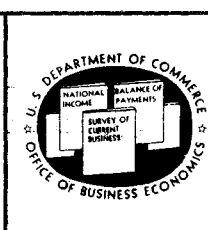




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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1952	1953				ITEM	1952	1953			
	Nov. 8	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 8		Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7		
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard						
All commodities...1947-49=100	*110.7	110.0	110.0	109.9	and Poor's.....1935-39=100	186.6	185.4	185.5	187.7		
Farm products.....do..	*103.8	94.5	94.3	93.4	Industrials (420).....do..	202.1	199.5	200.1	202.8		
Foods, processed.....do..	*107.7	104.2	104.3	104.3	Production:						
All other.....do..	*112.8	114.6	114.6	114.6	Bitum.coal 3/...thous.sh.tons	**1,544	1,546	1,520	.....		
22 commodities 2/.....do..	91.6	86.2	86.8	86.6	Electric power, by utilities						
Department store sales.....do..	**115	113	113	.....	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,753	8,306	8,362	.....		
Insured unemployment, total					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	134,254	142,716	138,370	131,433		
thous.	**675	#930	.....	.....	Petroleum,crude 3/...thous.bb1.	**6,471	6,130	5,937	.....		
State programs.....do..	**643	#873	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,						
Failures, ind. & comm...number	143	185	218	207	quantity) 4/.....1947-49=100	136.9	133.3	132.8	130.5		
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**862	804	781	.....		
rate (Moody's) 3/.....percent	3.22	3.43	3.40	3.38	Miscellaneous.....do..	**420	394	385	.....		

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Monday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended November 14, 1952. * Monthly index for November 1952. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 895,000; State programs, 839,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953				ITEM	1952	1953			
	October	August	September	October	October		August	September	October		
COMMODITY PRICES					CONSTRUC. & REAL ESTATE - Con.						
Prices rec'd by farmers, all					New construction - Con.						
farm products....1910-14=100	282	258	256	250	Public, total.....mil. dol.	1,087	r1,120	1,125	1,110		
Crops.....do..	260	237	234	231	Residential.....do..	51	43	47	45		
Food grains.....do..	240	215	219	223	Nonresidential building.do..	379	373	r378	379		
Feed grains and hay.....do..	219	198	200	187	Military and naval.....do..	128	121	r116	116		
Tobacco.....do..	429	430	452	439	Highway.....do..	362	405	400	395		
Cotton.....do..	311	277	279	274	Conservation, etc.....do..	81	77	r76	74		
Fruit.....do..	215	205	221	214	Other types.....do..	86	r101	r108	101		
Truck crops.....do..	189	221	159	175	Construction cost indexes:						
Oil-bearing crops.....do..	304	262	251	255	The American Appraisal Co.:						
Livestock and products...do..	301	276	276	267	Avg. 30 cities.....1913=100						
Meat animals.....do..	328	305	299	273	Atlanta.....do..	604	639	639	640		
Dairy products.....do..	316	267	274	283	New York.....do..	557	601	601	604		
Poultry and eggs.....do..	228	230	231	236	San Francisco.....do..	521	526	521	524		
Prices paid by farmers:					St. Louis.....do..	551	574	574	572		
All commodities.....do..	269	262	259	258	EMPLOYMENT						
Used in living.....do..	269	273	270	270	Labor force (Bureau Census):						
Used in production.....do..	269	249	247	246	Civilian labor force....thous.						
All commodities, interest,						63,146	64,648	63,552	63,404		
taxes, and wage rates					Employed.....do..	61,862	63,408	62,306	62,242		
1910-14=100	284	279	277	276	Agricultural.....do..	7,274	7,274	7,262	7,159		
Parity ratio.....do..	99	92	92	91	Nonagricultural.....do..	54,588	56,134	55,044	55,083		
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE					Unemployed.....do..	1,284	1,240	1,246	1,162		
New construction, total					FINANCE						
mil. dol.	3,094	r3,319	r3,290	3,223	Stocks:						
Private, total.....do..	2,007	r2,199	r2,165	2,113	Cash dividend payments:						
Residential (nonfarm)...do..	1,051	r1,105	r1,077	1,045	Total (pub. reported)						
New dwelling units.....do..	935	970	950	920	mil. dol.						
Additions, etc.....do..	98	r110	r102	100	Finance.....do..	540.5	220.9	1,235.3	553.3		
Nonresidential building,					Manufacturing.....do..	105.2	52.0	86.4	100.1		
total, exc. farm and pub-					Mining.....do..	203.5	88.0	796.1	205.9		
lic utility.....mil. dol.	441	r498	r506	516	Communications.....do..	8.0	2.5	86.2	6.9		
Industrial.....do..	193	179	r179	183	Heat, light & power....do..	95.0	1.0	51.8	104.0		
Commercial.....do..	105	r168	r174	179	Railroad.....do..	60.9	55.4	94.7	70.5		
Farm construction.....do..	133	158	144	119	Trade.....do..	14.6	10.0	49.3	17.4		
Public utility.....do..	375	427	428	423	Miscellaneous.....do..	40.3	7.6	50.8	41.8		
						13.0	4.4	19.9	6.7		

