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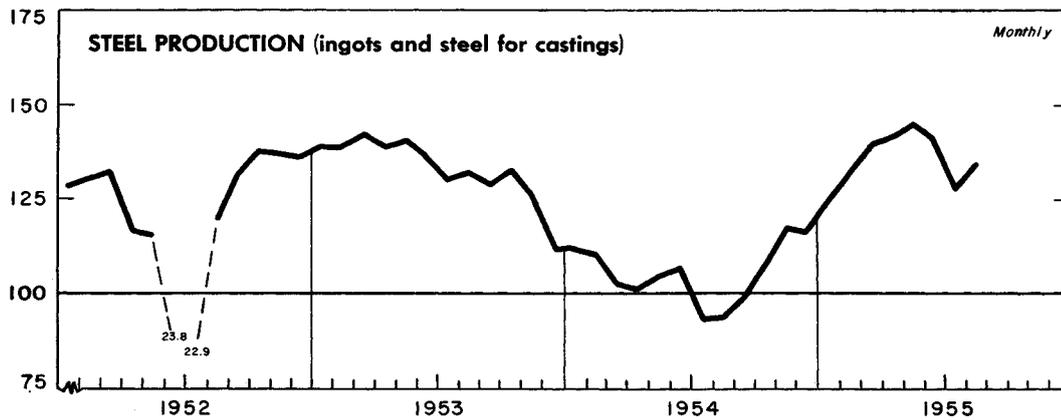


