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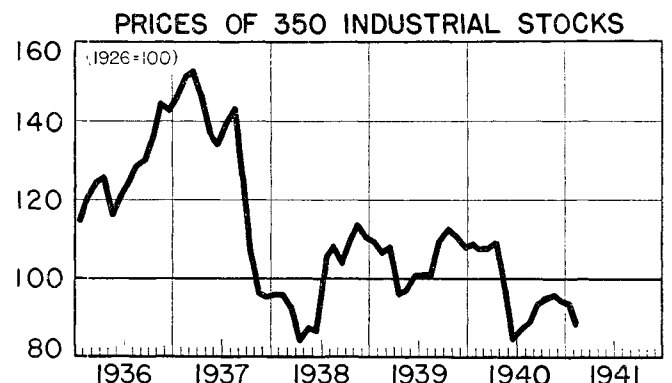
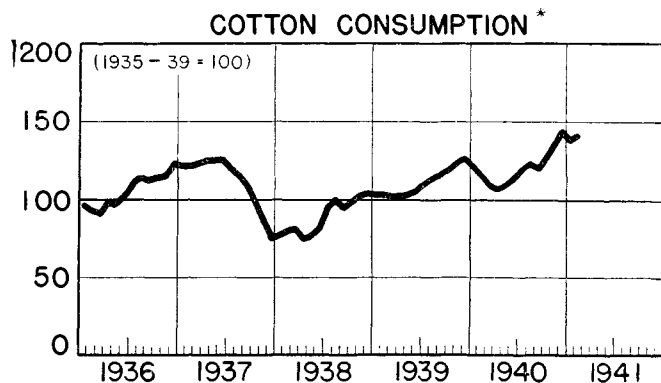
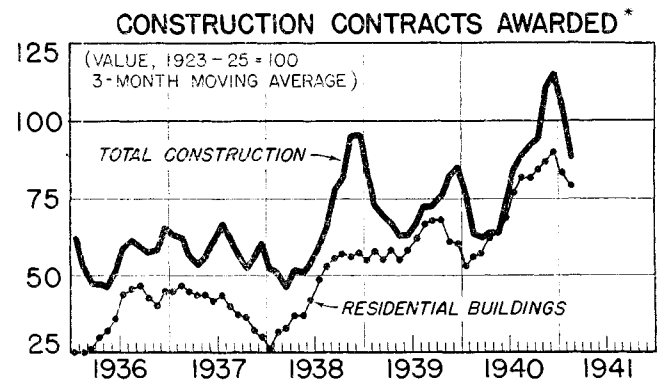
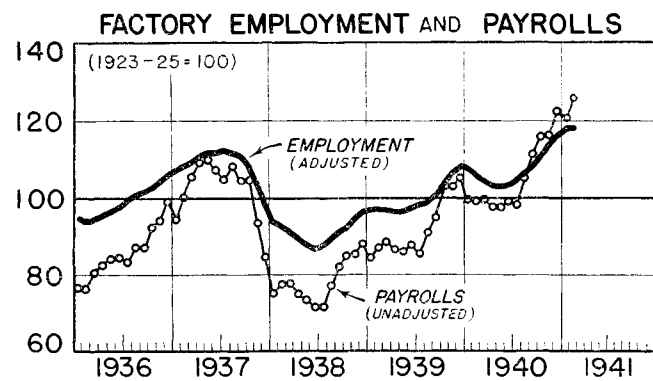
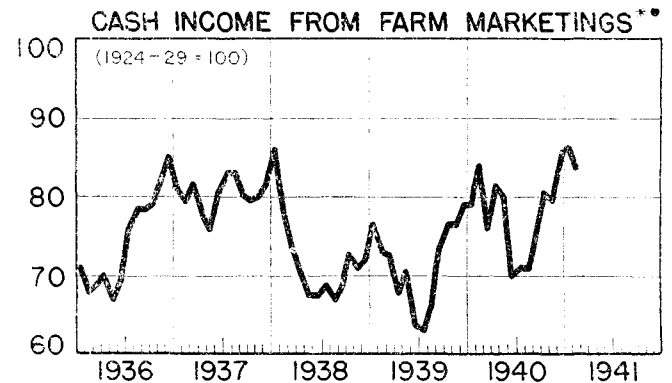
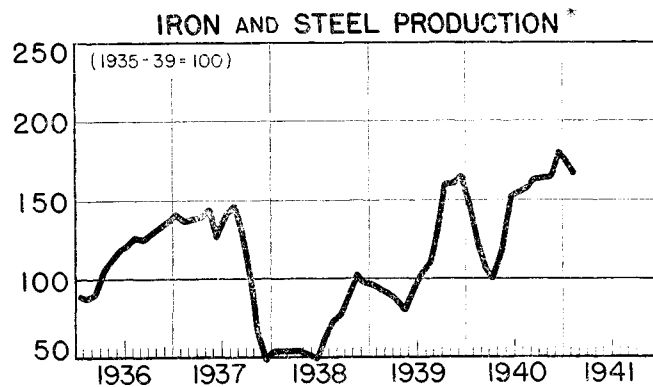
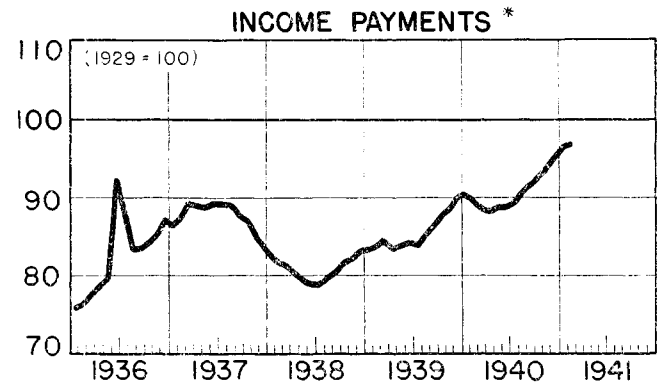
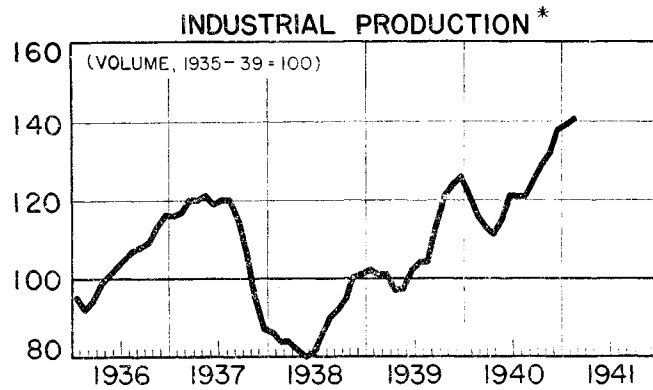
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# Monthly Business Indicators, 1936-41



\* ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS

\* EXCLUSIVE OF GOVERNMENTAL PAYMENTS

Figure 1.

# The Business Situation

**B**USINESS activity continued to move ahead in March under the forced draft provided by the defense program. Notwithstanding the growing tightness of supply in many sectors of the economy, the rate of expansion was substantial, considering the high level of operations already attained in recent months. Industrial output again advanced to a new all-time high, with growing output in defense industries making a significant contribution to the rise. Construction activity also increased under impetus from heavy plant and residential building demand. Electric power output and freight loadings were higher on an adjusted basis, reflecting industrial gains and, in the case of car-loadings, an unusually large movement of coal and ore. Retail trade reports indicated the maintenance of exceedingly favorable sales volumes, although heavy income-tax payments apparently limited the month's gains.

No development of the month contained more far-reaching implications for business than passage of the Lease-Lend Act, which increased defense appropriations and contract authorizations thus far made in fiscal year 1941 to \$29,900,000,000. With the addition of other bills pending, and existing British orders, the defense program now anticipated through fiscal year 1942 was announced to total more than \$40,000,000,000. Of course, such a sum may exceed what will actually be expended in this period, for ability to spend rests upon the power to produce. Nevertheless, output of defense material is moving up rapidly, March Army and Navy expenditure being about \$728,000,000 as compared to \$576,000,000 in February and \$153,000,000 last June. With the use of lend-lease funds, new construction of Government-owned manufacturing facilities for defense will be expanded another 38 percent at a cost of \$752,000,000; so an eventual output of defense material costing \$1,500,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000 monthly may be expected. The magnitude of this investment is demonstrated by comparison with the gross investment in the peak year 1929 on durable goods, both producer and consumer, of approximately \$2,100,000,000 monthly.

Despite the fact that defense output in the present phase of the program is still relatively small, evidence of increasing supply difficulties accumulated during the month. These were reflected in the sharpest increase in sensitive commodity prices since September 1939 (discussed in the article on price developments on page 8 of this issue) and in the broadening of controls found necessary by defense authorities. During March the complete allocation of aluminum

was undertaken; a priorities critical list containing 218 items was made public; plans were formulated for obtaining information on inventories of various metals held by both producers and consumers; maximum prices were issued for aluminum and zinc scrap and remelt; a new labor mediation board was established; and special divisions of the Office of Production Management were created to organize adequate supplies of skilled labor and to direct conservation, reclamation, and substitution of raw materials.

### Heavier Shipments and Orders in February.

The tight supply position in many markets was partly responsible for a continued rise in the volume of new orders placed with manufacturers during Feb-

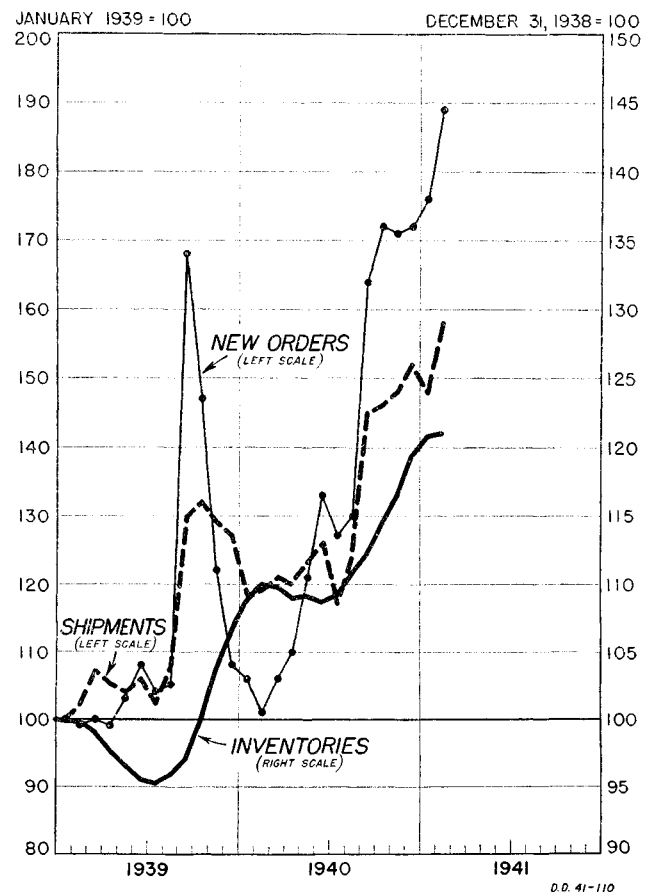


Figure 2.—Indexes of the Value of Manufacturers' New Orders, Shipments, and Inventories, 1939-41 (U. S. Department of Commerce).

NOTE.—The right scale (inventories) is double that for the left scale (new orders and shipments). The two scales were used to take into account the difference in dollar volume represented by the index numbers.

bruary, buyers seeking to assure delivery many months hence. Particularly was this true of machinery and iron and steel, both of which contributed heavily to a 6-percent advance in the Department of Commerce

new orders index, leaving the month's new business 84 percent above that of a year ago.

Accompanying this further expansion of new orders was a sharp rise of about 7 percent in February shipments of manufactured goods. Part of the larger movement was seasonal, especially in such consumers' goods as textiles and foods. However, shipment of defense materials was also in much heavier volume as iron and steel and their products, transportation equipment (including aircraft and some ordnance material), and all types of machinery advanced. Despite this expansion, however, shipments failed to match incoming business for the tenth consecutive month and order backlogs of durable goods increased a further 11 percent.

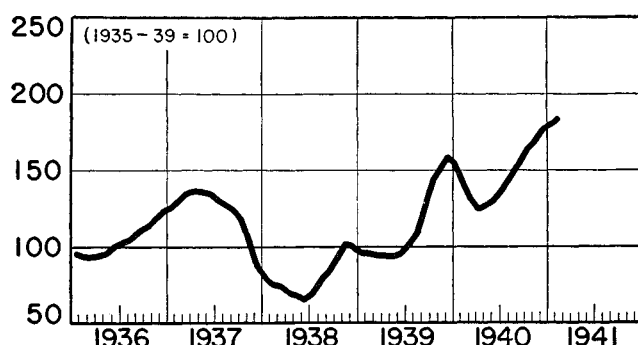


Figure 3.—Index of Production of Nonferrous Metals and Products, Adjusted for Seasonal Variations, 1936-41 (Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System).

The heavier movement of goods took on added meaning inasmuch as manufacturers' inventories showed little increase. For some time, forward buying and expanding productive activity have bolstered shipments through inducing intramanufacturer deliveries of semifinished goods for inventory. Now, however, goods in general are moving into distribution and consumption channels on a substantially larger scale.

The February accumulation of inventory by manufacturers was approximately \$50,000,000, a considerable decline from the average addition of \$200,000,000 monthly over the past half year. Some consumers' industries reduced inventories, but such declines were mostly of a seasonal nature. Accumulation continued chiefly in such expanding industries as machinery, transport, equipment, and aircraft. In most other durables, inventories were unchanged, reflecting in some measure the increasing difficulty in obtaining materials in excess of immediate production needs.

#### Further Production Gain.

The huge demand now in existence was met by another increase in output during March. Industries directly concerned with defense production—machinery, aircraft, shipbuilding, and railroad equipment (which includes large ordnance activity)—have recently moved ahead rapidly with completion of new facilities and were primarily responsible for the February advance in the Federal Reserve's adjusted index to 141. Activity

in these lines rose again during March, and though the usual seasonal increase in many other lines was not possible, expansion of output in the aggregate continued at about the same rate as in the previous month.

In the metal industries, where most gains are limited to the introduction of new capacity, activity is expanding little. Steel output in March was 7,146,000 tons, the largest in history, but a smaller advance than is usual. Activity climbed to a peak of 99.8 percent of capacity during the month, the highest operating rate since May 1929. Output of most nonferrous metals also rose somewhat, but the increase on a daily-average basis was small. Substantial addition to aluminum producing plant, where the tightest supply situation is now to be found, is not expected until late in the second quarter. Lumber and paper outputs were heavier, though the former, starting from an already high level, failed to realize the usual rise of about 10 percent. In contrast to the March expansion in past years, the automobile industry ended a record quarter with production of approximately 500,000 units, little changed from the previous month.

The coal industry furnished the most substantial expansion in March, as fear of interrupted shipments during labor negotiations led to widespread consumer stocking and an output gain of 8 percent, though production usually declines very sharply. This gain contributed markedly to producing a weekly average of 763,580 freight loadings, 22 percent above a year ago, and the heaviest for any like month since 1930. Though

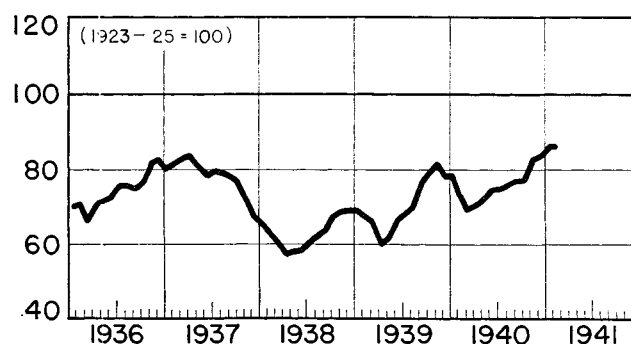


Figure 4.—Index of Total Freight Car Loadings, Adjusted for Seasonal Variations, 1936-41 (Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System).

movement of industrial freight rose less than usual, it remained in large volume as compared with other recent years. Ore shipments were the heaviest on record for March, while coke loadings were the highest since the record-breaking totals of early 1926.

#### Advance in Construction.

Sustained by large contract backlogs and heavy current awards, construction activity advanced with better weather conditions in March. Further improvement on a seasonally adjusted basis is expected over the next quarter, increasing private construction awards offsetting some recent decline in public contracts.

In respect to public construction, the major part of the cantonment program had been contracted for by the end of December, and awards for more than two-thirds of the \$1,900,000,000 defense plant and equipment expansion had been made by March. Contracts of the latter type as reported by the Office of Production Management were reduced to \$125,000,000 in February from the \$358,000,000 high of the previous month. However, a resumption of the advance in this area is expected soon, as the lend-lease appropriation includes \$752,000,000 for manufacturing facilities and still more funds for shipyards will undoubtedly be forthcoming.

Meanwhile private awards, which now comprise about two-thirds of the total, have been raised by increased need for defense plant and an advancing demand for housing. Issuance of "certificates of necessity," which are sought before contracts are let aggregated \$351,000,000 in March, as compared with \$298,000,000 in February and \$192,000,000 in the preceding month.

In the residential construction area, contracts reported by the F. W. Dodge Corporation for 37 States in February were \$116,000,000, 55 percent above a year ago and the largest for any February since 1929, and a further increase was evident in March. Much of the current activity is for private account, public residential awards in February being only \$23,000,000, less than half of the monthly volume in the final quarter

of 1940 when the cantonment program was expanding rapidly.

**Smaller Rise in Income and Employment.**

Notwithstanding wide gains in business activity, the February increase in employment and income after adjustment for seasonal influences was somewhat smaller than in other recent months. Civil nonagricultural employment increased by 265,000 workers to a total of 36,584,000. This represented a gain of 2,200,000 over February 1940, making nonagricultural employment the largest on record for the month.

Though factory employment made the most substantial advance in the aggregate, its rise only slightly exceeded the usual seasonal, a small increase in the adjusted index for durable goods employment counteracting a decline in that for nondurables and raising the total index from 118.3 to 118.4. Defense industries scored the heaviest rise. Changes in other durable lines were less marked, and employment was reduced in a few, including agricultural machinery, lumber, and building materials.

