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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1953	1954				ITEM	1953	1954			
	Sept. 26	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	Sept. 26		Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25		
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard						
All commodities...1947-49=100	*111.0	109.9	110.0	108.9	and Poor's.....1935-39=100	178.1	234.7	238.0	242.3		
Farm products.....do.	*98.1	95.1	95.1	92.8	Industrials (420).....do..	191.3	239.3	263.7	269.2		
Foods, processed.....do.	*106.6	105.1	106.1	105.8	Production:						
All other.....do.	*114.7	114.5	114.5	114.4	Bitum. coal 3/..thous.sh.tons	**1,608	1,329	1,322	.....		
22 commodities 2/.....do.	87.6	91.1	90.8	90.7	Electric power, by utilities						
Department store sales.....do.	**120	97	120	.....	all. kw.-hr.	**8,395	6,808	9,074	.....		
Insured unemployment, total					Motor vehicles (Ward's).....No.	132,329	82,747	71,386	68,237		
thous.	**862	#1,814	.....	.....	Petroleum,crude 3/..thous.bbl.	**6,405	6,086	6,103	.....		
State programs.....do.	**611	#1,639	.....	.....	Steel (Ingots & bar castings,						
Failures, ind. & com., number	152	168	195	212	quantity) 4/.....1947-49=100	133.5	93.5	98.5	101.9		
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Freight car loadings,thous.cars	**824	602	711	.....		
rate (Moody's) 3/.....percent	3.54	3.13	3.13	3.14	Miscellaneous.....do.,	**402	300	362	.....		

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended October 2, 1952. * Monthly index for September 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest for which data are shown. # Data for preceding week; Total, 1,784,000; State programs, 1,606,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	August	June	July	August		August	June	July	August
BUSINESS POPULATION					COMMODITY PRICES - Con.				
Industrial & comm. failures:					Wholesale prices - Con.				
Failures, total.....number	700	985	856	912	Beef steers (Chicago)				
Commercial service.....do.	49	81	80	80	do. per 100 lb.	24.78	23.48	23.47	23.71
Construction.....do.	92	132	95	100	Hogs (Chicago).....do.	22.97	21.43	19.75	20.50
Manufacturing & mining.....do.	148	208	168	187	Beef, choice (N.Y.)...do. per lb.	.432	.405	.417	.414
Retail trade.....do.	340	455	417	431	Pork, loins (N.Y.).....do.	.570	.587	.598	.534
Wholesale trade.....do.	71	89	99	94	Pig iron, comp.....do. per 1 ton	56.23	56.03	56.03	56.03
Utilities, total.....thous. do.	28,329	41,613	32,230	32,582	Steel, comp., fin.....do. per lb.	.0524	.0524	.0539	.0541
Commercial service.....do.	1,077	2,043	2,524	2,361	Aluminum, scrap castings				
Construction.....do.	3,668	4,514	4,958	2,365	(N.Y.).....do. per lb.	.0900	.1000	.1000	.1000
Manufacturing & mining.....do.	10,267	18,434	9,986	12,388	Copper, electro. (N.Y.)...do.	.2961	.2970	.2975	.2978
Retail trade.....do.	10,275	11,722	9,622	11,225	Lead, refined, pig, desl-				
Wholesale trade.....do.	3,042	4,678	5,140	4,262	varized (N.Y.).....do. per lb.	.1400	.1411	.1400	.1408
COMMODITY PRICES					Zinc, prime W. (St. Louis) do.	.1096	.1096	.1100	.1100
Consumer price index, all					Cotton, middling 15/16", av.				
Items.....1947-49=100	115.0	115.1	115.2	1/ 115.0	10 markets.....cents per lb.	30.98	34.23	34.42	34.05
Apparel.....do.	104.5	104.2	104.0	105.7	Wool, raw (Boston) do. per lb.	.725	1.767	1.756	1.762
Food.....do.	114.1	113.8	114.6	113.9	CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE				
Dairy products.....do.	109.1	102.9	104.5	105.1	Contract awards:				
Fruits & vegetables.....do.	112.7	117.1	120.1	114.7	F. W. Dodge Corp. (57 States):				
Meats, poultry & fish.....do.	114.1	111.1	109.7	107.6	Total projects.....number	46,564	59,741	60,996	61,672
Housing.....do.	118.0	118.9	119.0	119.2	Total valuation.....mil. do.	1,414.4	1,733.3	1,836.9	1,572.9
Gas & electricity.....do.	108.9	107.6	107.8	107.8	Building, total.....do.	1,053.4	1,376.7	1,387.0	1,243.5
Household durables.....do.	107.4	105.8	105.7	105.4	Engineering News-Record: Eng.				
