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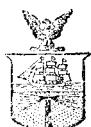
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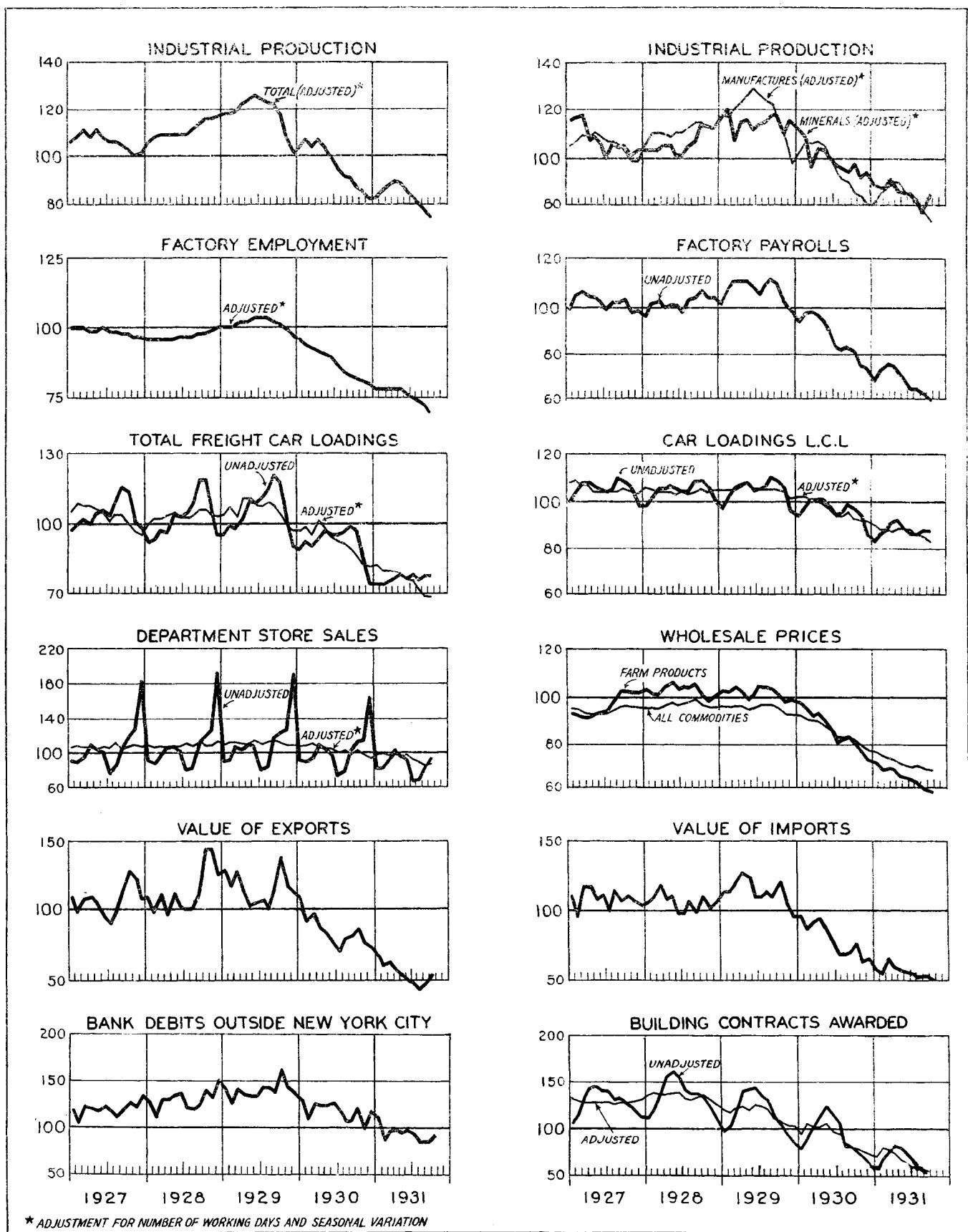
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Business Situation Summarized

FURTHER recession in general business activity occurred in October and early November, and in general such gains as were realized were less than seasonal. Retail trade expanded and for department stores alone the increase was greater than the usual gain. Industrial production declined for the sixth successive month and in October was 18 per cent below the peak of the spring rise in April. For the elapsed 10 months, the adjusted index averaged 16 per cent below a year ago while the October index was off 15 per cent. The loss in October was the result of a further drop in manufacturing, as the mineral output increased more than seasonally. The principal gains were in the output of coal and petroleum with iron ore sharply lower, and the nonferrous metal group slightly changed. Decreases in manufacturing industries were general.

Factory employment and pay rolls underwent a further contraction in October. The pay-roll index was 4 per cent below the preceding month and was only a little more than half of the peak reached in 1929. Increased employment was confined to the tobacco, and paper and printing industries, but in both the increases were less than seasonal. Pay rolls were lower, except in the paper and printing, chemical, and tobacco groups, with the largest relative decreases in the textile and leather industries which up to now have been doing relatively well.

Car loadings increased in October, but after allowing for the number of working days, the index was unchanged. Variation in the unadjusted index this year has not been large, but the adjusted index has receded steadily and in October was 16 per cent below January and 20 percent below a year ago. Foreign trade remains restricted with a further slight recession in October imports, contrary to the seasonal trend. Exports increased following the gain of September, but, as in the preceding month, the increase was less than seasonal. The value of building contracts awarded in October declined by more than the usual seasonal amount, and a further reduction occurred in the first half of November.

Financial markets improved following the establishment of new low levels in early October. Stock prices moved irregularly upward during the last three weeks of the month, but the trend since the first week of November has been downward. Bond prices have made little progress. The extremely heavy gold export movement in late September and in October has terminated and recently there has been a substantial net gain of gold on balance.

Wholesale prices declined in October, but the lows reached early in that month were followed by some improvement.

MONTHLY BUSINESS INDEXES

Year and month	Industrial production		Factory employment and pay rolls		Freight car loadings		Department store sales, value		Foreign trade, value		Building contracts, all types, value, adjusted		Wholesale prices		
	Total, adjusted ¹	Manufactures, adjusted ¹	Minerals, adjusted ¹	Number of employees, adjusted ¹	Amount of pay rolls, unadjusted ¹	Total	Merchandise, l. c. t.	Unadjusted ¹	Adjusted ¹	Unadjusted ¹	Adjusted ¹	Exports	Imports	Bank debits outside New York City	Combined Index, 60 commodities
						Unadjusted ¹	Adjusted ¹	Unadjusted ¹	Adjusted ¹	Unadjusted ¹	Adjusted ¹				Farm products
1929: October	118	118	118	101	111	118	104	109	104	122	112	139	121	163.2	107
1930:															
October	87	85	98	82	81	97	86	97	93	112	102	86	77	120.0	78
November	85	84	92	81	75	86	84	94	92	113	98	76	63	99.9	76
December	82	80	94	80	74	74	84	86	92	165	94	72	65	117.2	73
1931:															
January	83	81	90	78	68	74	82	83	90	97	97	66	57	110.0	71
February	86	86	88	78	73	74	80	87	89	80	88	59	54	86.6	79
March	88	88	87	78	75	75	80	89	89	92	97	62	65	98.4	77
April	90	90	92	78	74	77	80	91	88	101	106	57	58	99.5	73
May	89	89	86	78	72	79	78	92	89	97	97	54	56	95.6	66
June	84	84	85	76	68	77	77	89	89	90	95	49	55	98.4	64
July	83	83	84	75	64	78	76	87	88	65	91	48	54	93.5	61
August	79	79	79	74	64	76	72	86	86	67	88	43	52	83.8	59
September	76	76	77	73	62	78	69	88	85	87	84	48	53	84.3	59
October	74	72	85	70	59	78	69	87	83	94	86	54	50	91.9	55
Monthly average January through October	121	122	115	102	109	108	105	101	101	108	116	114.3	119	97.0	105.4
1929	99	99	101	89	90	94	98	95	95	86	82	119.0	94	87.8	90.7
1930	99	99	101	89	90	94	98	95	95	86	82	94.2	66	71.9	66.5
1931	83	83	85	76	68	77	88	85	85	54	55	94.2	66	71.9	73.7

¹Adjusted for seasonal variation.²Adjusted for number of working days.

Finance—Credit and Banking

THE more important credit changes of the month are reflected in the combined statements of the Federal reserve banks which show sharp increases in money in circulation, in total bills discounted, and in bills bought in the open market. The increase in circulation and the foreign demands upon the gold reserves were met by an expansion of Federal reserve credit of approximately \$600,000,000 during the month while the reserve ratio against note and deposit liabilities combined fell from 73.4 per cent to 56.5 per cent.

Toward the end of the month the demands by Europe upon the dollar had practically ceased. With the correction of erroneous impressions abroad concerning the "free gold" holdings of the Federal reserve system and also concerning the method of operation of the new credit corporation, gold exports virtually stopped. Since the end of October the gold holdings of the reserve banks have increased approximately \$135,000,000. During the last week of the month money in circulation reversed its previously upward trend and has shown a relatively small increase since the beginning of November. Also, since the middle of October foreign funds held on deposit with the Federal reserve banks have been steadily withdrawn, not, as several weeks ago, in the form of gold exports, but rather through being reinvested in bankers' acceptances as indicated in the weekly rise in bills purchased by the reserve banks on foreign account.

October gold exports and earmarkings represented a record for one month. The cessation of the outflow was as sudden and complete as its inception had been a month before and by the beginning of November the situation, characterized by a physical export of the metal of \$398,600,000 during October, had largely corrected itself. Money rates have eased slightly and a drop in acceptance rates on November 9 brought new bills into the market. The Federal reserve banks hold an unusually large proportion of the outstanding acceptances but bills subject to renewal are finding their way into the open market to meet the buying orders which it was difficult early in the present month for the dealers to meet.

Bank debits since the beginning of October have continued highly irregular although debits outside of New York showed an increase during the month as well as during the first week of November. Both loans on securities and "all other" loans by reporting member banks declined steadily throughout October and the first half of November, the reason for the drop in the latter being probably accounted for in part by the sale of bill holdings to the Federal reserve banks. Institutional liquidation of bonds, which kept the bond market weak during the period under review, is evidenced by the October decline of commercial bank investment portfolios. Postal savings deposits have shown an unusual rate of increase.

CREDIT AND BANKING STATISTICS

	Bank debits				Reporting member banks Wednesday closest to end of month			Condition of Federal reserve banks, end of month				Total bankers' acceptances outstanding end of month	Net gold imports including gold released from earmark	Money in circulation	Deposits New York State savings banks	Postal savings balance to credit of depositors
	New York City	Out-side New York City	Can-ada	Loans on securities	All other loans	In-vestments	Total bills dis-counted	Total bills bought in the open market	Total United States securities	Total reserve bank credit	Mem-ber bank reserve ac-count					
MILLIONS OF DOLLARS																
1929: October	63,325	32,202	4,713	9,179	9,755	5,496	1,000	355	321	1,742	2,666	1,541	13.0	4,810	4,372	161,583
1930:																
October	30,781	23,679	3,618	8,065	8,707	6,731	207	163	602	998	2,418	1,508	20.3	4,501	4,658	192,543
November	22,490	19,700	2,974	7,768	8,766	6,800	275	175	599	1,079	2,373	1,571	33.1	4,528	4,666	200,668
December	29,001	23,113	3,012	7,814	8,449	6,693	251	364	729	1,373	2,471	1,556	17.5	4,823	4,792	245,379
1931:																
January	24,557	21,697	2,668	7,379	8,374	6,843	232	125	610	980	2,398	1,520	46.3	4,695	4,888	278,353
February	20,948	17,084	2,535	7,313	8,151	7,183	198	109	599	925	2,343	1,520	18.6	4,598	4,928	292,059
March	27,589	19,421	2,570	7,256	8,126	7,551	250	124	599	990	2,428	1,467	28.6	4,590	5,018	302,658
April	26,821	19,620	2,786	7,052	7,941	7,903	157	163	598	937	2,371	1,422	42.0	4,647	5,059	313,775
May	25,072	18,858	3,172	6,867	7,563	7,807	174	125	598	917	2,389	1,413	53.6	4,679	5,083	325,028
June	23,893	19,406	2,694	6,746	7,945	7,795	149	106	668	943	2,381	1,363	156.1	4,750	5,156	347,417
July	21,007	18,444	2,400	6,544	7,942	7,810	195	73	678	976	2,367	1,228	-10.2	4,836	5,149	370,827
August	17,501	16,526	2,244	6,519	7,879	7,665	255	215	728	1,255	2,373	1,090	41.5	4,947	5,173	414,986
September	20,073	16,627	2,451	6,346	7,845	7,916	328	469	742	1,578	2,364	996	-258.5	5,133	5,231	460,915
October	20,678	18,125	-----	5,897	7,624	7,700	728	681	727	2,184	2,167	1,040	-443.3	5,478	5,217	527,130

Finance—Security and Money Markets

SECURITY and money markets were featured during October by the year's sharpest firming of money rates and by a record outflow of gold. Security prices, after reacting favorably to the President's announcement on October 6, relative to the proposed national credit corporation, weakened again but many of the gains were held throughout the month. A general rise in stock prices early in November was followed, toward the middle of the month, by a series of daily declines which carried quotations close to their early October lows.

Bond prices have also been unable to hold their gains of early October. After the suspension of gold payments in England late in September the market was called upon to absorb both stocks and bonds held abroad. The fears abroad which led temporarily to a flight from the dollar and the necessity of domestic institutions to liquidate bond holdings introduced an element of weakness for a period of several weeks into the security markets generally. With the return of confidence in the dollar late in October gold withdrawals ceased and bond prices turned upward for several days early in November.

New capital issues continued throughout October on a very low level. For the first time since the war a whole week passed during which no new issue was brought

out. As compared with the corresponding months in 1929 and 1930 total dividend and interest payments showed a relatively small decline during October.

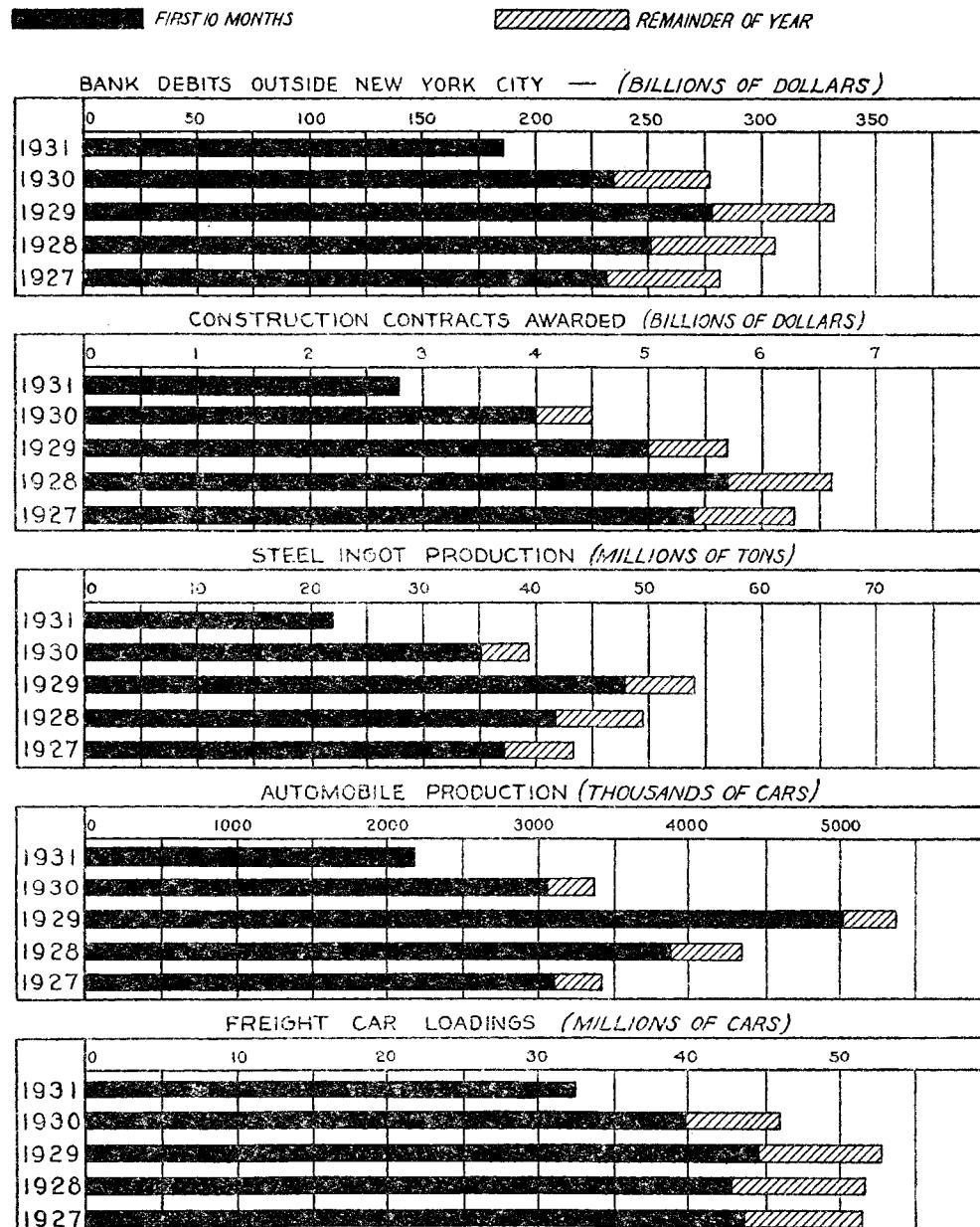
The month's money rates reflected the temporary strain placed upon the financial markets by the pressure on the dollar in foreign centers. The two increases in the New York Federal Reserve Bank's rediscount rate early in October were followed by an upward adjustment in bill rates when the greater part of the bills held by the commercial banks, foreign banks, and acceptance dealers were transferred to the Federal reserve banks. By the middle of the month commercial paper rates and rates on both call and time loans had moved to the highest levels since the end of 1930. Rates have continued firm through the first half of November, although rates on bankers' bills have been cut somewhat owing to the extremely small amount available in the open market after the closing days of October.

The steady decline in brokers' loans, which has been a feature of the security markets throughout the year, continued during October. The recent rule enforced by New York member banks, whereunder they have ceased making loans for the account of outside lenders, has had no perceptible effect owing to the small amount of such loans outstanding.

SECURITY AND MONEY MARKET STATISTICS

	Stock prices	Re- ported sales of stocks	Com- mon- stock yields	Price indices of for- eign listed com- mon stock			Bond yields	New capital issues	Long- term real estate bonds	Total dividend and interest pay- ments	Range of open mar- ket money rates New York			Brokers' loans		
				Lon- don	Paris	Berlin					Call money re- newal	Time loans	Com- mercial paper	Made by re- porting mem- ber banks in N.Y.C., Wed. closest to end of month	Re- ported by the New York Stock Ex- change, end of month	Ratio to mar- ket value
	Rel. to 1926	Thou- sands of shares	Per cent	Rel. to Dec. 31, 1923	Rela- tive to 1913	Price to par weight- ed	Per cent	Thousands of dollars			Per cent		Millions of dollars		Per cent	
1929: October.....	201.7	141,668	3.33	122.97	518	143.2	4.73	724,166	10,275	767,859	6.43	7-9	113	5,538	6,169	8.51
1930:																
October.....	127.6	65,497	5.05	92.68	425	105.0	4.41	151,148	6,625	777,329	2.00	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -2 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	2,512	2,556	4.65
November.....	116.7	51,946	5.43	92.16	395	103.4	4.46	137,622	9,965	595,028	2.00	2-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -3	2,111	2,162	4.06
December.....	109.4	58,764	5.62	89.94	373	97.0	4.55	180,872	23,877	712,927	2.23	2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -3	1,926	1,894	3.86
1931:																
January.....	112.3	52,543	5.50	88.39	349	90.5	4.43	399,849	4,520	1,121,431	1.57	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -3	1,734	1,726	3.30
February.....	119.8	64,145	5.12	83.92	365	84.7	4.44	74,251	3,560	523,807	1.50	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,798	1,846	3.22
March.....	121.6	65,494	4.95	80.70	373	97.3	4.41	269,630	2,015	594,282	1.53	2-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -3	1,875	1,909	3.58
April.....	109.2	54,305	5.43	81.62	362	101.2	4.43	287,471	7,235	718,873	1.52	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,730	1,051	3.40
May.....	98.0	46,661	5.95	77.63	346	96.6	4.43	169,360	9,485	559,624	1.48	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2	2-2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,539	1,435	3.37
June.....	95.1	58,719	5.99	70.35	322	80.6	4.45	131,313	3,425	702,077	1.50	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	1,479	1,301	2.93
July.....	98.2	33,540	5.60	76.42	329	83.7	4.44	115,070	775	945,976	1.50	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	1,390	1,344	3.03
August.....	95.5	24,890	5.74	72.40	309	Closed	4.50	46,197	2,100	489,858	1.50	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	1,368	1,354	3.04
September.....	81.7	51,140	6.51	66.90	304	62.0	4.70	156,381	66,785	532,840	1.50	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2	2	1,172	1,041	3.23
October.....	69.7	47,895	7.28	76.14	263	Closed	5.16	17,391	9,125	747,157	2.10	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -4	2-4 $\frac{1}{4}$	369	796	2.33

1931 in Comparison



Commodity Prices

PRICES of commodities in October were slightly lower than in September, 1931, but the decline was less than from September to October, 1930, except for prices received by farmers for the products they sell.

Wholesale commodity prices averaged about 1 per cent lower in October than in September, but the decline was less than from August to September and there was additional evidence of an underlying tendency for prices to fluctuate within a narrower range. Of the 550 commodities or price series included in the combined index of wholesale commodity prices, advances occurred in 190 instances and no change occurred in 256 others. Weekly indexes compiled by private agencies indicate that wholesale commodity prices have remained relatively steady during November. Prices of foods, of metals and metal products, of building materials and of chemicals and drugs declined less than 1 per cent and prices of house furnishing goods, of textile products, of farm products, and of hide and leather products dropped from 1.8

per cent to 3.1 per cent. Fuel and lighting materials and miscellaneous products advanced slightly from September to October, 1931. Among the subgroups of commodities drops in prices exceeding 5 per cent occurred in hides and skins, in livestock and poultry, in nonferrous metals, and in fertilizer materials.

Little change has occurred in retail prices of foods since June. On October 15, 1931, retail food prices were 17.5 per cent lower than on the corresponding date of last year. From September 15 to October 15, 1931, declines occurred in 28 of the 42 articles of foods on which retail price quotations are regularly received, prices of 8 articles advanced and those of 6 articles showed no change.

Farm prices on October 15, 1931 were 5.6 per cent lower than on the corresponding date of the preceding month as a result of drops of about 8 per cent each in prices of grains and meat animals, of 10.6 per cent in the price of cotton and cotton seed and of a fall of 15.7 per cent in prices of fruits and vegetables. Prices of dairy and poultry products advanced 6.5 per cent.

INDEXES OF COMMODITY PRICES

Year and month	Wholesale ¹															Retail ²			Farm ³																
	Combined index, 550 commodity quotations		Farm products		Food		Other than farm products and foods		Hides and leather products		Textile products		Fuel and lighting		Metals and metal products		Building materials		Chemicals and drugs		House furnishing goods		Miscellaneous		Raw materials		Semimanufactures		Finished manufac- tures		Food		Cost of living ⁴		Combined index, 30 commodities
1929: October-----	96.3	103.09	101.2	92.7	110.5	92.7	31.7	103.6	97.8	94.2	97.1	81.3	97.1	97.9	95.8	161	101.0	140																	
1930:																																			
October-----	82.6	82.6	88.6	81.5	96.5	73.8	75.1	90.4	85.8	86.0	95.3	68.8	80.0	75.5	85.6	144	94.8	106																	
November-----	80.4	79.3	85.7	80.1	94.0	73.3	71.8	90.2	85.6	85.2	95.2	67.8	76.8	75.6	83.7	141	93.9	103																	
December-----	73.4	75.2	81.8	79.0	91.2	72.4	70.5	90.0	84.4	84.8	91.3	66.9	74.2	74.3	81.9	137	92.6	97																	
1931:																																			
January-----	77.0	73.5	80.1	77.8	88.6	71.0	69.8	89.3	82.9	83.6	91.1	64.7	72.9	73.4	80.5	133	91.1	94																	
February-----	75.5	70.1	77.1	77.1	86.6	70.4	69.6	88.9	81.8	82.2	90.8	63.9	70.6	72.3	79.3	127	89.6	90																	
March-----	74.5	70.6	76.7	75.6	87.4	69.2	64.5	89.0	81.9	81.9	90.8	61.7	69.4	72.2	78.4	126	89.1	91																	
April-----	73.3	70.1	75.6	74.2	87.3	67.6	61.6	88.7	80.9	80.1	90.8	63.9	68.3	71.1	77.1	124	88.2	91																	
May-----	71.3	67.1	72.9	73.2	87.3	66.3	60.9	87.8	73.4	79.1	89.2	62.8	66.5	68.9	75.1	121	86.9	86																	
June-----	70.0	65.4	72.4	71.9	87.8	65.4	58.1	87.4	77.5	77.9	88.6	61.8	64.7	68.5	74.0	118	85.9	80																	
July-----	70.0	64.9	73.1	71.8	89.2	65.4	58.2	87.5	75.8	77.3	88.0	61.0	64.3	69.5	74.0	119	85.9	79																	
August-----	70.2	63.5	73.7	72.3	88.5	64.2	62.3	87.1	75.4	75.5	87.5	68.5	64.1	68.3	74.6	120	85.9	75																	
September-----	69.1	60.5	72.9	72.0	84.8	62.9	63.3	87.2	74.9	74.8	84.7	58.4	62.7	66.3	74.0	119	85.6	72																	
October-----	68.4	58.8	72.6	71.4	82.2	61.5	63.4	86.5	74.3	74.1	83.2	59.0	61.5	64.7	73.7	119	84.9	68																	
Monthly average, January through October:																																			
1929-----	97.0	105.4	100.0	92.9	109.4	94.3	81.5	104.8	97.3	94.5	96.8	80.6	97.9	96.8	96.7	156	99.9	138																	
1930-----	87.8	90.7	91.5	86.2	101.5	82.4	77.1	96.3	91.3	89.4	96.2	74.7	86.3	83.9	89.5	149	96.7	120																	
1931-----	71.9	66.5	74.7	73.7	87.0	66.4	63.2	87.9	78.4	78.7	88.5	61.9	66.5	69.5	76.1	123	87.3	83																	

¹ Department of Labor.² Department of Agriculture.³ National Industrial Conference Board.

Employment

A DECLINE of more than the usual seasonal proportions was recorded in factory employment during October, the seasonally adjusted index thereby receding slightly from the September figure to a new low for the depression. The unadjusted volume of wage payments to factory workers declined by almost 4 per cent from September to October.

The petroleum and rubber products industries were the only groups recording employment increases after seasonal adjustments are made. Declines in employment after seasonal adjustments are made were recorded by the following industrial groups: iron and steel, machinery, textiles, food, paper and printing, lumber, automobiles, leather, cement, clay and glass, nonferrous metals, chemicals, except petroleum, and tobacco.

During the first 10 months of the year factory employment averaged about 15 per cent under the same period last year, and 26 per cent under 1929. Pay rolls during the 10 months were 25 per cent under 1930 and 38 per cent under 1929.

A seasonal increase in employment and volume of pay rolls occurred in retail trade during October; the increase in employment from September was about the same as that recorded for the corresponding period last year. The average number of employees in retail trade during the first 10 months of the year was about 7 per cent less than during the same period last year, while pay rolls averaged about 10 per cent lower.

Both employment and pay rolls of bituminous coal mines increased from September, but the increases were smaller than those normally recorded at this season of the year. The same items for anthracite mining, on the other hand, exceeded the normal increase for the period. Bituminous coal mining employment during the first 10 months of the year averaged about 11 per cent under the same period last year, and employment in anthracite mining averaged 13 per cent under the previous year.

Both employment and pay rolls of power, light, and water companies decreased during October as compared with September. The index of employment decreased by 2.1 per cent, while pay rolls decreased by 1.2 per cent. A similar decrease was recorded during the corresponding period last year. The telephone and telegraph group reported a decline in employment of 1.1 per cent during October as compared with September, and a drop of 0.5 per cent in volume of pay rolls for the same period. Employment and pay rolls of both of these utility groups were materially under October last year.

The proportion of trade-union members employed during October was the same as for the previous three months, 74 per cent. Trade-union employment, however, was more than 6 per cent under October, 1930, and 17 per cent under 1929.

