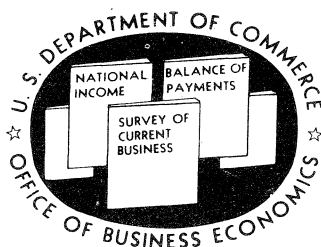


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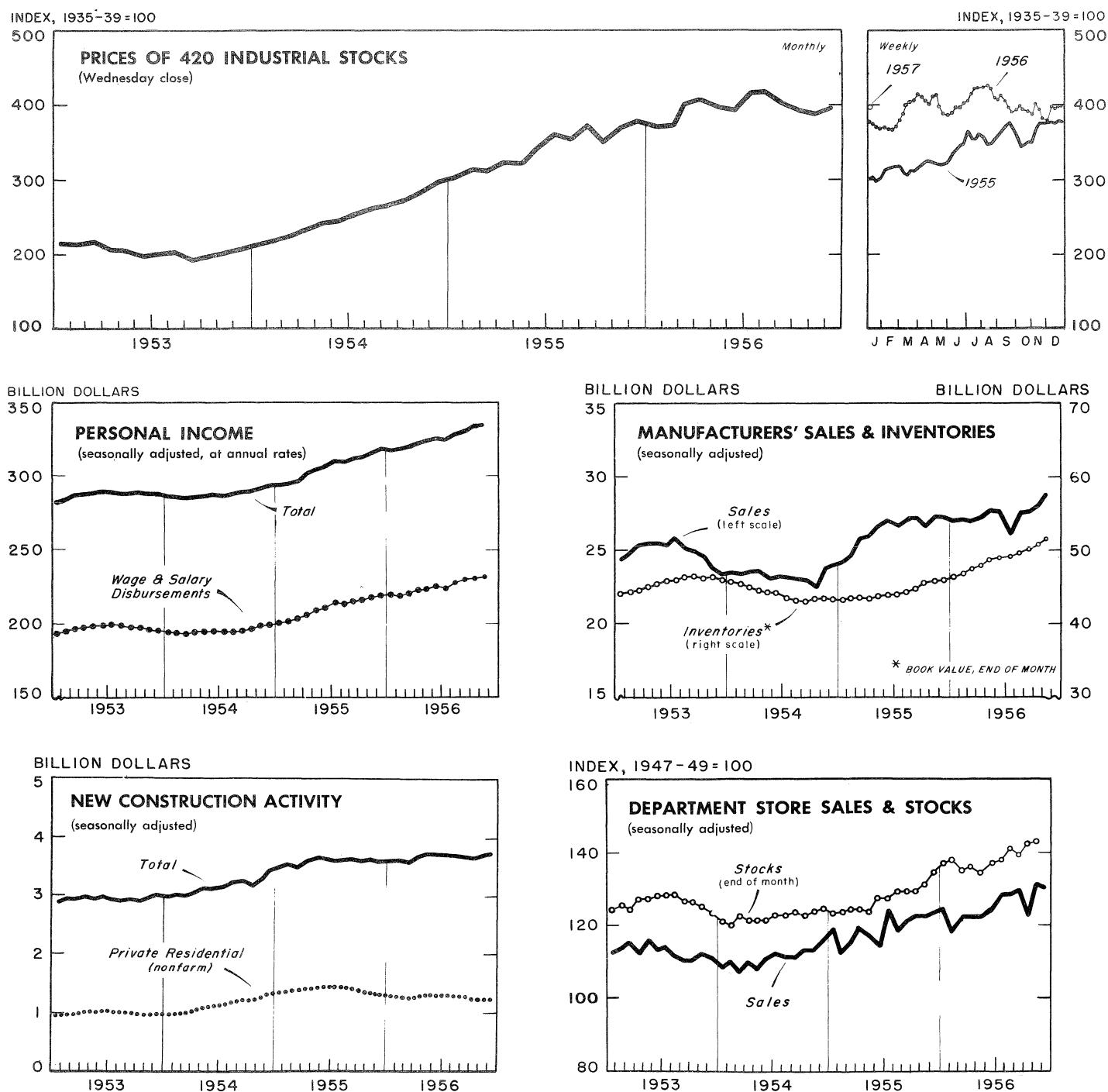