Construction and trade, fields less hampered by capacity problems, experienced contraseasonal gains during February. As indicated above, activity on Federal projects was responsible for a major part of the expansion in the construction area, an unusually large number of employees having been engaged on these projects throughout the entire winter.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS INDEXES**

Year and month	Monthly income payments, adjusted <sup>1</sup>			Factory employment and pay rolls		Cash farm income <sup>2</sup>		Industrial production, adjusted <sup>1</sup>			Freight-car loadings, adjusted <sup>1</sup>		Retail sales, value, adjusted <sup>1</sup>		Foreign trade, value, adjusted <sup>1</sup>		Construction contracts, all types, value, adjusted <sup>1</sup>	Bank debits, outside New York City	Wholesale price index, 813 commodities
	Combined index	Salaries and wages	Nonagricultural income	Number of employees, adjusted <sup>1</sup>	Amount of pay rolls, unadjusted <sup>1</sup>	Unadjusted	Adjusted <sup>1</sup>	Combined index	Manufactures	Minerals	Combined index	Merchandise, less-than-carlot	Department stores	New passenger automobiles	Exports	Imports			
	Monthly average, 1929=100			Monthly average, 1923-25=100		Monthly average, 1924-29=100		Monthly average, 1935-39=100			Monthly average, 1923-25=100		1929-31=100		Monthly average, 1923-25=100			Monthly average, 1926=100	
1929: February	99.2	90.2	98.8	105.0	110.8			108	108	110	109	104	110	136.5	128	116	118	124.1	95.4
1932: February	66.8	66.0	69.6	71.4	55.4			63	62	69	60	78	79	44.0	45	41	27	65.2	66.3
1933: February	54.6	53.4	56.8	65.0	41.4			57	55	60	52	66	62	33.0	29	26	19	52.7	59.8
1937: February	87.4	85.4	87.1	108.4	100.1	57.5	79.5	117	119	109	82	68	95	139.5	67	87	62	89.4	86.3
1938: February	81.5	79.9	81.6	92.4	77.7	54.0	78.5	84	82	98	62	88	74.0	76	51	51	74.2	79.8	
1939: February	83.7	84.1	84.6	96.8	87.1	52.5	73.0	101	101	102	67	62	88	96.0	63	49	73	77.1	76.9
1940:																			
January	90.3	88.2	90.2	107.6	99.8	69.0	79.0	122	123	118	78	62	92	125.8	96	74	75	101.3	79.4
February	89.7	87.5	89.6	105.8	99.3	60.5	84.0	116	116	114	73	61	90	130.8	100	63	63	87.9	78.7
March	88.4	87.0	89.3	104.0	99.8	60.0	76.0	113	112	117	69	60	89	112.5	91	60	62	99.0	78.4
April	88.2	86.2	88.7	102.8	97.9	62.5	81.5	111	110	119	70	59	89	112.5	90	61	64	97.6	78.6
May	88.6	87.3	89.8	102.8	97.8	66.0	80.0	115	114	117	72	60	89	104.1	91	64	64	99.7	78.4
June	88.7	87.9	90.7	103.9	99.5	62.5	70.0	121	122	118	75	60	91	122.7	104	69	74	95.6	77.5
July	89.3	88.8	91.1	105.1	98.2	75.0	71.0	121	121	120	75	61	92	119.5	95	78	85	97.6	77.7
August	90.5	90.4	92.3	107.4	105.5	79.0	71.0	121	122	114	76	61	98	120.2	100	71	90	92.8	77.4
September	91.7	91.5	93.0	108.9	111.6	95.0	75.5	125	127	116	77	61	97	118.7	74	63	93	92.6	78.0
October	92.5	92.2	93.4	111.4	116.2	117.0	80.5	129	131	113	77	62	94	133.4	74	63	95	108.3	78.7
November	93.6	93.9	94.7	114.2	116.4	96.5	79.5	132	135	117	83	62	100	128.6	75	69	111	105.5	79.6
December	95.8	97.0	96.9	116.6	122.4	86.0	85.5	138	142	118	84	63	101	121.6	80	79	115	123.3	80.0
1941:																			
January	96.6	97.8	97.3	118.3	120.7	74.5	86.5	139	143	118	86	63	101	154.3	84	70	103	114.0	80.8
February	96.8	98.7	97.8	118.4	126.4	61.0	83.5	141	145	118	86	65	103		88	73	88	98.6	80.6

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted for seasonal variations.

<sup>2</sup> From farm marketings.

Though heavier income payments accompanied the employment gains in February, the total advance was cut by reduced income from farm marketings, payments rising to an annual rate of \$79,500,000,000. The payroll increase of 5 percent was largely responsible for the rise in the adjusted index of income payments from 96.6 in January to 96.8 in February. On the other hand, the adjusted index of cash income from farm marketings fell 3 points to 83.5 in February. However, this decline is not significant. Withholding of corn from Government loan, which now is available until October (as contrasted with a time limit of April 1 last year), and reduced marketing of tobacco, both contributed to a smaller crop income. Income from the marketing of livestock continued high. Livestock prices have advanced substantially since the year-end, averaging 27 percent above the first 3 months a year ago and 16 percent above the final quarter of 1940. This reflects expanding demand and a relatively fixed supply over the short period.

These varying movements in price and marketing of different commodities have about canceled each other in their influence on the aggregate farm income, the \$1,383,000,000 (including Government payments) for the first 2 months this year equaling the \$1,386,000,000 realized in the same period of 1940. Over the next year increased foreign demand is expected to enhance farm income, the result of a lend-lease appropriation of \$1,350,000,000 for "agricultural, industrial, and other commodities." British agricultural needs appear to be greatest for meats, dairy products, and certain feeds; grains being in more adequate supply on the whole.

#### Consumer Buying Continues High.

Consumer buying maintained its high level of recent months during March, though large tax payments limited gains to about the usual seasonal. These heavy March sales followed purchasing in February which was the best in more than a decade, when measured on a seasonally adjusted basis. At that time, the adjusted index of department-store sales advanced to 102, and stood 14 percent above the like month in 1940. Similarly, rural merchandise stores and variety stores reported increased sales volumes over the year previous of 14 percent and 10 percent, respectively—new records in each instance.

Through March 26, \$1,200,000,000 was received by the Treasury in income taxes, about three-fourths more than was paid last year or in 1937. Such a large sum, which probably included payments by close to 8 million individuals, undoubtedly had some effect on sales volumes. Nevertheless, purchases remained very high, and notwithstanding inclusion of the Easter season last

year in the month of March, department-store sales in the 4 weeks ending March 22 were 2 percent above those in the like period a year ago, about equal to the February level after adjustment for seasonal influence.

Though purchases have been heavy in almost all lines, as is usually the case in times of rising income, sales of durables have expanded more than nondurables. Automobile dealers sold approximately 420,000 new units in February, a record for the month, and business in March continued in the same good volume. Buying

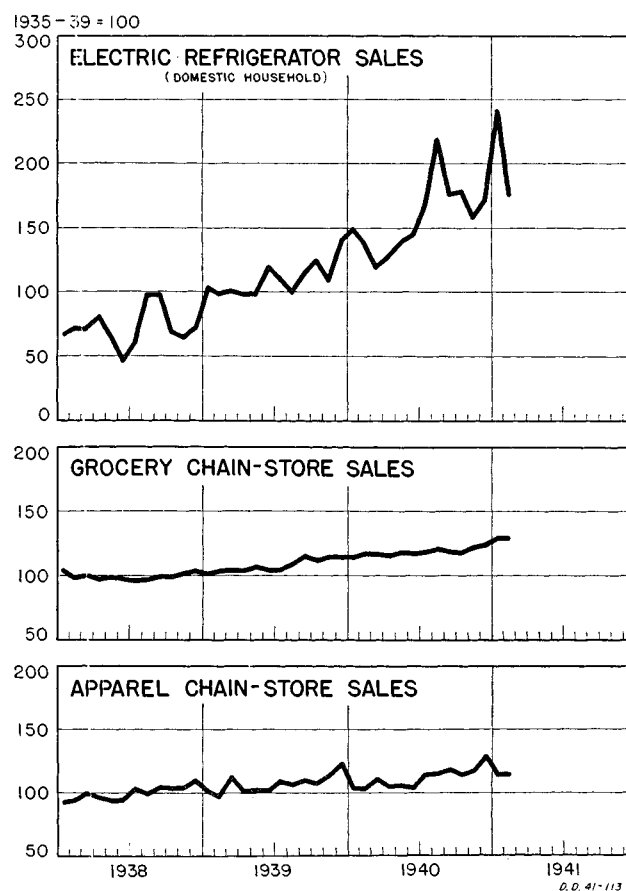


Figure 5.—Indexes of Selected Consumer Purchases, Adjusted for Seasonal Variations, 1938-41.

of household furnishings has also been large, an illustration of which is given in figure 5, showing the seasonally adjusted movement of refrigerator sales. Shown also are sales of chain apparel shops and chain grocery stores, which have been advancing less rapidly, but were 12 percent and 10 percent, respectively, higher in February than a year ago.

#### Report on 1940 Profits.

Record business in 1940 produced a large advance in profits, despite a substantial increase in taxes. Available returns from corporations in all industries, with adjustments include estimates for small as well as



large corporations, indicate that earnings rose about 22 percent over those of 1939 to the highest total since 1929. The largest gains relative to 1939 were achieved in the first three quarters. Notwithstanding a higher level of activity, fourth-quarter results only approximated the comparatively high totals in the final months of 1939, primarily because of increased taxes and special reserves set up by some companies.

Since a substantial part of railroad costs remain fixed, rising business brought the largest proportional gain to that industry. Railway net income rose 101 percent from \$95,000,000 in 1939 to \$191,000,000 in 1940. Power and gas corporations, experiencing a more moderate rise in activity, increased earnings about 3 percent. The bulk of the corporate advance was contributed by the manufacturing and mining industries, with net profit increases of about 27 percent.

The profit record of leading industrial corporations is charted in figure 6. Earnings generally receded in the forepart of the year, then failed to turn up with industrial activity in the third quarter when provision was made for increased taxes retroactive to the first two quarters. However, returns mounted sharply in October-December to approximate the high level of the fourth 1939 quarter. It should be kept in mind that earnings of leading corporations are not representative of returns of all industrial corporations. The two differ as to the relative importance of various industries and in the fact that all industrial corporations include a larger proportion of small corporations whose comparative profit showing is different from that of large corporations.

Among the leading industrial corporations, producers of durable goods reported the heaviest increase in net income during 1940. Iron and steel earnings, for example, nearly doubled, and machinery companies had an advance of more than 50 percent. Other sizable gains occurred in aircraft, electrical equipment, railway equipment, nonferrous metals, lumber, agricultural implements, automobiles and accessories, and household furnishings. With the notable exceptions of textiles and paper products the nondurable industries made less striking increases, and some showed lower earnings than in 1939.

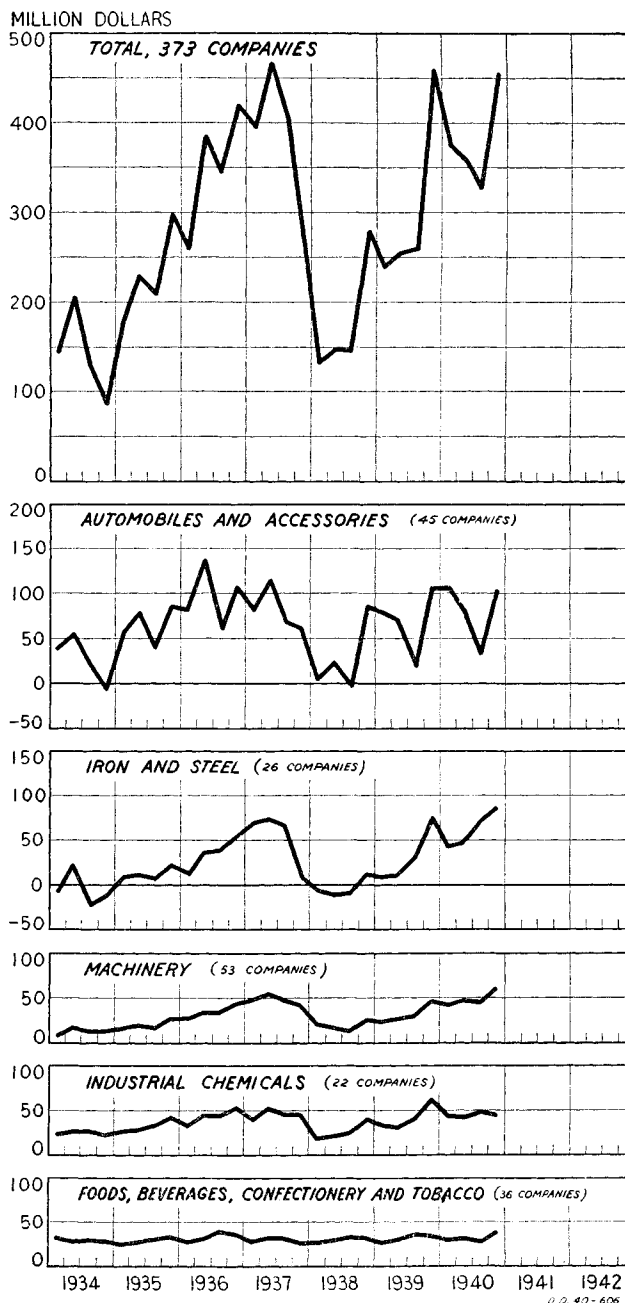


Figure 6.—Quarterly Profits of Large Industrial Corporations, 1934-40 (Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System).

NOTE.—The companies included in these series are, for the most part, large companies in the durable-goods industries, consequently the series are not representative of small corporations.

# Recent Price Developments

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**C**ONTINUING a trend that began last August, many commodity prices moved upward during the first quarter of this year. Although large increases over last fall have been mainly confined to basic commodities, advances among processed and fabricated goods were increasingly numerous and in many instances substantial. Prices of all commodities other than farm products and foods, as reported by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, were only 4 percent higher by the end of March than in mid-August of last year, but prices of many commodities, especially those affected by the procurement needs of the armed forces, were higher by a much wider margin.

Wholesale lumber prices generally were about 20 percent higher, woolen and worsted goods 12 percent, cotton goods 23 percent, leather about 7 percent; and prices of a number of specific items among these groups were up in a much greater degree. With some exceptions, such as the specific lumber prices that advanced most sharply last fall and that have declined to some extent, the tendency among these prices since the first of the year has been to hold their large increases of preceding months or to continue upward. Among food prices at wholesale, meats were higher by about 10 percent.

Notable advances have occurred recently in many other lines, including clothing, furniture, housefurnishings, refrigerators, kitchen utensils and small appliances, hardware, and office supplies. Discounts and other concessions formerly available have been reduced or eliminated from the terms of sale in many price areas, thus contributing to the rise in effective prices.

Wholesale price increases began filtering down into retail lines some time ago, notably in clothing, furniture, refrigerators, and other items just mentioned. Men's clothing, including overalls and work shirts, was one of the first to be affected, with repeated small increases since last fall. This movement was more than offset in January and February by cut-price sales of women's wear, so the clothing component of the cost-of-living index for goods purchased by wage earners and lower-salaried workers fell slightly in those months. (See fig. 7.)

Nevertheless, because of increases in practically all other items the combined cost-of-living index advanced slightly in February. This gain was particularly noteworthy among food prices, beef prices declining somewhat but pork advancing sharply. A seasonal drop in egg prices also occurred, but prices of most other foods increased. Notwithstanding a definitely upward tendency, the 2-percent rise in the cost of living from

June 1939 to February 1940, although substantial for this indicator, was small in comparison, for example, with the advance of almost 7 percent from April 1936 to September 1937. Though living costs were higher in February than at any time since the middle of 1938, they still were about 3.5 percent below September 1937.

Considering the pace of industrial activity and current emphasis on speed in production and delivery, the rise of wholesale commodity prices has also been, in general, moderate. (In considering individual prices,

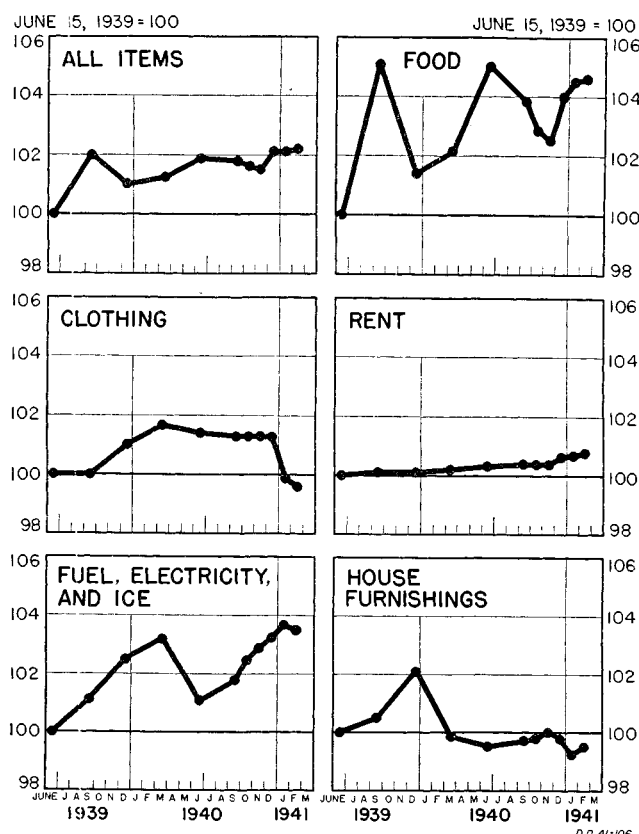


Figure 7.—Indexes of Cost of Living, 1939-41.

NOTE.—The indexes have been recomputed, with June 15, 1939, as base, from the indexes of cost of goods purchased by wage earners and lower salaried workers published by the U. S. Department of Labor. Data plotted are for the 15th of the last month in each quarter through September 1940 and for the 15th of each month thereafter. The index of "all items" includes a miscellaneous group not shown separately in this chart.

however, it should be remembered that a great reduction of overhead costs per unit of output has occurred in many industries where output has risen to capacity or near-capacity levels.) At the end of March the "all commodity" index was still 7 percent below the highest point reached in 1937. Even the index for commodities other than farm products and foods, which excludes the groups that fell furthest from 1937 to 1939, had not quite equaled its highest mark for 1937. Nor has the

increase since August 1940 been at an exceptionally rapid rate except for particular prices or groups of prices, especially imported raw materials and certain finished items in heavy demand by the Army and Navy.

It should, none the less, be stressed that the over-all tendency is an upward movement, and that price increases are appearing more and more frequently. Quoted prices fail to reflect the full extent of these increases, not only because of the elimination of various price concessions but also because of premium payments for quick delivery. The extent of these practices is not known, but they are probably common in cases where operations would have to be stopped or seriously curtailed if supplies of an essential item were not obtained.

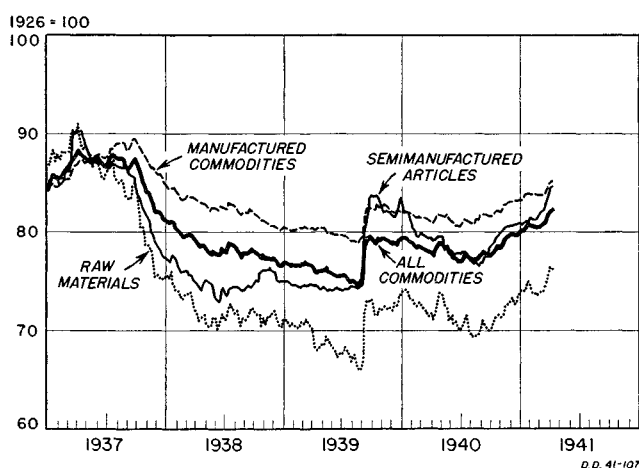


Figure 8.—Weekly Indexes of Wholesale Prices, January 2, 1937-March 22, 1941 (U. S. Department of Labor).

#### The Character of the Price Rise to Date.

The net movement of commodity prices since the war broke out in September 1939 has not been that of a roughly proportionate rise in all prices, but rather a lifting of those sensitive prices which in the 2-year period immediately preceding the outbreak of war had been depressed most. Since many quoted prices fell relatively little or not at all in this period, and have changed but slightly since August 1939, the tendency of the price increases since the latter date has been to reduce the dispersion of prices that resulted from their relative movements after the middle of 1937. This tendency is reflected in a somewhat greater relative rise in prices of raw materials than in those of manufactured goods, as evidenced in figure 8, both for the net movement since August 1939 and for the period of sustained increase since August 1940. Figure 9, in which are shown the net changes in the prices of representative individual commodities between selected weeks in 1937 and 1939, and 1939 and 1941, provides an even better indication of this tendency. For example, this figure shows that the price of No. 3 yellow corn dropped about 68 percent from the week of May 8, 1937, to the week of August 19, 1939. From the latter

date to the recent week of March 15 the price rose 43 percent, this general movement being typical of most agricultural items and of a small number of basic industrial materials. On the other hand, prices of finished steel, cement, plate glass, and sulfuric acid, which changed not at all or only in comparatively slight degree in the first period, likewise advanced little or not at all after the outbreak of war.

Price behavior of the type demonstrated is nothing new. It is the rule rather than the exception for prices of raw materials to fluctuate more widely than those of semimanufactured goods, and for the latter to fluctuate more than prices of manufactured goods. The fact should be stressed, moreover, that the price advance which has occurred is one that is not unexpected, given partially unutilized resources at the outset, tending to limit price increases, but given also such factors as a tremendous increase in the demand for goods, an urgent need for quick delivery, and a marked shift in the character of goods demanded. Cessation or delay of export and import trade has tended to depress some prices or limit their advance, while contributing to the rise of other prices.