STATISTICS OF EMPLOYMENT, PAY ROLLS AND WAGES

Year and month	Factory em- ployment F. R. B.		Bituminous coal mining		Anthracite mining		Power, light, and water		Telephone and telegraph		Retail trade		Employ- ment agencies, appli- cants per 100 jobs		Employ- ment, trade- union mem- bers		Wages, com- mon labor in road build- ing	
	Ad- justed	Unad- justed	F. R. B. factory pay rolls, unad- justed	Em- ploy- ment	Pay rolls	Em- ploy- ment	Pay rolls	Em- ploy- ment	Pay rolls	Em- ploy- ment	Pay rolls	Em- ploy- ment	Pay rolls	Number	Per cent of total members	Cents per hour		
			Monthly average, 1923-1925=100				Monthly average, 1929=100											
1929:																		
October	101.3	103.3	110.9	98.8	106.8	106.1	133.9	105.7	106.0	101.9	105.1	101.7	102.6	127	89.0	40		
1930:																		
October	82.2	84.3	80.8	91.8	79.4	99.0	117.2	104.8	105.6	94.5	100.9	95.5	95.1	193	79.0	39		
November	81.1	81.0	75.1	92.5	79.1	97.2	98.0	103.4	103.7	93.0	97.9	98.4	93.8	227	78.0	38		
December	80.1	78.8	73.7	92.5	77.7	99.1	100.0	103.2	106.3	91.6	101.3	115.1	97.7	218	77.0	37		
1931:																		
January	78.3	76.4	68.4	93.9	73.3	90.6	89.3	99.2	98.6	90.5	96.3	90.0	86.4	224	73.0	36		
February	77.8	77.3	73.2	91.5	68.3	89.5	101.9	97.8	99.7	89.2	94.8	87.1	86.7	262	73.0	36		
March	77.9	78.1	74.9	88.8	65.2	82.0	71.3	96.7	102.4	88.6	97.9	87.8	87.5	179	74.0	37		
April	78.0	77.9	73.6	85.9	58.6	85.2	75.2	97.1	97.6	85.1	95.0	90.1	88.3	177	75.0	35		
May	77.8	77.1	72.1	82.4	54.4	80.3	76.1	97.6	98.7	87.4	94.1	89.9	85.0	181	75.9	37		
June	76.0	75.0	67.6	78.4	52.4	76.1	66.7	97.2	98.3	86.9	95.0	88.1	87.6	205	76.0	37		
July	75.1	73.8	64.4	76.4	50.4	65.1	53.7	96.7	97.4	86.6	93.3	83.9	83.3	209	74.0	36		
August	74.1	74.2	64.3	77.0	50.6	87.3	56.4	95.9	95.2	85.9	92.3	81.8	80.3	217	74.0	36		
September	72.8	74.7	61.8	80.4	53.6	80.0	64.9	94.7	94.3	85.0	92.1	86.6	83.5	196	74.0	34		
October	70.3	71.4	59.4	81.3	56.2	86.8	91.1	92.7	93.2	84.1	91.6	89.8	84.6	220	73.0	35		
Monthly average, January through October:																		
1929	102.0	109.1	99.8	98.6	98.9	96.2	99.3	99.1	99.7	99.5	96.7	97.4	133	88.4	39			
1930	89.3	90.1	93.6	81.9	92.5	94.6	102.9	104.2	99.0	103.5	93.7	95.0	183	79.0	40			
1931	75.6	68.0	83.6	58.3	80.3	74.7	98.6	97.6	87.2	94.2	87.6	85.9	74.1	36				

¹ Adjusted for seasonal variation.

Domestic Trade

RETAIL trade expanded in October, although the unusually warm weather in recent weeks has adversely affected sales of seasonal merchandise. Department store sales increased by somewhat more than the usual seasonal amount, and the adjusted index advanced 2.4 per cent, the first gain since April. The dollar volume of October sales was 16 per cent below a year ago, compared with a cumulative decline for the 10 months of 11 per cent. By districts, the best relative showing was made in Boston, New York, Richmond, and Minneapolis for both the latest month and for the year to date. Stocks of merchandise in department stores increased as is usual at this season of the year, but after adjustment the index has varied but slightly in recent months and in October was 13 per cent below a year ago.

Sales of the two largest mail order houses in October also moved up seasonally, but the decrease as compared with a year ago was 24 per cent as against 16 per cent in September. The expansion in sales of 5-and-10 cent stores in October amounted to 18 per cent, which was somewhat less than the usual gain, and the adjusted index was off 2.6 per cent. Actual sales in the first 10 months of the current year were equal to those in the same period of 1930.

Merchandise l. c. l. car loadings declined after the gain of September, but the adjusted index has shown a downward trend for four months. The adjusted

index in October was 2.4 per cent below September and 11 per cent below a year ago. For the 10 months to date, such loadings were off 10 per cent from the corresponding months of 1930.

Commercial failures are usually more numerous in October than in the months immediately preceding, but the total last month increased to an exceptionally high point as a result of adverse financial and business developments. After decreasing steadily since April, the number of failures increased 22 per cent over September, 1931, and 11 per cent over October, 1930. Liabilities involved were 76 per cent greater than in the preceding month and were the largest since January. For the first 10 months of this year average monthly failures increased 7 per cent as compared with a year ago, and average monthly liabilities were one-eighth greater.

Magazine and newspaper advertising continued the seasonal upward trend in October. Magazine lineage increased 19 per cent and newspaper lineage 14 per cent over the preceding month, but the cumulative total for the 10 months was 22 per cent and 11 per cent, respectively, below a year ago. Postal receipts have been moving upward since August, and in October were 11 per cent below a year ago. Average monthly receipts for the elapsed 10 months of the current year have been 9.2 per cent below the same period of 1930 and 13 per cent below the 1929 level.

DOMESTIC TRADE STATISTICS

Year and month	Department store sales		Department store stocks		Freight car loadings, merchandise, l. c. l.		Five-and-ten cent-store sales		Mail-order sales, ² 2 houses	Postal receipts, 39 selected cities	Commercial failures		Advertising lineage		Money order value, paid
	Unadjusted ¹	Adjusted ²	Unadjusted ¹	Adjusted ²	Unadjusted ¹	Adjusted ²	Unadjusted ¹	Adjusted ²			Fallures	Liabilities	Magazine	Newspaper	
Monthly average, 1923-1925=100															
1929: October	122	112	112	101	109	104	176	159	79,256	35,743	1,822	31,314	3,050	119	107,699
1930:															
October	112	102	101	92	97	93	168	151	68,878	32,279	2,124	36,297	2,527	98	90,647
November	113	98	104	92	94	92	159	158	55,713	28,379	2,031	55,261	2,488	89	79,934
December	105	94	85	91	86	92	298	153	72,486	38,572	2,525	83,683	2,265	82	91,923
1931:															
January	79	97	78	88	83	90	124	161	41,459	29,172	3,316	94,608	1,585	76	78,273
February	80	98	81	86	87	89	127	163	39,422	26,465	2,563	59,608	1,992	72	70,935
March	92	97	87	84	89	89	144	159	43,008	30,178	2,604	60,387	2,203	90	81,747
April	101	106	85	88	91	88	160	168	52,078	29,257	2,386	50,868	2,421	89	90,646
May	97	97	85	83	92	89	155	167	50,070	27,844	2,248	53,371	2,375	88	81,956
June	90	95	80	82	89	89	147	161	49,480	26,442	1,993	51,656	2,191	86	79,311
July	65	91	75	81	87	88	139	147	45,093	24,578	1,983	60,998	1,613	67	76,365
August	77	88	76	70	86	86	142	159	43,064	23,389	1,944	53,026	1,316	67	71,622
September	87	84	84	81	88	85	141	155	45,955	26,335	1,936	40,256	1,603	77	74,679
October	94	86	88	89	87	83	167	151	52,280	28,618	2,362	70,669	1,911	88	-----
Monthly average, January through October:															
1929	101	99	106	106	148	148	57,127	31,467	1,908	26,374	2,676	102	89,227		
1930	95	94	98	145	53,450	29,978	2,180	52,934	2,453	89	84,305				
1931	85	88	145	43,185	27,222	2,334	59,544	1,921	79						

¹ Corrected to average daily sales.

² Adjusted for seasonal variation.

³ End of month figures.

Foreign Trade

UNITED STATES exports during October increased approximately 14 per cent in value as compared with the exports in September, while imports fell off about 1 per cent. The gain in the former was only slightly less than the normal seasonal increase of 16 per cent, but the drop in imports was contrary to a normal upswing of 7 per cent. The export merchandise balance in October was \$36,000,000.

Exports of gold in October—\$398,600,000—represented in part amounts earmarked for foreign account during September. Gold imports of \$60,900,000 were 26 per cent greater than the imports in September. Exports of gold were shipped largely to France, Netherlands, Switzerland, and Belgium, whereas imports originated in Japan, Argentina, Canada, Sweden, and China, in the order mentioned.

A decline in our exports of industrial machinery during October and the relatively small seasonal expansion in shipments of leaf tobacco were important factors in the less-than-seasonal increase in the value of merchandise exports. Although quantity exports of cotton were considerably lower than the average for the corresponding month of the period 1925 to 1929, inclusive, they were larger than in October, 1930, and showed about the normal increase over shipments in September. Leaf-tobacco exports amounted to only

49,200,000 pounds in comparison with 78,300,000 pounds in the corresponding period of 1930. Shipments of wheat, which had been comparatively small for the first three quarters of 1931, increased considerably during October. Exports to China (including Hong Kong and Kwantung) were heavy, amounting to 4,300,000 bushels, or 36 per cent of the total shipments. Exports of apples and both canned and evaporated fruits showed the usual fall expansion.

Although the decline in the value of exports during October, 1931, in comparison with the corresponding period of 1930, was smaller than the decrease recorded during the two months immediately preceding, it amounted to approximately 37 per cent. Quantity shipments of tobacco, copper, rubber manufactures, cotton cloth, lumber, iron and steel, gasoline, various classes of machinery and automobiles, were considerably smaller and sharp recessions in the price of unmanufactured cotton as well as of practically all other commodities contributed very substantially to the drop in value.

In import trade for the period January–October, 1931, as compared with the corresponding period of 1930, our quantity purchases of coffee, cocoa, and raw silk increased, while crude rubber, cane sugar, newsprint and unmanufactured wool fell off only slightly.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

Year and month	Exports, including reexports ¹	Exports of United States merchandise												General imports					
		Crude materials			Foodstuffs			Finished manufactures						Total		Crude materials		Foodstuffs	
		Total	Raw cotton	Total	Wheat and flour	Meats and fats	Fruits and preparations	Semi-manufactures	Total	Machinery	Auto-mo-biles, parts, and accessories	Gasoline	Total	Crude materials	Total	Crude materials	Foodstuffs	Semi-manufactures	Fin.-ished manu-fac-tures
1929: October	528.5	174.3	128.9	71.8	19.5	16.1	18.6	64.6	211.7	52.9	32.7	26.3	391.1	126.5	32.3	82.3	100.0		
1930:																			
October	326.9	104.8	64.8	47.2	11.3	9.8	17.1	38.0	132.7	30.8	14.5	21.8	247.4	77.5	56.0	45.6	68.3		
November	289.0	90.9	59.3	45.6	7.8	11.0	17.5	33.1	115.8	33.2	14.1	12.4	203.6	59.2	48.4	38.3	57.8		
December	274.9	76.7	47.2	40.5	6.3	9.8	15.1	33.0	119.7	36.1	15.3	13.7	208.6	60.1	52.3	38.1	49.2		
1931:																			
January	249.6	58.6	31.2	35.5	4.9	12.2	10.7	34.5	117.1	37.7	14.4	13.8	183.1	50.4	42.1	36.9	44.8		
February	224.3	47.7	25.4	29.5	3.2	10.6	8.9	27.5	116.1	44.0	16.1	10.6	174.9	55.4	46.1	31.5	41.2		
March	235.9	56.5	35.0	33.0	3.9	10.1	10.7	31.4	110.3	29.4	18.5	8.4	210.2	64.0	56.6	39.8	49.2		
April	215.1	40.0	22.9	28.2	5.7	8.5	6.4	30.6	111.1	31.1	18.0	10.7	185.7	54.7	51.9	33.4	45.7		
May	204.0	36.5	18.9	29.4	7.4	7.8	6.5	29.9	103.5	26.6	14.2	12.5	179.7	54.7	49.6	30.4	45.5		
June	187.1	29.1	13.5	28.7	8.8	7.1	5.7	24.5	97.7	28.3	12.8	7.2	173.5	52.4	47.2	29.8	44.2		
July	180.7	23.3	13.5	32.3	11.6	6.8	7.6	28.0	88.3	22.7	11.5	9.0	174.5	50.0	47.1	30.0	47.5		
August	164.8	25.5	9.9	28.1	7.0	6.4	8.0	23.9	84.1	20.4	10.7	8.8	166.7	47.7	45.4	28.3	45.3		
September	180.2	44.4	23.5	28.4	6.7	6.3	9.2	21.4	83.2	24.7	8.7	7.2	170.4	52.9	35.1	30.3	52.0		
October	205.0	63.6	39.8	39.3	8.8	7.1	16.2	21.2	77.3	20.2	8.5	7.2	163.7	52.4	36.8	29.0	50.5		
Cumulative, January through																			
October:																			
1929	4,372.2	871.6	573.4	628.9	157.3	169.2	109.3	622.7	2,177.8	512.2	488.1	223.8	3,751.1	1,321.5	827.3	761.1	841.2		
1930	3,279.3	661.4	390.2	455.1	143.4	132.7	77.1	445.9	1,663.4	448.7	248.1	224.5	2,648.7	873.8	593.0	531.8	650.1		
1931	2,046.7	430.3	234.7	312.3	68.1	82.9	90.0	276.2	987.9	284.9	133.2	95.1	1,787.4	544.6	457.6	319.2	466.0		

¹ Reexports of foreign merchandise during October, 1931, were \$3,515,000.

Transportation

COMMODITY distribution during October, as reflected by the average daily total freight-car loadings, was of about the same proportions as during September and the seasonally adjusted index of the Federal Reserve Board was unchanged from the September figure. Average daily loadings during October were 20 per cent under October, 1930, and 34 per cent under 1929. The average monthly car loadings during the first 10 months of the year were 19 per cent under the corresponding period in 1930 and 29 per cent under 1929.

The daily average movement of merchandise in less-than-carload lots during October decreased by about 1 per cent, and the seasonally adjusted index of the Federal Reserve Board was 2 points below the September figure. October loadings of merchandise were about 10 per cent under October, 1930, and 20 per cent under 1929. During the first 10 months of the current year the average monthly merchandise movement by the railroads was 10 per cent under the same period in 1930, and 17 per cent under 1929. Coal and coke was the only commodity group to register a material increase in car loadings as compared with September, after corrections are made for the number of business

days in the two months. During the first 10 months of the year 18 per cent less loadings of coal and coke were reported than for the corresponding period in 1930. Car loadings of ore during the 10-month period were only about one-half those during the same period last year.

The number of idle freight cars was the lowest since November of last year. A drop in number of idle cars was recorded from September to October, although an increase is usual at this season of the year. While the October surplus was the smallest of the year so far, it was still 132,000 cars, or 33 per cent, above the number of idle cars on hand during October, 1930. The October surplus was 24 per cent under the peak recorded in December, 1930.

Monthly payments of dividends by railroads during the first 10 months of the year averaged \$38,810,000, compared with \$43,280,000 during the same period in 1930 and \$38,980,000 in 1929.

The seasonal decrease in traffic tonnage through the Sault Ste. Marie Canal which started in September was continued through October. Traffic through the Cape Cod Canal increased by 12 per cent as compared with the September tonnage.

RAIL AND WATER TRAFFIC

Year and month	Freight-car loadings												Canal and river traffic					Panama Canal traffic, both directions	Ocean traffic clearances, American ports					
	F. R. B. Index		Total	Merchandise, t. c. l.		Grain products		Live stock		Coal and coke		Forest products		Ore	Miscellaneous	Freight-car surplus		Dividend, steam railways		Canals			River	
	Adjusted (1)	Unadjusted (2)																	Sault Ste. Marie	New York State	Cape Cod	Mississippi (Govt. owned barges)		
Monthly average, 1923-1925=100													Thousands of cars ¹		Thousands of dollars		Thousands of short tons			Thousands of long tons		Thousands of net tons		
1929: October.....	104	118	5,752	1,357	224	183	1,066	314	286	2,321	124	45,500	11,213	491	244	137	1,244	3,041						
1930:																								
October.....	86	97	4,751	1,206	201	161	917	167	189	1,574	483	44,160	9,634	608	230	103	1,133	2,651						
November.....	84	89	4,127	1,133	190	140	852	174	92	1,546	580	38,560	8,130	390	225	83	1,609	2,501						
December.....	84	74	2,784	820	143	94	638	121	22	946	707	39,000	3,130	0	225	108	933	1,991						
1931:																								
January.....	82	74	3,491	997	196	124	817	156	26	1,175	647	55,600	0	6	234	76	953	1,843						
February.....	80	74	2,836	842	165	88	584	138	22	997	651	44,900	0	0	186	70	804	1,665						
March.....	80	75	2,940	886	153	79	555	138	23	1,105	622	45,500	0	0	163	83	910	1,773						
April.....	80	77	2,986	899	151	85	486	130	29	1,296	603	38,100	922	349	203	82	929	2,092						
May.....	79	79	3,736	1,097	180	106	611	165	80	1,496	616	32,500	4,335	497	217	100	937	2,525						
June.....	77	77	2,991	876	140	75	465	125	119	1,192	590	34,000	6,615	385	203	86	828	2,241						
July.....	76	78	2,931	830	220	71	452	106	139	1,113	564	41,500	7,611	506	211	104	820	2,742						
August.....	72	76	3,747	1,069	228	106	617	138	175	1,413	574	33,500	8,385	425	186	104	859	2,734						
September.....	69	78	2,908	841	149	96	516	104	121	1,081	564	26,500	7,126	587	198	107	884	2,478						
October.....	69	78	3,813	1,081	193	145	755	123	102	1,415	335	36,600	6,248	505	221	105	890	3,420						
Monthly average, January through October:																								
1929.....	108	4,567	1,129	208	119	814	285	215	1,796	203	38,980	8,519	254	178	112	1,236	2,685							
1930.....	94	3,991	1,049	198	108	711	211	158	1,555	432	43,280	6,740	322	205	96	1,124	2,746							
1931.....	77	3,238	942	177	98	586	132	84	1,219	398	38,810	4,127	321	200	92	1,892	2,254							

¹ Daily average basis.² Data for January, May, August, November, and October are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

Construction

CONSTRUCTION activity during October was marked by a slight increase in residential building, although this revival was confined to only a few sections of the country. The construction of public works and utilities declined from that of the previous month, as did other classes of nonresidential building, and the total value of all types of construction showed a decrease from that in September, although the measurable volume was slightly larger. The seasonal decline in the production, shipments, and new orders of important building materials continued, and the index of construction costs dropped to a new low. Building-material prices for both frame and brick houses showed an increase over those of the previous month.

The total volume of all types of construction contracts awarded increased 2 per cent from September, 1931, but was 22 per cent less than in October, 1930. The total value declined 4 per cent from September and 28 per cent from that of October, 1930. For the 10 months of 1931, volume and value decreased 27 and 30 per cent, respectively, compared with a year ago.

Residential building increased 17 per cent in terms of the total number of square feet and 11 per cent in value from September, but a comparison with October a year ago shows a decline of 32 per cent in volume and 42 per cent in value. During the first 10 months of this year the value decreased 23 per cent from that of the same period in 1930. The value of contracts awarded for public works and utilities fell 3.1 per cent below that of September and was 27 per cent less than in October, 1930.

The shipments of maple flooring declined 14 per cent from those in September, but were only 6.3 per cent less than in the same month last year. Oak flooring shipments declined 6.6 per cent, and cement production fell off 11 per cent from the preceding month. New orders for fabricated structural steel were 44 per cent less than in September.

The index of construction costs (composed of the prices of structural steel shapes, cement, lumber, and the rates paid common labor) declined 0.9 per cent, but building material prices for frame and brick houses rose 1.3 and 0.6 per cent, respectively.

BUILDING MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION, AND REAL ESTATE

Year and month	Building contracts awarded						Building materials			Building material prices			Long-term real-estate bonds				
	F. R. B. index (3 months moving average of values unad- justed)	All types of construction		Residential building		Public works and utilities		Maple floor- ing	Oak floor- ing	Cement	Fabri- cated struc- tural steel	Frame house	Brick house	Con- struc- tion cost, Eng. News- Rec.	Real- estate mar- ket ac- tivity— deeds recor- ded	To fi- nance new con- struction	
		Mil- lions of square feet	Mil- lions of dolars	Mil- lions of square feet	Mil- lions of dolars	Thou- sands of square feet	Mil- lions of dolars					Ship- ments	Pro- duc- tion	New orders			
Monthly average, 1925=100																	
1929: October	104	65.6	446	28.8	137.7	1,320	87.9	6,687	32,987	16,731	320	178	183	208.3	85.8	19,275	13,875
1930:																	
October	75	39.5	327	22.3	104.7	339	113.0	2,886	20,949	14,410	209	171	176	198.7	74.0	6,035	1,210
November	68	33.4	254	18.8	89.8	468	76.4	2,554	15,844	11,098	151	165	172	198.5	64.6	9,965	1,595
December	59	29.1	249	14.7	70.9	697	73.6	1,811	17,152	8,480	153	168	174	196.9	68.9	28,877	1,330
1931:																	
January	58	24.6	228	12.2	54.4	393	95.2	2,351	18,365	6,595	162	163	170	194.5	66.6	4,520	2,850
February	68	28.3	235	16.6	77.0	216	78.6	2,676	21,713	5,920	168	165	171	196.6	66.7	3,590	1,590
March	77	38.0	270	22.1	106.9	522	151.7	3,017	26,243	8,245	184	163	170	194.5	61.7	2,015	1,000
April	82	39.4	337	22.3	95.9	785	133.0	3,226	28,155	11,245	293	157	167	191.6	62.0	7,235	1,700
May	78	38.9	306	21.9	88.9	387	108.9	3,315	27,745	14,010	153	160	167	189.3	61.3	9,485	0
June	74	35.0	332	16.9	72.7	2,367	154.5	3,778	23,131	14,118	177	158	166	187.4	58.4	3,425	1,000
July	68	33.8	286	15.9	63.9	1,233	116.3	3,447	25,691	13,899	159	155	164	174.4	61.1	775	600
August	63	30.6	253	14.1	60.2	737	73.0	3,397	21,464	13,549	124	156	163	171.4	59.8	2,100	565
September	59	30.1	251	13.0	54.6	353	85.1	3,144	19,486	12,092	197	154	161	171.4	66,785	395	
October	52	39.7	242	15.2	60.5	171	82.5	2,763	18,263	10,762	110	156	162	169.5	9,125	500	
Monthly average, January through October:																	
1929	123	69.6	504	34.9	168.8	990	131.3	6,235	39,818	14,493	209	177	182	206.7	85.1	31,796	12,738
1930	97	44.8	402	19.6	95.0	1,314	149.6	3,883	26,683	14,133	239	174	178	203.9	71.3	13,123	5,403
1931	68	32.9	282	17.1	73.9	719	107.9	3,105	23,020	11,044	172	159	166	184.1	500	10,966	1,011

Agriculture

MARKETING of animal products during October increased by slightly more than the usual seasonal amount. The combined index recorded a rise of 4.6 per cent, but part of this advance is discounted by the low revised figure for September. The index for October was 1 per cent below the same month last year, and the monthly average for the first 10 months of the current year was less than 1 per cent under the same period in 1930.

Wool receipts fell off sharply, due largely to a reaction from the high level of the last five months. The monthly average to date still exceeds 1930, by a margin of 3.5 per cent. Livestock marketing reached the high point of the year and brought the monthly average to a level less than 2 per cent below a year ago. Poultry, eggs, dairy products, and fish receipts all declined. The index for fish marketing was 12 per cent below the revised figure for September and was the second marked monthly recession. Average receipts for January through October were 4 per cent higher than last year for poultry and eggs, 2 per cent higher for dairy products, and 22 per cent lower for fish.

Crop marketings in October continued to increase seasonally, but the combined index for the month was 24 per cent below October of last year. Cotton receipts were more than double the September amount

and partially absorbed the loss resulting from the less than seasonal gain of the last two months. Fruits, which did not record the usual seasonal grain in September, reached a high for the year. This is only partially a seasonal increase, and extended the gain in the monthly average over a year ago.

The November 1 estimate of wheat production in the United States, made by the Department of Agriculture, showed no change from October, and remained at 884,000,000 bushels. The 1931 potato crop is expected to exceed last year's somewhat scant yield by 39,000,000 bushels and is estimated at 1,000,000 bushels in excess of the 1925-1929 average. No improvement is anticipated in the light crops of hay and feed grains.

Of the citrus fruit crops, it is estimated that oranges will be less plentiful than a year ago except in the case of the Texas output and Florida Satsumas. California and Florida grapefruit will probably be more abundant and the lemon crop will approximate the high output of last year. Due to dry weather the movement of Florida fruit has been late and to date is considerably below 1930.

The index of stocks of meat in cold storage decreased 21 per cent during October, and reached the lowest point of the year. This was the usual seasonal decline, but the monthly index was 5 per cent below October of last year.

INDEXES OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AND STOCKS

Year and month	Indexes of marketing											Indexes of stocks, end of month		
	Com- bined index	Animal products					Crops					Wheat, visible supply, United States	Meats, cold- storage	Cotton, United States
		Wool	Liv- estock	Poultry and eggs	Dairy products	Fish	Com- bined index	Grains	Vege- tables	Fruits	Cotton			
Monthly average, 1923-1925=100														
1929: October	102.6	52.2	112.8	85.4	90.7	187.2	238.6	102.9	171.2	245.2	372.8	345.3	76.4	176.9
1930:														
October	96.7	79.1	108.0	79.2	82.2	172.0	212.1	82.6	168.4	219.0	327.5	349.8	65.7	234.8
November	88.5	34.5	85.0	121.6	77.8	146.2	148.8	72.3	89.6	109.0	240.6	344.8	62.3	264.9
December	97.8	57.1	93.9	137.8	92.7	98.9	105.8	79.8	79.4	67.1	141.9	333.3	76.9	266.8
1931:														
January	94.7	25.3	96.2	95.0	96.4	103.4	74.3	81.0	98.0	70.2	64.0	335.8	100.1	254.2
February	85.5	50.8	70.8	94.0	91.3	116.2	66.8	84.6	91.1	68.1	45.1	343.7	114.0	235.8
March	94.0	61.9	79.6	121.8	102.9	169.4	64.4	80.0	104.3	75.1	38.6	352.7	111.8	216.4
April	101.2	78.2	82.6	137.0	113.1	174.3	53.1	63.9	93.3	70.6	29.8	339.8	114.8	196.9
May	106.7	107.1	86.2	125.6	130.9	133.5	62.0	69.0	135.6	102.2	28.3	336.4	110.8	179.5
June	118.0	405.4	77.9	115.6	156.6	144.5	55.2	68.6	165.8	88.8	9.1	324.7	105.8	162.3
July	105.2	573.2	72.6	88.6	123.6	161.2	103.0	182.9	103.4	139.3	22.6	370.4	98.7	146.8
August	94.3	259.6	82.5	88.0	96.3	189.3	83.9	130.0	64.1	154.6	29.2	413.5	83.3	140.1
September	91.5	125.1	88.3	88.4	99.5	160.1	119.3	79.8	103.2	129.2	152.1	407.7	66.6	188.1
October	95.7	49.5	104.2	86.4	86.5	149.8	161.9	80.5	131.9	191.1	233.4	333.4	52.7	281.0
Monthly average, January through October:														
1929	100.2	132.0	87.3	100.1	110.8	184.6	105.8	107.4	123.4	114.7	98.1	242.9	116.7	111.4
1930	99.4	176.4	85.8	100.5	100.3	192.8	95.5	97.5	117.0	101.7	87.1	276.6	92.8	154.5
1931	98.7	182.6	84.4	194.9	108.8	149.8	84.4	92.0	109.1	108.9	65.2	361.8	95.9	200.1

Iron and Steel Industry

SEASONAL factors, which usually cause an upturn in activity in the iron and steel industry in October, were lacking last month, and operations continued to recede, although at a slackened pace. Measured by the adjusted index of the Federal Reserve Board, production in the industry declined 6.5 per cent, the smallest relative decline since May. Actual output of pig iron and steel ingots increased slightly for the first time since March, but in each case the daily average output was smaller than in the preceding month. Operations in the steel industry were at the rate of 28 per cent of capacity, the same as in September, but in the first three weeks of November the rate advanced to 30 per cent.

Maintenance of the extremely low rate of operations was reflected in a contra-seasonal recession in both employment and pay rolls, although the latter index was also affected by the wage reductions effective October 1. Employment, after making allowance for the seasonal trend, declined 1.8 per cent, as compared with September, while the unadjusted index of pay rolls was off 2.9 per cent.

Unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation declined during the month and while the drop was

small, its main significance lies in the fact that it was the first decrease reported for the month since 1923. Bookings of the corporation at the end of the month were 10 per cent below a year ago and 24 per cent below the same month of 1929. The index of new orders for the industry declined sharply during October to the lowest level reached so far. Specifications from some of the leading outlets, particularly the railroad, building, and automotive industries, have been in small volume. The index of structural-steel orders declined to a new low, following the substantial gain in September. The decline in the index of new orders for the 10 months compared with a year ago was 34 per cent, while structural steel orders dropped 28 per cent.

Iron and steel exports again declined in October and were 16 per cent below the preceding month and 55 per cent below October, 1930. Imports were off, but the recession in imports this year has not been as severe as in the export trade. Prices have been easier and the composite iron and steel price has recently eased off to \$30.63, against a September average of \$31.03. Scrap prices have increased only slightly from the low reached at the end of October.

