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The table of monthly business statistics presented on page 19 et seq. has been changed in this issue to conform to the set-up of the 1938 Supplement to the Survey of Current Business, which is ready for distribution. The notes previously carried on this table have been eliminated, since the descriptive notes in the Supplement provide more adequate data concerning each item.

A few series have been added in this number which did not appear in the 1938 Supplement; these are indicated by an asterisk (*) and a brief footnote is carried where such is necessary. Some series for which current data are not available have been dropped.

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The omission of the special article in this issue was occasioned by the inclusion of the revised indexes of factory employment and pay rolls recently completed by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Because of the importance of these indexes, and the fact that the revisions were not completed in time to include the series in the 1938 Supplement, they are presented here in detail.

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The table of weekly statistics, usually presented on page 21, is omitted from this issue and will not be carried in the future since all of the data in this table are published on page 2 of the weekly supplement to the Survey.

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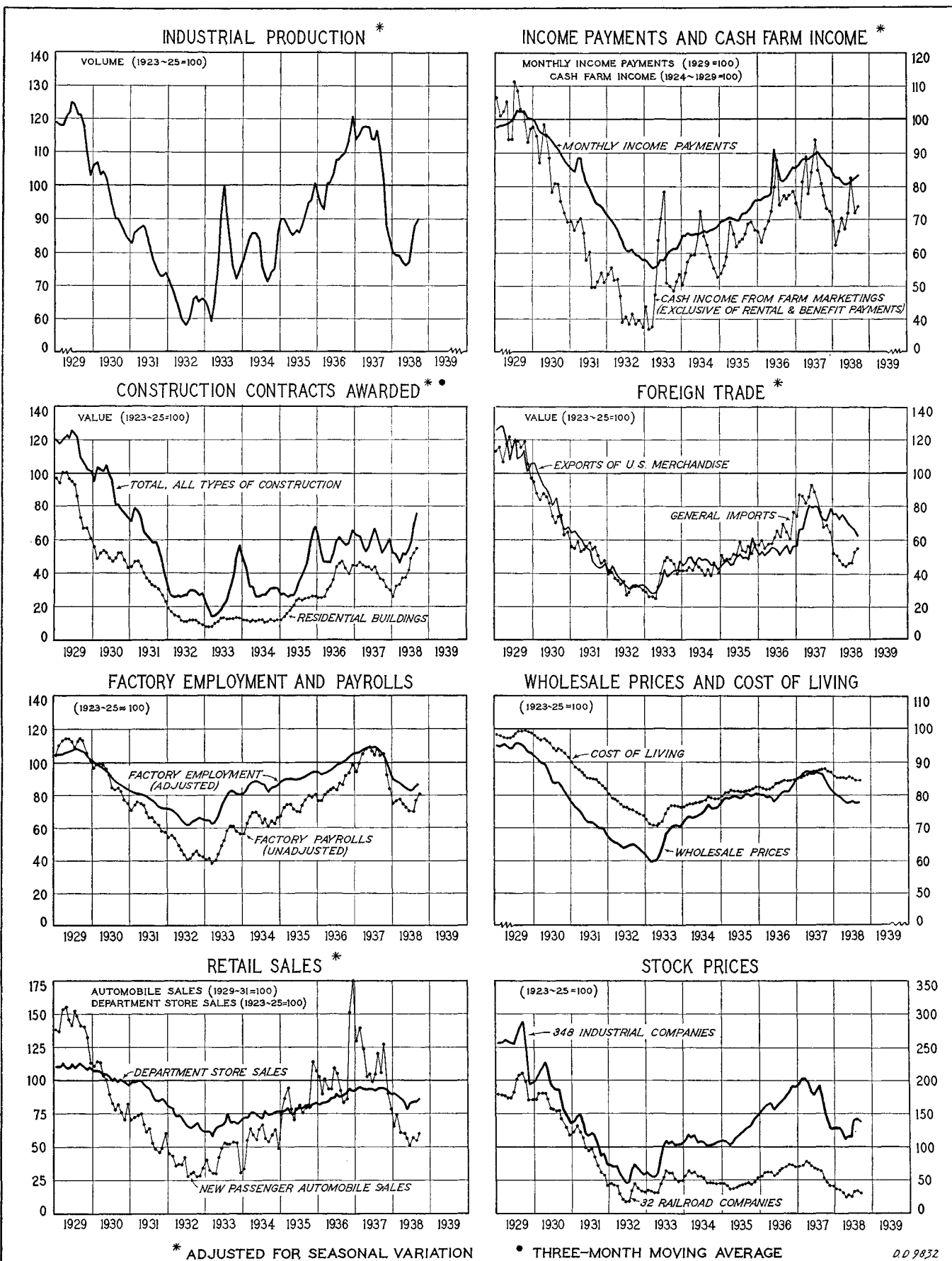
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Monthly Business Indicators, 1929-38



Business Situation Summarized

BUSINESS activity continued to move forward during October. The expansion in domestic production and sales and the lifting of war threats in Europe have been reflected in the rise in stock prices to the best levels of the year. The flow of capital through the new-issue market has been resumed on an enlarged scale as flotations held up during September were offered to investors. With the marked advance scored in industrial output during October, nearly half of the decline experienced in the 1937-38 recession has been recovered in a period of 4 months.

Expansion in manufacturing recently has been mainly in the durable-goods industries. A slackening in output on a seasonally corrected basis is indicated for

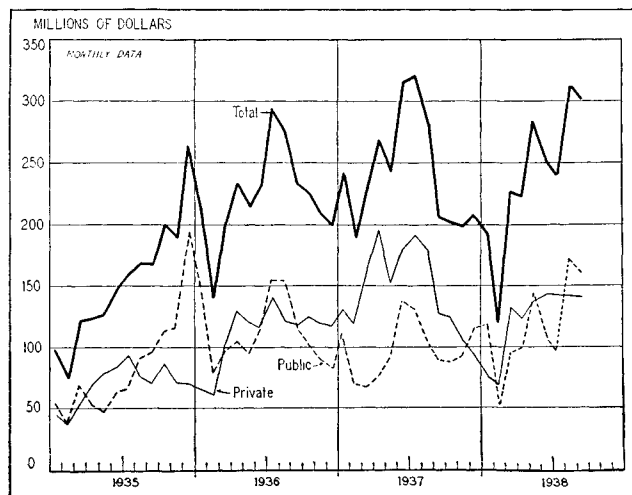


Figure 2.—Construction Contracts Awarded in 37 States East of the Rocky Mountains—Total, Public Ownership, and Private Ownership. Source of basic data: F. W. Dodge Corporation.

some of the industries producing goods in the nondurable classification. In September, all the major industries manufacturing durable goods, excepting the automobile industry, reported an increase in production. The automobile industry was engaged in the annual shift to new-model cars and produced about the same volume as in August. This industry has increased its output rapidly during October.

Steel production continued to rise during October, although some irregularity in the weekly rate of operations was induced by price changes during the month. Substantial reductions were made in the prices of certain important products, but before the end of the month prices were restored to the schedules prevailing prior to the cut. The rate of activity in October was in excess of 53 percent of ingot capacity, compared with a September rate of 45 percent. In the final week of the month ingot production moved above the rate in the corresponding week of 1937 for the first time this year.

Cotton manufacturing, which moved up rapidly during the summer months, is the major industry showing a decline on a seasonally adjusted basis. Cotton consumption in September increased but slightly, whereas a substantial seasonal gain is usual. Preliminary data for October indicate a further decline in the seasonally corrected index of cotton consumption. Silk consumption increased in September, while rayon production was maintained at the exceptionally high rate of the preceding months. Paper production in mid-October was at the rate of 83 percent of capacity, compared with a September average of 76 percent. Increased activity in the wearing apparel, carpet and rug, chemical, and rubber products industries was reflected in the employment and pay-roll data.

Income payments to individuals increased each month through the third quarter, with the seasonally corrected index for September recording an advance of 3.6 percent from the low reached in the second quarter.

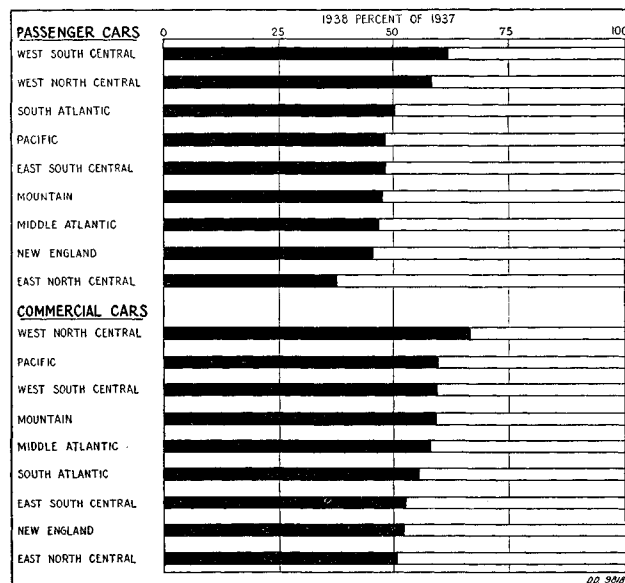


Figure 3.—Registrations of Passenger and Commercial Cars by Major Geographic Regions, 8 Months of 1938 Compared with Corresponding Period of 1937. Source of basic data: R. L. Polk & Co.

NOTE.—The full bars represent 1937 registrations for each area, and the shaded areas the proportion which 1938 registrations were of those for 1937 for the same area.

A further advance is indicated for October and if the present rate of improvement is maintained through the final quarter of the year, total income payments will show a decline from the 1937 results of less than 6 percent. When consideration is given to the moderate decline in the cost of living this year, it is apparent that the reduction in purchasing power derived from current income payments from 1937 to 1938 has not been marked.

The principal gains to date have been in the compensation of employees. While earnings of corpora-

tions have improved recently, the results of the third quarter, on the basis of statements published to date, were only moderately better than in the second quarter. Third-quarter profits were much lower than in the corresponding period of 1937.

While retail sales have been spotty, September results were better than in August. General merchandise sales of department stores and mail-order houses increased more than seasonally, and chain-store trade improved. Sales of automobiles were relatively low, but stocks of new cars have, in general, been liquidated. With large dealer orders for the 1939 models on hand, prospective manufacturing schedules of the industry for the last 2 months of the year have been increased.

Freight traffic expanded more than seasonally during September and October, with most major classes of traffic showing gains. Despite this improvement and the declining tendency a year ago, loadings in October were 10 percent less than in October 1937. The railroads have ordered sparingly of equipment. The class I carriers had on order less than 7,500 freight cars on October 1, and placed in service only 8,290 freight cars during the first 9 months of the year. Steam locomotives on order or under construction on October 1 numbered 14 as compared with 212 a year ago. Twenty-four electric and Diesel locomotives were on order, or four less than a year ago.

Revival in the construction industry continues to provide an important stimulus to current activity. Steady improvement in private residential building operations and the extensive public-works program have provided a rising volume of contracts. On a seasonally corrected basis, contracts have been advancing since last spring. The September Federal Reserve index of contracts awarded advanced to the highest point since 1931. The index of residential awards was above any figure since January 1930. Contracts awarded for commercial and industrial buildings have been in relatively small volume in recent months, but a number of important new industrial ventures were announced during October.

The accompanying chart indicates the trend of private and public building operations in recent years. Privately financed construction in September was 10 percent larger than a year ago, but the volume of publicly financed work was more than double.

Rising industrial and trade volumes have been accompanied by a substantial increase in the number of persons employed. The aggregate gain in employment in nonagricultural industries, as computed by the United States Department of Labor, amounted to 670,000 persons during August and September, and with reports from the major industrial centers indicating a continued upward trend, October is expected to bring a further increase in both employment and pay-roll distributions. On October 24, the Fair Labor Standards Act went into effect, and it was estimated by the

administrator of the act that the provisions would raise the pay of three-quarters of a million workers in

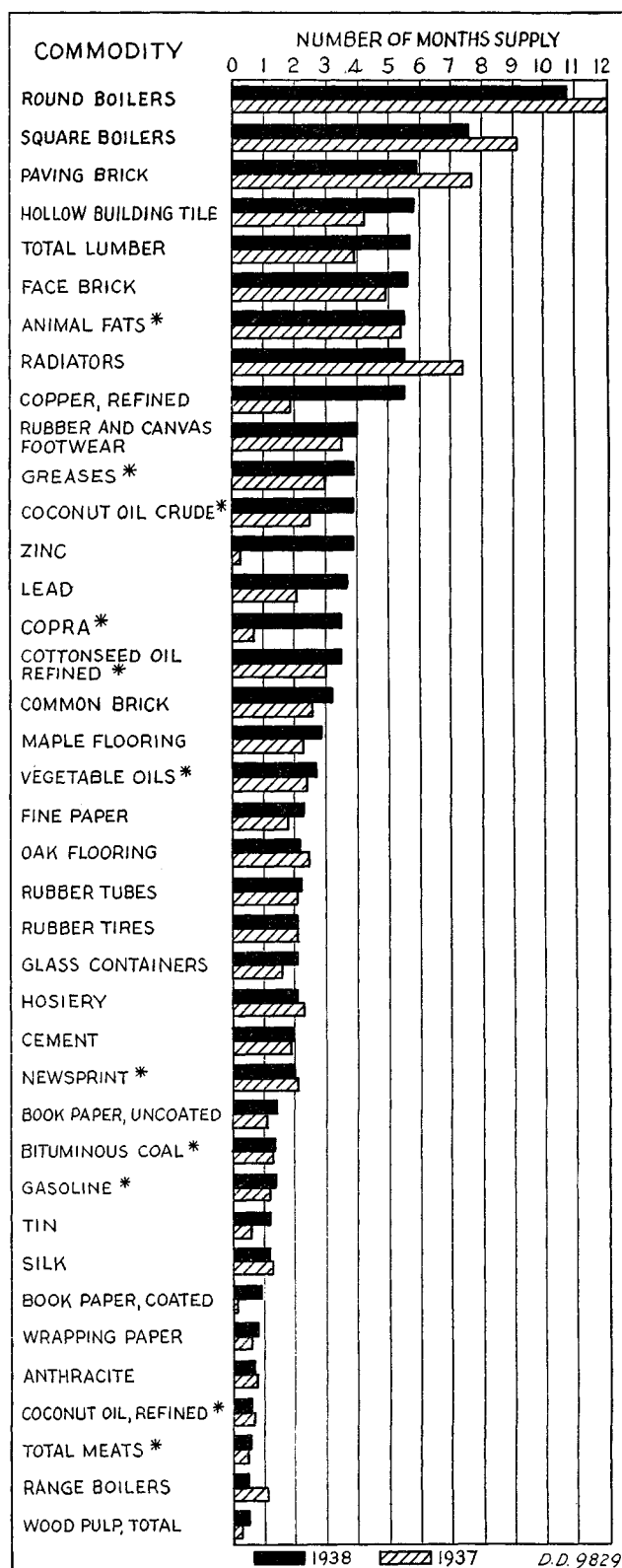


Figure 4. Ratio of Stocks to Consumption or Shipments.

NOTE.—The 1938 data are based on average consumption or shipments for the latest 3 months of this year, and stocks for the latest month; the 1937 data are on a comparable basis. Inventory data for most items are for August. Items marked with an asterisk are based on consumption and stocks; all others are derived from shipments (or deliveries) and stocks.

the lowest brackets and would shorten the hours of approximately a million and a half workers.

Figure 3 shows the decline in passenger and commercial car registrations during the first 8 months of this year in comparison with the corresponding period of 1937. While substantial reductions were reported for both types of vehicles, it will be seen that the drop was more pronounced in passenger cars. Six of the nine areas reported decreases in excess of 50 percent and one—the East North Central area—recorded a drop of nearly two-thirds.

In the two preceding issues of the SURVEY, the inventory situation has been discussed on the basis of dollar figures. In order to appraise the relationship of quantity stocks of individual products with reference to the volume of consumption or the rate of factory shipments, a comparison for individual commodities for which current statistics are available was made and is presented in figure 4. For both 1937 and 1938 the ratio of stocks to shipments or consumption is presented in terms of months' supply, using the stock figures for the latest month available at the time the tabulation was made (most frequently August), and the average monthly figure of consumption or shipments for the 3 latest months. All of the figures used in preparing this chart are carried in the SURVEY each month.

Although the 3 months of 1938 for which average consumption or shipments were computed constituted a period of improving business, the general picture presented herewith would not be materially altered by the use of the figures for the latest month alone.

It should be borne in mind when reviewing the comparisons given that shipments or consumption for practically all items included were considerably smaller this year than in the months of 1937 used in computing last year's averages.

