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## SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

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Units	Annual		1984				1985									
	1983	1984	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued</b>																
<b>MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS ++—Continued</b>																
Unfilled orders, end of period (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$.....	328,232	352,940	354,888	351,620	351,926	352,940	360,261	363,459	363,772	361,728	359,545	360,602	360,156	359,096	360,827	.....
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	317,708	343,026	344,549	341,591	342,161	343,026	350,061	353,223	353,645	351,638	349,353	350,309	349,666	348,831	350,662	.....
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders †.....do.....	10,524	9,914	10,339	10,029	9,765	9,914	10,200	10,236	10,127	10,090	10,192	10,293	10,490	10,265	10,165	.....
Unfilled orders, end of period (seasonally adjusted) total.....mil. \$.....	330,924	355,640	360,687	356,211	358,150	355,640	359,125	359,926	357,151	354,731	355,112	359,502	361,502	363,691	367,341	.....
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total #.....do.....	320,123	345,443	350,336	346,035	348,075	345,443	348,924	349,671	347,096	344,874	345,127	349,250	351,142	353,492	357,154	.....
Primary metals.....do.....	20,933	19,100	20,084	19,634	19,324	19,100	19,403	19,009	18,993	19,576	19,556	19,811	19,749	19,855	19,688	.....
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do.....	9,969	8,660	8,626	8,470	8,504	8,660	8,963	9,058	8,970	9,291	9,028	8,995	9,085	9,361	9,070	.....
Nonferrous and other primary metals.....do.....	8,408	7,444	8,172	7,964	7,708	7,444	7,367	6,989	6,963	7,118	7,223	7,528	7,412	7,192	7,218	.....
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	20,535	21,651	21,185	21,332	21,737	21,651	21,754	21,529	21,313	21,222	20,840	20,412	20,214	20,228	20,436	.....
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	58,444	61,328	63,820	62,599	62,492	61,328	59,794	63,245	63,659	62,547	61,814	61,657	61,874	62,120	62,110	.....
Electrical machinery.....do.....	70,106	78,868	81,273	80,864	80,462	78,868	82,023	81,304	81,630	81,423	81,569	82,100	82,277	81,423	82,762	.....
Transportation equipment.....do.....	134,451	147,596	147,164	144,804	147,427	147,596	148,618	147,120	144,531	143,189	144,428	148,393	150,138	153,120	155,460	.....
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do.....	103,820	119,920	117,987	116,372	119,208	119,920	121,388	120,298	118,097	117,351	118,529	121,735	123,442	126,779	129,171	.....
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders †.....do.....	10,801	10,197	10,351	10,176	10,075	10,197	10,201	10,255	10,055	9,857	9,985	10,252	10,360	10,199	10,187	.....
By market category:																
Home goods and apparel *.....do.....	4,783	4,562	5,201	5,033	4,548	4,562	5,154	5,133	4,819	4,552	4,456	4,493	4,436	4,375	4,372	.....
Consumer staples *.....do.....	719	649	643	677	649	649	653	735	666	675	695	663	655	610	608	.....
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto.....do.....	196,921	219,947	219,516	217,883	221,462	219,947	222,007	222,824	222,686	221,820	222,714	225,537	227,345	229,212	231,677	.....
Automotive equipment *.....do.....	7,544	6,287	7,105	6,703	6,425	6,287	6,129	6,446	6,422	6,256	6,117	6,365	6,091	6,230	6,035	.....
Construction materials, supplies, and intermediate products.....do.....	12,261	12,640	12,291	12,398	12,437	12,640	12,774	12,946	12,600	12,621	12,425	12,261	12,158	12,174	12,472	.....
Other materials, supplies, and intermediate products.....do.....	108,696	111,555	115,931	113,517	112,629	111,555	112,408	111,842	109,958	108,807	108,705	110,183	110,817	111,090	112,177	.....
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do.....	4,256	4,155	4,700	4,584	4,132	4,155	4,730	4,633	4,347	4,103	3,982	3,990	3,904	3,788	3,808	.....
Capital goods industries.....do.....	236,818	263,713	263,644	260,965	264,458	263,713	266,777	267,953	266,911	265,054	266,028	270,547	272,957	275,829	279,696	.....
Nondefense.....do.....	124,064	133,938	137,148	135,625	135,366	133,938	132,322	135,486	134,921	133,285	132,070	132,572	132,215	131,981	134,401	.....
Defense.....do.....	112,754	129,775	126,496	125,340	129,092	129,775	134,455	132,467	131,990	131,769	133,958	137,975	140,742	143,848	145,295	.....
<b>BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS @</b>																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.): Unadjusted.....number.....	600,400	634,991	47,118	55,216	49,585	51,844	55,769	49,789	57,493	58,827	59,655	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....	.....	.....	51,835	52,587	53,490	53,503	53,266	54,533	55,764	55,866	56,278	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES @</b>																
Failures, total.....number.....	31,334	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commercial service.....do.....	8,627	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Construction.....do.....	5,247	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	4,433	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Retail trade.....do.....	11,429	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wholesale trade.....do.....	3,598	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$.....	(2)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commercial service.....do.....	3,038,790	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Construction.....do.....	1,548,554	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	6,371,932	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Retail trade.....do.....	2,329,134	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wholesale trade.....do.....	2,784,450	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Failure annual rate (seasonally adjusted) No. per 10,000 concerns.....	109.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## COMMODITY PRICES