IRON AND STEEL STATISTICS

Year and month	General operations				Iron and steel		Steel ingots		Fabricated structural steel		United States Steel Corporation, unfilled orders end of month	Manganese ore imports (Manganese content)	Prices				
	F. R. B. index (ad-justed) ¹	Rate of operations, electric energy consumption	Em-ploy-ment ad-justed	Pay rolls unad-justed	Ex-ports	Im-ports	Pig-iron pro-duction	Per cent of ca-pacity	New or-ders	Ship-ments			Steel billets, Besse-mer (Pitts-burgh)	Iron and steel com-po-site	Struc-tural steel beams	Com-posite finished steel	
	Monthly average, 1923-1925=100				Thousands of long tons				Thousands of short tons		Thousands of long tons		Dolls. per long ton	Dolls. per 100 pounds			
1929: October	124	144.8	99.1	107.9	248	50	3,588	4,534	86	320	324	4,087	25	35.00	36.27	1.90	2.51
1930:																	
October	74	126.0	81.3	75.8	132	30	2,165	2,693	50	209	239	3,482	18	31.00	32.31	1.60	2.22
November	65	106.5	80.2	68.9	112	35	1,867	2,212	44	151	195	3,640	10	31.00	31.95	1.60	2.20
December	59	110.2	79.1	66.7	102	24	1,666	1,980	38	153	168	3,944	29	30.60	31.76	1.60	2.19
1931:																	
January	64	103.4	77.5	62.4	93	34	1,714	2,450	43	162	172	4,132	17	30.00	31.70	1.63	2.22
February	73	116.5	75.9	67.5	91	22	1,707	2,592	49	158	166	3,965	10	30.00	31.65	1.65	2.22
March	78	119.4	76.6	79.0	110	33	2,032	2,994	54	184	151	3,995	2	36.00	31.66	1.65	2.23
April	75	108.1	76.5	69.1	101	41	2,020	2,722	49	293	158	3,898	33	30.00	31.61	1.65	2.22
May	72	106.8	74.8	64.9	91	30	1,994	2,505	45	153	148	3,620	21	29.50	31.39	1.65	2.21
June	64	86.6	72.6	57.6	76	31	1,639	2,076	38	177	162	3,479	37	29.00	31.02	1.65	2.19
July	59	83.1	72.1	52.4	84	28	1,463	1,886	34	159	182	3,405	38	29.00	31.05	1.65	2.20
August	51	78.0	70.3	50.6	73	22	1,281	1,719	31	124	169	3,169	22	29.00	31.05	1.60	2.19
September	43	78.3	67.4	45.2	79	25	1,160	1,548	28	137	150	3,145	27	29.00	31.03	1.60	2.20
October	43	76.3	66.2	43.9	59	23	1,173	1,592	28	110	146	3,119	21	29.00	30.81	1.60	2.18
Monthly average, January through October:																	
1929	137	154.9	99.5	107.9	258	48	3,627	4,789	94	309	280	4,139	28	34.63	36.58	1.93	2.55
1930	100	127.0	88.6	87.7	177	36	2,787	3,509	68	239	262	4,041	24	32.05	33.90	1.73	2.34
1931	63	95.7	73.0	58.4	85	29	1,619	2,200	40	172	169	3,593	23	29.45	31.30	1.63	2.21

¹ Adjusted for seasonal variation.

Chemical Industries

CHEMICAL industry developments in October were characterized by a slightly increased activity in certain seasonal products. Employment in the industry declined slightly during the month, according to the Federal Reserve Board indexes. The present level of employment is about 15 per cent under a year ago and almost 30 per cent below the high record employment in October, 1929, the decline from that point having been fairly regular from month to month. Pay rolls in October maintained the slight gain recorded for September, but did not show the small seasonal rise which is normal in the fall.

Stocks of manufactured chemicals and oils rose sharply, but seasonally, in October as compared with the revised September estimate. While stocks in October of this year are higher than at this time in several years past, the average for the first ten months of this year was below that of last year. Stocks of chemical and oil raw materials rose 21 per cent in October as compared with the unusually low stocks of September, present stocks being still about 10 per cent below the quantities on hand at this time in several years past.

Wood rosin production increased slightly in October as is usual at this season. The present level of production is, however, 25 per cent below that of a year ago

and 36 per cent below two years ago. Wood turpentine production also increased slightly, though seasonally, in October, with the present output below that of this season one and two years ago by 33 per cent and 49 per cent, respectively.

Alcohol production increased more than seasonally in October, though still 13 per cent under a year ago.

The production of by-product coke increased a little in October as is customary at this time of year. The present level of production is below that of October a year ago by 30 per cent and under that of two years ago by 48 per cent.

Fertilizer consumption in the Southern States, which shows large seasonal fluctuations, increased slightly in October, although there is usually a seasonal decline at this time. Present consumption is, however, about 10 per cent under that of the last two years at this season.

Imports of potash salts and nitrate of soda declined in October, although imports of potash salts usually increase greatly and of nitrate soda slightly at this season. Imports of potash salts in October were about a third less than those of a year ago, and were almost 60 per cent less than imports two years ago at this season. Nitrate of soda imports for the month were 20 per cent greater than a year ago.

CHEMICALS STATISTICS

Year and month	General operations										Con-	Imports			
	Employment F. R. B. Indexes			Stocks		Ethy- alcohol	Explo- sives	Rosin, wood	Tur- pen- tine, wood	Super- phos- phates	By- prod- uct coke	Ar- senic, refined	Ferti- lizer	Potash salts	Nitrate of soda
	Ad- justed	Unad- justed	Pay- rolls, unad- justed	Manu- fac- tured goods	Raw ma- terials										
	Monthly average, 1923-1925=100					Thous. of gals.	Thous. of lbs.	Production					Con-		
								Barrels	Thous. of short tons	Short tons	Thous. of short tons		Imports		
														Long tons	
1929: October.....	115.8	116.1	118.2	120.7	134.3	25,426	42,198	40,903	7,640	350	4,605	1,036	163	122,011	54,821
1930:															
October.....	101.1	101.4	99.9	125.1	132.7	18,455	34,113	34,818	5,817	336	3,468	1,265	106	73,945	27,207
November.....	98.3	98.6	96.1	124.2	128.3	20,861	30,248	38,931	6,584	303	3,114	1,508	61	19,706	35,474
December.....	97.9	97.8	94.7	123.9	124.2	17,770	24,024	34,332	6,200	336	3,055	1,439	74	25,324	35,512
1931:															
January.....	96.6	96.2	90.4	128.8	107.7	11,869	24,056	24,488	4,757	326	3,092	1,570	313	41,663	45,890
February.....	94.5	95.6	92.9	130.7	103.2	8,859	28,751	32,332	5,634	249	2,398	1,409	610	33,822	63,421
March.....	89.8	93.3	89.8	132.0	96.5	11,929	25,414	33,544	5,740	226	3,256	1,596	1,352	60,394	120,164
April.....	91.7	96.7	92.0	129.0	91.5	11,162	27,647	35,585	6,344	195	3,146	964	1,132	30,206	67,008
May.....	93.0	91.4	88.4	129.3	88.4	13,120	26,960	33,503	5,996	162	3,126	1,044	195	17,706	34,006
June.....	89.6	86.7	84.1	123.3	87.9	25,981	34,747	5,675	146	2,715	1,024	74	14,650	29,711	
July.....	89.4	86.2	82.9	119.2	86.7	11,975	25,068	28,495	4,370	143	2,569	997	25	67,958	18,809
August.....	86.6	84.4	80.4	117.4	85.3	12,363	24,548	17,074	2,607	162	2,443	1,238	40	65,043	35,367
September.....	85.7	86.0	80.8	121.0	99.5	12,952	26,598	25,058	3,797	142	2,310	1,252	91	66,440	48,590
October.....	85.4	85.7	80.8	130.4	120.7	16,037		26,102	3,922		2,389		94	59,071	33,968
Monthly average, January through October:															
1929.....	112.2	113.2	120.6	107.4	16,950	37,164	37,223	6,889	296	4,492	886	534	68,100	82,184	
1930.....	105.8	105.6	129.8	106.8	12,854	32,759	40,082	7,057	336	3,905	994	535	78,885	49,691	
1931.....	99.2	86.3	126.1	96.7	12,252		29,102	4,884		2,794		399	44,795	50,193	

¹ Average of 9 months.

Automobiles and Rubber

SCHEDULES of production in the automobile industry were reduced in October by a margin greatly in excess of that usually recorded at this season. The adjusted production index of the Federal Reserve Board stood at the lowest level recorded in recent years and was 43 per cent below October a year ago. The monthly average for January through October is 29 per cent lower than the figure for the same months in 1930 and 59 per cent below the high level of 1929. Passenger-car output continued its decline of the previous five months and was approximately half the already low product of September. Truck production, which had remained fairly steady for three months, also declined sharply and registered a loss for the month of 31 per cent.

Employment in the automotive industry decreased 19 per cent in October, according to the seasonally adjusted index of the Federal Reserve Board. Pay rolls, however, remained practically the same, indicating an increase in working hours. The unadjusted pay-roll index fell less than 1 per cent while the unadjusted employment index declined 21 per cent. In the first two weeks of November some improvement was apparent from the employment index of the

Detroit Board of Commerce, which rose from 41.7 to 50.

The export of trucks was the most active section in the entire industry. Total trucks shipped abroad during October exceeded all months since April and the number was 10 per cent greater than shipments in October of last year. Passenger car exports, on the contrary, were less than half the total for October, 1930, and the average monthly exports for January through October were 46 per cent below the same months a year ago.

Pneumatic tire production in September was 19 per cent less than in the preceding month and only slightly under September, 1930. During September domestic shipments in the industry also receded from the August total. The Federal Reserve Board adjusted index of October employment in the rubber products industries recorded a small gain. The unadjusted pay-roll index declined 2 per cent.

Following three successive decreases the importation of crude rubber gained in volume during October. The total import receipts were 6 per cent above the amount recorded for September but 9 per cent below October, 1930.

AUTOMOBILE AND RUBBER STATISTICS

Year and month	Automobile production					Automobile exports			Automobile financing			Pneumatic tires			Crude rubber	
	F. R. B. index, ad- justed	United States			Canada	Auto- mobile acces- sores, ship- ments	By wholes- ale deal- ers	By con- sum- ers	Pro- duc- tion	Do- mestic ship- ments	Im- ports	World stocks, end of month	Thousands	Long tons		
		Total	Pass- enger cars	Taxi- cabs	Trucks	Total pro- duc- tion	Passen- ger cars	Trucks								
Monthly averages, 1923-1925=100	Thousands	Number					Jan- uary, 1925=100	Millions of dollars	Thousands	Long tons						
1929: October	113	380	318	868	60,687	14,523	19,931	11,512	91	64	126	3,089	3,520	38,454	282,807	
1930:																
October	49	154	113	582	40,593	4,541	7,126	4,079	79	36	81	2,866	2,613	45,375	425,422	
November	74	137	101	609	35,613	5,407	6,039	6,039	63	30	60	2,123	2,119	29,733	427,427	
December	85	156	121	1,425	33,443	5,622	9,096	5,102	55	36	66	2,251	2,550	37,370	459,728	
1931:																
January	63	172	138	512	33,531	6,496	8,304	4,534	49	40	62	2,940	2,855	36,598	460,479	
February	68	220	180	529	39,521	9,871	9,187	4,187	53	50	66	3,188	2,580	34,374	471,285	
March	67	276	231	410	45,161	12,993	11,526	3,002	65	63	92	3,730	3,143	40,788	487,716	
April	77	337	286	665	50,022	17,159	11,228	5,499	69	71	113	3,855	3,804	44,908	487,696	
May	78	317	271	340	45,088	12,738	8,468	4,498	61	73	109	4,543	4,197	35,844	497,707	
June	65	251	210	360	40,241	6,833	5,843	4,340	61	58	105	4,538	4,320	46,939	496,238	
July	60	218	184	180	34,317	4,220	6,478	3,518	57	49	96	3,941	4,244	44,052	509,138	
August	52	187	155	104	31,772	4,544	5,699	2,356	66	44	80	3,125	3,845	39,933	511,750	
September	40	141	109	141	31,338	2,646	4,577	4,171	66	36	68	2,538	3,034	35,933	512,774	
October	28	80	58	651	21,727	1,410	3,207	4,506	26	61				41,398	536,874	
Monthly average, January through October:																
1929	145	502	431	1,446	69,543	24,828	31,168	17,396	86	61	144	4,983	4,823	47,668	259,436	
1930	84	306	255	690	50,219	14,316	13,793	7,380	72	60	108	3,640	3,616	41,842	388,487	
1931	60	230	182	389	37,332	7,894	7,452	4,361	51	85				40,287	497,166	

Textile Industry

THE increased activity in the textile industry registered in September was not maintained in October, and, although the index of the Federal Reserve Board adjusted for seasonal variations in October was 7 per cent below its 1923-1925 average, it was 2 per cent higher than in the same month of last year. Consumption of raw cotton in October was about the same as in September.

Production of 300 classifications or constructions of carded cotton cloths, representing output of a very large proportion of the industry, averaged nearly 57,000,000 yards per week in October, 4.3 per cent more than in September, and the largest weekly output for any month since June. Sales of these cloths in October averaged 45 per cent larger per week than in September, and were 47 per cent more than production. The increase of 117,500,000 yards in unfilled orders considerably more than offset the increase in stocks of 10,900,000 yards; unfilled orders on October 31 represented 6 weeks of production at the current rate of activity, although they were slightly lower than on October 31, 1930. Prices of cotton goods were steady during October, at a level about 25 per cent lower than a year ago.

Wool receipts at Boston in October declined for the second successive month, which was not unusual at that time of the year, and were 24.4 per cent less than in October of last year; the accumulated wool receipts at Boston for the first 10 months of 1931 have been only 2.7 per cent less than during the same period of 1930. The price of territory, fine, staple wool at Boston averaged 58 cents per pound in October as compared with 62 cents in the preceding month and 75 cents per pound in October of last year. Spinning activity in the woolen and worsted industry was at a much lower rate in October than in September, 1931. As compared with the average for the first 10 months of last year the rate of activity from January to October, 1931, averaged higher in both the woolen and worsted industries.

Raw silk deliveries to American mills in October were 8.4 per cent less than in October of last year, but were the largest quantities received by mills in any one month since November, 1930. Wholesale prices of Japanese, double, extra cracks, raw silk at New York changed only slightly from September to October, 1931. Wholesale prices of rayon did not change during that period.

TEXTILE STATISTICS

Year and month	F. R. B. Index, adjusted Monthly average, 1923- 1925 = 100	Cotton, raw		Spindle activity, total	Cotton manufactures					Wool Receipts, at Bos- ton, total	Price, territory staple, fine, scored (Boston)	Wool manu- factures		Silk Deliveries to mills	Rayon, wholesale price, A grade, bleached Dollars per bale	
		Mill consump- tion	Stocks, mills and warehouses, end of month		Produc- tion ¹	Ship- ments ¹	Stocks, end of month	Unfilled orders, end of month	Wholesale price, Fairchild com- posite			Spinning spindles				
		Bales	Thousands of bales		Mil- lions of spindle hours	Thousands of yards						Woolen	Worsted			
1929: October	118	639,759	6,652	9,006	283,064	265,450	362,657	395,698	160	12,148	0.90	78	72	57,489	1.15	
1930:																
October	91	443,284	8,829	6,243	228,866	270,383	350,889	350,845	124	12,739	.75	53	62	61,937	.95	
November	93	415,315	9,962	5,825	206,633	200,661	356,861	333,251	124	6,240	.72	52	52	57,333	.95	
December	87	405,518	10,031	5,924	234,052	226,951	363,962	288,956	122	11,574	.72	45	52	55,424	.95	
1931:																
January	86	450,117	9,557	6,365	202,149	210,597	355,514	317,465	120	10,795	.68	48	52	55,910	.75	
February	93	433,376	8,864	6,122	212,168	248,354	319,328	395,802	119	13,269	.66	66	54	54,242	.75	
March	97	490,509	8,136	7,000	271,638	317,185	273,781	373,951	121	13,279	.66	57	57	55,383	.75	
April	98	508,691	7,404	7,125	225,955	217,582	282,154	294,118	119	17,775	.65	55	57	41,356	.75	
May	98	465,363	6,748	6,733	225,392	205,603	301,943	248,544	115	30,341	.63	60	66	45,073	.75	
June	97	453,901	6,102	6,630	260,163	273,871	288,235	330,575	112	56,743	.62	61	73	42,161	.75	
July	102	450,884	5,520	6,528	192,545	211,331	269,449	277,597	111	79,381	.62	64	83	44,746	.75	
August	100	425,819	5,266	6,193	209,050	227,644	250,855	217,508	100	36,850	.63	66	78	46,454	.75	
September	100	463,704	7,072	6,540	272,118	278,049	244,924	227,167	95	18,707	.62	63	70	53,819	.75	
October	93	462,025	10,566	6,595	227,116	216,207	255,833	344,639	-----	9,628	.58	53	49	56,668	.75	
Monthly average, January through October:																
1929	118	605,605	4,188	8,531	293,850	296,759	368,283	414,780	162	27,651	1.00	81	68	52,503	1.25	
1930	91	455,606	5,809	6,493	237,904	248,916	434,220	307,323	136	29,486	.77	57	55	46,947	1.07	
1931	96	460,439	7,524	6,583	229,829	240,642	284,202	302,737	-----	28,677	.64	59	64	49,581	.75	

¹ Months do not contain same number of weeks.

Food Industries

PRODUCTION in the food products industry declined slightly during October, according to the adjusted index of the Federal Reserve Board. The October level corresponded to the average monthly figure, from January through October of the current year. The monthly average for the first 10 months was 4 per cent below last year and 9 per cent below 1929. After remaining comparatively steady for three months, the Federal Reserve Board's adjusted index of employment in the food industries declined. The October index was 2 per cent lower than that recorded for September and 6 per cent below October of last year. The monthly average to date is 7 per cent under the average for the first 10 months of 1930 and 11 per cent below a similar period in 1929. The level of wholesale prices in the industry remained steady and receded only a fraction of 1 per cent for the month of October. Prices were 18 per cent below October of last year, while the monthly average for the first 10 months of 1931 was also 18 per cent lower than during the same period a year ago.

Wheat receipts at the principal markets continued in October the seasonal decline of the two preceding months. The total receipts for the month were 14 per

cent above the same month in 1930, and brought the average for the first 10 months of 1931 to 8 per cent above a similar period last year. The visible supply of wheat in the United States at the end of October was 3 per cent less than the amount recorded a month earlier. Exports were 25 per cent above October of last year and reached the same level as October, 1929.

October receipts of corn at primary markets increased sharply from the extremely low figure of the preceding month, but the 10-month average was 29 per cent below last year. The visible corn supply in the United States increased slightly during October. The decline in price of the last four months, evidenced by No. 3 yellow at Chicago, continued during October. The price fell to a low mark for the year and was 54 per cent lower than that quoted for the same month a year ago.

Cattle receipts at principal markets recorded a delayed seasonal increase. Hog receipts continued the gain of last month which was also seasonal. The total volume of hogs received was slightly greater than the figure for October, 1930.

Raw sugar imports in October had a further decrease, while coffee imports were greater after a decline of two months.

FOODSTUFFS STATISTICS

Year and month	Food products industry				Wheat				Corn				Animal products				Total raw sugar imports				
	F. R. B.		Wholesale prices		Crop marketings		Receipts, principal markets		Visible supply, United States, end of month		Receipts, principal markets		Visible supply, United States		Price, No. 3 yellow, Chicago		Cattle receipts		Hog receipts		
	Production adjusted	Employment adjusted	Monthly average, 1923-1925=100	Monthly average, 1928=100	Monthly average, 1923-1925=100	Millions of bushels	Dollars per bushel	Millions of bushels	Dollars per bushel	Thousands	Millions of pounds	Thousands	Millions of long tons	Total of bases							
1929: October	96	99.8	101.2	238.6	102.6	36	203	15	1.24	18	4	.95	2,407	3,701	732	349	1,004				
1930:																					
October	94	90.9	88.6	212.1	96.7	29	205	12	.76	15	5	.82	2,377	3,441	534	360	1,159				
November	94	91.4	85.7	148.8	88.5	25	202	8	.70	17	7	.71	1,696	3,439	597	344	957				
December	89	90.8	81.8	105.8	97.8	22	196	6	.73	27	17	.69	1,736	4,002	737	312	1,008				
1931:																					
January	93	91.2	80.1	74.3	94.7	29	197	6	.71	19	18	.65	1,508	4,652	959	204	1,094				
February	92	90.3	77.1	66.8	85.5	31	202	4	.71	21	20	.61	1,303	3,704	1,092	364	1,289				
March	87	89.9	76.7	64.4	94.0	31	207	5	.71	19	22	.60	1,535	3,207	1,072	515	1,407				
April	96	90.6	75.6	53.1	101.2	21	200	7	.75	17	20	.58	1,617	3,067	1,100	415	1,126				
May	91	90.8	72.9	62.0	106.7	31	198	10	.76	11	12	.56	1,551	2,938	1,062	313	1,415				
June	83	88.7	72.4	55.2	118.0	30	191	12	.67	13	8	.58	1,540	2,854	1,014	382	1,037				
July	88	88.1	73.1	103.0	105.2	104	218	17	.47	16	9	.57	1,488	2,511	946	413	1,100				
August	88	88.1	73.7	83.9	94.3	61	243	12	.51	11	8	.46	1,821	2,454	798	532	884				
September	92	87.5	72.9	119.3	91.5	39	239	12	.56	8	42	.42	1,797	2,727	638	330	794				
October	90	85.5	72.6	161.9	95.7	33	231	15	.58	14	7	.38	2,137	3,462	505	269	907				
Monthly average, January through October:																					
1929	99	99.8	100.0	105.8	100.2	42	143	12	1.17	22	19	.95	1,694	3,591	1,118	517	945				
1930	94	95.6	91.5	95.5	99.4	38	162	13	.96	21	12	.84	1,672	3,333	890	388	1,005				
1931	90	89.1	74.7	84.4	98.7	41	213	10	.64	15	13	.54	1,630	3,158	910	374	1,105				

Forest Products

LUMBER production in October, according to the adjusted index of the Federal Reserve Board, continued the steady decline which has been taking place since last May. Present production, which is down to 35 per cent of the 1923-1925 average, represents a decline of 35 per cent from that of October, 1930, and about 60 per cent from production two years ago.

Employment and pay rolls both declined more than seasonally in October. Employment has been declining steadily since the summer of 1929, the present level being approximately 22 per cent below October a year ago and less than half of the 1923-1925 average. Pay rolls have been declining more rapidly than employment, reflecting wage readjustments in the industry and part-time employment; in October, 1930, the index for pay rolls (1923-1925 average = 100) was 3 per cent less than that for employment and in October of this year pay rolls were 21 per cent below.

Marketing of forest products increased seasonally in October, being now about 9 per cent less than a year ago and 38 per cent under average marketings in 1923-1925. Naval stores, or gum, marketings in October increased slightly as compared with the revised estimate for September, whereas there is usually a small seasonal decrease at this time.

Southern pine production remained steady at 117,-000,000 board feet in October, which is 45 per cent

below production at this time a year ago. New orders declined to 135,000,000 board feet, which is about 37 per cent less than new orders at this time in 1930. Unfilled orders dropped to the lowest in many years, being about 47 per cent below the October, 1930, figure.

Douglas fir production declined sharply in October (the estimate for this month includes an extra week) to 150,000,000 board feet, the lowest yet recorded. This is about 28 per cent less than production a year ago and 52 per cent less than two years ago. New orders likewise declined to a new low point in October and at present are about 26 per cent below those of a year ago and less than half those of October, 1929. Unfilled orders, which reached a record low point, were 41 per cent off from a year ago and only a little more than a quarter of unfilled orders two years ago.

Production of hardwoods remained steady in October as compared with the preceding month, but present output is 33 per cent less than a year ago and 65 per cent less than two years ago. New orders have remained about the same for several months, while unfilled orders rose somewhat in September but declined again in October.

Car loadings of forest products increased about 20,000 cars from the low point recorded in September.

FOREST PRODUCTS STATISTICS

Year and month	General operations			Indexes of marketing		Southern pine			Douglas fir ¹			Hardwoods			Car-loadings, forest products	Furniture, unfilled orders, south-eastern district	
	Lumber production adjusted F. R. B.	Employment, adjusted	Pay roll, unadjusted	Total forest products	Naval stores	Production	New orders	Un-filled orders	Production	New orders	Un-filled orders	Production	New orders	Un-filled orders			
Monthly average 1923-1925 = 100															Millions of feet board measure		
1929: October.....	89	87.2	96.8	89.1	130.1	-	-	-	312	304	296	296	281	660	254	-	
1930:																	
October.....	54	62.1	60.4	68.1	143.1	211	213	109	208	203	138	158	154	466	197	29,117	
November.....	47	60.4	54.7	62.9	112.9	185	177	105	192	186	176	143	133	452	174	19,917	
December.....	50	58.8	50.4	58.0	117.7	157	146	99	167	189	188	134	125	456	121	14,404	
1931:																	
January.....	49	56.3	44.0	55.9	37.1	165	191	116	160	192	183	143	169	456	156	31,781	
February.....	45	56.3	45.6	55.8	25.5	154	171	107	179	189	182	158	188	481	138	34,160	
March.....	50	55.7	46.2	60.9	39.7	165	174	121	186	217	197	165	173	473	138	29,798	
April.....	49	55.4	44.9	64.0	98.3	165	169	104	202	224	216	146	154	463	130	28,248	
May.....	50	55.4	45.7	68.3	136.5	148	158	84	207	189	136	146	158	431	165	19,338	
June.....	49	54.4	44.6	67.4	189.9	127	140	83	200	191	163	143	176	419	125	56,865	
July.....	44	52.0	41.7	65.6	186.7	122	147	83	149	181	166	109	139	402	106	47,997	
August.....	40	51.1	41.3	66.3	141.5	120	151	82	172	188	111	101	131	375	138	47,706	
September.....	38	49.4	40.3	59.3	111.9	117	138	74	155	159	125	105	131	387	104	42,180	
October.....	35	48.4	38.2	62.0	114.0	117	135	58	150	151	81	105	131	374	123	22,100	
Monthly average, January through October:																	
1929.....	92	89.1	91.6	87.3	123.3	-	-	-	330	339	332	313	308	646	279	-	
1930.....	71	71.2	68.4	69.0	123.9	237	229	155	250	247	209	214	178	564	211	39,039	
1931.....	45	53.4	43.3	62.6	108.1	140	157	91	176	188	156	132	155	426	132	36,017	

IMPORTS OF FERTILIZER AND FERTILIZER MATERIALS¹

[Long tons]

Months	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Total										
January	72,077	210,426	266,623	199,363	224,139	152,659	231,522	195,387	240,130	137,172
February	69,220	142,350	232,558	197,963	277,525	119,897	300,524	259,414	257,596	141,421
March	78,927	222,955	227,361	298,781	326,592	184,813	324,468	221,443	257,555	255,905
April	92,641	193,032	111,783	246,939	211,540	150,861	224,681	226,883	177,327	143,250
May	97,472	134,685	96,247	174,002	92,781	75,462	157,773	204,007	87,994	72,159
June	116,515	72,625	53,592	101,946	45,120	74,732	126,526	107,023	89,547	59,970
July	183,270	116,740	87,271	152,467	109,527	151,602	160,447	159,486	164,546	97,358
August	158,793	153,820	109,445	202,576	155,499	249,862	277,363	201,655	157,732	127,599
September	80,599	145,123	141,028	215,088	124,412	188,724	198,575	154,569	160,784	146,700
October	122,573	160,616	172,517	153,457	159,728	181,202	183,737	237,113	150,656	120,822
November	151,755	110,360	189,944	164,581	163,978	140,414	163,666	149,843	95,798	-----
December	115,492	195,134	204,511	161,365	191,781	148,710	185,788	162,942	107,193	-----
Total	1,330,334	1,857,866	1,892,880	2,268,528	2,082,622	1,818,938	2,535,070	2,309,775	1,976,893	-----
Nitrogenous										
January	13,616	129,314	186,444	111,578	134,899	73,197	110,722	132,527	143,191	82,466
February	21,051	102,624	161,670	118,294	186,361	59,497	181,898	193,956	136,211	98,435
March	26,267	141,874	136,017	221,506	210,460	120,617	212,096	142,573	165,811	170,587
April	32,732	112,952	79,352	177,081	140,908	121,680	164,489	148,628	105,471	102,342
May	66,016	117,860	75,639	149,813	64,736	62,349	131,132	114,335	58,205	46,602
June	53,883	38,058	40,977	68,973	21,818	52,117	91,578	80,395	34,962	37,998
July	37,726	65,967	57,688	87,226	32,365	69,230	59,219	67,356	43,350	24,730
August	48,199	65,727	74,514	107,684	71,728	100,596	122,448	75,109	35,940	47,935
September	57,984	63,906	81,897	75,727	54,407	100,327	75,543	63,366	49,791	70,022
October	91,631	80,703	105,227	83,922	66,843	98,340	87,189	97,566	65,839	61,904
November	124,377	50,359	89,541	106,963	69,090	95,239	86,321	82,574	66,044	-----
December	61,312	120,190	85,310	64,390	88,285	97,738	122,920	98,609	68,250	-----
Total	634,805	1,080,524	1,177,576	1,372,167	1,143,899	1,050,927	1,475,758	1,326,994	973,115	-----
Phosphates										
January	1,491	4,139	8,233	4,017	3,155	8,733	9,468	5,304	7,807	6,279
February	1,868	3,683	1,701	1,312	3,437	8,866	21,164	8,524	8,896	3,726
March	447	4,604	3,234	1,260	11,960	9,645	10,740	5,036	15,874	15,158
April	1,307	7,466	4,293	2,380	7,974	6,530	8,931	6,773	6,240	5,578
May	1,014	2,757	929	4,079	1,971	3,453	5,415	14,924	5,025	4,832
June	2,697	2,003	5,736	1,948	5,294	10,041	8,111	12,182	17,482	3,339
July	1,261	7,976	2,805	3,963	3,169	7,415	11,811	4,666	4,974	3,768
August	3,445	11,261	1,306	3,823	11,672	10,083	13,321	13,043	6,707	9,838
September	4,389	4,863	4,950	3,415	5,452	4,368	9,423	5,212	3,603	6,175
October	7,146	7,067	8,138	3,025	5,151	11,506	8,560	5,641	6,922	3,331
November	1,873	5,727	1,728	4,229	3,916	13,168	11,520	10,769	4,157	-----
December	10,176	5,800	2,075	2,906	5,560	8,107	14,383	12,740	9,766	-----
Total	37,105	67,346	45,128	36,357	68,710	101,915	132,847	104,814	96,547	-----
Potash										
January	42,763	73,717	63,770	82,037	82,114	67,044	105,765	46,184	85,188	41,663
February	38,576	32,701	67,327	77,207	85,925	47,817	89,528	77,156	106,200	33,822
March	43,999	72,338	84,693	71,536	99,250	46,048	65,664	64,433	92,205	60,394
April	43,919	67,360	25,215	63,279	61,081	19,344	45,814	56,791	55,119	30,206
May	19,260	11,773	13,925	14,240	24,704	6,624	17,384	35,543	18,828	17,706
June	52,613	31,330	6,328	29,827	15,836	11,154	15,820	9,975	34,616	14,650
July	136,383	41,421	26,087	59,710	71,094	74,355	83,854	83,661	113,423	67,958
August	100,695	74,476	32,706	86,154	65,269	135,965	137,924	101,873	106,205	65,043
September	11,366	75,018	53,007	130,405	57,511	80,354	107,601	83,374	103,113	66,440
October	17,853	70,657	54,588	63,386	69,714	66,447	79,161	122,011	73,945	50,071
November	18,758	52,604	88,932	52,627	88,184	29,321	55,362	50,198	19,706	-----
December	41,237	62,061	115,441	90,229	95,032	38,636	38,679	46,710	25,324	-----
Total	567,422	665,456	632,019	820,637	815,714	623,109	842,556	777,909	833,879	-----
Other Fertilizer										
January	14,207	3,256	8,176	1,731	3,971	3,685	5,567	11,372	3,944	6,764
February	7,725	3,332	1,860	1,240	1,802	3,717	7,934	9,778	6,289	5,438
March	8,214	4,139	3,417	4,479	4,922	8,503	5,965	9,401	13,662	9,766
April	14,682	5,254	2,923	4,199	1,576	3,307	5,447	14,691	10,497	5,124
May	11,182	2,295	2,754	5,870	1,370	3,036	3,842	9,205	5,936	3,019
June	7,312	1,234	551	1,198	2,174	1,420	11,017	4,471	2,487	3,983
July	7,999	1,376	691	1,508	2,899	602	5,563	3,803	3,699	902
August	6,454	2,356	919	4,915	6,830	3,218	3,670	11,640	8,876	4,763
September	6,869	1,336	1,174	5,541	5,042	3,675	6,008	2,617	4,277	4,063
October	5,943	2,189	4,564	3,124	18,021	4,909	8,827	11,895	3,930	5,516
November	6,747	1,690	9,443	1,662	2,788	2,686	10,263	6,302	5,891	-----
December	2,767	7,083	1,685	3,840	2,904	4,229	9,806	4,883	3,864	-----
Total	100,002	35,540	38,157	39,307	54,299	42,987	83,909	100,058	73,352	-----

¹ Compiled by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The item "Other Fertilizer" represents the total imports of Nitrophoska, limestone ground and pulverized for agricultural purposes, prepared fertilizer mixtures, and substances used chiefly for fertilizer not elsewhere specified.

