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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1952	1953				ITEM	1952	1953			
	Aug. 30	Aug. 15	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Aug. 30		Aug. 15	Aug. 22	Aug. 29		
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard						
All commodities...1947-49=100	*112.2	110.5	110.8	110.7	and Poor's.....1935-39=100	189.5	190.0	186.7	183.4		
Farm products.....do..	*109.9	96.3	97.7	97.5	Industrials (420).....do..	205.7	205.3	201.5	197.3		
Foods, processed.....do..	*110.5	104.8	105.3	105.0	Production:						
All other.....do..	*113.0	114.8	114.8	114.7	Bitum.coal 3/...thous.sh.tons	**1,826	1,589	1,595	.....		
22 commodities 2/.....do..	96.0	88.1	89.0	89.9	Electric power, by utilities						
Department store sales.....do..	**100	95	100	.....	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,718	8,514	8,432	.....		
Insured unemployment, total					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	114,769	154,114	155,722	146,441		
thous.	**1,117	#873	.....	.....	Petroleum,crude 3/...thous.bbl.	**6,209	6,507	6,529	.....		
State programs.....do..	**1,066	#822	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,						
Failures, ind. & comm...number	132	150	122	182	quantity) 4/.....1947-49=100	128.8	133.6	134.6	131.1		
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Freight car loadings,thous.cars	**834	807	817	.....		
rate (Moody's) 3/.....percent	3.18	3.50	3.51	3.52	Miscellaneous.....do..	**382	390	393	.....		

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended September 5, 1953. * Monthly index for August 1952. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 911,000; State programs, 859,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953				ITEM	1952	1953			
	July	May	June	July	July		May	June	July		
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.					
Industrial prod. (FRB):						Industrial prod. - Con.					
Unadj., combined index						Adj., combined index 1/					
1935-39=100						1935-39=100					
Manufactures.....do..	194	240	241	p235	Manufactures.....do..	193	240	240	p233		
Durable manufactures.....do..	203	253	254	p247	Durable manufactures.....do..	202	253	253	p245		
Iron and steel.....do..	232	322	321	p313	Lumber and prod.....do..	230	321	320	p312		
Lumber and prod.....do..	139	291	288	p279	Lumber.....do..	141	151	154	p146		
Furniture.....do..	150	154	163	p155	Nonferrous metals.....do..	128	134	139	p130		
Lumber.....do..	165	184	182	p177	Stone, clay, etc.....do..	201	263	258	p252		
Machinery.....do..	143	139	153	p143	Clay products.....do..	214	231	233	p228		
Nonferrous metals, etc.....do..	331	399	398	p385	Nondurable mfs.....do..	158	160	165	p158		
Smelting & refining.....do..	201	263	258	p252	Chemical products.....do..	179	199	198	p192		
Stone, clay, etc.....do..	241	290	284	p284	Leather and prod.....do..	299	320	324	p328		
Clay products.....do..	216	238	236	p230	Leather tanning.....do..	91	111	104	.....		
Transportation equip.....do..	160	160	164	p159	Mfd. food products.....do..	81	104	97	.....		
Autos (incl. parts).....do..	287	404	407	p407	Meat packing.....do..	162	163	163	p163		
Nondurable mfs.....do..	162	300	304	p302	Processed fruits &	147	154	157	p156		
Chemical products.....do..	181	198	199	p193	vegetables.....do..	138	152	144	pi35		
Industrial chemicals.....do..	295	320	323	p325	Printing & publishing.....do..	157	184	179	p173		
Leather and prod.....do..	565	619	627	p646	Minerals.....do..	r139	166	169	p165		
Leather tanning.....do..	90	111	103	.....	Metals.....do..	65	144	145	pi38		
Shoes.....do..	77	104	95	.....	COMMODITY PRICES						
Mfd. food products.....do..	98	116	108	.....	Consumer price index, all						
Meat packing.....do..	174	156	163	p174	items.....1947-49=100	114.1	114.0	114.5	2/114.7		
Processed fruits &	137	154	156	p148	Apparel.....do..	105.3	104.7	104.6	104.4		
vegetables.....do..	179	99	111	p176	Food.....do..	116.3	112.1	113.7	113.8		
Printing & publishing.....do..	145	187	178	p161	Dairy products.....do..	110.2	107.8	107.5	108.3		
Rubber products.....do..	225	269	270	p270	Fruits & vegetables.....do..	124.0	115.2	121.7	118.2		
Textiles & products.....do..	147	173	174	p156	Meats, poultry, & fish.....do..	116.4	109.2	111.3	112.0		
Cotton consumption.....do..	111	143	142	113	Housing.....do..	114.4	117.1	117.4	117.8		
Rayon deliveries.....do..	343	367	367	361	Gas & electricity.....do..	104.2	106.6	106.4	106.4		
Minerals.....do..	r141	169	172	p170	Housefurnishings.....do..	107.6	107.6	108.0	108.1		
Fuels.....do..	r151	170	173	p169	Rent.....do..	117.9	123.0	123.3	123.8		
Anthracite.....do..	57	66	66	57	Medical care.....do..	118.0	120.7	121.1	121.5		
Bituminous coal.....do..	r76	113	116	103	Personal care.....do..	111.9	112.8	112.6	112.6		
Crude petroleum.....do..	190	203	206	p207	Reading and recreation.....do..	107.0	108.0	107.8	107.4		
Metals.....do..	81	160	171	p172	Transportation.....do..	126.8	129.4	129.4	129.7		
					Other goods & services.....do..	116.0	118.0	118.2	118.3		

