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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1953	1954				ITEM	1953	1954			
	Sept. 19	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 19		Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18		
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard						
All commodities...1947-49=100	*111.0	.....	109.9	110.0	and Poor's.....1935-39=100	176.5	232.7	234.7	238.0		
Farm products.....do..	*98.1	.....	93.1	93.1	Industrials (420).....do..	189.5	257.0	259.3	263.7		
Foods, processed.....do..	*106.6	.....	105.1	106.1	Production:						
All other.....do..	*114.7	.....	114.5	114.5	Bitum. coal 3/..thous.sh.tons	**1,620	1,283	1,329	.....		
22 commodities 2/.....do..	89.7	90.7	91.1	90.8	Electric power, by utilities						
Department store sales.....do..	**102	113	97	.....	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,963	9,087	8,808	.....		
Insured unemployment, total					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	138,649	108,854	82,747	70,761		
thous.	**816	#1,780	.....	.....	Petroleum, crude 3/..thous.bbl.	**6,417	6,019	6,086	.....		
State programs.....do..	**765	#1,606	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,						
Failures, ind. & comm..number	182	193	168	195	quantity) 4/.....1947-49=100	128.3	94.9	93.5	98.5		
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**711	688	602	.....		
rate (Moody's) 3/.....percent	3.55	3.13	3.13	3.13	Miscellaneous.....do..	**342	343	300	.....		

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Week ended September 25, 1954. * Monthly index for September 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest for which data are shown. # Data for preceding week: Total, 1,835,000; State programs, 1,658,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953	1954				ITEM	1953	1954			
	August	June	July	August	August		June	July	August		
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS					GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.						
Industrial prod. (FRB):					Indust. prod., adj. index - Con.						
Unadj. index, total, 1947-49=100	136	124	r116	p124	Nondurable mfs...1947-49=100	119	r115	r115	p116		
Manufactures.....do..	137	125	r117	p126	Food & beverage mfs....do..	108	r108	r106	p107		
Durable manufactures...do..	153	135	r126	p133	Tobacco manufactures...do..	**103	107	.....	.....		
Primary metals.....do..	130	r109	95	p101	Textile-mill products...do..	*108	92	96	.....		
Metal fabricating.....do..	166	146	r138	p145	Apparel & allied prod...do..	*114	r102	102	.....		
Fab. metal products...do..	140	122	r118	p124	Leather & products.....do..	*104	r95	101	.....		
Machinery.....do..	157	137	r128	p140	Paper & allied prod...do..	*134	r136	133	.....		
Transportation equip.do..	189	r171	r164	p164	Printing & publishing...do..	121	121	121	p120		
Instruments, etc.....do..	153	r135	r132	p132	Chemicals, etc.....do..	148	148	r149	p150		
Furniture & fixtures...do..	116	100	r100	p105	Petroleum & coal prod...do..	132	r124	r124	p122		
Lumber & products.....do..	*112	115	90	.....	Rubber products.....do..	*130	119	96	.....		
Stone, clay & glass...do..	*132	131	130	.....	Minerals.....do..	119	r114	r113	p111		
Nondurable mfs.....do..	121	r115	r108	p118	Coal.....do..	86	69	70	p67		
Food & beverage mfs...do..	118	r110	r110	p117	Crude oil & nat. gas...do..	135	r136	r135	p133		
Tobacco manufactures...do..	**110	113	.....	.....	COMMODITY PRICES						
Textile-mill prod.....do..	*93	r92	82	.....	Wholesale prices (Dept. Labor):						
Apparel & allied prod.do..	*102	r99	91	.....	All commodities...1947-49=100	110.6	110.0	110.4	110.5		
Leather & products...do..	*91	r93	88	.....	Farm products.....do..	96.4	94.8	96.2	95.7		