WEEKLY BUSINESS INDICATORS

[Weekly average, 1923-1925=100]

ITEM	1931					1930					1929					ITEM	1931					1930						
	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.		Nov.																			
*Composite index, N. Y. Times	63.2	64.6	82.0	79.0	80.4	95.0	95.5	97.1																				
*Composite index, Business Week	66.1	65.9	80.4	80.9	78.6	102.1	101.4	101.3	50.0	75.8	80.0	93.0	101.1	101.4	101.3													
Detroit employment									50.0	75.8	80.0	93.0	101.1	101.4	101.3													
Production:																												
Beehive coke	9.8	10.6	16.3	15.5	16.3	34.3	34.7	39.2																				
Bituminous coal	72.5	77.2	89.3	91.2	99.7	104.4	114.6	110.2																				
Building (new awards)	39.7	64.6	67.1	106.5	77.9																							
Electric current	99.3	97.4	100.4	103.4	102.8	103.1	109.1	110.7																				
Petroleum	116.2	117.8	118.3	108.8	110.7	123.6	126.4	125.8																				
Steel ingots	36.8	38.2	40.8	51.3	52.6	56.6	88.2	90.8	93.4																			
Receipts:																												
Cattle and calves	79.7	87.0	95.9	69.0	83.9	96.2	76.6	102.8	110.4																			
Cotton	196.5	271.5	295.4	195.8	185.4	231.2	168.8	184.2	236.5																			
Hogs	84.1	101.4	95.5	67.8	88.9	90.0	90.6	99.8	94.8																			
Wheat	62.4	88.6	40.4	80.3	81.2	53.3	48.0	56.7																				
Distribution: Car loadings	68.2	72.0	73.2	81.3	86.5	87.2	99.1	102.5																				
Wholesale prices:																												
Copper, electrolytic	44.9	48.5	49.3	78.3	73.9	79.7	129.0	120.0	129.0																			
Cotton, middling, spot	22.8	22.8	24.3	39.0	40.1	41.2	64.0	64.7	64.3																			

* Relative to a computed normal taken as 100.

† Relative to weekly average 1928-1930 for week shown.

WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1931					1930					1929					1928										
	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Nov.	Nov.				
PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION																										
Bituminous-coal production	7,063		7,520			8,705		8,890		9,718		10,176		11,173		10,740		9,906		10,982						
Building contracts (da. av.)	37 States		thous. dollars			6,377		10,380		10,776		17,092		12,515		21,331										
Electrical current output		mills. of kw. hours				1,655		1,623		1,672		1,722		1,713		1,794		1,619		1,701						
Exports:																										
Corn	110		36		150		0		21		34		64		84		260		973		350					
Wheat	1,754		2,465		1,960		99		819		517		1,465		1,808		2,561		1,291		1,584					
Wheat flour	113		173		130		283		187		190		169		208		304		177		245					
Freight cars:																										
Loadings, total	cars		653,503		690,366		702,085		779,752		829,023		830,310		949,716		982,926		900,556		1,029,237					
Coal and coke	cars		121,549		136,109		155,763		155,364		175,184		188,335		199,872		193,083		189,332		211,449					
Forest products	cars		21,325		22,972		32,095		33,111		33,061		48,611		54,864		53,632		58,448		64,715					
Grain and grain products	cars		36,872		37,994		33,730		36,343		37,049		38,716		39,780		35,910		53,591		54,777					
Livestock	cars		25,555		27,604		23,821		24,845		29,670		25,769		29,821		33,441		25,623		32,873					
Merchandise, l. c. l.	cars		209,032		207,499		194,952		229,521		231,001		220,600		257,825		259,543		226,169		266,430					
Miscellaneous	cars		234,269		251,576		255,951		292,340		303,486		305,441		351,810		374,020		336,210		387,241					
Ore	cars		4,901		6,612		5,773		8,223		14,572		9,433		15,744		33,297		11,183		17,752					
Net available surplus (da. av.)	cars		588,377		580,498		533,445		469,793		340,740		289,669		340,740		226,131		222,539		194,092					
Petroleum production (da. av.)	thous. of bbls.		2,420		2,453		2,464		2,266		2,282		2,305		2,633		2,620		2,506		2,505					
Receipts:																										
Cattle and calves (12 markets)	thousands		252		275		303		218		265		304		242		325		349		214		331			
Cotton, primary	thous. of bales		511		706		788		509		482		601		439		479		615		621		615			
Wheat, primary markets	thous. of bush.		4,961		7,037		3,200		6,379		6,449		4,234		3,811		4,502		11,192		11,192		11,192			
Wool, total, Boston	thous. of lbs.		757		3,129		2,756		734		1,924		1,378		3,008		3,648		4,129		2,886		1,980			
Steel-ingot production	per ct. of capacity		28		29		31		39		40		43		67		69		71		84		83			
WHOLESALE PRICES																										
Chemical index	rel. to 1924		106.3		106.3		106.3		107.2		107.2		107.2		112.5		112.5		112.5		108.3		108.3			
Copper ingots, electrolytic, New York	dolls. per lb.		.062		.067		.108		.102		.110		.118		.178		.178		.178		.158		.158			
Cotton, middling, spot, New York	dolls. per lb.		.062		.062		.066		.106		.109		.112		.174		.176		.176		.207		.207			
Food index (Bradstreet's)	dolls. per lb.		2.07		2.13		2.09		2.61		2.61		2.67		3.14		3.16		3.13		3.35		3.32			
Iron and steel composite	dolls. per ton		30.55		30.63		30.63		31.86		31.86		31.98		35.97		35.97		36.09		36.13		36.19			
Wheat, No. 2, hard winter, Kansas City	dolls. bu.		.54		.58		.62		.70		.68		.67		1.21		1.20		1.13		1.14		1.14			
FINANCIAL																										
Bank debits:																										
New York City	mills. of dolls.		3,275		3,780		3,645		5,036		5,748		6,118		10,327		13,199		14,350		12,167		11,279			
Outside New York City	mills. of dolls.		3,414		4,170																					

Monthly Business Statistics

The following table contains a summary of the monthly figures designed to show the trend in important industrial and commercial movements. These data represent continuations of the figures presented in the 1931 Annual Supplement to the Survey of Current Business, in which monthly figures for the past seven years may be found, together with explanations as to the sources and basis for the figures quoted. The figures given below should always be read in connection with these explanations. For later data, which have become available since these data were compiled, see recent Weekly Supplements to the Survey.

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	1931										1930		
	October	Septem- ber	August	July	June	May	April	March	Febru- ary	January	Decem- ber	Novem- ber	October
<i>Earlier data for items shown here may be found in the 1931 Annual Supplement to the Survey</i>													
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION													
Federal Reserve Board													
Total, unadjusted.....rel. to 1923-25.....	76	77	78	80	83	89	90	89	87	82	78	85	90
Total, adjusted.....rel. to 1923-25.....	74	76	79	83	84	89	89	87	86	82	82	84	87
Manufactures, total unadjusted rel. to 1923-25.....	73	76	77	79	82	90	91	91	88	81	76	84	88
Manufactures, total adjusted rel. to 1923-25.....	72	76	79	83	84	89	89	87	85	81	80	84	85
Automobiles.....rel. to 1923-25.....	28	40	52	61	65	77	77	67	68	63	74	49	49
Cement.....rel. to 1923-25.....	83	95	102	108	112	96	90	81	80	84	83	86	97
Food products.....rel. to 1923-25.....	90	92	88	88	83	91	96	87	92	93	89	94	94
Iron and steel.....rel. to 1923-25.....	43	46	51	59	64	72	75	78	73	64	59	65	75
Leather and shoes.....rel. to 1923-25.....	86	97	104	101	101	107	102	92	87	77	81	80	89
Lumber.....rel. to 1923-25.....	35	38	40	44	49	50	49	50	45	49	50	47	54
Nonferrous metals.....rel. to 1923-25.....	65	65	64	65	68	73	73	77	79	78	85	87	95
Paper and printing.....rel. to 1923-25.....	104	105	109	108	113	110	110	111	107	101	103	107	107
Petroleum refining.....rel. to 1923-25.....	161	165	162	161	163	161	152	149	144	149	151	160	
Polished plate glass.....rel. to 1923-25.....	55	72	91	91	112	117	119	111	90	65	91	101	
Auto tires and tubes.....rel. to 1923-25.....	79	90	112	126	123	107	98	94	88	73	77	88	
Textiles.....rel. to 1923-25.....	93	100	100	102	97	101	98	97	93	86	87	83	91
Tobacco manufactures.....rel. to 1923-25.....	112	118	118	122	133	137	134	131	132	121	128	119	129
Minerals, total unadjusted.....rel. to 1923-25.....	85	82	82	85	85	84	83	82	84	86	89	95	104
Minerals, total adjusted.....rel. to 1923-25.....	85	77	79	84	85	86	92	87	88	90	94	92	98
Anthracite.....rel. to 1923-25.....	21	65	61	57	66	71	84	72	89	93	83	105	
Bituminous coal.....rel. to 1923-25.....	71	70	70	74	74	75	77	76	73	77	85	86	87
Copper.....rel. to 1923-25.....	60	59	59	67	68	69	70	76	72	76	83	83	83
Crude petroleum.....rel. to 1923-25.....	119	102	107	122	122	122	121	112	110	110	111	114	115
Iron-ore shipments.....rel. to 1923-25.....	42	51	69	55	46	27	0	0	0	0	0	51	74
Lead.....rel. to 1923-25.....	68	67	61	64	60	78	71	79	82	83	92	83	94
Silver.....rel. to 1923-25.....	40	40	45	42	46	51	54	63	62	68	71	73	70
Zinc.....rel. to 1923-25.....	47	49	49	49	54	54	61	65	65	68	70	90	
Industrial Consumption of Electrical Energy													
Consumption by geographic sections:													
United States.....rel. to 1923-25.....	97.1	100.4	97.3	97.9	101.7	109.8	106.4	108.2	110.3	97.6	99.1	105.4	103.2
New England.....rel. to 1923-25.....	87.5	97.0	89.9	100.0	98.4	104.4	109.4	105.8	105.5	90.2	86.3	96.3	93.2
North Central.....rel. to 1923-25.....	87.4	92.6	90.0	92.1	102.7	109.2	105.0	109.0	105.7	100.2	99.0	100.6	107.3
Middle Atlantic.....rel. to 1923-25.....	103.3	104.0	99.5	95.7	91.5	101.3	97.6	102.8	108.0	96.6	97.5	103.5	99.6
Southern.....rel. to 1923-25.....	113.2	113.8	112.8	117.5	114.3	118.2	108.6	117.5	130.6	105.8	116.4	113.4	118.4
Western.....rel. to 1923-25.....	102.2	102.3	108.3	96.8	106.4	119.1	114.0	115.7	120.0	111.0	99.9	121.3	116.1
Consumption by industries:													
All industry.....rel. to 1923-25.....	97.1	100.4	97.3	97.9	101.7	109.8	106.4	108.2	110.3	97.6	99.1	104.3	103.2
Automobiles, including repair parts.....rel. to 1923-25.....	57.4	53.7	43.6	55.9	71.3	89.7	90.8	94.1	88.9	67.5	71.5	74.9	80.9
Electrical apparatus and equipment.....rel. to 1923-25.....	128.5	129.8	128.0	130.1	130.8	132.0	136.7	124.3	149.0	144.7	132.4	137.5	140.6
Food and kindred products.....rel. to 1923-25.....	136.5	142.0	146.4	147.0	136.2	126.8	122.0	116.8	112.9	118.3	107.1	124.4	137.2
Leather and its products.....rel. to 1923-25.....	81.8	81.9	77.1	83.8	85.4	81.0	83.9	71.2	76.1	71.6	68.7	73.0	84.9
Lumber and its products.....rel. to 1923-25.....	82.2	82.2	79.4	76.9	86.3	97.2	91.5	93.2	84.2	82.6	73.3	86.5	77.1
Metals group.....rel. to 1923-25.....	73.0	76.2	75.0	74.5	81.5	98.5	99.5	112.2	114.0	97.4	102.3	99.5	101.2
Metal-working plants.....rel. to 1923-25.....	71.0	75.0	73.3	69.3	78.6	94.0	94.6	103.5	112.3	95.0	97.8	89.6	87.0
Rolling mills and steel plants.....rel. to 1923-25.....	76.3	78.3	78.0	83.1	86.6	106.8	108.1	119.4	116.5	103.4	110.2	106.5	126.0
Paper and pulp.....rel. to 1923-25.....	113.0	138.3	121.7	104.0	112.4	135.1	109.6	123.0	127.0	111.8	117.0	112.3	120.0
Rubber and its products.....rel. to 1923-25.....	82.8	88.0	98.5	97.4	121.0	122.3	109.0	109.6	122.0	106.5	84.3	95.3	99.0
Shipbuilding.....rel. to 1923-25.....	84.5	88.9	85.6	82.0	84.8	89.7	92.5	98.3	114.8	113.9	99.0	105.5	121.5
Stone, clay, and glass.....rel. to 1923-25.....	113.4	113.9	105.9	104.8	118.7	132.0	116.5	105.1	102.6	75.3	100.6	106.2	106.3
Textiles.....rel. to 1923-25.....	98.2	98.7	95.0	98.2	100.5	103.7	100.0	97.3	99.3	86.4	89.8	87.0	85.4

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

<i>Earlier data for items shown here may be found in the 1931 Annual Supplement to the Survey</i>	1931										1930		
	October	September	August	July	June	May	April	March	February	January	December	November	October
STOCKS AND ORDERS													
New orders, total.....rel. to 1923-25.....	55.2	48.2	48.1	56.0	52.9	60.4	58.2	49.8	51.2	48.7	48.7	56.6	
Stocks, total.....rel. to 1923-25.....	162.6	142.3	137.7	134.2	134.2	139.3	144.0	150.7	153.3	156.3	163.7	161.8	157.2
Manufactured goods.....rel. to 1923-25.....	105.7	108.7	113.3	117.1	118.3	118.6	119.5	119.5	119.8	119.5	120.1	118.6	118.4
Raw materials.....rel. to 1923-25.....	203.6	166.7	155.3	146.5	145.7	154.2	161.7	173.2	177.4	182.8	194.5	192.6	184.8
Unfilled orders, total.....rel. to 1923-25.....	45.1	46.0	47.8	51.9	56.6	57.4	60.5	61.8	61.8	61.8	61.8	58.7	58.6
COST OF LIVING													
All groups.....rel. to 1923.....	84.9	85.6	85.9	85.9	85.9	86.9	88.2	89.1	89.6	91.1	92.6	93.0	94.8
Clothing.....rel. to 1923.....	75.4	78.5	78.6	78.6	79.9	80.7	82.0	83.2	84.4	84.6	86.6	87.7	88.8
Food.....rel. to 1923.....	81.5	81.7	81.9	81.6	81.0	82.8	84.9	86.5	86.9	90.9	93.9	96.8	98.8
Fuel and light.....rel. to 1923.....	90.5	90.1	89.6	89.3	89.1	90.6	92.5	92.7	92.9	92.9	92.9	92.7	
Housing.....rel. to 1923.....	80.3	80.7	81.5	82.0	82.6	83.5	84.1	84.6	85.3	85.9	86.7	87.5	88.0
Sundries.....rel. to 1923.....	94.6	95.4	95.5	95.8	95.5	95.9	96.8	96.8	96.9	97.2	97.4	97.6	97.8
PRICE INDEXES													
Department of Labor Indexes:													
All commodities (550).....rel. to 1926.....	68.4	69.1	70.2	70.0	70.0	71.3	73.3	74.5	75.6	77.0	78.4	80.4	82.6
Farm products.....rel. to 1926.....	58.8	60.5	63.5	64.9	65.4	67.1	70.1	70.6	70.1	73.5	75.2	79.3	82.6
Food (121).....rel. to 1926.....	72.6	72.9	73.7	73.7	72.4	72.9	75.6	76.7	77.1	80.1	81.8	85.7	88.6
Finished products (380).....rel. to 1926.....	73.7	74.0	74.6	74.0	74.0	75.1	77.1	78.4	79.3	80.5	81.9	83.7	85.6
Industrial group commodities—													
Building materials (57).....rel. to 1926.....	74.3	74.9	75.4	75.8	77.5	78.4	80.9	81.9	81.8	82.9	84.4	85.6	85.8
Chemicals and drugs (78).....rel. to 1926.....	74.1	74.8	75.5	77.3	77.9	79.1	80.1	81.9	82.2	83.6	84.8	85.2	86.0
Fuel and lighting (23).....rel. to 1920.....	63.4	63.3	62.3	68.2	58.1	60.9	61.6	64.5	69.6	69.8	70.5	71.8	75.1
Hides and leather products (40).....rel. to 1920.....	82.2	84.8	88.5	89.2	87.8	87.3	87.3	87.4	86.6	88.6	91.2	94.0	96.5
House furnishing goods (37).....rel. to 1926.....	83.2	84.7	87.5	88.0	88.6	89.2	90.8	90.8	91.1	91.3	95.2	95.3	
Metal and metal products.....rel. to 1926.....	86.5	87.2	87.1	87.5	87.4	87.8	88.7	89.0	88.9	89.3	90.0	90.2	90.4
Textile products (75).....rel. to 1926.....	61.5	62.9	64.2	65.4	65.4	66.3	67.6	69.2	70.4	71.0	72.4	73.3	73.8
Miscellaneous (25).....rel. to 1926.....	59.0	58.4	58.5	61.0	61.8	62.8	63.9	64.7	65.9	66.7	67.8	68.8	
All except farm and food products (384).....rel. to 1926.....	71.4	72.0	72.3	71.8	71.9	73.2	74.2	75.6	77.1	77.8	79.0	80.1	81.5
Raw materials (108).....rel. to 1926.....	61.5	62.7	64.1	64.3	64.7	66.5	68.3	69.4	70.6	72.0	74.2	76.8	80.0
Semimanufactured articles (62).....rel. to 1926.....													
Bradstreet's Index.....rel. to 1926.....	64.7	66.3	68.3	69.5	68.5	68.9	71.1	72.2	72.3	73.4	74.3	75.6	75.5
Dun's Index.....rel. to 1926.....	62.6	64.2	65.7	68.0	67.9	66.9	69.0	71.4	71.0	72.0	73.6	76.1	77.8
WHOLESALE PRICES													
Acetate of lime.....dolls. per cwt.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.42
Aluminum, No. 1, Virgin 98-99.....													
New York.....dolls. per lb.....	.2290	.2290	.2290	.2290	.2290	.2290	.2290	.2290	.2290	.2290	.2290	.2290	.2290
Aluminum, scrap cast, New York.....dolls. per lb.....	.0393	.0400	.0400	.0424	.0438	.0438	.0488	.0488	.0517	.0525	.0601	.0738	.0769
Barley, No. 2, Minneapolis.....dolls. per bu.....	.50	.50	.45	.42	.39	.45	.48	.44	.44	.44	.47	.48	.52
Brass sheets, mill.....dolls. per lb.....	.130	.152	.154	.157	.158	.165	.172	.174	.171	.173	.178	.176	.169
Brick, common, red, New York.....dolls. per thous.....	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.25	10.25	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	
Butter, common, New York.....dolls. per lb.....	.34	.33	.38	.25	.23	.24	.26	.29	.28	.29	.32	.36	.40
Cement, Portland (composite).....dolls. per lb.....	1.318	1.331	1.331	1.331	1.364	1.399	1.422	1.477	1.543	1.578	1.580	1.588	1.600
Cheese, American whole milk, New York.....dolls. per lb.....													
.16	.17	.16	.15	.14	.14	.15	.16	.16	.17	.18	.19	.19	
Chemicals.....rel. to 1927.....	86	86	86	88	88	89	90	90	89	90	93	94	
Coffee, Rio, No. 7, Brazil grades.....dolls. per lb.....	.058	.056	.056	.063	.068	.061	.053	.056	.064	.068	.070	.079	.089
Copper ingots, electrolytic.....dolls. per lb.....	.0678	.0699	.0729	.0770	.0603	.0867	.0839	.0985	.0972	.0984	.1030	.1011	.0960
Coal:													
Anthracite—													
Retail, composite.....dolls. per short ton.....	14.97	14.93	14.73	14.50	14.31	14.19	14.39	14.85	14.85	14.88	14.89	14.90	14.87
Wholesale, composite.....dolls. per short ton.....	13.083	13.083	12.796	12.614	12.413	12.270	12.202	12.608	12.732	12.732	12.751	12.762	
Bituminous—													
Mine average (spot).....dolls. per short ton.....	1.62	1.58	1.58	1.56	1.60	1.64	1.69	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.78	1.81	
Prepared sizes (composite).....dolls. per net ton.....	3.954	3.954	3.907	3.856	3.816	3.838	3.845	3.999	4.223	4.270	4.317	4.336	4.342
Retail, composite.....dolls. per short ton.....	8.22	8.17	8.11	8.09	8.00	8.04	8.46	8.71	8.83	8.87	8.94	8.94	8.88
Wholesale, composite.....dolls. per short ton.....													
Coke, furnace, Connellsburg.....dolls. per short ton.....	3.703	3.705	3.704	3.706	3.692	3.723	3.760	3.791	3.814	3.820	3.898	3.900	3.893
Cocoa, spot, Accra, New York.....dolls. per lb.....	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.48	2.50	2.50	2.53	2.55	2.55	2.58	2.60
Corn:													
No. 3, yellow, Chicago.....dolls. per bu.....	.38	.42	.46	.57	.58	.56	.58	.60	.61	.65	.69	.71	.82
No. 3, Kansas City.....dolls. per bu.....	.40	.46	.45	.53	.52	.52	.53	.54	.54	.59	.66	.69	
No. 3, white, Chicago.....dolls. per bu.....	.39	.44	.49	.58	.59	.56	.58	.60	.63	.68	.73	.76	.88
Cotton:													
To producer.....dolls. per lb.....	.053	.059	.063	.085	.077	.088	.093	.096	.091	.086	.087	.096	.092
In New York, middling.....dolls. per lb.....	.064	.065	.072	.093	.090	.093	.102	.109	.110	.102	.101	.110	.107
Cottonseed oil, refined, yellow, prime, New York.....dolls. per lb.....	.045	.044	.059	.069	.068	.069	.076	.076	.073	.073	.072	.076	.076
Cotton goods:													
Print cloth 64 x 60.....dolls. per yd.....	.038	.041	.043	.049	.048	.050	.053	.055	.053	.052	.053	.057	.055
Sheeting, brown.....dolls. per yd.....	.046	.050	.052	.056	.054	.058	.059	.059	.065	.062	.065	.066	
Cotton goods (Fairchild).....rel. to 1911-1913.....	.95	100	111	112	115	119	121	119	120	122	124		
Cotton yarns:													
22/1 cones, Boston.....dolls. per lb.....	.189	.201	.212	.225	.215	.223	.231	.240	.239	.248	.247	.254	.235
40/15 southern spinning.....dolls. per lb.....	.315	.326	.336	.352	.352	.353	.369	.382	.390	.390	.390	.405	.413
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....rel. to Aug., 1914.....	157	157	157	157	157	157	160	174	175	175	175	176	
Drugs, crude.....rel. to Aug., 1914.....	118	118	118	118	128	130	131	130	131	133	137	137	
Essential oils.....rel. to Aug., 1914.....	.65	.70	.76	.77	.79	.82	.81	.80	.81	.85	.87	.90	
Flaxseed, No. 1, Minneapolis.....dolls. per bu.....	1.32	1.37	1.41	1.64	1.48	1.55	1.57	1.58	1.56	1.57	1.61	1.65	1.80
Flour, see under wheat flour.													
Food, wholesale, see under individual items.													
Food, retail (Dept. of Labor).....rel. to 1913.....	119.1	119.4	119.7	119.0	118.3	121.0	124.0	126.4	127.0	132.8	137.2	141.4	144.4
Hides:													
Green salted, packers' heavy native steers.....dolls. per lb.....	.077	.090	.113	.120	.100	.085	.092	.090	.073	.095	.107	.118	.133
Calfskins, country, No. 1.....dolls. per lb.....	.083	.098	.120	.139	.129	.129	.135						