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Indexes for which seasonal factors have been fixed at 100 are not shown; see unadjusted series. 2/ Index on base previously used (1935-39=100) is 191.8.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1952	1953				ITEM	1952	1953			
	July	May	June	July			July	May	June	July	
EMPLOYMENT						FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO - Con.					
Labor turnover in manufactur- ing establishments:						Dairy products, prod. - Con.					
Accession rate						Evaporated milk (unsweet- ened), case goods...thous. lb.	273,250	322,600	327,600	264,500	
mo. rate per 100 employees	4.4	4.1	5.1	p4.0		Dry milk:					
Separation rate, total...do..	5.0	4.4	4.2	p4.4		Dry whole milk.....do..	9,950	9,200	9,390	10,170	
Discharge.....do..	.3	.4	.4	p.4		Nonfat dry milk solids...do..	85,300	148,400	142,350	113,200	
Lay-off.....do..	2.2	1.0	r.9	p1.2		Meats, production, total...mil. lb.	1,418	1,537	1,617	1,579	
Quit.....do..	2.2	2.7	r2.6	p2.6		Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	659,035	812,729	859,894	877,290	
Military and misc.....do..	.3	.3	.3	p.3		Lamb and mutton.....do..	38,601	46,755	44,558	47,324	
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS						Pork, including lard.....do..	720,191	677,203	712,978	654,193	
Fats, oils, and byproducts:						Lard.....do..	141,823	128,166	130,863	120,175	
Animal fats:						Coffee, visible supply, United States.....thous. bags	579	511	666	531	
Production.....thous. lb.	290,088	311,131	300,366	292,364		Tobacco, manufactured prod- ucts, consumption (with- drawals):					
Stocks, end of month....do..	377,329	431,798	413,191	380,414		Cigarettes, small, tax-free	#2,365	2,658	3,130	.....	
Greases:						millions					
Production.....do..	44,932	52,336	50,838	46,140		Cigarettes, small, tax-paid	#34,511	30,587	33,304	.....	
Stocks, end of month....do..	118,495	105,053	99,715	106,866		millions					
Fish oils:						Cigars, tax-paid....thousands	#492,197	507,629	501,499	.....	
Production.....do..	22,631	8,000	18,087	27,357		Manufactured tobacco & snuff, tax-paid.....thous. lbs.	#17,870	17,486	17,812	.....	
Stocks, end of month....do..	84,479	46,731	46,797	51,287		LEATHER AND PRODUCTS					
Vegetable oils, total:						Shoes & slippers, production					
Production, crude...mil. lb.	305	415	369	322		total.....thous. pairs	#39,747	41,858	40,824	.....	
Stocks, end of month....do..						Shoes, etc., exc. athletic,					
Crude.....do..	1,017	1,052	985	970		total.....thous. pairs	#35,408	36,979	35,790	.....	
Refined.....do..	536	1,072	1,095	1,077		Men's.....do..	#8,279	8,532	8,136	.....	
Cottonseed oil, refined:						Youths' and boys'.....do..	#1,586	1,574	1,595	.....	
Production.....thous. lb.	54,023	119,424	96,142	67,740		Women's.....do..	#17,926	18,490	18,161	.....	
Stocks, end of month....do..	361,320	916,453	935,273	928,561		Misses' and children's...do..	#4,728	5,139	5,077	.....	
Linseed oil, raw:						Infants' and babies'....do..	#2,889	3,247	2,821	.....	
Production.....do..	31,860	24,497	31,975	26,764		Slippers for housewear...do..	#3,816	4,375	4,533	.....	
Stocks, end of month....do..	634,474	599,768	588,812	575,613		Athletic.....do..	#181	280	258	.....	
Soybean oil:						Other footwear.....do..	#342	224	243	.....	
Production: Crude.....do..	179,498	226,293	190,086	179,503		METALS AND MANUFACTURES					
Refined.....do..	162,158	175,291	185,566	155,987		Iron ore (Lake Superior dis.):					
Stocks, end of month....do..						Consumption by furnaces					
Crude.....do..	180,130	190,873	166,767	176,495		thous. l. tons	1,544	8,358	8,056	8,239	
Refined.....do..	116,618	100,864	106,456	93,779		Stocks, end of mo., total...do..	27,388	26,247	32,070	38,829	
Oleomargarine:						At furnaces.....do..	22,904	23,198	28,526	34,443	
Production.....do..	68,695	89,896	103,203	89,753		On Lake Erie docks.....do..	4,484	3,049	3,544	4,386	
Stocks (fac. & whse.)...do..	23,807	20,817	20,246	23,366		Pig iron, prod...thous.sh.tons	1,003	6,587	6,373	6,516	
Shortening:						Lead, refined (primary ref.):					
Production.....do..	112,624	118,229	106,815	105,858		Production.....sh. tons	37,489	43,187	36,880	40,210	
Stocks, end of month....do..	88,436	127,912	126,538	113,700		Shipments (domestic)....do..	49,705	48,914	44,140	35,652	
ELECTRIC POWER						Stocks, end of month....do..	44,140	63,879	56,569	61,017	
Electric power, production,						Machine tools:					
total.....mil. kw.-hr.	37,007	41,995	42,733	43,927		New orders.....1945-47=100	376.3	246.4	r273.4	p246.8	
Utilities.....do..	32,523	35,982	36,827	38,030		Shipments.....do..	259.7	r356.0	r342.2	p267.7	
Industrial establish.....do..	4,484	6,013	5,905	5,897		Electrical appl., sales billed:					
FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO						Vacuum cleaners, stand..number	188,715	252,404	197,506	159,446	
Dairy products, production:						Washers.....do..	209,901	295,393	313,005	233,191	
Butter, creamery....thous. lb.	121,465	155,660	157,280	138,075							
Cheese (factory), total...do..	121,925	149,720	151,225	128,490							
Condensed milk (sweetened), case goods.....thous. lb.	3,500	5,350	3,775	2,675							

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