To this list of conditioning circumstances must also be added a wide recognition of the need for maintaining as stable a price structure as possible. The Price Stabilization Division of the National Defense Advisory Commission, which is charged with the task of preventing unnecessary or unjustified price increases, has had some success in this direction. In instances where the demand is obviously greater than the supply likely to be available in the near term, attempts have been made to control the price while the basic shortage of supply is being corrected. However, the activities of the Price Stabilization Division have been largely confined to the situations that have been most acute, and the net result of all the influences at work has been a tendency toward at least a slight strengthening of prices over a wide area of the economy.

#### Basic Commodity Prices.

The familiarly sensitive prices of leading basic commodities have experienced the most substantial rise for any diverse group. Over the 7 months from August 19 to the end of March the Bureau of Labor Statistics' basic commodity price index scored a net increase of 28 percent. (See fig. 10.) Although the import component of this index rose more than the domestic, with almost half its advance of 37 percent occurring after the middle of February, the domestic items in the index rose about 22 percent on the average.

The fact that all import prices in the index were significantly and in most cases substantially higher in the latter part of March than in mid-August of last year suggests the importance of such general factors as increased consumption, forward buying and higher shipping rates. As shown in an article on page 13 of

this issue, the shipping situation has become increasingly tight, with a number of increases in cargo rates and further increases expected after April 1. For example, the rate on freight space from the north side of Cuba for April shipment of raw sugar moved up from 40 to 45 and in some cases 50 cents per 100 pounds during the latter part of March, compared with 25 to 30 cents earlier this year. Despite a quota increase of about 3½ percent announced on March 19, both raw and refined prices held in the next few days and advanced subsequently. The rise in freight rate alone does not account for the full extent of the increase in raw or refined sugar prices, but the upward trend in transportation charges, as well as fear of interrupted shipments, has led to heavy forward buying by refiners and large consuming interests, and this in turn has exerted pressure on prices. Similar conditions have operated in the markets for other import commodities.

Among the domestic items included in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' index of basic commodity prices, cotton print cloth scored one of the largest relative increases, and domestic nonferrous metals and some steel scrap quotations were up by 10 percent or more over last August. Agricultural prices have advanced substantially, the daily index being nearly 20 percent higher at the end of March than in mid-August. Wheat at Kansas City rose over 30 percent from mid-August to mid-November, but declined in January. On the

other hand, livestock prices advanced sharply in December and January, especially with a decline of hog marketings in the latter month. Prices of all leading agricultural commodities moved up again during March under the influence of a number of factors. Raw cotton prices reflected the new record levels of mill consumption of raw cotton, while wheat prices advanced with announcement of an 8-percent decline (as compared with last year) in spring wheat acreage intended for planting, proposed reductions in next season's winter wheat acreage, and expectations of an increased loan on this season's crop. Cotton also advanced further on news of proposals for a higher loan, and cottonseed oil prices late in March were at their highest levels in several years. For many commodities, including foodstuffs, passage of the Lease-Lend Act stimulated the prospects for foreign sales as well as the outlook for domestic consumption.

Except for some increase in lead, prices of the basic domestic nonferrous metals refined from new ore have been unchanged since the end of September. The problem of nonferrous metal prices has centered around the secondary markets—scrap materials and refined output from scrap. For months the demand for all these metals has been such that primary producers have been unable to supply buyers with all they would take at the stable prices that have been maintained, hence buying pressure has been transferred to the secondary

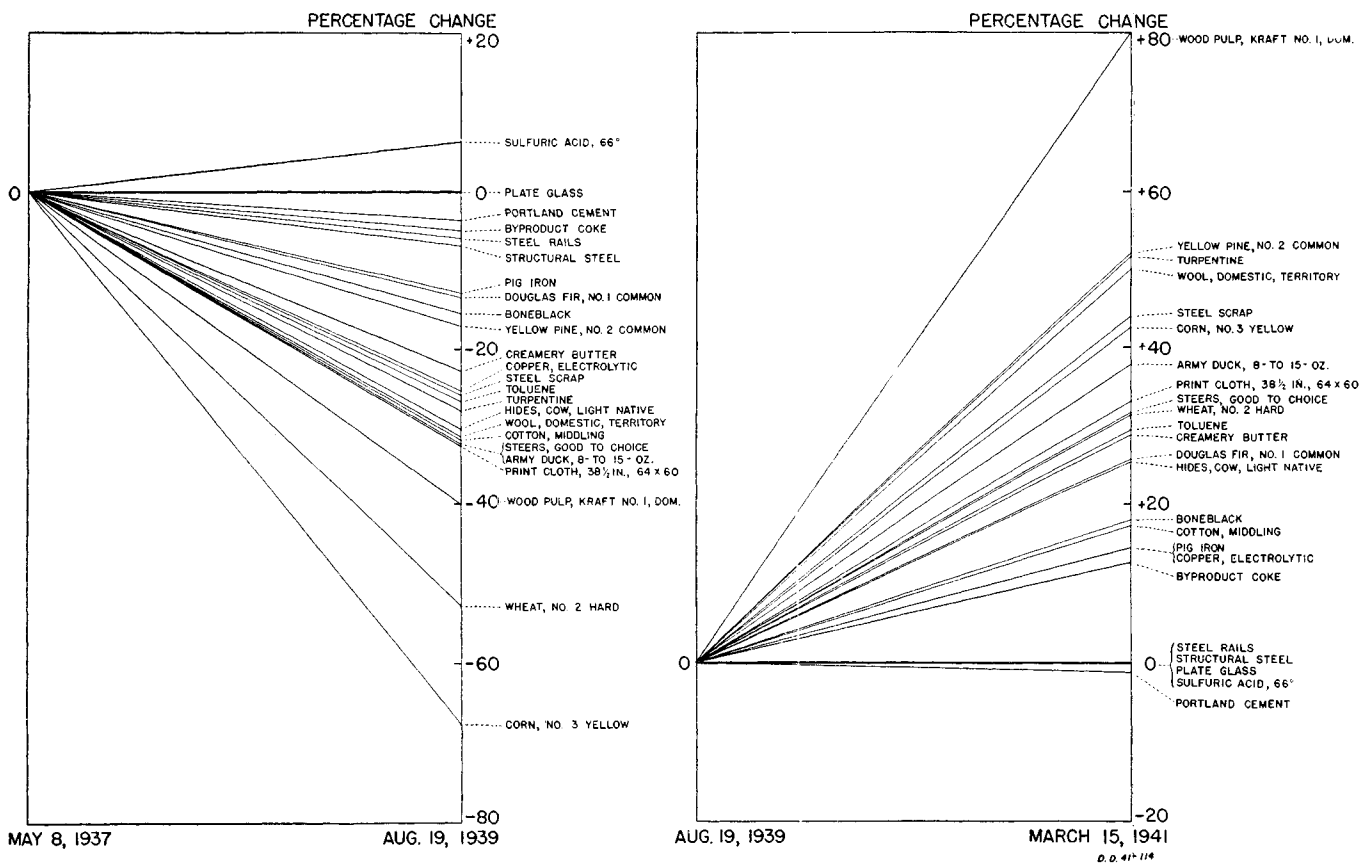


Figure 9.—Percentage Changes in Wholesale Prices of Selected Commodities, May 8, 1937–August 19, 1939, and August 19, 1939–March 15, 1941.

NOTE.—Computed from data compiled by the U. S. Department of Labor.

markets with resulting price increases and speculative holding of supplies. The size of these markets—that is, the large number of sellers of scrap metal—renders the problem of controlling speculation difficult. Conditions during the first quarter of this year were such that not only the prices of metal refined from scrap but, in some instances, the prices of scrap itself (mainly the better grades) were above the refined prices of primary producers. A series of warnings by the Price Stabilization Division of the Defense Commission to scrap-metal dealers was followed on March 23 by an

metals the picture is therefore one of substantial and sustained advance over a period of more than 7 months. Not only the fact that the index of basic commodity prices has surpassed the peak reached in September 1939, but also the fact that the recent movement has persisted for so long a time (in contrast with the sudden rise when war broke out), is significant to the outlook for commodity prices generally. Although industrial purchasers of basic materials may in many instances still have on hand supplies purchased prior to the current advance in sensitive prices, prices of processed and fabricated articles are likely to reflect increasingly the fact that such supplies can usually be replenished only at the higher levels now prevailing.

#### Other Commodity Prices.

As noted above, the prices of goods other than basic materials have not been immune to the pressures operating in recent months. Prices of semimanufactured and manufactured goods were 10 percent and 4 percent higher, respectively, at the end of March than in the middle of last August, about half each increase having occurred since the first of this year. Many of these prices, especially in the semimanufactured group, are almost as volatile as those of raw commodities, either because raw materials themselves constitute an important part of total production costs, because the industry is highly competitive, or for other reasons.

Some of the most important procurement items of the armed forces have been among the processed or fabricated commodities whose prices have advanced most since last August. These include lumber, wool goods—uniform cloth, blankets, socks, gloves—leather goods, selected cotton goods. Increases in individual lumber prices ranged up to 50 percent in such cases as that of Southern Pine, yellow, No. 2 common boards, quotations on which averaged \$21.86 per thousand board feet in July and \$33.01 in November, dropping to \$31.77, however, at the end of March. In many cases, particularly on the No. 3 grade, the prices actually paid in the peak buying period included substantial premiums over the quoted price. Despite recent declines in prices of low-grade construction lumber the Bureau of Labor Statistics' index of lumber prices dropped only 2 percent from the end of December to the end of March, owing to recent increases for many items that did not share the rise last fall. Thus the f. o. b. mill value of Southern hardwoods, No. 2 common and better, rose from \$33.28 per thousand board feet in November to \$35.48 in February.

Early in August the price paid for 452,000 pairs of Army service shoes purchased from one company was \$2.48 per pair, which was within a few cents of the lowest bids on announced requirements up to that point in 1940. Later that month orders were placed for 1,000,000 pairs at an average price of \$2.49. Further purchase of 2,397,000 pairs was made in October on a negotiated contract basis with an average price of \$2.83,

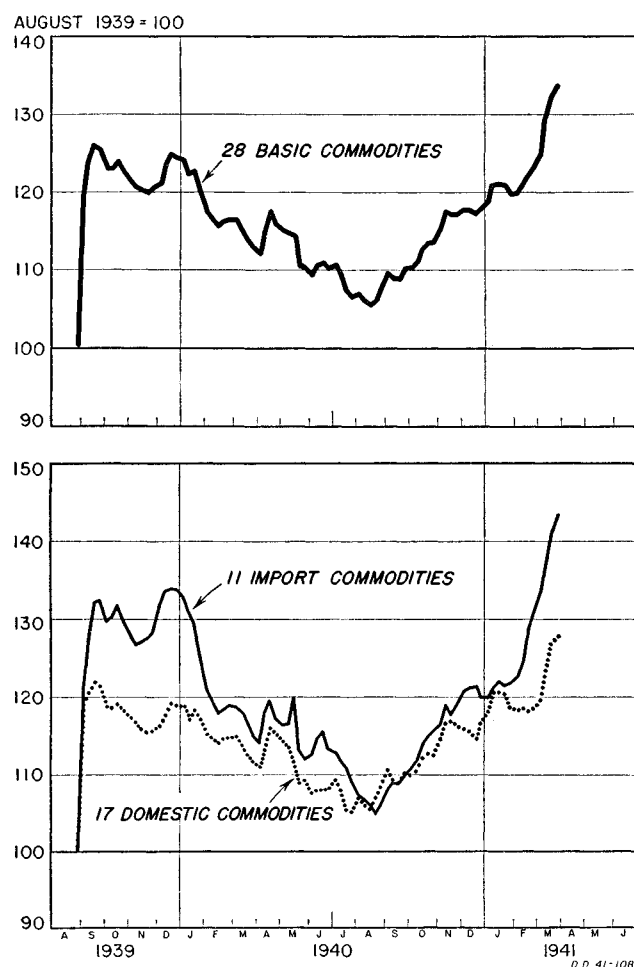


Figure 10.—Indexes of Daily Spot Market Prices, August 31, 1939–March 27, 1941 (U. S. Department of Labor).

NOTE.—Daily figures August 1939=100. Data plotted are for Thursday each week, unless a holiday falls on this day, in which case Wednesday prices are plotted.

order setting maximum prices for scrap aluminum and secondary aluminum ingots, and on March 31 by a similar order covering the secondary zinc markets. Both orders allowed a brief period for deliveries of secondary metal at prices higher than those stipulated in the new schedules, provided such deliveries were under the terms of contracts entered into prior to the date of the Defense Commission order, and provided such deliveries were made or accepted to enable the seller to avoid loss.

With respect to basic commodity prices other than those of primary producers of domestic nonferrous

and, in December, orders for 1,840,000 pairs, based on competitive bidding, brought an average price of \$3.32—an increase of 34 percent over the price paid at the beginning of August.

Total Army service-shoe purchasing of more than 7,000,000 pairs since last May (including 1,827,000 pairs purchased in February) comprised less than 2 percent of total shoe production in 1940 and only about 7 percent of the production of men's work and dress shoes. Factors in the price rise from July to December included advancing hide prices and some temporary scarcity of tanned leather of a grade that would meet Army specifications. With increased hide imports beginning late last year, and with reduced exports of sole leather in January, hide prices dropped. Nevertheless, about \$3.31 per pair was paid for service shoes in February, or roughly only 1 cent less per pair than in December. Civilian-shoe prices have recently shown strengthening tendencies, whereas cost increases last fall were offset to some extent in quality changes with little change in price.

Raw-wool, wool-tops, and finished wool-cloth prices have all advanced considerably since June of last year, when the program of heavy Army buying began. Domestic raw-wool prices rose about 20 percent last fall and have weakened only slightly since November when permission for manufacturers to use some foreign wools in meeting procurement orders was granted. The rise in prices of wool tops was more spectacular (about 35 percent from early June to late October, with further advances in the first 2 months of this year), owing to limited wool-combing capacity. Prices on fall lines of woolen goods were advanced sharply early this year, and there is some evidence that less than half these increases could be explained on the basis of higher raw-wool prices. Moreover, average hourly earnings in the woolen and worsted industry rose but 2 percent between August and January. Advancing cloth prices and wage increases now going into effect among both fabric and apparel companies will contribute to indicated retail-price increases of \$1.50 to \$5 on men's fall suits.

The rise of 23 percent in prices of all types of cotton goods since last August has already been noted. According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the average margin between the wholesale prices of 17 cloth constructions and the cost of cotton used (with an allowance for waste in manufacture and noncotton con-

tent of the cloth) rose 40 percent between August last and February of this year. During the same period the rate of cotton consumption increased 33 percent, and average hourly earnings rose only 2 percent. For most cotton-textile constructions, in contrast with the situation in wool, the volume of Government buying did not contribute greatly to the rise of prices.

In many cases the quick-delivery periods specified on Government orders, rather than cost increases, were said to be responsible for the upswing in prices. In view of the fact that substantial quantities of goods necessary in the initial stages of the military training program have already been obtained, and in view also of increased coordination of procurement, some price reduction in this area might logically be expected. Despite the justification for declines in some prices, however, the rapid acceleration of consumer buying is not conducive to changes in this direction.

Although the Iron Age composite price of finished steel is still only 1 percent higher than in August 1939, effective prices are higher to the extent that discounts and other concessions available to steel consumers in slack periods have been removed. Automobile prices were advanced about 5 percent last fall, but with minor exceptions have remained unchanged at the new levels. Prices of concrete building blocks rose about 16 percent from last August to late March. Paint and paint material prices rose only 4 percent, although turpentine increased much more sharply. Some chemical prices, notably those of essential oils and botanical drugs obtained chiefly from Continental Europe, have continued to advance. Scattered increases in the prices of other commodities, such as coke and paperboard, have also occurred.

Despite the number of commodity prices that have already advanced, there has not been the substantial rise in practically all prices that would result if the flow of total expenditures were materially to exceed the total volume of goods available at current prices. The present approach to price problems is largely that of individual rather than general price control. Because of the tendency for individual price increases to communicate themselves to other prices, and the tendency for price increases to stimulate demands for wage increases, successful control of individual prices obviously contributes to the avoidance of conditions under which general price control might become necessary.

# The American Shipping Situation

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**I**MPORTERS have experienced growing difficulty during recent weeks in obtaining shipping space for movement of goods into the United States. Agencies in Washington responsible for stockpiling of strategic and critical materials have had some trouble in promptly moving chrome, rubber, tungsten, copper, and other materials, while industrial consumers of wool, rubber, hides, sugar, and many other commodities have experienced similar concern. As yet these difficulties have not been serious in the sense that shipments have been completely interrupted; nevertheless, all the cargo space required has not been available.

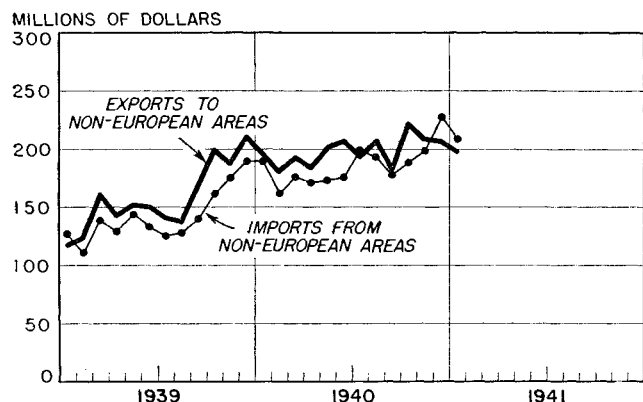


Figure 11.—Total Exports to and General Imports From Non-European Areas, 1939-41 (U. S. Department of Commerce).

Some indication that the increase in the demand for shipping facilities has exceeded expansion of the supply, is offered by an advance since the war in both time-charter and cargo freight rates. During August 1939, vessels could be chartered in areas outside of what now is the war zone for a monthly rate of \$1 to \$1.75 per ton. Today shipowners are obtaining as high as \$7 and \$8.25 a ton and the Maritime Commission is moving to stabilize rates. Cargo freight rates have also risen substantially, as shown in table 1, even though some of this rise is associated with increased costs. For example, fuel costs in general have advanced; war risk insurance is being carried on almost all vessels operating in other than coastal and nearby foreign waters; and payment of war risk bonuses has been added to higher wage rates for labor. Regardless of these increased costs, however, the expanding demand for shipping space furnished the major impetus for the rising level of freight rates.

## Growth of Imports and Change in Shipping Supply.

The increasingly tight position of shipping has been the result of both demand and supply developments.

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Consider the demand first. Imports into the United States are currently in the heaviest volume since early 1937. Moreover, a significant shift has occurred in the source and nature of our import trade. Today the Mediterranean region and most of the continent of Europe are closed to the United States and imports from the United Kingdom have declined, amounting to only \$33,900,000, or about 5 percent of the total, in the final quarter of 1940. Since the middle of 1939, the flow of goods from non-European areas has grown more than 50 percent, a fact shown clearly in figure 1. Exports to these areas have also expanded, but to a lesser degree, being smaller than imports in recent months. Finally, of considerable significance has been the change which has occurred in the make-up of our aggregate import total. In general, the proportion of total imports represented by the inward flow of bulky crude materials has increased, while that of finished goods has declined. Expansion of industrial activity and the stockpiling of strategic materials by the Government are currently bringing heavier supplies of crude materials into the country than at any other time since the twenties. These products generally require more shipping space than finished goods.