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WHOLESALE PRICES—Continued													
Hosiery.....rel. to 1926..	48.6	48.6	48.6	48.6	48.6	50.8	50.8	51.9	51.9	51.9	58.3	58.3	60.5
Iron and steel, metals and metal products.....rel. to 1926..	86.5	87.2	87.1	87.5	87.4	87.8	88.7	89.0	88.9	89.3	90.0	90.2	90.4
Iron, raw:													
Basic (valley furnace)....dolls. per long ton..	15.25	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.25	16.50	16.50	16.75	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Composite pig iron....dolls. per long ton..	16.23	16.32	16.38	16.38	16.40	16.64	16.75	16.72	16.82	16.94	17.01	17.14	17.30
Foundry No. 2, northern.....dolls. per long ton..	18.39	18.76	18.76	18.76	18.76	18.76	18.76	18.26	18.51	18.76	18.76	18.76	18.89
Lard, prime contract, New York.....dolls. per lb..	.080	.075	.075	.082	.083	.082	.090	.094	.085	.090	.100	.112	.119
Lead, pig, desilverized, New York.....dolls. per lb..	.0395	.0140	.0440	.0440	.0392	.0382	.0441	.0453	.0455	.0480	.0510	.0510	.0515
Leather, composite, wholesale price.....rel. to 1926..	80.7	83.4	90.3	89.8	87.8	83.1	83.4	88.4	89.0	90.8	91.5	93.3	96.7
Leather, sole and belting, oak, and scoured backs.....dolls. per lb..	.35	.39	.40	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.38	.40	.41	.41
Leather, upper, composite, chrome, calf black, "B" grade.....dolls. per sq. ft..	.330	.337	.348	.350	.352	.356	.356	.352	.354	.359	.355	.367	.372
Leather, hides (see under hides).													
Leather, shoes (see under shoes).													
Linseed oil, New York.....dolls. per lb..	.073	.076	.083	.091	.086	.088	.092	.095	.092	.088	.092	.094	.099
Lumber:													
Composite, wholesale price.....rel. to 1926..	64.5	65.5	66.0	66.3	67.8	68.4	73.3	74.2	73.2	76.0	78.1	80.1	80.2
Douglas fir, No. 1, common.....dolls. per M ft. b. m..	11.21	11.27	10.97	10.64	11.25	11.64	12.12	12.68	12.86	12.82	12.99	13.25	12.98
Douglas fir, flooring, 1 x 4, "B" and better (V. G. Washington).....dolls. per M ft. b. m..	25.63	25.48	25.29	25.76	25.98	28.33	29.74	31.14	31.65	31.33	31.73	33.40	33.77
Southern yellow pine.....dolls. per M ft. b. m..	26.49	27.21	27.68	27.82	28.15	28.82	28.32	29.66	28.42	30.73	32.51	33.44	34.01
Meats:													
Beef, fresh, carcass, good native steers, Chicago.....dolls. per lb..	.156	.148	.144	.129	.129	.143	.160	.169	.178	.195	.195	.195	.195
Beef, fresh, carcass, steers, New York.....dolls. per lb..	.173	.165	.158	.145	.145	.155	.172	.180	.196	.205	.205	.205	.205
Cattle, corn-fed, Chicago.....dolls. per 100 lbs..	9.250	8.656	8.620	7.250	7.320	7.675	8.563	9.075	9.106	10.00	10.58	10.31	9.97
Hogs, heavy, Chicago.....dolls. per 100 lbs..	5.41	5.71	6.35	6.24	6.39	6.40	7.08	7.18	6.73	7.34	7.94	8.86	9.86
Sheep, ewes, Chicago.....dolls. per cwt..	1.63	1.63	1.98	2.56	1.55	2.44	3.29	3.79	3.69	3.44	2.03	3.38	3.84
Sheep, lambs, Chicago.....dolls. per lb..	5.70	5.94	5.95	6.06	6.98	8.36	8.76	8.27	8.31	7.98	7.40	7.13	7.03
Pork, hams, smoked, Chicago.....dolls. per lb..	.182	.186	.185	.173	.174	.182	.184	.187	.195	.207	.213	.222	.221
Western dressed steers, New York.....dolls. per lb..	.173	.165	.158	.145	.145	.155	.172	.180	.196	.205	.205	.205	.205
Methanol:													
Refined.....dolls. per gal..	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40
Milk, condensed, New York.....dolls. per case..	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.79	6.03	6.03	6.03	6.03
Milk, evaporated.....dolls. per case..	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.30	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.75	3.80	3.80	3.80
Nonferrous metals.....rel. to 1926..	53.7	56.8	58.0	59.4	58.9	60.6	65.1	67.1	66.1	67.4	69.7	68.4	67.8
Oats:													
No. 3, white, Chicago.....dolls. per bu..	.23	.22	.21	.23	.27	.28	.30	.31	.32	.32	.34	.33	.36
Oils and fats.....rel. to 1927..	47	51	62	68	64	68	72	71	68	71	73	.73	.74
Oleomargarine, standard, uncolored, Chicago.....dolls. per lb..	.127	.119	.105	.106	.110	.128	.145	.145	.155	.177	.190	.205	.205
Paper, newsprint roll, delivered, New York.....dolls. per 100 lbs..										3.10	3.10	3.10	3.25
Petroleum:													
Crude, Kansas-Oklahoma.....dolls. per bbl..	.560	.500	.434	.238	.300	.530	.594	.850	.850	.850	.850	.850	1.098
Gas and fuel oils, Oklahoma 24-26, refineries.....dolls. per bbl..	.338	.319	.280	.294	.385	.463	.488	.510	.588	.600	.610	.650	.594
Gasoline, New York.....dolls. per gal..	.143	.143	.133	.133	.133	.133	.133	.133	.138	.135	.141	.141	.143
Kerosene, 150° water white.....dolls. per gal..	.039	.039	.038	.042	.045	.048	.051	.053	.054	.054	.053	.054	.054
Lubricating oil, cylinder.....dolls. per gal..													
Pig iron, foundry No. 2, Pittsburgh.....dolls. per long ton..	18.39	18.76	18.76	18.76	18.76	18.76	18.26	18.51	18.76	18.76	18.76	18.76	18.89
Potatoes.....dolls. per bu..	.462	.601	.767	.825	.753	.870	.908	.849	.867	.903	.898	.950	1.017
Rayon, 150 denier "A" grade, New York.....dolls. per lb..													
Rosin, gum, New York.....dolls. per bbl..	3.80	3.87	3.94	4.28	4.68	4.70	4.73	4.64	4.38	4.45	4.95	5.20	5.54
Rubber, crude, smoked sheets, New York.....dolls. per lb..	.050	.050	.054	.063	.063	.064	.064	.077	.076	.082	.089	.089	.084
Rye, No. 2, Minneapolis.....dolls. per bu..	.41	.39	.38	.37	.37	.36	.35	.36	.37	.38	.44	.43	.49
Sheep, ewes, Chicago.....dolls. per 100 lbs..	1.63	1.63	1.98	2.56	1.55	2.44	3.29	3.79	3.69	3.44	2.93	3.38	3.84
Sheep, lambs, Chicago.....dolls. per 100 lbs..	5.70	5.94	5.95	6.06	6.98	8.36	8.76	8.27	8.31	7.98	7.40	7.13	7.03
Shoes, men's black calf blucher, Boston.....dolls. per pair..	6.55	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
Shoes, men's dress welt, tan calf, oxford, St. Louis.....dolls. per pair..	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.49	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.72	4.85
Shoes, women's black kid, McKay sewed.....dolls. per pair..	3.150	3.150	3.150	3.150	3.250	3.250	3.250	3.250	3.250	3.250	3.450	3.550	3.550
Silk, raw, Japanese, 13-15, New York.....dolls. per lb..	2.266	2.315	2.512	2.364	2.463	2.266	2.266	2.561	2.709	2.807	2.709	2.463	2.512
Silk gools, composite.....dolls. per yd..													
Steel beams, mill, Pittsburgh.....dolls. per cwt..	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.63	1.60	1.60
Steel, crude:													
Composite, finished steel.....dolls. per 100 lbs..	2.18	2.20	2.19	2.20	2.19	2.21	2.22	2.23	2.22	2.22	2.19	2.20	2.22
Iron and steel, composite.....dolls. per long ton..	30.81	31.03	31.05	31.05	31.02	31.39	31.61	31.66	31.65	31.70	31.76	31.95	32.31
Steel billets, Bessemer.....dolls. per long ton..	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.50	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.60	31.00	31.00	31.00
Steel scrap, Chicago.....dolls. per gross ton..	8.000	8.200	8.375	8.750	8.750	8.875	9.813	10.000	10.063	10.219	10.000	10.125	11.375
Structural steel beams.....dolls. per 100 lbs..	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.63	1.60	1.60	1.60
Structural steel beams.....dolls. per 100 lbs..	81.7	81.7	81.7	84.3	84.3	84.3	84.3	84.3	84.3	84.3	83.0	81.7	81.7
Sulphuric acid.....dolls. per ton..	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
Sugar:													
Retail average, 51 cities.....rel. to 1913..	102	104	104	102	102	102	104	106	107	107	107	107	106
Retail granulated, New York.....dolls. per lb..	.052	.052	.053	.051	.050	.050	.050	.051	.053	.053	.053	.053	.053
Wholesale, 96° centrif., New York.....dolls. per lb..	.084	.084	.085	.085	.083	.082	.083	.083	.083	.084	.083	.084	.083
Wholesale, granulated, New York.....dolls. per lb..	.045	.045	.046	.046	.044	.043	.044	.043	.045	.046	.046	.047	.044
Tea, Formosa fine, New York.....dolls. per lb..	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.223
Textiles, general.....rel. to 1926..	61.5	62.9	64.2	65.4	65.4	68.3	67.6	69.2	70.4	71.0	72.4	73.3	73.8
Tin, wholesale, straits, New York.....dolls. per lb..	.2272	.2468	.2575	.2502	.2341	.2320	.2512	.2707	.2631	.2610	.2527	.2589	.2686

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WHOLESALE PRICES—Continued														
Turpentine gum, New York.....dolls. per gal.	0.36	0.37	0.36	0.39	0.55	0.54	0.56	0.53	0.45	0.44	0.42	0.43	0.41	
Wheat: No. 1, northern spring, Minneapolis.....dolls. per bu.	.72	.69	.65	.61	.74	.81	.79	.76	.75	.76	.77	.75	.82	
No. 2, red winter, St. Louis.....dolls. per bu.	.52	.47	.47	.48	.72	.79	.80	.78	.79	.78	.83	.83	.87	
No. 2, hard winter, Kansas City.....dolls. per bu.	.48	.43	.43	.44	.68	.73	.73	.70	.69	.69	.71	.69	.74	
Wheat flour: Standard patents, Minneapolis.....dolls. per bbl.	4.28	4.24	4.21	4.13	4.75	4.85	4.71	4.67	4.85	4.96	4.89	4.69	4.98	
Winter straights, Kansas City.....dolls. per bbl.	3.10	2.96	2.96	3.84	4.12	4.14	4.02	4.00	4.06	4.09	4.03	4.14	4.23	
Wool: Raw, territory, fine, scoured.....dolls. per lb.	.58	.62	.63	.62	.62	.63	.65	.66	.66	.68	.72	.72	.75	
Raw, Ohio and Pennsylvania, fleeces, $\frac{1}{4}$ blood, combing grease.....dolls. per lb.	.21	.22	.23	.21	.20	.20	.22	.22	.23	.26	.27	.29	.30	
Suiting, 13 oz.....dolls. per yd.	1.400	1.400	1.490	1.494	1.494	1.494	1.494	1.543	1.601	1.601	1.601	1.601	1.601	
Women's dress goods, French serge, 54-in., at factory.....dolls. per yd.	.925	.925	.925	.925	.925	.925	.968	1.050	1.050	1.050	1.050	1.050	1.093	
Worsted yarns.....dolls. per lb.	.950	.950	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.17	1.20	1.20	
Zinc, prime western.....dolls. per lb.	.0338	.0374	.0382	.0389	.0342	.0331	.0372	.0400	.0401	.0404	.0410	.0427	.0406	
FARM PRICES														
Cotton and cottonseed (2).....rel. to 1909-14	42	47	53	71	65	74	78	80	76	72	73	86	76	
Dairy and poultry products (4).....rel. to 1909-14	99	93	89	84	85	87	96	99	95	108	120	130	126	
Fruits and vegetables (9).....rel. to 1909-14	70	83	97	110	114	119	120	109	109	108	108	114	127	
Grains (6).....rel. to 1909-14	46	50	54	57	67	74	74	75	77	80	80	92		
Meat animals (5).....rel. to 1909-14	79	86	92	92	91	99	106	106	106	112	112	118	123	
Unclassified (6).....rel. to 1909-14	53	55	60	58	59	62	63	65	67	69	70	73		
All groups (31).....rel. to 1909-14	68	72	75	79	80	86	91	91	90	94	97	103		
RETAIL PRICES														
Retail food index (Dept. of Labor).....rel. to 1913	119.1	119.4	119.7	119.0	118.3	121.0	124.0	126.4	127.0	132.8	137.2	141.4	144.4	
Retail coal index (Dept. of Labor).....rel. to 1913	189.1	188.7	186.1	184.3	180.8	179.4	181.8	187.7	187.6	188.1	188.1	188.0	187.9	
AIRPLANES														
Deliveries, military.....number	—	—	57	56	44	77	58	63	93	74	115	126	72	82
Exports, during month.....number	—	—	11	18	15	21	11	8	9	7	12	23	38	9
Production: Commercial aircraft.....number	—	—	89	150	212	257	288	207	185	76	119	70	50	113
Manufactured for export.....number	—	—	11	18	15	21	14	7	9	7	12	17	17	18
AUTOMOBILES														
Production index (Fed. Res. Bd.).....rel. to 1923-25	28	240	52	60	65	77	77	67	68	63	85	74	49	
Production index (elect. energy consumed).....rel. to 1923-25	57.4	53.7	43.6	55.9	71.3	89.7	90.8	94.1	88.9	67.5	71.5	74.9	80.9	
Passenger cars and trucks: Production, actual—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canada—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total.....no. of cars	1,440	2,646	4,544	4,220	6,835	12,738	17,153	12,993	9,871	6,496	5,622	5,407	4,511	
Passenger cars.....no. of cars	761	2,108	3,426	3,151	5,583	10,621	14,043	10,483	7,529	4,552	4,225	3,527	3,206	
Trucks.....no. of cars	679	538	1,118	1,069	1,252	2,147	3,116	2,510	2,342	1,944	1,397	1,880	1,335	
United States—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total.....no. of cars	80,142	140,566	187,197	218,490	250,640	317,163	336,939	276,494	219,940	171,848	155,701	136,754	154,401	
Passenger cars.....no. of cars	57,764	109,087	155,321	183,993	210,016	271,135	286,252	230,833	179,890	137,805	120,833	100,532	113,226	
Taxicabs.....no. of cars	651	141	104	180	360	340	665	410	529	512	1,425	609	582	
Trucks.....no. of cars	21,727	31,338	31,772	34,317	40,264	45,685	59,622	45,161	39,521	33,531	33,443	35,613	40,593	
Electric industrial trucks and tractors: Shipments—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Domestic.....number	16	39	37	63	50	69	48	84	50	33	42	37	91	
Exports.....number	1	4	13	15	25	0	23	9	6	5	9	9	3	
Autos, parts and accessories, export value.....thous. of dolls.	8,492	8,658	10,651	11,525	12,735	13,174	18,004	18,494	16,071	14,353	15,292	14,080	14,542	
Exports (assembled): From Canada—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total.....no. of cars	—	—	690	740	934	1,021	1,512	1,172	1,853	1,505	3,054	3,645	2,588	
Passenger cars.....no. of cars	—	—	557	542	644	789	1,083	753	1,327	881	1,798	2,193	2,003	
Trucks.....no. of cars	—	—	133	198	290	232	429	409	526	684	1,256	1,452	1,328	
From United States—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total.....no. of cars	7,707	8,748	8,055	9,996	10,183	12,966	16,727	17,528	13,374	12,833	14,198	12,078	11,215	
Passenger cars.....no. of cars	3,207	4,577	5,699	6,478	5,843	8,468	11,228	11,526	9,187	8,304	9,096	6,039	5,136	
Trucks.....no. of cars	4,500	4,171	2,356	3,518	4,340	4,498	5,499	6,002	4,187	4,534	5,102	6,039	4,079	
Financing:	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wholesale dealers.....thous. of dolls.	25,780	23,841	43,947	48,859	58,178	72,630	71,194	63,090	49,813	40,165	35,550	29,633	35,878	
Total consumers.....thous. of dolls.	60,736	68,285	79,641	95,953	104,698	109,426	113,045	92,055	66,181	61,734	65,967	60,197	81,256	
New cars.....thous. of dolls.	33,212	28,610	46,871	59,307	63,566	68,571	70,561	55,036	36,865	32,957	35,342	31,805	45,632	
Used cars.....thous. of dolls.	25,903	27,581	30,493	34,136	37,999	37,793	39,504	34,704	27,722	27,245	28,838	26,842	33,755	
Unclassified.....thous. of dolls.	1,621	2,094	2,277	2,509	3,133	3,062	2,920	2,315	1,593	1,787	1,787	1,550	1,869	
Canada—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total new and used cars and trucks.....thous. of dolls.	—	—	2,903	4,196	4,918	6,317	6,254	3,543	2,361	2,197	2,954	3,038	3,792	
New cars and trucks.....thous. of dolls.	—	—	1,417	2,102	2,445	3,440	3,376	1,890	921	910	613	817	1,289	
Used cars.....thous. of dolls.	—	—	1,485	2,094	2,474	2,877	2,878	1,653	1,440	1,287	2,341	2,221	2,504	
New passenger-car registrations.....no. of cars	124,903	155,744	194,322	201,911	247,727	265,732	200,841	134,133	126,786	96,054	93,066	150,219	—	
Sales (General Motors Corp.):	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total to consumers, U. S.no. of cars	49,042	51,740	69,876	85,054	103,303	122,717	135,663	101,339	68,976	61,566	57,989	41,757	57,757	
Total to dealers, U. S.no. of cars	21,305	47,895	62,667	78,723	100,270	136,778	132,629	98,943	80,373	76,681	68,252	48,155	22,924	
Total to dealers, including Canadian and overseas.....no. of cars	25,975	58,122	70,078	87,449	111,668	153,730	154,252	119,195	96,003	80,349	80,008	57,257	28,253	
Fire-extinguishing equipment: Shipments—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motor vehicles.....number	80	64	81	72	90	75	72	76	69	56	113	71	96	
Hand types.....number	24,749	28,720	26,334	29,895	29,696	31,117	32,538	34,248	29,280	27,713	34,295	29,213	36,303	
Accessories and parts, shipments:	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Accessories.....rel. to Jan., 1925	60	66	57	61	61	66	65	53	46	55	63	79		
Original equipment.....rel. to Jan., 1925	54	70	79	91	129	127	117	95	84	64	62	75		
Replacement parts.....rel. to Jan., 1925	138	127	124	122	128	127	110	99	98	100	127	140		
Service parts.....rel. to Jan., 1925	67	79	85	102	117	115	115	97	92	75	80	99		
Rim production.....thous. of rims	505	924	813	1,085	1,508	1,718	1,425	1,011	681	567	920	864		

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CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS														
Production index (Fed. Res. Bd.)														
petroleum refining.....rel. to 1923-25.....	161	165	162	161	163	161	152	149	144	149	151	151	160	
Production Index (elect. energy consumed).....rel. to 1923-25.....	142.0	144.6	137.6	137.7	132.7	133.8	137.4	139.3	146.6	132.0	133.5	145.0	122.4	
Prices, wholesale.....rel. to 1926.....	74.1	74.8	75.5	77.3	77.9	78.1	80.1	81.9	82.2	83.6	84.8	85.2	86.0	
Stocks, manufactured goods, end of month.....rel. to 1923-25.....	130.4	121.0	117.4	119.2	123.3	129.3	129.0	132.0	130.7	128.8	123.9	124.2	125.2	
Stocks, raw material, end of month.....rel. to 1923-25.....	120.7	99.5	85.3	86.7	87.9	88.4	91.5	96.5	103.2	107.7	124.2	128.5	132.7	
Chemicals														
Acetate of lime:														
Production.....thous. of lbs.....	782	2,606	840	1,853	2,953	4,400	7,452	7,073	8,023	7,357	6,535	5,871		
Shipments.....thous. of lbs.....	6,268	4,777	4,654	3,856	4,674	5,160	4,465	3,468	5,195	8,375	9,128	7,922		
Stocks, end of month.....thous. of lbs.....	10,701	16,277	20,389	24,203	26,206	27,927	28,087	25,701	22,095	19,266	20,285	22,878		
Price, wholesale.....dolls. per cwt.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.42	
Arsenic, crude:														
Production.....short tons.....	994	2,594	1,036	1,407	1,491	1,402	1,967	1,494	2,803	1,483	2,392	2,694		
Stocks, end of month.....short tons.....	4,660	4,977	3,972	4,280	4,768	5,265	5,478	5,862	6,486	5,767	5,937	5,125		
Arsenic refined:														
Production.....short tons.....	1,252	1,238	907	1,024	1,044	964	1,506	1,409	1,570	1,439	1,508	1,265		
Stocks, end of month.....short tons.....	3,528	2,616	2,440	2,201	2,012	1,950	2,181	2,449	2,419	2,221	2,010	1,813		
Ethyl alcohol:														
Production.....thous. of proof gals.....	16,637	12,952	12,363	11,975		13,120	11,162	11,929	8,859	11,869	17,770	20,861	18,455	
Warehouse stocks, end of month.....thous. of proof gals.....	15,120	15,885	17,024	14,888		14,711	13,074	11,633	11,008	9,442	6,858	8,304	8,898	
Withdrawn for denaturization.....thous. of proof gals.....	15,564	13,076	11,637	10,436		10,288	10,541	8,755	6,296	8,081	19,134	20,070	18,537	
Methanol, crude:														
Production.....gallons.....	133,507	118,892	154,473	182,273	247,808	322,040	483,222	455,728	522,656	469,312	424,736	372,939		
Stocks at crude plants, end of month.....gallons.....	278,991	395,907	452,489	526,543	494,192	520,865	415,489	395,855	302,320	244,763	215,443	331,729		
Stocks at refineries and in transit.....gallons.....	105,103	215,400	157,094	98,000	130,207	36,176	105,238	121,522	89,749	93,805	59,197	59,236		
Exports.....gallons.....		42,300	61,240	59,950	52,048	54,857	30,146	18,295	45,139	90,111	40,814	100,479		
Methanol, refined:														
Price, wholesale, New York.....dolls. per gal.....	36	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	
Production.....gallons.....	56,519	465,311	31,696	107,321	118,052	211,073	253,434	232,114	306,373	382,547	431,179	575,711		
Shipments.....gallons.....	48,431	2129,822	122,848	110,454	257,707	141,801	199,500	221,279	167,309	372,352	477,029	541,807		
Price index numbers:														
Crude drugs.....rel. to Aug., 1914.....	118	115	118	118	128	130	131	130	131	133	137	137	137	
Essential oils.....rel. to Aug., 1914.....	85	70	76	77	77	82	81	80	81	85	87	90		
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....rel. to Aug., 1914.....	137	157	157	157	157	157	160	174	175	175	175	175	176	
Chemicals.....rel. to 1927.....	86	86	88	88	88	89	90	89	90	90	93	94	94	
Oils and fats.....rel. to 1927.....	47	51	62	68	64	68	72	71	68	71	73	73	74	
Plastic paints, cold-water paints, and cellulines:														
Sales: of—														
Plastic paints.....thous. of dolls.....	76	84	67	51	75	109	91	116	104	83	65	77	106	
Calcimines.....thous. of dolls.....	145	162	122	127	141	165	162	175	122	96	100	105	169	
Cold-water paints.....thous. of dolls.....	65	81	73	83	86	104	90	71	60	64	45	45	81	
Paint, varnish, and lacquer products:														
Total sales (315 establish- ments).....thous. of dolls.....	12,947	214,680	214,242	15,112	19,126	22,600	21,689	17,972	14,269	13,536	11,600	13,821	17,986	
Trade sales.....thous. of dolls.....	4,451	8,356	8,582	8,802	12,011	14,420	13,477	10,461	7,844	7,399	6,171	7,649	10,141	
Industrial sales.....thous. of dolls.....	3,368	5,638	5,764	6,233	7,031	8,071	7,999	7,431	6,282	6,047	5,289	6,025	7,615	
Unclassified sales.....thous. of dolls.....	83	86	785	73	84	100	213	81	144	141	140	147	230	
Sulphur, production (quarterly).....long tons.....	2530,231				308,730				649,505			678,119		
Sulphuric acid:														
Production.....short tons.....	196,751	162,632	110,599	92,895	90,772	105,250	116,447	146,458	163,647	184,036	186,656	185,472	197,739	
Purchases—														
From fertilizer manufacturers.....short tons.....	18,802	12,988	13,412	14,709	25,176	26,565	15,424							
From non-fertilizer manufacturers.....short tons.....	14,553	9,655	15,967	23,000	18,876	14,601	15,844	26,189	35,594	59,244	51,472	41,282	41,897	
Exports.....pounds.....	182,849	155,018	64,620	372,945	250,775	403,298	310,950	200,218	376,076	304,745	438,836	308,992	703,787	
Price, wholesale 66°.....dolls. per ton.....	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	
Synthetic dyes, imports.....pounds.....	371,392	462,346	454,165	356,106	399,213	675,058	502,248	218,844	452,477	181,775	306,318	336,026	324,902	
Wood at chemical plants:														
Consumption.....cords.....	15,596	12,123	14,364	19,363	24,444	31,458	48,607	44,933	51,300	46,814	42,888	37,913		
Stocks, end of month.....cords.....	270,605	337,017	326,990	338,821	335,800	379,562	370,449	397,788	393,770	448,067	478,902	455,597		
Daily capacity—														
All plants.....cords.....	2,505	2,505	2,505	2,505	2,505	2,505	2,505	2,499	2,499	2,499	2,519	2,519	2,519	
Plants shut down.....cords.....	1,315	1,499	1,335	1,008	752	632	388	400	388	412	500	500	650	
Cottonseed														
Cottonseed:														
Consumption (crush).....short tons.....	862,032	451,324	59,148	19,739	44,164	87,014	155,373	280,637	401,736	589,911	660,264	801,800	1,041,293	
Receipts at mills.....thous. of short tons.....	1,570	875	95	13	32	37	44	111	158	219	578	803	1,328	
Stocks at mills, end of month.....thous. of short tons.....														
Cottonseed cake and meal:														
Exports.....short tons.....	39,820	10,260	3,590	1,304	225	797	6,588	5,750	3,147	11,084	7,538	1,580	4,361	
Production.....short tons.....	385,190	201,517	28,206	8,567	23,144	43,350	75,921	135,144	190,314	270,965	305,019	360,943	422,596	
Stocks, end of month.....short tons.....	137,683	118,846	106,358	150,291	192,136	223,084	253,609	303,945	363,201	343,665	298,139	252,323	202,357	
Cottonseed oil, crude:														
Production.....thous. of lbs.....	269,031	136,699	17,196	6,918	14,726	28,019	52,469	89,794	124,392	181,221	201,621	239,913	285,471	
Stocks, end of month.....thous. of lbs.....	115,079	69,745	12,065	8,591	13,019	32,819	43,048	69,878	104,910	127,739	114,248	114,595	211,632	
Cottonseed oil, refined:														
Factory consumption—														
Total (quarterly).....thous. of lbs.....		232,420				242,191				276,906		328,614		
In oleomargarine.....thous. of lbs.....	1,480	1,154	910	876	1,012	1,200	1,447	1,621	1,465	1,875	2,178	2,091	2,505	
Price, yellow, prime, New York.....dolls. per lb.....	.045	.044	.050	.060	.068	.069	.076	.078	.073	.073	.072	.076	.076	
Production.....thous. of lbs.....	206,643	6												

