

February 1985

SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

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Units	Annual		1983	1984												1985
	1982	1983	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued																
MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS ††—Continued																
Unfilled orders, end of period (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$..	294,147	327,947	327,947	336,515	344,503	354,789	356,717	358,317	355,590	357,473	356,071	354,460	351,330	351,429	353,841	.....
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	285,266	317,423	317,423	325,614	333,278	343,641	345,592	347,289	344,731	346,493	345,519	344,063	341,300	341,688	343,947	.....
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders ‡.....do....	8,881	10,524	10,524	10,901	11,225	11,148	11,125	11,028	10,859	10,980	10,552	10,397	10,030	9,741	9,894	.....
Unfilled orders, end of period (seasonally adjusted) total.....mil. \$..	296,147	330,122	330,122	334,385	340,725	348,717	351,099	355,398	355,625	358,990	359,564	359,232	354,566	356,756	356,059	.....
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total #.....do....	287,014	319,303	319,303	323,457	329,512	337,702	340,320	344,631	344,765	348,065	349,048	348,782	344,422	346,678	345,861	.....
Primary metals.....do....	15,145	20,817	20,817	21,856	22,127	22,213	22,899	22,210	20,877	20,696	20,333	20,088	19,490	19,232	19,119	.....
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do....	6,843	10,094	10,094	10,607	10,816	11,053	11,116	10,442	9,413	9,076	8,942	8,484	8,314	8,390	8,872	.....
Nonferrous and other primary metals.....do....	6,155	8,195	8,195	8,392	8,533	8,275	8,765	8,269	8,269	8,298	8,120	8,270	7,985	7,744	7,236	.....
Fabricated metal products.....do....	21,646	20,534	20,534	20,616	20,942	20,896	20,854	21,208	21,146	20,709	21,187	21,629	21,749	21,691	22,020	.....
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	55,759	58,363	58,363	59,195	59,930	61,205	61,309	62,400	63,095	63,949	64,191	63,821	62,842	62,755	61,416	.....
Electrical machinery.....do....	60,333	69,996	69,996	71,325	73,254	75,020	75,129	77,662	78,214	79,254	80,239	81,300	80,818	80,059	79,244	.....
Transportation equipment.....do....	121,203	134,467	134,467	135,174	137,621	142,845	144,527	145,107	145,534	147,224	146,824	145,599	143,195	146,696	147,660	.....
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do....	93,037	103,890	103,890	104,419	105,846	111,450	113,463	113,849	114,309	116,329	116,810	116,774	115,156	118,532	119,755	.....
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders ‡.....do....	9,133	10,819	10,819	10,928	11,213	11,015	10,779	10,767	10,860	10,925	10,516	10,450	10,144	10,078	10,198	.....
By market category:																
Home goods and apparel *.....do....	3,477	4,234	4,234	4,537	4,909	4,589	4,499	4,733	4,590	4,631	4,650	4,656	4,455	4,005	3,926	.....
Consumer staples *.....do....	799	728	728	711	735	672	663	682	670	646	679	675	713	706	705	.....
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto *.....do....	183,056	196,656	196,656	198,240	202,168	208,444	208,951	212,164	213,950	215,960	218,093	218,346	217,110	221,215	219,933	.....
Automotive equipment *.....do....	5,246	7,618	7,618	7,842	8,039	7,913	8,121	8,010	7,888	7,863	7,540	7,077	6,650	6,336	6,535	.....
Construction materials, supplies, and intermediate products.....do....	12,866	12,276	12,276	12,254	12,385	12,489	12,471	12,570	12,561	12,403	12,660	12,661	12,790	12,762	13,029	.....
Other materials, supplies, and intermediate products.....do....	90,703	108,610	108,610	110,801	112,489	114,277	116,394	117,239	115,966	117,487	115,942	115,817	112,848	111,732	111,931	.....
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do....	3,057	3,715	3,715	4,026	4,346	4,012	3,911	4,154	4,043	4,069	4,115	4,152	4,013	3,590	3,582	.....
Capital goods industries.....do....	219,762	236,703	236,703	238,591	242,889	250,319	251,670	254,663	256,817	259,820	261,729	262,274	259,679	263,586	263,785	.....
Nondefense.....do....	123,108	123,942	123,942	124,941	127,802	129,425	130,512	133,575	134,717	136,501	136,955	137,051	135,889	135,729	133,761	.....
Defense.....do....	96,654	112,761	112,761	113,650	115,087	120,894	121,158	121,088	122,100	123,319	124,774	125,223	123,790	127,857	130,024	.....
BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS @																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.):																
Unadjusted.....number.....	566,942	600,400	51,969	52,885	51,501	57,003	54,257	54,338	55,878	52,040	53,326					
Seasonally adjusted.....do....			51,557	53,044	53,591	53,424	53,933	51,166	54,729	52,092	51,723					
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES @																
Failures, total.....number.....	24,908															
Commercial service.....do....	3,340															
Construction.....do....	4,872															
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	3,683															
Retail trade.....do....	9,730															
Wholesale trade.....do....	2,783															
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	(*)															
Commercial service.....do....	1,449,594															
Construction.....do....	1,374,319															
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	5,509,902															
Retail trade.....do....	4,479,445															
Wholesale trade.....do....	2,797,532															
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted) No. per 10,000 concerns.....	188.4															