Table 1.—Employment of American Steam and Motor Merchant Vessels of 1,000 Gross Tons and Over in the Quarters Ended June 30, 1939 and Dec. 31, 1940 <sup>1</sup>

Service	[In gross tons]		Increase or decrease in gross tonnage, Dec. 31, 1940, from June 30, 1939
	June 30, 1939	Dec. 31, 1940	
Laid-up vessels, total.....	1,735,561	721,185	-1,014,376
Government ownership.....	770,188	371,523	-398,665
Private ownership.....	965,373	349,662	-615,711
Active in trade, total.....	6,392,212	6,505,808	+113,596
Foreign trade, total.....	2,094,212	2,434,408	+340,196
Europe.....	704,649	2,60,135	-644,514
Orient, Far East, and India.....	213,181	732,027	+518,846
Australasia.....	64,554	93,564	+29,010
Africa.....	81,747	247,461	+165,714
South America.....	319,515	484,624	+165,109
Nearby foreign <sup>2</sup> .....	532,562	631,916	+99,354
Foreign trading foreign <sup>3</sup> .....	75,880	12,148	-63,732
Around the world.....	102,124	172,533	+70,409
Coastwise trade, total.....	4,298,000	4,071,400	-226,600
Interoceanic.....	1,022,152	745,266	-276,886
Other than interoceanic.....	3,275,848	3,326,134	+50,286
Special service <sup>4</sup> .....	7,117	.....	.....
Government service <sup>5</sup> .....	.....	52,203	.....
Merchant fleet, grand total.....	8,134,890	7,279,196	-855,694

<sup>1</sup> Does not include lake or river tonnage.

<sup>2</sup> Portugal and Spain only.

<sup>3</sup> Includes Canada, Mexico, Central America, West Indies, and North Coast of South America to and including the Guianas.

<sup>4</sup> Ships engaged in operations in foreign ports.

<sup>5</sup> In custody of U. S. Coast Guard.

<sup>6</sup> Loaned to the War Department.

Source: United States Maritime Commission.

For many years the American Merchant Marine has been inadequate to handle our import needs. Following the World War, other nations built up the size and efficiency of their merchant fleets, but American shipbuilding languished. The proportion of our total commerce carried in American-flag vessels dropped steadily from 51 percent in 1921, to 41 percent in 1927, 35 percent in 1932, and to a low of 23 percent in 1939. However, in 1940 this trend was reversed, as explained below.

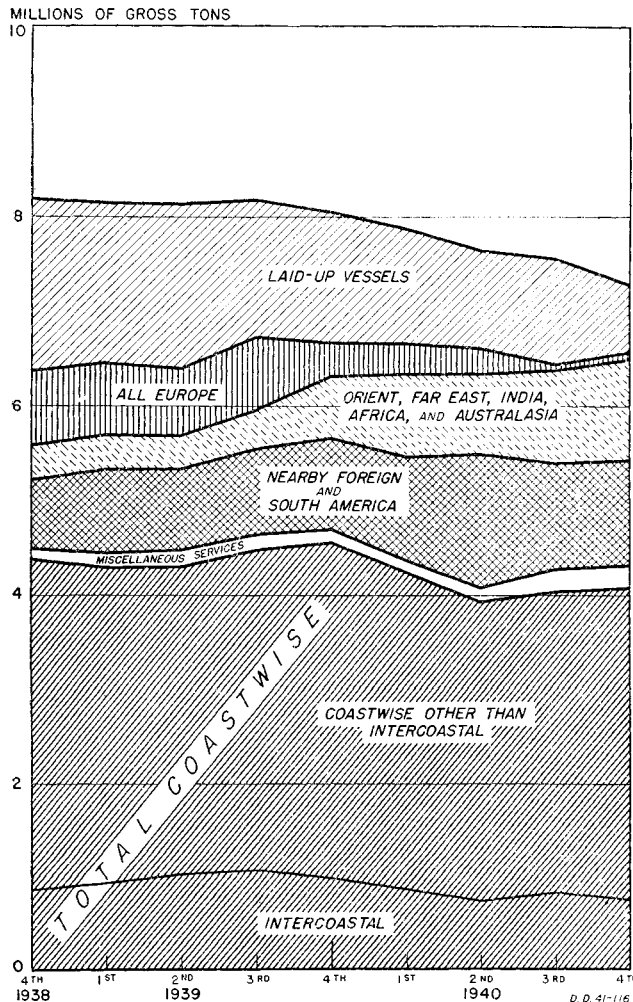


Figure 12.—American-Owned (Government and Private) Steam and Motor Merchant Vessels of 1,000 Gross Tons and Over Engaged in or Assigned to Ocean Trade in the Quarters Ended December 31, 1938–December 31, 1940 (U. S. Maritime Commission).

NOTE.—Data do not include lake or river tonnage. Vessels operating in two or more trade services are assigned to the service in which the largest portion of operation was performed during the three-month period. "Nearby foreign" includes Canada, Mexico, Central America, West Indies, and north coast South America to and including the Guianas. "Miscellaneous services" includes around the world, foreign trading foreign (ships engaged in operations between foreign ports), special service (in custody of U. S. Coast Guard), and Government service (loaned to War Department).

The shift in employment of American vessels since the middle of 1939 is shown in both figure 12 and table 1. The spread of war forced about 650,000 gross tons of American shipping—10 percent of the total active fleet—from European routes by the end of 1940. As our imports increased, ship lanes to the Orient, Far East, Africa, Australia, South America, and nearby

foreign countries not only absorbed this tonnage but attracted most of 275,000 gross tons yielded by inter-coastal routes.

While this radical shift in allocation increased the gross tonnage of American-flag vessels operating on non-European routes by 71 percent, it by no means freed the vital import trade over these routes from dependence on foreign shipping. In 1939 American ships moved less than one-third of the total goods from non-European countries into the United States.

The tonnage increase of 71 percent on these routes by the latter part of 1940 was offset by the 50 percent expansion in import volume. However, ships on the average are carrying larger cargoes today than in the pre-war period, much excess space then existing having been eliminated by the increased demand. On the other hand, the number of trips made by the average American vessel operating on non-European routes declined at least 15 percent, comparing the average for all vessels in 1940 with the average for 1939. This trend was largely due to the closing of the Suez Canal to American ships, forcing them to bring cargoes from South Asiatic ports over much longer routes.

On the basis of these facts, less than one-half of the total volume of imports appears to have been brought from non-European areas into this country by American vessels during the final quarter of 1940. This was a considerable increase from the 31 percent carried by American vessels in 1939. The share of American vessels carrying freight from South American and nearby foreign countries was much larger than in the Asiatic and African trade.

Evidence is not yet publicly available to show directly how the remaining shipping was divided among other nationalities in 1940. In 1939 vessels aggregating about 29,041,000 gross tons entered United States ports with cargoes from non-European areas (excluding the Great Lakes). In addition to American ships, over one-fourth of this tonnage was British and 12 percent Norwegian, while Japan and Panama contributed over 5 percent each, and Denmark and Holland together furnished another 5 percent. French, German, and Italian tonnage was all very small. British tonnage was especially heavy on routes to this country from other North American ports, Asia, and Africa, while Norwegian ships were most active in the South American, other North American, and Asiatic trade. Though the Ministry of Shipping of the United Kingdom has withdrawn a large number of British and Allied vessels from trade between the United States and non-European countries, it seems clear that a considerable amount of such tonnage must still be operating in these areas.

As a result of the spread of active warfare and an expansion in the movement of supplies from the United States under the lease-lend program, the British demand for shipping is increasing. On the other hand,



it is well known that losses by enemy action are exceeding new construction. Hence the United Kingdom will undoubtedly withdraw further tonnage operating between the United States and non-European countries. At the same time the United States need is becoming greater as the flow of strategic and critical materials into the country grows and construction activity upon many new naval bases in the Atlantic and Pacific proceeds.

**United States Reserve Tonnage About Exhausted.**

To meet its expanding demand for bottoms, the United States today has no appreciable reserve of laid-up tonnage, a sharp contrast to the pre-war situation when 1,700,000 tons were idle. In the intervening period, 1,500,000 tons have been transferred to foreign registry, more than half going to the United Kingdom or its Allies, and the remainder to neutral flags, particularly the Panamanian. In addition, the United States Army and Navy have acquired more than 50 vessels for auxiliary use.<sup>2</sup> Despite new construction of more than 600,000 tons, such shifts as these reduced the total American flag Merchant Fleet (active and inactive) by 856,000 tons from June 30, 1939 to December 31, 1940.

However, some further tonnage remains idle. This consists of the 560,000 gross tons of Danish, German, Italian, and French vessels now tied up in American ports, of which some 303,000 gross tons of Danish, German, and Italian shipping were recently placed in protective custody by the Federal Government. In addition, a few vessels may also be obtained from the coastwise trade. Though ships in this service are carrying larger cargoes now than before the war, as indicated by a reduction in the number of vessels operating in the face of a rising freight volume, some further improvement is believed possible. Of course, this would throw a heavier burden upon the rail system, which already is experiencing a substantial expansion of demand.

<sup>2</sup> Table 2 shows 721,000 tons in lay-up on December 31, 1940. Since that time a large proportion of this has been returned to active service. Only a few Government-owned vessels are now laid up and much of the remaining idle private tonnage has been put in service.

It should also be remembered that a sizable portion of the British losses to date has been offset by the acquisition of enemy, Allied, and neutral tonnage. Since September 1939, it is estimated that the British have chartered, seized, bought, leased, or in other ways acquired between 7 and 9 million tons; so their total supply of shipping is probably larger today than the 20,000,000 tons at the beginning of the war. At the same time, of course, a considerable amount of tonnage is engaged in auxiliary naval service, and the efficiency of shipping has been reduced by longer routes, increased time required for assembling in convoy, loading delays occasioned by bombing and blackouts, and heavy repair and overhauling of attacked ships.

**Deliveries This Year Probably Less Than 1,000,000 Tons.**

With an already tight position developing in American shipping and a sizeable destruction of British tonnage occurring monthly, the need for an extraordinary amount of new construction is clear. The vessels delivered in 1939 and 1940 by American yards aggregated 241,000 and 447,000 gross tons, respectively, large amounts as compared with pre-war standards but inadequate in the present emergency. American yards had had under construction or had contracted for a total of about 3,400,000 gross tons as of April 1, while plans for the building of facilities to construct approximately 1,600,000 additional tons were announced on April 4. However, total deliveries this year will probably be less than 1,000,000 gross tons.

The current shipbuilding program, including only that for which contracts have already been let, falls into four parts: the Maritime Commission's regular program of 923,645 gross tons; construction for private account of 513,850 tons; the emergency program of the Maritime Commission under which 200 vessels aggregating 1,500,000 gross tons are to be built; and the British emergency program calling for construction in this country of 60 vessels totaling 450,000 tons. The first two programs are well under way, with 555,000 and 248,000 tons scheduled to be delivered to the Maritime Commission and private owners respectively during this year.

**Table 2.—Ocean Freight Rates**

Commodity	From—	To—	Unit	July 1939	February 1940	February 1941	Percent increase Feb. 1941 from July 1939
Rubber.....	Straits Settlements.....	New York.....	50 cu. ft. (in cases or bales).....	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$21.00	40.0
Coffee (green).....	Santos.....	New York.....	60-kilo bags.....	.60	.70	.90	50.0
General cargo.....	New York.....	Kobe.....	2,000 lbs. or 40 cu. ft.....	25.00	30.00	33.00	32.0
Machinery and parts.....	New York.....	Kobe.....	2,000 lbs. or 40 cu. ft.....	15.00	18.00	19.75	31.7
Lumber.....	Portland.....	New York.....	1,000 net bd. ft.....	14.00	15.00	16.00	14.3
Steel bars.....	Baltimore.....	San Francisco.....	100 lbs.....	.45	.45	.50	11.1

Source: Compiled by the Transportation Division, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, from data reported by steamship companies.

Timing of deliveries under the emergency program, however, is less certain. These ships are of simple design, planned for rapid construction rather than for most efficient peace-time performance. The vessels will be powered with reciprocating engines, as capacity for building Diesels and turbines is largely absorbed for other purposes. The American vessels are to be built on 51 shipways being constructed in 7 new shipyards, each yard under the supervision of an established firm. For the 60 British vessels, 16 new ways are being built in 2 yards.

The original schedule for 200 American ships looked to the first keels being laid in March, with launchings 5 months later, followed by deliveries in another 2 months. Once production is in full swing and experience has been gained, the 7-month period from keel to delivery should be cut to under 5 months. Approximately the same timing from keel-laying to delivery is foreseen for the British ships. Inauguration of the program in each case has been slower than anticipated; so deliveries will probably begin with about 90,000 tons of British and only 7,500 tons of American ships during the fourth quarter. Table 3 tentatively summarizes the deliveries of all merchant vessels expected in each quarter through 1942 on the basis of construction and contracts existing on March 25.

**Table 3.—Estimated Deliveries of New Ocean Going Merchant Shipping Tonnage in the United States During 1941 and 1942, Under Programs Existing as of March 25, 1941**

Year and quarter	Regular Maritime Commission program	For private account	American emergency program <sup>1</sup>	Emergency program for British	Total
1941:					
January-March.....	96, 158	53, 100			
April-June.....	147, 683	77, 900			
July-September.....	153, 974	72, 100			
October-December.....	156, 806	44, 700	7, 500	90, 000	
Total.....	554, 621	247, 800	7, 500	90, 000	899, 921
1942:					
January-March.....	114, 245	75, 050	330, 000	90, 000	
April-June.....	125, 169	51, 900	270, 000	90, 000	
July-September.....	59, 730	47, 200	300, 000	90, 000	
October-December.....	69, 880	91, 900	315, 000	90, 000	
Total.....	369, 024	266, 050	1, 215, 000	360, 000	2, 210, 074
Grand total, 1941-42.....	923, 645	513, 850	1, 222, 500	450, 000	3, 109, 995

<sup>1</sup> 37 vessels aggregating 277,500 gross tons of this program will be delivered in the first quarter of 1943.

On April 4 a very large addition to this program was announced. This is to include 212 vessels, 100 similar to those of the regular Maritime Commission program and 112 of the new "emergency" type. For construction of these vessels 56 new shipways are to be built, approximately half being added to the emergency shipyards and the remainder to regular yards. Deliveries under this new program are expected to start in the first part of 1942. While no information on the

rate of deliveries is yet available, it does not appear likely that the entire 212 vessels, which will aggregate about 1,600,000 gross tons, will be delivered in that year. But the program will undoubtedly add well over 1,000,000 gross tons to the present schedule for 1942, with the balance of deliveries being made early in 1943.

To the American construction must be added that of Great Britain. Though no exact knowledge is available concerning present British capacity nor the proportion devoted to merchant construction, it is thought that deliveries of merchant tonnage in 1941 will not exceed materially those of this country.

#### Tight Position Through 1941.

The above estimates, even though rough, show that construction this year can hardly prevent a growing tightness of shipping facilities. Whether or not the situation will be eased when the substantial deliveries expected in 1942 are made depends upon a number of factors which at this time are unpredictable. Meanwhile, expansion of merchant shipbuilding is enormously complicated by the huge quantity of Naval construction under way in both Britain and the United States. In this country 446 ocean-going naval vessels of more than 2,500,000 tons with a total cost of about \$7 billion are under contract, as well as 312 patrol craft, tugs, and the like; 166 harbor and district craft; and 1,404 small boats. No program approaching this magnitude has ever been undertaken in this country before, construction scheduled in the peak year under existing contracts being almost as great as the total built in the 6 years from 1915 through 1921.

As new vessels cannot be turned out in sufficient volume to provide adequate tonnage for all demands, an increasing control over the available supply is probable. The Maritime Commission has already moved in this direction with the establishment of an Emergency Division. Shipowners and operators have been asked to submit for Commission approval any changes they wish to make in rates, chartering arrangements, and routes of operations. A voluntary system of priorities by which vital cargoes are given preference over others has also been set up, so that the Commission, with the aid of the owners, can in effect allocate tonnage as it deems necessary.

These controls over shipping, the most extensive ever exercised by the Commission, are aimed at "maximum use of tonnage." They are the outgrowth of a difficulty which has serious potentialities, and while they afford some relief, the fundamental problem remains; for the basic requirement in shipping, as in many other defense lines, is for larger productive capacity with a substantial expansion of output.























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Table with columns for years: 1941 (February), 1940 (February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December), and 1941 (January)

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND WAGES—Continued

Main data table containing sections: EMPLOYMENT—Continued (Manufacturing, unadj., by States and cities; City or industrial area; Nonmfg., unadj.); Mining; Public utilities; Services; Trade; Miscellaneous employment data; LABOR CONDITIONS (Average weekly hours, Industrial disputes, Workers involved, Man-days idle); PAY ROLLS (Manufacturing, unadjusted)

\* Revised. † Preliminary. ‡ Designation changed from "quit" as separations such as deaths, permanent disabilities, retirements on pensions, etc., are included. § Data are a weekly average of the number receiving benefits, based on an average of the weeks of unemployment compensated during weeks ended within the month. ¶ Compilation of separate figures for private placements, shown in previous issues of the Survey through February 1941, has been discontinued by the reporting source. †† Revised series. Telephone and telegraph indexes revised beginning 1932, other indicated nonmanufacturing employment series beginning 1929; see p. 17 of the April 1940 Survey; subsequent revisions in indexes for street railways and busses beginning 1932, superseding those shown in the April Survey, appear in table 27, p. 17 of the May 1940 issue. For revisions in pay-roll indexes for all manufacturing and durable goods for 1938 and 1939, see table 12, p. 18 of the March 1941 Survey. For revisions in Illinois and Chicago indexes, see note marked with a "†" on p. 29 of the January 1941 Survey. Index for Wisconsin revised beginning 1925; data not shown on p. 26 of the February 1941 Survey will appear in an early issue.



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EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND WAGES—Continued

Table with columns for months (February to January) and rows for various categories under 'WAGES—Continued'. It includes 'Factory average weekly earnings' and 'Factory average hourly earnings' for various industries and products.

Revised.

Data for shipbuilding, leather, and boots and shoes revised beginning October 1940 on the basis of more complete reports; the slight downward revision could not be extended to earlier months. For similar revisions beginning August 1940 for tin cans, electrical machinery, and chemicals, see p. 75 of the February 1941 Survey, and beginning June 1940 for brick, tile, etc., p. 29 of the December 1940 Survey.

New series. Earlier monthly data not shown on p. 29 of the March 1941 Survey are available upon request.