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CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS—Continued													
Chemicals—Continued													
Explosives													
Explosives, black powder, permissible and other high explosives:													
New orders—thous. of lbs.	25,803	25,437	25,058	26,719	26,441	28,721	26,730	25,448	26,714	24,404	28,847	34,324	
Production—thous. of lbs.	26,598	24,548	25,068	25,981	26,960	27,647	25,414	28,751	24,056	24,024	30,248	34,113	
Shipments—thous. of lbs.	27,408	24,867	25,150	26,611	27,379	28,000	26,596	27,543	25,201	22,974	30,229	34,198	
Stocks, end of month—thous. of lbs.	17,888	19,956	20,304	20,404	21,115	20,639	20,929	20,219	17,372	17,303	16,346	16,812	
Fats and Oils													
Animal fats (quarterly):													
Factory consumption—thous. of lbs.	176,221				166,069			154,951			154,560		
Production—thous. of lbs.	1491,837				155,538			168,459			151,794		
Stocks, end of quarter—thous. of lbs.	230,990				276,983			224,398			191,906		
Animal glues:													
Production (quarterly)—thous. of lbs.	20,847				22,257			23,348			23,515		
Stocks, end of quarter—thous. of lbs.	61,848				58,557			54,991			51,055		
Coconut or copra oil:													
Factory consumption—													
Crude (quarterly)—thous. of lbs.	137,730				139,128			138,255			150,546		
Refined—													
Total (quarterly)—thous. of lbs.	78,496				78,348			75,479			90,307		
In oleomargarine—thous. of lbs.	13,859	10,947	9,473	6,169	7,195	8,466	11,329	12,086	11,492	14,873	16,491	17,111	18,248
Imports—thous. of lbs.	30,784	29,455	18,228	34,845	31,000	15,070	26,862	27,550	44,034	24,690	30,952	20,477	43,124
Production (quarterly)—													
Crude—thous. of lbs.	61,388				81,899			91,446			90,921		
Refined—thous. of lbs.	68,682				37,351			66,268			84,264		
Stocks, end of quarter—													
Crude—thous. of lbs.	261,036				205,123			201,932			158,846		
Refined—thous. of lbs.	17,516				16,039			16,869			21,993		
Copra:													
Factory consumption (quarterly)													
Imports—short tons.	49,024				63,434			71,229			71,134		
Stocks, end of quarter—short tons.	19,832	19,832	20,207	18,012	17,179	17,871	18,927	25,890	33,133	34,056	37,419	33,886	33,725
Edible gelatin:					17,491			27,167			41,077		
Production (quarterly)—thous. of lbs.													
Stocks, end of quarter—thous. of lbs.	1,625				4,415			4,549			4,434		
Fish oils:													
Factory consumption (quarterly)													
Imports—thous. of lbs.	52,497				54,465			44,620			42,675		
Production (quarterly)—thous. of lbs.	29,847				4,647			11,587			25,364		
Stocks, end of quarter—thous. of lbs.	247,638				262,106			216,405			197,758		
Greases:													
Factory consumption (quarterly)													
Production (quarterly)—thous. of lbs.	51,941				55,715			53,346			49,494		
Stocks, end of quarter—thous. of lbs.	90,056				94,985			95,948			89,338		
Lard compounds:					81,072			79,012			77,791		
Production (quarterly)—thous. of lbs.	276,713				278,216			291,336			321,412		
Stocks, end of quarter—thous. of lbs.	21,718				25,140			20,081			26,672		
Oleomargarine:													
Consumption—thous. of lbs.	23,401	19,499	16,483	9,289	13,180	15,460	17,150	19,573	19,751	27,237	27,593	30,631	33,138
Production—thous. of lbs.	23,965	18,836	16,075	11,271	12,636	14,912	19,618	21,154	20,335	25,740	28,969	23,633	32,191
Vegetable oils:													
Exports—thous. of lbs.	1,814	455	1,025	1,008	1,775	2,356	2,154	3,831	2,947	4,775	2,086	2,294	2,591
Factory consumption (quarterly)					489			829			1,076		
Imports—thous. of lbs.	50,225	50,633	63,096	74,285	75,470	72,280	52,463	68,238	79,809	72,142	72,028	75,352	100,699
Production (quarterly)—mills. of lbs.			441		390		674				1,007		
Stocks, end of quarter—													
Crude—thous. of lbs.	501,342				517,909			610,812			635,271		
Refined—thous. of lbs.	209,759				386,176			531,666			469,807		
Fertilizer													
Consumption, Southern States													
thous. of short tons..	94	91	46	25	74	195	1,132	1,352	640	343	74	61	106
Imports:													
Total—long tons..	120,822	146,700	127,599	97,358	59,970	72,159	143,250	255,905	141,421	137,172	107,198	95,798	150,686
Nitrogenous—long tons..	61,904	70,022	47,935	24,730	37,998	46,602	102,342	170,587	98,435	82,466	68,250	66,044	65,889
Other fertilizers—long tons..	5,406	4,063	4,763	902	3,983	3,019	5,124	9,766	5,438	6,764	3,864	5,891	3,930
Phosphates—long tons..	5,516	6,175	9,558	3,768	3,329	4,822	5,578	15,158	3,726	6,270	9,760	4,157	6,922
Potash—long tons..	50,071	66,440	65,043	67,938	14,650	17,706	30,266	60,394	33,822	41,663	25,324	19,706	73,945
Exports:													
Total—long tons..	94,416	127,953	115,207	89,409	89,194	107,918	150,128	112,725	104,049	92,463	71,933	92,258	126,621
Nitrogenous—long tons..	43,452	57,554	7,682	7,078	7,690	6,637	102,342	170,587	98,435	82,466	68,250	66,044	65,889
Other fertilizers—long tons..	5,550	3,863	1,425	1,164	1,926	9,498	10,829	7,755	4,734	5,117	1,510	4,599	3,110
Phosphate material—long tons..	75,114	115,621	105,717	86,670	79,472	91,049	113,017	84,682	80,606	73,520	64,721	74,863	105,353
Prepared fertilizer—long tons..	360	915	383	497	106	734	1,126	469	283	495	538	882	1,623
Nitrate of soda, imports—thous. of long tons..	34	49	35	19	30	34	67	120	68	46	36	35	27
Superphosphate (acid phosphate):													
Production—thous. of short tons..		142	162	143	146	162	195	226	249	326	336	303	336
Shipments—thous. of short tons..		119	58	63	55	106	407	305	131	103	70	78	93
Stocks, end of month													
thous. of short tons..		1,237	1,275	1,158	1,060	906	1,101	1,836	2,287	2,292	2,110	1,877	1,703
Flaxseed													
Flaxseed, imports—thous. of bu..		1,468	2,469	1,339	1,685	1,150	1,496	827	1,313	952	352	219	387
Linseed cake and meal:													
Exports—thous. of lbs..		49,027	48,615	57,736	53,225	39,769	38,172	30,818	39,847	18,238	10,853	33,596	25,986
Shipments from Minneapolis—thous. of lbs..		14,354	17,385	13,972	11,414	7,653	8,432	12,145	17,827	11,046	17,227	16,824	17,315
Linseed oil:													
Factory consumption (quarterly)													
thous. of lbs..													
Price, New York—dolls. per lb..		.073	.076	.083	.091	.086	.088	.092	.095	.092	.088	.092	.094
Production (quarterly)													
thous. of lbs..		3141,205											
Shipments from Minneapolis													
thous. of lbs..													
Stocks at factories (quarterly)													
thous. of lbs..													
thous. of lbs..		107,508											

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FOODSTUFFS—Continued													
RICE													
Exports—pockets (100 lbs.)	322,302	87,630	108,181	100,899	239,358	260,949	203,519	211,843	250,578	376,000	413,674	383,517	150,938
Imports—pockets (100 lbs.)	9,397	3,756	4,475	5,443	10,009	50,472	38,748	41,223	37,821	41,891	27,504	29,294	10,684
Production, crop estimate—thous. of bu.	443,045										41,322		
Shipments:													
Total from mills—thous. of pockets (100 lbs.)	1,396	875	427	404	601	617	780	864	933	1,119	1,003	1,208	1,323
New Orleans—pockets (100 lbs.)	199,965	139,048	78,269	37,121	75,732	88,718	68,753	68,349	74,629	75,643	75,426	126,781	201,483
Southern paddy, receipts at mills—thous. of bbls.	1,810	1,455	382	172	323	520	566	599	864	1,147	844	1,257	2,063
Stocks, end of month—thous. of pockets (100 lbs.)	1,805	1,305	683	848	1,051	1,293	1,388	1,561	1,790	1,793	1,678	1,776	1,670
RYE													
Exports, including flour—thous. of bu.		27	14	10	15	29	3	34	19	3	4	4	49
Price No. 2, Minneapolis—dollars per bu.	.41	.39	.38	.37	.37	.36	.35	.36	.37	.38	.44	.43	.49
Production, crop estimate—thous. of bu.	436,233										48,149		
Receipts, principal markets—thous. of bu.		1,311	1,137	472	862	1,035	880	855	716	884	1,356	1,640	2,001
Visible supply, end of month—thous. of bu.		8,922	8,267	8,687	8,730	8,540	9,262	10,440	11,110	11,911	12,644	13,316	13,860
WHEAT													
Exports:													
Canada, including wheat flour—thous. of bu.	21,436	16,840	14,258	14,107	22,988	31,687	6,148	15,521	12,165	11,373	24,939	34,782	33,447
United States—Wheat only—thous. of bu.	11,873	8,397	8,901	12,731	8,136	6,406	3,531	1,357	1,289	2,173	3,266	6,311	
Including wheat flour—thous. of bu.	15,400	11,588	11,781	17,253	11,842	9,956	6,954	4,574	3,564	5,543	6,187	8,470	12,295
Export value of wheat and flour—thous. of dollars	8,751	6,769	7,039	11,561	8,805	7,443	5,671	3,882	3,234	4,864	6,278	7,833	11,427
Stocks, held by mills (quarterly)—thous. of bu.		139,002			38,771			81,841			137,194		
Prices:													
No. 1, northern spring, Minneapolis—dollars per bu.	.72	.69	.65	.61	.74	.81	.79	.76	.75	.76	.77	.75	.82
No. 2, red winter, St. Louis—dollars per bu.	.52	.47	.47	.48	.72	.79	.80	.78	.79	.78	.83	.83	.87
No. 2, hard winter, Kansas City—dollars per bu.	.48	.43	.43	.44	.68	.73	.73	.70	.69	.69	.71	.69	.74
Production, crop estimate:											863,430		
Total—thous. of bu.	884,286										612,268		
Winter wheat—thous. of bu.	775,180										251,162		
Spring wheat—thous. of bu.	109,106										15,083	20,955	25,238
Receipts—thous. of bu.	32,658	38,877	61,463	104,047	29,656	30,863	21,230	30,833	30,672	29,496	21,549	24,597	28,943
Shipments—thous. of bu.	26,851	28,325	45,747	65,987	30,385	24,061	16,601	15,570	14,817	13,706			
Visible supply, end of month:													
Canada—thous. of bu.	161,912	122,199	101,306	116,462	122,318	136,856	160,750	180,253	183,704	193,858	205,854	197,998	178,827
United States—thous. of bu.	231,049	239,431	242,846	217,526	190,702	197,563	199,561	207,138	201,862	197,210	195,716	202,475	205,437
WHEAT FLOUR													
Consumption (computed)—thous. of bbls.		9,898	9,843	7,642	6,666	8,711	8,281	8,654	8,738	9,622	9,846	10,597	11,050
Exports:													
Canada—thous. of bbls.	558	557	522	467	490	481	326	561	415	392	602	792	814
United States—thous. of bbls.		709	640	1,005	824	789	761	715	762	945	892	1,156	1,330
Grindings of wheat:													
Canada—thous. of bu.		6,772	5,992	5,932	5,033	5,304	4,710	5,169	4,607	4,834	5,226	7,789	8,348
United States—thous. of bu.	47,473	44,569	44,412	45,362	35,893	36,946	39,127	40,137	37,939	42,529	41,307	42,428	49,914
Prices, wholesale:													
Standard patents, Minneapolis—dollars per bbl.	4.28	4.24	4.21	4.13	4.75	4.85	4.71	4.67	4.85	4.96	4.89	4.69	4.98
Winter, straights, Kansas City—dollars per bbl.	3.10	2.96	2.96	3.16	4.12	4.14	4.02	4.00	4.06	4.00	4.03	4.14	4.23
Production:													
Canada—thous. of bbls.		1,516	1,333	1,310	1,121	1,183	1,058	1,164	1,035	1,086	1,170	1,739	1,869
United States—Actual (Census)—thous. of bbls.	10,401	9,735	9,658	9,852	7,763	8,015	8,494	8,724	8,242	9,232	8,973	9,184	10,817
Prorated (Russells')—thous. of bbls.		10,611	10,614	9,847	7,981	8,739	9,134	9,275	8,750	9,097	9,888	10,403	12,089
Capacity—per cent.	60	61	58	59	47	50	51	52	56	55	54	60	62
Grain oil—thous. of lbs.	828,523	781,318	785,106	802,424	647,400	663,303	702,189	713,507	678,795	761,935	739,243	762,108	899,580
Stocks:													
All positions (computed) end of month—thous. of bbls.		6,135	6,131	6,000	4,800	4,857	5,618	5,526	5,620	6,370	7,000	7,850	8,200
Held by mills (quarterly)—thous. of bbls.		3,532			2,830			3,712			4,016		
MEATS													
Export value, meats and fats—thous. of dollars.	7,145	6,321	6,386	6,821	7,074	7,791	8,477	10,082	10,576	12,204	9,819	11,039	9,798
CATTLE AND BEEF													
Beef products:													
Apparent consumption—thous. of lbs.	448,804	404,928	432,312	416,822	404,731	424,672	421,252	379,405	335,603	384,754	397,741	331,946	463,928
Cold-storage holdings, end of month—thous. of lbs.	34,491	235,171	39,050	41,055	45,548	49,448	53,150	61,111	67,622	72,398	75,285	73,392	63,862
Exports—thous. of lbs.	1,604	2,077	1,837	1,497	1,573	1,468	981	1,444	961	902	1,207	1,491	2,347
Production, inspected—thous. of lbs.	446,798	400,752	430,595	411,952	400,529	419,124	412,757	374,151	330,321	381,531	398,741	342,405	468,983
Cattle movements, primary markets:													
Local slaughter—thousands.	1,037	961	1,009	930	968	980	1,036	960	812	897	1,015	823	1,183
Receipts—thousands.	2,137	1,797	1,821	1,488	1,540	1,551	1,617	1,535	1,303	1,508	1,736	1,696	2,377
Shipments, stocker and feeder—thousands.													
Shipments, total—thousands.	1,096	861	756	561	552	561	581	546	486	607	1,015	873	1,223
Prices:													
Beef, fresh, carcass, good native steers, Chicago—dollars per lb.	.156	.148	.144	.129	.129	.143	.160	.169	.178	.195	.195	.195	.195
Beef, fresh, carcass, steers, New York—dollars per lb.	.173	.165	.158	.145	.145	.155	.172	.180	.196	.205	.205	.205	.205
Cattle, corn fed, Chicago—dollars per 100 lbs.	9.25	8.66	8.62	7.25	7.32	7.68	8.56	9.08	9.11	10.00	10.58	10.31	9.97

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† Quarter ended in month indicated.

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* Final estimate for 1930.

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	October	September	August	July	June	May	April	March	February	January	December	November	October
FOODSTUFFS—Continued													
HOGS AND PORK													
Hog movements, primary markets:													
Local slaughter.....thousands..	2,155	1,663	1,398	1,474	1,773	1,841	1,983	1,962	2,293	2,907	2,460	2,169	2,048
Receipts.....thousands..	3,462	2,727	2,454	2,511	2,854	2,938	3,067	3,207	3,704	4,652	4,002	3,439	3,441
Shipments, stocker and feeder.....thousands..	72	55	49	37	36	33	36	31	37	45	41	37	39
Shipments, total.....thousands..	1,311	1,062	1,045	1,039	1,072	1,099	1,088	1,234	1,417	1,739	1,542	1,269	1,392
Lard (included in pork products):													
Cold-storage holdings, end of month.....thous. of lbs..	39,641	69,296	96,047	121,928	115,561	103,366	95,693	78,249	74,977	62,624	51,434	31,582	36,211
Exports.....thous. of lbs..	43,547	37,790	34,510	33,824	37,786	39,623	44,769	58,395	68,760	68,882	45,114	42,552	41,396
Production.....thous. of lbs..	116,124	97,114	91,680	103,265	123,263	126,323	129,090	127,516	147,632	180,062	150,538	119,355	101,672
Pork production:													
Apparent consumption.....thous. of lbs..	680,285	601,392	552,387	540,228	555,146	581,110	523,963	563,934	508,890	663,947	608,323	553,479	636,426
Cold-storage holdings, end of month.....thous. of lbs..	419,387	254,183	601,110	833,737	890,212	931,117	963,217	921,920	928,385	788,888	572,626	443,280	393,017
Total.....thous. of lbs..	379,746	2474,887	505,063	711,811	774,651	827,751	867,524	843,671	853,408	726,264	521,192	411,704	356,806
Exports:													
Total.....thous. of lbs..	56,134	48,550	48,032	49,193	63,226	55,557	59,406	73,610	83,470	86,902	61,134	62,325	53,798
Other products than lard.....thous. of lbs..	12,587	10,760	13,522	15,369	15,440	15,934	14,637	15,215	14,710	18,020	16,020	19,773	12,402
Production, inspected.....thous. of lbs..	611,171	502,673	457,105	532,757	507,185	604,427	624,301	630,681	731,633	962,175	798,311	665,665	575,700
Prices:													
Hams, smoked, Chicago.....dolls. per lb..	.182	.186	.185	.173	.174	.182	.184	.187	.195	.207	.213	.222	.221
Hogs, heavy, Chicago.....dolls. per 100 lbs..	5.41	5.71	6.35	6.24	6.39	6.40	7.08	7.18	6.73	7.34	7.94	8.86	9.86
Lard, prime contract, New York.....dolls. per lb..	.080	.075	.075	.082	.083	.082	.090	.094	.085	.090	.100	.112	.119
SHEEP AND LAMBS													
Lamb and mutton:													
Apparent consumption.....thous. of lbs..	66,455	60,792	58,351	54,679	55,333	54,604	59,095	54,949	50,967	58,195	56,348	50,890	64,946
Cold-storage holdings, end of month.....thous. of lbs..													
Production, inspected.....thous. of lbs..	1,958	2,1,908	1,975	1,892	2,685	2,371	2,529	3,063	3,573	4,081	4,677	4,628	4,326
Prices:													
Sheep, ewes, Chicago.....dolls. per 100 lbs..	1.63	1.63	1.98	2.56	1.55	2.44	3.29	3.79	3.69	3.44	2.93	3.38	3.84
Sheep, lambs, Chicago.....dolls. per 100 lbs..	5.70	5.94	5.95	6.06	6.98	8.36	8.76	8.27	8.31	7.98	7.40	7.13	7.03
Sheep movements, primary markets:													
Local slaughter.....thousands..	1,500	1,461	1,474	1,342	1,384	1,464	1,410	1,157	1,056	1,201	1,230	1,079	1,397
Receipts.....thousands..	3,956	3,900	3,270	2,535	2,587	2,810	2,713	2,119	1,964	2,175	2,307	2,607	3,784
Shipments, stocker and feeder.....thousands..													
Shipments, total.....thousands..	1,181	1,104	718	243	289	176	189	103	105	134	282	761	1,024
Miscellaneous meats:													
Cold-storage holdings, end of month.....thous. of lbs..	49,109	56,881	66,334	69,026	75,469	79,331	81,359	85,678	92,744	93,747	84,169	75,818	72,444
Total meats:													
Apparent consumption.....mills. of lbs..	1,196	1,067	1,043	1,012	1,045	1,060	1,004	998	895	1,107	1,062	936	1,165
Cold-storage holdings, end of month.....mills. of lbs..	505	638	798	946	1,014	1,062	1,100	1,072	1,092	959	737	597	534
Production.....mills. of lbs..	1,125	964	946	999	1,053	1,078	1,096	1,059	1,112	1,401	1,254	1,039	1,110
POULTRY													
Cold-storage holdings, end of month.....thous. of lbs..	65,690	56,215	43,056	36,438	32,762	35,348	45,920	69,986	95,188	101,307	104,913	82,925	59,260
Receipts at 5 markets.....thous. of lbs..	30,377	32,409	28,655	24,871	22,164	17,252	17,443	20,600	26,008	34,472	73,314	67,361	33,128
Prices													
Retail food (Dept. of Labor).....rel. to 1913..	119	119	120	119	118	121	124	126	127	133	137	141	144
Wholesale food.....rel. to 1926..	72.6	72.9	73.7	73.1	72.4	72.9	75.6	76.7	77.1	80.1	81.8	85.7	88.6
Sugar													
Cuban movement (raw):													
Exports.....long tons..	134,336	160,992	215,110	203,030	148,624	137,205	94,865	134,928	168,450	86,518	231,039	413,406	291,311
Receipts at Cuban ports.....long tons..	97,725	109,613	126,016	119,664	93,548	118,514	238,872	546,538	429,576	105,726	150,277	213,688	124,848
Stocks, end of month.....thous. of long tons..	666	702	754	843	930	982	1,007	844	461	80	669	764	958
Prices:													
Retail coverage, 51 cities.....rel. to 1913..	102	104	104	102	102	102	104	106	107	107	107	107	106
Retail granulated, New York.....dollars. per lb..	.052	.052	.053	.051	.050	.050	.050	.051	.053	.053	.053	.053	.053
Wholesale, granulated, New York.....dollars. per lb..	.045	.045	.046	.046	.044	.043	.044	.043	.045	.046	.046	.047	.044
Raw:													
Imports:													
From Hawaii and Porto Rico.....long tons..	82,062	126,970	135,228	148,636	143,382	161,260	135,457	160,951	151,980	81,700	5,590	50,977	82,660
From foreign countries.....long tons..	186,928	202,564	397,042	324,848	239,085	151,815	279,578	364,493	212,453	122,071	306,500	293,465	277,350
Meltings, 8 ports.....long tons..	328,310	414,066	376,715	460,609	383,157	332,556	403,337	351,169	290,337	258,585	207,006	337,360	402,333
Stocks at refineries, end of month.....long tons..	245,694	321,815	429,229	367,252	400,567	463,730	445,535	420,650	329,324	293,938	305,208	321,930	283,778
Refined:													
Exports, including maple.....long tons..	4,304	4,365	3,806	3,952	4,329	3,338	5,332	4,612	3,085	3,572	4,723	6,576	8,553
Shipments, 2 ports.....long tons..	48,208	60,502	76,412	98,879	78,583	57,670	65,633	49,077	64,570	42,717	33,645	59,916	62,113
Stocks, 2 ports.....long tons..	33,047	41,171	37,116	36,481	35,030	32,632	43,880	54,665	29,070	34,019	42,555	37,759	46,134
Tea													
Imports.....thous. of lbs..	10,271	8,568	7,977	6,578	6,953	4,135	6,184	7,995	5,223	7,289	8,029	7,565	9,917
Price, Formosa, fine, New York.....dollars. per lb..	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.225	.223

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	October	September	August	July	June	May	April	March	February	January	December	November	October		
FOREST PRODUCTS															
Lumber															
ALL TYPES															
Exports.....	M ft. b. m.	85,234	89,502	99,633	120,354	120,501	143,558	135,771	73,818	67,792	114,557	128,424	110,855	122,690	
New orders.....	rel. to 1923-1925.....	30.6	231.3	33.4	35.2	47.7	35.6	41.5	40.3	35.7	36.7	33.8	36.8	39.4	
Prices, wholesale, composite.....	rel. to 1926.....	64.5	65.5	66.0	66.3	67.8	68.4	73.3	74.2	73.2	76.0	78.1	80.1	80.2	
Production index (elect. energy consumed).....	rel. to 1923-1925.....	82.2	82.2	79.4	76.9	86.3	97.2	91.5	93.2	84.2	82.6	73.3	86.5	77.1	
Stocks, end of month.....	rel. to 1923-1925.....	106.1	211.5	210.4	110.1	106.3	107.7	108.2	108.8	111.2	113.2	117.3	113.7	110.0	
Unfilled orders, end of month.....	rel. to 1923-1925.....	27.3	29.0	33.7	28.2	51.4	48.1	49.2	48.8	47.7	46.8	44.7	42.6	46.3	
RETAIL MOVEMENT															
Retail yards, 9th Fed. Res. Dist.: Sales.....	M ft. b. m.	9,255	8,314	9,457	8,513	10,084	8,451	7,767	5,236	3,494	3,563	4,145	9,028	13,596	
Stocks, end of month.....	M ft. b. m.	68,318	73,002	76,554	78,274	79,017	80,051	80,816	81,158	80,251	76,552	70,531	71,025	73,743	
Retail yards, 10th Fed. Res. Dist.: Sales.....	M ft. b. m.	3,481	3,249	3,280	3,745	3,432	3,421	3,368	3,389	2,641	2,878	2,530	3,940	5,114	
Stocks, end of month.....	M ft. b. m.	25,207	36,245	36,966	37,279	37,718	38,816	39,534	39,657	38,628	37,889	37,739	38,108	38,674	
FLOORING															
Maple: New orders.....	M ft. b. m.	2,760	2,783	3,312	3,712	4,245	3,327	3,679	3,131	3,455	3,584	1,905	2,798	2,530	
Production.....	M ft. b. m.	2,812	3,134	2,973	2,737	3,116	2,629	3,326	3,760	3,179	3,482	3,045	2,759	2,643	
Shipments.....	M ft. b. m.	2,703	3,144	3,397	3,447	3,778	3,315	3,226	3,017	2,676	2,351	1,811	2,554	2,886	
Stocks, end of month.....	M ft. b. m.	20,042	20,189	21,130	21,321	21,821	23,467	24,191	26,193	25,835	25,578	24,271	23,353	22,985	
Unfilled orders, end of month.....	M ft. b. m.	3,778	3,775	4,183	4,772	4,955	4,604	5,312	5,180	5,248	4,664	3,491	3,204	3,188	
Oak: New orders.....	M ft. b. m.	15,973	16,928	18,631	26,390	21,065	24,710	28,575	31,407	24,771	21,116	21,010	14,170	17,402	
Production.....	M ft. b. m.	10,299	22,425	21,736	24,120	20,984	24,505	25,147	23,643	19,548	17,688	15,738	16,231	19,978	
Shipments.....	M ft. b. m.	18,203	19,486	21,464	25,691	23,131	27,745	28,155	26,243	21,713	18,365	17,152	15,844	20,649	
Stocks, end of month.....	M ft. b. m.	67,103	65,636	65,004	64,798	67,619	76,753	76,783	78,305	80,943	82,487	83,420	91,598	92,631	
Unfilled orders, end of month.....	M ft. b. m.	15,589	17,590	18,194	21,204	30,176	30,235	34,095	36,326	32,719	30,241	29,353	29,790	30,678	
HARDWOODS															
All hardwoods: New orders.....	mill. ft. b. m.	131	131	131	139	176	158	154	173	188	169	125	133	154	
Production.....	mill. ft. b. m.	105	105	101	109	143	146	140	165	158	143	134	143	158	
Shipments.....	mill. ft. b. m.	135	131	143	139	161	169	161	176	165	158	125	148	169	
Stocks, end of month—		Total.....	mill. ft. b. m.	2,915	2,960	3,020	3,065	3,126	3,149	3,175	3,205	3,249	3,308	3,319	3,270
Unsold.....	mill. ft. b. m.	2,542	2,559	2,648	2,662	2,707	2,718	2,713	2,731	2,769	2,851	2,863	2,821	2,805	
Unfilled orders, end of month.....	mill. ft. b. m.	374	387	375	402	419	431	463	473	481	456	452	466		
Gum: Stocks, end of month—	mill. ft. b. m.	607	615	634	653	683	686	694	703	713	726	611	610	608	
Total.....	mill. ft. b. m.	516	518	542	551	575	586	593	598	601	607	611	609	504	
Unsold.....	mill. ft. b. m.	91	96	92	102	108	100	101	106	112	118	100	102	104	
Northern hardwoods: Production.....	M ft. b. m.	2,617	3,210	5,884	6,173	11,878	10,820	12,767	17,878	17,252	14,178	8,147	4,382	4,772	
Shipments.....	M ft. b. m.	15,378	14,907	13,445	9,846	11,690	10,330	12,806	12,631	12,330	10,854	8,021	9,374	11,285	
Oak: Stocks, end of month—	mill. ft. b. m.	827	840	853	864	890	914	935	966	990	1,017	1,029	1,022	1,924	
Total.....	mill. ft. b. m.	742	761	783	783	803	809	814	844	861	918	935			
Unsold.....	mill. ft. b. m.	85	79	70	81	88	105	120	122	129	99	95	95	97	
Walnut logs: Made into lumber and veneer.....	M ft. log measure.	1,145	925	709	523	958	1,135	925	816	829	895	1,146	1,340	1,421	
Purchases.....	M ft. log measure.	1,104	1,113	776	666	674	828	719	699	874	1,179	1,204	1,460	1,294	
Stocks, end of month.....	M ft. log measure.	666	707	510	442	293	519	845	1,050	1,172	1,136	777	791	670	
Walnut lumber:		New orders.....	M ft. b. m.	1,463	1,861	1,252	1,574	996	1,181	1,393	2,094	1,471	1,152	1,203	1,809
		Production.....	M ft. b. m.	1,405	1,037	887	624	1,075	1,382	1,141	875	804	642	1,184	1,444
		Shipments.....	M ft. b. m.	1,720	1,786	1,472	1,853	1,223	1,277	1,506	1,942	1,363	1,064	1,187	1,470
		Stocks, end of month.....	M ft. b. m.	12,825	13,176	13,926	14,543	15,837	15,990	15,893	16,285	17,236	18,295	17,670	18,731
		Unfilled orders, end of month.....	M ft. b. m.	2,173	2,034	2,821	2,981	2,918	3,151	3,279	3,522	3,314	3,211	3,118	3,393
SOFTWOOD															
California redwood: New orders (computed).....	M ft. b. m.	18,636	16,007	15,386	16,576	19,321	19,220	22,480	24,485	20,805	25,928	17,857	21,485	30,603	
Production (computed).....	M ft. b. m.	15,931	14,760	16,270	14,717	16,429	17,616	18,761	21,795	23,836	26,998	23,048	25,900	35,063	
Shipments (computed).....	M ft. b. m.	17,055	15,754	17,323	18,131	18,253	21,568	21,898	24,852	23,555	21,410	20,307	20,549	31,808	
Unfilled orders, end of month (computed).....	M ft. b. m.	20,485	17,585	17,380	19,331	20,376	20,237	22,290	22,726	23,613	28,725	22,766	24,514	24,277	
Douglas fir: Exports.....	M ft. b. m.	36,714	38,787	45,308	53,088	47,766	69,043	63,159	15,211	14,951	38,251	53,718	42,364	43,801	
Lumber.....	M ft. b. m.	21,874	18,020	25,155	18,186	35,718	55,586	37,573	19,964	14,978	16,081	12,859	9,151	12,511	
Timber.....	M ft. b. m.	151,305	158,915	188,460	181,297	191,146	188,907	224,272	217,109	189,355	191,593	189,355	186,222	203,232	
New orders.....	Price wholesale—	No. 1 common, dolls. per M ft. b. m.	11.21	11.27	10.97	10.64	11.25	11.64	12.12	12.68	12.86	12.82	12.99	13.25	
Flooring, 1 x 4 "B"	and better, V.	G—dolls. per M ft. b. m.		25.63	25.48	25.29	25.76	25.98	28.33	29.74	31.14	31.65	31.33	31.73	
				149,962	155,334	171,897	149,067	199,651	206,813	201,889	186,222	179,059	160,258	208,156	
				162,049	166,525	175,030	173,240	197,413	221,586	200,099	195,622	186,669	178,164	174,583	
				81,472	125,341	111,017	165,630	162,944	135,637	215,766	196,517	181,745	182,640	176,373	
North Carolina pine: Production (computed).....	M ft. b. m.	27,370	24,640	24,276	27,013	30,338	30,233	31,241	27,489	24,318	24,129	28,350	28,140	29,386	
Shipments (computed).....	M ft. b. m.	33,110	33,320	32,375	30,408	34,293	31,780	34,454	33,250	32,417	32,844	30,317	34,300	35,049	
Northern hemlock: Production.....	M ft. b. m.	3,928	4,804	9,991	10,128	10,013	9,893	8,616	6,583	6,085	6,526	5,812	4,046	4,374	
Shipments.....	M ft. b. m.	7,811	7,531	7,864	8,640	9,554	7,894	7,437	5,432	5,508	6,004	4,955	6,596	7,436	

