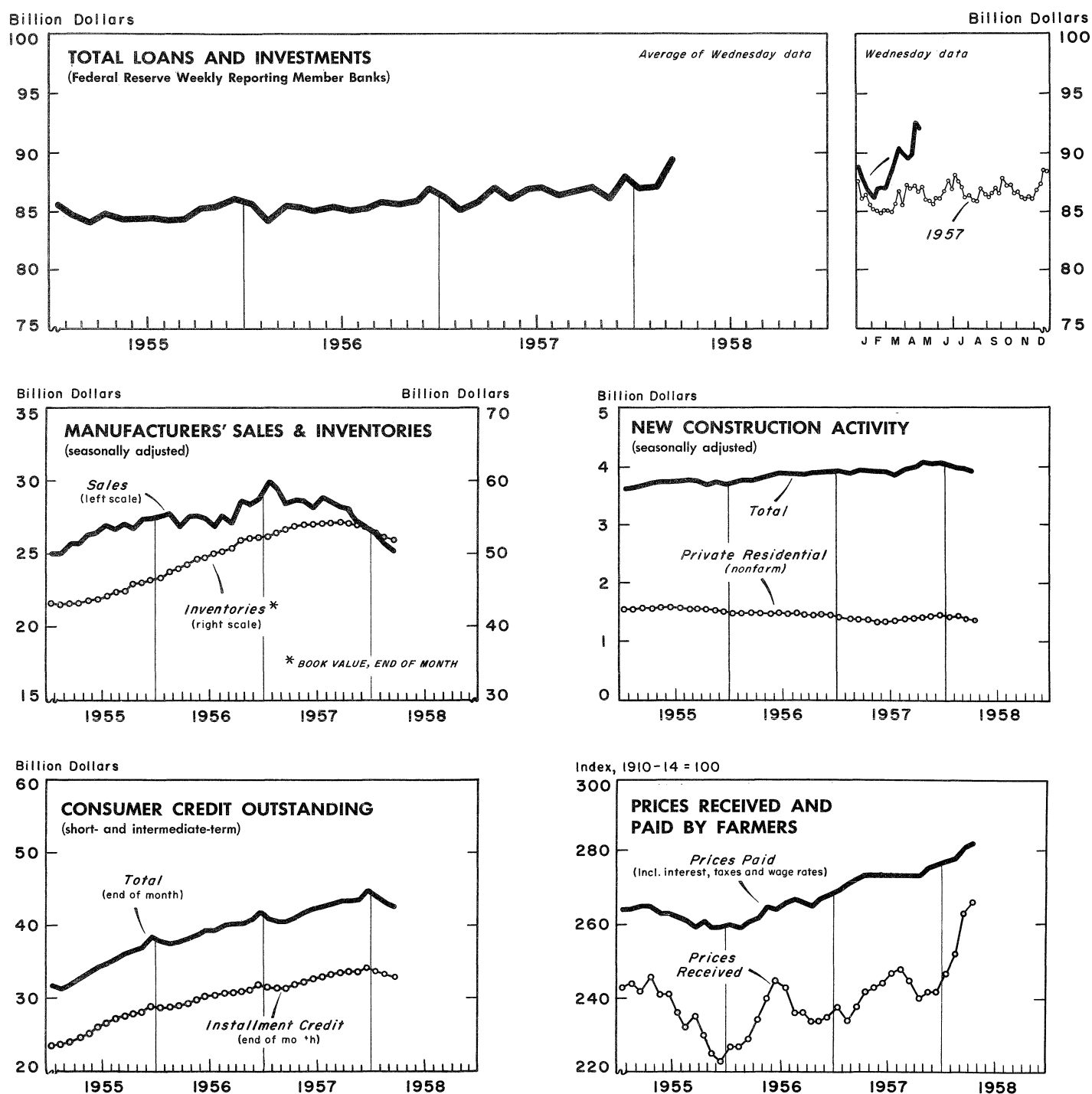


BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



ITEM	1957		1958			
	Apr. 27	May 4	Apr. 12	Apr. 19	Apr. 26	May 3
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*117.2	119.6	119.5	119.4	119.3
Farm products.....do....	.....	*90.6	99.4	98.2	97.5	97.2
Foods, processed.....do....	.....	*104.3	110.5	111.4	111.4	111.5
All other.....do....	.....	*125.4	125.8	125.7	125.7	125.7
22 commodities 2/.....do....	88.7	88.2	84.4	84.8	84.1	84.1
Department store sales 3/.....do....	131	143	110	125	136	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,547	1,513	3,592	3,561	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,440	1,410	3,326	3,291	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	263	297	342	346	329	336
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 4/.....mil. of dol..	30,610	30,499	30,744	30,733	30,617	30,518
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 4/.....do....	25,695	25,093	24,638	24,701	24,854	24,566
Member bank reserve balances 4/.....do....	19,201	19,000	18,300	18,369	18,654	18,249
Excess reserves, estimated 4/.....do....	562	379	632	653	715	657
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 5/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,695	56,213	55,251	56,491	56,361	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	23,102	23,148	26,889	27,038	27,177	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	86,716	87,129	89,834	92,713	92,052	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	25,972	26,034	28,055	30,164	30,107	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	31,349	31,450	30,668	30,662	30,252	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,690	8,679	8,712	8,729	8,735	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 4/.....percent..	3.98	3.99	4.03	4.02	4.00	3.99
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 5/.....1941-43=100..	45.72	46.02	41.65	42.10	42.80	43.44
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	48.82	49.19	44.37	44.82	45.54	46.22
Production:						
Bituminous coal 4/.....thous. of short tons..	1,662	1,585	1,160	1,180	1,133	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,310	11,286	11,307	11,107	11,206	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	148,258	143,848	101,860	89,874	74,868	97,515
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 4/.....thous. of bbl..	7,537	7,529	6,187	6,251	6,268	.....
Steel 6/.....thous. of short tons..	2,269	2,226	1,308	1,285	1,270	1,289