Monthly statistics through December 1939, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1940 Supplement to the Survey	1941		1940										1941
	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January

FINANCE—Continued

MONETARY STATISTICS—Continued													
Gold—Continued.													
Production, estimated world total, outside U. S. & R.	thous. of dol.												
Reported monthly, total †	97,588	104,051	106,852	106,367	104,336	110,119	109,829	107,027	115,014	109,690	109,358	107,746	91,743
Africa	81,345	88,059	90,940	90,554	88,267	93,871	93,762	90,881	99,001	93,729	93,385	91,743	48,018
Canada	44,311	46,006	47,516	48,471	47,027	48,475	48,702	47,553	49,031	48,203	47,771	48,018	15,775
United States	14,188	15,045	14,652	15,488	15,725	15,982	16,318	15,416	16,360	15,750	15,755	15,775	16,646
Receipts at mint, domestic (unrefined)	13,300	16,201	16,391	16,483	14,845	18,849	16,035	17,065	21,744	19,092	19,434	16,646	
Currency in circulation, total	266,601	179,559	250,423	240,003	233,901	231,486	368,330	307,780	341,402	447,526	397,336	338,006	263,088
Silver:	8,782	7,455	7,511	7,559	7,710	7,848	7,883	8,059	8,151	8,300	8,522	8,732	8,593
Exports	817	298	657	504	177	884	15	180	139	87	68	123	319
Imports	3,292	4,070	5,724	5,170	4,589	4,673	5,378	4,107	4,656	4,857	4,721	4,690	4,576
Price at New York	348	348	348	348	348	348	348	348	348	348	348	348	348
Production, world	thous. of fine oz.												
Canada	22,088	22,501	24,785	22,269	23,423	23,091	22,836	23,827	22,982				
Mexico	1,690	1,786	1,770	1,997	3,096	2,042	1,791	1,705	1,673	1,708	1,642		
United States	6,785	5,723	8,140	5,619	6,511	6,861	8,120	7,990	7,090	7,104	4,568		
Stocks, refinery, end of month:	5,611	5,744	6,120	5,840	5,373	5,530	4,419	5,049	5,609	6,367	6,499	5,733	
United States	2,295	2,447	1,385	1,870	3,424	3,997	1,605	1,557	1,522	2,107	1,730	1,792	
CORPORATION PROFITS (Quarterly)													
Federal Reserve Bank of New York:													
Industrial corporations, total (168 cos.) ‡	mil. of dol.												
Autos, parts, and accessories (28 cos.)	92.9												
Chemicals (13 cos.)	37.1												
Food and beverages (19 cos.)	17.1												
Machinery and machine manufacturing (17 cos.)	9.0												
Metals and mining (12 cos.)	4.5												
Petroleum (13 cos.)	15.9												
Steel (11 cos.)	35.1												
Miscellaneous (55 cos.) †	35.0												
Public utilities, except steam railways and telephone companies (net income) (52 cos.)	61.4												
Federal Communications Commission:	62.5												
Telephones (net op. income) (91 cos.)	61.9												
Interstate Commerce Commission:	12.8												
Railways, class I (net income)	1.6												
Standard and Poor's Corporation (earnings) Δ	92.6												
Combined index, unadjusted • 1926=100	87.2												
Industrials (119 cos.)	102.5												
Railroads (class I) •	7.7												
Utilities (13 cos.)	147.2												
PUBLIC FINANCE (FEDERAL)													
Debt, gross, end of month	mil. of dol.												
Public issues:	46,060												
Interest bearing	40,002												
Noninterest bearing	554												
Special issues to government agencies and trust funds	5,534												
Obligations fully guaranteed by U. S. Gov't:	5,914												
Total amount outstanding	5,673												
By agencies:	5,663												
Federal Farm Mortgage Corp.	1,269												
Home Owners' Loan Corporation	2,612												
Reconstruction Finance Corp.	1,097												
Expenditures, total, including recovery and relief	1,077,438												
General (including recovery and relief)	1,054,387												
Revolving funds, net	930												
Transfers to trust accounts †	20,000												
Debt retirements	2,122												
Receipts, total	673,690												
Receipts, net*	541,352												
Customs	31,630												
Internal revenue, total	502,046												
Income taxes ‡	104,408												
Social security taxes	193,379												
Taxes from:	1,910												
Admissions to theaters, etc. ⊗	1,025												
Capital stock transfers, etc. ⊗	784												
Government corporations and credit agencies:	12,078												
Assets, except interagency, total	12,116												
Loans and preferred stock, total	8,888												
Loans to financial institutions (incl. preferred stock)	1,196												
Loans to railroads	569												
Home and housing mortgage loans	2,365												
Farm mortgage and other agricultural loans	3,700												
All other	1,118												
U. S. obligations, direct and fully guaranteed	895												
Business property	552												
Property held for sale	644												
All other assets	1,100												

◊ Revised.      † Preliminary.      ‡ Deficit.      • Number of companies varies slightly.      Δ Formerly Standard Statistics Co., Inc.  
 ◊ Adjusted to preliminary 1940 annual estimate of the U. S. Mint in cooperation with the Bureau of Mines.  
 † A merger during the second quarter of 1940 reduced the number of corporations in the miscellaneous group to 54 and the total to 167.  
 ⊗ Excludes collections from national defense taxes under Revenue Act of 1940.      ◊ The total includes guaranteed debentures of certain agencies not shown separately.  
 § Data reported by the Canadian Government have been substituted beginning 1940 for data previously reported directly by producers to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, as the latter data have been temporarily discontinued. Annual totals from the two sources have been in fairly close agreement but the monthly movement in the past has been quite different.  
 ¶ Beginning with April 1940, where direct reports from foreign countries are lacking, available reports of the American Bureau of Metal Statistics are used. When no current reports are available at the time of compilation, the last reported figure is carried forward. The comparability of the data has been affected by these substitutions.  
 † Revised series. Data on total expenditures and transfers to trust accounts revised beginning 1937, and on income taxes beginning September, 1936; see table 50, p. 18 of the November 1940 Survey.  
 \* New series. For data beginning January 1937, see table 50, p. 18 of the November 1940 Survey









Table with columns for years (1941, 1940) and months (Feb to Jan) and rows for Transportation and Communications categories like Freight carloadings, Financial operations, Waterway Traffic, and Travel.

Revised. † Deficit. ‡ Data temporarily discontinued by reporting source. § Data for March, June, August, and November, 1940 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. ¶ New series. Adjusted data on financial operations of railways beginning 1921 appear in table 33, p. 16, of the September 1940 issue. The new series on taxes and joint facility and equipment rents is shown to provide figures for obtaining total railway expenses as given in the adjusted figures of financial operations; earlier data not shown in the September 1940 and subsequent issues of the Survey may be obtained by deducting operating expenses and net railway operating income from operating revenues. †† Data revised for 1940. Revisions for January are as follows: Total U. S. ports, 4,362; foreign vessels, 3,040.



Monthly statistics through December 1939, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1940 Supplement to the Survey	1941	1940											1941
	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS—Continued</b>													
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>													
Telephone carriers:													
Operating revenues..... thous. of dol.	102,999	106,094	107,155	108,603	106,063	106,593	107,350	107,852	113,087	110,544	114,761		
Station revenues..... do	68,674	69,716	70,469	71,007	69,741	68,972	68,749	70,117	73,025	72,118	73,979		
Tolls, message..... do	25,512	27,573	27,859	28,693	27,424	28,636	29,722	28,781	31,034	29,343	31,471		
Operating expenses..... do	67,868	69,675	69,842	71,950	68,995	71,850	70,885	69,711	72,841	77,106	75,650		
Net operating income..... do	20,365	21,172	22,135	21,391	18,404	19,204	20,560	16,174	23,004	17,933	21,988		
Phones in service, end of month..... thousands	18,802	18,896	18,992	19,089	19,108	19,138	19,211	19,334	19,446	19,547	19,670		
Telegraph and cable carriers:†													
Operating revenues, total†..... thous. of dol.	10,020	10,868	10,661	11,586	11,116	10,773	10,969	10,648	11,442	10,642	12,557	11,182	
Telegraph carriers, total..... do	9,094	9,932	9,687	10,565	10,198	9,906	10,188	9,882	10,622	9,872	11,634	10,294	
Western Union Telegraph Co., revenues from cable operations..... thous. of dol.	566	591	504	661	569	543	433	415	441	424	540	494	
Cable carriers..... do	926	936	973	1,022	918	867	781	766	821	770	903	888	
Operating expenses†..... do	8,892	9,554	9,321	9,816	9,621	9,873	9,783	9,409	9,695	9,498	10,586	9,821	
Operating income†..... do	443	626	641	1,035	759	204	443	503	1,012	465	1,291	614	
Net income†..... do	486	123	145	397	466	429	61	94	536	438	872	96	
Radiotelegraph carriers, operating revenues..... thous. of dol.	1,028	1,072	1,116	1,239	1,177	1,149	1,083	1,110	1,267	1,179	1,348	1,290	

**CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS**

<b>CHEMICALS</b>													
Alcohol, denatured:													
Consumption..... thous. of wine gal.	10,558	8,505	9,494	9,791	10,037	9,625	9,497	11,195	14,157	15,566	13,544	12,441	10,499
Production..... do	10,556	8,460	9,524	9,994	10,037	9,707	10,443	11,510	13,694	15,098	13,158	12,215	10,610
Stocks, end of month..... do	1,465	1,366	1,392	1,591	1,586	1,662	2,605	2,919	2,445	1,975	1,586	1,360	1,468
Alcohol, ethyl:													
Production..... thous. of proof gal.	22,030	20,381	20,983	20,218	20,948	21,423	22,457	24,094	21,559	23,350	23,564	23,762	24,224
Stocks, warehoused, end of month..... do	12,166	18,773	20,677	20,957	21,921	21,799	22,393	23,645	18,480	13,471	10,027	9,503	11,963
Withdrawn for denaturing..... do	19,070	14,697	16,730	17,610	17,752	17,490	19,621	20,918	24,218	25,552	23,110	22,056	19,434
Withdrawn, tax paid..... do	1,766	1,640	2,012	2,035	1,782	3,380	2,020	1,424	2,045	2,357	2,959	2,128	1,742
Methanol:													
Exports, refined..... gallons	102,711	228,357	326,149	35,725	21,932	53,341	74,295	228,961	198,332	162,302	191,739	267,077	14,283
Price, refined, wholesale (N. Y.)..... dol. per gal.	.34	.36	.36	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34	.34
Production:													
Crude (wood distilled)..... thous. of gal.	435	447	507	442	437	426	390	408	366	463	468	484	450
Synthetic..... do	3,171	3,782	3,463	3,486	3,409	3,426	3,852	3,788	3,549	4,408	4,440	3,913	3,420
Explosives, shipments..... thous. of lb.	33,631	31,035	30,189	32,204	34,475	32,877	33,340	35,036	37,180	37,740	34,444	33,461	36,080
Sulphur production (quarterly):													
Louisiana..... long tons			121,820			149,995			137,445			103,675	
Texas..... do			546,558			525,157			573,421			567,698	
Sulphuric acid (fertilizer manufacturers):													
Consumed in production of fertilizer..... short tons	158,592	149,303	140,272	143,742	137,321	134,050	153,215	140,444	169,878	179,677	178,193	184,149	
Price, wholesale, 66°, at works..... dol. per short ton	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Production..... short tons	212,719	196,290	192,846	191,643	176,846	180,553	194,664	193,243	222,476	216,290	223,131	221,788	
Purchases:													
From fertilizer manufacturers..... do	19,724	19,383	11,991	15,692	18,013	24,133	30,782	33,813	38,361	33,220	22,941	32,570	
From others..... do	23,685	23,416	27,618	27,330	36,029	32,517	31,476	27,163	25,518	36,184	32,732	38,659	
Shipments:													
To fertilizer manufacturers..... do	40,300	34,685	32,523	37,371	34,534	44,063	45,680	42,582	48,635	43,014	36,377	36,116	
To others..... do	55,650	55,002	58,061	59,090	57,344	55,433	60,923	59,393	65,817	57,475	74,927	61,691	
Stocks, end of month..... do	93,132	93,231	94,820	89,282	90,971	94,628	91,732	103,532	105,557	110,939	100,246	91,407	

**FERTILIZERS**

Consumption, Southern States..... thous. of short tons	762	675	1,536	1,125	329	122	72	61	142	189	105	182	518
Exports, total§..... long tons	94,316	53,398	60,332	65,798	108,207	90,061	122,837	178,474	144,348	148,135	116,416	136,581	109,654
Nitrogenous..... do	11,031	28,902	14,847	20,053	20,485	15,379	21,021	30,321	29,729	15,773	15,891	16,486	9,336
Phosphate materials§..... do	76,333	19,717	43,311	43,167	80,484	66,619	86,672	128,907	100,713	111,936	88,409	112,063	87,698
Prepared fertilizers..... do	498	800	722	748	544	372	630	881	536	1,003	428	330	465
Imports, total§..... do	95,474	140,544	178,782	144,702	146,797	99,002	117,250	89,891	71,038	68,208	63,852	62,706	87,115
Nitrogenous, total..... do	92,203	73,792	135,839	118,515	97,020	83,707	109,618	75,542	61,456	63,090	56,362	50,245	81,085
Nitrate of soda..... do	40,254	26,506	86,039	89,679	79,299	62,598	82,342	52,703	37,610	34,822	28,478	27,718	34,332
Phosphates..... do	353	406	476	600	1,228	3,386	9	3,136	364	3,394	637	3,179	2,112
Potash§..... do	1,436	65,486	40,094	19,553	30,197	10,349	7,441	8,829	7,787	3	5,625	7,903	2,765
Price, wholesale, nitrate of soda, 95 percent (N. Y.)..... dol. per cwt.	1.470	1.450	1.450	1.450	1.450	1.450	1.450	1.450	1.450	1.470	1.470	1.470	1.470
Potash deliveries..... short tons	12,984	8,303	6,548	7,521	27,054	39,212	37,908	51,213	46,003	51,644	36,833		
Superphosphate (bulk):													
Production..... do	358,768	351,009	338,482	339,736	327,169	323,567	361,387	327,117	404,467	398,341	425,118	408,192	
Shipments to consumers..... do	52,741	158,717	221,376	133,372	61,120	27,584	45,389	130,823	98,210	45,649	43,192	55,997	
Stocks, end of month..... do	1,250,521	1,115,331	834,900	906,650	945,712	1,010,017	1,091,183	1,135,178	1,201,715	1,244,655	1,285,408	1,264,881	

**NAVAL STORES**

Rosin, gum:													
Price, wholesale "II" (Savannah), bulk†..... dol. per 100 lb.	1.65	2.35	2.38	2.13	1.96	1.76	1.42	1.69	1.61	1.67	1.87	1.72	1.73
Receipts, net, 3 ports..... bbl. (500 lb.)	11,941	6,764	7,710	26,679	37,792	43,411	46,132	48,389	40,190	39,820	35,018	34,098	17,906
Stocks, 3 ports, end of month..... do	542,446	570,403	544,281	522,133	516,741	529,416	519,556	524,212	522,181	528,065	542,091	561,241	560,045
Turpentine, gum, spirits of:													
Price, wholesale (Savannah)..... dol. per gal.	.45	.33	.37	.35	.34	.32	.33	.34	.37	.41	.45	.44	.48
Receipts, net, 3 ports..... bbl. (50 gal.)	2,158	611	1,202	6,584	9,429	11,302	12,340	11,496	9,762	8,364	7,793	6,986	3,027
Stocks, 3 ports, end of month..... do	33,906	66,532	58,369	51,215	50,704	53,345	54,488	55,809	51,053	44,961	44,488	40,016	35,421

**OILS, FATS, AND BYPRODUCTS**

Animal, including fish oils (quarterly):													
Animal fats:													
Consumption, factory..... thous. of lb.		229,509				231,581			235,774			269,361	
Production..... do		688,427				610,030			508,543			672,886	
Stocks, end of quarter..... do		560,537				633,821			557,921			600,347	
Greases:													
Consumption, factory..... do		85,454				89,978			82,409			98,639	
Production..... do		112,203				109,979			104,520			126,451	
Stocks, end of quarter..... do		110,851				122,330			121,217			134,002	

† Revised.      § Deficit.

† Revised series. Data for telegraph and cable carriers revised to exclude data for radiotelegraph carriers; for revised data beginning 1934, see table 48, p. 16 of the November 1940 Survey. Wholesale price of gum rosin revised beginning 1919; see table 3, p. 17 of the January 1941 Survey.

§ Data revised for 1939; for exports, see table 14, p. 17, and for imports, table 15, p. 18, of this issue.

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	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January		
<b>CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS—Continued</b>															
<b>OILS, FATS, AND BYPRODUCTS—Con.</b>															
Animal, including fish oils (quarterly)—Con.															
Shortenings and compounds:															
Production.....			273, 119			287, 998				296, 179				332, 320	
Stocks, end of quarter.....			57, 250			72, 880				48, 144				53, 700	
Fish oils:															
Consumption, factory.....			63, 129			47, 402				43, 958				51, 818	
Production.....			34, 015			5, 843				42, 816				91, 722	
Stocks, end of quarter.....			203, 321			166, 507				174, 462				199, 458	
Vegetable oils, total:															
Consumption, crude, factory (quarterly).....			914			756				622				1, 012	
Exports.....		thous. of lb.													
Imports, total.....			37, 275	12, 091	15, 057	9, 178	8, 804	8, 648	10, 245	11, 695	9, 680	13, 383	7, 290	9, 318	8, 758
Paint oils.....			61, 097	66, 579	67, 011	66, 051	71, 149	78, 214	96, 629	74, 854	57, 977	64, 460	54, 366	68, 389	51, 320
All other vegetable oils.....			437	7, 580	9, 107	1, 388	11, 944	15, 791	19, 533	10, 839	2, 745	6, 027	1, 300	1, 625	1, 239
Production (quarterly).....			60, 660	58, 999	57, 904	64, 663	59, 205	62, 424	77, 096	64, 015	55, 232	58, 433	53, 066	66, 764	50, 081
Stocks, end of quarter:															
Crude.....														935	
Refined.....														570	
Copra:															
Consumption, factory (quarterly).....					78, 834			70, 217			57, 579			69, 664	
Imports.....			16, 271	22, 449	35, 633	18, 932	27, 606	17, 454	19, 137	20, 578	11, 980	26, 861	30, 584	27, 606	34, 294
Stocks, end of quarter.....					45, 756			46, 933			29, 293			34, 797	
Coconut or copra oil:															
Consumption, factory:															
Crude (quarterly).....					149, 761			146, 156			148, 245			150, 410	
Refined (quarterly).....					55, 986			58, 492			56, 248			52, 296	
In oleomargarine.....					2, 464	3, 084	2, 527	1, 575	1, 261	1, 180	1, 142	1, 464	1, 664	1, 528	1, 280
Imports.....			32, 207	26, 240	34, 266	34, 977	18, 150	26, 659	36, 659	26, 286	21, 684	36, 157	34, 412	40, 224	22, 157
Production (quarterly):															
Crude.....					98, 519			87, 781			73, 038			87, 883	
Refined.....					70, 920			69, 451			75, 920			73, 938	
Stocks, end of quarter:															
Crude.....					196, 940			202, 239			209, 674			242, 973	
Refined.....					13, 407			15, 083			13, 772			14, 123	
Cottonseed:															
Consumption (crush).....			458	424	293	173	101	57	42	77	353	700	644	544	560
Receipts at mills.....			225	146	89	28	26	23	18	125	599	1, 407	766	657	361
Stocks at mills, end of month.....			844	521	317	172	97	63	40	86	333	1, 040	1, 162	1, 276	1, 076
Cottonseed cake and meal:															
Exports.....			54	141	112	116	52	31	1	140	40	140	138	185	91
Production.....			201, 822	196, 194	135, 993	83, 402	47, 227	26, 165	19, 566	36, 303	155, 320	312, 138	286, 890	239, 375	248, 916
Stocks at mills, end of month.....			252, 947	200, 275	175, 093	151, 995	129, 173	110, 909	79, 501	57, 539	95, 884	130, 714	153, 465	175, 700	215, 358
Cottonseed oil, crude:															
Production.....			147, 702	138, 692	98, 075	61, 574	36, 438	19, 396	14, 123	23, 158	110, 592	224, 625	205, 192	174, 151	179, 475
Stocks, end of month.....			176, 281	201, 407	186, 292	142, 833	98, 843	66, 134	37, 352	24, 267	80, 274	148, 288	182, 533	176, 626	176, 425
Cottonseed oil, refined:															
Consumption, factory (quarterly).....					278, 034			316, 196			312, 007			328, 495	
In oleomargarine.....					10, 200	9, 021	8, 188	8, 468	8, 526	8, 275	9, 956	11, 827	10, 908	13, 107	13, 450
Price, wholesale, summer, yellow, prime (N. Y.).....			.062	.069	.067	.068	.064	.060	.060	.056	.056	.054	.057	.059	.064
Production.....			145, 105	125, 824	114, 712	97, 318	79, 498	51, 091	45, 862	34, 262	46, 171	134, 368	158, 418	168, 517	179, 925
Stocks, end of month.....			507, 248	628, 632	645, 875	640, 916	600, 480	553, 395	493, 658	412, 564	348, 042	356, 104	400, 259	458, 335	484, 764
Flaxseed:															
Imports.....			1, 285	1, 763	1, 972	1, 199	1, 434	521	661	628	24	704	1, 093	769	1, 482
Minneapolis:															
Receipts.....			414	139	127	176	209	161	42	7, 307	5, 813	1, 226	388	407	476
Shipments.....			133	119	88	132	172	123	38	1, 180	347	234	452	251	71
Stocks.....			3, 952	2, 151	1, 751	1, 237	701	519	248	2, 816	7, 073	7, 363	6, 232	5, 410	4, 739
Duluth:															
Receipts.....			159	2	2	56	170	53	63	1, 566	2, 293	517	537	61	168
Shipments.....			1	12	1	0	180	0	183	244	1, 691	674	2, 042	220	11
Stocks.....			434	31	32	88	78	130	10	1, 333	1, 935	1, 778	277	118	275
Oil mills (quarterly):															
Consumption.....					7, 892			6, 637			6, 943			10, 083	
Stocks, end of quarter.....					3, 356			3, 148			7, 038			7, 077	
Price, wholesale, No. 1 (Mpls.).....			1.75	2.14	2.08	2.11	1.97	1.78	1.58	1.50	1.48	1.47	1.59	1.64	1.78
Production (crop estimate).....														31, 127	
Linseed cake and meal:															
Exports.....			34	50, 068	35, 688	66, 237	21, 538	1, 926	56	1, 021	159	629	282	2	1, 512
Shipments from Minneapolis.....			30, 760	14, 200	14, 960	15, 280	13, 760	10, 440	18, 560	22, 760	29, 440	34, 960	32, 440	42, 920	44, 400
Linseed oil:															
Consumption, factory (quarterly).....					85, 526			98, 977			101, 652			100, 837	
Price, wholesale (N. Y.).....			.095	.102	.106	.108	.105	.099	.092	.087	.084	.083	.086	.088	.095
Production (quarterly).....					150, 197			128, 383			135, 389			192, 185	
Shipments from Minneapolis.....			14, 950	10, 800	12, 960	13, 020	14, 000	14, 450	14, 350	14, 550	16, 600	16, 600	13, 250	10, 850	14, 350
Stocks at factory, end of quarter.....					172, 800			132, 881			115, 135			153, 820	
Oleomargarine:															
Consumption (tax-paid withdrawals).....			28, 476	26, 830	27, 582	24, 150	19, 517	22, 066	22, 498	25, 719	29, 489	30, 854	31, 118	33, 835	
Price, wholesale, standard, uncolored (Chicago).....			.120	.120	.120	.120	.120	.120	.120	.118	.115	.115	.115	.115	.118
Production.....			29, 482	26, 691	27, 411	24, 703	19, 870	22, 021	21, 664	26, 842	30, 160	30, 002	32, 457	34, 030	
Vegetable shortenings:															
Price, wholesale, tierces (Chi.).....			.094	.100	.099	.096	.098	.095	.095	.093	.090	.086	.087	.088	.094
<b>PAINT SALES</b>															
Calcimines, plastic and cold-water paints:															
Calcimines.....			186	215	272	302	247	193	202	213	218	140	150	208	
Plastic paints.....			43	54	54	56	43	47	49	50	48	40	44	35	
Cold-water paints:															
In dry form.....			133	186	234	242	207	199	183	193	181	158	138	144	
In paste form.....			264	320	382	413	311	251	295	311	302	273	259	288	
Paint, varnish, lacquer, and fillers:															
Total.....			25, 536	30, 370	36, 206	41, 722	36, 271	34, 056	34, 991	33, 937	37, 748	30, 795	27, 326	33, 408	
Classified, total.....			18, 806	22, 610	26, 552	29, 744	25, 828	24, 278	24, 973	24, 101	27, 347	22, 819	20, 472	24, 609	
Industrial.....			8, 920	10, 080	10, 972	11, 051	9, 776	9, 895	10, 619	10, 502	12, 594	11, 336	10, 785	12, 206	
Trade.....			9, 887	12, 531	15, 580	18, 693	16, 032	14, 383	14, 354	13, 599	14, 753	11, 483	9, 686	12, 403	
Unclassified.....			6, 729	7, 759	9, 654	11, 978	10, 443	9, 779	10, 018	9, 836	10, 401	7, 976	6, 854	8, 799	

