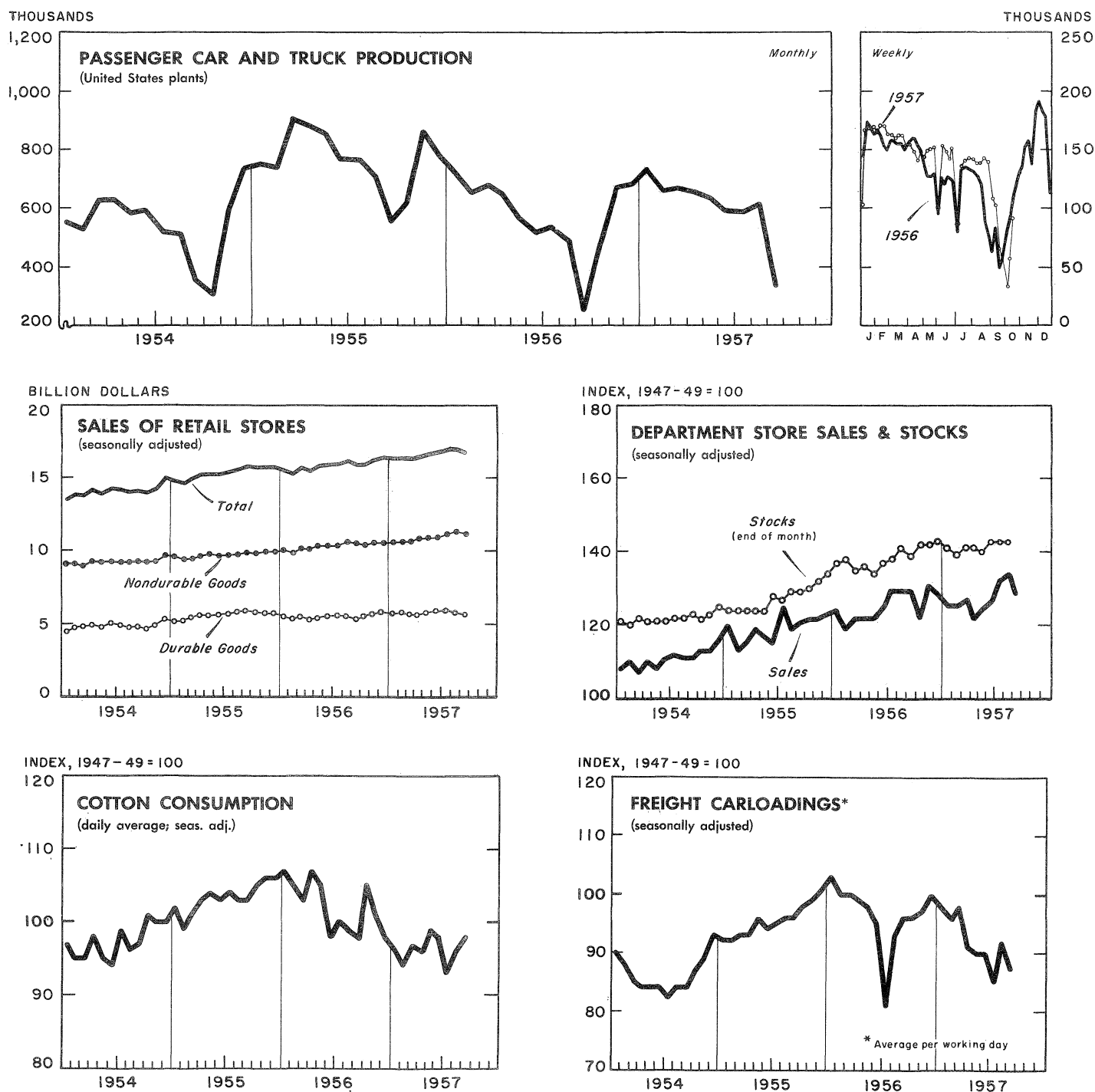


BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



ITEM	1956		1957			
	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*115.6	.....	.....	117.6	117.6
Farm products.....do.....	.....	*88.4	.....	.....	91.3	91.5
Foods, processed.....do.....	.....	*103.6	.....	.....	105.0	104.9
All other.....do.....	.....	*123.6	.....	.....	125.7	125.7
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	90.6	90.7	86.2	85.3	85.2	84.6
Department store sales.....do.....	134	129	130	127	132	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	935	928	1,254	1,259	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	862	854	1,165	1,169	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,880	30,953	31,052	31,038	31,129	31,191
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do.....	25,707	25,810	25,622	25,304	25,563	25,451
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do.....	18,929	18,890	18,963	19,034	19,189	19,068
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do.....	607	577	581	393	553	479
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,289	55,623	54,788	54,015	54,344	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do.....	22,043	22,029	23,838	23,900	23,956	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	85,338	86,066	86,558	87,898	87,267	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	25,732	26,392	24,537	25,654	25,324	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do.....	29,835	29,836	32,408	32,331	32,114	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,815	8,834	8,725	8,727	8,722	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	259	254	278	261	244	258
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.80	3.81	4.45	4.45	4.44	4.45
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.....1941-43=100..	46.84	46.20	42.46	43.10	41.99	41.33
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	50.24	49.51	45.90	46.54	45.22	44.47
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,703	1,756	1,709	1,658	1,652	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,300	11,333	11,697	11,564	11,709	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	91,203	110,208	60,794	33,653	57,486	91,476
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,993	6,997	6,821	6,812	6,729	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,483	2,495	2,105	2,115	2,105	2,070
Percent of capacity 5/.....do.....	#100.9	#101.4	82.2	82.6	82.2	80.9
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	823	829	739	748	742	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	399	401	352	358	358	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning October 21, 1957; Production, 2,045 thous. short tons; operating rate, 79.9 percent. * Monthly index for October 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	10,526
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....number..	1,101	932	1,084	1,059	1,145	1,071
Commercial service.....do.....	95	72	93	81	91	94