Rent.....do.	125.1	128.3	128.5	128.8	construc. value 2/...mil. do.	1,111.2	1,160.8	1,575.0	1,271.0
Medical care.....do.	121.8	125.1	125.2	125.5	Construct. cost indexes (ENR) 3/:				
Personal care.....do.	112.7	112.7	113.5	113.4	Building.....1947-49=100	128.9	131.5	134.7	134.4
Reading and recreation.....do.	107.6	106.4	107.0	106.6	Construction.....do.	134.6	138.6	141.7	141.4
Transportation.....do.	130.6	128.9	126.7	126.6	DOMESTIC TRADE				
Other goods & services.....do.	118.4	120.1	120.3	120.2	Newspaper advertising:				
Wholesale p., selected items:					Language, total (52 cities)				
Butter, 92-score (N.Y.)					thous. lines	*187,997	216,570	185,771	.....
do. per lb.	.661	.579	.578	.579	Classified.....do.	*53,368	52,030	50,193	.....
Cheese, Amer. (Chicago) do.	.405	.369	.371	.372	Display, total.....do.	*134,629	164,540	135,578	.....
Eggs, extras, large (Chicago)					Automotive.....do.	*11,581	15,128	11,530	.....
do. per doz.	.587	.581	.597	.598	Financial.....do.	*3,074	2,821	3,227	.....
Corn, av. 5 markets do. per bu.	1.550	1.577	1.581	1.610	General.....do.	*24,931	31,512	23,992	.....
Wheat, av. 6 markets.....do.	2.459	2.295	2.358	2.578	Retail.....do.	*95,442	115,179	96,980	.....

1/ Revised. * July 1953 data. 1/ Index on base previously used (1935-39=100) is 102.3. 2/ Data for July 1954 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 3/ Data reported at the beginning of each month are shown here for the previous month.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	August	June	July	August		August	June	July	August
DOMESTIC TRADE - Con.					FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO - Con.				
Magazine advertising, linage, total.....thous. of lines	4,136	3,214	3,104	3,864	Tobacco, mfd. prod. - con.				
Mail-order & store sales, total, 2 Cos.....thous. dol.	339,713	352,655	313,704	327,817	Consumption (withdrawals):				
Montgomery Ward & Co.....do..	89,164	81,318	69,881	77,591	Cigarettes, small, tax-free	*3,339	2,798	2,759	.....
Sears, Roebuck & Co.....do..	250,549	271,337	243,822	250,227	millions				
FINANCE					Cigarettes, small, tax-paid	*29,914	34,998	28,959	.....
Federal Government finance: 1/					millions				
Receipts, Treasury.....mil. dol.	5,153	11,241	3,148	4,801	Cigars, tax-paid.....thousands	*463,787	510,197	434,978	.....
Receipts, net.....do..	4,475	10,539	2,827	3,911	Manufactured tobacco & snuff, tax-paid.....thous. lbs.	*15,862	17,643	14,275	.....
Customs.....do..	47	49	45	48	LEATHER AND PRODUCTS				
Income & empl. taxes.....do..	4,011	10,135	2,059	3,806	Shoes & slippers, production, total.....thous. pairs	r43,030	41,224	r38,874	45,950
Miscel. internal rev.....do..	955	852	790	828	Shoes, sandals, etc. 2/.....do..	r36,765	36,825	r34,354	39,680
Expenditures, total.....do..	5,948	7,115	4,827	6,731	Men's.....do..	7,963	7,631	r6,646	7,695
Interest on debt.....do..	206	1,752	213	332	Youths' and boys'.....do..	1,696	1,716	r1,643	1,937
National defense, etc.....do..	3,519	4,059	p3,048	p3,318	Women's.....do..	r19,303	19,604	r19,681	21,844
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS					Misses' and children's.....do..	5,107	4,821	4,366	5,514
Alcohol, ethyl:					Infants' and babies'.....do..	2,696	3,053	r2,018	2,690
Production.....thous. proof gal.	r31,940	37,268	34,608	32,850	Slippers for housewear.....do..	5,697	3,989	r4,186	5,800
Stocks, total.....do..	r71,883	51,132	55,777	57,509	Athletic.....do..	296	271	222	285
in industrial alcohol					METALS & MANUFACTURES				
bonded warehouses.....do..	r50,383	30,779	35,690	36,443	Castings, gray iron:				
In denaturing plants.....do..	r21,500	20,353	20,087	21,066	Orders, unfilled, for sale				
Used for denaturation.....do..	r35,360	32,357	27,603	29,956	thous. sh. tons	*1,233	804	829	.....