Percent of capacity.....do....	88.7	87.0	#48.5	#47.6	#47.1	#47.8
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	691	719	521	534	534	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	343	351	276	286	287	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Revised series; not comparable with data in previous issues of this report. 4/ Daily average. 5/ Wednesday data. 6/ Week beginning May 5, 1958: Production, 1,350 thous. short tons; operating rate, 50.0 percent. * Monthly index for April 1957. # Based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons); not comparable with 1957 rates which are based on January 1, 1957, annual capacity (133,459,150 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1957		1958			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	238	242	247	252	263	266
Crops.....do....	237	242	225	229	244	257
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	252	294	334	376	396	416
Cotton.....do....	252	258	232	211	220	236
Feed grains and hay.....do....	181	180	146	148	152	162
Food grains.....do....	235	233	217	219	224	223
Fruit.....do....	237	237	183	200	228	271
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	265	264	235	229	234	237
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do....	148	145	178	204	272	268
Tobacco.....do....	459	459	474	475	475	475
Livestock and products.....do....	238	242	267	273	280	275
Dairy products.....do....	260	253	269	266	261	249
Meat animals.....do....	263	275	308	324	336	339
Poultry and eggs.....do....	150	150	174	169	187	172
Wool.....do....	274	286	254	249	229	212
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	272	273	277	278	281	282
Family living items.....do....	284	285	289	290	293	293
Production items.....do....	258	r259	264	265	r269	271
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	294	296	301	302	304	306
Parity ratio.....do....	81	82	82	83	87	87
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,295	3,657	r3,273	r3,086	r3,338	3,666
Private, total.....do....	2,405	2,603	r2,365	r2,252	r2,410	2,563
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,162	1,301	1,131	1,057	1,168	1,292
New dwelling units.....do....	870	940	865	790	870	920
Additions and alterations.....do....	258	327	217	219	250	324
Nonresidential buildings, total 1/.....do....	709	713	704	675	664	653
Industrial.....do....	269	271	240	231	218	204
Commercial.....do....	264	263	267	254	258	259
Farm construction.....do....	112	126	101	105	114	127
Public utilities.....do....	409	448	416	404	r452	478

r/ Revised. 1/ Except farm and public utility.