Construction.....do.....	146	146	164	153	165	164
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	195	140	179	181	204	182
Retail trade.....do.....	567	489	553	570	588	535
Wholesale trade.....do.....	98	85	95	74	97	96
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	55,040	39,313	51,454	44,299	43,514	45,420
Commercial service.....do.....	4,127	2,058	3,551	5,024	2,331	4,554
Construction.....do.....	7,507	7,840	10,066	7,629	10,426	5,618
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	17,828	9,539	12,966	14,039	12,847	13,901
Retail trade.....do.....	14,772	15,656	17,715	12,715	14,752	13,657
Wholesale trade.....do.....	10,806	4,220	7,156	4,892	3,158	7,690
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: 1/						
Total.....thous. of sq. yd..	8,398	5,267	11,086	8,896	5,292	4,844
Airports.....do.....	1,486	695	1,917	845	336	282
Roads.....do.....	3,219	1,911	6,151	4,581	2,497	1,791
Streets and alleys.....do.....	3,693	2,661	3,017	3,471	2,459	2,771
Construction cost index (E. H. Boeckh and Associates):						
Average, 20 cities:						
Apartment, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	280.2	280.8	288.3	290.5	290.6	291.0
Brick and steel.....do.....	275.9	276.7	282.7	284.7	284.8	285.0
Brick and wood.....do.....	277.2	277.0	281.7	283.1	283.2	283.2
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do.....	288.2	288.9	297.8	300.1	300.1	300.7
Brick and steel.....do.....	287.3	288.6	296.4	300.2	300.2	300.8
Brick and wood.....do.....	275.9	275.9	281.6	283.3	283.3	283.5
Frame.....do.....	276.2	275.4	278.7	280.0	280.2	279.8
Steel.....do.....	273.2	274.9	282.6	287.9	287.9	288.5
Residences:						
Brick.....do.....	277.8	277.4	282.2	283.5	283.6	283.6
Frame.....do.....	271.0	270.5	273.9	275.1	275.2	275.0

1/ Data for August 1956 and July 1957 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

ITEM	1956		1957			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
FINANCE						
Agricultural loans and discounts outstanding of agencies supervised by the Farm Credit Adm.:						
Total.....mil. of dol..	2,987	2,980	3,287	3,327	3,345	3,354
Farm mortgage loans: Federal land banks.....do....	1,675	1,689	1,870	1,877	1,887	1,896
Loans to cooperatives.....do....	375	397	384	409	420	430
Other loans and discounts.....do....	937	893	1,033	1,041	1,038	1,027
Bank debits, total (344 centers).....do....	183,819	167,154	193,303	200,572	190,539	189,297
New York City.....do....	67,279	61,223	74,512	74,509	68,409	70,953
6 other centers.....do....	38,206	34,057	39,942	41,711	40,194	39,095
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....do....	5,959	6,897	p12,779	3,734	6,475	8,109
Receipts, net.....do....	4,954	6,218	p11,648	3,057	5,128	7,225
Customs.....do....	64	60	p58	70	65	65
Individual income taxes.....do....	3,540	3,687	p4,053	1,316	3,806	3,986
Corporation income and profits taxes.....do....	352	1,709	p6,722	541	355	2,304
Employment taxes.....do....	881	451	p589	366	1,003	540
Other internal revenue and receipts.....do....	1,123	990	p1,356	1,441	1,245	1,214
