

September 1985

SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

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Units	Annual		1984						1985							
	1983	1984	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued																
MANUFACTURERS' SALES, INVENTORIES, AND ORDERS ^{††}—Continued																
Unfilled orders, end of period (unadjusted), total.....mil. \$..	328,232	352,940	358,699	357,132	354,888	351,620	351,926	352,940	360,261	363,459	363,772	361,728	359,545	*360,602	360,010	.....
Durable goods industries, total.....do	317,708	343,026	347,720	346,596	344,549	341,591	342,161	343,026	350,061	353,223	353,645	351,638	349,353	*350,309	349,633	.....
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders [†]do	10,524	9,914	10,979	10,536	10,339	10,029	9,765	9,914	10,200	10,236	10,127	10,090	10,192	*10,293	10,377	.....
Unfilled orders, end of period (seasonally adjusted) total.....mil. \$..	330,924	355,640	359,571	360,800	360,687	356,211	358,150	355,640	359,125	359,926	357,151	354,731	355,112	*359,502	361,356	.....
By industry group:																
Durable goods industries, total #.....do	320,123	345,443	348,734	350,340	350,336	346,085	348,075	345,443	348,924	349,671	347,096	344,874	345,127	*349,250	351,113	.....
Primary metals.....do	20,933	19,100	20,791	20,469	20,084	19,634	19,324	19,100	19,403	19,009	18,993	19,576	19,556	*19,811	19,750	.....
Blast furnaces, steel mills.....do	9,969	8,660	9,223	9,041	8,626	8,470	8,504	8,660	8,963	9,058	8,970	9,291	9,028	*8,995	9,095	.....
Nonferrous and other primary metals.....do	8,408	7,444	8,287	8,108	8,172	7,964	7,708	7,444	7,367	6,989	6,963	7,118	7,223	*7,528	7,409	.....
Fabricated metal products.....do	20,535	21,651	20,647	20,927	21,185	21,332	21,737	21,651	21,754	21,529	21,313	21,222	20,840	*20,412	20,254	.....
Machinery, except electrical.....do	58,444	61,328	64,082	64,142	63,820	62,599	62,492	61,328	59,794	63,245	63,659	62,547	61,814	*61,657	61,949	.....
Electrical machinery.....do	70,106	78,868	79,363	80,386	81,273	80,864	80,462	78,868	82,023	81,304	81,630	81,423	81,569	*82,100	82,073	.....
Transportation equipment.....do	134,451	147,596	146,915	147,464	147,164	144,804	147,427	147,596	148,618	147,120	144,531	143,189	144,428	*148,393	150,123	.....
Aircraft, missiles, and parts.....do	103,820	119,920	116,347	117,549	117,987	116,372	119,208	119,920	121,388	120,298	118,097	117,351	118,529	*121,735	123,468	.....
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders [†]do	10,801	10,197	10,837	10,460	10,351	10,176	10,075	10,197	10,201	10,255	10,055	9,857	9,985	*10,252	10,243	.....
By market category:																
Home goods and apparel *.....do	4,783	4,562	5,313	5,301	5,201	5,033	4,548	4,562	5,154	5,133	4,819	4,552	4,456	*4,493	4,504	.....
Consumer staples *.....do	719	649	659	671	643	677	649	649	653	735	666	675	695	*663	658	.....
Equip. and defense prod., excl. auto *.....do	196,921	219,947	216,241	218,565	219,516	217,883	221,462	219,947	222,007	222,824	222,686	221,820	222,714	*225,537	227,500	.....
Automotive equipment *.....do	7,544	6,287	7,861	7,531	7,105	6,703	6,425	6,287	6,129	6,446	6,422	6,256	6,117	*6,365	6,072	.....
Construction materials, supplies, and intermediate products.....do	12,261	12,640	12,126	12,368	12,291	12,398	12,437	12,640	12,774	12,946	12,600	12,621	12,425	*12,261	12,155	.....
Other materials, supplies, and intermediate products.....do	108,696	111,555	117,371	116,364	115,931	113,517	112,629	111,555	112,408	111,842	109,958	108,807	108,705	*110,183	110,467	.....
Supplementary series:																
Household durables.....do	4,256	4,155	4,750	4,775	4,700	4,584	4,132	4,155	4,730	4,633	4,347	4,103	3,982	*3,990	3,947	.....
Capital goods industries.....do	236,818	263,713	259,968	262,401	263,644	260,965	264,458	263,713	266,777	267,953	266,911	265,054	266,028	*270,547	273,067	.....
Nondefense.....do	124,064	133,938	136,749	137,125	137,148	135,625	135,366	133,938	132,322	135,486	134,921	133,285	132,070	*132,572	132,271	.....
Defense.....do	112,754	129,775	123,219	125,276	126,496	125,340	129,092	129,775	134,455	132,467	131,990	131,769	133,958	*137,975	140,796	.....
BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS @																
New incorporations (50 States and Dist. Col.): Unadjusted.....number	600,400	634,991	52,040	53,326	47,118	55,216	49,585	51,844	55,769	49,789	57,493					
Seasonally adjusted.....do			52,092	51,723	51,835	52,587	53,490	53,503	53,266	54,533	55,764					
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES @																
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

PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS [†]																
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	614	649	661	653	631	629	623	618	619	617	611	598	590	585	*575	559
Crops #.....do	551	598	623	619	585	593	557	541	546	540	548	541	536	528	*524	496
Commercial vegetables.....do	648	670	611	696	637	681	529	572	639	681	763	610	561	500	*635	671
Cotton.....do	531	553	556	569	545	545	522	471	440	413	460	472	462	485	*490	460
Feed grains and hay.....do	452	460	482	461	434	409	398	403	410	408	410	418	420	409	*394	369
Food grains.....do	407	394	375	391	390	390	392	385	385	383	385	390	375	354	*337	329
Fruit.....do	451	730	862	906	900	1,062	890	753	729	697	646	636	668	686	*681	646
Tobacco.....do	1,505	1,484	1,434	1,459	1,521	1,503	1,550	1,550	1,574	1,540	1,549	1,530	1,529	1,529	1,529	1,436
Livestock and products #.....do	679	701	700	688	679	666	690	697	696	697	677	656	645	643	*627	624
Dairy products.....do	830	823	795	807	832	856	875	856	856	838	813	789	764	740	*740	740
Meat animals.....do	831	854	873	856	826	799	822	852	856	871	837	815	806	801	*770	762
Poultry and eggs.....do	270	307	291	274	277	265	290	277	266	258	265	251	245	261	*261	267
Prices paid:																
Production items.....do	883	896	898	894	889	883	884	882	892	891	888	886	883	877	870	864
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....1910-14=100..	1,104	1,127	1,129	1,128	1,126	1,123	1,125	1,123	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,133	1,133	1,129	*1,124	1,120
Parity ratio \$.....do	56	58	59	58	56	56	55	55	55	55	54	53	52	52	*51	50
CONSUMER PRICES (U.S. Department of Labor Indexes)																
Not Seasonally Adjusted																
ALL ITEMS, WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS, REVISED (CPI-W) ◇.....1967=100..																
	297.4	307.6	307.5	310.3	312.1	312.2	311.9	312.2	*312.6	313.9	315.3	316.7	317.8	318.7	319.1	319.6
ALL ITEMS, ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) ◇.....1967=100..																
	298.4	311.1	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5
Special group indexes:																
All items less shelter.....do	283.5	295.1	295.6	296.7	298.1	298.7	298.6	298.6	298.9	300.0	301.5	302.8	303.4	304.3	304.4	304.6
All items less food ◇.....do	298.3	311.3	312.0	313.2	315.2	316.1	316.2	316.2	316.3	317.4	319.1	320.8	322.4	323.6	324.2	325.0
All items less medical care ◇.....do	295.1	307.3	307.9	309.2	310.7	311.4	311.3	311.5	311.9	313.1	314.5	315.8	317.0	317.9	318.4	318.9

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