



SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

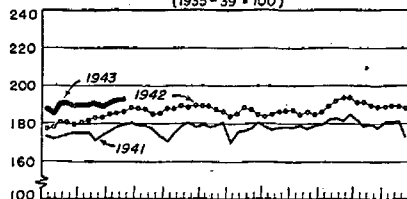
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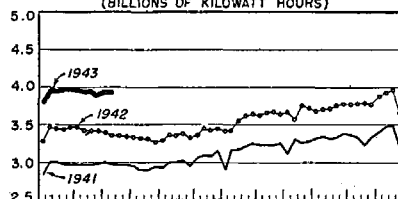
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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

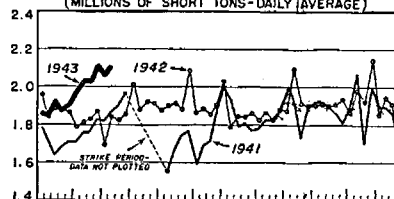
STEEL INGOT PRODUCTION
(1935-39 = 100)



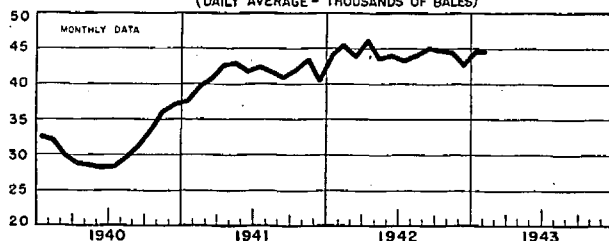
ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCTION
(BILLIONS OF KILOWATT HOURS)



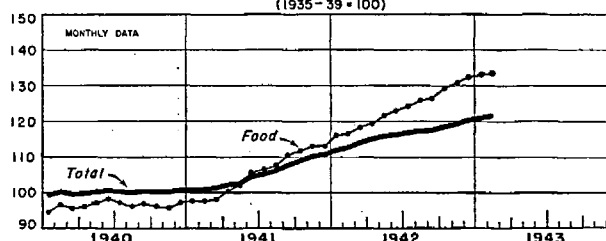
BITUMINOUS COAL PRODUCTION
(MILLIONS OF SHORT TONS-DAILY AVERAGE)



COTTON CONSUMPTION
(DAILY AVERAGE-THOUSANDS OF BALES)



COST OF LIVING
(1935-39 = 100)



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS*

ITEM	1943			1942		
	Mar. 20	Mar. 13	Mar. 6	Mar. 21	Mar. 14	
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities..... 1926=100.....	103.2	102.9	97.2	97.1		
Farm products..... do.....	123.5	122.0	103.1	102.3		
Food..... do.....	107.0	106.4	95.5	95.8		
All other..... do.....	96.6	96.6	95.3	95.2		
28 basic commodities..... August 1939=100.....	178.1	178.3	176.6	165.8	168.1	
Cotton, mid. 1 1/4"..... 10 mts. t. dol. per lb.....	211	211	211	194	193	
Wheat, No. 2, hd. win. (K. C.)..... dol. per bu.....	1.39	1.41	1.42	1.21	1.22	
Department store sales..... 1935-39=100.....	134	142	140	131		
Finance:						
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities:†						
Total..... mil. of dol.....	12,150	9,809	12,302	10,571	8,724	
New York City..... do.....	4,869	3,942	4,891	4,232	3,696	
Currency in circulation.....	16,112	16,204	16,162	11,482	11,525	
Federal Reserve bank credit, total.....	6,699	6,390	6,130	2,351	2,347	
Member bank reserve balances.....	13,516	13,122	12,935	12,939	12,968	
Excess reserves, estimated.....	2,126	1,877	1,786	3,161	3,266	
Finance—Continued.						
Federal Reserve reporting member banks:						
Deposits, demand, adjusted..... mil. of dol.....	32,385	32,116	31,305	25,010	25,129	
Loans and investments, total..... do.....	42,198	41,861	41,470	31,031	31,034	
U. S. Govt. obligations..... do.....	29,343	29,108	28,657	15,759	15,935	
Commercial, industrial, and agricul- tural loans..... mil. of dol.....	5,802	5,804	5,736	7,035	6,959	
Failures, commercial..... number.....	97	91	103	193	224	
Bond yields (Moody's)..... percent.....	3.20	3.21	3.21	3.38	3.38	
Stock prices (Stan. & Poor)..... 1935-39=100.....	87.2	86.9	87.3	65.7	64.4	
Production:						
Bituminous coal..... thous. of short tons.....	2,100	2,058	1,846	1,842		
Electric power..... mil. of kw-hr.....	3,945	3,947	3,357	3,357		
Petroleum..... thous. of bbl.....	3,877	3,887	3,692	3,515		
Steel..... 1935-39=100.....	192.6	192.2	190.5	186.3	185.3	
Freight carloadings, total..... thous. of cars.....	769	749	797	799		
Miscellaneous..... do.....	361	350	375	374		

*Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. †Preliminary. ‡Thursday prices. §Daily average. ¶Index for week ended March 27, 1942.
†Debits to demand deposit accounts, except interbank and U. S. Government accounts, in 101 cities. ‡Direct and guaranteed. ¶402 stocks.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1943	1942	1943	Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1943	1942	1943
	Febru- ary	Febru- ary	Decem- ber		Febru- ary	Febru- ary	Decem- ber
COMMODITY PRICES				COMMODITY PRICES—Continued			
Cost of living:				Wholesale prices—Continued.			
National Industrial Conference Board:				Comm. other than farm prod. 1926=100.....	98.7	95.5	98.1
Combined index..... 1923=100.....	101.8	95.1	101.0	101.4	105.8	94.6	104.3
Clothing..... do.....	88.6	84.5	88.6	88.6	92.2	91.1	89.3
Food..... do.....	110.2	95.7	108.3	109.1	113.3	95.0	111.8
Fuel and light..... do.....	92.2	90.4	90.6	91.7	108.5	85.2	104.3
Housing..... do.....	90.8	90.4	90.8	90.8	115.5	104.0	113.6
Sundries..... do.....	106.7	102.9	106.4	106.6			
U. S. Department of Labor:				Commodities other than farm products and foods..... 1926=100.....	96.2	94.9	95.9
Combined index..... 1935-39=100.....	120.9	112.9	120.4	120.6	110.2	110.0	109.8
Clothing..... do.....	125.9	119.0	125.9	125.9	98.6	97.0	98.7
Food..... do.....	133.6	116.8	132.7	133.0	94.2	93.4	94.2
Fuel, electricity, and ice..... do.....	107.1	104.4	106.3	107.3	134.6	132.7	133.3
Housefurnishings..... do.....	123.9	119.7	123.7	123.7	101.2	98.9	100.3
Rent..... do.....	(*)	108.6	108.0	(*)	100.3	97.0	99.5
Miscellaneous..... do.....	113.5	109.4	112.8	113.1	96.9	96.3	96.1
Wholesale prices (U. S. Department of Labor):				Drugs and pharmaceuticals..... do.....	165.5	126.5	165.4
Combined index (889 quotations)..... 1926=100.....	102.5	96.7	101.0	101.9	79.0	79.3	79.0
Economic classes:				Fertilizer materials..... do.....	101.5	108.2	101.5
Manufactured products..... do.....	100.3	97.0	99.6	100.1	79.8	78.0	79.2
Raw materials..... do.....	109.6	97.0	106.1	108.2	61.2	58.9	60.7
Semimanufactured articles..... do.....	92.9	92.0	92.5	92.8	117.8	115.3	117.8
Farm products..... do.....	119.0	101.3	113.8	117.0	116.0	115.5	116.0
Grains..... do.....	108.6	95.3	100.7	107.3	101.3	101.4	101.3
Livestock and poultry..... do.....	132.8	109.3	123.9	129.2	126.4	121.8	126.4

* Preliminary.

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* Rents not surveyed in January and February.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