It is apparent that stocks at the end of the third quarter, while actually lower than a year ago in most instances, frequently were larger this year with regard to the current rate of consumption. While the ratios presented in the chart are based upon availability of data, rather than on the representativeness of the commodities, it can be seen that the stock ratio is higher for 27 of the 39 commodities presented and the same for 1. In some instances, the stock ratio is considerably higher than a year ago. For the items in the lower quarter of the chart, however, stocks of these commodities amounted to about a month's supply, or less. Building materials, with the exception of oak flooring and cement, fall in the upper half of this group. The finished consumers' goods are all in the lower half, with the raw materials scattered.

MONTHLY BUSINESS INDEXES

Year and month	Monthly income payments ¹			Factory employment and pay rolls		Cash farm income ³		Industrial production, adjusted ²			Freight-car loadings, adjusted ²		Retail sales, value, adjusted ²		Foreign trade, value, adjusted ²		Construction contracts, all types, value, adjusted ²		New bank deposits, outside New York City		Wholesale price index, 813 commodities
	Total payments		Compensation of employees, adjusted ²	Number of employees, adjusted ²	Amount of pay rolls, unadjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted ²	Total	Manufactures	Minerals	Total	Merchandise, less than-carlot	Department stores	New passenger automobiles	Exports	Imports					
	Unadjusted	Adjusted ²																			
Monthly average 1929=100			Monthly average 1923-25=100		Monthly average 1924-29=100		Monthly average 1923-25=100						1929-31=100		Monthly average 1923-25=100			Monthly average 1926=100			
1929: September	101.3	102.1	102.4	107.3	114.4	122.0	103.0	121	121	118	108	105	113	141.5	110	115	110	138.3		96.1	
1933: September	59.3	60.5	60.2	82.8	61.3	58.0	50.0	84	83	87	60	68	68	52.0	40	48	30	61.9		70.8	
1934: September	66.8	66.0	64.9	81.3	60.8	73.5	62.5	71	69	82	60	64	74	53.0	48	43	29	65.3		77.6	
1935: September	73.5	72.0	71.9	91.8	76.7	76.5	66.0	91	92	87	64	64	81	79.0	50	53	43	76.1		80.7	
1936: September	83.3	81.5	81.9	99.9	86.9	89.0	77.5	109	110	102	75	67	88	83.0	55	70	59	89.1		81.6	
1937:																					
September	91.8	88.7	89.4	107.2	104.4	96.5	81.0	111	110	116	78	67	94	105.0	74	76	56	94.6		87.4	
October	92.2	88.0	88.5	105.1	104.5	107.5	77.5	102	101	113	76	66	93	127.0	72	68	52	101.0		85.4	
November	82.5	86.5	86.6	100.6	92.9	84.5	73.5	88	85	109	71	64	91	89.0	72	69	56	92.1		83.3	
December	98.6	85.8	85.1	95.1	84.2	80.0	72.5	84	79	115	67	62	89	78.0	79	65	61	105.6		81.7	
1938:																					
January	83.7	83.5	82.4	90.0	75.0	71.5	69.5	80	76	108	65	61	90	65.0	75	52	52	89.3		80.9	
February	76.0	82.6	81.4	88.9	76.9	54.0	62.5	79	75	103	62	62	88	74.0	76	51	51	74.2		79.8	
March	81.4	82.7	81.0	87.4	77.1	60.5	67.0	79	75	103	60	61	86	61.0	72	48	46	88.1		79.7	
April	81.6	81.4	80.1	85.4	74.6	58.0	70.5	77	73	101	57	60	83	60.0	76	46	52	84.1		78.7	
May	76.7	80.4	79.5	83.7	72.9	60.5	67.5	76	73	91	58	60	78	57.0	72	45	51	81.2		78.1	
June	82.3	80.7	79.4	82.4	70.8	61.0	72.0	77	74	92	58	59	82	50.5	69	47	54	87.0		78.3	
July	81.0	81.3	79.8	82.9	70.6	72.0	82.5	83	82	93	61	60	83	56.5	68	47	59	84.5		78.8	
August	76.1	82.5	81.5	84.9	76.8	72.5	72.0	88	87	95	62	60	83	54.5	66	53	66	81.2		78.1	
September	83.6	83.3	82.6	87.0	80.7	87.0	74.0	90	89	97	64	61	86	60.0	62	55	76	83.3		78.3	
Monthly average, January through September:																					
1929.....	99.1	-----	99.7	106.4	111.7	96.8	-----	122	124	115	108	105	99	162.3	112	115	125	137.6		95.7	
1933.....	56.9	-----	56.0	70.6	47.4	45.4	-----	77	77	81	57	67	59	47.3	32	36	20	60.8		64.3	
1934.....	65.5	-----	66.0	85.8	64.6	53.8	-----	81	80	86	62	66	67	64.0	46	43	33	68.9		74.4	
1935.....	69.8	-----	70.2	90.1	72.2	58.0	-----	88	88	89	62	64	69	84.9	46	52	32	77.7		79.8	
1936.....	79.5	-----	79.4	95.8	82.4	68.6	-----	102	102	101	72	65	77	106.0	51	61	56	88.9		80.2	
1937.....	86.7	-----	88.9	107.4	104.8	76.5	-----	116	116	116	80	68	83	116.8	70	83	62	93.3		87.3	
1938.....	80.3	-----	80.9	85.7	75.0	66.3	-----	72	79	95	60	60	75	61.0	67	49	58	83.7		79.0	

¹See footnote marked with a "†" on p. 19.

²Adjusted for seasonal variations.

³From farm marketings.

⁴Average of 8 months—January, February, April through September.

Commodity Prices

COMMODITY prices during October continued to display the relative stability that has been evident since mid-August. While some firming has occurred in prices of certain industrial raw materials, the general level of wholesale prices and also the average prices of "sensitive" commodities has not changed materially. Variations in Moody's index of 15 commodities since mid-August have been limited to the range of 142 to 145 (December 31, 1931=100). The recession in prices of leading farm products has been checked, but the index of this class of products in the third week of October was only slightly above the August lows.

Prices of industrial commodities have been firm generally, although weakness developed in some important products during October. Prices of crude oil were lowered in the first general change since January 1937. Quotations of refined petroleum products declined as a result of this change and the relatively high levels of refinery operations and stocks of refined products. Sulphur prices were reduced after having been held unchanged for a number of years. Sub-

stantial, though temporary, reductions occurred in prices of steel sheets and strips during the early part of October, and heavy purchases were reported to have been made by the automobile industry and other consumers prior to the withdrawal of the price concessions in the third week of the month. Prices of hides and nonferrous metals firmed. Copper for domestic delivery was advanced 1 cent per pound to 11½ cents; export copper quotations moved upward in the early weeks of October but eased later as production restrictions on members of the international cartel were lifted. Prices of the new-model passenger cars were lowered moderately, canceling part of last year's advance.

Retail prices of department-store articles continued firm during September, according to the Fairchild index. This index has been unchanged since July, after declining from the recovery high of 96.6 early in the fall of 1937 to the present figure of 89.0, a loss of 8 percent. Retail food prices at mid-September were practically unchanged from the August level and were 8 percent below a year ago.

INDEXES OF COMMODITY PRICES

Year and month	Wholesale Prices (U. S. Department of Labor)																	Cost of living (National Industrial Conference Board)	Farm prices, combined index (U. S. Department of Agriculture)	Retail prices		
	Combined index, 813 commodities	Economic classes			Groups and subgroups															Foods (U. S. Department of Labor) ¹	Department-store articles (Fairchild's) ²	
		Finished products	Raw materials	Semimanufactures	Farm products	Grains	Foods	Meats	Other than farm products and foods	Building materials	Chemicals and drugs	Fuel and lighting	Hides and leather	House-furnishing goods	Metals and metal products	Textile products	Miscellaneous					
Monthly average 1926=100																			Mo. average 1923=100	Mo. average 1909-14=100	Mo. average 1923-25=100	Dec. 1930 (Jan. 1, 1931)=100
1929: September.....	96.1	95.0	98.9	94.5	106.6	101.6	103.3	113.1	91.6	95.8	93.7	82.7	110.6	94.3	100.3	89.8	83.1	101.1	150	108.0	-----	
1933: September.....	70.8	74.8	61.7	72.9	57.0	63.9	64.9	51.5	76.1	82.7	72.7	70.4	92.3	79.3	82.1	76.9	65.1	78.2	80	72.0	86.0	
1934: September.....	77.6	80.1	73.9	71.8	73.4	88.1	76.1	76.6	78.3	85.6	76.5	74.6	84.1	81.8	86.6	71.1	70.2	80.8	103	77.2	87.7	
1935: September.....	80.7	83.1	77.3	74.4	79.5	83.5	86.1	102.9	77.8	85.9	80.2	73.0	90.9	80.5	86.6	71.8	67.1	82.7	107	80.1	86.6	
1936: September.....	81.6	82.3	81.8	75.9	84.0	102.0	83.3	87.3	79.6	87.1	81.7	76.1	94.6	81.7	86.8	70.9	71.3	85.9	124	84.3	89.3	
1937: September.....	87.4	89.1	84.4	85.3	85.9	91.9	88.0	113.4	85.9	96.2	81.4	78.7	107.6	91.1	97.1	75.3	77.0	89.4	118	85.8	96.3	
October.....	85.4	88.1	80.7	82.5	80.4	77.0	85.5	107.4	85.1	95.4	81.2	78.5	106.7	91.0	96.4	73.5	76.2	89.5	112	84.9	95.7	
November.....	83.3	86.7	77.2	79.8	75.7	69.2	83.1	98.3	84.3	93.7	80.2	78.2	101.4	90.4	96.8	71.2	75.4	89.0	107	83.6	94.5	
December.....	81.7	85.3	75.4	77.7	72.8	71.5	79.8	88.8	83.6	92.5	79.5	78.4	97.7	89.7	96.3	70.1	75.0	88.6	104	82.6	93.2	
1938: January.....	80.9	84.3	74.9	76.9	71.6	75.0	76.3	82.6	83.5	91.8	79.6	78.3	96.7	88.3	96.6	69.7	75.2	87.5	102	80.3	92.4	
February.....	79.8	83.3	73.6	76.1	69.8	73.0	73.5	78.4	83.0	91.1	79.1	78.5	94.7	88.0	96.0	68.6	74.8	86.7	97	78.4	91.2	
March.....	79.7	83.4	73.2	75.6	70.3	69.0	73.5	81.6	82.6	91.5	78.7	77.7	93.6	87.7	96.0	68.2	74.4	86.7	96	78.6	90.6	
April.....	78.7	82.7	71.3	75.3	68.4	66.0	72.3	82.2	82.0	91.2	77.5	76.8	92.1	87.3	96.3	67.2	73.4	86.8	94	79.4	90.2	
May.....	78.1	82.1	70.7	75.4	67.5	62.3	72.1	82.1	81.6	90.4	76.8	76.2	91.3	87.2	96.7	66.1	73.1	86.5	92	79.1	89.5	
June.....	78.3	82.2	71.4	74.1	68.7	62.7	73.1	84.5	81.3	89.7	76.3	76.4	90.1	87.1	96.1	65.5	72.9	86.7	92	80.2	89.2	
July.....	78.8	82.5	72.3	74.3	69.4	58.3	74.3	89.7	81.4	89.2	77.7	76.8	91.5	86.4	95.2	66.1	72.7	86.5	95	80.0	89.0	
August.....	78.1	81.8	71.4	74.4	67.3	53.4	73.0	86.0	81.4	89.4	77.7	76.8	91.9	86.4	95.4	65.9	72.4	85.9	92	78.4	89.0	
September.....	78.3	81.8	72.0	74.7	68.1	53.0	74.5	87.3	81.3	89.5	77.3	76.6	92.0	86.2	95.5	65.8	72.4	85.9	95	78.7	89.0	
Monthly average, January through September:	75.3	81.8	72.0	74.7	68.1	53.0	74.5	87.3	81.3	89.5	77.3	76.6	92.0	86.2	95.5	65.8	72.4	85.9	95	78.7	89.0	
1929.....	95.7	94.9	98.0	94.1	105.6	97.3	100.0	110.8	91.8	95.7	94.4	82.9	109.1	94.1	101.1	91.0	82.5	99.8	146	104.0	-----	
1933.....	64.3	68.9	54.7	63.1	49.9	50.9	59.6	50.9	69.1	74.4	72.4	64.1	78.2	74.0	79.0	60.3	61.3	74.0	68	65.0	74.2	
1934.....	74.4	77.9	67.5	73.2	63.5	70.4	69.1	60.8	78.5	86.6	75.5	73.0	87.3	81.6	87.2	73.9	69.5	79.1	87	73.4	88.6	
1935.....	79.8	82.1	76.9	72.8	78.9	83.1	83.2	93.9	77.7	85.1	80.2	73.4	87.9	80.6	86.3	70.2	68.7	82.3	107	80.2	86.1	
1936.....	80.2	81.7	78.7	74.8	79.3	82.6	81.4	88.5	79.1	86.1	79.4	76.1	94.7	81.4	86.7	70.6	69.5	84.4	111	81.9	88.3	
1937.....	87.3	87.4	87.1	87.0	89.9	107.3	86.3	99.2	85.6	95.6	85.1	77.4	105.6	89.2	95.2	77.8	78.6	88.4	126	85.6	95.2	
1938.....	79.0	82.7	72.3	75.2	69.0	63.6	73.6	83.8	82.0	90.4	77.9	77.1	92.7	87.2	96.0	67.0	73.5	86.6	95	79.2	90.0	

¹ Middle of month.² Index is as of the 1st of the following month.

Domestic Trade

RETAIL trade increased at a more-than-seasonal rate during September. Department-store returns for the first 3 weeks of October indicate that sales were on about a par with September, although the usual seasonal change is toward higher figures. Temporary conditions apparently influenced the movement since consumer purchasing power has continued to rise. Reports of dealer orders for the new-model passenger automobiles indicated definite improvement in the sales prospects of automobile dealers, but the limited supply of 1939 model cars restricted actual sales during the month.

September sales of general merchandise showed improvement in most lines, and on the whole the gains were moderately in excess of the sharp rise which is customary at this period. For department stores the adjusted index increased 3 points to 86 (1923-25=100), and the index for sales of variety stores recorded a larger gain over August. Rural sales of general merchandise also expanded, as is customary at this season; but September sales were smaller than a year ago, whereas in August they were about even with those of August 1937. Retail sales have in general continued to make an improved showing in comparison with sales in the corresponding period of 1937 in many lines, although the results have not been uniform. Thus, for department stores a distinct narrowing of the margin

of loss from 1937 is apparent, while for variety stores the situation in September was about the same as in August. Rural sales, however, dropped below the September 1937 results, after having equalled the dollar volume of a year ago in August. On the other hand, this Bureau's sample of independent retail store sales, based upon reports from more than 18,000 retailers, has indicated a narrowing of the margin of loss from a year ago in each month since May. In September the decline in sales for this group, on a daily average basis amounted to 15 percent, as compared with 17 percent in August and 20 percent last May.

Dollar sales of 2,500 wholesalers reporting to the Bureau were about 14 percent larger in September than in August, on a daily average basis. Comparisons with a year ago recorded some further improvement, but total sales in September were about 13 percent lower than in September 1937. The inventory position of wholesalers has shown little change in recent months.

For manufacturers reporting dollar sales, daily average sales recorded about the same improvement over August as was reported for wholesalers and retailers. Comparisons with a year ago were more satisfactory for manufacturers, due mainly to the fact that the recession in business activity last fall was reflected in manufacturers' sales earlier than in the sales of either wholesalers or retailers.