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1955	1956				1957
	Dec. 31	Jan. 7	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 29	Jan. 5
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	*111.3	.....	116.2	116.1	116.3	116.4
Farm products.....do....	*82.9	.....	88.5	87.6	88.4	88.4
Foods, processed.....do....	*98.2	.....	103.1	102.8	103.3	103.6
All other.....do....	*119.8	.....	124.6	124.7	124.7	124.7
22 commodities 2/.....do....	89.9	90.2	93.2	92.3	**92.6	**92.5
Department store sales.....do....	88	94	260	265	112	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,425	1,575	1,312	1,289	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,303	1,441	1,206	1,186	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	31,415	31,153	31,660	31,835	31,992	31,829
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	27,420	26,936	26,633	27,223	27,842	27,524
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,487	19,464	19,220	19,535	19,790	19,856
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	683	601	520	578	711	761
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	58,882	58,384	58,266	58,148	58,231	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,661	21,639	21,871	21,956	22,068	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	86,736	86,513	86,473	87,704	87,917	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	30,122	29,957	25,884	26,578	26,657	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	26,673	26,643	30,811	31,266	31,309	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,147	8,135	8,856	8,865	8,852	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	174	198	249	214	174	222
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.34	3.33	3.97	4.00	4.02	4.06
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.....1935-39=100..	327.3	326.7	337.7	339.9	340.9	339.9
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do....	377.4	376.9	395.2	398.0	399.3	397.3
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,840	1,854	1,782	1,863	1,064	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,751	11,057	12,220	12,227	11,196	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	118,727	144,348	182,548	177,735	112,082	101,508
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,987	7,026	7,355	7,376	7,392	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	**2,309	2,403	2,522	2,525	2,322	2,490
Percent of capacity 5/.....do....	#95.7	97.6	102.4	102.6	94.3	#97.3
Freight carloadings, total 6/.....thous. of cars..	570	611	717	698	488	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	297	316	367	354	268	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning January 7, 1957. Production, 2,517 thous. short tons; operating rate, 98.3 percent. 6/ Data for 1956 adjusted to revised classification of class I railroads. * Monthly index for December 1955. ** Wednesday price. ## Correction: Steel production for week of December 17, 1955, should read 2,421 thous. short tons (published incorrectly in Weekly Supplements for December 21 and 28, 1956). # Not comparable with other rates shown; based on different capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1955		1956			
	October	November	August	September	October	November
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source, seasonally adj., at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	311.6	314.5	328.1	329.5	r332.5	333.6
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	215.3	217.2	227.1	228.5	r229.7	230.7
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	93.3	94.2	98.3	99.1	r100.6	101.2
Distributive industries.....do....	56.7	57.3	60.3	60.5	r60.2	60.4
Service industries.....do....	28.9	29.3	30.6	30.8	r30.9	31.1
Government.....do....	36.4	36.4	37.9	38.1	r38.0	38.0
Other labor income.....do....	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	49.1	49.6	51.0	50.9	r52.3	52.0
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	27.9	28.1	29.8	30.0	30.2	30.4
Transfer payments.....do....	17.4	17.7	18.8	18.7	18.9	19.1
Less personal contributions for social insurance.....do....	5.3	5.3	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	296.9	299.4	312.8	314.4	r316.3	317.7
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,830	27,292	27,861	27,713	r30,200	28,913
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,656	13,723	13,428	13,351	r14,953	14,621
Primary metal.....do....	2,369	2,390	1,927	2,321	r2,603	2,479
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,548	1,381	1,547	1,513	r1,666	1,500
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,577	3,473	3,845	3,997	r4,292	4,039
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,087	3,633	2,875	2,481	r3,049	3,755
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,188	1,133	1,261	1,210	r1,198	1,052
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	738	668	802	728	r860	723
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,174	13,569	14,433	14,362	r15,247	14,292
Food and beverage.....do....	4,352	4,084	4,353	4,536	r4,663	4,388
Tobacco.....do....	320	334	376	329	r366	353
Textile.....do....	1,246	1,221	1,176	1,212	r1,345	1,217
Paper.....do....	921	886	907	872	r983	891
Chemical.....do....	2,040	1,919	2,074	2,079	r2,193	2,004
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,362	2,454	2,572	2,470	r2,591	2,655
Rubber.....do....	483	443	449	425	.....	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	26,637	27,343	27,632	27,624	r28,294	28,808
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,261	13,721	13,665	13,692	r14,199	14,446
Primary metal.....do....	2,324	2,393	1,982	2,392	r2,529	2,511
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,382	1,395	1,446	1,427	r1,461	1,530

