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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1952	1953				ITEM	1952	1953			
	Sept. 20	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 20		Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19		
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard						
All commodities...1947-49=100	*111.8	110.3	110.3	110.8	and Poor's.....1935-39=100	186.4	181.0	181.4	176.5		
Farm products.....do..	*106.6	95.9	96.5	97.9	Industrials (420).....do..	202.1	194.7	194.9	189.5		
Foods, processed.....do..	*110.3	104.0	104.1	105.6	Production:						
All other.....do..	*113.2	114.7	114.7	114.6	Bitum.coal 3/...thous.sh.tons	**1,975	1,604	1,623	.....		
22 commodities 2/.....do..	95.1	89.7	90.3	89.7	Electric power, by utilities						
Department store sales.....do..	**114	101	102	.....	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,654	8,694	7,963	.....		
Insured unemployment, total					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	138,380	125,887	116,760	138,512		
thous.	**793	#815	.....	.....	Petroleum,crude 3/...thous.bbl.	**6,386	6,445	6,417	.....		
State programs.....do..	**752	#765	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,						
Failures, ind. & comm...number	145	178	131	182	quantity) 4/.....1947-49=100	132.0	127.0	125.2	128.3		
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**881	799	711	.....		
rate (Moody's) 3/.....percent	3.19	3.54	3.55	3.55	Miscellaneous.....do..	**409	384	342	.....		

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended Sept. 26, 1953. * Monthly index for Sept. 1952. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 844,000; State programs, 793,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953				ITEM	1952	1953			
	August	June	July	August	August		June	July	August		
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE					EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Con.						
Construction cont. awarded, 37 States (F. W. Dodge Corp.):					Prod. workers in mfg. ind.:						
Total projects.....number					Total.....thousands						
Total valuation.....mil. dol.					Durable goods.....do..						
Building, total.....do..					Ordinance & acces.....do..						
Contract awards (ENR):					Lumber & wood prod.....do..						
Engineering construction, value 1/.....mil. dol.					Furniture & fixtures.....do..						
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: 1/					Stone, clay, etc.....do..						
Total.....thous. sq. yd.					Primary metal ind.....do..						
Airports.....do..					Fab. metal prod. 3/.....do..						
Roads.....do..					Machinery (exc. elec.).....do..						
Streets and alleys.....do..					Electrical machinery.....do..						
Construction cost indexes,					Transportation equip.....do..						
Engineering News-Record: 2/					Instruments, etc.....do..						
Building.....1947-49=100					Miscel. mfg. ind.....do..						
Construction.....do..					Nondurable goods.....do..						
DOMESTIC TRADE					Food & kindred prod.....do..						
Dept.store sales,U.S. total:					Tobacco manufactures.....do..						
Unadjusted index.....1947-49=100					Textile-mill products.....do..						
Adjusted index.....do..					Apparel, etc.....do..						
Mail-order & store sales, total, 2 cos.....thous. dol.					Paper & allied prod.....do..						
Montgomery Ward & Co.....do..					Printing, etc.....do..						
Sears, Roebuck & Co.....do..					Chemicals, etc.....do..						
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES					Products of petroleum and coal.....do..						
Employees in nonagr. establ., total, unadj.....thousands					Rubber products.....do..						
Manufacturing.....do..					Leather & leath. prod.....do..						
Mining.....do..					Manufacturing production-worker employment indexes:						
Contract construction.....do..					Unadjusted.....1947-49=100						
Transp. & pub. util.....do..					Adjusted.....do..						
Wholesale & retail trade.....do..					Manufacturing production-worker payroll index, unadjusted.....1947-49=100						
Finance, ins. & real est.....do..					Hours and earnings:						
Service & miscellaneous.....do..					Average weekly hours per worker, all mfg.....hours						
Government.....do..					Durable goods.....do..						
					Nondurable goods.....do..						