DOMESTIC TRADE STATISTICS

Year and month	Retail trade												Wholesale trade		Commercial failures		
	Department stores				Combined index (Chain Store Age)	Chain-store sales				Rural sales of general merchandise		New passenger-car sales		Employment	Pay rolls	Failures	Liabilities
	Sales		Stocks ¹			Grocery stores		Variety stores		general merchandise		sales					
	Unad-just- ed ²	Ad-just- ed ³	Unad-just- ed	Ad-just- ed ³		Unad-just- ed ²	Ad-just- ed ³	Unad-just- ed ²	Ad-just- ed ³	Unad-just- ed ²	Ad-just- ed ³	Unad-just- ed ²	Ad-just- ed ³				
	Monthly average 1923-25=100				Avg. same mo. 1929-31=100	Monthly average 1929-31=100								Monthly average 1929=100		Number	Thousands of dolls.
1929: September-----	117	113	103	100	-----	101.6	103.7	102.6	107.4	133.0	134.4	133.8	141.5	101.9	103.3	-----	-----
1933: September-----	73	68	73	70	87.5	80.6	82.3	82.5	86.4	73.2	73.9	51.2	52.0	80.3	58.7	1,075	16,663
1934: September-----	79	74	67	64	95.3	82.1	83.8	85.5	89.5	97.9	98.8	51.9	53.0	83.5	63.6	809	24,852
1935: September-----	86	81	67	64	99.7	89.6	91.4	87.7	91.8	103.7	104.8	50.1	79.0	83.7	67.2	826	28,243
1936: September-----	94	88	71	68	110.0	93.0	94.9	97.9	102.4	122.3	123.6	71.0	83.0	88.0	70.5	609	12,906
1937:																	
September-----	100	94	80	77	117.0	94.7	96.6	99.8	104.5	130.4	131.7	73.2	105.0	93.0	78.3	584	9,818
October-----	103	93	85	76	114.8	94.9	94.4	101.5	100.0	160.2	131.3	82.6	127.0	94.0	79.3	815	14,079
November-----	101	91	86	75	109.0	94.9	94.9	102.7	101.2	145.8	118.6	90.8	89.0	93.5	78.3	842	16,400
December-----	156	89	68	72	111.5	97.0	94.2	203.5	110.3	179.5	126.4	70.1	78.0	93.3	77.8	1,009	27,818
1938:																	
January-----	70	90	63	71	106.7	93.3	96.2	71.6	96.1	86.6	104.3	50.8	65.0	91.0	75.4	1,377	21,415
February-----	70	88	67	70	106.4	94.1	93.6	78.6	94.1	90.4	99.9	53.6	74.0	90.4	75.3	1,149	21,028
March-----	77	86	71	70	103.3	95.6	94.7	81.7	97.2	98.4	105.8	76.0	61.0	89.1	74.7	1,167	40,325
April-----	86	83	71	69	105.0	94.4	91.7	95.2	92.9	107.9	112.3	80.5	60.0	88.5	74.6	1,172	21,147
May-----	80	78	71	69	103.3	95.0	93.6	90.7	90.7	103.5	110.1	75.5	57.0	87.3	75.1	1,123	19,139
June-----	79	82	65	68	106.3	93.6	92.2	90.9	95.7	106.2	112.4	65.0	50.5	87.2	73.8	1,073	15,918
July-----	58	83	61	67	108.1	89.2	91.0	88.0	99.0	84.8	110.2	61.4	56.5	86.8	73.6	1,038	14,761
August-----	65	83	65	67	106.0	88.5	92.2	85.4	97.0	98.2	114.2	49.2	54.5	87.6	73.7	1,015	16,382
September-----	91	86	70	67	109.0	93.3	95.2	94.1	98.5	121.1	122.4	37.2	60.0	88.4	74.1	866	14,341
Monthly average, January through September:																	
1929-----	99	-----	97	-----	-----	100.7	-----	95.5	-----	112.5	-----	162.3	-----	110.1	99.0	-----	-----
1933-----	59	-----	58	-----	82.3	79.2	-----	73.4	-----	57.5	-----	47.3	-----	74.2	55.4	1,821	43,020
1934-----	67	-----	64	-----	91.7	82.9	-----	81.6	-----	72.4	-----	64.0	-----	82.1	62.4	1,007	26,876
1935-----	69	-----	62	-----	95.6	88.5	-----	81.7	-----	86.9	-----	84.9	-----	83.2	61.9	1,026	26,251
1936-----	77	-----	64	-----	104.3	94.0	-----	88.3	-----	98.7	-----	106.0	-----	85.6	68.4	838	18,208
1937-----	83	-----	74	-----	111.7	95.7	-----	91.6	-----	108.2	-----	116.8	-----	91.5	76.0	798	13,884
1938-----	75	-----	67	-----	106.0	93.0	-----	86.2	-----	99.7	-----	61.0	-----	88.5	74.5	1,109	20,495

¹ End of month.² Adjusted for number of working days.³ Adjusted for seasonal variations.

Foreign Trade

EXPORT trade continued in relatively large volume in September, although the 7 percent gain in value over August was about half of the usual seasonal rise. As in several preceding months, the value of exports was somewhat smaller than in the corresponding month of 1937; the relative decrease in September was about the same as in August.

Agricultural exports in September valued at \$75,196,000 exceeded those of August by \$13,755,000. Larger shipments of meat products and fruits, as well as of cotton and tobacco, accounted for the increase. However, the value of unmanufactured cotton exports amounting to \$20,511,000 was an unusually low figure for September, and the quantity of cotton exported was less than in any September since 1922. This fact, together with the sharp drop in exports of grain (including flour) to less than \$11,000,000, in comparison with the large total of approximately \$20,000,000 in the previous month, held the rise in total exports below seasonal expectations.

The decline in exports of finished manufactures was not so pronounced during September as in the months immediately preceding. Exports of this class were valued at \$112,465,000, almost as large a total as in August. The trade in certain commodities which had dropped to lower levels in the two or three preceding

months—particularly in iron and steel manufactures, paper manufactures, and cotton manufactures—increased in September, while shipments of gasoline and industrial machinery, which had held at high totals through August, were lower in September.

Exports of semimanufactures increased to a value of over \$40,000,000 in September, after dropping from approximately \$46,000,000 in April to less than \$36,000,000 in August. Practically all exports in this class showed some increase in value in September.

Import trade was maintained in September at the improved rate attained in August. Reflecting the advance in industrial output in the United States, the value of crude material imports rose to the highest point of the year. While this increase was partly the result of the rise in certain commodity prices, notably in that of crude rubber, the major commodities in this class increased in volume.

Imports of semimanufactures as a whole were slightly smaller in value in September than in August. Imports of tin and wood pulp failed to reach as high a value as in August, while the value of diamonds, coal-tar products, and fertilizer imports increased. Finished manufactured imports increased slightly compared with August, and reached the highest monthly figure of this year.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

Year and month	Indexes		Ex-ports, in-cluding reex-ports	Exports of United States merchandise									Imports ¹				
	Value of total ex-ports, ad-justed ²	Value of total im-ports, ad-justed ²		Total	Crude ma-terials		Food-stuffs, total	Semi-man-ufactures	Finished manufac-tures			Total	Crude mate-rials	Food-stuffs	Semi-man-ufactures	Fin-ished man-ufactures	
					Total	Un-man-ufactured cot-ton			Total	Ma-chin-ery	Auto-mo-biles, parts, and ac-cessories						
Monthly aver-age 1923-25=100			Millions of dollars														
1929: September.....	110	115	437.2	431.8	112.3	76.4	70.9	57.7	190.9	48.4	33.6	351.3	122.1	73.0	70.6	85.6	
1933: September.....	40	48	160.1	157.5	63.6	45.3	18.7	21.3	53.9	11.7	8.3	146.6	48.3	31.2	33.5	33.6	
1934: September.....	48	43	191.3	188.9	66.1	32.2	20.1	29.7	73.0	18.8	14.0	149.9	38.6	57.5	24.2	29.5	
1935: September.....	50	53	198.8	196.0	68.7	31.8	22.4	29.5	75.4	20.4	13.3	168.7	49.8	44.4	38.5	36.0	
1936: September.....	55	70	220.5	217.9	72.8	37.8	23.3	32.1	89.7	27.3	12.5	218.4	69.5	64.2	40.8	43.9	
1937:																	
September.....	74	76	296.7	293.5	80.9	39.0	26.8	55.4	130.4	39.0	23.3	234.1	76.0	56.9	52.6	48.6	
October.....	72	68	333.1	329.8	88.3	45.0	38.8	59.0	143.7	44.6	25.4	226.5	71.7	53.0	51.9	50.0	
November.....	72	69	314.7	311.2	84.9	43.7	32.9	57.0	136.4	37.7	29.8	212.4	67.5	51.5	46.4	47.0	
December.....	79	65	319.3	315.3	75.9	39.9	34.0	53.5	151.9	44.7	39.7	203.7	68.5	50.4	43.6	41.3	
1938:																	
January.....	75	52	289.4	286.1	67.9	34.6	40.3	44.1	133.9	39.7	34.4	163.5	51.8	44.1	32.9	34.6	
February.....	76	51	262.7	260.0	48.2	21.2	39.4	41.7	130.6	41.4	28.1	155.9	46.7	47.1	29.7	32.5	
March.....	72	48	275.7	270.8	47.0	23.1	35.5	46.2	142.1	46.1	28.8	173.3	51.2	55.5	32.1	34.5	
April.....	76	46	274.5	271.5	44.5	20.1	38.6	46.3	142.2	45.6	26.4	155.5	43.8	49.5	28.6	33.6	
May.....	72	45	257.2	253.6	34.8	10.4	48.2	42.6	128.0	42.4	20.6	147.2	40.2	45.7	27.8	33.4	
June.....	69	47	232.7	229.5	34.5	9.4	34.6	37.0	123.4	41.5	17.2	147.9	38.0	47.1	30.4	32.4	
July.....	68	47	227.8	225.1	32.8	10.5	38.0	37.3	117.0	39.7	17.5	147.8	43.2	44.1	29.6	30.9	
August.....	66	53	230.6	228.1	43.8	10.7	35.8	35.6	112.9	39.5	12.3	171.1	49.5	49.5	35.0	37.0	
September.....	62	55	246.3	243.6	59.6	20.5	31.4	40.2	112.5	36.6	14.2	172.9	52.4	49.1	33.6	37.9	
Cumulative, January through September:																	
1929.....	\$ 112	\$ 115	3,843.7	3,778.6	697.3	444.5	557.0	558.2	1,966.1	457.6	457.1	3,360.0	1,195.0	745.0	678.8	741.2	
1933.....	\$ 32	\$ 36	1,105.0	1,085.3	364.4	250.9	131.1	159.9	429.9	87.2	65.4	1,036.6	297.8	309.3	203.7	225.8	
1934.....	\$ 46	\$ 43	1,561.0	1,536.0	443.6	255.1	171.0	252.3	669.2	160.0	154.4	1,222.4	356.5	375.5	232.7	257.7	
1935.....	\$ 46	\$ 52	1,568.3	1,536.7	404.9	213.2	145.8	253.4	732.5	193.5	171.6	1,506.5	425.3	500.7	291.8	288.6	
1936.....	\$ 51	\$ 61	1,734.9	1,706.2	418.2	210.7	150.2	290.3	847.6	245.9	174.5	1,770.0	533.5	542.0	360.0	334.5	
1937.....	\$ 70	\$ 83	2,377.5	2,338.1	472.9	240.1	173.4	507.7	1,184.0	352.5	251.9	2,370.7	765.8	699.0	492.8	413.2	
1938.....	\$ 67	\$ 49	2,296.9	2,268.4	413.1	160.6	341.8	370.9	1,142.6	372.6	199.3	1,435.3	416.9	431.7	279.8	306.9	

¹ General imports through December 1933; imports for consumption thereafter.

² Adjusted for seasonal variations.

³ Monthly average.

Employment

THE number employed in nonagricultural industries in September rose to the highest level of the year, according to data compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The gain over August amounted to about 450,000 workers, a more-than-seasonal increase. In September the number at work was about 2,700,000 less than a year ago whereas 3 months earlier the decline over the year interval amounted to 3,280,000 workers.

In manufacturing industries, the gain in employment in September was larger than usual, the adjusted index advancing 2 points to 87.0 (1923-25=100). The index has recorded a gain of about 6 percent since June, when the number of factory workers was at the lowest figure since 1934. Pay rolls also recorded a sharp gain in September, the index (without seasonal adjustment) advancing nearly 4 points to 80.7.

In contrast to the experience during July and August, when the recovery movement was gaining momentum, the increases in employment in September were more pronounced in the durable-goods industries. After adjustment for seasonal variations, this group showed a gain of about 5 percent, compared with an increase of less than 1 percent for the nondurable-goods group. Employment in the production of durable goods, how-

ever, is about 30 percent below the recovery high recorded in July 1937, whereas in the nondurable-goods lines, the number at work in September was only about 12 percent under the 1937 high, according to the seasonally adjusted figures.

The more-than-seasonal gain in employment in automobile plants accounted for an important part of the rise in the number at work in industries producing durable goods. Numerous other industries classed in this group, however, increased working forces by more than the usual seasonal amount.

Practically all of the nondurable-goods industries also reported increased employment, but in most instances the gains were of no more than seasonal proportions. Exceptions, in which more-than-seasonal improvement occurred, included wearing apparel, chemicals and allied products, and rubber products.

Gains also predominated among the nonmanufacturing industries in September as compared with August. Under the stimulus of seasonal influences and the improvement in general business conditions, retail trade establishments increased their working forces by about 184,000, a slightly more-than-seasonal gain. Mining industries generally reported improved employment conditions.

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Year and month	Factory employment and pay rolls ¹									Retail trade, unadjusted		Average factory wages and hours (National Industrial Conference Board)			Industrial disputes		
	Employment						Pay rolls, unadjusted										
	Unadjusted			Adjusted ²						All in- dus- tries	Dura- ble goods indus- tries	Non- dura- ble goods indus- tries					
	All in- dus- tries	Dura- ble goods indus- tries	Non- dura- ble goods indus- tries	All in- dus- tries	Dura- ble goods indus- tries	Non- dura- ble goods indus- tries											
	Monthly average 1923-25=100	Monthly av- erage 1929=100		Dollars		Number		Thou- sands of days									
1929: September.....	110.3	109.8	110.8	107.3	108.2	106.5	114.4	114.6	114.2	100.6	101.7	29.01	0.594	48.8	99	146	274
1933: September.....	85.0	68.3	100.8	82.8	67.8	97.1	161.3	46.0	78.4	80.6	58.7	19.41	.536	36.3	233	347	3,594
1934: September.....	83.5	71.5	95.0	81.3	71.3	90.8	60.8	47.6	75.6	81.7	60.6	19.55	.591	33.4	150	259	4,136
1935: September.....	93.8	81.5	105.5	91.8	82.3	100.8	76.7	65.6	89.1	81.8	62.5	22.54	.601	37.7	162	311	3,027
1936: September.....	101.9	93.0	110.4	99.9	93.8	105.7	86.9	81.0	93.5	86.6	66.6	25.18	.619	40.7	234	379	1,063
1937:																	
September.....	109.0	106.3	111.5	107.2	107.6	106.8	104.4	105.8	102.9	90.7	74.4	27.39	.716	38.3	361	656	1,450
October.....	107.2	106.6	107.8	105.1	105.4	104.7	104.5	108.2	100.3	92.1	75.9	27.12	.716	37.8	320	583	1,182
November.....	101.1	100.8	101.4	100.6	99.8	101.3	92.9	94.8	90.8	91.7	75.3	25.59	.717	35.6	262	467	982
December.....	94.5	91.7	97.2	95.1	91.9	98.1	84.2	81.0	87.7	100.4	80.6	24.36	.715	34.1	131	333	674
1938:																	
January.....	87.8	81.7	93.7	90.0	83.7	96.0	75.0	67.1	84.0	84.1	70.1	22.98	.710	32.5	151	271	470
February.....	88.2	80.1	95.9	88.9	81.0	96.4	76.9	67.2	87.8	82.4	68.4	23.53	.710	33.4	170	286	502
March.....	87.7	79.3	95.8	87.4	79.0	95.4	77.1	67.4	87.9	83.0	68.6	23.63	.714	33.3	236	356	780
April.....	85.7	77.0	94.0	85.4	76.2	94.1	74.6	65.6	84.7	88.2	72.2	23.53	.717	32.9	236	388	803
May.....	83.4	75.0	91.5	83.7	74.1	92.9	72.9	64.2	82.6	83.8	70.0	23.38	.718	32.7	252	407	1,174
June.....	81.6	72.4	90.3	82.4	71.9	92.4	70.8	61.7	80.9	83.6	69.5	23.74	.719	33.1	179	332	808
July.....	81.9	70.3	92.9	82.9	70.7	94.5	70.6	58.6	84.1	81.1	68.1	23.93	.713	33.8	164	289	666
August.....	85.7	71.8	99.0	84.9	72.1	97.1	76.8	63.5	91.6	80.0	66.8	24.93	.711	35.2	230	355	810
September.....	88.9	75.3	101.8	87.0	75.8	97.6	80.7	68.3	94.6	84.7	69.5	25.82	.713	36.3	190	330	1,200
Monthly average, Jan- uary through Sep- tember:																	
1929.....	106.4	107.4	105.5	-----	-----	-----	111.7	113.3	109.8	98.0	98.1	28.73	.589	48.7	84	-----	514
1933.....	70.6	54.5	85.9	-----	-----	-----	47.4	34.2	62.1	73.0	52.8	17.33	.472	37.0	155	-----	1,250
1934.....	85.8	73.7	97.4	-----	-----	-----	64.6	53.3	77.3	80.8	60.1	20.07	.577	34.9	160	-----	1,925
1935.....	90.1	79.6	100.1	-----	-----	-----	72.2	62.3	83.3	80.7	61.0	21.95	.598	36.7	177	-----	1,359
1936.....	95.8	89.1	102.2	-----	-----	-----	82.4	77.6	87.7	83.3	64.5	24.17	.614	39.3	190	-----	982
1937.....	107.4	105.4	109.4	-----	-----	-----	104.8	106.4	102.9	88.1	71.7	27.56	.685	40.3	447	-----	2,843
1938.....	85.7	75.9	95.0	-----	-----	-----	75.0	64.8	86.5	83.4	69.2	23.94	.714	33.7	201	-----	801

¹ See footnote marked "†" on p. 25.