Paper & allied prod...do..	*120	r136	120	.....	Fruits and vegetables...do..	98.0	96.6	110.9	108.3		
Printing & publishing.do..	116	r119	114	p116	Grains.....do..	86.5	86.5	88.1	91.2		
Chemicals, etc.....do..	143	144	138	p145	Livestock, live poultry.do..	88.1	87.7	83.2	83.4		
Petroleum & coal prod.do..	135	r124	r124	p125	Foods, processed.....do..	104.8	105.0	r106.5	106.3		
Rubber products.....do..	*114	121	85	.....	Cereals & bakery prod...do..	108.4	113.5	114.0	113.2		
Minerals.....do..	122	114	r111	p113	Dairy prod. & ice cream.do..	110.7	102.4	105.1	105.8		
Coal.....do..	85	63	57	p67	Fruits and vegetables...do..	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.6		
Crude oil & nat. gas...do..	135	r136	r135	p133	Meats, poultry & fish...do..	93.6	92.3	94.1	92.0		
Adj. index, total.....do..	136	124	124	p124	Commodities other than farm						
Manufactures.....do..	138	125	r125	p125	prod. & foods...1947-49=100	114.9	114.2	114.3	114.4		
Durable manufactures...do..	157	r134	r134	p135	Chemicals, etc.....do..	106.3	106.8	106.7	106.8		
Primary metals.....do..	137	r108	r104	p106	Chemicals, indust.....do..	120.2	117.0	117.1	117.4		
Metal fabricating.....do..	171	r145	r148	p148	Drugs, etc.....do..	93.5	94.0	94.0	94.0		
Fab. metal products...do..	140	122	124	p124	Fats and oils.....do..	46.9	55.7	52.0	53.5		
Machinery.....do..	165	r139	r142	p146	Fertilizer materials...do..	113.8	111.6	r112.1	112.1		
Transportation equip.do..	191	r166	169	p166	Fuel, power, etc.....do..	111.0	107.8	r106.2	106.8		
Instruments, etc.....do..	156	r135	r136	p134	Coal.....do..	111.7	104.7	104.9	105.2		
Furniture & fixtures...do..	119	104	107	p107	Electricity.....do..	99.1	101.8	101.8	101.8		
Lumber & products.....do..	*119	108	96	.....	Gas.....do..	105.7	107.8	r105.4	105.4		
Stone, clay & glass...do..	*135	129	132	.....	Petroleum & products...do..	116.5	110.9	108.2	109.3		

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. * July 1953 data. ** June 1953 data.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	August	June	July	August		August	June	July	August
COMMODITY PRICES - Con.					LEATHER AND PRODUCTS				
Wholesale prices - Con.					Leather production:				
Furniture, etc., 1947-49=100	114.8	115.4	115.3	115.4	Calf and kip.....thous. skins	*685	r751	634	.....
Appliances, household..do..	108.9	109.8	109.7	109.7	Cattle hide.....thous. hides	*1,815	r2,038	1,650	.....
Furniture, household..do..	113.8	113.1	112.8	112.9	Goat and kid.....thous. skins	*2,821	2,477	2,070	.....
Radios.....do..	95.0	95.6	95.6	95.6	Sheep and lamb.....do..	*2,139	2,141	1,613	.....
Television sets.....do..	74.0	70.6	r70.3	70.3	METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
Hides, skins, etc.....do..	99.9	95.6	r94.9	94.2	Iron ore, shipments (Lake Superior dis.)..thous. l. tons				
Footwear.....do..	111.8	111.9	111.8	112.3	Pig iron, production	15,237	10,608	11,016	9,555
Hides and skins.....do..	74.6	60.6	58.2	55.8	thous. sh. tons	6,472	4,724	4,626	4,567
Leather.....do..	95.0	87.4	r86.5	84.2	Copper:				
Lumber & wood prod.....do..	120.4	116.3	r119.1	119.2	Production:				
Lumber.....do..	119.3	115.5	r118.6	118.7	Mine or smelter.....sh. tons	84,953	85,329	r75,667	60,118
Machinery, motive prod..do..	123.7	124.3	124.3	124.3	Refinery.....do..	108,974	112,121	107,095	103,901
Agri. machinery, etc..do..	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.4	Deliveries, ref., dom.....do..	106,985	106,252	97,436	92,475
Construction mach.....do..	130.5	131.5	r131.5	131.5	Stocks, ref., end of mo...do..	78,825	69,181	68,921	58,387
Elec. mach. & equip.....do..	125.6	125.9	r125.8	125.8	Zinc, slab:				
Motor vehicles.....do..	118.6	118.9	118.9	118.9	Production.....do..				
