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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1952	1953				ITEM	1952	1953			
	Oct. 25	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 25		Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24		
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard						
All commodities...1947-49=100	*111.1	110.3	110.1	110.0	and Poor's.....1935-39=100	180.6	180.8	181.7	185.4		
Farm products.....do..	*104.9	96.1	95.1	94.6	Industrials (420).....do..	195.1	194.2	195.1	199.5		
Foods, processed.....do..	*108.5	104.2	104.2	104.1	Production:						
All other.....do..	*113.0	114.6	114.6	114.6	Bitum.coal 3/...thous.sh.tons	**1,397	1,546	1,586	.....		
22 commodities 2/.....do..	92.1	85.6	85.9	86.2	Electric power, by utilities						
Department store sales.....do..	**124	120	118	.....	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,681	8,307	8,265	.....		
Insured unemployment, total					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	135,929	140,402	145,697	142,538		
thous.	**647	#834	.....	.....	Petroleum,crude 3/...thous.bbl.	**6,450	6,223	6,221	.....		
State programs.....do..	**620	#783	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,						
Failures, ind. & comm.....number	154	186	169	185	quantity) 4/.....1947-49=100	138.2	133.6	135.2	133.3		
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**838	804	823	.....		
rate (Moody's) 3/.....percent	3.23	3.48	3.45	3.43	Miscellaneous.....do..	**423	394	407	.....		

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended October 31, 1953. * Monthly index for October 1952. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 812,000; State programs, 761,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	September	July	August	September		September	July	August	September
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE					EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Con.				
Construction cont. awarded, 37 States (F. W. Dodge Corp.):					Prod. workers in mfg.ind. - Con.				
Total projects.....number	47,006	53,304	46,564	42,586	Nondurable goods...thousands	5,843	r5,618	r5,802	p5,809
Total valuation.....mil. dol.	2,039.2	1,793.3	1,414.4	1,741.7	Food & kindred prod....do..	1,309	r1,183	r1,255	p1,288
Building, total.....do..	1,790.8	1,417.8	1,053.4	1,290.7	Tobacco manufactures.....do..	117	85	r109	p114
Contract awards (ENR):					Textile-mill products...do..	1,127	1,102	r1,110	p1,104
Engineering construction,					Apparel, etc.....do..	1,106	r1,047	r1,107	p1,079
value 1/.....mil. dol.	952.2	1,263.0	1,111.2	1,116.6	Paper & allied prod.....do..	425	443	451	p453
Construction cost indexes,					Printing, etc.....do..	497	r499	500	p510
Engineering News-Record: 2/					Chemicals, etc.....do..	512	511	r513	p514
Building.....1947-49=100	125.6	129.2	129.0	129.0	Products of petroleum				
Construction.....do..	129.9	135.1	134.7	134.8	and coal.....do..	190	191	190	p189
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES					Rubber products.....do..	208	214	216	p216
Employees in nonagr. establ.,					Leather & leath. prod...do..	353	r344	r351	p342
total, unadj.....thousands	48,892	r49,218	r49,412	p49,608	Manufacturing production-				
Manufacturing.....do..	16,680	r17,055	r17,253	p17,189	worker employment indexes:				
Mining.....do..	886	r824	r830	p825	Unadjusted.....1947-49=100	109.0	r110.4	r112.0	p111.6
Contract construction.....do..	2,794	r2,663	r2,704	p2,670	Adjusted.....do..	106.8	r112.4	r111.1	p109.6
Transp. & pub. util.....do..	4,281	r4,341	r4,334	p4,337	Manufacturing production-				