<b>PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS +</b>																
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100.....	614	649	631	629	623	618	619	617	611	598	590	585	575	554	541	560
Crops #.....do.....	551	598	585	593	557	541	546	540	548	541	536	528	524	493	486	479
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	648	670	637	681	529	572	639	681	763	610	561	500	635	604	561	553
Cotton.....do.....	531	553	545	545	522	471	440	413	460	472	462	485	490	473	464	478
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	452	460	434	409	398	403	410	408	410	418	420	409	394	373	349	337
Food grains.....do.....	407	394	390	390	392	385	385	383	385	390	375	354	337	334	345	344
Fruit.....do.....	451	730	900	1,062	890	753	729	697	646	636	668	686	681	642	694	690
Tobacco.....do.....	1,505	1,484	1,521	1,503	1,550	1,550	1,574	1,540	1,549	1,530	1,529	1,529	1,529	1,436	1,529	1,526
Livestock and products #.....do.....	679	701	679	666	690	697	696	697	677	656	645	643	627	617	618	645
Dairy products.....do.....	830	823	832	856	875	856	856	838	813	789	764	740	740	740	752	764
Meat animals.....do.....	831	854	826	799	822	852	856	871	837	815	806	801	770	748	730	784
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	270	307	277	265	290	277	266	258	265	251	245	261	261	267	290	281
Prices paid:																
Production items.....do.....	883	896	889	883	884	882	892	891	888	886	883	877	870	866	859	856
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....1910-14=100.....	1,104	1,127	1,126	1,123	1,125	1,123	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,133	1,133	1,129	1,124	1,122	1,117	1,116
Parity ratio \$.....do.....	56	58	56	56	55	55	55	55	54	53	52	52	51	49	49	50
<b>CONSUMER PRICES</b>																
<i>(U.S. Department of Labor Indexes)</i>																
<b>Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>																
<b>ALL ITEMS, WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, REVISED</b>																
(CPI-W) ◊.....1967=100.....	297.4	307.6	312.1	312.2	311.9	312.2	312.6	313.9	315.3	316.7	317.8	318.7	319.1	319.6	320.5	321.3
<b>ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS</b>																
(CPI-U) ◊.....1967=100.....	298.4	311.1	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5
Special group indexes:																
All items less shelter.....do.....	283.5	295.1	298.1	298.7	298.6	298.6	298.9	300.0	301.5	302.8	303.4	304.3	304.4	304.6	305.7	306.3
All items less food ◊.....do.....	298.3	311.3	315.2	316.1	316.2	316.2	316.3	317.4	319.1	320.8	322.4	323.6	324.2	325.0	326.2	327.4
All items less medical care ◊.....do.....	295.1	307.3	310.7	311.4	311.3	311.5	311.9	313.1	314.5	315.8	317.0	317.9	318.4	318.9	319.9	320.8

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