\* Revised. † December 1 estimate. §Data revised for 1939; for exports, see table 14, p. 17, and for imports, table 15, p. 13, of this issue. ‡Production and consumption of oleomargarine for 1939 have been revised as follows (thousands of pounds): Production—July, 19,266; August, 21,591; September, 28,107; October, 23,789; November, 27,892; December, 25,585. Consumption—July, 20,121; August, 21,237; September, 27,923; October, 23,682; November, 27,235; December, 25,742. The revised data for January 1940 are: Production, 29,359; consumption, 29,407.

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

**CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS—Continued**

<b>CELLULOSE PLASTIC PRODUCTS</b>												
Nitro-cellulose, sheets, rods, and tubes:												
Consumption.....thous. of lb.....	186	212	174	171	212	168	168	280	247	207	183	185
Production.....do.....	1,016	1,090	852	800	770	899	890	1,093	1,096	1,061	1,109	1,167
Shipments.....do.....	918	925	848	926	850	955	970	1,113	1,136	1,131	1,008	1,112
Cellulose-acetate sheets, rods, and tubes:												
Consumption.....thous. of lb.....	7	12	18	10	6	8	7	8	9	5	8	7
Production.....do.....	637	550	558	702	634	565	773	826	983	934	867	617
Shipments.....do.....	655	589	490	649	562	408	784	755	944	1,037	733	675
Moulding composition:												
Production.....do.....	972	1,104	951	893	871	897	1,423	1,709	1,926	1,606	1,435	1,632
Shipments.....do.....	878	1,022	904	837	682	777	1,342	1,501	1,783	1,410	1,317	1,584
<b>ROOFING</b>												
Asphalt prepared roofing, shipments:												
Total.....thous. of squares.....	2,105	2,068	2,286	2,924	2,707	2,982	3,484	3,947	4,254	3,006	2,163	2,249
Grit roll.....do.....	488	490	588	761	734	827	1,012	1,138	1,147	888	769	888
Shingles (all types).....do.....	625	670	921	1,184	1,076	1,166	1,293	1,358	1,370	881	570	533
Smooth roll.....do.....	992	908	776	980	897	989	1,179	1,451	1,737	1,238	824	828

**ELECTRIC POWER AND GAS**

<b>ELECTRIC POWER</b>												
Production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	12,313	11,104	11,514	11,193	11,609	11,485	12,091	12,450	11,977	13,063	12,771	13,456
By source:												
Fuel.....do.....	8,395	7,914	7,583	6,645	7,006	7,270	7,931	8,482	8,124	9,404	8,737	9,058
Water power.....do.....	3,918	3,190	3,931	4,548	4,603	4,215	4,159	3,968	3,853	3,659	4,034	4,398
By type of producer:												
Privately and municipally owned electric utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr.....	11,027	10,258	10,557	10,277	10,616	10,402	10,937	11,239	10,678	11,706	11,431	12,115
Other producers.....do.....	1,286	846	957	916	992	1,083	1,154	1,211	1,299	1,357	1,340	1,311
Sales to ultimate customers, total† (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. of kw.-hr.....	9,495	9,327	9,270	9,369	9,474	9,610	10,099	10,057	10,402	10,577	10,895	10,895
Residential or domestic.....do.....	2,037	1,921	1,856	1,787	1,798	1,709	1,828	1,890	1,922	2,093	2,222	2,222
Rural (distinct rural rates).....do.....	83	93	124	153	208	261	288	260	180	131	109	109
Commercial and industrial:												
Small light and power.....do.....	1,833	1,770	1,758	1,742	1,799	1,820	1,915	1,926	1,886	1,980	2,034	2,034
Large light and power.....do.....	4,541	4,537	4,611	4,799	4,827	4,908	5,186	5,117	5,447	5,369	5,448	5,448
Street and highway lighting.....do.....	183	174	155	143	130	136	149	165	189	201	217	217
Other public authorities.....do.....	232	226	221	215	215	212	224	222	233	237	248	248
Railways and railroads.....do.....	520	538	482	468	439	444	451	442	488	504	551	551
Interdepartmental.....do.....	66	68	63	62	58	61	58	35	58	61	67	67
Revenue from sales to ultimate customers† (Edison Electric Institute).....thous. of dol.....	203,265	197,365	194,415	193,288	195,746	195,556	201,936	204,421	207,034	214,161	219,913	219,913
<b>GAS†</b>												
Manufactured gas:												
Customers, total.....thousands.....	10,071	10,052	10,025	10,119	10,134	10,154	10,175	10,252	10,273	10,245	10,287	10,287
Domestic.....do.....	9,351	9,334	9,296	9,383	9,412	9,442	9,461	9,520	9,518	9,486	9,514	9,514
House heating.....do.....	257	246	256	263	252	242	244	265	285	297	309	309
Industrial and commercial.....do.....	454	460	461	460	458	459	458	458	459	453	455	455
Sales to consumers, total.....mil. of cu. ft.....	37,307	35,873	34,182	32,075	29,009	26,792	25,310	27,892	30,939	34,114	38,305	38,305
Domestic.....do.....	17,446	17,167	16,091	15,909	16,995	16,107	14,780	17,422	17,422	15,631	16,028	16,028
House heating.....do.....	10,071	8,522	7,255	5,584	2,205	1,246	937	1,251	2,863	7,355	10,902	10,902
Industrial and commercial.....do.....	9,568	9,971	10,646	10,414	9,669	9,268	9,367	9,701	10,464	10,916	11,121	11,121
Revenue from sales to consumers, total.....thous. of dol.....	35,236	33,728	32,159	31,650	30,250	28,387	27,075	29,609	31,689	33,106	35,412	35,412
Domestic.....do.....	21,675	21,182	20,908	21,943	22,422	21,425	20,265	22,204	22,788	21,859	21,971	21,971
House heating.....do.....	6,718	5,795	4,516	3,102	1,621	955	802	1,119	2,183	4,200	6,232	6,232
Industrial and commercial.....do.....	6,708	6,615	6,598	6,493	6,122	5,893	5,911	6,192	6,597	6,912	7,061	7,061
Natural gas:												
Customers, total.....thousands.....	7,442	7,480	7,459	7,477	7,443	7,422	7,462	7,524	7,596	7,714	7,763	7,763
Domestic.....do.....	6,873	6,902	6,886	6,920	6,912	6,896	6,941	6,997	7,044	7,121	7,157	7,157
Industrial and commercial.....do.....	567	575	571	555	529	524	520	525	551	590	604	604
Sales to consumers, total.....mil. of cu. ft.....	158,466	136,886	121,805	108,434	95,843	93,287	95,559	100,181	109,818	125,664	146,264	146,264
Domestic.....do.....	63,519	49,721	40,069	30,698	21,403	17,775	16,141	17,363	22,192	33,874	49,268	49,268
Indl., com'l., and elec. generation.....do.....	93,189	85,604	81,049	76,522	73,187	74,355	77,741	80,980	85,726	89,790	94,956	94,956
Revenue from sales to consumers, total.....thous. of dol.....	59,677	50,136	43,311	36,722	30,517	28,190	27,910	29,104	33,296	41,144	51,230	51,230
Domestic.....do.....	38,437	31,239	26,299	21,293	16,372	14,093	13,118	13,656	16,521	22,708	30,621	30,621
Ind'l., com'l., and elec. generation.....do.....	20,938	18,609	16,890	15,226	13,957	13,897	14,582	15,226	26,541	18,168	20,328	20,328

**FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO**

<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>												
<b>Fermented malt liquors:</b>												
Production.....thous. of bbl.....	3,660	3,477	4,385	5,124	5,485	5,597	5,581	5,074	4,001	3,915	3,396	3,606
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do.....	3,185	3,238	3,811	4,187	4,884	5,856	5,320	5,393	4,300	4,194	3,765	3,777
Stocks.....do.....	7,787	8,000	8,393	9,127	9,509	9,019	9,324	8,776	8,314	7,840	7,325	7,001
<b>Distilled spirits:</b>												
Production.....thous. of tax gal.....	15,131	12,125	13,232	13,949	13,926	10,658	7,581	6,742	16,701	21,487	17,567	15,712
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do.....	6,974	7,928	8,398	7,793	7,522	10,862	7,634	4,850	8,176	11,494	13,173	8,958
Imports.....thous. of proof gal.....	630	623	748	775	866	1,824	702	504	770	1,084	1,240	1,386
Stocks.....thous. of tax gal.....	536,917	514,490	517,589	522,515	525,441	525,395	523,596	521,601	519,017	518,638	518,358	522,699
<b>Whisky:</b>												
Production.....do.....	12,658	9,878	10,588	11,233	11,492	8,187	5,200	3,252	6,762	10,303	11,761	12,265
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do.....	5,834	6,616	6,461	5,773	5,827	8,331	5,475	3,617	6,354	8,982	10,529	7,331
Imports.....thous. of proof gal.....	568	534	645	674	752	1,570	589	413	661	930	1,096	1,270
Stocks.....thous. of tax gal.....	491,301	470,514	473,278	477,873	480,599	480,938	479,189	477,484	476,980	476,298	475,611	479,102

\*Revised. †Includes consumption in reporting company plants. ‡Excludes consumption in reporting company plants.

†Revised series. Data on manufactured gas revised beginning January 1938 and natural gas beginning January 1937; see tables 24 and 25, pp. 16 and 17 of the May 1940 Survey. Electric power sales and revenue from sales will be revised beginning 1937. At present, revised data are available beginning January 1939.

● For monthly data beginning January 1920 corresponding to averages shown on p. 97 of the 1940 Supplement, see table 58, pp. 17 and 18 of the December 1940 Survey.

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

**FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO—Continued**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES—Continued													
Rectified spirits and wines, production, total thous. of proof gal.	3,380	3,402	3,480	3,721	3,466	5,239	4,392	2,389	4,182	6,114	6,749	4,563	3,111
Whisky.....do.	2,833	2,839	2,669	2,764	2,694	4,218	3,446	1,630	3,501	5,356	5,856	3,755	2,533
Indicated consumption for beverage purposes:													
All spirits.....thous. of proof gal.	9,116	9,889	10,513	10,186	9,720	14,691	10,142	6,413	10,350	14,525	16,856	12,293	8,056
Whisky.....do.	8,108	8,903	8,663	8,136	8,221	12,637	8,348	5,003	9,060	13,074	15,231	10,894	7,068
Still wines:													
Production.....thous. of wine gal.		2,066	1,932	1,831	1,712	2,019	3,303	22,108	100,105	105,647	35,602	10,147	2,082
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do.		6,393	6,332	6,071	5,782	10,429	3,385	4,730	6,435	8,781	10,273	10,213	6,682
Imports.....do.	107	233	247	252	306	665	196	102	136	251	216	257	120
Stocks.....do.		121,876	116,342	110,706	105,340	93,245	91,237	93,969	132,148	170,183	172,258	163,774	157,724
Sparkling wines:													
Production.....do.		18	46	45	90	83	28	34	50	54	73	82	62
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do.		14	17	18	24	34	18	20	52	84	125	162	39
Imports.....do.	7	24	20	26	39	101	29	18	32	54	36	45	10
Stocks.....do.		506	532	556	619	660	669	680	678	643	589	492	512
DAIRY PRODUCTS													
Butter:													
Consumption, apparent†.....thous. of lb.	143,844	138,515	147,661	150,073	174,873	149,559	141,021	153,223	150,219	158,235	152,949	150,747	148,007
Price, wholesale, 92-score (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.	.31	.30	.29	.28	.28	.27	.27	.28	.29	.30	.33	.35	.31
Production, creamery (factory)†.....thous. of lb.	139,825	127,775	138,305	150,750	190,875	215,310	183,830	164,030	144,205	135,435	115,720	124,540	136,450
Receipts, 5 markets.....do.	53,126	51,276	54,090	62,187	68,405	77,919	73,449	58,612	55,754	53,377	45,580	49,659	56,582
Stocks, cold storage, creamery, end of month thous. of lb.	16,520	18,366	8,875	9,504	25,463	31,005	123,628	134,266	128,087	105,106	67,598	41,497	29,715
Cheese:													
Consumption, apparent†.....do.	56,825	61,032	67,241	69,201	82,158	69,686	62,410	64,059	65,007	67,856	57,611	56,233	57,261
Imports‡.....do.	2,290	2,939	3,038	4,073	4,072	3,363	1,780	1,377	1,534	2,093	2,261	2,073	1,922
Price, wholesale, No. 1 Amer. (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.	.17	.18	.16	.15	.15	.15	.17	.17	.17	.17	.18	.19	.18
Production, total (factory)†.....thous. of lb.	49,100	46,500	53,000	50,050	87,100	93,300	84,500	73,000	61,800	60,300	48,600	46,500	50,100
American whole milk†.....do.	35,635	33,635	40,700	50,200	67,995	74,790	67,770	57,680	50,975	46,050	35,520	33,635	36,350
Receipts, 5 markets.....do.	10,894	10,836	11,527	11,737	12,507	15,003	15,276	13,272	14,786	17,501	14,648	12,913	11,894
Stocks, cold storage, end of month.....do.	119,590	83,050	74,937	78,706	87,555	114,362	138,049	148,173	149,309	143,633	136,574	128,699	125,308
American whole milk.....do.	105,042	66,970	61,310	65,175	73,056	96,143	115,992	125,300	127,202	123,953	118,516	112,237	109,820
Condensed and evaporated milk:													
Exports:§													
Condensed (sweetened).....do.	4,235	353	494	361	442	1,194	4,589	3,368	3,402	5,387	4,347	3,294	3,637
Evaporated (unsweetened).....do.	7,178	2,501	2,284	3,878	3,636	4,550	15,068	52,964	16,017	4,572	6,034	4,434	4,162
Prices, wholesale (N. Y.):													
Condensed (sweetened).....dol. per case.	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Evaporated (unsweetened).....do.	3.20	3.10	3.10	3.06	3.00	3.05	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.20	3.20
Production, case goods:†													
Condensed (sweetened).....thous. of lb.	6,511	3,391	3,474	3,176	4,816	6,166	6,711	6,088	6,608	7,841	6,166	6,160	6,998
Evaporated (unsweetened).....do.	167,046	170,455	199,631	230,370	276,376	255,724	260,590	230,991	196,256	172,036	133,590	150,040	171,609
Stocks, manufacturers', case goods, end of month:													
Condensed (sweetened).....thous. of lb.	7,274	4,579	3,938	4,014	6,815	10,221	10,454	9,728	9,580	9,115	8,543	8,047	7,810
Evaporated (unsweetened).....do.	176,624	150,458	173,378	207,740	287,778	288,565	321,332	349,433	380,543	358,224	226,266	187,652	189,246
Fluid milk:													
Consumption in oleomargarine.....do.		5,761	5,974	5,214	4,691	3,811	4,264	4,179	5,118	5,545	5,545	6,033	6,227
Price, dealers', standard grade.....dol. per 100 lb.	2.26	2.25	2.25	2.23	2.18	2.18	2.18	2.18	2.18	2.20	2.21	2.24	2.26
Production (Minneapolis and St. Paul) thous. of lb.	39,248	38,441	42,638	44,113	45,110	43,470	34,931	29,883	27,188	27,925	28,784	35,951	40,605
Receipts:													
Boston.....thous. of qt.	18,754	18,509	20,309	19,601	20,992	20,370	21,505	21,381	20,344	20,928	20,397	20,255	20,348
Greater New York.....do.	116,518	122,685	120,963	120,993	128,218	126,476	126,500	123,500	126,576	126,611	125,242	127,792	128,272
Powdered milk:													
Exports.....thous. of lb.	1,770	458	640	815	1,003	1,048	1,213	1,461	796	1,966	4,390	1,961	1,390
Production.....do.	25,304	27,406	34,052	37,507	43,852	46,646	35,859	30,291	25,535	26,913	22,819	25,459	26,375
Stocks, mfrs., end of month.....do.	35,856	24,086	29,281	33,372	35,843	40,412	42,805	46,624	45,252	41,032	36,037	34,175	33,351
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES													
Apples:													
Production (crop estimate)¶.....thous. of bu.		4,912	4,639	3,562	1,614	577	573	721	4,251	9,862	5,906	115,456	4,219
Shipments, carlot.....no. of carloads.	16,880	14,493	8,638	3,606	1,135	0	0	0	8,890	31,364	34,086	28,656	23,014
Stocks, cold storage, end of month.....thous. of bu.	15,604	14,334	14,960	15,511	13,346	12,320	10,952	10,150	7,854	11,664	13,419	16,591	20,050
Onions, carlot shipments.....do.	1,569	1,814	2,224	1,611	2,432	2,636	1,032	1,195	2,807	2,938	1,753	1,364	1,867
Potatoes, white:													
Price wholesale (N. Y.).....dol. per 100 lb.	1.531	1.875	1.981	2.095	2.131	2.194	1.770	1.581	1.675	1.445	1.350	1.420	1.481
Production (crop estimate).....thous. of bu.	17,676	17,979	24,792	18,798	21,879	22,180	14,417	7,799	12,492	17,917	12,508	397,722	17,552
Shipments, carlot.....no. of carloads.												11,490	
GRAINS AND GRAIN PRODUCTS													
Exports, principal grains, incl. flour and meal§ thous. of bu.													
	3,279	10,204	9,324	5,636	3,825	6,289	10,673	6,630	5,789	10,141	5,210	2,559	2,812
Barley:													
Exports, including malt§.....do.	166	358	229	185	130	206	218	228	74	122	104	173	109
Prices, wholesale (Minneapolis):													
No. 2, malting.....dol. per bu.	.50	.57	.56	.58	.57	.51	.46	.45	.50	.48	.52	.52	.54
No. 3, straight.....do.	.51	.54	.53	.56	.55	.46	.45	.41	.42	.45	.50	.51	.53
Production (crop estimate).....thous. of bu.	6,357	5,645	5,059	5,910	5,997	3,847	2,870	14,155	8,406	6,628	7,117	309,235	6,496
Receipts, principal markets.....do.	7,335	16,079	13,943	10,883	8,809	6,956	5,598	10,254	11,074	11,371	9,682	9,640	8,195
Stocks, commercial, end of mo.....do.													
Corn:													
Exports, including meal§.....do.	558	5,796	1,867	1,467	1,261	6,139	6,701	3,357	2,372	5,512	950	103	786
Grindings.....do.	26,487	7,076	6,874	7,462	7,607	6,390	5,940	6,324	6,674	7,533	6,385	6,633	7,294
Prices, wholesale:													
No. 3, yellow (Chicago)†.....dol. per bu.	.62	.58	.58	.63	.69	.66	(?)	.66	.65	.64	.65	.62	.64
No. 3, white (Chicago).....do.	.66	.66	.66	.74	(?)	.77	(?)	(?)	(?)	.69	.69	.67	.69
Weighted average, 5 markets, all grades dol. per bu.	.58	.58	.58	.64	.68	.66	.65	.66	.64	.63	.63	.58	.59

† Revised.  
 ‡ December 1 estimate.  
 § For domestic consumption only, excluding grindings for export.  
 ¶ No quotation.  
 ¶ Production in "commercial areas"; not comparable with earlier estimates of total crop or "commercial" crop. Some quantities unharvested on account of market conditions are included.  
 ¶ For monthly data beginning 1913, corresponding to monthly averages shown on p. 105 of the 1940 Supplement, see table 20, p. 18, of the April 1940 Survey.  
 † Data for 1939 revised. See note opposite "†", p. 42 of the January 1941 survey.  
 § Data for 1939 revised; for exports, see table 14, p. 17, and for imports, table 15, p. 18, of this issue.