² Adjusted for seasonal variations.

Finance

WITH the lifting of war threats in Europe, financial markets here and abroad strengthened. Stock prices on the New York Stock Exchange rose sharply after September 28, and corporate bond prices, which had been declining since the end of July, also moved higher. After the middle of October, prices tended to level off, but only after representative averages had advanced above the previous highs of the year established in the June-July movement.

Until the announcement, on September 28, of the four-power conference in Munich, speculative factors in security markets involved the discounting of the manifold influences which might arise from war conditions in general and from the application in the United States of far-reaching trade and neutrality legislation in particular. The possible effect on our export trade,

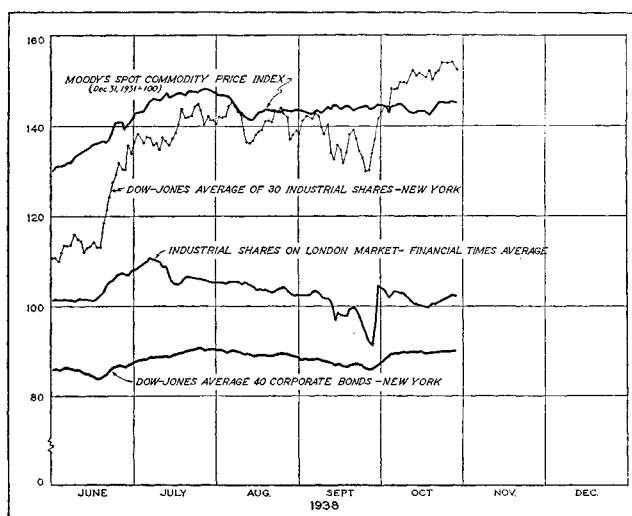


Figure 5.—Indexes of Security Prices on the London and New York Markets and Moody's Index of 15 commodities.

should the European tension develop into a general war, and the degree to which European belligerents could draw upon financial assets held in this country, permitted no clear-cut speculative course in the markets, with the result that both security prices and the foreign exchanges became all the more sensitive to the hour-by-hour cables from European capitals.

The repercussions of foreign political and financial developments have recently, as during the past 3 years, been definitely reflected in the course which foreign currencies followed in terms of the dollar. The impact of intermittent European crises has been mitigated by the operation of the various stabilization funds, with the result that the pronounced shocks produced during 1938—first by the crisis in March, which culminated in Austria's union with Germany, and, secondly, by the more dramatic events leading up to the Munich agreement—were absorbed without excessive disturb-

ance. The tension was nevertheless severe, as evidenced by the unprecedented flight of capital from European centers to the United States. Just prior to the announcement of the Munich Conference on September 28, sterling had fallen to \$4.60, the lowest point since October 1933. Although various other currencies fell to new low levels for recent years, the exchanges of the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Belgium held firm, and for the first time since July, when a period of European currency weakness set in, these currencies definitely broke their link with sterling.

Until the European political crises of September, the inward movement of capital funds during 1938 had

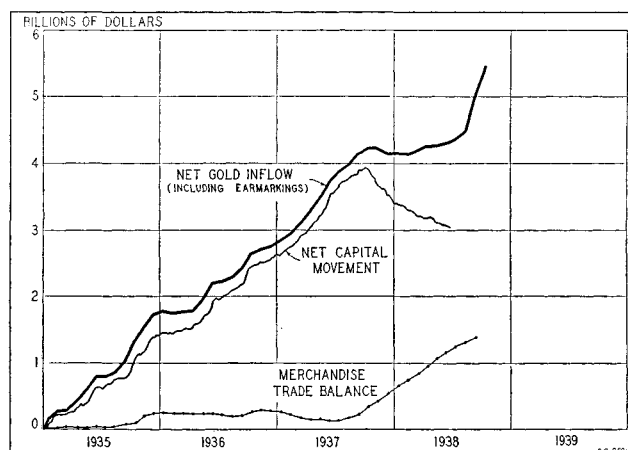


Figure 6.—Cumulative Net Movements of Gold and of Capital Between the United States and Foreign Countries, and Cumulative Excess of Merchandise Exports Over Imports Since January 1, 1935.

NOTE.—Gold inflow for October estimated from data for first 3 weeks of month.

been confined largely to purchases of foreign dollar bonds in our markets in connection with redemption and sinking-fund operations. These purchases had been overshadowed during the first half of the year by a steady withdrawal of foreign-owned dollar balances from the United States, with the result that such balances were reduced from \$1,730,000,000 on December 29, 1937, to \$1,357,000,000 on June 29, 1938. During the same period short-term claims of banks in the United States on foreign banks increased from \$655,000,000 to \$711,000,000. Together with changes in international brokerage balances the reported capital movements during the first 6 months of 1938 resulted in a net outflow of funds aggregating \$578,000,000. These withdrawals were undoubtedly influenced in part by the merchandise export balance of \$631,000,000 in this country's foreign trade during the first half of 1938.

The developments in the international financial markets during recent months reveal sharp statistical contrasts as compared with the first 6 or 7 months of the year, even though financial difficulties in France had compelled a further depreciation of the franc in May

and the Austrian crisis several months previously had placed European currencies under heavy pressure. Gold imports, which had risen to \$166,000,000 in August, leaped to a new high record of \$521,000,000 in September. Since the Munich agreement the rate of outflow from Europe has gradually subsided, although more than \$500,000,000 in gold entered this country during the 4 weeks ended October 29. Although no data relating to capital movements since the middle of the year are available, it is apparent that the flight of foreign capital to the United States has materially lessened since the climactic event of September 28.

Despite the strength shown by foreign currencies after the Munich agreement, heavy selling again developed during the second week of October. The underlying influences are not clearly defined, but it may be noted that Europe has been subjected to a series of minor crises, while in this country the security markets have regained a forward momentum which, after having been definitely in evidence during July and part of August, had been reversed during September. The sterling rate has again dropped after recovering from the September low, but the current rate around \$4.75 is off 20 cents from the quotation in early July. The French franc has also tended lower during this period.

Quotations on foreign dollar bonds, notably Czechoslovak and other Central European issues, declined sharply during the critical weeks of September. With the turn of events assured by the agreement at Munich, foreign issues staged a spectacular recovery. The clearing of the foreign situation and the large supply of funds available for investment also produced a pronounced stimulus to the market for United States Government issues throughout late September and October.

In general, member-bank loans for commercial,

industrial, and agricultural purposes have remained on a comparatively uniform level since the middle of 1938, as compared with a decline of nearly \$700,000,000 during the first 6 months of the year. During part of this period the trend reflected in the reports from banks in New York and Chicago was in contrast with that reported by the banks in the remaining 99 of the 101 cities represented by the reporting institutions. In several instances banks outside the two big cities reported increases, which were offset in the aggregate figures by reductions reported by the banks in the two large financial centers.

The effect of the heavy gold imports since September is reflected in the rise in the estimated excess reserves of member banks, which were reported on October 19 at \$3,270,000,000, an increase of \$530,000,000 over the amount reported on September 21. During the same period gold certificates held by the Federal Reserve banks increased by \$301,000,000, although total Reserve bank credit showed a relatively small expansion.

Influenced partly by uncertainty arising from the European crisis, new corporate security issues fell in September below the levels of the 3 months immediately preceding. The volume of new financing for working capital, construction of plants, and purchase of equipment, however, during the third quarter of the year was larger than for any corresponding period since the second quarter of 1937. In view of proposed flotations definitely known to have been postponed because of the European crisis and owing to announced plans of several other important issues, it is probable that flotations during the final quarter will provide a favorable comparison with the July-September period. October flotations though mainly refunding issues showed a large increase over the September figures.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Year and month	Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, end of month	Monetary gold stock	Currency in circulation	Excess reserves of member banks, end of month	Reporting member banks, Wednesday closest to end of month					All listed stocks, average price (N. Y. S. E.)	All listed bonds, domestic, average price (N. Y. S. E.)	Capital flotations, corporate		Dividend rate, average per share (600 companies)	Interest rates, commercial paper (4-6 months)
					Loans		Investments	Deposits				New capital	Refunding		
					Total	Com'l, industrial, and agricultural		Demand, adjusted	Time						
Millions of dollars										Dec. 31, 1924=100	Dollars	Thous. of dollars	Dollars	Percent	
1929: September-----		4,081	4,524		17,428		5,401		6,825	161.5	95.58	1,201,284	306,592	2.95	6 1/4
1933: September-----	2,421	4,040	5,345	713	9,066		8,382		4,930	50.4	85.82	8,911	17,854	1.06	1 1/4-1 1/2
1934: September-----	2,464	7,971	5,427	1,727	8,269		10,757	10,940	4,868	49.0	90.05	7,187	10,000	1.23	3/4-1
1935: September-----	2,477	9,246	5,651	2,600	8,030		12,390	13,246	4,890	61.7	92.65	45,087	230,767	1.34	3/4
1936: September-----	2,473	10,764	6,258	1,840	8,753		13,929	15,116	5,063	81.5	99.27	74,590	175,460	1.67	3/4
1937:															
September-----	2,579	12,653	6,558	1,038	10,004	4,807	12,022	14,864	5,290	69.4	94.54	112,757	39,386	2.13	1
October-----	2,580	12,782	6,566	1,055	9,625	4,761	12,029	14,610	5,278	62.8	93.17	66,647	69,653	2.13	1
November-----	2,606	12,788	6,558	1,169	9,411	4,637	11,940	14,612	5,234	57.3	92.36	26,942	10,120	2.19	1
December-----	2,612	12,765	6,618	1,212	9,387	4,601	12,015	14,431	5,205	54.6	92.75	42,767	14,463	2.18	1
1938:															
January-----	2,593	12,756	6,397	1,383	8,981	4,394	12,253	14,464	5,225	54.6	91.64	45,533	3,773	1.93	1
February-----	2,590	12,768	6,319	1,415	8,933	4,357	12,298	14,381	5,200	57.3	92.44	40,802	62,225	1.63	1
March-----	2,611	12,778	6,338	1,546	8,771	4,299	12,039	14,268	5,221	44.2	88.71	23,995	57,643	1.57	3/4-1
April-----	2,594	12,829	6,337	2,548	8,587	4,187	12,257	14,598	5,230	49.8	90.84	12,313	66,500	1.55	3/4-1
May-----	2,582	12,891	6,415	2,568	8,334	3,992	12,202	14,589	5,216	48.1	90.81	35,935	25,692	1.43	3/4-1
June-----	2,596	12,946	6,433	2,875	8,321	3,936	12,240	15,036	5,239	58.3	91.97	198,866	95,034	1.39	3/4-1
July-----	2,589	12,985	6,464	3,022	8,165	3,865	12,395	14,951	5,193	62.2	93.32	129,061	51,545	1.39	3/4
August-----	2,585	13,057	6,482	2,941	8,270	3,886	12,591	15,388	5,210	60.6	92.53	124,696	211,141	1.39	3/4
September-----	2,600	13,441	6,570	2,924	8,241	3,891	12,999	15,508	5,180	60.6	92.10	60,887	49,136	1.39	5/8-3/4

Construction

LARGER awards for residential building and public works were responsible for increased construction activity in the third quarter of 1938, compared with the first two quarters of this year and the corresponding quarter of 1937. Contracts awarded in the third quarter totaled \$854,000,000, according to the statistics compiled by the F. W. Dodge Corporation for 37 States, a gain of more than 5 percent over the third quarter of last year. In the first and second quarters of this year awards were 19 percent and 9 percent, respectively, below the totals for the corresponding periods of 1937. The similar comparison for residential construction is more favorable—the volume in the third quarter of 1938 advancing more than 30 percent over last year after dropping 33 percent lower in the first quarter and 15 percent lower in the second quarter.

For the first 9 months of this year, total contracts were only 7 percent below the value of contracts for the corresponding months of last year. Construction financed from public funds, however, has constituted a larger percentage of the total this year than in 1937. Publicly financed awards in the first 9 months of this year amounted to \$1,043,000,000, or 49 percent of total contracts, compared with 38 percent last year. In August, September, and the first half of October of this year, contracts financed from public funds

accounted for more than 50 percent of total awards.

An examination of the construction trend by geographic areas reveals that construction was more active during the elapsed 9 months of 1938 compared with the same months of the previous year in 4 of the 15 major areas included in the F. W. Dodge classification. Awards in the Texas area showed a gain of approximately 24 percent over last year, while the New England, Metropolitan New York, and St. Louis areas reported gains of less than 10 percent.

Residential building in September made further marked advances compared with the corresponding month of last year in the cities covered by the building permit data of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The value of new residential building permits issued increased 55 percent over September 1937, and was less than 1 percent lower than in the preceding month. The new permits issued provided a total of 23,479 family-dwelling units, a slight increase over August, and a gain of 71 percent over the corresponding month of last year.

The building-permit data appear in the form of a time series in the SURVEY this month for the first time. On page 21 is presented a series of comparable data for 1,728 cities for which monthly data are available back to January 1936.

CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING MATERIALS, AND REAL ESTATE

Year and month	Construction contracts awarded						Building-material shipments				Construction costs (Engr. News-Record) ²	Loans outstanding		Real-estate foreclosures (non-farm)
	Federal Reserve index, adjusted ¹	All types of construction		Residential building	Nonresidential building	Public utilities	Public works	Common brick	Lumber	Oak flooring	Cement	Home Loan Bank	Home Owners' Loan Corp.	
	Monthly average 1923-25=100	Number of projects	Millions of dollars	Millions of square feet	Millions of dollars			Thousands	Millions of ft. b. m.	Thousands of ft. b. m.	Thousands of barrels	Monthly average 1913=100	Thousands of dollars	Monthly average 1926=100
1929: September	110	14,262	444.4	25.6	117.4	186.0	57.5	83.5			19,950	207.6		
1933: September	30	7,594	120.1	6.3	21.5	37.8	3.4	57.3			6,517	175.5	66,321	3,818
1934: September	29	7,663	110.2	4.8	17.9	42.3	6.5	43.5	62,405	1,352	9,103	200.6	86,040	1,811,931
1935: September	43	9,978	167.4	12.0	41.8	49.4	12.5	63.7	91,127	1,810	17,402	197.3	90,428	2,765,238
1936: September	59	12,056	234.3	21.2	80.7	69.1	15.7	68.8	173,723	2,220	33,432	208.9	129,752	2,870,480
1937:														
September	56	14,947	207.1	17.0	65.6	76.2	12.2	53.1	154,424	2,061	30,101	241.6	179,508	2,472,421
October	52	14,506	202.1	16.3	65.5	75.3	13.3	48.0	149,672	1,818	24,608	241.9	184,038	2,446,002
November	56	12,512	198.4	15.2	59.9	79.3	14.9	44.3	128,118	1,443	19,310	241.4	187,333	2,422,149
December	61	9,152	209.5	10.5	43.5	101.2	17.7	47.1	95,882	1,301	19,442	241.1	200,092	2,397,647
1938:														
January	52	8,502	192.2	9.4	36.2	57.4	48.5	50.1	68,794	1,387	22,159	239.6	190,535	2,370,984
February	51	9,261	118.9	10.4	40.0	48.4	5.1	25.3	74,978	1,389	24,490	239.0	187,498	2,348,025
March	46	14,533	226.9	20.1	79.4	87.8	10.7	49.0	114,909	1,748	35,655	238.8	183,105	2,323,995
April	52	15,058	222.0	18.7	74.6	80.4	9.4	57.6	129,509	1,490	26,984	238.0	183,747	2,301,894
May	51	17,565	283.2	20.6	83.2	77.8	43.7	78.5	130,728	1,531	28,286	236.8	186,507	2,281,884
June	54	18,194	251.0	21.3	85.7	81.8	8.7	74.8	145,476	1,684	30,233	236.9	196,222	2,265,153
July	59	17,648	239.8	21.6	88.0	72.6	13.4	65.8	129,338	1,775	35,989	232.3	191,889	2,248,982
August	66	18,770	313.1	23.6	99.7	87.3	38.0	88.1	148,544	2,033	41,511	232.4	189,415	2,234,899
September	76	16,926	300.9	21.8	99.6	92.0	26.2	83.2		1,843	34,497	232.7	189,548	2,221,417
Monthly average, January through September														
1929	125	15,479	510.9	35.5	172.3	202.4	49.3	86.8			14,841	206.7		
1933	20	7,092	82.3	6.0	20.0	32.8	6.1	23.4			5,459	163.6		
1934	33	7,694	133.7	5.3	20.9	48.0	10.2	54.6	55,267	1,294	9,058	197.0		332
1935	32	9,400	132.4	10.5	37.7	47.1	8.0	39.7	71,894	1,619	15,223	196.1		349
1936	56	11,496	226.8	18.0	65.3	81.7	17.2	62.6	131,564	2,004	28,400	204.3		277
1937	62	15,255	255.9	21.5	81.8	100.0	24.1	49.9	159,679	2,120	32,482	232.5		235
1938	58	15,162	238.7	18.6	76.3	76.2	22.6	63.6	117,790	1,653	31,089	239.3		168

Monthly Business Statistics

The data here are a continuation of the statistical series published in the 1938 Supplement to the Survey of Current Business. That volume contains monthly data for the years 1934 to 1937, inclusive, and monthly averages for earlier years back to 1913 insofar as available; it also provides a description of each series, and references to sources of monthly figures prior to 1934. The 1938 supplement may be secured from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for 40 cents per copy.