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	Febru-ary	Febru-ary	Decem-ber	Janu-ary		Febru-ary	Febru-ary	Decem-ber	Janu-ary
COMMODITY PRICES—Continued					FINANCE—Continued				
Wholesale prices—Continued.					Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau—Con.				
Commodities other than farm products and foods—Continued.					Insurance written, ordinary, etc.—Continued.				
House-furnishing goods..... 1926=100..	102.6	102.5	102.5	102.5	West North Central..... thous. of dol.	49,563	60,218	52,563	46,684
Furnishings..... do.	107.3	107.4	107.3	107.3	South Atlantic..... do.	49,708	60,754	50,307	43,661
Furniture..... do.	97.7	97.4	97.4	97.4	East South Central..... do.	19,722	24,742	20,220	18,131
Metals and metal products..... do.	103.8	103.6	103.8	103.8	West South Central..... do.	37,235	44,577	38,142	34,133
Iron and steel..... do.	97.2	97.0	97.2	97.2	Mountain..... do.	13,752	15,345	16,069	12,798
Metals, nonferrous..... do.	86.0	85.6	86.0	86.0	Pacific..... do.	48,222	60,298	49,282	45,368
Plumbing and heating equipment..... do.	90.4	97.9	90.4	90.4	Capital flotations:				
Textile products..... do.	97.3	95.2	97.2	97.3	Securities issued, total..... do.	102,306	180,282	144,808	176,420
Clothing..... do.	107.0	105.3	107.0	107.0	New capital, total..... do.	57,900	123,775	36,696	6,670
Cotton goods..... do.	112.6	111.4	112.4	112.5	Domestic, total..... do.	57,900	123,775	36,696	6,670
Hosiery and underwear..... do.	70.5	69.6	70.5	70.5	Corporate, total..... do.	11,330	56,709	10,621	2,798
Rayon..... do.	30.3	30.3	30.3	30.3	Federal agencies..... do.	0	36,890	16,720	0
Woolen and worsted goods..... do.	112.4	104.3	112.1	112.4	Municipal, State, etc..... do.	46,570	30,176	9,355	3,872
Miscellaneous..... do.	90.9	89.3	90.5	90.9	Refunding, total..... do.	44,406	56,508	108,113	169,750
Automobile tires and tubes..... do.	73.0	71.0	73.0	73.0	Domestic, total..... do.	44,406	56,508	108,113	79,750
Paper and pulp..... do.	101.1	102.9	99.0	100.1	Corporate, total..... do.	1,895	18,901	64,829	7,517
Wholesale prices of individual commodities:					Federal agencies..... do.				
Brick, com., comp. (f. o. b. pl.)..... dol. per thous.	13.219	13.115	13.236	13.243	Municipal, State, etc..... do.	31,875	26,580	34,245	26,805
Coal:						10,666	11,027	9,039	45,428
Anthracite, chest., comp. dol. per short ton.	10.801	10.288	10.383	10.661	FOODSTUFFS				
Bituminous, mine run, composite..... do.	4.940	4.736	4.858	4.866	Stocks, cold storage, end of month:				
Bituminous, prepared sizes, comp..... do.	5.208	4.925	5.177	5.180	Butter, creamery..... thous. of lb.	12,321	63,701	24,979	15,607
Cotton, 10 mkt. avg..... cents per lb.	20.05	20.27	21.08	20.32	Cheese, total..... do.	94,532	160,073	131,398	113,797
Cotton cloth, mill margins..... cents per lb.	3.03	2.74	2.95	3.00	Eggs:				
Flaxseed, No. 1 (Minneapolis)..... dol. per 100 lb.	2.97	2.33	2.56	2.76	Shell..... thous. of cases	970	529	273	214
Grain and grain products:					Frozen..... thous. of lb.	56,095	73,766	82,948	59,781
Barley:					Fish, total (15th of month)..... do.	52,831	82,677	105,343	174,948
No. 2 malting (Minneapolis)..... do.	.97	.87	.95	.96	Fruits and vegetables, frozen:				
No. 3 straight (Minneapolis)..... do.	.83	.73	.74	.90	Fruits..... thous. of lb.	145,022	142,192	188,041	172,103
Corn:					Vegetables..... do.	75,454	73,245	103,333	92,344
No. 3 white (Chicago)..... do.	1.15	.96	1.08	1.09	Total meats..... mil. of lb.	957	1,098	829	913
Oats, No. 3 white (Chicago)..... do.	.60	.56	.54	.59	Beef and veal..... thous. of lb.	101,099	150,410	127,034	107,185
Rye, No. 2 (Minneapolis)..... do.	.79	.78	.70	.75	Lamb and mutton..... do.	20,155	8,122	34,819	24,885
