



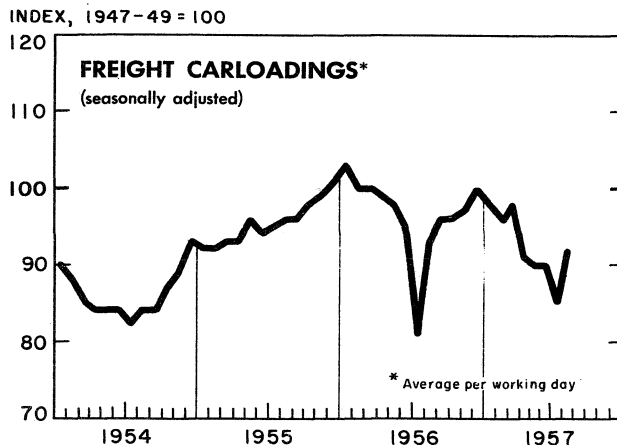
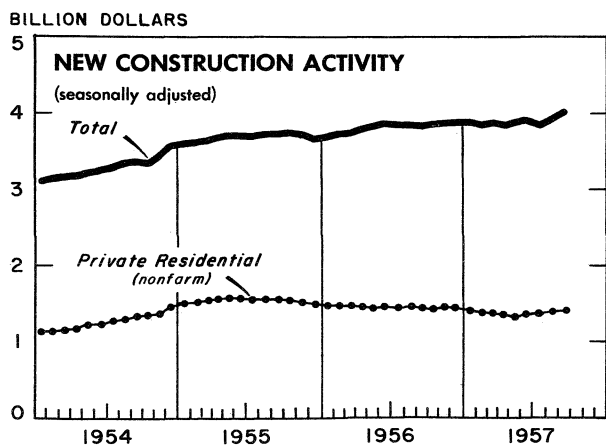
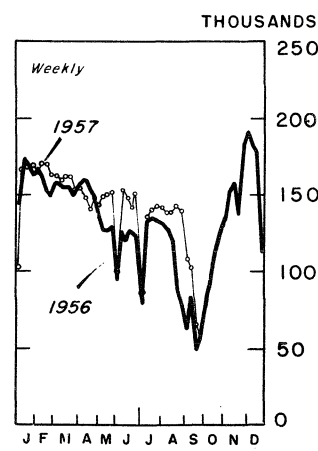
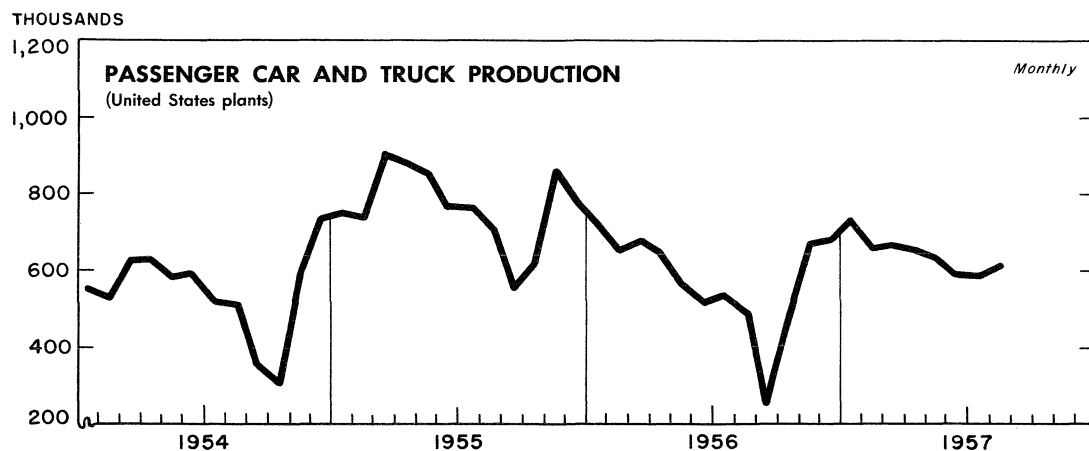
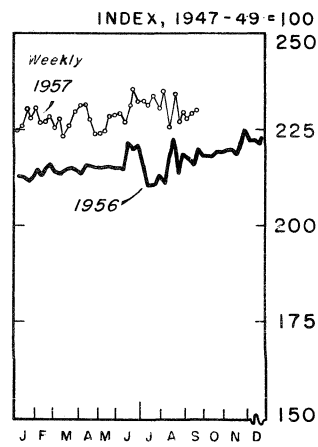
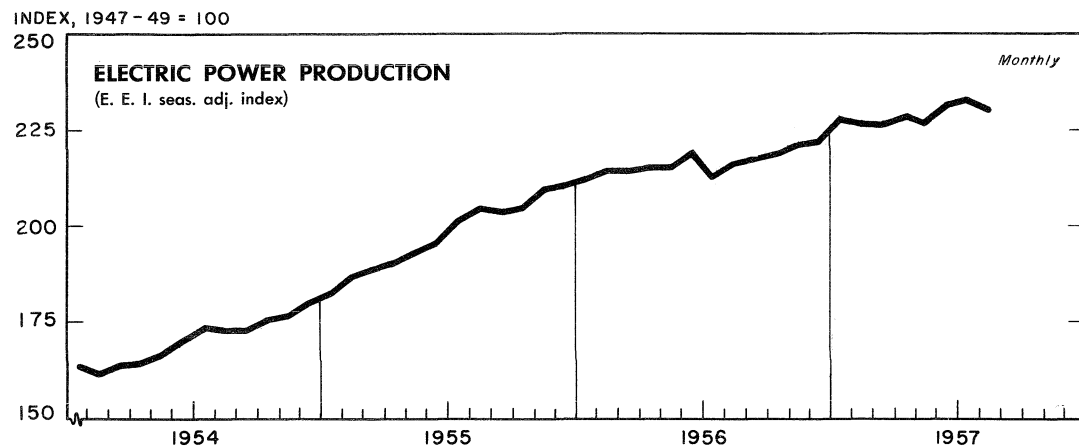
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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100.....		*115.5	118.3	118.1	117.9	117.7
Farm products.....do.....		*90.1	93.0	92.5	91.0	90.3
Foods, processed.....do.....		*104.0	107.3	106.7	106.4	105.9
All other.....do.....		*123.1	125.9	125.8	125.8	125.7
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	91.9	91.8	88.3	87.9	87.4	86.2
Department store sales.....do.....	131	130	113	131	126	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,013	969	1,204	1,224	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	930	901	1,106	1,149	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. of dol..	30,810	30,714	31,145	31,256	31,184	31,052
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	25,852	25,694	25,228	25,408	25,719	25,622
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do.....	19,220	18,980	18,760	18,876	19,108	18,963
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do.....	696	503	455	607	686	613
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>4</u>/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,908	55,374	54,413	55,671	55,094	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	22,009	22,026	23,665	23,745	23,763	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,843	85,677	86,281	86,581	87,052	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	26,383	26,096	24,787	24,762	24,747	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	29,694	29,724	32,046	32,279	32,603	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,798	8,810	8,683	8,708	8,718	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	262	251	208	237	287	278
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	3.76	3.78	4.42	4.42	4.44	4.45
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /...1941-43=10..	46.24	45.82	45.05	44.26	44.69	42.46