A few series have been added or revised since the 1938 Supplement went to press. These are indicated by an asterisk (*) for the new series and by a dagger (†) for the revised series. A brief footnote accompanying each of these series provides a reference to the source where the descriptive note may be found.

The terms "unadjusted" and "adjusted" used to designate index numbers refer to the adjustment for seasonal variations. Data subsequent to September will be found in the Weekly Supplement to the Survey.

Monthly statistics through December 1937, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may be found in the 1938 Supplement to the Survey	1938	1937					1938						
	September	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August

BUSINESS INDEXES

INCOME PAYMENTS †													
Adjusted index.....1929=100	83.3	88.7	88.0	86.5	85.8	83.5	82.6	82.7	81.4	80.4	80.7	81.3	82.5
Unadjusted index.....do	83.6	91.8	92.2	82.5	98.6	83.7	76.0	81.4	81.6	76.7	82.3	81.0	76.1
Total.....mil. of dol.	5,474	6,011	6,034	5,405	6,454	5,482	4,975	5,331	5,342	5,020	5,388	5,304	4,983
Compensation of employees:													
Adjusted index.....1929=100	82.6	89.4	88.5	86.6	85.1	82.4	81.4	81.0	80.1	79.5	79.4	79.8	81.5
Total.....mil. of dol.	3,573	3,855	3,904	3,743	3,659	3,444	3,420	3,448	3,457	3,456	3,458	3,357	3,416
Mfg., mining, and construction.....do	1,105	1,370	1,372	1,260	1,173	1,066	1,071	1,064	1,035	1,022	1,006	1,002	1,056
Transportation and utilities.....do	371	417	423	400	390	371	355	369	359	359	360	366	375
Trade and finance.....do	630	667	674	671	692	641	632	630	644	635	629	625	618
Government, service, and other.....do	1,269	1,277	1,307	1,282	1,273	1,228	1,216	1,221	1,239	1,251	1,266	1,175	1,170
Work relief.....do	198	124	128	130	131	138	146	164	180	189	197	189	197
Dividends and interest.....do	692	922	853	463	1,595	872	442	720	752	440	800	788	412
Entrepreneurial withdrawals and net rents and royalties.....mil. of dol.	1,073	1,155	1,195	1,113	1,103	1,063	991	1,014	995	992	993	1,025	1,015
Direct and other relief.....do	84	71	74	80	91	94	95	97	92	85	88	86	85
Adjusted service certificate payments.....do		8	8	6	6								
Benefit payments under social Security Act.....mil. of dol.	52					9	27	52	46	47	49	48	55
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (Federal Reserve)													
Combined index, unadjusted.....1923-25=100	91	109	102	90	80	79	79	80	78	77	77	81	87
Manufactures, unadjusted.....do	89	106	99	86	75	75	76	77	76	75	75	79	85
Automobiles.....do	26	53	100	111	94	65	61	63	66	59	52	45	26
Cement.....do	86	92	90	76	56	36	34	46	65	82	86	87	87
Glass, plate.....do	107	199	179	151	108	62	35	44	46	47	72	69	89
Iron and steel.....do	75	123	98	63	43	50	53	55	55	51	46	58	69
Leather and products.....do	119	113	97	78	73	87	104	107	102	96	87	101	120
Petroleum refining.....do		216	218	212	202	200	194	190	196	197	191	198	202
Rubber tires and tubes.....do	96	106	94	75	66	67	57	62	64	65	72	82	91
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do	90	83	89	95	101	107	85	78	76	82	80	79	77
Textiles.....do	103	107	93	83	72	78	84	83	76	77	83	90	103
Tobacco manufactures.....do	177	179	167	158	138	150	143	152	146	165	169	167	172
Minerals, unadjusted.....do	102	125	123	112	108	103	98	95	91	90	91	92	97
Anthracite.....do	51	55	73	70	69	72	57	56	47	64	62	39	38
Bituminous coal.....do	75	92	92	87	84	72	68	58	52	49	51	55	62
Iron-ore shipments.....do	78	218	156	34						28	67	78	76
Lead.....do	48	73	84	82	88	70	69	65	73	59	65	52	44
Petroleum, crude.....do	164	182	177	172	171	170	168	170	170	158	156	165	170
Silver.....do	97	111	90	128	105	97	104	106	96	89	89	84	104
Zinc.....do	71	110	112	108	109	103	97	92	83	80	68	64	69
Combined index, adjusted.....do	90	111	102	88	84	80	79	79	77	76	77	83	88
Manufactures, adjusted.....do	89	110	101	85	79	76	75	73	73	73	74	82	87
Automobiles.....do	46	135	142	92	78	65	61	54	54	49	46	43	45
Cement.....do	69	73	79	76	71	59	57	65	67	69	69	71	67
Glass, plate.....do	107	199	179	151	108	62	35	42	42	44	80	77	89
Iron and steel.....do	76	125	100	68	49	52	50	49	50	47	46	62	70
Leather and products.....do	103	98	89	81	86	94	102	104	104	105	90	102	107
Petroleum refining.....do		216	217	211	201	200	194	191	196	197	192	199	203
Rubber tires and tubes.....do	96	106	94	75	66	67	57	62	64	65	72	82	91
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do	98	87	89	86	86	92	86	83	84	84	81	83	89
Textiles.....do	104	108	91	80	77	75	80	81	74	77	87	97	110
Tobacco manufactures.....do	160	162	155	155	170	157	157	160	159	163	154	154	161
Minerals, adjusted.....do	97	116	113	109	115	108	103	103	101	91	92	93	95
Anthracite.....do	50	55	57	67	70	67	53	68	45	64	71	47	38
Bituminous coal.....do	71	87	84	78	79	65	64	58	62	57	57	60	64
Iron-ore shipments.....do	41	113	91	40						19	34	38	37
Lead.....do	50	77	81	79	87	69	67	64	74	60	64	54	46
Petroleum, crude.....do	159	177	176	174	176	177	171	172	170	156	153	161	167
Silver.....do	102	116	91	119	104	96	96	98	96	92	91	99	105
Zinc.....do	75	116	115	108	107	98	90	87	80	79	70	69	74
MARKETINGS													
Agricultural products (quantity):													
Combined index.....1923-25=100	117	123	129	115	89	80	64	72	72	77	73	92	92
Animal products.....do	83	77	79	85	78	76	63	75	79	93	90	85	89
Dairy products.....do	137	89	84	78	82	89	86	101	106	134	156	136	153
Livestock.....do	75	78	81	79	71	76	57	63	59	66	62	60	72
Poultry and eggs.....do	68	67	73	113	102	69	66	97	116	119	102	79	73
Wool.....do	76	64	43	52	32	43	42	46	106	303	333	487	317
Crops.....do	152	169	180	145	100	84	65	69	64	61	56	100	96
Cotton.....do	235	288	317	234	142	95	69	60	42	22	19	19	61
Fruits.....do	90	88	114	73	77	75	79	88	93	88	77	81	80
Grains.....do	110	96	83	99	74	73	48	59	63	72	68	205	155
Vegetables.....do	87	103	110	76	71	86	86	111	107	117	116	63	46

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* Preliminary.

† Revised.

† Revised series. For revised income payments beginning 1929, see pp. 15-20 of the October 1938 Survey.

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CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE—Continued														
CONTRACT AWARDS, PERMITS AND DWELLING UNITS PROVIDED—Con.														
Estimated number of new dwelling units provided in all urban areas:														
Total.....number.....	16,065	14,098	12,526	17,221	31,429	10,947	17,785	18,964	19,806	21,095	16,298	16,298	16,298	16,298
1-family dwellings.....do.....	12,471	10,896	8,904	8,130	8,212	7,954	13,521	14,173	15,748	16,298	16,298	16,298	16,298	16,298
2-family dwellings.....do.....	1,246	949	776	1,514	1,362	783	1,315	1,287	1,187	1,246	1,246	1,246	1,246	1,246
Multi-family dwellings.....do.....	2,348	2,253	2,846	7,580	21,855	2,210	2,949	3,504	2,871	3,551	3,551	3,551	3,551	3,551
Engineering construction:														
Contract awards (E. N.-R.) \$1,000,000 and over.....thous. of dol.....	289,725	210,511	187,001	165,581	199,033	190,186	209,481	255,018	193,374	183,806	223,066	223,333	236,271	236,271
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION														
Concrete pavement contract awards:														
Total.....thous. sq. yd.....	5,064	6,059	3,295	3,170	4,023	2,376	1,231	2,559	4,284	5,306	8,432	5,194	7,247	7,247
Roads.....do.....	3,213	4,499	2,403	2,320	2,303	1,836	741	1,630	3,039	4,543	6,201	3,511	4,548	4,548
Streets.....do.....	1,775	1,509	852	789	1,586	518	466	565	1,219	687	2,151	1,619	2,528	2,528
Alleys.....do.....	76	50	39	61	133	22	24	63	26	77	81	64	170	170
Status of highway and grade crossing projects administered by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads:														
Highways:														
Approved for construction:														
Mileage.....no. of miles.....	3,463	2,746	2,572	2,751	2,952	3,042	3,178	3,198	4,031	5,011	5,002	4,728	4,109	4,109
Federal funds.....thous. of dol.....	43,373	39,849	39,112	39,781	41,683	42,149	41,407	40,636	44,072	51,158	51,299	53,137	48,958	48,958
Under construction:														
Mileage.....no. of miles.....	9,418	8,167	7,502	6,749	5,907	5,875	6,276	6,923	7,667	8,031	8,991	9,278	9,521	9,521
Federal funds.....thous. of dol.....	133,337	137,831	127,633	117,321	103,932	101,626	106,645	113,842	123,958	129,160	135,164	134,900	135,158	135,158
Estimated cost.....do.....	256,592	239,516	225,272	208,199	187,516	184,112	194,162	208,018	227,012	236,044	254,809	257,078	260,494	260,494
Grade crossings:														
Approved for construction:														
Federal funds.....do.....	12,561	12,713	10,883	10,731	10,443	10,433	11,392	13,577	12,419	10,690	12,090	12,836	11,416	11,416
Estimated cost.....do.....	13,370	13,291	11,430	11,453	11,186	11,177	11,928	14,465	13,384	11,674	12,782	13,076	12,136	12,136
Under construction:														
Federal funds.....do.....	37,676	63,600	56,801	52,417	47,356	45,930	44,758	43,369	45,275	45,162	42,452	41,031	40,399	40,399
Estimated cost.....do.....	38,567	65,526	58,527	54,111	48,973	47,475	46,389	44,885	46,832	46,755	43,594	42,058	41,298	41,298
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES														
Aberthaw (industrial building).....1914=100.....	189	198			196			194			192			
American Appraisal Co.:.....1913=100.....														
Average, 30 cities.....do.....	181	185	184	184	184	183	183	183	182	182	181	181	181	181
Atlanta.....do.....	167	177	176	176	172	172	172	171	168	168	168	168	167	167
New York.....do.....	191	197	196	196	196	195	194	193	193	193	192	191	191	191
San Francisco.....do.....	164	168	167	166	165	165	164	164	163	162	162	164	164	164
St. Louis.....do.....	184	190	190	190	190	189	188	188	187	186	184	184	184	184
Associated General Contractors (all types).....1913=100.....	188	191	191	191	191	191	191	189	189	189	188	188	188	188
F. H. Boeckh and Associates, Inc.:.....1913=100.....														
Apartment, hotels, and office buildings:														
Brick and concrete:														
Atlanta.....U. S. av., 1926-29=100.....	96.1	94.3	94.2	94.2	93.7	93.7	96.0	96.0	95.9	95.8	96.4	96.4	96.1	96.1
New York.....do.....	129.9	127.3	126.7	126.6	126.2	126.3	127.4	126.5	126.5	127.0	129.2	128.2	129.8	129.8
San Francisco.....do.....	116.0	117.6	113.6	113.6	114.2	114.6	114.8	114.6	114.6	116.1	116.1	116.0	115.9	115.9
St. Louis.....do.....	118.5	115.0	114.8	114.7	114.7	116.2	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.7	118.6	118.3	118.5	118.5
Commercial and factory buildings:														
Brick and concrete:														
Atlanta.....do.....	98.2	96.8	96.7	96.7	96.4	96.4	98.2	98.2	97.9	97.9	98.5	98.5	98.2	98.2
New York.....do.....	132.7	128.5	128.2	128.1	127.7	127.9	128.7	127.6	127.6	128.4	131.4	130.3	132.7	132.7
San Francisco.....do.....	121.0	120.5	119.4	119.4	119.0	118.7	118.8	118.7	118.7	121.0	121.0	120.9	120.9	120.9
St. Louis.....do.....	119.8	119.3	119.2	119.1	118.9	120.4	122.8	122.8	122.8	122.8	119.9	119.6	119.8	119.8
Brick and steel:														
Atlanta.....do.....	96.7	95.1	94.8	94.8	94.0	94.0	97.5	97.5	97.5	97.5	98.1	97.8	96.7	96.7
New York.....do.....	129.0	127.6	126.8	126.6	126.1	126.4	127.9	127.2	127.2	127.5	129.6	128.1	128.9	128.9
San Francisco.....do.....	116.2	117.5	114.2	114.2	114.8	115.1	115.4	115.1	115.1	116.8	116.8	116.2	115.6	115.6
St. Louis.....do.....	119.8	119.4	119.2	119.0	118.5	119.5	121.3	121.3	121.3	121.5	120.8	119.4	119.8	119.8
Residences:														
Brick:														
Atlanta.....do.....	85.6	85.9	85.0	85.0	82.9	82.5	84.8	84.8	83.7	83.2	84.3	85.3	85.6	85.6
New York.....do.....	122.8	123.9	120.4	119.6	118.9	117.1	121.8	120.7	120.7	121.0	121.3	121.1	122.3	122.3
San Francisco.....do.....	105.4	110.6	106.8	106.8	103.4	104.9	106.3	104.9	104.9	105.3	105.3	105.4	105.4	105.4
St. Louis.....do.....	108.8	109.0	108.2	107.4	106.6	105.3	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.0	106.9	107.4	108.8	108.8
Frame:														
Atlanta.....do.....	82.3	79.6	78.4	78.4	76.4	76.4	81.4	81.4	81.1	80.4	80.9	82.2	82.3	82.3
New York.....do.....	120.5	118.4	114.3	113.5	113.2	113.3	118.7	118.1	118.1	118.3	118.8	119.3	120.0	120.0
San Francisco.....do.....	97.5	104.2	97.3	97.3	93.9	97.7	99.5	97.7	97.7	97.4	97.4	97.5	97.5	97.5
St. Louis.....do.....	105.1	100.6	99.6	98.7	97.6	98.6	103.1	103.1	103.1	102.8	102.8	103.3	105.1	105.1
Engineering News Record (all types) \$.....1913=100.....	232.7	241.6	241.9	241.4	241.1	239.6	239.0	238.8	238.0	236.8	236.9	232.3	232.4	232.4
REAL ESTATE														
Federal Housing Administration, home mortgage insurance:														
Gross mortgages accepted for insurance														
thous. of dol.....	68,344	35,152	35,514	30,958	27,848	19,340	18,866	39,903	63,267	61,775	74,191	60,419	67,878	67,878
Premium paying mortgages (cumulative) do.....	1,131,404	713,075	752,921	790,028	827,200	858,983	880,357	902,634	928,433	958,471	997,850	1,038,627	1,082,454	1,082,454