Expenditures.....do....	5,902	4,918	p6,190	6,347	5,930	5,667
Interest on public debt.....do....	567	570	p646	659	628	630
All other expenditures.....do....	5,334	4,348	p5,544	5,688	5,302	5,037
Stocks, cash dividend payments publicly reported:						
Total dividend payments.....do....	292.8	1,591.4	1,679.0	763.6	316.2	1,671.8
Finance.....do....	64.3	105.3	107.2	146.5	65.7	105.0
Manufacturing.....do....	122.9	1,080.9	1,120.6	280.9	129.4	1,126.8
Mining.....do....	3.3	117.9	125.7	7.4	2.5	134.6
Public utilities:						
Communications.....do....	1.2	40.9	41.7	141.0	1.3	41.2
Electric and gas.....do....	76.3	120.3	132.6	95.5	83.0	134.5
Railroad.....do....	6.5	59.9	73.9	18.4	10.2	61.5
Trade.....do....	10.3	42.3	51.2	62.0	14.5	42.5
Miscellaneous.....do....	8.0	23.9	26.1	11.9	9.6	25.7
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	55,582	53,368	r59,652	62,058	63,565	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	22,256	22,747	22,396	21,969	23,651	.....
Mail, ton-miles flown.....do....	7,408	7,018	7,628	7,552	7,751	.....
Passengers originated, revenue.....do....	3,392	3,301	3,707	3,525	3,742	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	2,007	1,902	2,333	2,253	2,349	.....
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	47,922	45,692	46,982	45,643	51,726	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do....	72,202	74,808	67,377	67,140	76,886	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	1,046	1,003	1,223	943	1,240	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	9,123	10,112	9,603	9,171	10,595	.....
DDT.....thous. of lb..	12,138	11,912	11,023	r11,058	9,306	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do....	8,111	6,969	8,151	8,038	7,416	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do....	84,495	89,261	98,789	106,183	109,117	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do....	108,512	114,430	100,606	93,383	103,324	.....
Methanol:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	196	198	187	186	165	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do....	19,720	17,468	14,108	16,692	18,000	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	24,143	22,690	30,519	27,400	24,240	.....
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	3,815	3,945	4,094	2,872	3,580	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	7,395	8,579	7,794	6,621	7,200	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	443	324	270	233	318	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do....	554	279	468	341	511	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	37,826	37,598	35,561	32,607	37,043	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	44,288	44,314	43,309	38,889	46,520	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	21,171	21,759	22,268	18,057	23,489	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	57,121	60,237	68,327	63,272	72,263	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	30,421	27,652	32,120	27,858	29,228	.....