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	49.44	49.02	48.69	47.83	48.29	45.90
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,675	1,744	1,716	1,683	1,678	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr.	11,482	11,365	11,678	11,947	11,991	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	49,822	56,685	108,120	102,593	65,806	60,349
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	7,063	7,044	6,807	6,821	6,840	.....
Steel <u>5</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	2,477	2,502	2,073	2,097	2,101	2,105
Percent of capacity <u>5</u> /.....	#100.6	#101.6	81.0	81.9	82.1	82.2
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	822	831	646	741	725	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	397	403	308	353	348	.....

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Daily average. ⁴/ Wednesday data. ⁵/ Week beginning September 30, 1957: Production, 2,108 thous. short tons; operating rate, 82.4 percent. * Monthly index for September 1956. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Business incorporations:						
New incorporations (48 States).....number..	11,339	9,583	11,269	11,686	11,361	.....
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....number..	1,101	932	1,084	1,059	1,145	.....
Commercial service.....do.....	95	72	93	81	91	.....
Construction.....do.....	146	146	164	153	165	.....
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	195	140	179	181	204	.....
Retail trade.....do.....	567	489	553	570	588	.....
Wholesale trade.....do.....	98	85	95	74	97	.....
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..						
Commercial service.....do.....	55,040	39,313	51,454	44,299	43,514	.....
Construction.....do.....	4,127	2,058	3,551	5,024	2,331	.....
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	7,507	7,840	10,066	7,629	10,426	.....
Retail trade.....do.....	17,828	9,539	12,966	14,039	12,847	.....
Wholesale trade.....do.....	14,772	15,656	17,715	12,715	14,752	.....
Total.....do.....	10,806	4,220	7,156	4,892	3,158	.....