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CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE—Continued														
REAL ESTATE—Continued														
Estimated new mortgage loans by all savings and loan associations:†														
Total loans.....thous. of dol.	71,647	78,314	75,456	64,503	60,096	49,102	50,093	65,218	73,307	72,279	73,067	67,639	74,709	
Loans classified according to purpose:														
Mortgage loans on homes:														
Construction.....do.....	21,018	20,003	19,255	17,447	15,281	12,572	11,669	16,648	17,710	19,400	19,892	19,096	22,575	
Home purchase.....do.....	25,698	29,693	28,034	22,697	20,167	14,896	16,117	21,056	25,494	24,123	25,636	21,924	23,833	
Refinancing.....do.....	12,416	14,643	14,115	12,671	12,677	11,334	11,293	14,391	15,772	15,281	13,885	13,194	14,701	
Reconditioning.....do.....	4,791	5,790	5,444	4,796	4,175	3,409	3,662	4,953	5,683	5,416	5,211	5,397	5,528	
Loans for all other purposes.....do.....	7,724	8,185	8,608	6,892	7,796	6,891	7,352	8,170	8,648	8,059	8,443	8,028	8,072	
Loans classified according to type of association:														
Federal.....thous. of dol.	25,650	26,189	24,539	20,829	20,038	16,781	17,520	23,356	26,107	24,721	26,310	23,823	26,858	
State members.....do.....	29,255	33,307	32,104	27,113	24,522	20,879	22,073	27,835	30,238	31,196	30,350	28,973	29,506	
Nonmembers.....do.....	16,742	18,818	18,813	16,561	15,536	11,442	10,500	14,027	16,962	16,362	16,407	14,843	18,345	
Loans outstanding of agencies under the Federal Home Loan Bank Board:														
Federal Savings and Loan Associations, estimated total mortgages outstanding.....thous. of dol.	995,949	804,400	826,000	822,300	853,500	864,900	874,800	895,300	919,700	930,300	947,500	961,300	976,074	
Federal Home Loan Banks, outstanding advances to member institutions.....thous. of dol.	189,548	179,508	184,038	187,333	200,092	190,535	187,498	183,105	183,747	186,507	196,222	191,889	189,415	
Home Owners' Loan Corporation, balance of loans outstanding.....thous. of dol.	2,221,417	2,472,421	2,446,002	2,422,149	2,397,647	2,370,984	2,348,025	2,323,995	2,301,894	2,281,884	2,265,153	2,248,982	2,234,899	
Foreclosures:														
Nonfarm real estate.....1926=100	168	214	195	192	194	179	172	195	191	194	189	161	* 169	
Metropolitan communities.....do.....	160	180	177	177	182	170	157	176	177	181	177	153	* 160	
Fire losses.....thous. of dol.		19,350	21,098	23,850	30,173	27,676	26,473	29,051	25,616	22,918	19,474	20,435	20,821	

DOMESTIC TRADE

ADVERTISING														
Printers' Ink indexes (with adjustment for seasonal variations):														
Combined index.....1928-32=100	82.1	95.0	92.8	91.3	95.6	79.8	81.2	83.7	82.4	80.0	79.5	77.4	80.3	
Farm papers.....do.....	58.8	79.0	66.9	80.6	93.3	66.7	67.4	59.8	69.6	67.2	66.8	55.8	79.3	
Magazines.....do.....	73.5	99.1	97.1	102.4	98.9	78.4	82.1	81.5	79.9	75.0	73.0	74.7	74.5	
Newspapers.....do.....	78.9	89.1	87.6	84.3	89.0	74.1	75.7	77.8	76.7	74.7	74.8	72.5	75.2	
Outdoor.....do.....	76.9	79.1	84.5	77.5	87.5	75.3	72.5	91.5	91.3	85.0	76.6	74.7	77.0	
Radio.....do.....	260.0	277.0	229.9	244.7	262.1	272.2	260.9	254.0	226.5	250.5	281.0	261.0	274.7	
Radio advertising:														
Cost of facilities, total.....thous. of dol.	4,782	* 5,012	5,993	6,193	6,573	6,943	6,432	7,074	5,924	6,051	5,524	4,493	4,530	
Automobiles and accessories.....do.....	447	* 657	981	965	990	858	813	850	632	639	557	374	352	
Clothing.....do.....	30	26	29	19	9	15	23	23	19	56	34	33	37	
Electric household equipment.....do.....	0	34	35	47	65	74	64	71	90	87	72	10	0	
Financial.....do.....	21	36	69	92	76	62	48	54	36	22	27	22	27	
Foods, food beverages, confections.....do.....	1,543	* 1,457	1,727	1,724	1,906	2,204	2,083	2,408	2,107	2,122	1,949	1,454	1,380	
House furnishings, etc.....do.....	0	0	0	16	21	18	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	
Soap, cleansers, etc.....do.....	611	* 574	529	557	582	634	600	682	626	662	647	580	624	
Office furnishings, supplies.....do.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Smoking materials.....do.....	655	567	594	644	687	710	687	797	674	724	678	616	672	
Toilet goods, medical supplies.....do.....	1,308	* 1,295	1,533	1,698	1,793	1,907	1,738	1,849	1,489	1,452	1,374	1,236	1,242	
All other.....do.....	166	* 367	497	431	444	462	375	337	252	287	187	158	195	
Magazine advertising:														
Cost, total.....do.....	9,842	12,821	16,382	15,972	12,955	8,913	11,468	14,137	15,733	14,565	11,317	8,411	7,381	
Automobiles and accessories.....do.....	769	1,358	2,128	2,658	1,611	1,260	1,125	1,716	2,272	1,968	1,475	1,267	889	
Clothing.....do.....	821	979	1,153	886	600	372	441	739	978	898	706	257	341	
Electric household equipment.....do.....	136	220	522	437	508	101	239	493	839	657	365	98	19	
Financial.....do.....	341	373	417	442	366	386	484	423	392	410	356	311	266	
Foods, food beverages, confections.....do.....	1,515	1,460	1,963	2,078	1,813	1,431	1,937	2,339	2,254	2,035	1,659	1,654	1,353	
House furnishings, etc.....do.....	599	873	1,318	1,034	670	197	370	684	877	955	558	217	130	
Soap, cleansers, etc.....do.....	355	383	425	449	263	235	529	433	439	396	418	284	275	
Office furnishings, supplies.....do.....	226	374	279	318	389	136	182	216	211	206	122	41	116	
Smoking materials.....do.....	734	825	782	793	735	786	685	818	914	777	651	705	705	
Toilet goods, medical supplies.....do.....	1,642	2,070	2,899	2,810	2,233	1,413	2,475	2,685	2,552	2,173	1,893	1,540	1,344	
All other.....do.....	2,702	3,904	4,496	4,068	3,867	2,597	3,000	3,587	4,100	3,953	2,989	2,061	1,943	
Lineage, total.....thous. of lines.....	2,112	2,383	2,852	2,989	2,893	1,990	2,144	2,404	2,628	2,658	2,202	1,602	1,472	
Newspaper advertising:														
Lineage, total (52 cities).....do.....	103,869	117,256	134,979	119,746	122,295	90,624	88,457	108,919	109,917	109,906	98,519	83,653	86,102	
Classified.....do.....	21,376	23,715	24,869	21,738	21,314	20,247	19,187	23,404	22,646	22,605	21,331	20,301	20,808	
Display, total.....do.....	82,493	93,541	110,111	98,008	100,982	70,378	69,270	85,514	87,271	87,211	77,188	63,352	65,293	
Automotive.....do.....	2,366	4,052	7,756	6,589	3,723	2,060	2,611	5,081	4,347	5,676	4,340	3,031	2,623	
Financial.....do.....	1,209	1,302	1,576	1,375	1,519	2,315	1,493	1,918	1,459	1,396	1,556	1,869	1,201	
General.....do.....	15,888	19,829	23,024	20,151	15,136	14,785	15,273	17,544	17,505	18,310	16,253	13,028	12,175	
Retail.....do.....	63,031	68,357	77,755	69,892	80,604	51,218	49,892	60,971	63,960	61,830	55,039	45,424	49,295	
GOODS IN WAREHOUSES														
Space occupied, merchandise in public warehouses.....percent of total.....		71.0	72.1	71.6	72.2	70.9	69.9	69.8	69.5	69.7	69.3	68.2	68.6	
NEW INCORPORATIONS														
Business incorporations (4 States).....number.....	1,614	1,671	1,822	1,841	2,017	2,173	1,787	2,094	1,910	1,940	1,877	1,774	1,818	

* Revised.

† Revised series. Revised data on estimated new mortgage loans by all savings and loan associations beginning January 1936 will appear in a subsequent issue.

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EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND WAGES—Continued

WAGES—Continued													
Factory average hourly earnings—Continued: U. S. Department of Labor (87 industries)†—Continued:													
Durable goods—Continued:													
Machinery, not including transportation equipment.....dollars.....	0.716	0.720	0.726	0.731	0.732	0.730	0.730	0.730	0.729	0.727	0.724	0.720	
Agricultural implements (including tractors).....dollars.....					.804	.800	.795	.795	.796	.781	.784	.767	
Electrical machinery, apparatus, and supplies.....dollars.....	.731	.736	.746	.748	.749	.745	.749	.746	.749	.747	.742	.738	
Engines, turbines, water wheels, and windmills.....dollars.....					.781	.787	.795	.788	.776	.783	.785	.787	
Foundry and machine-shop products.....dollars.....	.703	.706	.708	.713	.714	.712	.712	.712	.713	.714	.710	.709	
Radios and phonographs.....do.....	.666	.611	.625	.630	.638	.628	.616	.626	.607	.599	.610	.595	
Metals, nonferrous, etc.....do.....	.660	.658	.659	.665	.676	.670	.672	.666	.663	.660	.668	.666	
Brass, bronze, and copper products.....dollars.....	.734	.730	.734	.730	.738	.713	.743	.720	.714	.709	.714	.715	
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	.643	.639	.644	.649	.650	.649	.644	.638	.640	.641	.633	.634	
Brick, tile, and terra cotta.....do.....	.540	.540	.534	.535	.541	.535	.524	.516	.518	.518	.511	.511	
Glass.....do.....	.700	.700	.705	.712	.705	.699	.697	.691	.698	.705	.704	.712	
Transportation equipment.....do.....	.874	.886	.889	.881	.887	.886	.886	.885	.885	.889	.883	.883	
Automobiles.....do.....	.914	.923	.919	.914	.915	.916	.919	.920	.920	.925	.930	.924	
Nondurable goods.....do.....	.590	.596	.596	.600	.602	.594	.593	.590	.588	.583	.578	.583	
Chemicals, petroleum refining.....do.....	.740	.734	.738	.743	.750	.742	.737	.742	.737	.770	.773	.763	
Chemicals.....do.....	.784	.779	.782	.789	.793	.790	.790	.795	.789	.793	.787	.785	
Paints and varnishes.....do.....	.696	.697	.696	.699	.701	.697	.697	.690	.693	.697	.707	.700	
Petroleum refining.....do.....	.974	.969	.970	.971	.978	.976	.970	.968	.975	.978	.988	.986	
Rayon and allied products.....do.....	.631	.638	.644	.651	.657	.653	.647	.650	.646	.648	.645	.639	
Food and kindred products.....do.....	.570	.588	.602	.612	.618	.609	.621	.624	.614	.599	.586	.586	
Baking.....do.....	.608	.606	.611	.613	.613	.606	.608	.610	.615	.613	.612	.615	
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do.....	.691	.688	.681	.680	.688	.689	.693	.691	.688	.693	.691	.689	
Leather and its manufactures.....do.....	.550	.542	.545	.536	.536	.526	.523	.513	.522	.514	.515	.516	
Boots and shoes.....do.....	.530	.519	.523	.511	.514	.503	.500	.487	.484	.486	.492	.493	
Paper and printing.....do.....	.751	.756	.757	.765	.763	.759	.764	.765	.769	.774	.767	.760	
Paper and pulp.....do.....	.630	.631	.632	.631	.627	.624	.622	.623	.625	.619	.617	.617	
Rubber products.....do.....	.791	.790	.790	.789	.789	.773	.761	.767	.769	.770	.774	.760	
Rubber tires and inner tubes.....do.....	.970	.966	.972	.967	.957	.938	.949	.946	.950	.945	.945	.941	
Textiles and their products.....do.....	.516	.521	.509	.511	.510	.510	.506	.495	.479	.479	.482	.489	
Fabrics.....do.....	.492	.494	.492	.490	.490	.485	.482	.480	.473	.473	.468	.464	
Wearing apparel.....do.....	.563	.574	.543	.553	.553	.557	.549	.521	.491	.489	.508	.531	
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	.460	.451	.449	.455	.476	.460	.464	.466	.462	.457	.460	.462	
Factory average weekly earnings, by States:													
Delaware.....1923-25=100.....	82.4	87.6	90.1	91.8	93.2	89.2	86.9	88.2	85.4	86.3	85.0	84.7	* 78.4
Illinois.....1925-27=100.....	88.9	94.2	96.2	91.3	90.1	87.7	87.5	88.3	87.4	86.8	85.9	86.7	88.7
Massachusetts.....do.....	93.6	96.9	91.7	91.2	90.7	88.7	90.6	90.3	88.3	88.0	88.8	90.4	92.3
New Jersey.....1923-25=100.....	106.9	108.0	110.5	107.0	107.2	105.4	105.8	105.6	104.1	106.0	104.8	105.4	105.9
New York.....1925-27=100.....	93.8	94.7	94.4	90.2	91.0	89.6	91.0	91.4	89.3	88.2	88.7	89.7	91.4
Pennsylvania.....1923-25=100.....	92.5	104.9	104.0	95.4	91.4	85.6	88.9	89.9	88.6	90.2	88.8	86.7	* 91.9
Wisconsin.....1925-27=100.....		95.4	100.2	96.0	92.6	88.3	93.1	92.8	91.4	90.6	89.3	85.2	-----
Miscellaneous wage data:													
Construction wage rates (E. N. R.): \$													
Common labor.....dol. per hour.....	.677	.673	.676	.678	.678	.680	.675	.675	*.677	.673	.677	.677	.677
Skilled labor.....do.....	1.43	1.37	1.38	1.38	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.42	1.43	1.43
Farm wages without board (quarterly)†													
dol. per month.....			36.71			33.28			34.81			35.52	-----
Railway wages (average, class I)													
dol. per hour.....	.708	.723	.733	.733	.737	.751	.724	.729	.729	.722	.726	.714	
Road-building wages, common labor:													
United States, average.....dol. per hour.....	.43	.43	.41	.38	.34	.33	.33	.35	.40	.41	.42	-----	
East North Central.....do.....	.56	.57	.57	.58	.59	.60	.61	.58	.59	.58	.62	-----	
East South Central.....do.....	.28	.28	.29	.28	.28	.27	.27	.27	.28	.28	.28	-----	
Middle Atlantic.....do.....	.47	.47	.48	.50	.51	.52	.53	.49	.48	.49	.49	-----	
Mountain.....do.....	.54	.55	.53	.53	.51	.53	.55	.56	.56	.56	.55	-----	
New England.....do.....	.45	.45	.43	.42	.45	.46	.52	.45	.45	.44	.44	-----	
Pacific.....do.....	.63	.64	.63	.64	.60	.62	.64	.65	.66	.66	.66	-----	
South Atlantic.....do.....	.27	.27	.27	.26	.26	.26	.26	.27	.27	.28	.27	-----	
West North Central.....do.....	.45	.47	.45	.44	.41	.41	.39	.41	.45	.46	.46	-----	
West South Central.....do.....	.32	.31	.33	.34	.34	.36	.36	.36	.36	.37	.37	-----	
ALL PUBLIC RELIEF													
Total, exclusive transient care and administrative expense.....mil. of dol.....													
Obligations incurred for payments for:	169	174	183	* 195	207	218	235	243	248	256	253	259	
Old-age assistance, and aid to dependent children and the blind.....mil. of dol.....	* 36	37	38	39	40	41	41	42	42	42	42	43	
General relief extended to cases.....do.....	30	31	34	41	47	48	48	42	38	37	37	36	
Earnings of persons certified as in need of relief employed on works projects:													
Works Progress Administration.....mil. of dol.....	76	77	78	82	88	98	114	126	132	140	144	151	
Other Federal agencies.....do.....	7	6	6	5	5	5	6	9	11	13	5	4	
National Youth Administration:													
Student aid.....do.....	(*)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	-----	-----	
Work projects.....do.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	
Civilian Conservation Corps.....do.....	16	18	21	20	20	19	18	18	18	17	20	20	
Emergency subsistence payments to farmers.....mil. of dol.....	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	

* Revised.

* Less than \$500,000. § Construction wage rates as of Oct. 1, 1938, common labor \$0.682, skilled labor \$1.43.

† Farm wages, without board, as of Oct. 1938, \$34.75.

† Revised series. Industry classifications have been revised as follows: "Tractors" have been transferred from "engines, turbines, water-wheels, and windmills," to "agricultural implements"; data for these two groups prior to January 1938 will be shown when available. Beginning July 1938, "stamped and enameled ware" (not shown separately in the Survey) has been transferred from "nonferrous metals" to "iron and steel products" and "railroad repair shops" have been dropped from the Department of Labor's tabulation. Revisions in the affected group averages prior to July 1938 will be shown when available. In addition to these changes, which affect both average weekly earnings and average hourly earnings, the latter figures for the 87 manufacturing industries combined and for the manufacturing groups, are in the process of revision for all months prior to July 1938; revisions which in most instances are small, will be shown when available.