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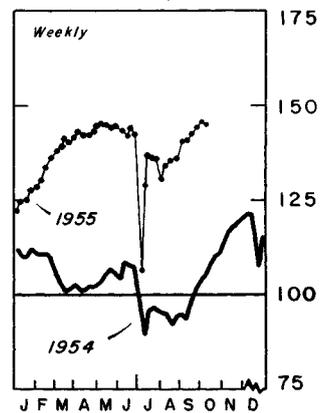
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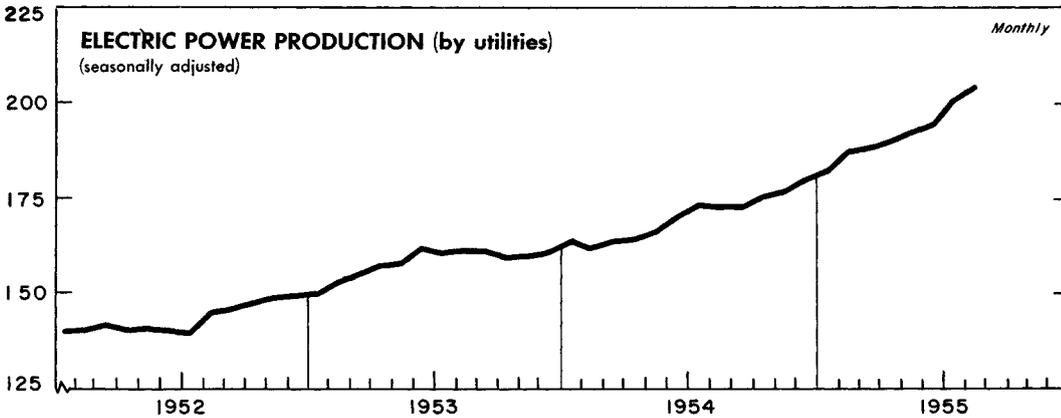
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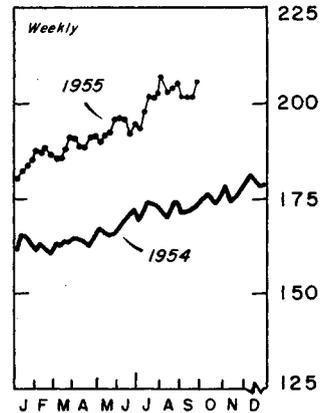
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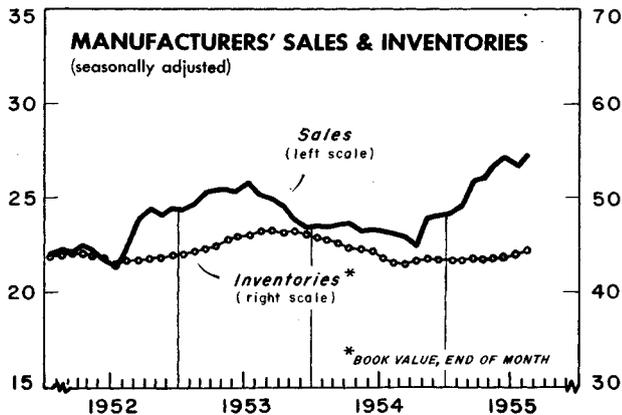
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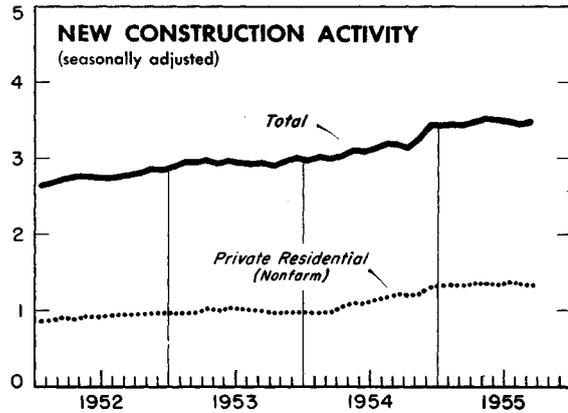
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1954		1955			
	Sept. 25	Oct. 2	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	*110.0	.....	111.1	111.4	111.4	111.3
Farm products.....do....	*93.6	.....	88.3	89.6	89.4	89.0
Foods, processed.....do....	*105.5	.....	101.8	102.2	101.8	101.7
All other.....do....	*114.4	.....	117.8	117.9	117.9	118.0
22 commodities 2/.....do....	90.7	90.4	89.8	89.8	89.6	90.4
Department store sales.....do....	118	110	108	125	111	.....
Insured unemployment, total 3/.....thous..	1,702	1,678	1,006	964	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,535	1,515	904	870	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 4/.....mil. of dol..	29,903	29,953	30,515	30,451	30,344	30,382
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 4/.....do....	24,908	24,687	25,401	25,577	25,613	25,478
Member bank reserve balances 4/.....do....	18,596	18,250	18,685	18,750	18,767	18,618
Excess reserves, estimated 4/.....do....	905	587	599	628	625	535
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 5/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	54,547	55,043	55,555	56,110	56,263	.....
Time deposits, except Government.....do....	21,276	21,270	21,564	21,606	21,640	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	82,381	82,689	84,150	84,735	84,516	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	35,908	35,696	30,791	30,940	30,546	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	21,005	21,015	24,080	24,400	24,570	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	6,884	6,902	8,135	8,188	8,216	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	212	192	205	191	171	186
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 4/.....percent..	3.14	3.14	3.32	3.31	3.31	3.31
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Standard and Poor's) 1935-39=100..	242.3	244.8	319.9	325.8	328.0	319.1
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	269.2	272.8	366.7	374.0	377.1	366.4
Production:						
Bituminous coal 4/.....thous. of short tons..	1,377	1,353	1,714	1,662	1,605	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	9,072	9,158	10,155	10,623	10,756	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	69,044	81,027	94,978	143,611	147,195	137,676
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 4/.....thous. of bbl..	6,184	6,145	6,655	6,684	6,671	.....
Steel 6/.....thous. of short tons..	1,637	1,678	2,264	2,309	2,320	2,341
Percent of capacity 6/.....do....	#68.7	#70.4	93.8	95.7	96.1	97.0
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	710	722	706	822	819	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	352	358	338	400	399	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Includes UCFE program beginning January 8, 1955. 4/ Daily average. 5/ Wednesday data. 6/ Week ended October 8; Production, 2,330 thous. short tons; operating rate, 96.5 percent. * Monthly index for September 1954. # Not comparable with 1955 rates which are based on higher capacity as reported January 1, 1955.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1954		1955			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Farm income and marketings:						
Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol..	2,205	2,481	1,919	1,959	2,071	.....
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do....	2,187	2,469	1,902	1,948	2,061	.....
Crops.....do....	929	1,111	511	653	868	.....
Livestock and products, total.....do....	1,258	1,358	1,391	1,295	1,193	.....
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans: 1/						
All commodities.....1935-39=100..	330	372	287	294	311	.....
Crops.....do....	328	393	181	231	307	.....
Livestock and products.....do....	331	357	366	341	314	.....
Indexes of volume of farm marketings: 1/						
All commodities.....do....	148	163	134	135	143	.....
Crops.....do....	132	155	67	90	127	.....
Livestock and products.....do....	160	168	184	169	156	.....
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	21,728	23,164	26,325	27,394	r24,644	27,568
Durable-goods industries, total 2/.....do....	10,191	10,701	13,390	13,974	r12,114	13,596
Primary metal.....do....	1,421	1,529	2,241	2,349	r1,875	2,237
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,109	1,240	1,259	1,397	r1,294	1,553
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	2,772	2,884	3,382	3,682	r3,036	3,367
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	2,575	2,459	3,732	3,529	r3,342	3,209
Lumber and furniture.....do....	839	1,002	1,136	1,244	r1,034	1,344
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	576	625	672	716	r631	745
Nondurable-goods industries, total 2/.....do....	11,537	12,463	12,935	13,420	r12,530	13,972
Food and beverage.....do....	4,041	4,092	4,176	4,377	r4,148	4,364
Tobacco.....do....	319	338	343	343	r316	362
Textile.....do....	861	1,058	1,043	1,148	r952	1,212
Paper.....do....	680	751	824	844	r776	882
Chemical.....do....	1,493	1,626	1,979	1,955	r1,753	2,014
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,103	2,122	2,229	2,338	r2,276	2,404
Rubber.....do....	377	363	460	488	453	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	23,209	23,113	26,651	27,111	r26,731	27,389
Durable-goods industries, total 2/.....do....	11,153	10,907	13,322	13,527	r13,503	13,852
Primary metal.....do....	1,634	1,569	2,213	2,315	r2,138	2,299
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,205	1,181	1,325	1,383	r1,407	1,479