Metals & metal prod.....do..	129.4	127.1	128.0	128.6	Shipments, total.....do..	83,241	71,540	r70,749	71,793
Heating equipment.....do..	115.6	113.8	114.0	114.0	Domestic.....do..	69,250	80,244	r73,846	76,535
Iron and steel.....do..	136.2	131.8	133.6	133.8	Stocks, end of month.....do..	65,450	72,262	r59,157	61,298
Nonferrous metals.....do..	124.5	123.7	124.2	125.1	PAPER AND PRINTING				
Nonmet. minerals, struc..do..	119.6	119.1	120.4	120.5	Paper, ex. bldg. paper, news-print & paperboard (APPA):				
Clay products.....do..	131.4	132.0	132.0	132.1	Orders, new.....sh. tons	*852,229	r882,399	841,000	.....
Concrete products.....do..	116.1	117.5	r117.7	118.1	Production.....do..	*785,661	r869,849	795,000	.....
Gypsum products.....do..	122.1	122.1	122.1	122.1	Shipments.....do..	*795,157	r872,942	791,000	.....
Pulp, paper, etc.....do..	116.2	115.8	116.2	116.3	Stocks, end of month.....do..	*392,543	r414,271	415,500	.....
Paper.....do..	125.9	126.5	126.5	126.5	Fine paper:				
Rubber and products.....do..	123.5	126.1	126.8	126.4	Orders, new.....do..	*110,098	r110,655	102,000	.....
Tires and tubes.....do..	125.1	129.3	129.3	129.6	Production.....do..	*91,846	r113,292	95,000	.....
Textile prod., etc.....do..	97.5	94.9	95.1	95.3	Shipments.....do..	*93,699	r112,059	95,000	.....
Apparel.....do..	99.3	98.1	r98.4	98.6	Stocks, end of month.....do..	*90,330	r100,256	101,000	.....
Cotton products.....do..	94.1	88.4	88.9	89.1	Printing paper:				
Silk products.....do..	134.7	123.9	124.2	126.3	Orders, new.....do..	*310,681	r320,207	290,000	.....
Synthetic textiles.....do..	86.7	85.6	r85.7	85.7	Production.....do..	*280,905	r299,890	268,000	.....
Wool products.....do..	111.8	110.1	109.8	110.3	Shipments.....do..	*282,611	r304,524	264,000	.....
Tobacco mfs. & bot.bev.do..	115.6	121.4	121.4	121.5	Stocks, end of month.....do..	*150,218	r149,540	153,500	.....
Beverages, alcoholic..do..	110.0	114.2	114.2	114.3	Coarse paper:				
Cigarettes.....do..	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	Orders, new.....do..	*270,964	r278,907	275,000	.....
FINANCE					Production.....do..	*256,249	r285,178	262,000	.....
Bank debits, total (345 centers).....mil. dol.	134,386	163,407	154,859	151,525	Shipments.....do..	*257,445	r279,933	260,000	.....
New York City.....do..	45,516	64,965	61,155	58,316	Stocks, end of month.....do..	*74,160	r97,445	99,000	.....
6 other centers.....do..	29,958	33,785	31,556	31,526	TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS					Cotton: 1/				
Paints, varnish, and lacquer:					Consumption.....bales	725,849	781,767	542,577	667,443
Factory shipments, total					Mfs., spindle activity:				
thous. dol.	*124,953	r131,926	117,771	.....	Active spindles, last working day, total.....thous.	21,391	20,646	20,606	20,633
Industrial sales.....do..	*48,641	r46,531	41,078	.....	Consum. 100% cotton.....do..	20,063	19,332	19,286	19,306
Trade sales.....do..	*76,312	r85,395	76,693	.....	Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total 1/...mil. hr.	9,857	10,939	7,066	9,171
FOODSTUFFS					Av. per working day.....do..	493	447	372	459
Livestock slaughter:					Consum. 100% cotton 1/...do..	9,279	10,216	6,578	8,583
Calves.....thous. animals	602	622	640	649	Operations as % of capacity..	134.8	122.8	102.4	126.2
Cattle.....do..	1,494	1,570	1,622	1,635					
Hogs.....do..	3,396	3,453	3,325	3,852					
Sheep and lambs.....do..	1,158	1,200	1,209	1,207					

⌊/ Revised. * July 1953 data. 1/ Data for June 1954 cover 5 weeks; other month, 4 weeks.

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