.3	87.9	87.4
Department store sales.....do....	130	131	134	113	130	
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,099	1,013	1,165	1,203		
State programs.....do....	1,006	930	1,069	1,106		
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. of dol..	30,910	30,810	30,998	31,145	31,256	31,184
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do....	25,934	25,852	25,133	25,228	25,408	25,719
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do....	19,088	19,220	18,831	18,760	18,876	19,108
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do....	694	696	461	455	607	686
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,777	55,908	54,973	54,413	55,671	
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	22,046	22,009	23,633	23,665	23,745	
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,868	85,843	86,470	86,281	86,581	
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,545	26,383	24,914	24,787	24,762	
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	29,554	29,694	32,012	32,046	32,279	
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,775	8,798	6,696	8,683	8,708	
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	203	262	262	208	237	287
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	3.74	3.76	4.41	4.42	4.42	4.44
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u>.....1941-43=10..	47.05	46.24	44.64	45.05	44.26	44.69
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	50.41	49.44	48.20	48.69	47.83	48.29
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. of short tons..	1,767	1,675	1,677	1,716	1,683	
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,339	11,482	12,147	11,678	11,947	
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	83,874	49,822	139,378	108,120	102,593	64,386
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. of bbl..	7,049	7,063	6,766	6,807	6,821	
Steel <u>5/</u>.....thous. of short tons..	2,477	2,477	2,103	2,073	2,097	2,101
Percent of capacity <u>5/</u>.....do....	#100.6	#100.6	82.2	81.0	81.9	82.1
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	821	822	745	646	741	
Miscellaneous.....do....	392	397	357	308	353	

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday prices. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data. ^{5/} Week beginning September 23, 1957: Production, 2,112 thous. short tons; operating rate, 82.5 percent. * Monthly index for September 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index:						
All items.....1947-49=100..	117.0	116.8	119.6	120.2	120.8	<u>1/</u> 121.0
Apparel.....do....	105.3	105.5	106.5	106.6	106.5	106.6
Food.....do....	114.8	113.1	114.6	116.2	117.4	117.9
Dairy products.....do....	108.7	109.2	110.0	110.0	110.5	111.5
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	135.2	120.7	122.5	126.8	126.9	121.3
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	99.3	99.9	103.7	106.9	109.5	111.9
Housing.....do....	121.8	122.2	125.3	125.5	125.5	125.7
Gas and electricity.....do....	111.7	112.1	112.3	112.3	112.3	113.3
Housefurnishings.....do....	102.8	102.6	104.2	104.6	104.1	103.9
Rent.....do....	133.2	133.2	134.7	135.0	135.2	135.4
Medical care.....do....	132.7	133.3	137.3	137.9	138.4	138.6
Personal care.....do....	120.1	120.3	123.4	124.2	124.7	124.9
Reading and recreation.....do....	107.7	107.9	111.4	111.8	112.4	112.6
Transportation.....do....	127.7	128.5	135.3	135.3	135.8	135.9
Private.....do....	117.6	118.6	125.4	125.4	125.6	125.6
Public.....do....	172.7	172.9	176.8	176.8	180.2	180.6
Other goods and services.....do....	122.2	122.1	124.3	124.6	126.6	126.7
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....do....	87.7	87.2	85.4	85.2	84.6	<u>2/</u> 84.5
Consumer prices.....do....	85.5	85.6	83.6	83.2	82.8	<u>2/</u> 82.6
Retail food prices.....do....	87.1	88.4	87.3	86.1	85.2	<u>2/</u> 84.8
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: <u>3/</u>						
Total.....thous. of sq. yd..	4,795	8,398	9,772	11,086	8,896	5,292
Airports.....do....	408	1,486	2,284	1,917	845	336
Roads.....do....	1,893	3,219	4,209	6,151	4,581	2,497
Streets and alleys.....do....	2,494	3,693	3,279	3,017	3,471	2,459

ITEM	1956		1957			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	3,927	5,959	7,759	p12,779	3,734	6,475
Receipts, net.....do....	3,485	4,954	5,282	p11,648	3,057	5,128
Customs.....do....	63	64	64	p58	70	65
Income and employment taxes.....do....	2,601	4,772	6,403	p11,364	2,223	5,164
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....do....	970	1,030	1,146	p964	1,082	1,095
All other receipts.....do....	292	93	147	p392	358	150
Expenditures.....do....	5,542	5,902	5,944	p6,190	6,347	5,930
Interest on public debt.....do....	627	567	604	p646	659	628
All other expenditures.....do....	4,915	5,334	5,340	p5,544	5,688	5,302
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	54,891	55,582	59,863	59,655	62,058	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	18,069	22,256	23,609	22,396	21,969	.....