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

ITEM	1955		1956			
	October	November	August	September	October	November
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' sales, value (adjusted) - Continued						
Durable-goods industries - Continued						
Machinery (including electrical).....mil. of dol..	3,472	3,553	4,022	3,945	r4,115	4,165
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,252	3,576	3,165	3,035	r3,181	3,431
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,131	1,144	1,212	1,186	r1,079	1,063
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	665	655	723	668	r717	709
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,376	13,622	13,967	13,932	r14,095	14,362
Food and beverage.....do....	4,104	4,047	4,251	4,378	r4,311	4,354
Tobacco.....do....	327	327	345	323	r342	350
Textile.....do....	1,112	1,197	1,109	1,122	r1,140	1,193
Paper.....do....	877	886	898	863	r936	891
Chemical.....do....	1,939	2,014	2,094	2,031	r2,081	2,106
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,339	2,479	2,572	2,520	r2,565	2,682
Rubber.....do....	447	482	436	429	.....	.....
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	44,959	45,317	49,130	49,662	r50,404	50,931
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	25,377	25,670	28,006	28,423	r29,098	29,433
Primary metal.....do....	3,512	3,600	3,835	3,975	r4,133	4,267
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,617	2,649	2,864	2,871	r2,886	2,900
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,093	8,232	9,580	9,677	r9,802	10,000
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	6,346	6,388	6,600	6,898	r7,331	7,375
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,806	1,806	1,841	1,786	r1,784	1,720
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	900	901	1,028	988	r978	1,005
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.1	7.1	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.2
Goods in process.....do....	r10.4	10.6	11.5	11.9	12.2	12.2
Finished goods.....do....	7.8	8.0	8.6	8.6	r8.8	9.0
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	19,582	19,647	21,124	21,239	r21,306	21,498
Food and beverage.....do....	4,656	4,661	4,694	4,821	r4,892	5,032
Tobacco.....do....	1,777	1,763	1,763	1,801	r1,830	1,861
Textile.....do....	2,349	2,377	2,606	2,573	r2,559	2,547
Paper.....do....	1,028	1,031	1,217	1,215	r1,207	1,224
Chemical.....do....	3,101	3,142	3,546	3,571	r3,636	3,670
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,880	2,823	3,096	3,164	r3,196	3,183
Rubber.....do....	848	888	947	957	.....	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	r8.0	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	r8.6	8.5	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.8
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	45,356	45,669	49,535	50,106	r50,815	51,292
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	25,659	26,050	28,178	28,708	r29,408	29,857
Primary metal.....do....	3,426	3,491	3,809	3,892	r4,037	4,145
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,726	2,759	2,893	2,960	r3,006	3,021
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	8,240	8,397	9,684	9,814	r9,979	10,200
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	6,331	6,475	6,639	6,946	r7,308	7,468
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,843	1,843	1,823	1,804	r1,820	1,755
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	947	948	1,049	1,019	r1,029	1,058
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	7.0	6.9	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.1
Goods in process.....do....	10.5	10.8	11.6	11.9	12.2	12.5
Finished goods.....do....	8.2	8.3	8.7	8.9	r9.2	9.3
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....mil. of dol..	19,697	19,619	21,357	21,398	r21,407	21,435
Food and beverage.....do....	4,497	4,450	4,698	4,713	r4,696	4,786
Tobacco.....do....	1,759	1,779	1,876	1,838	r1,812	1,842
Textile.....do....	2,397	2,426	2,632	2,599	r2,611	2,599
Paper.....do....	1,049	1,041	1,255	1,227	r1,232	1,236
Chemical.....do....	3,190	3,157	3,618	3,714	r3,740	3,687
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,824	2,768	3,065	3,133	r3,133	3,120
Rubber.....do....	902	935	1,007	1,007	.....	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.0	8.1	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Finished goods.....do....	8.7	8.4	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	28,213	27,726	29,240	28,134	r29,646	29,205
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,061	14,026	14,973	13,818	r14,247	14,885
Primary metal.....do....	2,302	2,613	2,322	2,039	r2,401	2,527
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,540	1,412	1,481	1,639	r1,583	1,359
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,882	3,682	4,045	4,080	r4,393	3,991
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,434	3,726	4,050	3,156	r2,774	4,281
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,152	13,700	14,267	14,316	r15,399	14,320
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	27,466	28,315	29,099	28,072	r28,871	29,597
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,094	14,680	15,166	14,266	r14,591	15,324
Primary metal.....do....	2,373	2,751	2,322	2,192	r2,475	2,660
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,540	1,569	1,346	1,576	r1,583	1,510
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,929	4,006	4,195	4,200	r4,445	4,349
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,434	3,653	4,402	3,394	r3,082	3,964
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,372	13,635	13,933	13,806	r14,280	14,273
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	53,340	53,774	61,787	62,227	r61,654	61,946
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	50,054	50,357	59,063	59,549	r58,824	59,088
Primary metal.....do....	6,619	6,842	7,981	7,699	r7,497	7,545
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,934	3,965	4,459	4,585	r4,502	4,361
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	15,504	15,713	19,001	19,084	r19,185	19,137
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	19,484	19,577	22,811	23,486	r23,211	23,737
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,286	3,417	2,724	2,678	r2,830	2,858

