



# SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE**

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## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS\*

ITEM	1942			1941		ITEM	1942			1941	
	Oct. 3	Sept. 26	Sept. 19	Oct. 4	Sept. 27		Oct. 3	Sept. 26	Sept. 19	Oct. 4	Sept. 27
<b>Commodity prices, wholesale:</b>						<b>Finance—Continued.</b>					
All commodities..... 1926=100.....		99.4	99.3	91.6	91.2	Federal Reserve reporting member banks:					
Farm products..... do.....		107.3	107.1	90.3	89.9	Deposits, demand, adjusted... mil. of dol.	27,424	27,807	28,085	24,277	24,390
Food..... do.....		102.0	102.0	89.7	87.6	Loans and investments, total..... do.....	35,954	35,349	34,358	29,125	29,120
All other..... do.....		95.7	95.7	92.1	92.0	U. S. Govt. obligations..... do.....	22,054	21,488	20,588	14,301	14,397
28 basic commodities <sup>⊙</sup> August 1939=100.....	169.7	169.2	168.2	155.9	155.6	Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans..... mil. of dol.	6,270	6,281	6,817	6,447	6,389
Cotton, mid., 1/16", 10 mkts. dol. per lb.....		.187	.188	.169	.165	Failures, commercial..... number.....	174	149	117	172	181
Wheat, No. 2, hd. win. (K. C.) dol. per bu.....		1.23	1.20	1.15	1.13	Bond yields (Moody's)..... percent.....	3.32	3.32	3.33	3.29	3.31
Department store sales..... 1935-39=100.....	1.22	1.55	1.37	1.69	1.48	Stock prices (Stan. & Poor) Δ..... 1935-39=100.....	70.4	69.7	68.7	82.7	83.4
<b>Finance:</b>						<b>Production:</b>					
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities:†						Bituminous coal..... thous. of short tons.....	1,883	1,912	1,926	1,898	
Total..... mil. of dol.....	11,665	10,912	10,628	10,127	8,668	Electric power..... mil. of kw-hr.....	3,720	3,757	3,331	3,273	
New York City..... do.....	4,875	4,208	3,977	4,286	3,391	Petroleum..... thous. of bbl.....	3,909	3,936	3,861	4,060	
Currency in circulation..... do.....	13,728	13,529	13,446	10,199	10,085	Steel <sup>⊙</sup> ..... 1935-39=100.....	186.5	184.3	179.3	179.2	
Federal Reserve bank credit, total..... do.....	3,774	3,581	3,877	2,244	2,270	Freight carloadings, total..... thous. of cars.....	896	903	918	920	
Member bank reserve balances..... do.....	11,592	11,886	12,780	13,240	13,273	Miscellaneous..... do.....	426	422	397	400	
Excess reserves, estimated..... do.....	1,600	2,034	3,039	5,193	5,202						

\* Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. † Preliminary. ⊙ Thursday prices. † Daily average. ⊙ Index for week ended October 10, 1942.  
 ‡ Debits to demand deposit accounts, except interbank and U. S. Government accounts, in 101 cities. ♂ Direct and guaranteed. Δ 402 stocks.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1940 Supplement	1942		1941		1942		Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1940 Supplement	1942		1941		1942									
	September	September	September	July	August	September		September	July	August											
<b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>						<b>FINANCE—Continued</b>															
Prices received by farmers:						Stock prices—Continued															
U. S. Department of Agriculture:						New York Times (50 stocks)..... dol. per share.....						74.40	90.91	73.26	73.10						
Combined index..... 1909-14=100.....						163	139	154	163	Industrials (25 stocks)..... do.....						128.65	160.08	129.42	126.93		
Chickens and eggs..... do.....						166	141	145	156	Railroads (25 stocks)..... do.....						20.16	21.74	18.71	19.26		
Cotton and cottonseed..... do.....						156	150	155	161	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>											
Dairy products..... do.....						156	140	144	151	Freight-car loadings (A. A. R.): ‡											
Fruits..... do.....						129	107	131	126	Total cars..... thousands.....						3,504	3,540	3,322	4,351		
Grains..... do.....						119	108	115	115	Coal..... do.....						661	652	605	825		
Meat animals..... do.....						195	163	193	200	Coke..... do.....						56	52	54	69		
Truck crops..... do.....						191	161	200	258	Forest products..... do.....						199	179	203	270		
Miscellaneous..... do.....						172	131	139	173	Grains and grain products..... do.....						188	167	194	228		
<b>FINANCE</b>						<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>															
Dow-Jones & Co., Inc. (65 stocks)..... dol. per share.....						36.00	42.90	35.54	35.46	Livestock..... do.....						71	69	40	68		
Industrials (30 stocks)..... do.....						107.41	127.35	106.94	106.08	Merchandise, i. c. l..... do.....						347	618	346	449		
Public utilities (15 stocks)..... do.....						11.76	18.62	11.75	11.51	Ore..... do.....						336	298	363	440		
Rails (20 stocks)..... do.....						26.76	29.28	25.63	26.19	Miscellaneous..... do.....						1,647	1,526	1,517	2,001		
												Freight-car surplus, total..... do.....						43	41	71	50
												Box cars..... do.....						28	15	46	40
												Coal cars..... do.....						4	10	7	5

\* Revised.  
 ‡ Data for August 1942 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.