Mail, ton-miles flown.....do....	6,810	7,408	8,356	7,628	7,552	.....
Passengers originated, revenue.....do....	3,097	3,392	3,433	3,707	3,525	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	1,878	2,007	2,016	2,333	2,253	.....
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural), prod.....thous. of lb..	44,480	47,922	38,895	46,982	45,643	.....
Acetic anhydride, production.....do....	73,797	72,202	61,546	67,377	67,140	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin), production.....do....	1,271	1,046	1,473	1,223	943	.....
Alcohol, ethyl:						
Production.....thous. of proof gal..	41,746	38,201	33,444	31,755	36,560	.....
Stocks, total.....do....	40,613	43,576	26,510	26,597	28,542	.....
In industrial alcohol bonded warehouses.....do....	28,898	30,807	17,529	18,018	19,880	.....
In denaturing plants.....do....	11,715	12,770	8,980	8,579	8,662	.....
Used for denaturation.....do....	38,960	36,692	33,510	30,793	35,910	.....
Withdrawn tax-paid.....do....	574	917	1,044	1,071	725	.....
Alcohol, denatured:						
Production.....thous. of wine gal..	20,932	19,770	18,133	16,665	19,403	.....
Consumption (withdrawals).....do....	19,050	20,930	19,046	17,752	19,005	.....
Stocks.....do....	8,678	7,356	8,181	5,978	5,561	.....
Creosote oil, production.....thous. of gal..	5,368	9,123	11,052	9,603	9,171	.....
DDT, production.....thous. of lb..	11,927	12,138	12,880	11,023	10,485	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%), production.....do....	6,736	8,111	6,061	8,151	8,038	.....
Ethylene glycol, production.....do....	72,263	84,495	98,873	98,789	106,183	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO), production.....do....	86,139	108,512	104,614	r100,606	93,383	.....
Methanol, production:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	200	196	201	187	186	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do....	19,054	19,720	16,329	14,108	16,692	.....
Phthalic anhydride, production.....thous. of lb..	24,965	24,143	31,444	30,519	27,400	.....
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	2,355	3,815	3,658	4,094	2,872	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	5,872	7,395	7,672	7,794	6,621	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	344	443	412	270	233	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do....	370	554	466	468	341	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	31,207	37,826	39,251	r35,561	32,607	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	41,277	44,288	48,598	r43,309	38,889	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	15,901	21,171	23,971	r22,268	18,057	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	49,751	57,121	71,363	r68,327	63,272	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	25,730	30,421	34,715	32,120	27,858	.....
Rosin modifications.....do....	8,729	11,398	11,749	11,000	8,981	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	5,641	6,634	8,525	8,178	7,209	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	45,998	49,790	56,170	56,074	55,357	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	11,740	13,140	15,118	14,900	14,428	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Rice, California:						
Receipts, domestic.....thous. of lb..	68,841	90,993	98,507	87,304	62,147	54,245
Shipments from mills, milled rice.....do....	31,314	56,065	76,095	52,665	39,704	33,239
Stocks, rough and cleaned (cleaned basis), end of month.....do....	72,683	75,444	39,423	44,158	42,424	42,469
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association):						
Production, total.....mil. of bd. ft..	3,067	3,538	3,050	2,934	2,700	.....
Softwoods.....do....	2,434	2,880	2,560	2,442	2,230	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	2,949	3,262	3,119	3,005	2,788	.....