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

ITEM	1955		1956			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	224	222	236	234	234	237
Crops.....do....	224	226	234	232	239	240
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	231	217	178	203	264	277
Cotton.....do....	274	264	275	270	270	262
Feed grains and hay.....do....	164	170	196	178	182	185
Food grains.....do....	220	221	222	225	232	234
Fruit.....do....	194	208	233	232	218	216
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	228	232	234	249	262	264
Potatoes <u>1</u> /.....do....	140	143	161	141	154	158
Tobacco.....do....	438	455	455	453	443	461
Livestock and products.....do....	224	219	238	236	230	234
Dairy products.....do....	267	266	264	272	277	275
Meat animals.....do....	214	201	254	245	231	239
Poultry and eggs.....do....	194	204	172	167	164	165
Wool.....do....	223	217	231	238	249	256
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	259	259	266	265	267	267
Family living items.....do....	273	273	279	279	281	282
Production items.....do....	244	243	252	250	252	251
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	279	278	287	287	289	289
Parity ratio.....do....	80	80	82	82	81	82
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S. Dept. of Commerce index).....1935-39=100..	208.2	208.1	213.1	213.4	213.9	.....
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total <u>2</u> /.....mil. of dol..	3,702	3,258	r4,264	r4,133	r3,800	3,370
Private, total.....do....	2,663	2,435	r2,843	r2,766	r2,666	2,472
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,419	1,279	r1,415	r1,365	r1,313	1,202
New dwelling units.....do....	1,280	1,160	r1,240	r1,195	r1,145	1,060
Additions and alterations.....do....	107	88	r135	r129	r126	102
Nonresidential building, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	715	679	788	793	794	768
Industrial.....do....	224	223	276	274	271	270
Commercial.....do....	297	270	288	287	288	272
Farm construction.....do....	111	98	148	122	103	90
Public utility.....do....	407	369	480	474	445	402
Public, total.....do....	1,039	823	r1,421	r1,367	r1,134	898
Nonresidential building.....do....	321	286	r382	r373	r338	311
Military facilities.....do....	116	97	r144	r140	r118	108
Highway.....do....	405	263	615	r575	r420	250
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total <u>2</u> /.....do....	3,601	3,580	r3,701	r3,665	r3,699	3,729
Private, total.....do....	2,551	2,519	r2,596	r2,551	r2,551	2,542
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,342	1,322	r1,286	r1,241	r1,239	1,239
Nonresidential building, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	678	665	750	752	755	748
Farm construction.....do....	131	131	123	122	121	120
Public utility.....do....	389	389	425	423	424	423
Public, total.....do....	1,050	1,061	r1,105	r1,114	r1,148	1,187
Nonresidential building.....do....	337	321	r348	r350	r357	350
Highway.....do....	403	432	r390	r390	r417	455
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	126.5	126.6	132.5	132.5	132.6	.....

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes sweetpotatoes and dry edible beans. 3/ Revised data for January-August 1956 will be shown in the January 1957 SURVEY. 4/ Except farm and public utility.

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