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**FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO—Continued**

**GRAINS AND GRAIN PRODUCTS—Con.**

**Corn—Continued.**

Production (crop estimate).....thous. of bu.													2,449,200	
Receipts, principal markets.....do	13,862	13,126	11,996	11,630	13,116	23,411	22,464	19,231	28,892	37,609	21,608	20,719	20,719	16,433
Shipments, principal markets.....do	7,091	7,777	5,955	9,633	17,316	14,339	15,126	12,385	12,617	18,660	12,190	10,433	10,433	9,050
Stocks, commercial, end of month.....do	70,142	40,575	39,704	34,142	24,016	25,419	25,354	28,119	41,181	59,314	65,489	70,067	70,067	70,278

<b>Oats:</b>														
Exports, including oatmeal\$.....do	70	154	228	57	83	105	66	69	59	74	87	75	75	53
Price, wholesale, No. 3, white (Chicago).....dol. per bu.	.37	.43	.43	.43	.41	.35	.32	.30	.31	.34	.38	.38	.38	.38

Production (crop estimate).....thous. of bu.														21,235,628
Receipts, principal markets.....do	3,650	4,926	4,751	4,178	3,026	1,912	4,327	13,287	7,075	4,238	4,031	5,337	5,337	3,543
Stocks, commercial, end of month.....do	4,745	7,867	7,539	6,204	4,619	3,130	2,769	8,395	9,141	7,093	6,688	6,592	6,592	5,664

<b>Rice:</b>														
Exports\$.....pockets (100 lb.)	423,116	316,774	292,278	287,517	280,562	294,632	246,135	190,209	247,498	245,881	347,580	358,185	358,185	350,908
Imports.....do	7,933	23,636	40,905	27,572	59,860	43,357	22,711	52,240	18,406	21,221	23,675	16,228	16,228	8,421
Price, wholesale, head, clean (New Orleans).....dol. per lb.	.040	.039	.039	.038	.038	.039	.039	.040	.038	.033	.034	.035	.035	.039

Production (crop estimate).....thous. of bu.													252,754	
Southern States (La., Tex., Ark., and Tenn.):														
Receipts, rough, at mills.....thous. of bbl. (162 lb.)	763	982	967	919	844	366	283	280	970	2,896	2,379	1,519	1,519	1,287
Shipments from mills, milled rice.....thous. of pockets (100 lb.)	1,134	1,108	1,041	1,080	1,135	954	748	772	1,019	1,558	1,413	1,371	1,371	1,431

Stocks, domestic, rough and cleaned (in terms of cleaned rice), end of month.....thous. of pockets (100 lb.)	3,699	3,017	2,994	2,890	2,632	2,084	1,647	1,170	1,183	2,667	3,746	4,012	4,012	3,904
<b>California:</b>														
Receipts, domestic, rough.....bags (100 lb.)	342,635	154,940	293,569	328,769	387,539	231,879	319,168	473,827	488,847	376,624	203,870	289,627	289,627	264,783
Shipments from mills, milled rice.....do	226,943	91,480	97,009	141,744	167,697	196,394	148,300	160,879	370,380	126,523	167,276	211,149	211,149	81,855
Stocks, rough and cleaned (in terms of cleaned rice), end of mo.....bags (100 lb.)	378,074	437,830	445,605	455,143	455,525	358,843	367,777	473,481	400,797	491,976	429,129	380,200	380,200	431,886

<b>Rye:</b>														
Exports, including flour.....thous. of bu.	(1)	79	272	90	112	4	1	(1)	239	2	(1)	2	(1)	(1)
Price, wholesale, No. 2 (Mpls.).....dol. per bu.	.50	.67	.67	.70	.59	.45	.44	.41	.44	.48	.50	.50	.50	.53
Production (crop estimate).....thous. of bu.														240,601
Receipts, principal markets.....do	337	1,455	1,478	1,448	1,324	695	687	1,732	1,520	1,467	1,078	713	713	609
Stocks, commercial, end of month.....do	5,462	10,120	10,138	10,048	9,912	9,506	9,037	9,142	8,520	8,112	7,658	6,640	6,640	6,223

<b>Wheat:</b>														
Disappearance.....do			173,068			152,547				220,504			152,779	
Exports\$														
Wheat, including flour.....do	2,484	3,816	6,728	3,837	2,239	1,835	3,686	2,976	3,044	4,431	4,069	2,206	2,206	1,864
Wheat only.....do	56	1,430	3,704	1,833	227	632	1,876	934	988	1,293	549	301	301	46

<b>Prices, wholesale:</b>														
No. 1, Dark Northern Spring (Minneapolis).....dol. per bu.	.85	1.04	1.04	1.08	1.01	.82	.79	.74	.82	.88	.89	.88	.88	.90
No. 2, Red Winter (St. Louis).....do	.86	1.06	1.06	1.11	1.04	.87	.76	.77	.83	.90	.92	.91	.91	.92
No. 2, Hard Winter (K. C.).....do	.78	.99	1.02	1.06	.95	.76	.71	.69	.76	.82	.85	.83	.83	.85
Weighted av., 6 markets, all grades.....do	.81	1.01	1.01	1.06	.97	.78	.72	.73	.78	.85	.87	.85	.85	.88

Production (crop est.), total.....thous. of bu.														2816,698
Spring wheat.....do														2227,547
Winter wheat.....do														589,151
Shipments, principal markets.....do	8,085	7,403	8,659	9,459	18,525	12,780	29,319	21,442	17,925	15,284	16,210	9,652	9,652	10,025

Stocks, end of month:														
Canada (Canadian wheat).....do	442,408	292,090	288,391	280,625	258,939	257,131	255,175	272,360	352,982	409,356	415,340	440,293	440,293	445,153
United States, total.....do			437,968			297,512			868,207			725,128	725,128	
Commercial.....do	152,598	110,761	105,401	105,595	97,670	87,327	160,150	180,052	186,524	176,390	166,587	169,776	169,776	161,088
Country mills and elevators.....do			80,817			33,730			188,618			165,167	165,167	
Merchant mills.....do			94,266			90,964			133,319			106,303	106,303	
On farms.....do			157,484			85,521			359,746			283,882	283,882	

<b>Wheat flour:</b>														
Disappearance (Russell-Pearsall).....thous. of bbl.														
Exports\$.....do	517	8,233	8,338	8,227	5,778	5,756	9,443	8,902	9,377	9,117	9,889	9,022	9,022	9,061
Grindings of wheat.....thous. of bu.	36,575	36,400	37,812	37,632	38,694	35,079	38,921	40,474	42,268	45,319	39,707	37,078	37,078	40,000

<b>Prices, wholesale:</b>														
Standard patents (Mpls.).....dol. per bbl.	4.54	5.66	5.70	5.77	5.32	4.64	4.48	4.17	4.34	4.62	4.66	4.52	4.52	4.70
Winter, straight (Kansas City).....do	3.58	4.73	4.79	4.86	4.55	4.19	3.84	3.71	3.88	4.01	4.24	4.16	4.16	4.09
<b>Production:</b>														
Flour, actual (Census).....thous. of bbl.	8,063	8,025	8,320	8,269	8,514	7,682	8,504	8,881	9,288	9,960	8,737	8,166	8,166	8,818
Operations, percent of capacity.....do	60.3	56.4	54.1	53.7	55.2	51.7	55.1	55.6	65.5	62.6	50.1	55.6	55.6	58.0
Flour (Russell-Pearsall).....thous. of bbl.	8,505	8,441	8,581	8,454	9,603	7,872	9,528	9,587	10,264	9,535	10,713	9,495	9,495	9,248
Offal (Census).....thous. of lb.	630,124	630,066	657,156	656,277	673,073	614,992	681,823	705,137	735,441	785,828	687,760	630,306	630,306	690,728
Stocks, total, end of month (Russell-Pearsall).....thous. of bbl.		5,700	5,300	5,100	5,350	5,500	5,200	5,450	5,900	5,750	5,825	5,700	5,700	5,500
Held by mills (Census).....do			3,998			4,193			4,601			4,409	4,409	

**LIVESTOCK**

<b>Cattle and calves:</b>														
Receipts, principal markets.....thous. of animals	1,313	1,247	1,359	1,554	1,576	1,462	1,737	1,785	2,175	2,427	1,868	1,604	1,604	1,600
<b>Disposition:</b>														
Local slaughter.....do	828	810	825	974	936	858	991	939	1,033	1,110	977	976	976	964
Shipments, total.....do	475	433	516	631	624	594	723	833	1,083	1,324	692	624	624	623
Stocking and feeder.....do	220	163	215	244	263	216	307	401	603	808	496	290	290	266
<b>Prices, wholesale (Chicago):</b>														
Beef steers.....dol. per 100 lb.	11.27	9.08	9.31	9.46	9.83	9.69	10.44	11.00	11.50	11.87	12.06	11.85	11.85	11.90
Steers, corn fed.....do	12.55	10.53	11.34	11.22	10.89	10.33	11.02	11.33	11.47	12.09	12.21	12.61	12.61	13.08
Calves, weaners.....do	12.50	10.47	10.69	9.93	11.31	9.59	9.85	10.41	11.53	10.97	10.50	10.58	10.58	11.94
<b>Hogs:</b>														
Receipts, principal markets.....thous. of animals	2,513	2,922	2,710	2,595	2,674	2,650	2,259	2,177	2,302	3,113	3,595	3,787	3,787	3,039
<b>Disposition:</b>														
Local slaughter.....do	1,817	2,074	1,964	1,868	2,005	1,927	1,598	1,497	1,692	2,371	2,682	2,823	2,823	2,148

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<b>FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO—Continued</b>													
<b>LIVESTOCK—Continued</b>													
Sheep and lambs:													
Receipts, principal markets, thous. of animals	1,416	1,424	1,440	1,876	2,002	1,687	1,894	2,068	2,523	2,737	1,776	1,597	1,721
Disposition:													
Local slaughter.....do.	850	863	824	1,046	1,077	915	972	876	954	1,085	908	917	997
Shipments, total.....do.	568	559	620	828	917	779	921	1,188	1,530	883	883	688	718
Stocker and feeder.....do.	128	84	89	156	109	132	214	383	610	890	320	154	148
Prices wholesale (Chicago):													
Ewes.....dol. per 100 lb.	5.03	5.09	5.53	5.10	4.16	3.84	3.45	3.50	3.83	4.01	4.03	4.10	5.22
Lambs.....do.	10.09	8.00	9.64	9.67	9.63	10.16	9.14	8.75	8.54	8.88	8.88	9.06	9.78
<b>MEATS</b>													
Total meats:													
Consumption, apparent.....mil. of lb.	1,071	1,054	1,132	1,167	1,200	1,144	1,152	1,228	1,167	1,365	1,289	1,200	*1,250
Exports.....do.	21	61	30	28	21	19	35	17	16	17	17	18	18
Production (inspected slaughter).....do.	1,139	1,214	1,165	1,133	1,200	1,177	1,122	1,068	1,051	1,349	1,442	1,550	1,356
Stocks, cold storage, end of month.....do.	1,309	1,093	1,100	1,031	1,010	1,034	974	796	662	632	788	1,164	*1,258
Miscellaneous meats.....do.	89	107	101	87	77	79	77	67	58	53	66	102	98
Beef and veal:													
Consumption, apparent.....thous. of lb.	428,542	424,129	425,409	467,534	484,143	441,163	479,493	480,723	456,800	524,736	463,355	439,048	*502,771
Exports.....do.	1,079	1,767	1,323	1,491	1,366	1,323	1,076	1,403	1,280	1,508	1,609	1,181	1,003
Price, wholesale, beef, fresh, native steers (Chicago).....dol. per lb.	.180	.150	.159	.166	.170	.165	.176	.183	.192	.186	.190	.193	.193
Production (inspected slaughter), thous. of lb.	410,821	415,207	419,498	453,508	467,179	429,851	471,496	469,808	452,515	532,165	483,045	469,265	496,850
Stocks, beef, cold storage, end of month.....do.	99,097	74,708	72,560	62,020	53,193	45,972	42,004	35,663	36,303	48,245	71,508	106,990	*108,622
Lamb and mutton:													
Consumption, apparent.....do.	61,029	56,124	54,871	57,305	56,647	52,427	54,886	57,579	57,848	69,165	58,705	58,314	*70,327
Production (inspected slaughter).....do.	60,800	56,281	54,677	56,657	56,567	52,245	55,019	57,457	58,108	69,618	59,332	59,026	69,936
Stocks, cold storage, end of month.....do.	4,410	4,488	4,257	3,580	3,463	3,254	3,342	3,192	3,411	3,817	4,427	5,119	*4,099
Pork (including lard):													
Consumption, apparent.....do.	581,555	573,246	651,337	642,696	659,459	650,297	617,900	689,594	651,872	771,486	766,548	702,972	*677,365
Exports, total.....do.	17,603	52,815	25,356	23,806	18,664	15,826	31,472	14,158	13,854	14,033	13,555	15,034	15,941
Lard.....do.	14,830	25,133	20,654	18,849	14,889	12,697	28,239	10,181	9,956	10,198	10,228	12,302	13,666
Prices, wholesale:													
Hams, smoked (Chicago).....dol. per lb.	.218	.173	.168	.168	.171	.173	.175	.178	.183	.183	.183	.183	.200
Lard, in tiers:													
Prime, contract (N. Y.).....do.	.062	.067	.063	.066	.060	.060	.064	.055	.055	.052	.053	.050	.057
Refined (Chicago).....do.	.075	.072	.070	.072	.070	.065	.069	.066	.071	.068	.069	.068	.075
Production (inspected slaughter), total													
Lard.....thous. of lb.	666,956	742,054	690,347	622,544	675,942	694,535	595,749	541,180	540,486	747,045	899,321	1,021,219	788,844
Lard.....do.	117,714	140,979	130,199	113,315	121,956	121,511	103,983	90,525	84,310	114,789	145,387	181,917	138,836
Stocks, cold storage, end of month.....do.	1,116,227	907,293	921,510	878,008	876,512	905,296	851,896	689,854	564,904	526,878	646,492	950,238	*1,046,817
Fresh and cured.....do.	790,385	650,653	652,733	611,956	592,375	598,522	548,688	417,564	329,214	303,712	408,900	656,169	*739,927
Lard.....do.	325,842	256,640	268,777	266,052	283,937	306,774	303,208	272,290	235,690	223,166	237,592	294,069	*306,890
<b>POULTRY AND EGGS</b>													
Poultry:													
Receipts, 5 markets.....thous. of lb.	19,159	22,671	22,054	19,889	26,042	28,212	26,892	32,987	34,087	44,248	89,802	88,005	27,933
Stocks, cold storage, end of month.....do.	163,347	144,739	115,442	86,226	76,904	2,336	82,415	82,178	90,842	114,257	159,110	208,365	*191,410
Eggs:													
Receipts, 5 markets.....thous. of cases	1,110	1,017	1,734	2,238	2,369	1,682	1,274	943	799	727	682	734	1,065
Stocks, cold storage, end of month:													
Shell.....thous. of cases	298	81	854	3,341	5,980	7,513	7,784	7,241	6,040	4,144	1,969	614	*297
Frozen.....thous. of lb.	45,120	38,070	44,199	79,454	123,793	160,366	154,947	145,653	130,787	111,815	91,273	73,326	*53,828
<b>TROPICAL PRODUCTS</b>													
Cocoa:													
Imports.....long tons	27,615	30,917	14,865	11,886	20,119	22,288	41,185	35,396	24,935	30,053	30,082	40,548	33,795
Price, spot, Accra (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.	.058	.0538	.0556	.0600	.0553	.0495	.0466	.0426	.0451	.0452	.0489	.0534	.0520
Coffee:													
Clearances from Brazil, total.....thous. of bags	1,136	1,384	1,162	926	1,342	703	733	847	804	1,050	1,094	1,306	1,455
To United States.....do.	975	668	717	539	944	571	606	650	708	912	896	1,149	1,214
Imports into United States.....do.	2,260	1,228	1,443	1,274	1,339	1,226	1,393	1,148	994	1,247	1,386	1,605	2,010
Price, wholesale, Rio No. 7 (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.	.057	.056	.056	.055	.053	.053	.053	.051	.051	.051	.052	.053	.053
Visible supply:													
United States.....thous. of bags	1,600	944	1,053	895	1,018	997	992	975	1,044	997	1,099	1,157	1,300
Sugar:													
Raw sugar:													
Cuban stocks, end of month													
thous. of Spanish tons.	1,258	*1,258	2,226	2,501	2,260	3,021	1,776	1,650	1,568	1,473	1,216	1,181	1,037
United States:													
Meltings, 8 ports.....long tons	323,430	289,291	333,186	339,755	351,629	336,579	380,198	318,357	368,346	303,215	350,401	305,978	307,619
Price, wholesale, 96° centrifugal (N. Y.)													
dol. per lb.	.030	.029	.028	.028	.028	.027	.027	.027	.027	.028	.029	.029	.029
Receipts: From Hawaii and Puerto Rico													
long tons.	95,057	117,576	129,878	156,155	148,904	66,831	100,932	123,983	125,256	127,822	136,764	118,252	34,554
Imports, total:													
From Cuba.....do.	276,810	208,959	211,027	207,784	222,532	235,043	221,696	198,490	143,034	145,042	175,548	113,186	236,098
From Philippine Islands.....do.	164,919	121,604	157,045	143,329	129,006	148,833	155,545	98,623	90,986	73,155	91,442	51,607	148,938
Stocks at refineries, end of month.....do.	106,397	71,107	49,971	60,535	93,447	79,824	66,140	99,852	52,041	71,884	79,097	45,955	83,458
Refined sugar (United States):													
Exports.....do.	993	13,631	15,132	19,001	18,392	38,638	2,034	10,977	7,420	3,995	6,305	2,996	6,720
Price, retail, gran. (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.	.050	.051	.051	.051	.050	.050	.050	.050	.050	.050	.050	.050	.050
Price, wholesale, gran. (N. Y.).....do.	.044	.044	.044	.044	.044	.044	.044	.043	.043	.043	.043	.043	.043
Receipts:													
From Hawaii and Puerto Rico.....long tons	22,737	25,879	28,710	26,245	29,115	13,755	3,991	271	1,109	1,406	1,654	2,054	2,366
Imports, total.....do.	23,361	24,452	35,073	53,878	45,750	37,488	40,129	43,668	35,298	25,983	10,076	904	12,976
From Cuba.....do.	20,251	22,275	31,278	45,689	38,471	35,273	32,048	37,562	29,711	24,994	6,155	241	7,477
From Philippine Islands.....do.	2,857	2,176	3,794	8,178	7,261	2,187	8,066	6,023	5,571	960	1,362	479	5,207
Tea, imports.....thous. of lb.	8,863	8,863	8,056	8,630	4,921	6,510	7,316	7,176	7,783	9,030	9,364	9,385	7,838

\* Revised.  
† Revised series; revisions beginning January 1937 appear in table 8, p. 18, of the January 1941 Survey; see also note marked "†" which applies to both production and stocks.  
‡ Monthly figures beginning 1913, corresponding to the monthly averages shown on p. 113 of the 1940 Supplement, are available on request.  
§ In accordance with new definitions effective November 1, 1940, fats rendered from hog carcasses formerly reported as "lard" are now reported as "lard" and "rendered pork fat." The two are here combined to have figures comparable with the earlier data.  
¶ Data for exports and imports revised for 1939; see table 14, p. 17, and table 15, p. 18, respectively, of this issue.