Softwoods.....do....	2,438	2,706	2,609	2,500	2,358	.....
Stocks, gross (mill and concentration yards), total.....do....	8,716	8,991	9,929	9,928	9,723	.....
Softwoods.....do....	5,388	5,561	6,163	6,176	5,956	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Pig iron, production.....thous. of short tons..	1,107	5,143	6,945	6,660	6,692	6,782
Barrels and drums, steel, heavy types (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....thousands..	2,536	2,266	2,285	2,351	2,156	
Shipments.....do....	2,379	2,035	2,207	2,124	2,050	
Stocks, end of month.....do....	57	65	77	71	86	

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Continued						
Aluminum shipments:						
Mill products and pig and ingot (net).....mil. of lb..	354.6	313.3	342.8	r320.8	369.4	.....
Mill products, total.....do....	247.8	217.8	249.0	r227.4	248.8	.....
Plate and sheet.....do....	139.6	104.3	130.0	r117.1	130.3	.....
Lead:						
Production, secondary, estimated recoverable....short tons..	33,094	33,536	36,750	32,672	.....	.....
Consumption, total.....do....	85,900	105,900	94,000	90,800	.....	.....
Stocks, end of month:						
Producers', ore, base bullion, and in process.....do....	126,960	133,028	117,022	120,706	134,039	.....
Refiners' (primary), refined and antimonial.....do....	47,628	37,706	54,941	64,065	.....	.....
Consumers', total.....do....	123,695	114,066	106,728	99,652	.....	.....
Scrap (lead-base, purchased), all consumers.....do....	50,798	53,339	46,295	41,762	.....	.....
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:						
Electric processing.....thous. of dol..	1,089	3,263	1,279	1,261	1,487	894
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	2,726	2,988	2,048	1,320	2,404	2,673
PAPER AND PRINTING						
Newsprint, Canada (including Newfoundland):						
Production.....thous. of short tons..	532.5	570.4	573.0	532.0	549.2	560.3
Shipments from mills.....do....	543.1	559.3	574.3	548.5	578.8	524.0
Stocks, at mills, end of month.....do....	122.2	133.3	216.0	199.6	169.9	206.2
Newsprint, United States:						
Consumption by publishers.....do....	388.8	402.5	466.0	433.9	373.5	386.4
Production.....do....	138.5	154.3	171.2	159.1	144.4	156.5
Shipments from mills.....do....	137.3	153.5	172.5	156.8	143.1	153.7
Stocks, end of month:						
At mills.....do....	7.7	8.5	9.6	11.9	13.2	15.9
At publishers.....do....	449.8	518.5	589.7	585.6	653.4	704.9
In transit to publishers.....do....	102.5	114.0	96.5	101.8	101.5	100.6
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton: 1/						
Consumption.....bales..	547,480	r686,428	672,756	649,700	637,345	666,549
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day.....thousands..	20,557	r20,468	19,781	19,740	19,754	19,704
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	19,019	18,912	18,246	18,174	18,067	18,079
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....mil. of hr..	7,716	r9,545	9,223	9,088	9,361	9,123
Average per working day.....do....	386	477	461	454	374	456
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	7,131	8,849	8,533	8,396	8,481	8,368
Rayon and acetate:						
Production:						
Filament yarn.....mil. of lb..	56.6	56.5	62.2	55.8	r55.7	51.7
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	29.2	30.1	34.1	29.6	r32.7	38.0
Stocks, producers', end of month, total.....do....	123.3	120.8	122.7	125.6	r124.5	120.2
Filament yarn.....do....	67.5	67.0	67.2	69.7	r69.9	67.2
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	55.8	53.8	55.5	55.9	r54.6	53.0
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Truck trailers, production, total.....number..	5,188	6,000	5,574	5,110	4,059	.....
Complete trailers.....do....	4,927	5,651	5,316	4,603	3,917	
Vans.....do....	2,793	3,253	2,665	2,364	2,039	
Trailer chassis.....do....	261	349	258	507	142	

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