Rosin modifications.....do....	11,398	9,377	11,000	r9,149	10,048	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	6,634	5,369	8,178	7,209	7,336	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	49,790	51,089	56,074	55,357	58,349	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	13,140	13,298	14,900	14,428	15,313	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Pig iron, production.....thous. of short tons..	5,143	6,934	6,660	6,692	6,782	6,628
Aluminum shipments:						
Mill products and pig and ingot (net).....mil. of lb..	313.3	307.7	320.8	r370.0	298.8	.....
Mill products, total.....do....	217.8	217.4	227.4	r249.0	223.7	.....
Plate and sheet.....do....	104.3	117.1	117.1	r130.6	117.8	.....
Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net mo. avg. shipments..1947-49=100..	188.3	114.7	187.5	98.6	231.3	.....
Tractors (except garden):						
Tracklaying.....units..	4,334	3,992	3,565	2,906	2,696	.....
Value.....thous. of dol..	38,765	33,575	33,625	29,772	29,219	.....
Wheel-type (except contractors' off-highway).....units..	13,974	16,600	17,782	15,550	14,698	
Value.....thous. of dol..	24,556	29,656	33,781	28,449	26,929	

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ITEM	1956		1957			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
PAPER AND PRINTING						
Newsprint, Canada (including Newfoundland):						
Production.....thous. of short tons..	570.4	514.0	532.0	549.2	560.3	486.6
Shipments from mills.....do....	559.3	528.7	548.5	578.8	524.0	512.9
Stocks, at mills, end of month.....do....	133.3	118.5	199.6	169.9	206.2	179.9
Newsprint, United States:						
Consumption by publishers.....do....	402.5	434.9	433.9	373.5	386.4	434.3
Production.....do....	154.3	140.6	159.1	144.4	156.5	133.8
Shipments from mills.....do....	153.5	141.1	156.8	143.1	153.7	132.7
Stocks, end of month:						
At mills.....do....	8.5	8.0	11.9	13.2	15.9	17.0
At publishers.....do....	518.5	513.0	585.6	653.4	704.9	673.4
In transit to publishers.....do....	114.0	111.8	101.8	101.5	100.6	107.7
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton: <u>1</u> /						
Consumption.....bales..	686,428	r825,303	649,700	637,345	666,549	659,651
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day.....thousands..	r20,468	r20,307	19,740	19,754	19,704	19,769
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	18,912	18,780	18,174	18,067	18,079	18,147
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total..mil. of hr..	9,545	r11,446	9,088	9,361	9,123	9,171
Average per working day.....do....	477	r458	454	374	456	459
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	8,849	10,678	8,396	8,481	8,368	8,441
Rayon and acetate:						
Production:						
Filament yarn.....mil. of lb..	56.5	53.1	55.8	55.7	r54.2	53.8
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	30.1	28.2	29.6	32.7	38.0	39.7
Stocks, producers', end of month, total.....do....	120.8	115.8	125.6	124.5	r122.6	120.9
Filament yarn.....do....	67.0	63.7	69.7	69.9	r69.6	68.4
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	53.8	52.1	55.9	54.6	53.0	52.5
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:						
Freight cars:						
Shipments, total.....number..	5,525	3,458	8,568	7,872	8,887	8,500
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	2,944	1,835	4,820	4,811	4,716	4,947
Domestic.....do....	2,783	1,821	4,629	4,664	4,587	4,897
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	2,581	1,623	3,748	3,061	4,171	3,553
New orders, total.....do....	2,361	3,918	4,893	1,251	3,192	3,257
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	2,310	3,810	2,132	835	1,082	1,753
Domestic.....do....	2,295	3,808	2,132	835	1,068	1,753
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	51	108	2,761	416	2,110	1,504
Unfilled orders, end of month.....do....	123,024	122,563	93,217	86,489	80,477	73,150
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	58,870	60,655	43,853	39,864	36,203	32,954
Domestic.....do....	58,716	60,513	42,446	38,604	34,984	31,785
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	64,154	61,908	49,364	46,625	44,274	40,196
Passenger cars (equipment manufacturers):						
Shipments, total.....number..	48	46	65	27	43	187
Domestic.....do....	43	42	17	15	40	185
Unfilled orders, end of month, total.....do....	681	715	738	721	678	507
Domestic.....do....	672	700	722	717	677	492

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