Wheat:					Pork, total..... do.	752,163	823,169	581,809	700,286
No. 1 Dark Nr. Spring (Mpls)..... do.	1.41	1.25	1.32	1.39	Fresh and cured..... do.	628,450	316,604	490,476	588,419
No. 2 Red Winter (St. Louis)..... do.	1.55	1.31	1.48	1.51	Lard..... do.	123,713	206,565	91,333	111,867
Weighted av., 6 markets, all grades..... do.	1.38	1.21	1.28	1.36	Poultry..... do.	101,697	179,083	187,943	142,002
Wheat flour:					Livestock:				
Standard patents (Mpls)..... dol. per bbl.	6.35	6.33	6.18	6.33	Cattle and calves:				
Winter straights (K. C.)..... do.	6.16	5.74	5.60	6.12	Receipts, principal markets				
Linseed oil (N. Y.)..... dol. per lb.	.143	.119	.123	.134	thous. of animals.....	1,181	1,106	1,320	1,251
Livestock:					Shipments, feeder, to 7 corn belt States				
Beef steers (Chicago)..... dol. per 100 lb.	15.14	12.39	14.85	14.84	thous. of animals.....	72	61	180	87
Steers, stocker and feeder (K. C.)..... do.	13.49	10.69	12.24	12.67	Hogs:				
Calves, vealers (Chicago)..... do.	14.63	13.60	13.50	14.25	Receipts, principal markets..... do.	2,814	2,463	4,225	3,431
Hogs, av., all grades (Chicago)..... do.	15.35	12.68	14.01	14.78	Receipts, principal markets..... do.	1,670	1,535	2,379	1,939
Lambs:					Shipments, feeder, to 7 corn belt States				
Average (Chicago)..... do.	15.91	12.03	15.39	15.86	thous. of animals.....	173	82	175	159
Feeder, good and choice (Omaha)..... do.	14.26	10.92	13.12	13.59	PAPER AND PRINTING				
Lumber:					Newsprint, Canada:				
Ponderosa pine, 1 x 8, No. 3 common					Production..... short tons.	221,807	278,101	244,191	233,544
dol. per M bd. ft.	31.36	31.46	31.83	31.54	Shipments from mills..... do.	222,383	264,621	243,530	215,016
Southern pine, bds, No. 2 com. 1 x 8..... do.	32.000	30.653	30.000	(*)	Stocks, at mills, end of month..... do.	109,938	156,957	91,986	110,514
Potatoes, white (N. Y.)..... dol. per 100 lb.	2.800	2.044	2.275	2.379	Newsprint, United States:				
Rosin gum, "H" (Sav.), bulk..... dol. per cwt.	3.48	3.22	3.43	3.50	Consumption by publishers..... do.	208,143	216,109	252,399	226,741
Turpentine, gum (Savannah)..... dol. per gal.	.631	.761	.695	.638	Production..... do.	61,358	76,234	74,655	69,792
DOMESTIC TRADE					Shipments from mills..... do.	60,147	75,247	75,222	69,691
Chain-store sales, indexes:					Stocks, end of month:				
Chain-store age, combined index (20 chains)					At mills..... do.	13,913	12,414	9,601	9,702
average same month 1929-31=100.....	194.0	165.0	175.0	177.0	At publishers..... do.	381,466	370,101	429,255	391,102
Apparel chains..... do.	295.0	178.0	216.0	243.0	In transit to publishers..... do.	63,166	55,336	50,094	66,707
FINANCE					TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau:					Cotton spindle activity:				
Insurance written, ordinary, total..... thous. of dol.	508,908	634,538	521,524	485,782	Active spindles..... thousands.	22,859	23,088	22,887	22,890
New England..... do.	36,761	51,310	36,426	39,396	Active spindle hours, total..... mil. of hours.	10,246	10,478	10,734	10,820
Middle Atlantic..... do.	136,677	175,355	143,961	137,295	Average per spindle in place..... hours.	435	436	450	455
East North Central..... do.	117,268	141,939	114,554	108,316	Operations..... percent of capacity.....	135.9	136.3	127.9	138.8
COMMODITY PRICES—Continued					COMMODITY PRICES—Continued				
Wholesale prices—Continued.					Wholesale prices—Continued.				
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House-furnishing goods..... 1926=100..	102.6	102.5	102.5	102.5	House-furnishing goods..... 1926=100..	102.6	102.5	102.5	102.5
Furnishings..... do.	107.3	107.4	107.3	107.3	Furnishings..... do.	107.3	107.4	107.3	107.3