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	September	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	

FINANCE—Continued

PUBLIC FINANCE (FEDERAL)—Contd.

Receipts, total—Continued.													
Internal revenue—Continued.													
Taxes from:													
Admissions to theaters, etc.	1,669	1,722	1,967	2,243	2,200	1,353	1,660	1,773	1,542	1,395	1,624	1,619	1,425
Capital stock transfers, etc.	1,021	1,235	2,045	2,898	1,692	1,803	1,514	940	1,413	1,155	937	1,429	2,052
Sales of radio sets, etc.	345	633	886	711	670	368	261	249	231	197	449	305	400
Government corporations and credit agencies:†													
Assets, other than interagency, total													
Loans and preferred stock, total.	10,827	10,849	10,953	11,027	11,050	11,039	11,078	11,130	11,167	11,389	11,365	11,317	
Loans to financial institutions (incl. preferred stock)	8,609	8,582	8,547	8,564	8,503	8,477	8,485	8,503	8,524	8,514	8,452	8,476	
Loans to railroads.	1,379	1,382	1,375	1,387	1,368	1,350	1,342	1,358	1,358	1,363	1,357	1,333	
Home and housing mortgage loans.	438	437	437	440	437	440	446	447	468	471	475	491	
Farm mortgage and other agricultural loans.	2,530	2,507	2,486	2,475	2,450	2,429	2,405	2,385	2,368	2,357	2,346	2,340	
All other.	3,454	3,440	3,416	3,437	3,441	3,449	3,465	3,479	3,484	3,467	3,466	3,491	
U. S. obligations direct and fully guaranteed.	809	816	832	826	808	810	827	833	847	856	807	821	
Business property.	767	770	784	786	788	820	821	822	814	809	834	837	
Property held for sale.	265	270	381	388	393	398	403	408	413	430	432	438	
All other assets.	555	578	594	619	637	655	668	685	698	733	670	666	
Liabilities, other than interagency, total.	630	650	647	670	728	689	700	714	717	903	979	901	
Bonds, notes, and debentures:													
Guaranteed by the U. S.	6,621	6,594	6,556	6,593	6,611	6,613	6,618	6,610	6,773	6,941	7,229	7,129	
Other.	4,669	4,634	4,644	4,645	4,646	4,646	4,646	4,647	4,852	4,853	5,064	5,001	
Other liabilities incl. reserves.	1,423	1,413	1,340	1,363	1,367	1,374	1,384	1,391	1,346	1,346	1,378	1,372	
Privately owned interests.	529	547	572	585	597	592	587	572	575	743	786	755	
Proprietary interests of the U. S. Government.	355	357	360	361	364	367	372	376	379	370	372	374	
Reconstruction Finance Corporation, loans outstanding, end of month:													
Grand total.	3,851	3,898	4,038	4,073	4,075	4,059	4,088	4,144	4,014	4,078	3,764	3,815	
Section 5 as amended, total.	1,710,379	1,703,129	1,711,116	1,732,324	1,772,081	1,785,025	1,787,550	1,802,440	1,820,525	1,710,131	1,727,375	1,681,936	1,662,174
Banks and trust companies, including receivers.	662,155	661,253	658,970	653,854	655,806	655,165	651,472	655,946	657,085	645,188	645,567	649,559	654,087
Building and loan associations.	127,783	159,018	156,875	152,309	152,656	149,360	146,124	143,674	145,004	139,136	136,864	134,448	131,194
Insurance companies.	2,133	1,805	1,714	1,641	2,103	2,043	2,372	2,323	2,251	2,376	2,310	2,225	2,201
Mortgage loan companies.	3,494	3,379	3,362	2,955	2,791	2,757	2,582	2,560	2,547	3,549	3,530	3,526	3,512
Railroads, incl. receivers.	102,051	124,284	124,898	125,918	128,050	128,600	126,224	126,846	126,768	98,243	98,368	100,351	96,333
All other under Section 5.	419,364	356,274	355,922	355,897	358,215	361,949	368,431	369,378	390,233	393,699	398,304	414,928	
Emergency Relief and Construction Act, total, as amended.	7,330	16,493	16,199	15,135	14,314	14,191	12,222	12,111	11,138	11,651	10,797	10,705	5,919
Self-liquidating projects (including financing repairs).	199,691	231,107	241,463	264,347	299,673	314,379	320,735	331,142	340,767	242,807	244,077	189,649	198,310
Financing of exports of agricultural surpluses.	188,748	226,810	230,282	232,035	235,571	233,190	231,737	235,162	238,531	241,850	243,132	188,703	187,365
Financing of agricultural commodities and livestock.	10,047	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	10,047
Direct loans to business (incl. participations).	896	4,340	11,134	32,266	64,054	81,143	88,951	95,934	102,188	910	899	899	898
Total Bank Conservation Act, as amended.	92,137	73,015	72,959	72,528	74,548	73,418	73,053	72,590	72,882	73,616	76,372	81,060	85,049
Other loans and authorizations.	553,306	593,740	590,540	589,168	582,489	577,870	563,914	562,205	565,942	564,778	563,758	561,760	554,919
	203,090	143,923	147,184	152,427	159,566	164,192	178,375	180,558	183,850	183,741	197,600	199,908	199,809

CAPITAL FLUTATIONS

New Security Registrations

(Securities and Exchange Commission)

New securities effectively registered under the Securities Act of 1933, total.	125,207	156,395	127,621	38,159	201,374	79,909	206,698	69,212	97,371	93,634	272,448	223,897	394,433
Estimated gross proceeds (total registrations, less securities reserved for conversion) total.	106,767	108,516	126,866	35,455	193,745	78,838	186,650	68,334	96,931	85,276	231,123	222,595	315,968
Type of security:													
Common stock.	20,932	34,742	9,831	20,388	75,239	17,452	64,701	37,316	22,050	13,470	12,092	19,614	26,477
Preferred stock.	7,697	10,263	26,000	6,144	20,536	710	2,028	3,854	2,481	23,397	3,225	2,700	4,557
Certificates of participation, etc.	23,038	1,624	12,175	7,531	50,212	18,688	53,284	13,160	7,595	22,694	8,092	51,510	18,431
Secured bonds.	0	13,887	78,860	0	35,625	11,463	56,488	8,532	3,715	18,215	33,955	54,281	148,862
Debentures and short-term notes.	55,100	48,000	0	1,392	12,133	30,525	10,150	5,473	61,050	7,500	172,859	94,400	117,640
Type of registrant:													
Extractive industries.	6,341	2,310	1,125	1,268	3,547	569	1,551	815	1,450	1,074	563	0	417
Manufacturing industries.	59,681	82,496	29,449	6,123	54,077	2,209	35,514	8,605	4,537	31,964	101,158	117,693	38,319
Financial and investment.	39,944	8,395	16,033	23,929	109,099	35,856	81,400	49,050	20,754	31,094	8,528	68,253	29,956
Transportation and communications.	0	2,127	362	0	3,443	0	0	2,115	4,990	0	30,555	29,978	0
Electric light and power, gas, and water.	0	12,497	79,610	910	13,629	39,705	66,338	0	64,514	21,145	84,919	3,255	243,412
Other.	800	691	287	3,226	9,950	500	878	7,749	685	0	5,402	3,415	3,864
Securities not presently intended to be offered for cash sale for account of registrants:													
Registered for account of others.	5,992	74,593	1,328	1,500	16,019	1,049	10,622	651	5,516	1,447	9,604	310	4,278
Registered for options and for other subsequent issuance.	56	17,672	769	459	15,869	158	34,199	939	83	4,389	7,406	2,288	23,114
Other securities not intended for cash sale.	169	25,472	370	1,638	16,427	7,633	1,302	1,247	43	25,590	270	13	5

† Revised.

† Revised series. Data on Government corporations and credit agencies have been revised due to changes in the underlying U. S. Treasury Department compilations. Several new series on loans and assets have been brought out, but no changes have been made in the series on liabilities. Earlier data not shown here will appear in a subsequent issue.

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FINANCE—Continued

CAPITAL FLOTATIONS—Contd.													
New Security Registrations—Contd.													
<i>(Securities and Exchange Commission)</i>													
Estimated gross proceeds (total registrations less securities reserved for conversion)—Con.													
Selling and distributing expenses:													
Commissions and discounts.....thous. of dol.	5,412	18,840	4,261	2,785	9,812	2,948	6,856	4,617	3,356	2,164	4,378	7,761	6,975
Other selling and distributing expenses.....thous. of dol.	881	3,566	1,048	373	1,024	432	824	397	891	557	1,175	1,051	2,088
Estimated cash proceeds to be used for:													
Total.....do.	94,257	82,308	119,089	28,703	134,593	66,618	132,847	60,514	87,041	51,129	208,291	211,172	279,808
Organization development.....do.	490	768	366	171	42	138	153	10	429	226	6	26	65
Purchase of:													
Plant and equipment.....do.	50,306	18,696	30,506	2,823	19,117	38,187	808	4,036	3,510	9,851	105,144	108,238	42,330
Other assets.....do.	667	35	74	108	160	8	0	0	0	1,472	232	8	0
Securities for investment.....do.	31,654	7,924	11,539	16,781	91,480	25,590	64,829	44,143	18,632	1,105	6,497	62,979	27,241
Securities for affiliation.....do.	123	0	0	0	538	0	899	0	20	0	119	0	40
Increase of working capital.....do.	5,625	53,608	14,412	8,200	12,848	1,449	1,259	5,239	1,741	9,050	16,423	5,503	5,029
Retirement of preferred stock.....do.	0	42	0	3	649	0	0	0	119	0	0	25,053	13,819
Repayment of bonds and notes.....do.	180	89	49,893	138	8,268	773	62,084	6,566	61,838	19,937	55,477	1,505	175,812
Repayment of other indebtedness.....do.	5,012	1,146	12,193	430	1,170	156	2,524	359	675	9,470	24,385	7,860	15,436
Miscellaneous.....do.	200	0	106	49	321	317	291	161	79	20	8	0	37
Securities Issued													
<i>(Commercial and Financial Chronicle)</i>													
Securities issued, by type of security, total (new capital and refunding).....thous. of dol.	196,697	223,828	203,496	136,559	164,452	121,444	199,188	245,178	352,020	216,724	505,517	494,920	415,474
New capital, total.....do.	120,362	157,058	96,492	95,027	122,364	92,387	82,072	126,260	197,448	156,640	345,257	389,896	180,228
Domestic, total.....do.	120,362	153,808	93,192	95,027	121,864	92,387	80,672	126,260	197,448	156,578	342,371	389,396	179,778
Corporate, total.....do.	60,887	112,757	66,647	26,942	42,767	45,533	40,802	23,995	12,313	35,872	198,866	129,061	124,696
Bonds and notes:													
Long term.....do.	50,049	87,322	45,948	22,320	25,650	38,952	40,697	22,335	11,190	18,028	189,084	127,211	121,304
Short term.....do.	0	100	0	0	1,000	323	30	289	0	2,000	0	0	0
Preferred stocks.....do.	820	15,164	20,099	780	8,831	2,696	0	1,215	374	15,650	9,308	0	3,143
Common stocks.....do.	1,018	10,171	600	3,842	7,286	3,562	75	156	749	194	474	1,850	249
Farm loan and other government agencies.....thous. of dol.	8,400	0	0	25,000	0	5,600	0	8,700	140,000	33,150	13,550	216,450	0
Municipal, States, etc.....do.	51,075	41,051	26,546	43,085	79,098	41,255	39,870	93,564	45,135	87,556	129,955	43,886	55,082
Foreign, total.....do.	0	3,250	3,300	0	500	0	1,400	0	0	63	2,886	500	450
Corporate.....do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0
Government.....do.	0	3,250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United States possessions.....do.	0	0	3,300	0	500	0	1,400	0	0	0	2,886	500	450
Refunding, total.....do.	76,335	66,770	107,004	41,531	42,088	29,056	117,116	118,918	154,572	60,084	160,290	75,024	235,247
Domestic, total.....do.	76,335	66,770	105,504	41,531	42,013	29,056	117,116	118,918	154,572	60,084	160,290	75,024	235,247
Corporate, total.....do.	49,136	39,386	69,653	10,120	14,463	3,773	62,225	57,643	66,500	25,692	95,034	51,545	211,141
Bonds and notes:													
Long term.....do.	48,956	381	69,653	9,000	4,925	1,074	62,105	57,432	66,500	25,692	94,284	51,545	211,141
Short term.....do.	0	0	0	850	9,200	1,677	120	211	0	0	750	0	0
Preferred stocks.....do.	180	38,431	0	270	200	1,023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common stocks.....do.	0	574	0	0	138	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farm loan and other government agencies.....thous. of dol.	5,600	20,000	34,300	27,000	22,700	17,750	32,450	44,800	83,725	30,810	51,500	20,250	13,500
Municipal, States, etc.....do.	21,599	7,385	1,552	4,411	4,850	7,533	22,442	16,475	4,347	3,582	13,726	3,329	10,606
Foreign, total.....do.	0	0	1,500	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corporate.....do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Government.....do.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United States possessions.....do.	0	0	1,500	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Securities issued by type of corporate borrower:													
total.....thous. of dol.	110,023	152,143	136,299	37,062	57,230	49,306	103,027	81,638	78,813	61,626	293,900	180,606	335,837
New capital, total.....do.	60,887	112,757	66,647	26,942	42,767	45,533	40,802	23,995	12,313	35,935	198,866	129,061	124,696
Industrial.....do.	56,838	99,482	27,600	19,063	27,580	5,177	105	8,660	6,139	18,405	141,761	119,250	67,232
Investment trusts, trading, holding, etc.....thous. of dol.	0	0	99	0	0	0	0	400	0	0	0	100	3,000
Land, buildings, etc.....do.	747	375	1,976	0	385	425	527	40	250	725	0	107	1,350
Public utilities.....do.	2,562	11,500	32,047	5,630	6,775	38,527	40,170	12,300	2,250	16,805	50,775	9,604	49,965
Railroads.....do.	740	1,300	4,925	0	4,880	0	0	2,235	3,540	0	6,330	0	3,148
Miscellaneous.....do.	0	100	0	2,250	3,146	1,404	0	360	134	0	0	0	0
Refunding, total.....do.	49,136	39,386	69,653	10,120	14,463	3,773	62,225	57,643	66,500	25,692	95,034	51,545	211,141
Industrial.....do.	180	39,005	0	9,270	138	1,003	215	45,211	6,000	2,002	750	1,500	41,659
Investment trusts, trading, holding, etc.....thous. of dol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land, buildings, etc.....do.	7,132	381	2,254	0	0	300	180	277	0	120	0	4,000	100
Public utilities.....do.	41,824	0	51,018	850	14,125	774	61,830	1,265	60,500	23,570	94,284	46,045	169,382
Railroads.....do.	0	0	16,381	0	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous.....do.	0	0	0	0	200	1,697	0	890	0	0	0	0	0
<i>(Bond Buyer)</i>													
State and municipal issues:													
Permanent (long term).....thous. of dol.	78,086	71,338	37,406	50,587	95,013	51,889	62,669	232,775	47,934	150,914	175,648	53,653	68,999
Temporary (short term).....do.	89,415	113,968	17,845	16,479	30,776	216,278	66,266	184,642	38,340	18,414	112,544	142,760	53,698
COMMODITY MARKETS													
Volume of trading in grain futures:													
Wheat.....mil. of bu.	701	848	929	926	635	660	400	577	572	512	892	725	764
Corn.....do.	139	174	184	177	158	106	71	108	111	115	125	180	206

* Revised.

* Includes reimbursement of corporate treasuries for capital expenditures.