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	September	July	August	September		September	July	August	September
DOMESTIC TRADE					FINANCE - Con.				
Newspaper advertising:					Stocks:				
Linage, total (52 cities)					Shares listed on NYSE:				
thous. lines	214,509	187,997	198,647	219,558	Market value.....mil. dol.	112,633	115,886	110,750	110,479
Classified.....do..	54,124	53,368	56,553	54,175	No. shares listed...millions	2,768.9	2,882.1	2,888.5	2,892.0
Display, total.....do..	160,385	134,629	142,095	165,383	CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS				
Automotive.....do..	7,367	11,581	11,417	11,910	Alcohol, ethyl:				
Financial.....do..	2,596	3,074	2,021	2,515	Production...thous. proof gal.	36,439	39,034	31,934	28,995
General.....do..	29,711	24,531	23,034	31,684	Stocks, total.....do..	87,430	75,501	71,878	65,273
Retail.....do..	120,709	95,442	105,623	119,275	In industrial alcohol				
All retail stores:					bonded warehouses.....do..	48,430	53,731	30,364	47,977
Sales (adj.), total...mil. dol.	13,570	14,469	r14,073	14,039	In denaturing plants.....do..	39,000	21,770	21,514	17,296
Durable goods.....do..	4,505	5,102	r4,914	4,936	Used for denaturation.....do..	31,249	36,557	35,346	33,538
Nondurable goods.....do..	9,065	9,367	r9,159	9,103	Withdrawn tax-paid.....do..	2,057	2,106	1,944	2,217
Inventories (adj.), total...do..	20,281	22,088	r22,115	22,262	Alcohol, denatured:				
Durable goods.....do..	8,956	10,560	r10,449	10,696	Production...thous. wine gal.	16,987	19,649	19,058	18,083
Nondurable goods.....do..	11,325	11,528	r11,666	11,566	Consump. (withdrawals).....do..	16,799	20,890	17,861	18,317
Retail firms with 11 or more					Stocks.....do..	7,326	5,575	6,803	6,551
stores, estimated sales:					FOODSTUFFS				
Unadjusted.....mil. dol.	2,476	2,460	r2,501	2,510	Distilled spirits:				
Adjusted.....do..	2,545	r2,635	r2,578	2,556	Production...thous. tax gal.	r9,998	9,632	7,282	15,375
FINANCE					Tax-paid withdrawals.....do..	r11,510	9,735	9,371	12,633
Life insurance, assets:					Stocks, end of month.....do..	r921,479	878,764	873,616	867,166
All cos. (Inst. of Life Ins.):					Whisky:				
Total, estimated...mil. dol.	71,578	75,855	76,244	76,612	Production.....do..	3,208	5,680	3,974	7,263
Securities & mortgages...do..	64,205	68,105	68,337	68,709	Tax-paid withdrawals.....do..	6,204	4,793	5,241	7,301
49 cos. (LIAA):					Stocks, end of month.....do..	754,200	729,729	725,979	727,169
Total.....do..	r63,142	66,621	66,944	67,294	Rectified spirits & wines,				
Bonds & stocks, total...do..	r39,550	41,451	41,531	41,739	prod., total...thous. proof gal.	8,887	6,902	6,248	8,930
Government (domestic and					Whisky.....do..	7,504	5,636	5,171	7,740
foreign), total...mil. dol.	r11,167	10,564	10,565	10,527	PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS				
U. S. Government.....do..	r9,075	8,634	8,634	8,585	Bituminous coal:				
Public utility.....do..	r11,322	11,897	11,952	12,043	Industrial consumption, total				
Railroad.....do..	r3,316	3,418	3,423	3,429	thous. short tons	28,327	29,289	r29,478	28,957
Other.....do..	r13,745	15,572	15,591	15,740	Beehive coke ovens.....do..	615	656	r649	581
Cash.....do..	r824	726	789	776	Byproduct coke ovens.....do..	8,230	9,035	r8,946	8,541
Mortgage loans, total...do..	r17,249	18,619	18,716	18,818	Cement mills.....do..	679	686	682	668
Farm.....do..	1,471	1,615	1,628	1,638	Electric-power util.....do..	8,494	9,287	9,390	9,409
Other.....do..	r15,777	17,004	17,087	17,180	Railways (class 1).....do..	2,852	2,191	2,227	2,134
Policy loans and premium					Steel & rolling mills.....do..	538	449	424	421
notes.....do..	r2,291	2,374	2,387	2,402	Retail deliveries.....do..	6,176	3,202	4,019	5,325
Real-estate holdings.....do..	r1,528	1,707	1,726	1,732	Stocks, ind. and retail				
Other admitted assets.....do..	r1,700	1,743	1,795	1,827	dealers', end of month,				
Bonds:					total...thous. short tons	83,298	74,752	r77,997	80,978
Average price of all listed					Industrial, total.....do..	81,492	73,153	r76,387	79,345
bonds (NYSE) 1/.....dollars	97.46	95.82	95.58	96.74	Retail dealers.....do..	1,806	1,599	1,610	1,633
Domestic.....do..	97.87	96.22	95.96	97.18	RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS				
Foreign.....do..	76.11	74.44	74.79	75.25	Natural rubber:				
Value, issues listed NYSE:					Consumption.....long tons	39,274	43,929	r43,732	45,283
Market value, all issues 1/					Stocks, end of month.....do..	84,190	118,825	r119,332	122,876
mil. dol.	99,712	100,279	100,010	93,472	Synthetic rubber:				
Domestic.....do..	97,838	98,419	98,142	91,599	Production.....do..	58,352	79,360	68,299	60,677
Foreign.....do..	1,447	1,390	1,395	1,400	Consumption.....do..	66,668	61,299	r59,241	58,457
Face value, all issues 1/					Stocks, end of month.....do..	141,837	159,486	r169,152	167,518
mil. dol.	102,315	104,651	104,634	96,620					
Domestic.....do..	99,963	102,284	102,269	94,259					
Foreign.....do..	1,902	1,867	1,865	1,861					

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