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	October	September	August	July	June	May	April	March	February	January	December	November	October
FOREST PRODUCTS—Continued													
Lumber—Continued													
SOFTWOOD—Continued													
Southern yellow pine:													
Exports—													
Lumber.....M ft. b. m.	20,895	18,936	21,956	29,925	30,278	34,067	32,544	22,478	21,309	33,509	35,873	28,113	31,957
Timber.....M ft. b. m.	5,017	5,663	7,888	8,745	12,535	5,827	10,256	6,281	4,935	8,163	9,029	11,896	10,590
New orders.....M ft. b. m.	134,757	138,204	151,484	146,800	140,322	157,920	169,015	174,020	170,709	190,985	146,465	177,327	213,028
Price flooring.....dolls. per M ft. b. m.	26.49	27.21	27.78	27.82	28.15	28.82	28.32	29.66	28.42	30.73	32.51	33.44	34.01
Price index.....rel. to 1926—	58.7	60.3	61.4	61.7	62.4	63.0	63.2	65.8	63.0	68.1	72.4	74.1	75.4
Production.....M ft. b. m.	117,241	116,511	119,828	121,994	126,739	148,048	165,325	164,929	153,831	165,065	157,143	184,712	210,972
Shipments.....M ft. b. m.	142,254	142,170	155,511	151,488	138,603	165,004	180,306	175,742	183,926	182,679	145,110	176,110	217,585
Unfilled orders.....M ft. b. m.	58,464	74,235	82,551	83,013	83,475	83,958	104,307	121,401	106,032	116,193	99,036	105,021	108,864
Western pine:													
New orders.....mill. ft. b. m.			127	128	114	107	141	109	112	87	111	97	177
Production.....mill. ft. b. m.			125	137	156	135	141	112	66	63	85	98	139
Shipments.....mill. ft. b. m.			125	119	125	122	125	120	107	107	108	114	164
Stocks end of month.....mill. ft. b. m.			1,225	1,245	1,230	1,204	1,196	1,174	1,174	1,218	1,262	1,284	1,300
VENeer													
Rotary-cut veneer:													
Receipts.....no. of carloads			85	78	99	79	83	105	118	101	111	106	101
Purchases.....no. of carloads			64	92	99	54	59	82	118	138	112	97	101
Furniture													
Household furniture and case goods:													
Grand Rapids district—													
Cancellations.....per cent new orders	8.5	8.0	7.0	6.5	4.5	13.0	8.0	12.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	7.0	9.0
New orders.....no. days' production	14	16	15	13	27	9	13	14	13	16	15	22	21
Outstanding accounts,													
end of month.....no. days' sales	38	39	36	32	32	31	33	34	35	42	43	48	51
Plant operations.....per cent full time	83.0	72.0	73.0	80.0	74.0	70.0	67.0	64.0	63.0	68.0	71.0	81.0	85.0
Shipments.....no. days' production	17	19	16	14	12	11	13	13	13	14	17	18	26
Unfilled orders,													
end of month.....no. days' production	11	15	20	22	23	11	15	15	17	18	17	22	20
Southeastern district—													
Shipments.....dolls., av. per firm	64,122	66,042	59,223	55,063	43,077	46,431	52,390	62,382	50,858	36,692	29,051	43,975	70,007
Unfilled orders, end of month													
Steel furniture. (See under steel manufactured products.)													
Wholesale prices:													
Beds.....rel. to 1926—	73.1	80.4	82.9	85.2	85.2	86.8	90.7	90.7	90.7	90.7	90.7	91.7	91.7
Dining-room chairs, sets of six.....rel. to 1926—	91.0	92.1	92.1	92.1	93.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.0
Kitchen cabinets.....rel. to 1926—	100.1	100.1	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9
Living-room davenport.....rel. to 1926—	82.0	84.2	88.2	88.6	89.8	89.8	93.2	93.2	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.3
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS													
Prices, wholesale, composite, leather													
.....rel. to 1926—	80.7	83.4	90.3	89.8	87.8	88.1	88.4	88.4	89.0	90.8	91.5	93.3	96.7
Production index (Fed. Res. Bd.)													
.....rel. to 1923-25—	86	297	104	101	100	107	102	92	87	78	81	81	89
Production index (elec. energy consumed)													
.....rel. to 1923-25—	81.8	81.9	77.1	83.8	85.4	81.0	83.9	71.2	76.1	71.6	68.7	63.0	84.9
Stocks, end of month.....rel. to 1923-25—	82.0	80.1	27.74	77.6	78.2	27.95	80.3	28.12	28.21	28.53	28.64	28.8	28.26
Hides													
Imports—													
Calfskins.....thous. of lbs.	3,164	2,3265	2,5,058	2,6,211	2,3,646	2,4,512	2,3,337	2,1,818	2,1,339	2,2,067	2,2,126	2,202	3,264
Cattle hides.....thous. of lbs.	10,846	11,934	11,870	9,313	7,528	6,812	4,404	6,867	4,149	5,186	6,781	6,888	
Goatskins.....thous. of lbs.	5,533	2,6,858	7,556	7,636	9,321	8,274	6,160	6,292	3,991	5,863	6,154	7,268	
Sheepskins.....thous. of lbs.	4,472	3,360	3,368	2,3,472	3,313	3,091	4,453	3,280	2,890	4,040	3,313	1,965	2,821
Total, hides and skins.....thous. of lbs.	25,856	27,445	29,513	28,332	26,053	24,437	19,616	19,468	13,417	20,211	20,471	18,207	21,512
Inspected slaughter of livestock:													
Canada—													
Cattle and calves.....thous. of animals	80	80	78	77	92	103	101	85	58	69	75	78	97
Swine.....thous. of animals	247	204	162	148	164	158	172	154	161	166	170	168	160
Sheep and lambs.....thous. of animals	193	117	81	71	56	23	27	32	32	37	53	98	185
United States—													
Cattle.....thous. of animals	781	687	727	706	667	704	690	635	559	651	692	605	836
Calves.....thous. of animals	407	393	357	356	417	425	471	416	353	379	398	324	438
Swine.....thous. of animals	3,772	2,955	2,500	2,737	3,251	3,408	3,488	3,523	4,142	5,352	4,647	4,024	3,492
Sheep.....thous. of animals	1,804	1,667	1,598	1,491	1,516	1,444	1,493	1,324	1,223	1,426	1,426	1,305	1,727
Prices:													
Packers, heavy, native steers (Chicago).....dolls. per lb.	.077	.090	.113	.120	.100	.085	.092	.090	.073	.095	.107	.118	.133
Calfskins, No. 1, country (Chicago).....dolls. per lb.	.083	.098	.129	.139	.129	.120	.135	.128	.117	.125	.144	.156	.172
Stocks, end of month:													
Calf and kip skins.....thous. of lbs.	27,413	28,325	29,033	26,027	24,150	23,662	23,132	24,104	26,707	27,553	28,221	26,972	
Cattle hides.....thous. of lbs.	221,343	212,299	206,317	209,607	216,400	220,846	223,182	225,315	235,649	237,392	227,647	227,099	
Sheep and lamb skins.....thous. of lbs.	34,649	35,376	35,223	34,034	35,026	32,926	34,168	33,172	33,296	34,489	34,368	34,546	
Total hides and skins.....thous. of lbs.	283,405	276,000	270,573	269,758	275,576	277,434	280,482	282,591	295,652	290,434	290,236	288,617	
Raw													
Sole and belting:													
Exports (sole only).....thous. of lbs.	531	546	459	652	983	1,143	1,442	949	713	726	1,128	825	691
Price, oak, scoured backs (Boston).....dolls. per lb.	.35	.39	.40	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.37	.38	.40	.41	.41
Production—													
Sole only.....thous. of backs, bends, sides	1,088	1,160	1,097	1,076	1,034	1,137	984	951	1,087	1,226	1,071	1,333	
Sole and belting.....thous. of lbs.	18,765	19,837	19,281	19,522	18,388	20,406	18,219	17,386	19,559	21,993	18,777	23,418	
Stocks, end of month—													
Finished.....thous. of lbs.	80,773	81,319	81,906	85,626	85,848	87,196	88,044	90,321	91,827	90,878	86,331	84,036	
In process of tanning.....thous. of lbs.	69,172	68,931	67,212	67,070	67,938	68,933	71,122	72,488	73,261	74,135	77,485	78,815	

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IRON AND STEEL—Continued													
Machinery—Continued													
Machine tools:													
New orders.....rel. to 1922-24..	45	56	72	62	74	87	105	118	84	67	69	60	90
Shipments.....rel. to 1922-24..	85	92	96	72	95	98	91	92	73	75	85	67	103
Unfilled orders, end of month.....rel. to 1922-24..	97	140	182	202	212	232	238	225	204	179	203	230	238
Oil burners:													
New orders.....no. of burners..	13,542	12,329	10,621	8,010	6,046	5,132	5,528	4,836	3,899	3,842	5,026	6,861	18,152
Shipments.....no. of burners..	14,234	12,536	10,035	7,491	6,044	5,562	5,248	4,406	3,531	4,046	5,025	7,855	18,580
Stocks, end of month.....no. of burners..	8,326	9,748	10,155	10,113	9,193	8,553	10,036	8,603	8,645	8,572	8,604	8,319	8,677
Unfilled orders, end of month.....no. of burners..	1,177	1,869	2,076	1,490	971	969	1,309	1,119	689	521	725	724	1,718
Patents granted:													
Agricultural implements.....number..	54	62	54	55	79	60	67	67	44	41	58	52	41
Internal-combustion engines.....number..	57	66	69	60	67	58	68	68	76	58	67	54	49
Total, all classes.....number..	4,074	4,750	4,088	3,962	5,270	4,270	4,167	4,780	3,715	3,215	4,251	3,023	2,871
Pulverized-fuel equipment:													
New orders, central system—													
Furnaces and kilns,no. of pulverizers..	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Water-tube boilers,no. of pulverizers..	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	0
New orders, unit system—													
Fire-tube boilers..no. of pulverizers..	2	4	4	5	4	3	1	2	3	6	0	5	0
Furnaces and kilns,no. of pulverizers..	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	0	0	3	2	2
Water-tube boilers,no. of pulverizers..	1	3	4	11	14	0	9	13	2	8	3	15	10
Pumps (water):													
Domestic shipments—													
Pitcher, hand, and wind-													
mill.....no. of units..	17,677	20,490	22,379	24,579	26,330	22,417	24,255	25,181	32,902	24,873	23,056	21,562	26,917
Power, horizontal type.....no. of units..	1,032	1,063	2,197	2,312	2,229	2,135	2,145	1,772	1,657	1,564	1,325	1,238	1,902
Steam, power, and centrifugal—													
New orders.....thous. of dolls..	563	599	775	874	875	921	1,075	950	765	773	1,047	967	1,027
Shipments.....thous. of dolls..	695	886	800	944	1,028	1,037	918	1,036	873	718	1,205	1,116	1,167
Unfilled orders, end of month.....thous. of dolls..	2,023	2,161	2,450	2,441	2,471	2,605	2,762	2,616	2,717	2,826	2,812	2,975	3,124
Pumps (gasoline and other):													
Shipments—													
Gasoline—													
Hand operated.....units..	2,986	2,715	3,276	4,585	5,019	6,041							
Power operated.....units..	3,837	2,676	4,309	5,742	7,735	10,263							
Other—													
Hand operated.....units..	22,479	18,645	22,708	37,660	37,287	37,355							
Power operated.....units..	291	458	501	985	1,162	1,077							
Stokers, mechanical, sales:													
Power.....horsepower..	20,339	22,462	31,171	20,735	29,889	23,646	18,723	17,993	13,849	25,902	11,726	21,103	38,276
Quantity.....number..	83	96	132	101	111	80	65	63	66	85	53	71	92
Water-softening apparatus, shipments.....no. of units..	518	500	429	525	567	605	692	756	591	664	566	647	655
Water-systems, shipments.....no. of units..	6,030	6,681	7,850	7,640	8,694	9,090	7,638	6,105	5,434	6,010	5,177	6,401	7,522
Wood-working machinery:													
Cancellations.....thous. of dolls..	8	7	6	16	46	21	10	16	13	9	21	16	17
New orders.....thous. of dolls..	377	345	447	533	503	487	484	527	474	486	470	459	605
Shipments.....thous. of dolls..	347	379	572	448	463	513	451	545	491	383	500	506	564
Shipments.....no. of machines..	371	331	513	421	391	398	356	400	421	400	529	442	441
Unfilled orders, end of month.....thous. of dolls..	340	336	356	534	479	516	518	479	502	557	467	520	636
NONFERROUS METALS AND PRODUCTS													
Prices, wholesale, metal and metal products.....rel. to 1926..	86.5	87.2	87.1	87.5	87.4	87.8	88.7	89.0	88.9	89.3	90.0	90.2	90.4
Production index (Fed. Res. Bd.).....rel. to 1923-25..	65	65	266	65	68	73	73	77	79	78	85	87	95
Production index (elec. energy consumed).....rel. to 1923-25..	71.0	75.0	73.3	69.3	78.6	94.0	94.6	103.5	112.3	95.0	97.8	89.6	87.0
Stocks, end of month.....rel. to 1923-25..	202.0	200.0	199.9	203.3	213.7	219.3	220.4	219.9	224.4	227.4	228.1	231.1	234.1
Stocks, raw materials, end of month.....rel. to 1923-25..	157.1	152.0	147.9	137.7	127.7	122.4	126.9	144.8	130.7	130.9	129.6	139.8	134.1
Raw Materials													
Babbitt metal consumption:													
Direct by producers.....thous. of lbs..	552	497	404	511	702	731	716	832	687	766	647	791	1,033
Sale to consumers.....thous. of lbs..	1,495	1,355	1,377	1,420	1,605	1,678	1,844	1,829	1,820	2,090	1,459	1,904	2,069
Total apparent.....thous. of lbs..	2,047	1,852	1,781	1,932	2,307	2,409	2,560	2,661	2,507	2,856	2,107	2,695	3,101
Copper:													
Exports, refined.....short tons..	11,429	17,201	19,271	22,381	23,244	22,951	24,179	31,536	28,947	42,192	32,208	37,773	30,715
Domestic shipments, refined.....short tons..	40,459	45,816	43,144	50,217	45,265	54,567	74,685	60,636	60,209	69,854	62,693	75,703	
Price, wholesale, electrolytic (N. Y.).....dollars per lb..	.0678	.0699	.0720	.0770	.0803	.0867	.0939	.0985	.0972	.0984	.1030	.1011	.0960
Production—													
Index (Fed. Res. Bd.).....rel. to 1923-25..	60	50	59	67	68	69	70	76	72	76	83	83	
Mines.....short tons..	38,088	38,925	33,228	44,473	45,580	46,452	48,702	47,504	48,059	48,726	53,141	55,954	
Refined (N. and S. America).....short tons..	86,704	90,190	96,408	98,275	102,695	100,501	102,058	99,853	102,458	106,366	112,646	118,229	
Smelters.....short tons..	47,012	47,246	46,503	51,652	53,734	52,085	57,922	55,229	53,429	60,022	64,816	70,419	
Stocks (N. and S. America), end of month—													
Billets.....short tons..	178,425	176,105	179,658	187,353	190,578	193,876	198,811	203,224	210,637	218,799	223,280	240,145	
Refined.....short tons..	479,896	435,775	440,417	413,474	398,657	367,921	354,205	363,629	363,827	367,175	369,832	364,930	
Refined.....rel. to 1923-25..	423.9	402.6	389.1	365.3	352.2	325.0	312.9	321.2	321.4	324.4	326.7	322.4	
World production, billet.....short tons..	120,689	121,655	121,504	126,722	130,486	128,877	136,958	128,685	129,390	136,252	143,214	157,344	
Lead:													
Ore shipments—													
Joplin district.....short tons..	2,911	3,064	2,260	1,432	1,881	1,995	3,762	2,508	2,721	2,896	3,903	3,361	
Utah.....short tons..	34,807	25,305	27,711	31,577	28,806	41,576	34,816	35,498	40,902	55,331	48,705	48,400	63,584
Production, refined.....short tons..	36,546	31,966	34,144	32,157	30,708	39,519	35,498	41,775	39,464	43,405	48,517	43,423	50,402
Production (Fed. Res. Bd.).....rel. to 1923-25..	68	67	61	64	60	78	71	79	82	83	92	83	94
Price, pig, desilverized (New York).....dollars per lb..	.0396	.0440	.0440	.0440	.0392	.0383	.0441	.0453	.0455	.0480	.0510	.0510	.0515
Receipts in United States, ore(short tons..)	33,104	33,228	33,385	30,136	32,551	35,677	34,694	37,878	35,512	42,110	40,462	38,820	40,237

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	October	September	August	July	June	May	April	March	February	January	December	November	October	
NONFERROUS METALS AND PRODUCTS—Continued														
Raw materials—Continued														
Tin:														
Deliveries (consumption).....long tons..	5,385	5,015	5,270	5,100	5,185	5,505	6,630	6,120	5,100	7,210	7,495	6,270	7,580	
Imports (bars, blocks, etc.).....long tons..	5,607	4,882	5,249	5,587	4,698	5,483	6,126	6,986	5,903	8,113	6,659	6,470	5,929	
Price, wholesale, Straits (New York).....dolls. per lb..	.2272	.2468	.2575	.2502	.2341	.2320	.2512	.2707	.2631	.2610	.2527	.2589	.2686	
Stocks, end of month—														
United States.....long tons..	6,773	5,868	6,213	5,833	5,633	5,698	6,212	7,917	5,862	4,904	4,693	5,372	4,823	
World visible supply.....long tons..	50,602	50,722	50,987	51,707	51,626	51,231	48,462	48,607	49,339	43,619	42,498	40,811	39,676	
Zinc:														
Ore, Joplin district—														
Shipments.....short tons..		17,113	20,243	12,059	14,395	22,470	27,261	17,163	25,389	25,987	31,056	39,478	33,474	
Stocks, mines, end of month.....short tons..		81,190	79,533	76,566	70,935	65,480	61,110	63,001	58,534	56,013	47,000	49,441	45,689	
Price, slab, prime western (St. Louis).....dolls. per lb..	.0338	.0374	.0382	.0380	.0342	.0331	.0372	.0400	.0401	.0404	.0410	.0427	.0406	
Production.....short tons..	21,674	21,356	21,467	21,365	23,483	25,688	29,137	32,328	29,562	32,522	32,733	32,097	40,922	
Retorts in operation, end of month.....number..	23,774	22,817	21,705	21,666	21,422	23,024	29,072	34,221	35,518	35,635	33,640	37,492	41,004	
Stocks, end of month.....short tons..	130,666	130,155	129,701	131,833	138,928	143,049	143,212	141,493	144,389	145,076	143,618	145,139	143,327	
Manufactured Products														
Electrical equipment:														
Delinquent accounts, electrical trade. (See under Distribution movement.)														
Electric furnaces, new orders.....kilowatts..	1,231	3,975	1,956	1,732	2,680	1,791	2,046	2,358	4,599	1,489	2,202	3,317		
Electric goods, new orders (quarterly).....thous. of dolls..	157,472			224,348			182,486			208,936				
Electrical porcelain, shipments—														
Glazed nail knobs.....thous. of pieces..	2,038	1,643	1,482	1,263	2,061	2,144	1,458	2,523	2,253	2,007	1,834	2,044		
Special.....dollars..	82,485	74,183	66,906	77,194	78,983	76,313	78,716	86,471	86,976	91,564	93,677	131,815		
Standard.....dollars..	42,562	38,303	33,042	41,331	57,462	52,009	52,599	64,823	87,794	51,016	47,994	73,650		
Tubes.....thous. of pieces..	869	971	516	592	1,309	890	783	1,125	875	522	479	801		
Unglazed nail knobs.....thous. of pieces..	1,095	901	562	929	2,323	1,281	1,224	1,386	1,752	1,159	1,164	1,615		
Industrial reflectors, sales.....units..	59,103	54,691	56,735	61,794	66,188	67,256	72,003	69,484	68,285	65,501	76,659	115,736	113,316	
Laminated phenolic products, shipments.....thous. of dolls..	577	644	637	623	637	711	633	689	630	605	551	674	1,023	
Manufactured mica—														
Shipments.....thous. of dolls..	76	79	103	81	92	128	135	142	137	133	101	132	150	
Unfilled orders, end of month.....thous. of dolls..	73	81	87	100	97	119	138	110	141	105	104	90	104	
Motors (direct current)—														
Billings (shipments).....dollars..	365,930	365,877	360,444	450,165	455,325	473,787	445,833	418,228	393,558	500,165	433,530	621,114		
New orders.....dollars..	413,864	293,081	377,129	402,130	440,476	536,272	396,958	450,204	680,251	617,434	457,518	474,611		
Nonmetallic conduits, shipments.....thous. of feet..	2,005	3,356	4,487	2,777	2,447	4,091	5,112	3,503	3,667	3,997	2,417	3,713	4,067	
Panelboards and cabinets, shipments.....thous. of dollars..		326	367	336	338	339	324	345	373	383				
Power cables, shipments.....thous. of feet..	1,137	806	840	890	1,106	1,303	1,619	1,636	1,326	1,139	1,678	1,824	1,957	
Power switching equipment, new orders—														
Indoor.....dollars..	37,547	40,586	48,707	47,041	52,697	73,567	111,875	75,303	64,736	76,652	77,248	69,202	84,160	
Outdoor.....dollars..	244,122	188,043	175,629	360,325	240,081	208,713	216,145	269,425	201,344	228,862	178,160	219,232	342,771	
Vacuum cleaners, shipments.....units..			37,952	35,447	43,011	70,303	79,527	82,279	71,551	55,362	78,611	78,626	73,934	
Vulcanized fiber—														
Consumption.....thous. of lbs..	1,398	1,407	1,345	1,783	1,624	1,541	1,475	1,975	1,652	1,369	1,421	1,513	1,824	
Shipments, total.....thous. of dolls..	313	332	348	344	402	419	432	484	426	385	318	359	465	
Welding sets, new orders—														
Multiple operations.....units..		0	0	0	2	0	8	11	4	23	13	2	6	
Single operation.....units..		115	80	120	134	165	169	177	136	155	152	153	200	
Miscellaneous products:														
Brass sheets.....rel. to 1926.	68.3	79.7	80.9	82.5	82.8	86.8	90.4	91.4	89.7	90.7	93.6	92.7	88.9	
Copper-wire cloth—														
New orders.....thous. of sq. ft..	308	339	326	328	275	275	299	357	300	404	337	269	363	
Make and hold orders, end of month.....thous. of sq. ft..	522	509	504	546	560	514	554	557	530	574	539	530	606	
Production.....thous. of sq. ft..	338	333	330	302	253	256	340	330	297	332	344	310	385	
Shipments.....thous. of sq. ft..	312	316	330	324	274	297	308	304	311	309	303	306	356	
Stocks, end of month.....thous. of sq. ft..	910	911	889	898	934	1,073	1,096	1,079	1,093	1,097	1,145	1,176	1,160	
Unfilled orders, end of month.....thous. of sq. ft..	129	135	134	153	145	302	174	186	211	217	165	166	199	
Enamelled sheet-metal ware, shipments.....dozen pieces..	255,782	307,068	251,544	246,858	232,672	264,953	281,339	312,916	289,205	267,232	250,568	263,365	329,337	
Pails and tubs, galvanized—														
Production.....dozen pieces..	98,340	110,253	134,003	103,345	92,460	121,413	143,258	147,278	132,781	103,677	87,140	60,798	130,906	
Shipments.....dozen pieces..	88,270	120,851	129,693	114,134	90,747	122,072	140,080	144,052	120,723	138,538	68,898	68,330	115,185	
Other galvanized ware—														
Production.....dozen pieces..	26,626	32,276	34,709	26,970	26,304	28,390	34,929	31,542	34,347	23,716	21,657	16,061	40,084	
Shipments.....dozen pieces..	27,792	33,007	32,764	27,334	28,724	34,188	42,287	29,579	28,142	25,958	15,915	21,296	41,126	
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS														
New orders.....rel. to 1923-25..	96.8	98.8	290.5	93.2	90.7	102.7	101.3	99.3	96.7	97.2	85.8	93.2	106.0	
Production index (Fed. Res. Bd.).....rel. to 1923-25..		104	105	106	2109	113	110	110	110	106	98	103	107	
Production index (elect. energy consumed) (paper and pulp).....rel. to 1923-25..	113.0	138.3	121.7	104.0	112.4	135.1	109.6	123.0	127.0	111.8	117.0	112.3	120.0	
Stocks, end of month.....rel. to 1923-25..	122.2	128.2	128.6	128.6	129.7	126.1	131.2	123.4	128.6	125.9	122.6	121.7	127.4	
Wood Pulp														
Ground wood:														
Consumption and shipments.....short tons..	105,094	100,180	111,463	118,371	118,157	116,914	111,165	96,823	108,349	109,740	110,502	121,335		
Imports.....short tons..	21,842	18,750	14,433	17,725	13,512	12,851	23,136	14,652	15,656	14,394	27,024	21,776	31,305	
Production.....short tons..		96,920	87,638	102,197	121,103	136,858	136,438	116,311	95,937	107,208	110,578	102,957	96,465	
Stocks, end of month.....short tons..		82,260	91,434	103,975	115,235	111,832	93,131	73,606	68,460	69,346	75,498	74,660	82,205	