Furniture..... do.	97.7	97.4	97.4	97.4	Furniture..... do.	97.7	97.4	97.4	97.4
Metals and metal products..... do.	103.8	103.6	103.8	103.8	Metals and metal products..... do.	103.8	103.6	103.8	103.8
Iron and steel..... do.	97.2	97.0	97.2	97.2	Iron and steel..... do.	97.2	97.0	97.2	97.2
Metals, nonferrous..... do.	86.0	85.6	86.0	86.0	Metals, nonferrous..... do.	86.0	85.6	86.0	86.0
Plumbing and heating equipment..... do.	90.4	97.9	90.4	90.4	Plumbing and heating equipment..... do.	90.4	97.9	90.4	90.4
Textile products..... do.	97.3	95.2	97.2	97.3	Textile products..... do.	97.3	95.2	97.2	97.3
Clothing..... do.	107.0	105.3	107.0	107.0	Clothing..... do.	107.0	105.3	107.0	107.0
Cotton goods..... do.	112.6	111.4	112.4	112.5	Cotton goods..... do.	112.6	111.4	112.4	112.5
Hosiery and underwear..... do.	70.5	69.6	70.5	70.5	Hosiery and underwear..... do.	70.5	69.6	70.5	70.5
Rayon..... do.	30.3	30.3	30.3	30.3	Rayon..... do.	30.3	30.3	30.3	30.3
Woolen and worsted goods..... do.	112.4	104.3	112.1	112.4	Woolen and worsted goods..... do.	112.4	104.3	112.1	112.4
Miscellaneous..... do.	90.9	89.3	90.5	90.9	Miscellaneous..... do.	90.9	89.3	90.5	90.9
Automobile tires and tubes..... do.	73.0	71.0	73.0	73.0	Automobile tires and tubes..... do.	73.0	71.0	73.0	73.0
Paper and pulp..... do.	101.1	102.9	99.0	100.1	Paper and pulp..... do.	101.1	102.9	99.0	100.1
Wholesale prices of individual commodities:					Wholesale prices of individual commodities:				
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Coal:					Coal:				
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Bituminous, prepared sizes, comp..... do.	5.208	4.925	5.177	5.180	Bituminous, prepared sizes, comp..... do.	5.208	4.925	5.177	5.180
Cotton, 10 mkt. avg..... cents per lb.	20.05	20.27	21.08	20.32	Cotton, 10 mkt. avg..... cents per lb.	20.05	20.27	21.08	20.32
Cotton cloth, mill margins..... cents per lb.	3.03	2.74	2.95	3.00	Cotton cloth, mill margins..... cents per lb.	3.03	2.74	2.95	3.00
Flaxseed, No. 1 (Minneapolis)..... dol. per 100 lb.	2.97	2.33	2.56	2.76	Flaxseed, No. 1 (Minneapolis)..... dol. per 100 lb.	2.97	2.33	2.56	2.76
Grain and grain products:					Grain and grain products:				
Barley:					Barley:				
No. 2 malting (Minneapolis)..... do.	.97	.87	.95	.96	No. 2 malting (Minneapolis)..... do.	.97	.87	.95	.96
No. 3 straight (Minneapolis)..... do.	.83	.73	.74	.90	No. 3 straight (Minneapolis)..... do.	.83	.73	.74	.90
Corn:					Corn:				
No. 3 white (Chicago)..... do.	1.15	.96	1.08	1.09	No. 3 white (Chicago)..... do.	1.15	.96	1.08	1.09
Oats, No. 3 white (Chicago)..... do.	.60	.56	.54	.59	Oats, No. 3 white (Chicago)..... do.	.60	.56	.54	.59
Rye, No. 2 (Minneapolis)..... do.	.79	.78	.70	.75	Rye, No. 2 (Minneapolis)..... do.	.79	.78	.70	.75
Wheat:					Wheat:				
No. 1 Dark Nr. Spring (Mpls)..... do.	1.41	1.25	1.32	1.39	No. 1 Dark Nr. Spring (Mpls)..... do.	1.41	1.25	1.32	1.39
No. 2 Red Winter (St. Louis)..... do.	1.55	1.31	1.48	1.51	No. 2 Red Winter (St. Louis)..... do.	1.55	1.31	1.48	1.51
Weighted av., 6 markets, all grades..... do.	1.38	1.21	1.28	1.36	Weighted av., 6 markets, all grades..... do.	1.38	1.21	1.28	1.36
Wheat flour:					Wheat flour:				
Standard patents (Mpls)..... dol. per bbl.	6.35	6.33	6.18	6.33	Standard patents (Mpls)..... dol. per bbl.	6.35	6.33	6.18	6.33
Winter straights (K. C.)..... do.	6.16	5.74	5.60	6.12	Winter straights (K. C.)..... do.	6.16	5.74	5.60	6.12
Linseed oil (N. Y.)..... dol. per lb.	.143	.119	.123	.134	Linseed oil (N. Y.)..... dol. per lb.	.143	.119	.123	.134
Livestock:					Livestock:				
Beef steers (Chicago)..... dol. per 100 lb.	15.14	12.39	14.85	14.84	Beef steers (Chicago)..... dol. per 100 lb.	15.14	12.39	14.85	14.84
Steers,td									