Wholesale & retail trade.....do..	10,295	r10,368	r10,352	p10,470	worker payroll index, un-				
Finance, ins. & real est...do..	1,976	r2,072	r2,074	p2,054	adjusted.....1947-49=100	143.3	r149.1	r151.7	p148.6
Service & miscellaneous...do..	5,364	r5,417	r5,416	p5,395	Hours and earnings:				
Government.....do..	6,616	6,478	r6,449	p6,668	Average weekly hours per				
Prod. workers in mfg. ind.:					worker, all mfg.....hours	41.2	40.4	40.5	p39.6
Total.....thousands	13,477	r13,656	r13,852	p13,802	Durable goods.....do..	41.9	40.9	41.1	p40.4
Durable goods.....do..	7,634	r8,038	r8,050	p7,993	Nondurable goods.....do..	40.3	39.6	r39.6	p38.6
Ordinance & acces.....do..	132	r161	r159	p161	Average weekly earnings,				
Lumber & wood prod.....do..	751	r717	r724	p707	all manufacturing...dollars	69.63	71.51	71.69	p70.49
Furniture & fixtures.....do..	316	r316	r318	p316	Durable goods.....do..	75.42	76.89	77.27	p76.36
Stone, clay, etc.....do..	455	r455	r463	p467	Nondurable goods.....do..	62.06	63.76	r63.76	p62.92
Primary metal ind.....do..	1,109	r1,133	r1,132	p1,111	Average hourly earnings,				
Fab. metal prod. 3/.....do..	862	r937	r948	p950	all manufacturing.....do..	1.69	1.77	1.77	p1.78
Machinery (exc. elec.)...do..	1,208	r1,268	r1,241	p1,224	Durable goods.....do..	1.80	1.88	1.88	p1.89
Electrical machinery...do..	824	r895	r907	p918	Ordinance & acces.....do..	1.87	r1.90	1.93	p1.97
Transportation equip...do..	1,355	r1,510	r1,499	p1,473	Lumber & wood prod.....do..	1.62	1.64	1.65	p1.65
Instruments, etc.....do..	230	242	r240	p245	Furniture & fixtures...do..	r1.48	r1.53	r1.53	p1.53
Miscel. mfg. ind.....do..	393	r403	r419	p422	Stone, clay, etc.....do..	1.63	1.73	r1.74	p1.76

¹/ Revised. ²/ Preliminary. ³/ Data for July are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 2/ Data reported at the beginning of each month are shown here for the previous month. 3/ Except ordnance, machinery, and transportation equipment.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	September	July	August	September		August	June	July	August
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Con.					METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
Hours and earnings - Con.					Castings, gray iron:				
Average hourly earnings - Con.					Orders, unfilled, for sale				
Durable goods - Con.					thous. sh. tons	1,513	1,246	1,233	1,223
Electrical mach.....dollars	1.68	1.76	r1.77	pl.77	Shipments, total.....do..	1,002	1,196	1,056	1,069
Transportation equip....do..	2.01	r2.08	r2.06	p2.07	For sale.....do..	602	648	573	589
Instruments, etc.....do..	1.74	1.77	r1.79	pl.82	Castings, malleable iron:				
Miscel. mfg. ind.....do..	1.51	1.57	1.57	pl.58	Orders, unf., for sale..sh.tons	162,832	151,016	137,251	120,801
Non-durable goods.....do..	1.54	1.61	1.61	pl.63	Shipments, total.....do..	63,716	86,514	77,111	73,855
Food & kindred prod....do..	1.49	1.60	r1.59	pl.62	For sale.....do..	39,308	50,819	45,413	45,415
Tobacco manufactures....do..	1.13	1.28	r1.22	pl.21	Castings, steel:				
Textile-mill products....do..	1.36	1.36	1.36	pl.37	Shipments, total.....do..	150,232	164,665	139,577	141,340
Apparel, etc.....do..	1.32	1.34	1.36	pl.34	For sale, total.....do..	113,997	125,984	105,687	107,941
Paper & allied prod....do..	1.63	1.70	1.70	pl.74	Railway specialties.....do..	24,013	30,381	22,925	25,026
Printing, etc.....do..	2.13	r2.20	2.20	p2.24	Cans, metal, shipments, total				
Chemicals, etc.....do..	1.72	1.84	1.84	pl.87	sh. tons	465,820	357,201	r446,772	506,215