COMMODITY PRICES

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS †																
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	609	*613	639	*661	*659	663	665	*663	*657	*661	*654	634	632	625	*618	614
Crops #.....do....	*524	*550	*589	*600	*593	601	605	*628	*625	*623	*621	*588	*597	563	*542	540
Commercial vegetables.....do....	631	*652	*715	*807	*834	*768	677	*607	*586	*599	*700	*637	*687	*528	*571	616
Cotton.....do....	469	*531	*559	529	*549	*592	*567	*614	*574	*556	*569	545	545	522	*471	454
Feed grains and hay.....do....	378	*452	*475	*475	*471	*482	*496	505	*498	482	*461	434	409	399	*408	406
Food grains.....do....	401	407	398	399	391	399	412	*414	*393	375	*391	390	390	393	*385	384
Fruit.....do....	*647	*454	*482	*503	*506	*488	*518	*658	*745	*867	912	*907	*1,070	*912	*743	718
Tobacco.....do....	1,501	1,429	1,532	1,469	1,457	1,448	1,444	1,444	1,444	1,444	1,521	1,635	1,605	1,635	1,609	1,574
Livestock and products #.....do....	696	679	689	724	726	727	725	699	689	699	687	680	667	690	*697	690
Dairy products.....do....	831	830	838	832	820	807	801	795	783	789	801	832	856	875	*856	850
Meat animals.....do....	876	831	807	853	869	890	881	863	860	*872	855	826	799	823	*852	847
Poultry and eggs.....do....	252	269	335	373	364	339	353	303	286	294	273	280	267	289	277	266
Prices paid:																
Production items.....do....	865	*883	*894	*900	903	910	912	909	907	901	897	892	*885	887	*885	889
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....1910-14=100..	1,076	*1,104	*1,117	*1,123	*1,127	*1,133	*1,136	*1,135	*1,134	*1,131	*1,130	*1,128	*1,125	*1,127	*1,125	1,129
Parity ratio \$.....do....	57	56	57	59	58	*59	*59	58	58	58	58	56	56	55	*55	54
CONSUMER PRICES (U.S. Department of Labor Indexes)																
Not Seasonally Adjusted																
ALL ITEMS, WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, REVISED (CPI-W).....1967=100..	288.6	297.4	301.5	302.7	303.3	303.3	304.1	305.4	306.2	307.5	310.3	312.1	312.2	311.9	312.2	.....
ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) ◇.....1967=100..	289.1	298.4	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	.....
Special group indexes:																
All items less shelter.....do....	273.3	283.5	288.1	289.8	291.4	291.9	293.2	294.0	294.9	295.6	296.7	298.1	298.7	298.6	298.6	.....
All items less food ◇.....do....	288.4	298.3	304.0	304.8	305.9	306.8	308.6	310.0	311.0	312.0	313.2	315.2	316.1	316.2	316.2	.....
All items less medical care ◇.....do....	286.8	295.1	300.0	301.6	302.9	303.6	305.1	306.0	306.9	307.9	309.2	310.7	311.4	311.3	311.5

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