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	236	236	244	247	248	245
Crops.....do.....	233	233	241	239	233	228
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	204	181	283	288	248	221
Cotton.....do.....	263	275	270	273	278	279
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	197	196	173	170	169	163
Food grains.....do.....	218	222	218	218	217	217
Fruit.....do.....	203	225	246	219	200	193
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	249	235	260	261	252	244
Potatoes <u>1</u> /.....do.....	212	163	152	167	172	159
Tobacco.....do.....	451	455	457	460	469	484
Livestock and products.....do.....	238	239	245	254	260	259
Dairy products.....do.....	257	266	247	252	260	269
Meat animals.....do.....	257	254	287	297	301	291
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	171	172	145	155	167	174
Wool.....do.....	234	233	317	312	305	290

¹/ Includes sweetpotatoes and dry edible beans.
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ITEM	1956		1957			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
COMMODITY PRICES - Continued						
Prices received and paid by farmers - Continued						
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....1910-14=100..	267	266	273	273	273	274
Family living items.....do....	281	279	287	287	287	288
Production items.....do....	250	252	257	257	257	258
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates..do....	287	287	296	295	295	296
Parity ratio.....do....	82	82	82	84	84	83
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	4,474	4,425	4,347	4,395	r4,595	4,618
Private, total.....do....	3,122	3,073	3,004	3,039	r3,117	3,110
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,672	1,640	1,526	1,556	r1,569	1,573
New dwelling units.....do....	1,260	1,240	1,085	1,125	1,135	1,140
Additions and alterations.....do....	371	360	401	391	r390	386
Nonresidential building, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	786	787	786	774	805	802
Industrial.....do....	277	278	270	262	266	260
Commercial.....do....	316	313	309	307	319	322
Farm construction.....do....	169	156	156	166	171	159
Public utility.....do....	483	478	517	526	553	558
Public, total.....do....	1,352	1,352	1,343	1,356	r1,478	1,508
Nonresidential building.....do....	390	381	405	394	r414	415
Military facilities.....do....	143	146	110	117	r135	140
Highway.....do....	530	543	535	545	r595	615
Other types.....do....	289	282	293	300	r334	338
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,861	3,857	3,930	3,857	r3,966	4,017
Private, total.....do....	2,780	2,768	2,768	2,732	r2,782	2,800
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,466	1,459	1,354	1,357	r1,375	1,399
Nonresidential building, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	746	744	779	747	767	757
Farm construction.....do....	130	130	130	131	132	133
Public utility.....do....	427	423	488	483	491	494
Public, total.....do....	1,081	1,089	1,162	1,125	r1,184	1,217
Nonresidential building.....do....	349	349	379	361	r373	379
Highway.....do....	360	368	418	395	r405	416
	July	August	May	June	July	August
Construction cost indexes:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	133	133	136	137	138	138
American Appraisal Co., The, average, 30 cities...1913=100..	638	641	659	664	668	668
Atlanta.....do....	692	695	712	712	712	712
New York.....do....	667	681	704	705	705	705
San Francisco.....do....	596	597	610	609	610	624
St. Louis.....do....	635	637	644	656	660	660
E. H. Boeckh and Associates:						
Average, 20 cities:						
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	279.6	280.2	286.3	288.3	290.5	290.6
Brick and steel.....do....	275.3	275.9	280.7	282.7	284.7	284.8
Brick and wood.....do....	276.7	277.2	280.3	281.7	283.1	283.2
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do....	287.8	288.2	295.9	297.8	300.1	300.1
Brick and steel.....do....	286.7	287.3	294.4	296.4	300.2	300.2
Brick and wood.....do....	275.2	275.9	280.2	281.6	283.3	283.3
Frame.....do....	276.0	276.2	277.4	278.7	280.0	280.2
Steel.....do....	272.8	273.2	280.4	282.6	287.9	287.9
Residences:						
Brick.....do....	277.2	277.8	280.8	282.2	283.5	283.6
Frame.....do....	270.6	271.0	272.6	273.9	275.1	275.2
FOODSTUFFS						
Distilled spirits, consumption for beverage purposes						
thous. of wine gallons..	14,893	16,784	17,868	16,443	15,121	.....
Corn grindings, wet process.....thous. of bu..	11,391	12,694	12,023	11,473	11,661	12,321
Livestock:						
Cattle and calves:						
Receipts, principal markets.....thous. of animals..	2,543	2,697	1,961	1,860	2,312	2,207
Shipments, to 9 corn-belt States.....do....	226	580	205	160	272	475
Hogs:						
Receipts, principal markets.....do....	2,485	2,521	2,573	2,245	2,294	2,326
Sheep and lambs:						
Receipts, principal markets.....do....	1,184	1,405	1,013	914	1,108	1,059
Shipments, feeder, to 9 corn-belt States.....do....	151	361	161	108	222	341
Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb..						