ITEM	1957		1958			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE - Continued						
New construction (unadjusted) - Continued						
Public, total.....mil. of dol..	890	1,054	r908	r834	r928	1,103
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	345	375	339	308	343	371
Military facilities.....do....	84	89	80	70	70	72
Highway.....do....	230	330	r235	r220	r245	370
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....						
Private, total.....do....	3,912	3,906	r4,016	r3,983	r3,972	3,920
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	2,752	2,754	r2,786	r2,778	r2,761	2,713
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u>.....do....	1,383	1,361	1,403	1,408	1,389	1,353
Industrial.....do....	763	771	727	716	716	708
Commercial.....do....	274	277	235	231	222	208
Farm construction.....do....	292	295	285	276	285	290
Public utility.....do....	132	133	135	135	134	134
Public, total.....do....	459	472	507	506	r508	504
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	1,160	1,152	r1,230	r1,205	r1,211	1,207
Military facilities.....do....	366	381	377	355	366	377
Highway.....do....	104	98	99	92	86	79
Construction cost index:	434	407	r461	r458	r462	457
Department of Commerce, composite.....1947-49=100..	135	135	138	r137	137	.....
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Labor force (Bureau of the Census):						
Civilian labor force, total.....thousands..	66,746	66,951	66,732	67,160	67,510	68,027
Employed.....do....	63,865	64,261	62,238	61,988	62,311	62,907
Agricultural employment.....do....	5,434	5,755	4,998	4,830	5,072	5,558
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	58,431	58,506	57,240	57,158	57,239	57,349
Unemployed.....do....	2,882	2,690	4,494	5,173	5,198	5,120
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:	1957			1958		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,869	29,815	26,347	25,858	r24,495	25,983
Durable-goods industries, total <u>2</u>.....do....	13,975	15,033	13,152	12,313	r11,560	12,226
Primary metal.....do....	2,374	2,592	1,954	1,948	r1,665	1,775
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,438	1,551	1,336	1,329	r1,261	1,338
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,171	4,485	4,131	3,693	r3,702	3,988
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,467	3,590	3,495	3,066	r2,807	2,818
Lumber and furniture.....do....	941	1,010	769	814	r745	798
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	628	740	556	545	r490	561
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>2</u>.....do....	13,894	14,782	13,195	13,545	r12,935	13,757
Food and beverage.....do....	4,077	4,347	4,176	4,167	r4,056	4,335
Tobacco.....do....	312	321	380	357	318	353
Textile.....do....	1,131	1,163	954	994	r995	1,014
Paper.....do....	840	901	809	904	842	910
Chemical.....do....	1,853	2,055	1,726	1,888	r1,712	1,903
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,871	3,045	2,893	2,913	r2,676	2,711
Rubber.....do....	460	495	414	444	384	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	29,534	28,426	26,690	26,350	r25,542	25,117
Durable-goods industries, total <u>2</u>.....do....	14,808	14,198	13,092	12,646	r12,038	11,728
Primary metal.....do....	2,453	2,589	2,073	1,952	r1,733	1,640
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,573	1,514	1,431	1,402	r1,354	1,337
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,290	4,158	3,954	3,847	r3,726	3,688
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,620	3,406	3,147	3,001	r2,876	2,755
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,053	952	851	846	799	770
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	766	747	654	634	r583	578
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>2</u>.....do....	14,726	14,228	13,598	13,704	r13,504	13,389
Food and beverage.....do....	4,447	4,333	4,337	4,412	r4,363	4,352
Tobacco.....do....	371	349	392	394	361	384
Textile.....do....	1,252	1,144	999	989	r1,001	999
Paper.....do....	875	858	861	886	877	883
Chemical.....do....	1,930	1,908	1,890	1,836	r1,783	1,765
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,960	2,928	2,654	2,774	r2,759	2,657
Rubber.....do....	495	476	427	448	413	.....