Products of petroleum					Food.....do..	348,906	220,481	299,306	360,564
and coal.....do..	2.16	2.22	r2.23	p2.29	Nonfood.....do..	116,914	136,720	r147,466	145,651
Rubber products.....do..	#1.81	r1.95	r1.92	.....	Shipments for sale.....do..	421,221	311,009	r407,362	457,387
Leather & leath. prod....do..	1.33	1.37	r1.37	pl.38	Comm. closures, prod..millions	1,126	1,348	r1,281	1,260
FINANCE					Crowns, prod.....thous. gross	29,462	31,605	30,752	29,155
Federal Government finance:					Steel products, net shipments:				
Receipts, Treasury...mil. dol.	6,875	3,619	5,153	6,402	Total.....thous.sh.tons	6,312	6,950	6,583	6,499
Receipts, net.....do..	6,585	3,308	4,568	6,041	Bars, hot rolled:				
Customs.....do..	52	52	47	50	All grades.....do..	744	843	794	750
Income & empl. taxes....do..	5,834	2,395	4,011	5,218	Reinforcing.....do..	188	157	166	148
Miscel. internal rev....do..	877	937	955	981	Semimanufactures.....do..	306	329	295	252
Expenditures, total.....do..	6,070	6,068	6,042	6,119	Pipes and tubes.....do..	717	847	801	778
Interest on debt.....do..	559	237	206	560	Plates.....do..	680	614	587	586
National defense, etc....do..	4,008	3,890	3,519	3,787	Rails.....do..	121	162	156	150
Bonds, price (S&P Corp.):					Sheets.....do..	1,567	1,924	1,957	1,921
Ind., util. & RR (A1+):					Strip: Cold rolled.....do..	127	190	151	188
Composite (17 bonds)					Hot rolled.....do..	155	210	161	195
dol. per \$100 bond	115.7	110.7	111.4	110.9	Structural shapes.....do..	428	397	414	391
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS					Tin plate & terneplate..do..	479	441	405	390
Superphosphate (bulk):					Wire & wire prod.....do..	416	426	328	378
Production.....sh. ton	#172,844	r151,444	160,623	.....	PAPER AND PRINTING				
Stocks, end of month.....do..	#r257,301	r231,501	243,433	.....	Paper, exc. bldg. paper, news-				
Paints, varnish, and lacquer:					print & paperboard (APPA):				
Factory shipments, total					Orders, new.....sh. tons	754,882	r857,394	r852,239	846,000
thous. dol.	#111,955	r124,953	121,733	.....	Production.....do..	775,723	r852,103	r785,661	860,000
Industrial sales.....do..	#41,192	r48,641	47,936	.....	Shipments.....do..	769,647	r853,480	r793,993	859,000
Trade sales.....do..	#70,763	r76,312	73,797	.....	Stocks, end of month.....do..	421,409	r490,105	r481,777	482,700
FOODSTUFFS					Fine paper:				
Livestock slaughter:					Orders, new.....do..	85,250	r106,914	r110,108	106,000
Cattle.....thous. animals	496	616	602	687	Production.....do..	100,213	r108,556	r91,846	113,000
Cattle.....do..	1,215	1,498	1,494	1,644	Shipments.....do..	99,506	r106,764	r93,799	109,000
Hogs.....do..	4,290	3,276	3,396	4,059	Stocks, end of month.....do..	92,873	r116,057	r114,104	118,100
Sheep and lambs.....do..	1,243	1,108	1,158	1,366	Printing paper:				
LEATHER					Orders, new.....do..	258,679	308,394	r310,681	288,000
Leather production:					Production.....do..	267,433	298,215	r280,905	316,000
Calf and kip.....thous. skins	#913	685	790	.....	Shipments.....do..	624,530	299,593	r281,347	313,000
Cattle hide.....thous. hides	#1,910	1,815	1,979	.....	Stocks, end of month.....do..	140,696	151,800	r151,358	154,350
Goat and kid.....thous. skins	#2,287	2,828	2,354	.....	Coarse paper:				
Sheep and lamb.....do..	#2,711	2,103	2,567	.....	Orders, new.....do..	257,062	r272,040	r270,964	285,000
					Production.....do..	256,307	r279,036	r256,249	268,000
					Shipments.....do..	251,791	r275,893	r257,445	269,000
					Stocks, end of month.....do..	130,250	r124,950	r123,757	122,750

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