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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	Dec. 5	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4		Dec. 5	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	192.0	254.5	258.6	258.2
All commodities...19=7-49=100	*109.8	109.7	109.5	109.5	Industrials (420).....do..	207.5	284.8	289.8	289.1
Farm products.....do..	*93.7	93.0	92.0	91.8	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*103.8	103.8	103.2	103.5	Bitum. coal <u>3</u> /..thous.sh.tons	**1,488	1,495	1,470	.....
All other.....do..	*114.5	114.5	114.5	114.5	Electric power, by utilities				
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	88.6	90.7	90.4	90.2	mil. kw.-hr.	**8,582	9,317	9,087	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**133	134	133	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	116,857	155,960	130,396	164,543
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum, crude <u>3</u> /..thous.bbl.	**6,133	6,163	6,167	.....
thous.	**1,149	#1,584	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	122.8	117.8	119.2	120.8
State programs.....do..	**1,065	#1,413	.....	.....	Freight car loadings..thous.cars	**596	697	584	.....
Failures, ind. & comm..number	202	208	226	221	Miscellaneous.....do..	**317	354	306	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.39	3.13	3.12	3.13					

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Week ended December 11, 1954. * Monthly index for November 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest for which data are shown. # Data for preceding week: Total, 1,664,000; State programs, 1,490,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	November	September	October	November		November	September	October	November
COMMODITY PRICES					CONSTRUC. & REAL ESTATE - Con.				
Prices rec'd by farmers, all farm products...1910-14=100	249	246	242	244	New construction - Con.				
Crops.....do..	234	247	243	244	Seasonally adjusted,				
Food grains.....do..	229	233	235	239	total.....mil. dol.	2,936	3,153	r3,106	3,177
Feed grains and hay.....do..	195	210	204	199	Private, total.....do..	2,002	2,216	r2,207	2,238
Tobacco.....do..	433	444	441	438	Residential (nonfarm)..do..	976	1,196	1,196	1,207
Cotton.....do..	269	292	293	281	Nonres. building <u>1</u> /.....do..	502	515	r506	526
Fruit.....do..	205	248	218	206	Farm construction.....do..	139	127	126	125
Commercial vegetables...do..	218	170	191	237	Public utility.....do..	375	367	367	368
Oil-bearing crops.....do..	263	276	275	277	Public, total.....do..	934	937	r899	939
Livestock and products...do..	263	245	242	243	Nonresidential bldg....do..	370	384	r365	379
Meat animals.....do..	267	277	267	266	Highway.....do..	277	299	r277	291
Dairy products.....do..	288	253	263	266	Construction cost indexes:				
Poultry and eggs.....do..	224	162	153	159	Department of Commerce, composite.....1947-49=100	*122.5	r122.7	123.1	.....
Prices paid by farmers:					The American Appraisal Co.:				
All commod. & services...do..	259	263	262	262	Avg. 30 cities.....1913=100	585	595	597	598
Family living items.....do..	270	273	273	272	Atlanta.....do..	641	649	649	649
Production items.....do..	r247	251	250	251	New York.....do..	609	629	629	629
All commod., services, int., taxes, etc.....1910-14=100	277	280	279	279	San Francisco.....do..	525	539	545	545
Parity ratio.....do..	90	88	87	87	St. Louis.....do..	576	596	598	599
Retail price (Dept. Commerce):					FINANCE				
All commodities...1935-39=100	*210.0	208.2	207.6	.....	Federal Government finance:				
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE					Gross debt (direct), end of				
New construction:					month.....mil. dol.	275,209	274,810	278,752	278,853
Unadjusted, total...mil. dol.	3,024	3,609	r3,477	3,263	Interest-bearing, total..do..	273,128	272,440	276,400	276,511
Private, total.....do..	2,077	2,437	r2,395	2,322	Public issues.....do..	232,115	230,033	234,161	234,160
Residential (nonfarm)..do..	1,034	1,306	1,306	1,267	Special issues.....do..	41,013	42,407	42,238	42,351
New dwelling units.....do..	915	1,175	1,180	1,150	Noninterest bearing.....do..	2,081	2,370	2,352	2,342
Additions and alter...do..	94	106	102	95	Obligations guaranteed by				
Nonres. bldg., total <u>1</u> /..do..	523	551	r541	551	U. S. Government...mil. dol.	74	29	34	34
Industrial.....do..	177	160	r163	169	Security markets:				
Commercial.....do..	192	207	197	200	Stocks, prices:				
Farm construction.....do..	118	153	126	106	Dow-Jones & Co., Inc. (65				
Public utility.....do..	393	415	410	386	stocks).....dol. per share	105.82	130.40	131.54	137.84
Public, total.....do..	947	1,172	r1,082	941	Industrial (30).....do..	277.10	352.71	358.30	375.50
Nonresidential bldg....do..	353	424	r391	360	Public utility (15).....do..	51.57	61.04	59.43	60.12
Military facilities....do..	96	91	r95	90	Railroad (20).....do..	97.23	116.03	118.41	126.95
Highway.....do..	286	445	r390	300					