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	53,320	53,670	53,688	53,298	r52,829	52,336
Durable-goods industries, total <u>2</u>.....do....	31,196	31,512	31,137	30,770	r30,494	30,169
Primary metal.....do....	4,077	4,018	4,466	4,384	r4,303	4,249
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,165	3,242	2,963	2,989	r2,980	2,982
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,524	10,614	10,283	10,188	r10,169	10,006
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,878	7,951	7,885	7,669	r7,414	7,274
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,889	1,945	1,814	1,801	r1,826	1,825
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,217	1,233	1,257	1,262	r1,299	1,292
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>2</u>.....do....	22,124	22,158	22,551	22,528	r22,335	22,167
Food and beverage.....do....	4,902	4,754	4,912	4,786	r4,694	4,605
Tobacco.....do....	2,132	2,105	1,962	2,027	r2,007	1,976
Textile.....do....	2,736	2,748	2,628	2,667	r2,679	2,680
Paper.....do....	1,412	1,455	1,444	1,443	r1,468	1,489
Chemical.....do....	3,701	3,725	3,863	3,886	r3,911	3,922
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,101	3,157	3,644	3,543	r3,436	3,356
Rubber.....do....	1,057	1,071	1,103	1,111	1,109	.....

ITEM	1957			1958		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month - Continued						
Book value (adjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	52,918	53,334	53,520	52,911	r52,445	52,040
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	30,961	31,185	31,148	30,625	r30,266	29,881
Primary metal.....do....	4,071	4,102	4,269	4,273	r4,297	4,346
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,230	3,210	3,086	3,081	r3,041	2,952
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,454	10,478	10,374	10,222	r10,101	9,884
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,738	7,825	7,801	7,529	r7,285	7,160
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,865	1,914	1,827	1,772	r1,803	1,795
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,170	1,174	1,270	1,237	r1,249	1,230
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	21,957	22,149	22,372	22,286	r22,179	22,159
Food and beverage.....do....	4,867	4,872	4,689	4,627	r4,660	4,720
Tobacco.....do....	2,030	2,024	1,924	1,912	r1,911	1,900
Textile.....do....	2,694	2,692	2,679	2,694	r2,638	2,625
Paper.....do....	1,398	1,426	1,444	1,443	r1,453	1,460
Chemical.....do....	3,643	3,676	3,820	3,824	r3,848	3,870
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,197	3,255	3,644	3,615	r3,542	3,460
Rubber.....do....	1,036	1,030	1,092	1,100	1,087	.....
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....do....	27,540	29,291	25,067	24,264	r23,228	24,738
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	13,712	14,611	11,890	10,749	r10,369	10,991
Primary metal.....do....	2,495	2,597	1,563	1,619	r1,461	1,546
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,461	1,538	1,189	1,189	r1,117	1,204
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,188	4,450	3,520	3,276	r3,547	3,670
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	2,957	3,181	3,669	2,448	r2,141	2,329
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,828	14,680	13,177	13,515	r12,859	13,747
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	28,647	28,066	25,060	24,369	r24,020	23,900
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	14,102	13,853	11,399	10,704	r10,598	10,493
Primary metal.....do....	2,403	2,330	1,512	1,556	r1,369	1,368
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,554	1,398	1,213	1,239	r1,176	1,147
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,268	4,205	3,422	3,336	r3,545	3,421
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,099	3,236	2,932	2,356	r2,271	2,442
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,545	14,213	13,661	13,665	r13,422	13,407
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	63,718	63,194	50,697	49,103	r47,836	46,591
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	60,763	60,341	48,127	46,563	r45,372	44,137
Primary metal.....do....	7,144	7,149	4,796	4,467	r4,263	4,034
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,510	4,497	3,483	3,343	r3,199	3,065
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	20,230	20,195	17,120	16,703	r16,548	16,230
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	23,915	23,506	18,750	18,132	r17,466	16,977
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	2,955	2,853	2,570	2,540	r2,464	2,454
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	40,738	40,735	44,776	43,966	43,043	42,562
Installment credit, total.....do....	31,488	31,524	34,105	33,737	33,302	32,983
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	2,976	3,347	4,069	3,108	2,754	3,164
Repaid, total.....do....	3,056	3,311	3,560	3,476	3,189	3,483
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,509	3,426	3,615	3,504	3,235	3,193
Repaid, total.....do....	3,257	3,255	3,498	3,421	3,401	3,373

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