r/ Revised. 1/ Unadjusted. 2/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

ITEM	1954		1955			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' sales, value (adjusted) - Continued						
Durable-goods industries - Continued						
Machinery (including electrical).....mil. of dol..	3,151	3,037	3,410	3,547	r3,475	3,520
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	2,666	2,572	3,609	3,329	r3,615	3,483
Lumber and furniture.....do....	932	992	1,125	1,208	r1,198	1,280
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	588	584	652	688	r657	683
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	12,056	12,206	13,329	13,584	r13,228	13,537
Food and beverage.....do....	4,082	4,048	4,189	4,329	r4,223	4,263
Tobacco.....do....	307	322	336	318	r316	332
Textile.....do....	990	1,027	1,172	1,148	r1,133	1,133
Paper.....do....	731	744	841	844	r834	873
Chemical.....do....	1,569	1,641	1,961	1,985	r1,844	2,031
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,124	2,122	2,346	2,386	r2,299	2,404
Rubber.....do....	393	352	465	465	471	.....
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	43,483	42,836	43,649	43,976	r43,855	43,907
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	24,078	23,670	24,539	24,755	r24,574	24,627
Primary metal.....do....	3,133	3,148	3,134	3,116	r3,201	3,285
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,660	2,537	2,601	2,716	r2,656	2,587
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,192	8,052	8,029	8,078	r8,009	8,005
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	5,440	5,338	5,925	5,998	r5,865	5,955
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,633	1,586	1,752	1,747	r1,773	1,755
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	861	836	915	906	r906	887
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	6.9	6.7	6.3	6.5	r6.6	6.8
Goods in process.....do....	9.4	9.3	10.0	10.1	r10.0	10.1
Finished goods.....do....	7.8	7.6	8.3	8.2	7.9	7.8
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....mil. of dol..	19,405	19,166	19,110	19,221	r19,281	19,280
Food and beverage.....do....	4,467	4,460	4,145	4,108	r4,221	4,295
Tobacco.....do....	1,773	1,759	1,805	1,764	r1,722	1,717
Textile.....do....	2,433	2,373	2,444	2,450	r2,422	2,403
Paper.....do....	974	962	1,038	1,034	r1,052	1,056
Chemical.....do....	2,952	2,910	2,993	3,053	r3,051	3,038
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,791	2,815	2,670	2,686	2,753	2,819
Rubber.....do....	779	732	842	875	827	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6
Goods in process.....do....	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.9	r2.9	3.0
Finished goods.....do....	8.9	8.8	8.5	8.7	r8.7	8.8
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	43,431	43,059	43,549	43,779	r43,938	44,294
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	24,011	23,836	24,304	24,457	r24,563	24,778
Primary metal.....do....	3,145	3,126	3,236	3,188	r3,197	3,263
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,583	2,563	2,501	2,587	r2,604	2,614
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,193	8,138	7,919	7,905	r8,010	8,091
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	5,431	5,391	5,876	5,961	r5,905	5,992
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,617	1,570	1,735	1,747	r1,755	1,738
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	861	853	897	897	r906	905
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	6.9	6.7	6.5	6.6	r6.6	6.7
Goods in process.....do....	9.4	9.3	10.0	10.0	r10.1	10.1
Finished goods.....do....	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.8	8.0
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....mil. of dol..	19,420	19,223	19,245	19,322	r19,375	19,516
Food and beverage.....do....	4,592	4,439	4,391	4,344	r4,358	4,326
Tobacco.....do....	1,886	1,871	1,842	1,857	r1,832	1,827
Textile.....do....	2,385	2,373	2,396	2,426	r2,398	2,427
Paper.....do....	984	972	1,038	1,034	r1,063	1,089
Chemical.....do....	2,946	2,949	2,995	3,024	r3,039	3,102
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,763	2,760	2,670	2,713	2,753	2,791
Rubber.....do....	787	754	810	850	853	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Goods in process.....do....	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.9	r2.9	3.0
Finished goods.....do....	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.6	r8.7	8.7
Manufacturers' new orders, net (unadj.), total <u>1</u> /.....mil. of dol..	20,876	21,827	26,708	28,314	r26,100	28,977
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	9,407	9,500	13,713	14,571	r13,347	15,032
Primary metal.....do....	1,301	1,512	2,513	2,328	r2,316	3,129
Fabricated metal.....do....	890	1,158	1,298	1,640	r1,445	1,669
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	2,568	2,441	3,321	3,929	r3,639	3,658
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	2,233	1,699	3,768	3,548	r3,234	3,229
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	11,469	12,327	12,995	13,743	r12,753	13,945
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	2,449	2,755	2,957	3,403	r3,010	3,181
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	9,020	9,572	10,038	10,340	r9,743	10,764
Manufacturers' new orders, net (adjusted), total <u>1</u> /.....do....	21,415	21,913	27,720	27,795	r27,044	29,048
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	9,407	9,756	14,331	14,033	r13,571	15,396
Primary metal.....do....	1,314	1,543	2,538	2,477	r2,339	3,193
Fabricated metal.....do....	890	1,103	1,366	1,562	r1,445	1,590
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	2,579	2,524	3,531	3,734	r3,656	3,786
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles)...do....	2,233	1,999	3,966	3,225	r3,334	3,669
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	12,008	12,157	13,389	13,762	r13,473	13,652
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	2,752	2,783	3,146	3,336	r3,382	3,213
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	9,256	9,374	10,243	10,426	r10,091	10,439
Manufacturers' unfilled orders, end of mo., total <u>2</u> /.....do....	48,696	47,359	48,361	49,321	r50,777	52,186
Durable-goods industries, total.....do....	45,894	44,693	45,429	46,066	r47,299	48,735
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	2,802	2,666	2,932	3,255	r3,478	3,451