1/ Revised. * October 1953 data. 1/ Except farm and public utility.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	October	August	September	October		October	August	September	October
FINANCE - Con.					GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.				
Life insurance (LIAA):					Manufacturers' sales, inven-				
Assets, admitted, 49 compa-					nories, and orders - value:				
nies, total.....mil. dol.	67,685	71,529	71,930	72,341	Sales, total 2/.....mil. dol.	25,010	23,482	r23,626	23,377
Bonds & stocks, total...do..	41,976	43,598	43,713	43,870	Durable goods.....do..	12,376	10,952	r10,947	10,789
Government (domestic and					Nondurable goods.....do..	12,634	12,530	r12,679	12,588
foreign), total..mil. dol.	10,517	10,197	10,088	9,993	Inventories, book value, end				
U. S. Government.....do..	8,566	7,839	7,757	7,692	of month, total 2/.mil. dol.	47,044	43,929	r43,668	43,773
Public utility.....do..	12,132	12,857	12,953	13,002	Durable goods.....do..	26,987	24,232	r24,120	24,372
Railroad.....do..	3,451	3,552	3,542	3,587	Nondurable goods.....do..	20,057	19,697	r19,548	19,401
Other.....do..	15,875	16,992	17,129	17,287	New orders, net, total 2/..do..	22,163	22,560	r24,463	23,974
Cash.....do..	776	826	815	823	Durable goods.....do..	9,677	9,978	r11,699	11,506
Mortgage loans, total...do..	18,950	20,555	20,767	20,961	Nondurable goods.....do..	12,486	12,582	r12,764	12,468
Farm.....do..	1,648	1,770	1,779	1,786	Unfilled orders, total 3/..do..	63,626	47,275	r48,001	48,198
Other.....do..	17,302	18,785	18,988	19,175	Durable goods.....do..	60,796	44,673	r45,260	45,549
Policy loans and premium					Nondurable goods.....do..	2,830	2,602	r2,741	2,649
notes.....do..	2,413	2,549	2,560	2,569	ELECTRIC POWER				
Real-estate holdings...do..	1,745	1,879	1,914	1,942	Electric power, production,				
Other admitted assets...do..	1,824	2,122	2,161	2,175	total.....mil. kw.-hr.	43,820	47,196	45,529	46,709
Bonds:					Utilities.....do..	37,658	41,167	39,547	40,456
Average price of all listed					Industrial establish.....do..	6,162	6,030	5,981	6,253
bonds (NYSE) 1/.....dollars	97.59	100.62	100.53	100.39	LEATHER AND PRODUCTS				
Domestic.....do..	98.03	101.00	100.90	100.74	Shoes & slippers, production,				
Foreign.....do..	75.70	78.74	78.96	79.71	total.....thous. pairs	42,437	48,523	42,795	42,883
Value, issues listed NYSE:					Shoes, sandals, etc. 4/..do..	34,937	41,737	35,787	35,349
Market value, all issues 1/					Men's.....do..	8,178	7,848	7,508	8,089
mil. dol.	94,572	109,495	109,350	109,395	Youths' and boys'.....do..	1,402	1,953	1,685	1,621
Domestic.....do..	92,613	107,382	107,232	107,269	Women's.....do..	16,608	23,065	18,351	17,611
Foreign.....do..	1,406	1,440	1,448	1,453	Misses' and children's...do..	5,712	6,122	5,513	5,262
Face value, all issues 1/					Infants' and babies'....do..	3,037	2,749	2,730	2,766
mil. dol.	96,904	108,816	108,778	108,965	Slippers for housewear...do..	6,962	6,315	6,447	6,939
Domestic.....do..	94,471	106,322	106,280	106,477	Athletic.....do..	285	293	288	331
Foreign.....do..	1,858	1,829	1,833	1,823	PAPER AND PRINTING				
Stocks:					Newsprint, Canada:				
Shares listed on NYSE:					Production.....sh. tons	510,772	503,145	491,153	525,996
Market value.....mil. dol.	115,428	142,284	150,659	148,163	Shipments from mills....do..	506,544	518,844	482,559	541,835
No. shares listed...millions	2,902	3,071	3,093	3,094	Stocks, mills, end mo....do..	144,764	158,988	167,582	151,743
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS					Newsprint, United States:				
Personal income, seasonally					Consump. by publishers...do..	429,509	360,825	388,321	437,191
adjusted, at annual rates:					Production.....do..	97,112	99,492	96,592	110,328
Total.....bil. dol.	287.8	285.4	r286.6	285.9	Shipments from mills....do..	96,288	98,503	98,202	107,407
Wage & salary disbursements,					Stocks, end of month:				
total.....bil. dol.	199.1	195.5	r195.4	195.8	At mills.....do..	7,072	8,643	7,033	9,954
Commodity-producing					At publishers.....do..	514,419	508,703	490,256	448,907
industries.....do..	87.9	82.7	r82.4	82.7	In transit to publish...do..	80,803	66,199	64,769	77,057
Distributive ind.....do..	52.5	52.8	52.9	52.7	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT				
Service industries.....do..	25.0	25.8	r25.9	26.1	Motor vehicles, factory sales,				
Government.....do..	33.7	34.2	34.2	34.3	total.....number	621,288	521,450	369,942	287,557
Other labor income.....do..	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	Coaches, total.....do..	519	309	326	397
Proprietors' and rental in-					Domestic.....do..	496	306	314	385
come.....bil. dol.	48.0	48.2	r48.8	47.2	Passenger cars, total...do..	528,814	445,306	300,998	221,195
Personal interest income					Domestic.....do..	516,969	431,371	292,721	214,913
and dividends.....bil. dol.	23.5	24.3	24.4	24.5	Trucks, total.....do..	91,955	75,835	68,618	65,965
Transfer payments.....do..	14.6	15.5	r16.0	16.4	Domestic.....do..	79,541	60,263	50,845	48,793
Less personal contributions									
for social ins.....bil. dol.	4.0	4.7	r4.6	4.6					
Total nonagr. income.....do..	272.7	270.2	r271.1	271.8					

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes data of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, not shown separately. 3/ Adjusted. 4/ Except athletic.

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