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PUBLIC UTILITIES—Continued													
Locomotives													
In bad order, end of month—													
Awaiting classified repairs													
Number	6,485	6,310	6,173	5,913	5,038	5,910	5,958	5,967	5,734	5,522	5,216	5,102	4,936
Ratio to total locomotives													
Per cent	12.0	11.7	11.4	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.4	10.0	9.5	9.2	8.9
Installed	61	51	95	66	114	94	67	77	86	80	92	95	127
New orders	0	1	6	3	2	151	7	8	8	2	60	4	7
Retired	139	113	122	108	201	182	151	161	128	182	390	268	206
Owned, end of month—													
Quantity	54,889	54,957	55,020	55,056	55,098	55,278	55,306	55,450	55,534	55,576	55,678	55,955	56,157
Tractive power	2,569	2,512	2,514	2,513	2,513	2,518	2,520	2,522	2,525	2,525	2,528	2,538	2,541
Shipments, manufacturers (Censns)—													
Total	9	4	13	13	19	26	15	10	15	16	49	43	50
Electric, domestic	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	5	5	6	7	6	2
Steam, domestic	8	4	2	11	19	26	12	5	10	10	37	37	48
Shipments, electric locomotives—													
Industrial (quarterly)	13				14			17			23		
Mining (quarterly)	37				82			60			76		
Unfilled orders (railroads), end of month—													
Of manufacturers	15	15	16	18	20	31	57	60	57	64	90	59	102
In railroad shops	4	12	13	14	16	20	24	26	29	30	30	33	37
Unfilled orders, manufacturers' (Census) —													
Total	112	120	74	86	95	58	80	95	103	91	104	63	132
Electric, domestic	105	105	55	55	54	0	0	2	7	12	18	25	31
Steam, domestic	7	14	18	20	30	47	69	81	85	78	86	63	96
Passenger cars—													
In railroad hands, end of quarter													
Number	50,958				51,136			51,459			51,644		
New orders	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	10	0
Shipments													
Total	21	0	8	2	13	38	37	24	30	33	8	67	73
Domestic	0	0	8	2	13	38	37	24	30	33	8	67	73
Unfilled orders, end of quarter					16		24		125		264		
Financial operations—													
Net operating income, thous. of dolls.	55,319	55,859	56,535	50,163	41,264	39,074	45,906	27,264	83,849	49,372	62,049	112,251	
Operating revenues—													
Canada		28,265	29,352	30,480	30,934	30,912	30,613	26,788	28,141	33,450	35,474	42,093	
United States													
Total	350,335	364,525	377,146	369,810	369,020	369,052	376,149	336,632	365,690	377,933	388,786	483,455	
Freight	270,239	250,103	290,348	281,261	283,161	283,711	291,289	257,521	277,014	280,909	311,412	385,684	
Passengers	44,737	49,183	50,272	50,957	46,981	47,272	47,150	46,455	53,349	55,443	48,710	52,368	
Operating expenses	258,223	269,463	280,127	280,145	288,067	290,618	291,552	272,116	294,082	297,606	299,301	326,286	
Net operating revenue, Canada													
Freight cars—													
Carloadings*													
Total	3,813	2,908	3,747	2,831	2,992	3,736	2,986	2,940	2,836	3,491	2,784	4,127	3,818
Coal and coke	755	516	617	452	455	611	456	555	584	617	638	852	753
Forest products	123	104	138	106	125	165	139	138	138	156	121	174	159
Grain and grain products													
Livestock	145	96	108	71	75	106	85	79	88	124	94	149	129
Ore	102	121	175	139	119	80	29	23	22	26	22	92	154
Merchandise, i.e., l. o. s.	1,081	841	1,069	830	876	1,007	899	886	842	997	820	1,133	966
Miscellaneous	1,415	1,031	1,413	1,113	1,192	1,496	1,206	1,105	997	1,175	946	1,546	1,514
Car surplus (daily average, last week of month)—													
Total	535,254	564,284	573,680	564,068	569,282	615,924	602,832	621,509	650,964	646,750	706,538	850,498	192,637
Box	290,369	293,424	302,887	288,414	306,443	306,319	282,315	298,837	324,938	326,577	380,603	304,160	130,705
Coal	185,442	209,765	206,240	211,044	224,120	238,504	251,679	252,825	253,515	240,292	251,358	213,752	126,935
Operation results—													
Freight carried 1 mile—													
Canada					1,626	1,770	2,207	2,178	2,136	2,104	1,951	2,016	2,239
United States					27,847	29,348	30,276	28,258	30,014	28,710	29,960	27,079	32,265
Passengers carried 1 mile, millions.						2,077	2,118	2,034	1,870	1,831	1,758	1,747	2,015
Receipts per ton-mile, cents.						1,041	1,051	1,029	1,054	1,093	1,074	1,049	1,052
FINANCE													
Agricultural Finances													
Loans outstanding, end of month:													
Federal land banks	1,171	1,174	1,178	1,179	1,182	1,184	1,185	1,187	1,187	1,187	1,187	1,188	1,189
Federal intermediate credit banks	124	130	133	137	137	131	138	138	128	128	130	132	136
Joint-stock land banks	540	545	548	551	532	536	540	548	550	553	567	560	560
Banking													
Acceptances and commercial paper:													
Bankers acceptances outstanding—													
Total	1,040	996	1,060	1,228	1,368	1,413	1,422	1,467	1,420	1,520	1,526	1,571	1,505
Held by Federal reserve banks—													
For own account	647	420	70	39	65	124	162	123	85	89	328	143	141
For account of foreign correspondents													
Held by group of accepting banks—													
Own bills	112	162	108	232	196	171	125	131	171	134	80	180	172
Bills bought	118	248	439	433	377	293	285	341	398	437	282	314	212
Held by others	63	66	185	278	379	444	441	430	417	417	767	570	
Commercial paper outstanding													
mill. of dolls.	210	243	271	239	232	305	307	311	315	327	355	448	485
Bank debits:													
Canada					2,451	2,244	2,400	2,604	3,172	2,736	2,570	2,535	2,668
New York City					20,678	20,073	17,501	21,007	25,813	25,072	26,821	27,589	20,948
Outside New York City					18,125	16,627	16,526	18,444	19,406	18,858	19,620	19,421	21,697
Outside New York City rel. to 1223-25					91.9	84.3	83.8	93.5	98.4	95.6	99.5	86.6	110.0

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	October	September	August	July	June	May	April	March	February	January	December	November	October
FINANCE—Continued													
Gold and Silver													
Gold:													
Domestic receipts at mint, fine ounces	123,748	128,928	115,343	118,123	114,651	95,133	93,612	85,091	87,717	94,476	109,907	113,430	152,648
Exports, thous. of dolls.	208,604	28,708	39	1,009	40	628	27	26	14	54	36	5,008	9,266
Earmarked for foreign account													
Imports, thous. of dolls.	60,967	249,269	57,539	20,512	63,887	50,253	49,543	25,671	16,156	34,426	137,695	127,536	120,410
Monetary stocks of U. S., daily average	4,447	4,948	4,975	4,958	4,865	4,767	4,711	4,682	4,656	4,622	4,583	4,553	4,520
Rand output, fine ounces	916,090	916,425	897,000	910,279	882,237	910,998	839,937	914,576	908,492	884,735	926,561		
Silver:													
Exports, thous. of dolls.	2,158	2,183	2,024	2,305	1,895	2,009	3,249	2,323	1,638	3,571	3,472	4,102	4,424
Imports, thous. of dolls.	2,499	2,355	2,685	2,663	2,364	2,636	2,439	1,821	1,877	2,896	2,660	2,652	3,270
Price at New York, dolls. per fine oz.	1,295	282	.275	.283	.273	.277	.253	.202	.268	.291	.326	.359	.358
Production—													
United States, thous. of fine oz.	2,211	2,101	2,419	2,176	2,433	2,762	2,831	3,528	3,187	3,480	3,713	3,738	3,816
Canada	2,117	1,403	1,610	2,133	731	1,836	1,139	1,431	1,772	1,932	2,043	1,412	2,291
Mexico			6,814	6,390	7,041	7,374	9,535	6,510	6,944	8,751	8,481	8,712	8,859
Stocks, end of month—													
United States, thous. of fine oz.	4,666	4,082	2,240	2,077	1,611	1,485	713	2,714	1,851	792	960	956	649
Canada	1,110	989	1,363	754	958	1,423	1,509	796	702	694	179	216	217
Net Corporation Profits													
Grand total, mills. of dolls.													
Total industrial and mercantile, mills. of dolls.					3 159				3 125			3 116	
Automobile parts and accessories, exclusive of tires, mills. of dolls.					3 65				3 30			3 10	
Food, mills. of dolls.					3 25				3 21			3 30	
Oil, mills. of dolls.					3 0				3 0			3 0	
Metals and mining, mills. of dolls.					3 3				3 4			3 4	
Machinery, mills. of dolls.					3 5				3 5			3 9	
Miscellaneous, mills. of dolls.					3 53				3 48			3 43	
Steel and railroad equipment, mills. of dolls.					3 0				3 8			3 16	
Class I railroads, mills. of dolls.					3 131				3 107			3 226	
Other public utilities, mills. of dolls.					3 78				3 81			3 94	
Telephones, mills. of dolls.					3 69				3 68			3 68	
Life Insurance													
(Association of Life Insurance Presidents)													
Admitted life insurance assets (40 cos.):													
Grand total, mills. of dolls.					16,070	15,978	15,871	15,760	15,662	15,573	15,474	15,392	15,293
Mortgage loans—					6,359	6,353	6,356	6,345	6,332	6,330	6,323	6,312	6,303
Total					1,533	1,535	1,537	1,541	1,544	1,547	1,555	1,555	1,564
Farm					4,826	4,818	4,819	4,804	4,788	4,783	4,788	4,757	4,749
All other													4,709
Bonds and stocks (book value):													
Government, mills. of dolls.					1,258	1,213	1,189	1,164	1,134	1,120	1,108	1,106	1,104
Public utility, mills. of dolls.					1,667	1,662	1,611	1,605	1,578	1,572	1,545	1,531	1,528
Railroad, mills. of dolls.					2,663	2,657	2,653	2,653	2,650	2,651	2,648	2,633	2,637
All other, mills. of dolls.					504	503	504	499	495	487	485	475	469
Total					6,092	6,035	5,990	5,927	5,804	5,836	5,813	5,762	5,747
Policy loans and premium notes, mills. of dolls.					2,409	2,388	2,363	2,331	2,300	2,273	2,241	2,212	2,169
Amount of new insurance (44 cos.):					41	37	46	46	81	72	62	104	78
Group, mills. of dolls.					214	199	247	253	251	236	247	209	214
Industrial, mills. of dolls.					563	484	547	606	673	672	691	596	753
Ordinary, mills. of dolls.					818	720	839	905	1,005	980	1,025	912	888
Total insurance, mills. of dolls.												1,112	861
Policies and certificates, new (44 cos.):													
Group, thous. of certificates.					18	22	26	22	45	35	59	28	35
Industrial, thous. of policies.					761	723	995	994	926	845	865	731	750
Ordinary, thous. of policies.					256	223	233	260	255	288	301	231	319
Total policies and certificates, thousands.					1,035	965	1,254	1,276	1,256	1,168	1,225	1,230	1,039
Premium collections (44 cos.): *													
Annuities, thous. of dolls.					10,125	9,019	9,304	17,979	13,868	25,175	12,682	11,919	12,430
Group, thous. of dolls.					7,484	7,521	7,895	8,114	8,117	8,037	8,398	8,790	8,748
Industrial, thous. of dolls.					58,365	55,319	62,874	55,612	60,654	59,884	53,854	62,920	56,388
Ordinary, thous. of dolls.					165,587	150,450	154,579	178,398	173,947	175,562	183,902	186,452	166,759
Total					241,561	222,309	234,652	260,103	256,586	268,658	258,926	270,081	244,325
Sales of ordinary life insurance (Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau):													
Canada, total, 15 cos., thous. of dolls.					36,006	30,066	35,738	30,977	46,227	41,314	45,648	46,945	40,180
United States, total, thous. of dolls.					509,855	535,353	580,497	634,902	734,614	724,206	754,002	770,440	647,140
Eastern manufacturing district, thous. of dolls.					258,245	221,440	242,920	267,378	321,403	313,038	327,077	343,745	289,757
Far western district, thous. of dolls.					61,492	56,553	60,607	63,112	70,226	68,663	70,943	73,579	60,094
Southern district, thous. of dolls.					64,470	61,076	69,047	73,714	84,055	81,955	82,930	77,628	64,009
Western agricultural district, thous. of dolls.					80,224	75,004	84,197	91,959	100,752	98,861	102,396	101,945	86,439
Western manufacturing district, thous. of dolls.					135,424	121,280	132,726	138,739	158,178	161,689	170,657	173,543	146,841
Ordinary life insurance, lapse rates (Life Insurance Research Bureau):													
United States, total, rel. to 1925-26						3 124							
East North Central, rel. to 1925-26						3 140							
East South Central, rel. to 1925-26						3 123							
Middle Atlantic, rel. to 1925-26						3 117							
Mountain, rel. to 1925-26						3 140							
New England, rel. to 1925-26						3 113							
Pacific, rel. to 1925-26						3 105							
South Atlantic, rel. to 1925-26						3 116							
West North Central, rel. to 1925-26						3 107							
West South Central, rel. to 1925-26						3 120							
						3 122							

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

Earlier data for items shown here may be found in the 1931 Annual Supplement to the Survey	1931											1930		
	October	Septem-	August	July	June	May	April	March	Febru-	January	Decem-	Novem-	October	
FINANCE—Continued														
Public Finance														
Customs receipts.....thous. of dolls.	35,175	35,500	38,240	34,480	28,986	27,463	31,798	31,807	28,107	28,808	30,764	36,365	39,319	
Expenditures chargeable to ordinary receipts.....thous. of dolls.	416,472	356,630	323,838	330,661	375,153	285,892	432,366	720,236	191,425	413,796	364,540	244,651	375,214	
Government deficit, gross, end of month.....mill. of dolls.	17,292	17,321	16,864	16,802	16,801	16,527	16,655	16,583	16,231	16,163	16,026	16,185	16,180	
Total ordinary receipts.....thous. of dolls.	134,619	368,792	122,141	131,706	512,894	124,405	148,208	433,301	118,614	125,605	717,092	120,362	147,813	
United States money in circulation.....mill. of dolls.	5,478	5,133	4,947	4,836	4,750	4,679	4,647	4,590	4,598	4,605	4,823	4,528	4,501	
Stockholders														
American Telephone & Telegraph Co.:														
Domestic.....number	3605,885				595,322				574,905			560,424		
Foreign.....number	6,870				6,735				6,333			6,184		
Pennsylvania R. R. Co.:														
Domestic.....number	3241,391				240,734				235,300			233,414		
Foreign.....number	3,284				3,291				3,272			3,190		
U. S. Steel Corporation (common stock):														
Domestic.....number	3166,316				153,718				147,440			143,221		
Foreign.....number	32,701				2,520				2,451			2,345		
Shares held by brokers.....p. ct. of total	13.16				14.37				15.68			16.20		
Stocks and Bonds														
Bonds														
Bond prices:														
Combined price														
index.....p. ct. of par, 4% bond	65.06	72.24	77.05	80.99	79.07	80.48	80.86	82.29	82.06	81.98	78.96	81.10	82.49	
Highest-grade rails.....p. ct. of par, 4% bond	84.35	92.70	95.14	97.70	97.73	97.68	96.11	96.31	98.41	96.59	92.89	94.63	95.85	
Industrial.....p. ct. of par, 4% bond	55.48	61.60	65.82	67.75	64.36	66.70	68.15	70.83	70.72	70.98	68.61	70.53	71.63	
Public utility.....p. ct. of par, 4% bond	71.93	78.40	82.81	83.68	82.76	80.91	80.06	79.59	79.00	78.14	75.54	77.32	78.92	
Second-grade rails.....p. ct. of par, 4% bond	56.49	64.11	70.76	80.34	78.51	82.54	84.03	86.58	86.39	86.54	82.78	85.85	87.49	
Bond prices, 1st of following month:														
50 domestic bonds.....p. ct. of par	92.96	96.32	99.98	100.38	100.25	99.89	100.12	100.15	100.27	99.57	99.54	99.68	100.08	
40 representative issues.....p. ct. of par	56.10	53.98	71.02	72.32	83.84	81.01	85.30	88.03	86.67	84.56	81.53	84.05	86.08	
5 Liberty bonds.....p. ct. of par	100.37	103.76	106.04	106.09	106.30	106.84	105.77	105.37	104.85	104.23	105.53	106.41	106.06	
Bond yields:														
Industrial (15).....per cent	6.21	5.64	5.26	5.13	5.25	5.24	5.10	4.98	5.01	4.99	5.12	4.97	4.89	
Liberty and Treasury bonds.....per cent	3.71	3.42	3.34	3.32	3.30	3.31	3.38	3.39	3.40	3.33	3.34	3.32	3.34	
Municipal (15).....per cent	4.51	4.00	3.88	3.88	3.76	3.75	3.80	3.89	3.95	3.92	4.05	4.00	3.94	
Municipal bond yield (20).....per cent	4.34	4.06	3.85	3.86	3.84	3.74	3.85	3.90	4.03	4.05	4.12	4.06	3.99	
Railroads (15).....per cent	5.14	4.66	4.47	4.32	4.27	4.33	4.27	4.27	4.27	4.25	4.41	4.32	4.25	
U. S. Treasury notes and certificates,														
3-6 mos.....per cent	1.70	.45	.42	.41	.55	.88	1.49	1.38	1.06	1.24	1.48	1.40	1.74	
Utilities (15).....per cent	4.77	4.50	4.40	4.42	4.46	4.44	4.46	4.48	4.48	4.56	4.61	4.57	4.53	
Total, 60 high grade.....per cent	5.16	4.70	4.50	4.44	4.43	4.43	4.43	4.41	4.44	4.43	4.55	4.46	4.41	
Long-term real estate bonds issued:														
Grand total.....thous. of dolls.	9,125	66,785	2,100	775	3,425	9,485	7,235	2,015	3,590	4,520	29,877	9,965	6,635	
Interest rates.....per cent	5.00	5.80	5.76	5.78	5.69	5.43	5.68	5.66	5.36	5.81	5.75	5.74	5.61	
Kind of structure—														
Apartment.....thous. of dolls.	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	110	175	
Hotels.....thous. of dolls.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Offices and commercial.....thous. of dolls.	9,125	66,445	1,085	175	2,700	8,650	4,400	1,475	2,000	1,200	28,972	9,300	3,050	
Purpose of issue—														
Acquisitions and improvements.....thous. of dolls.	0	0	0	0	0	265	0	210	0	1,250	850	0	2,000	
Finance construction.....thous. of dolls.	500	395	565	600	1,000	0	1,700	1,000	1,500	2,850	530	1,595	1,210	
Real-estate mortgage.....thous. of dolls.	8,625	66,090	635	0	425	9,220	3,135	630	1,090	0	27,945	5,120	1,975	
Stocks														
Stock prices, average daily closing:														
25 industrials, average....dolls. per share	146.65	156.80	190.59	193.83	198.56	193.75	215.74	237.52	235.29	214.18	212.34	227.80	240.49	
25 industrials, average....rel. to 1923-25	117.2	125.3	152.3	154.9	158.6	154.8	172.4	189.8	188.0	171.1	169.6	181.8	191.1	
25 railroads, average....dolls. per share	44.72	46.44	57.87	64.88	68.09	65.89	74.97	84.55	92.03	90.38	82.00	90.23	97.30	
25 railroads, average....rel. to 1923-25	63.9	66.4	82.7	92.8	97.4	94.2	107.2	120.9	131.6	129.2	117.2	129.0	139.1	
103 stocks, average....dolls. per share	23.85	22.90	32.48	33.35	35.81	31.39	36.38	40.49	44.00	40.69	38.09	42.12	43.44	
Stock prices, average weekly closing:														
All groups (404).....rel. to 1926	69.7	81.7	95.5	98.2	95.1	98.0	109.2	121.6	119.8	112.3	109.4	116.7	127.6	
All railroads (33).....rel. to 1926	48.4	56.1	66.2	75.3	74.0	76.8	87.3	97.2	104.7	100.4	93.5	102.1	110.9	
All utilities (34).....rel. to 1926	111.9	131.9	154.0	157.5	153.0	156.4	169.8	188.9	177.9	163.4	157.9	167.4	187.0	
Industrials, rails and utilities (337).....rel. to 1926	64.8	75.8	88.5	89.8	86.5	89.4	100.3	111.8	110.3	103.4	101.9	108.5	117.8	
Agricultural implements (4).....rel. to 1926	80.1	94.0	115.0	130.7	129.2	140.3	150.5	178.6	174.0	161.7	169.7	195.8	211.7	
Airplanes (10).....rel. to 1926	121.5	158.1	194.1	196.3	189.7	202.3	227.6	268.2	237.3	202.5	177.0	214.9	269.6	
Automobiles and trucks (13).....rel. to 1926	70.4	84.7	103.4	104.9	101.2	110.0	117.4	128.6	120.4	106.2	100.3	101.2	108.0	
Automobile tires and rubber goods (7).....rel. to 1926	31.3	41.1	49.1	50.2	46.7	46.4	50.0	57.5	54.4	50.6	54.9	56.0	52.5	
Chain stores (17).....rel. to 1926	69.7	80.0	91.6	88.2	88.5	88.8	86.2	89.9	86.4	78.4	78.1	81.7	88.1	
Copper and brass (9).....rel. to 1926	43.0	50.0	61.0	65.8	62.0	66.7	79.4	95.7	90.8	82.1	79.9	90.8	92.6	
Food, other than meat (20).....rel. to 1926	84.3	96.7	112.0	112.2	111.9	117.7	127.1	136.9	133.2	127.2	123.0	126.4	133.5	
Machinery and machine equipment (10).....rel. to 1926	59.3	71.6	84.2	88.0	83.4	88.7	109.4	125.1	125.8	120.4	116.9	120.3	134.4	
Oil producing and refining (16).....rel. to 1926	53.1	60.0	69.9	67.4	63.1	63.2	74.1	84.5	90.7	89.1	87.8	96.9	106.4	
Railroad equipment (9).....rel. to 1926	41.2	46.4	54.5	57.2	54.6	57.1	67.5	78.2	77.4	74.1	72.9	76.8	82.0	
Rayon (5).....rel. to 1926	42.6	45.9	48.4	48.9	48.6	48.6	52.6	51.5	52.2	53.8	58.2	67.9	64.6	
Steel and iron (9).....rel. to 1926	41.7	54.8	65.2	71.8	68.2	72.1	86.1	102.9	101.2	89.8	91.6	99.5	115.4	
Textiles (30).....rel. to 1926	35.9	40.4	44.7	45.8	45.0	47.4	52.2	58.2	55.3	52.5	51.0	54.9	58.2	
Theaters, motion pictures and amusements (7).....rel. to 1926	28.3	37.9	43.4	44.5	44.6	44.3	61.3	76.1	80.2	69.4	66.7	77.7	87.8	
Tobacco and tobacco products (10).....rel. to 1926	104.7	117.5	136.9	141.0	133.5	137.3	144.3	143.8	137.4	131.5	125.6	129.2	136.8	
Traction, motor transportation (9).....rel. to 1926	43.6	51.1	59.8	62.7	63.2	60.8	61.9	67.1	66.3	63.1	63.3	67.9	72.3	

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

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	October	Septem- ber	August	July	June	May	April	March	Febru- ary	January	Decem- ber	Novem- ber	October
FINANCE—Continued													
Stocks and Bonds—Continued													
Stocks—Continued													
Stock sales, N. Y. Stock Exchange:—thous. of shares..	47,895	51,140	24,890	33,540	58,719	46,661	54,335	65,494	64,145	52,543	58,764	51,946	65,497
Stock yields:													
Preferred high-grade industrial (20).....per cent.	6.40	6.03	5.80	5.77	5.85	5.71	5.59	5.54	5.61	5.66	5.77	5.62	5.52
Total common (90).....per cent.	7.28	6.51	5.74	5.66	5.96	5.95	5.43	4.95	5.12	5.50	5.62	5.43	5.05
Industrials (50).....per cent.	7.49	6.63	5.94	5.89	6.26	6.23	5.89	5.17	5.35	5.73	5.79	5.69	5.39
Public utilities (20).....per cent.	5.74	5.11	4.36	4.33	4.47	4.42	4.04	3.60	3.89	4.26	4.37	4.16	3.61
Railroads (20).....per cent.	10.07	9.59	8.15	7.54	7.70	7.91	7.12	6.75	6.29	6.56	7.05	6.46	5.95
New Security Issues													
Bond sales, Canada:													
Total.....thous. of dollars..	431	51,073	1,923	7,133	62,240	666,840	57,994	44,958	39,834	109,864	45,839	69,553	156,873
Corporation.....thous. of dollars..	150	240	400	683	5,085	8,660	3,875	17,054	19,300	2,685	12,355	7,000	33,600
Dominion and provincial.....thous. of dollars..	0	0	0	5,000	33,650	650,141	25,764	8,057	8,000	35,444	7,714	60,000	112,404
Municipal.....thous. of dollars..	236	833	1,523	1,450	13,555	7,039	28,254	18,097	12,534	1,735	2,520	2,563	10,779
Railways.....thous. of dollars..	0	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70,000	24,250	0	0
Bond sales (U. S.):													
Corporation—													
Total.....thous. of dollars..	17,891	176,284	51,997	155,934	252,918	250,599	456,073	401,229	88,226	580,706	187,644	141,855	213,795
Class of industry—													
Industrial.....thous. of dollars..	2,160	4,550	9,197	15,439	6,350	4,850	95,932	82,400	2,925	69,173	21,849	10,562	44,695
Land and building.....thous. of dollars..	9,625	67,009	2,650	1,651	3,813	10,415	7,577	3,765	6,405	8,021	30,002	15,365	8,740
Oil.....thous. of dollars..	0	0	400	0	5,000	2,000	4,940	2,043	0	1,500	0	4,250	35,750
Public utilities.....thous. of dollars..	2,070	42,070	27,456	133,800	220,416	210,025	305,661	101,393	64,266	324,108	116,778	89,738	104,612
Railroads.....thous. of dollars..	0	60,000	12,293	0	16,113	22,500	6,000	200,018	12,000	175,004	14,250	7,600	5,000
Shipping and miscellaneous.....thous. of dollars..	4,196	2,625	0	2,044	1,226	800	35,568	11,600	2,630	2,900	4,725	14,340	15,058
Purpose of issue—													
New capital.....thous. of dollars..	17,301	156,231	16,197	115,070	131,343	109,360	287,471	260,030	74,251	399,848	180,872	137,622	151,148
Refunding.....thous. of dollars..	500	19,823	5,890	40,864	121,575	81,230	189,207	132,199	13,975	180,858	6,772	4,233	62,647
Type of security—													
Bonds and notes.....thous. of dollars..	14,285	163,330	39,855	153,814	247,034	190,665	354,969	391,758	61,460	535,404	114,135	123,417	183,659
Stocks.....thous. of dollars..	3,606	12,865	12,162	2,120	5,884	60,525	161,709	9,471	26,768	45,302	73,559	18,438	39,136
Bond sales on N. Y. Stock Exchange:													
Miscellaneous.....thous. of dollars..	290,822	267,323	191,035	219,615	252,585	221,256	215,631	238,298	174,535	247,308	250,707	182,906	264,557
Liberty—Treasury.....thous. of dollars..	53,137	38,493	8,675	8,284	15,167	14,431	12,127	8,723	19,911	16,809	15,055	8,610	7,773
Total.....thous. of dollars..	343,979	305,816	192,719	227,899	267,752	235,657	227,783	247,021	194,446	284,117	265,762	189,548	272,139
Foreign governments.....thous. of dollars..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,500
Foreign loans in the United States.....thous. of dollars..	0	23,602	0	1,900	38,800	69,184	44,303	13,791	8,707	95,657	22,377	5,662	163,545
States and municipalities:													
Permanent loans.....thous. of dollars..	15,650	121,382	275,813	91,327	120,336	189,022	111,395	279,413	119,589	49,977	97,703	93,982	158,380
Temporary loans.....thous. of dollars..	49,684	102,129	291,522	45,602	30,892	24,735	198,598	264,979	238,436	81,897	76,531	80,422	81,222

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EXPLANATORY

The Survey of Current Business is designed to present each month a picture of the business situation by setting forth the principal facts regarding the various lines of trade and industry. The figures are very largely those already in existence. The chief function of the Survey is to bring together those data which, if available at all, are scattered in hundreds of different publications. A portion of these data are collected by Government departments, other figures are compiled by technical journals, and still others are reported by trade associations. The Survey of Current Business computes the indexes on total stocks, new orders, agricultural marketings, crop marketings, and unfilled orders based on available data.

SOURCES OF DATA

The sources and inclusiveness of the data appearing in the table "Monthly Business Statistics" will be found noted in the 1931 Annual Supplement to the Survey of Current Business, and the sources of the weekly data are given on page 4 of the February 5, 1931, issue of the Weekly Supplement to the Survey of Current Business.

HISTORICAL DATA

Monthly data on all the various series carried in the Monthly Survey will be found in the 1931 Annual Supplement to the Survey, running back seven years and in some cases eight years. Data previous to that included in the 1931 Annual Supplement will be found in the monthly Surveys prior to 1924.

RELATIVE AND INDEX NUMBERS

To facilitate comparison between different important items and to chart series expressed in different units, relative numbers (often called "index numbers," a term referring more particularly to a special kind of numbers described below) have been calculated. The monthly average for 1923-1925 has usually been used as a base equal to 100.

The relative numbers are computed by allowing the monthly average for the base year to equal 100. If the movement for the current month is greater than the base, the relative number will be greater than 100, and vice versa. The difference between 100 and the relative number will give at once the per cent increase

or decrease compared with the base period. Thus, a relative number of 115 means an increase of 15 per cent over the base period, while a relative number of 80 means a decrease of 20 per cent from the base.

Relative numbers may also be used to calculate the approximate percentage increase or decrease in a movement from one period to the next. Thus, if a relative number for one month is 120 and for a later month is 144, there has been an increase of 20 per cent.

When two or more series of relative numbers are combined by a system of weightings, the resulting series is denominated an index number. The index number, by combining many relative numbers, is designed to show the trend of an entire group of industries, or for the country as a whole, instead of for the single commodity or industry which the relative number covers. Comparisons with the base year or with other periods are made in the same manner as in the case of relative numbers.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENTS TO INDEXES

Seasonal variations are found in most series of economic statistics for which monthly values are obtainable. Consumption and production of commodities, interest rates, bank clearings, railroad freight traffic, and many other types of data are marked by seasonal swings repeated with minor variations year after year. These, in so far as they exist at all, are definitely periodic in character, with a constant 12-month period. In cases where an adjustment is noted for a series carried in the Survey, the index has been corrected for number of working or business days in the various months and then adjusted for seasonal variation. The index figures thereby become comparable throughout the series.

METHODS OF USE

Methods of using and interpreting current business statistics have been collected by the Department of Commerce from many business concerns and are described in a booklet entitled "How to Use Current Business Statistics," together with methods of collecting statistics. This booklet may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at 15 cents per copy.

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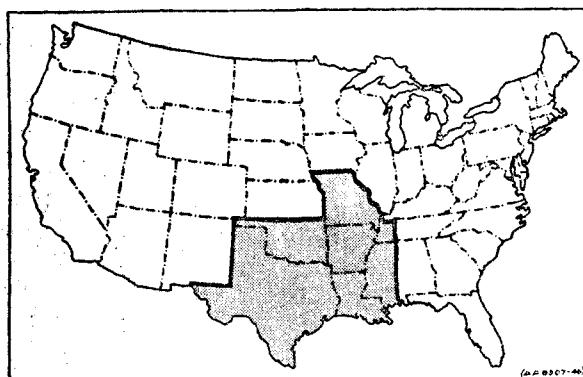
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