Withdrawn tax-paid.....do..	1,944	835	697	923	Shipments, total.....do..	*1,056	987	821	.....
Alcohol, denatured:					For sale.....do..	*573	556	450	.....
Production.....thous. wine gal.	19,058	17,511	14,906	16,180	Castings, malleable iron:				
Consump. (withdrawals).....do..	17,861	17,394	15,678	15,878	Orders, unf., for sale.sh.tons	*137,251	60,163	63,711	.....
Stocks.....do..	6,803	7,483	6,704	7,002	Shipments, total.....do..	*77,111	72,820	50,893	.....
Superphosphate (bulk):					For sale.....do..	*45,413	41,121	25,243	.....
Production.....sh. ton	*155,831	r165,683	129,295	.....	Castings, steel:				
Stocks, end of month.....do..	*241,028	r248,229	274,663	.....	Shipments, total.....do..	*139,577	100,022	75,848	.....
FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO					For sale, total.....do..	*105,687	72,881	53,207	.....
Meats, production, total.....mil. lb.	1,525	1,683	1,641	1,673	Railway specialties.....do..	*22,925	8,596	5,815	.....
Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	860,476	905,294	920,803	919,606	Steel forgings:				
Lamb and mutton.....do..	49,401	51,950	52,385	53,001	Orders, unfilled,thous.sh.tons	*1,080.6	409.2	395.4	.....
Pork, including lard.....do..	614,699	725,640	667,645	700,693	Shipments, for sale.....do..	*155.3	113.1	96.8	.....
Lard.....do..	105,809	137,369	129,394	127,058	Drop and upset.....do..	*112.8	86.2	74.4	.....
Stocks, cold storage, end mo.:					Press and open hammer.....do..	*42.4	26.9	22.3	.....
Butter, creamery.....thous. lb.	334,853	468,453	r503,921	508,683	Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....number	r185,029	195,781	193,607	185,397
Cheese, total.....do..	445,575	567,541	r607,993	609,470	Radio sets, prod. 3/.thousands	991.6	837.7	438.1	785.5
Fruits, frozen.....do..	602,000	722,477	r794,637	783,089	Television sets, prod. 3/.do..	603.8	544.1	307.0	633.4
Vegetables, frozen.....do..	573,603	443,724	r492,594	604,418	TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
Meats, total.....mil. lb.	532	605	r530	468	Rayon and acetate:				
Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	153,672	127,141	r122,333	126,575	Shipments, dom., producers':				
Lamb and mutton.....do..	9,460	9,450	r8,448	8,406	Filament yarn.....mil. lb.	72.0	57.8	53.1	52.9
Pork, excluding lard.....do..	265,981	346,024	r282,873	226,763	Staple (incl. tow).....do..	23.8	35.7	32.1	35.8
Poultry.....do..	127,340	151,147	r141,651	146,970	Stocks, producers', end mo.:				
Eggs: Shell.....thous. cases	827	1,639	r1,435	1,029	Filament yarn.....mil. lb.	65.1	67.0	70.3	73.2
Frozen.....thous. lb.	133,427	186,189	r180,777	160,292	Staple (incl. tow).....do..	37.0	28.0	28.9	30.1
Tobacco, manufactured prod.:					Wool: 4/				
Production, total.....thous. lb.	*15,999	17,883	14,557	.....	Consump.,mill (clean basis):				
Chewing, plug & twist.....do..	*7,194	7,435	6,411	.....	Apparel class.....thous. lb.	*32,630	28,084	21,319	.....
Smoking.....do..	*6,301	6,953	5,962	.....	Carpet class.....do..	*7,450	9,286	5,903	.....
Snuff.....do..	*2,504	3,495	2,184	.....					

1/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. * July 1953 data. 1/ Effective with February 1954, data are reported on a budgetary basis; they are not entirely comparable with earlier data which are as originally shown in the daily Treasury Statement. 2/ Except athletic. 3/ Data for June 1954 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 4/ Data for July 1953 and June 1954 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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