Monthly statistics through December 1937, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may be found in the 1938 Supplement to the Survey	1938	1937				1938							
	September	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August

ELECTRIC POWER AND GAS

ELECTRIC POWER													
Production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr.	9,831	10,227	10,410	9,819	10,051	9,633	8,709	9,468	8,924	9,082	9,197	9,523	10,170
By source:													
Fuel.....do.	6,371	7,051	7,094	6,167	6,470	6,106	5,179	5,534	4,907	5,252	5,519	5,878	6,387
Water power.....do.	3,460	3,176	3,317	3,653	3,581	3,527	3,530	3,934	4,017	3,830	3,678	3,645	3,783
By type of producer:													
Privately and municipally owned.....do.	9,308	9,722	9,881	9,275	9,453	9,035	8,156	8,929	8,404	8,571	8,710	9,019	9,639
Other producers.....do.	523	505	529	544	598	597	553	539	520	511	487	504	531
Sales to ultimate consumers, total (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. of kw.-hr.		8,643	8,467	8,185	8,049	7,930	7,432	7,469	7,355	7,231	7,437	7,562	8,093
Residential or domestic.....do.						1,822	1,667	1,590	1,571	1,465	1,481	1,502	1,527
Commercial and industrial.....do.						5,147	4,905	5,006	4,981	4,972	5,185	5,296	5,773
Public street and highway lgt.....do.						200	175	166	148	136	125	130	144
Other public authorities.....do.						189	176	180	164	189	193	189	199
Sales to railroads and railways.....do.						520	464	483	445	428	414	410	413
All other sales.....do.						51	46	44	45	41	39	36	36
Revenues from sales to ultimate consumers (Edison Electric Institute).....thous. of dol.		185,828	185,981	186,941	189,277	191,881	181,207	176,919	176,418	170,983	174,271	176,099	182,380
GAS													
Manufactured gas:													
Customers, total.....thousands	9,935	9,979	9,952	9,971	9,894	9,919	9,875	9,880	9,970	9,922	9,930	9,943	
Domestic.....do.	9,296	9,327	9,287	9,288	9,235	9,254	9,211	9,208	9,299	9,261	9,277	9,288	
House heating.....do.	168	187	195	203	186	194	183	190	194	186	177	181	
Industrial and commercial.....do.	462	455	461	462	464	469	469	471	467	464	465	464	
Sales to consumers.....mil. of cu. ft.	26,791	29,882	30,255	34,368	34,400	32,085	32,368	31,189	29,682	28,264	25,650	24,356	
Domestic.....do.	16,376	17,696	15,623	16,465	17,226	16,476	17,052	16,595	16,587	17,224	15,999	14,663	
House heating.....do.	744	2,354	5,552	8,408	7,594	6,976	6,113	4,529	3,353	1,707	856	684	
Industrial and commercial.....do.	9,521	9,645	8,881	9,261	9,410	8,423	8,992	9,884	9,564	9,179	8,613	8,872	
Revenue from sales to consumers													
Domestic.....thous. of dol.	28,259	30,758	30,566	33,313	33,197	31,485	31,920	30,786	30,409	29,820	27,732	26,120	
House heating.....do.	21,606	22,850	21,328	22,011	21,819	20,599	21,391	21,633	22,418	22,688	21,500	20,011	
Industrial and commercial.....do.	647	1,672	3,017	4,730	4,809	4,674	4,168	2,887	1,935	1,284	699	590	
Natural gas:													
Customers, total.....thousands	6,857	6,924	7,016	7,038	6,981	6,979	7,002	6,978	6,981	6,942	6,926	6,955	
Domestic.....do.	6,385	6,423	6,481	6,495	6,447	6,443	6,463	6,447	6,462	6,451	6,443	6,469	
Industrial and commercial.....do.	470	499	531	540	532	531	537	529	516	489	481	484	
Sales to consumers.....mil. of cu. ft.	94,959	102,651	110,724	129,341	123,942	122,302	115,334	105,608	91,721	82,497	79,488	80,697	
Domestic.....do.	15,686	21,145	30,780	45,802	46,979	45,967	41,414	34,224	25,693	19,648	16,270	14,510	
Industrial and commercial.....do.	78,118	80,162	78,601	81,939	75,833	74,832	72,420	70,516	64,514	61,702	62,019	64,829	
Revenues from sales to consumers													
Domestic.....thous. of dol.	26,738	31,012	36,911	46,673	47,517	46,320	42,689	38,006	31,874	27,069	24,986	24,003	
Industrial and commercial.....do.	12,171	15,475	20,757	28,949	30,631	29,658	27,000	23,243	18,577	15,131	12,878	11,875	
	14,393	15,328	15,930	17,462	16,685	16,406	15,420	14,634	13,057	11,766	11,910	11,922	

FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO

BEVERAGES													
Fermented malt liquors:													
Consumption (tax-paid withdrawals).....thous. of bbl.	4,428	5,132	4,187	3,926	3,729	3,072	3,247	4,015	4,164	4,561	5,204	5,387	5,748
Production.....do.	4,313	5,128	3,828	3,639	3,504	3,571	3,670	5,015	4,965	5,195	5,059	5,135	5,337
Stocks, end of month.....do.	8,242	8,486	7,957	7,506	7,134	7,482	7,759	8,559	9,161	9,590	9,661	9,189	8,540
Distilled spirits:													
Consumption, total (tax-paid withdrawals).....thous. of tax gal.	7,491	7,920	10,083	11,226	8,485	5,097	5,367	7,255	6,386	6,443	6,567	5,732	5,672
Whiskey.....do.	5,837	6,343	8,104	9,107	6,790	4,231	4,382	5,648	4,939	5,111	5,175	4,313	4,226
Production, total.....do.	9,294	13,870	19,048	18,533	15,953	14,624	12,991	12,283	10,116	9,658	6,850	5,692	6,095
Whiskey.....do.	4,987	8,349	7,874	9,867	10,044	11,639	10,254	9,886	8,244	7,653	4,715	3,915	4,217
Stocks, total, end of month.....do.	495,163	469,731	468,731	470,141	473,720	482,650	489,436	492,840	495,992	498,067	497,527	496,903	496,012
Whiskey.....do.	468,480	450,962	449,919	449,903	452,399	459,247	464,525	467,423	470,446	472,162	471,160	470,401	469,451
Rectified spirits, and wines, production.....thous. of proof gal.		3,909	5,238	5,519	5,032	2,550	2,423	3,545	2,959	3,122			
DAIRY PRODUCTS													
Butter:													
Consumption, apparent.....thous. of lb.	140,568	144,626	138,906	135,857	135,236	128,760	122,586	135,551	142,846	165,893	139,741	132,413	138,602
Price, wholesale 92-score (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.	.26	.35	.36	.38	.39	.34	.31	.30	.28	.26	.26	.26	.26
Production, creamery (factory).....thous. of lb.	149,914	128,266	118,678	103,242	111,548	116,766	112,271	128,816	147,960	200,985	205,599	184,778	167,215
Receipts, 5 markets.....do.	78,843	49,077	45,672	43,774	46,707	50,252	48,343	55,887	60,869	78,992	90,433	77,740	89,250
Stocks, cold storage, creamery, end of month.....thous. of lb.	210,351	118,697	98,624	66,191	42,953	31,211	21,033	14,387	19,574	54,594	120,351	172,622	201,252
Cheese:													
Consumption, apparent.....do.	67,835	64,044	63,602	51,755	47,460	54,343	53,154	65,351	67,870	75,756	72,251	64,174	57,838
Imports.....do.	4,445	4,811	7,536	6,206	4,733	3,189	3,666	4,376	5,264	4,233	4,309	3,881	4,042
Price, wholesale, No. 1 Amer. (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.	.13	.19	.20	.20	.19	.18	.17	.16	.15	.15	.15	.15	.14
Production, total (factory).....thous. of lb.	54,400	64,829	61,309	51,220	47,876	40,800	41,750	52,500	62,060	86,500	91,700	80,000	69,800
American whole milk.....do.	42,791	42,701	38,875	30,209	27,401	29,810	29,810	37,842	48,458	70,240	71,247	63,436	55,830
Receipts, 5 markets.....do.	16,345	15,084	14,975	10,865	10,845	11,764	12,223	15,572	11,018	12,465	16,461	16,880	14,718
Stocks, cold storage, end of month.....do.	141,120	117,610	112,687	108,497	103,935	93,497	85,656	77,042	76,289	91,160	114,788	134,351	150,248
American whole milk.....do.	121,342	101,178	97,160	93,633	89,258	80,479	73,815	66,361	65,767	79,345	99,676	114,607	127,862

* Revised.

† Revised series. Consumption of butter and cheese revised beginning January 1937; data not shown here will appear in a subsequent issue.

Monthly statistics through December 1937, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may be found in the 1938 Supplement to the Survey	1938	1937				1938							
	September	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
TEXTILE PRODUCTS—Continued													
COTTON MANUFACTURES													
Cotton cloth:													
Exports.....thous. of sq. yd..	24,493	17,511	25,805	24,116	21,713	24,252	23,882	33,613	27,793	24,713	20,444	20,097	21,154
Imports.....do.....	4,981	5,560	5,903	5,363	5,130	5,108	4,667	4,700	3,923	4,092	4,503	4,301	5,089
Prices, wholesale:													
Print cloth, 64 x 60.....dol. per yd..	.043	.052	.049	.047	.045	.047	.048	.047	.046	.045	.043	.047	.044
Sheeting, brown, 4 x 4.....do.....	.053	.069	.061	.058	.055	.055	.055	.055	.054	.053	.051	.055	.054
Finished cotton cloth:													
Production:													
Bleached, plain.....thous. of yd..	128,642	112,741	119,609	109,200	111,952	111,876	116,905	127,643	113,340	109,748	102,327	110,568	130,498
Dyed, colors.....do.....	87,615	78,363	79,620	62,216	59,924	60,223	75,223	89,182	86,273	79,044	68,513	74,656	88,362
Dyed, black.....do.....	5,877	7,154	6,674	4,861	4,590	3,300	3,895	4,183	4,047	3,833	3,434	5,022	6,741
Printed.....do.....	89,396	98,993	97,757	83,195	92,811	87,154	91,892	104,594	92,795	82,876	78,538	85,588	96,417
Spindle activity:†													
Active spindles.....thousands..	22,189	23,889	23,715	22,778	22,337	22,325	22,347	22,291	21,773	21,342	21,142	21,915	22,153
Active spindle hrs., total.....mil. of hrs..	6,613	7,657	6,929	6,483	5,730	5,681	5,587	6,508	5,264	5,459	5,668	5,925	7,375
Average per spindle in place.....hours..	252	285	259	243	215	213	210	245	198	206	214	225	280
Operations.....pct. of capacity..	72.8	82.3	77.7	69.8	58.3	63.5	66.6	66.6	59.5	59.4	60.8	70.2	76.2
Cotton yarn:													
Prices, wholesale:													
22/1, cones (Boston).....dol. per lb..	.223	.257	.245	.239	.235	.235	.235	.234	.230	.225	.219	.230	.223
40/s, southern, spinning.....do.....	.335	.407	.383	.369	.369	.369	.369	.369	.369	.369	.348	.338	.335
RAYON AND SILK													
Rayon:													
Deliveries, unadjusted.....1923-25=100..	874	562	368	253	240	372	477	455	445	445	473	841	877
Imports.....thous. of lb..	3,145	1,573	1,323	228	581	492	697	1,088	1,825	1,435	1,633	2,074	4,409
Price, wholesale, 150 denier, first quality (N. Y.).....dol. per lb..	.51	.63	.63	.63	.63	.60	.54	.54	.54	.52	.49	.49	.51
Stocks, producers, end of mo. no. of months' supply..	1.8	0.5	1.1	1.9	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.1	2.3
Silk:													
Deliveries (consumption).....bales..	38,844	36,372	36,002	31,749	21,982	30,715	30,260	34,884	33,381	28,687	31,492	32,593	38,504
Imports, raw.....thous. of lb..	5,524	4,958	5,054	5,865	3,781	4,003	3,359	4,182	4,833	3,433	5,271	4,073	4,975
Price, wholesale, raw, Japanese, 13-15 (N. Y.).....dol. per lb..	1.806	1.851	1.721	1.648	1.575	1.565	1.592	1.634	1.619	1.600	1.609	1.811	1.737
Stocks, end of month:													
Total visible supply.....bales..	142,511	152,857	151,834	156,724	161,435	143,678	136,934	134,426	130,955	135,616	133,157	138,105	135,347
United States (warehouses).....do.....	40,711	43,957	40,834	45,424	49,535	48,678	43,834	36,326	41,455	37,016	44,457	42,305	39,747
WOOL													
Imports (unmanufactured).....thous. of lb..	12,281	16,896	14,213	10,147	6,045	4,781	3,675	3,621	3,660	4,029	5,847	7,104	9,727
Consumption (scoured basis):†													
Apparel class.....do.....	19,619	17,213	16,095	10,604	10,425	12,709	12,090	10,412	12,623	12,944	15,467	22,746	23,136
Carpet class.....do.....	6,386	7,259	4,926	2,730	2,857	3,672	3,982	4,328	3,329	3,036	3,313	4,996	6,025
Operations, machinery activity (weekly average):													
Looms:													
Woolen and worsted:													
Broad.....thous. of active hours..	1,339	1,276	1,213	992	1,137	1,173	1,224	945	693	876	1,099	1,174	1,499
Narrow.....do.....	77	99	102	79	73	81	80	79	52	64	54	58	80
Carpet and rug.....do.....	164	207	154	105	111	100	122	128	123	94	95	106	143
Spinning spindles:													
Woolen.....do.....	66,022	68,693	59,989	41,473	44,708	47,313	56,245	41,824	33,211	39,901	48,020	57,438	74,710
Worsted.....do.....	62,851	50,707	50,866	41,986	48,146	44,299	40,012	29,763	33,505	45,718	55,134	55,663	69,644
Worsted combs.....do.....	117	99	79	65	68	69	67	56	64	84	101	119	145
Prices, wholesale:													
Raw, territory, fine, scoured.....dol. per lb..	.70	.97	.90	.83	.81	.79	.70	.68	.69	.68	.65	.69	.71
Raw, Ohio and Penn. fleeces.....do.....	.29	.42	.38	.35	.32	.31	.27	.26	.26	.26	.26	.29	.30
Suiting, unfinished worsted, 13 oz. (at factory).....dol. per yd..	1.535	1.999	1.980	1.832	1.832	1.832	1.832	1.772	1.535	1.535	1.535	1.535	1.535
Women's dress goods, French serge, 54" (at mill).....dol. per yd..	1.040	1.213	1.213	1.168	1.139	1.139	1.139	1.139	1.114	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.040
Worsted yarn, 32's, crossbred stock (Boston).....dol. per lb..	1.05	1.38	1.34	1.18	1.10	1.10	1.08	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.01	1.03	1.05
Receipts at Boston, total.....thous. of lb..	16,047	12,129	8,753	8,911	4,919	6,338	6,529	6,798	14,821	40,900	44,989	65,322	44,506
Domestic.....do.....	10,021	8,439	5,758	6,925	4,201	5,763	5,504	6,159	14,090	40,198	44,181	64,582	42,069
Foreign.....do.....	6,026	3,691	2,995	1,986	719	575	1,025	639	730	702	808	740	2,437
Stocks, scoured basis, end of quarter, total.....thous. of lb..	147,279	135,353	-----	-----	118,115	-----	-----	109,487	-----	-----	139,260	-----	-----
Woolen wools, total.....do.....	48,045	49,893	-----	-----	47,890	-----	-----	48,064	-----	-----	46,509	-----	-----
Domestic.....do.....	40,032	37,711	-----	-----	38,015	-----	-----	38,823	-----	-----	37,830	-----	-----
Foreign.....do.....	8,013	12,182	-----	-----	9,875	-----	-----	9,241	-----	-----	8,679	-----	-----
Worsted wools, total.....do.....	99,234	85,460	-----	-----	70,225	-----	-----	61,423	-----	-----	92,751	-----	-----
Domestic.....do.....	84,296	63,820	-----	-----	54,567	-----	-----	46,825	-----	-----	79,520	-----	-----
Foreign.....do.....	14,938	21,640	-----	-----	15,658	-----	-----	14,598	-----	-----	13,231	-----	-----
MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS													
Buttons, fresh-water pearl:													
Production.....pct. of capacity..	41.3	42.0	38.2	38.1	26.7	23.9	27.2	27.3	28.4	24.7	27.0	22.4	32.2
Stocks, end of month.....thous. of gross..	7,037	7,095	7,193	7,385	7,297	7,308	7,287	7,226	7,216	7,123	7,073	6,840	6,910
Fur, sales by dealers.....thous. of dol..	-----	2,330	1,760	1,249	1,458	2,879	2,822	2,674	2,089	2,316	3,314	4,839	4,631
Pyroxylin-coated textiles (artificial leather):													
Orders, unfilled, end of mo.thous. linear yd..	2,167	3,179	2,584	1,731	1,544	1,925	1,964	1,864	1,577	1,554	1,702	1,819	1,853
Pyroxylin spread.....thous. of lb..	4,957	5,481	4,945	3,762	3,366	3,532	4,111	4,804	4,301	4,116	3,322	3,862	4,815
Shipments, billed.....thous. linear yd..	4,337	4,962	4,617	3,609	3,171	3,253	4,016	4,664	4,237	4,072	3,435	3,757	4,387

* Revised.

† Data on cotton spindle operations have been recomputed on the basis of a 2-shift week; figures beginning 1921 will be shown when available. Minor revisions have been made in other data on cotton spindle activity beginning July 1936; figures not shown on p. 54 of the October 1938 issue will be presented in a subsequent issue.

‡ Data for October 1937, January, April, and July 1938 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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