Beef and veal.....do....	1,853.0	1,882.7	1,963.0	1,721.3	1,850.9	1,827.5
Lamb and mutton.....do....	1,020.8	1,026.0	999.1	904.7	1,019.8	1,010.4
Pork, including lard.....do....	50.6	55.2	52.6	46.7	53.4	49.7
Lard.....do....	781.6	801.5	911.3	770.0	777.7	767.4
	149.6	150.3	186.3	154.2	146.0	137.9
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Castings, gray iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....thous. of short tons..	1,109	1,074	880	853	880
Shipments, total.....do....	763	1,103	1,112	r1,058	954
For sale.....do....	488	672	625	599	523

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	July	August	May	June	July	August
METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Continued						
Castings, malleable iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....short tons..	92,078	91,883	79,787	76,331	80,694	.....
Shipments, total.....do.....	54,340	74,422	76,504	72,556	57,748	.....
For sale.....do.....	31,300	43,479	46,277	44,639	34,876	.....
Castings, steel:						
Shipments, total.....do.....	117,984	159,831	164,575	153,647	122,018	.....
For sale, total.....do.....	96,350	127,001	125,431	119,353	90,037	.....
Railway specialties.....do.....	19,833	32,965	32,840	31,338	22,803	.....
Steel forgings (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, total.....thous. of short tons..	546.9	562.4	479.2	445.1	430.7	.....
Shipments, total.....do.....	98.5	123.2	135.3	128.5	104.1	.....
Drop and upset.....do.....	76.2	89.1	100.8	92.9	79.1	.....
Closures (for glass containers), production.....millions..	r1,384	1,594	1,465	r1,382	1,360	.....
Crowns, production.....thous. gross..	24,548	24,870	28,713	28,791	31,594	.....
Radiators and convectors, cast iron:						
Shipments.....thous. of sq. ft..	1,959	2,996	1,507	2,230	1,769	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	6,626	5,977	5,435	5,163	4,745	.....
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....number..	57,752	85,278	46,081	54,445	51,299	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	74,320	64,527	73,106	73,228	64,102	.....
Stoves and ranges, domestic cooking, excluding electrical:						
Shipments, total.....number..	155,725	206,506	152,657	146,449	133,939	.....
Coal and wood.....do.....	4,065	7,183	4,669	4,757	3,908	.....
Gas (including bungalow and combination).....do.....	146,845	187,484	140,339	136,036	124,151	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do.....	4,815	11,839	7,649	5,656	5,880	.....
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total.....do.....	280,617	348,645	143,356	r161,121	228,241	.....
Coal and wood.....do.....	32,832	54,526	17,406	22,674	30,686	.....
Gas.....do.....	183,315	215,861	78,250	r106,523	141,644	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do.....	64,470	78,258	47,700	31,924	55,911	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do.....	111,614	159,704	73,906	84,651	85,681	.....
Gas.....do.....	71,962	99,712	50,208	56,579	57,773	.....
Oil.....do.....	34,770	52,873	21,946	25,527	24,450	.....
Solid fuel.....do.....	4,882	7,119	1,752	2,545	3,458	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do.....	226,532	237,962	228,198	205,838	188,082	.....
Machine tools (metal-cutting):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	61.90	87.50	41.40	43.10	r55.50	p44.65
Domestic.....do.....	55.25	78.25	37.95	40.05	r50.50	p40.50
Shipments, total.....do.....	65.15	75.10	78.50	82.95	r58.70	p63.50
Domestic.....do.....	60.70	69.00	70.90	72.85	r51.50	p58.30
Estimated backlog.....do.....	7.8	7.7	4.6	4.2	r4.2	p4.1
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	259.8	276.9	231.2	207.3	218.3	241.2
Washers, domestic, sales billed <u>1</u> /.....do.....	380.2	373.9	254.2	282.3	335.1	329.1
Radio sets, production <u>2</u> /.....do.....	566.7	990.8	1,023.8	1,088.3	r612.6	r965.7
Television sets (incl. combination), production <u>2</u> /.....do.....	336.9	612.9	342.4	543.8	r360.7	r673.7
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	38,287	46,614	46,511	41,282	r39,789	44,846
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	103,301	99,668	98,717	90,694	r98,871	98,782
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do.....	88,031	86,468	95,014	84,413	80,951	93,422
Consumption.....do.....	58,046	72,394	80,242	70,456	r69,044	70,015
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	188,813	192,486	173,441	173,170	r163,648	162,459

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Figures beginning May 1957 exclude sales of combination washer-dryer units (included in earlier data); sales of such types totaled 112,800 units in the first eight months of 1957. 2/ Data for June 1957 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.
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