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

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EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Con.					FINANCE - Con.				
Hours and earnings - Con.					Bonds, yield (S&PCorp.):				
Average weekly earnings,					Dom. municipal (15 bonds)				
all manufacturing...dollars	67.23	71.63	71.51	p71.69	percent	2.22	2.99	2.99	2.89
Durable goods.....do..	72.16	77.42	r76.89	p77.27	Stocks:				
Nondurable goods.....do..	61.45	63.36	r63.76	p63.92	Div. yields, pref. stocks,				
Average hourly earnings,					11 high-grade (S&PCorp.)				
all manufacturing...do..	1.66	1.76	1.77	p1.77	percent	4.12	4.47	4.37	4.30
Durable goods.....do..	1.76	1.87	1.88	p1.88	Prices (S&PCorp.):				
Ordinance & acces.....do..	1.81	r1.91	r1.91	p1.93	Combined index (480 stocks)				
Lumber & wood prod.....do..	1.60	1.64	r1.64	p1.65	1935-39=100	191.1	182.8	185.5	187.3
Furniture & fixtures.....do..	1.45	r1.53	1.52	p1.54	Industrial (420).....do..	207.8	197.5	200.1	202.1
Stone, clay, etc.....do..	1.60	1.72	r1.73	p1.75	Capital goods (129).....do..	191.4	183.7	185.9	188.1
Primary metal ind.....do..	1.93	2.05	r2.09	p2.07	Consumers' goods (195)				
Fab. metal prod. 1/.....do..	1.73	1.84	1.85	p1.85	1935-39=100	174.8	170.7	171.7	172.8
Machinery (exc. elec.).....do..	1.85	1.95	1.95	p1.96	Public utility (40).....do..	118.6	117.2	119.2	121.1
Electrical machinery.....do..	1.67	1.75	r1.76	p1.75	Railroad (20).....do..	175.3	169.3	173.7	170.2
Transportation equip.....do..	1.94	2.07	r2.07	p2.05	FOODSTUFFS				
Instruments, etc.....do..	1.72	1.77	1.77	p1.78	Livestock slaughter:				
Miscel. mfg. ind.....do..	1.49	1.57	r1.57	p1.57	Calves.....thous. animals	426	586	616	602
Nondurable goods.....do..	1.54	1.60	1.61	p1.61	Cattle.....do..	1,135	1,450	1,498	1,494
Food & kindred prod.....do..	1.51	1.61	1.60	p1.60	Hogs.....do..	3,592	3,607	3,276	3,396
Tobacco manufactures.....do..	1.16	r1.28	r1.28	p1.23	Sheep and lambs.....do..	1,020	1,055	1,108	1,158
Textile-mill products.....do..	1.35	1.36	r1.36	p1.36	LEATHER				
Apparel, etc.....do..	1.31	r1.33	1.34	p1.36	Leather production:				
Paper & allied prod.....do..	1.62	1.68	r1.70	p1.70	Calf and kip.....thous. skins	#684	r827	685	.....
Printing, etc.....do..	2.11	r2.20	2.19	p2.20	Cattle hide.....thous. hides	#1,605	r1,998	1,815	.....
Chemicals, etc.....do..	1.72	1.82	r1.84	p1.84	Goat and kid.....thous. skins	#2,588	r3,121	2,828	.....
Products of petroleum					Sheep and lamb.....do..	#1,912	2,520	2,103	.....
and coal.....do..	2.14	2.18	2.22	p2.22	METAL				
Rubber products.....do..	1.81	r1.92	r1.94	p1.94	Zinc, slab:				
Leather & leath. prod.....do..	1.31	1.37	r1.37	p1.38	Production.....sh. tons	78,167	81,617	80,825	83,241
FINANCE					Shipments, total.....do..	78,435	76,784	74,204	69,250
Bank debits, total (345 cen-					Domestic.....do..	72,963	72,612	69,498	65,450
ters).....mil. dol.	122,200	154,106	148,135	134,589	Stocks, end of month.....do..	96,651	97,285	103,906	117,897
New York City.....do..	42,778	56,623	51,799	45,516	PAPER				
6 other centers.....do..	25,550	33,807	32,683	29,958	Paperboard:				
Federal Government finance:					Orders, new.....thous.sh.tons	917.5	1,152.1	973.3	1,105.2
Receipts, Treasury...mil. dol.	4,585	10,323	3,619	5,153	Orders, unf., end of mo.....do..	388.4	567.0	522.5	467.4
Receipts, net.....do..	4,050	9,744	3,308	4,568	Production.....do..	955.6	1,092.0	939.7	1,122.4
Customs.....do..	47	51	52	47	TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
Income & empl. taxes.....do..	3,546	9,179	2,395	4,011	Cotton: 2/				
Miscel. internal rev.....do..	862	939	937	955	Consumption.....bales	r745,667	741,929	739,050	725,849
Expenditures, total.....do..	5,018	7,988	6,068	6,042	Manufactures:				
Interest on debt.....do..	183	1,882	237	206	Spindle activity:				
National defense, etc.....do..	2,971	4,056	3,890	3,519	Active spindles, last work-				
Gold, monetary stock,U.S....do..	23,344	22,463	22,277	22,178	ing day, total.....thous.	21,398	21,201	21,344	21,391
Currency in circulation.....do..	29,293	30,125	30,120	30,242	Consum. 100% cotton.....do..	20,000	19,824	20,007	20,063
Bonds, price (S&PCorp.):					Spindle hours operated, all				
Ind.,util.& RR (A1+ issues):					fibers,total.....mil. hr.	9,516	9,938	10,126	9,857
Composite (17 bonds)					Av. per working day.....do..	476	497	405	493
dol. per \$100 bond	115.8	108.8	110.7	111.4	Consum. 100% cotton.....do..	8,870	9,330	9,484	9,279
Dom. municipal (15 bonds)					Operations as % of capacity	128	136	111	135
dol. per \$100 bond	128.6	115.1	115.1	116.9					

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