1/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown. 2/ Unadjusted.

ITEM	1954		1955			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	249	246	243	237	233	235
Crops.....do....	248	247	244	238	228	229
Food grains.....do....	228	233	232	222	214	217
Feed grains and hay.....do....	207	210	196	190	178	174
Tobacco.....do....	430	444	435	435	437	427
Cotton.....do....	288	292	266	271	277	285
Fruit.....do....	234	248	239	235	213	210
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	199	173	230	223	211	230
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	294	276	256	257	246	225
Livestock and products.....do....	249	245	242	237	237	235
Meat animals.....do....	282	274	276	261	251	250
Dairy products.....do....	245	254	235	242	249	257
Poultry and eggs.....do....	179	162	176	178	191	202
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	264	r262	263	262	260	259
Family living items.....do....	277	273	274	274	273	271
Production items.....do....	250	251	250	248	247	245
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates.....do....	281	280	282	281	279	278
Parity ratio.....do....	89	88	86	84	84	85
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,693	3,674	3,815	3,956	r3,985	4,001
Private, total.....do....	2,457	2,460	2,669	2,763	r2,761	2,758
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,313	1,327	1,480	1,523	r1,484	1,467
New dwelling units.....do....	1,175	1,195	1,315	1,360	1,335	1,325
Additions and alterations.....do....	110	107	134	130	r117	111
Nonresidential building, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	556	558	634	666	r688	717
Industrial.....do....	159	162	189	196	r203	210
Commercial.....do....	210	210	259	277	r289	308
Farm construction.....do....	167	153	141	148	150	137
Public utility.....do....	409	410	398	410	425	425
Public, total.....do....	1,236	1,214	1,141	1,193	r1,224	1,243
Nonresidential building.....do....	437	410	397	393	397	395
Military facilities.....do....	97	98	118	123	128	128
Highway.....do....	479	492	410	450	r470	495
Other types.....do....	223	214	221	227	229	225
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,199	3,199	3,506	3,491	r3,466	3,497
Private, total.....do....	2,226	2,247	2,486	2,514	r2,499	2,516
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,192	1,215	1,358	1,372	r1,337	1,334
Nonresidential building, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	534	530	622	637	r659	680
Farm construction.....do....	128	127	117	116	115	114
Public utility.....do....	362	363	376	376	376	376
Public, total.....do....	973	952	1,020	977	r967	981
Nonresidential building.....do....	385	372	378	351	351	359
Highway.....do....	318	314	325	319	r315	319
Construction cost indexes:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	121.9	122.1	124.7	126.0	126.3

r/ Revised. 1/ Except farm and public utility.

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