Monthly statistics through December 1939, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1940 Supplement to the Survey	1941												1941
	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
<b>FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO—Continued</b>													
<b>MISCELLANEOUS FOOD PRODUCTS</b>													
Candy, sales by manufacturers.....thous. of dol.	20,411	19,338	18,216	16,212	15,953	12,268	12,820	15,679	23,409	24,111	24,159	22,709	19,076
<b>Fish:</b>													
Landings, fresh fish, prin. ports.....thous. of lb.	29,189	28,558	25,298	20,344	26,608	35,583	55,715	51,461	44,624	40,836	36,070	31,518	22,027
Salmon, canned, shipments.....cases	399,199	198,816	603,249	86,061	204,827	375,008	880,148	794,289	817,370	463,549	728,566	530,784	
Stocks, cold storage, 15th of month thous. of lb.	71,333	62,622	45,592	34,835	33,756	45,473	62,062	76,479	86,321	94,006	95,531	100,088	86,880
<b>Gelatin, edible:</b>													
Monthly report for 7 companies:													
Production.....do	1,686	1,924	1,949	2,029	1,688	1,587	1,229	1,150	1,160	1,397	1,625	1,856	1,806
Shipments.....do	1,513	1,571	1,618	1,737	1,711	1,622	1,715	1,674	1,399	1,595	1,636	1,775	1,617
Stocks.....do	5,935	6,385	6,716	7,009	6,985	6,950	6,464	5,940	5,701	5,503	5,492	5,574	5,763
Quarterly report for 11 companies:													
Production.....do			7,515			6,971			4,700			6,364	
Stocks.....do			10,287			10,362			8,600			8,421	
<b>TOBACCO</b>													
<b>Leaf:</b>													
Exports, incl. scrap and stems.....thous. of lb.	14,930	18,408	32,550	15,912	32,616	20,965	15,533	14,360	7,644	11,526	11,836	18,947	14,844
Imports, incl. scrap and stems.....do	4,898	5,285	5,159	5,790	6,770	6,425	7,780	7,329	6,239	6,734	5,365	7,091	6,268
Production (crop estimate).....mil. of lb.												11,376	
Stocks, dealers and manufacturers, total, end of quarter.....mil. of lb.			3,329			3,031			3,123			3,435	
<b>Domestic:</b>													
Cigar leaf.....do													
Fire-cured and dark air-cured.....do			402			378			358			321	
Flue-cured and light air-cured.....do			268			227			207			202	
Miscellaneous domestic.....do			2,519			2,290			2,431			2,789	
<b>Foreign grown:</b>													
Cigar leaf.....do													
Cigarette tobacco.....do			18			19			18			18	
			119			112			106			102	
<b>Manufactured products:</b>													
Consumption (tax-paid withdrawals):													
Small cigarettes.....millions	14,465	13,163	13,021	14,820	16,275	17,565	15,913	15,840	14,890	16,448	14,347	13,815	16,287
Large cigars.....thousands	385,349	375,824	397,490	425,140	460,313	435,029	460,523	487,641	475,725	583,508	507,349	349,780	403,166
Manufactured tobacco and snuff thous. of lb.	25,202	26,857	27,550	28,481	29,924	27,660	29,333	28,849	28,729	34,718	28,596	24,758	28,958
Exports, cigarettes.....thousands	584,281	576,914	537,206	509,420	803,312	604,312	406,076	639,101	285,106	533,455	472,923	597,390	626,129
<b>Prices, wholesale (list price, destination):</b>													
Cigarettes, composite price.....dol. per 1,000	5,760	5,513	5,513	5,513	5,513	5,513	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760
Cigars, composite price.....do	46,056	46,056	46,056	46,056	46,056	46,056	46,056	46,056	46,056	46,056	46,056	46,056	46,056
<b>Production, manufactured tobacco:</b>													
Total.....thous. of lb.	24,049	24,045	25,554	26,889	24,167	26,887	25,933	26,300	31,133	25,704	22,941	25,153	
Fine cut chewing.....do	300	335	362	512	367	432	456	398	443	421	380	426	
Plug.....do	4,035	3,806	4,278	4,331	4,115	4,521	4,225	4,145	4,195	3,942	3,681	3,882	
Scrap chewing.....do	3,397	3,363	3,507	3,539	3,187	3,985	3,807	3,525	4,009	3,256	3,196	3,636	
Smoking.....do	15,836	16,087	16,949	18,004	16,082	17,460	16,949	17,762	21,950	17,642	15,227	16,752	
Twist.....do	481	454	458	503	416	489	497	476	536	442	456	457	

**FUELS AND BYPRODUCTS**

<b>COAL</b>													
<b>Anthracite:</b>													
Exports.....thous. of long tons.	159	114	121	121	282	363	329	222	221	167	141	153	146
<b>Prices, composite, chestnut:</b>													
Retail.....dol. per short ton.	11.66		11.37			11.04			11.41	11.48	11.57	11.59	11.67
Wholesale.....do	9,823	9,576	9,584	9,388	9,278	9,333	9,462	9,558	9,636	9,769	9,775	9,793	9,823
Production.....thous. of short tons.	4,430	3,546	3,773	3,746	3,957	4,367	4,408	3,775	4,056	4,234	3,869	4,699	4,977
<b>Stocks, end of month:</b>													
In producers' storage yards.....do	531	372	128	91	137	506	953	1,164	1,279	1,112	1,112	939	704
In selected retail dealers' yards number of days' supply	26	23	17	24	37	40	46	56	51	49	57	45	33
<b>Bituminous:</b>													
Exports.....thous. of long tons.	488	510	602	1,231	2,081	1,948	1,849	1,806	1,488	1,091	1,065	518	454
<b>Industrial consumption, total</b>													
thous. of short tons.	30,948	28,780	28,538	26,072	25,741	24,988	25,877	27,079	26,783	30,333	30,961	32,637	33,588
Beehive coke ovens.....do	789	242	211	160	166	240	367	442	432	577	626	736	817
Byproduct coke ovens.....do	6,445	5,676	5,830	5,632	6,000	6,184	6,603	6,703	6,624	6,928	6,799	6,999	7,061
Cement mills.....do	370	246	337	418	513	542	519	534	543	578	556	507	407
Coal-gas retorts.....do	139	141	143	205	131	124	123	136	139	139	139	171	152
Electric power utilities.....do	4,233	4,217	4,029	3,561	3,696	3,839	4,079	4,341	4,177	4,812	4,582	4,737	4,782
Railways (class I).....do	7,666	7,328	7,288	6,721	6,534	6,199	6,391	6,612	6,606	7,349	7,594	8,072	8,176
Steel and rolling mills.....do	966	900	870	725	751	690	715	791	752	870	895	975	1,043
Other industrial.....do	10,340	10,030	9,830	8,650	7,950	7,170	7,080	7,520	7,510	9,080	9,770	10,440	11,150
<b>Other consumption:</b>													
Vessels (bunker).....thous. of long tons.	78	110	105	93	128	100	102	112	102	105	107	83	83
Coal mine fuel.....thous. of short tons.	296	268	241	226	243	231	258	281	276	277	286	296	315
<b>Prices:</b>													
Retail, composite.....dol. per short ton	8.87		8.65			8.36			8.54	8.75	8.84	8.86	8.87
<b>Wholesale:</b>													
Mine run, composite.....do	4,389	4,318	4,296	4,275	4,265	4,264	4,251	4,256	4,277	4,403	4,393	4,393	4,390
Prepared sizes, composite.....do	4,615	4,457	4,395	4,297	4,230	4,231	4,276	4,314	4,354	4,602	4,619	4,618	4,616
Production.....thous. of short tons.	41,450	39,277	35,244	32,790	34,896	32,400	35,890	39,010	38,650	38,700	40,012	41,400	44,070
<b>Stocks, industrial and retail dealers, end of month, total.....thous. of short tons.</b>													
	48,236	39,077	35,108	35,721	39,203	41,563	45,438	48,111	51,122	51,564	51,872	50,998	48,702
Industrial, total.....do	42,236	32,577	30,208	30,521	32,403	34,563	37,538	39,611	42,122	42,464	42,922	42,978	42,102
Byproduct coke ovens.....do	9,890	5,875	5,305	5,150	5,956	6,506	7,448	7,832	8,861	9,712	10,091	10,184	9,887
Cement mills.....do	440	444	408	463	486	507	494	551	578	515	476	436	408
Coal-gas retorts.....do	247	218	200	243	248	284	292	291	287	285	273	284	258
Electric power utilities.....do	10,663	9,128	9,257	9,514	9,798	10,241	10,559	11,003	11,337	11,309	11,413	11,336	11,119
Railways (class I).....do	4,216	5,272	4,660	4,526	4,602	4,644	5,240	5,693	5,679	5,493	5,748	5,921	6,235
Steel and rolling mills.....do	1,040	650	578	565	533	541	605	661	690	660	691	827	935
Other industrial.....do	12,740	10,990	9,800	10,060	10,780	11,840	12,900	13,580	14,690	14,490	14,230	13,990	13,280
Retail dealers, total.....do	6,000	6,500	4,900	5,200	6,800	7,000	7,900	8,500	9,000	9,100	8,950	8,020	6,600

† Revised.

‡ December 1 estimate.

§ Data for 1938 revised. See p. 45 of the August 1940 Survey.

¶ Composite price for 38 cities in March; 37 cities in June, September, and October; 36 cities in November; and 35 cities beginning in December. Data for retail coal prices, both anthracite and bituminous, are now compiled on a monthly basis for the coal-burning season, September through April.

§ Data for exports and imports revised for 1939; see table 14, p. 17, and table 15, p. 18, respectively, of this issue.

Monthly statistics through December 1939, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1940 Supplement to the Survey

Table with columns for 1941 (February) and 1940 (February to January)

FUELS AND BYPRODUCTS—Continued

Main data table with categories like COKE, PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS, Crude petroleum, Refined petroleum products, Kerosene, Lubricants, Asphalt, Wax, and Hides and skins

LEATHER AND PRODUCTS

Table with columns for 1941 and 1940, and rows for Hides and skins categories like Imports, Calf and kip skins, Cattle hides, Goat skins, Sheep and lamb skins

\* Revised, \*New series. Data on wholesale price of fuel oil beginning January 1918 appear in table 46, p. 14 of the November 1940 Survey. Data beginning 1920 for the new series on retail service-station price of gasoline, which replaces a similar series previously shown, appear in table 10, p. 16 the March 1941 Survey.



Monthly statistics through December 1939, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1940 Supplement to the Survey

LEATHER AND PRODUCTS—Continued

	1940												1941
	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
<b>HIDES AND SKINS—Continued</b>													
Livestock (federally inspected slaughter):													
Calves.....thous. of animals.....	384	378	440	480	501	437	457	432	417	507	462	437	411
Cattle.....do.....	717	715	721	774	796	738	822	842	812	968	884	858	891
Hogs.....do.....	3,725	4,277	3,981	3,610	3,890	3,886	3,219	3,045	3,168	4,483	5,419	6,063	4,517
Sheep and lambs.....do.....	1,391	1,313	1,266	1,355	1,420	1,378	1,448	1,489	1,469	1,734	1,462	1,416	1,625
Prices, wholesale (Chicago):													
Hides, packers', heavy, native steers.....dol. per lb.....	.124	.129	.126	.127	.123	.105	.114	.102	.123	.140	.146	.133	.133
Calfskins, packers', 8 to 15 lb.....do.....	.216	.214	.216	.212	.214	.187	.188	.153	.166	.203	.218	.213	.216
<b>LEATHER</b>													
Exports:													
Sole leathers.....thous. of lb.....	1,278	773	643	354	456	92	37	33	18	15	4,000	2,209	435
Upper leathers.....thous. of sq. ft.....	3,416	3,214	4,456	3,842	2,902	2,701	2,031	2,256	1,971	2,752	2,626	2,776	2,679
Production:													
Calf and kip.....thous. of skins.....	r 956	r 869	r 889	r 993	936	953	996	844	r 980	r 912	r 964	994	
Cattle hides.....thous. of hides.....	1,892	1,700	1,566	1,590	1,452	1,534	1,739	1,597	1,977	1,941	r 2,054	2,176	
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins.....	r 3,219	r 3,413	r 3,259	r 3,087	r 3,077	r 3,030	r 2,830	r 3,098	r 2,372	r 3,098	r 3,098	2,960	
Sheep and lamb.....do.....	2,968	3,052	3,212	3,357	2,880	2,873	3,261	3,050	3,643	3,411	3,320	3,497	
Prices, wholesale:													
Sole, oak, scoured backs (Boston).....dol. per lb.....	.355	.348	.345	.345	.344	.340	.325	.305	.300	.312	.343	.345	.355
Chrome, calf, B grade, black, composite.....dol. per sq. ft.....	.480	.455	.457	.466	.469	.455	.453	.442	.440	.453	.466	.478	.481
Stocks of cattle hides and leather, end of month													
Total.....thous. of equiv. hides.....	12,887	12,578	12,529	12,508	12,737	12,621	12,566	12,740	13,176	13,571	r 13,891	13,875	
In process and finished.....do.....	9,203	8,911	8,730	8,812	8,891	8,743	8,629	8,708	8,935	9,165	r 9,429	9,379	
Raw.....do.....	3,684	3,667	3,799	3,696	3,846	3,878	3,937	4,032	4,241	4,406	r 4,462	4,496	
<b>LEATHER MANUFACTURES</b>													
Gloves and mittens:													
Production (cut), total.....dozen pairs.....	204,313	154,325	155,402	146,345	169,671	179,972	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	r 196,519
Dress and semidress.....do.....	127,698	88,956	88,333	81,355	100,717	108,674	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	r 118,020
Work.....do.....	76,615	65,369	67,069	64,990	68,954	71,298	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	r 78,499
Boots, shoes, and slippers:													
Exports.....thous. of pairs.....		316	220	177	142	129	105	202	206	168	170	108	101
Prices, wholesale, factory:													
Men's black calf blucher.....dol. per pair.....	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Men's black calf oxford, corded tip.....do.....	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25
Women's colored, elk blucher.....do.....	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30
Production, boots, shoes, and slippers:													
Total.....thous. of pairs.....	38,006	35,651	34,551	31,056	29,479	27,905	33,590	39,315	34,992	36,746	30,402	31,425	r 36,803
Athletic.....do.....	321	285	311	349	343	371	323	359	389	508	517	479	r 380
All fabric (satin, canvas, etc.).....do.....	506	529	824	915	965	691	302	302	319	311	297	332	r 414
Part fabric and part leather.....do.....	1,621	1,299	1,048	692	424	303	370	519	474	834	842	1,043	r 1,586
High and low cut, leather, total.....do.....	32,686	31,324	29,538	25,556	23,801	22,668	28,113	32,837	28,208	28,566	22,409	25,233	r 32,215
Boys' and youths'.....do.....	1,266	1,178	1,067	1,017	1,161	1,230	1,391	1,624	1,366	1,533	1,281	1,312	r 1,359
Infants'.....do.....	1,947	1,894	1,821	1,703	1,575	1,600	1,710	1,790	1,791	2,132	1,823	1,873	r 2,148
Misses' and children's.....do.....	3,960	3,816	3,614	2,825	2,601	2,950	3,357	3,669	3,342	3,468	2,881	3,282	r 3,909
Men's.....do.....	8,829	9,094	8,337	7,588	7,419	6,925	8,018	9,622	8,679	10,112	8,618	8,680	r 8,168
Women's.....do.....	15,590	15,343	14,700	12,424	11,045	9,963	13,638	16,132	13,030	11,321	7,806	10,085	r 14,544
Slippers and moccasins for housewear.....thous. of pairs.....	2,268	1,870	2,288	2,880	3,127	3,184	4,005	4,946	5,413	6,283	6,134	4,093	r 1,713
All other footwear.....do.....	605	345	542	663	819	687	476	353	189	244	203	246	r 496

LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES

<b>LUMBER—ALL TYPES</b>													
Exports, total sawmill products\$.....M bd. ft.....	60,921	59,734	62,458	79,880	99,098	91,180	108,059	98,296	89,940	72,862	73,911	61,960	79,865
Sawed timber\$.....do.....	7,755	13,217	14,909	19,934	26,859	14,892	14,880	11,155	12,271	10,342	10,085	6,443	14,907
Boards, planks, scantlings, etc.\$.....do.....	42,140	41,197	43,500	52,469	65,731	62,509	81,099	68,262	69,356	56,499	53,023	36,434	46,449
Imports, total sawmill products.....do.....	67,504	45,373	44,088	45,357	71,006	60,725	65,714	64,704	71,374	74,975	71,548	71,202	62,349
National Lumber Mfrs. Assn.:†													
Production, total.....mil. bd. ft.....	2,175	1,838	2,024	2,199	2,343	2,257	2,227	2,541	2,484	2,671	2,342	2,227	2,298
Hardwoods.....do.....	322	r 353	r 328	r 331	r 328	r 284	r 259	r 300	r 353	r 427	r 388	r 357	359
Softwoods.....do.....	1,853	r 1,485	r 1,696	r 1,868	r 2,015	r 1,973	r 1,968	r 2,241	r 2,131	r 2,245	r 1,954	r 1,870	1,939
Shipments, total.....do.....	2,228	r 1,853	2,080	2,211	2,398	2,219	2,355	2,665	2,751	2,947	2,569	2,405	2,479
Hardwoods.....do.....	357	r 344	r 335	r 327	r 335	r 328	r 339	r 379	r 399	r 453	r 422	r 383	393
Softwoods.....do.....	1,871	r 1,508	r 1,745	r 1,885	r 2,063	r 1,891	r 2,017	r 2,286	r 2,352	r 2,495	r 2,147	r 2,022	2,086
Stocks, gross, end of month, total.....do.....	6,331	r 7,613	r 7,565	r 7,556	r 7,520	r 7,586	r 7,482	r 7,363	r 7,146	r 6,994	r 6,685	6,552	6,384
Hardwoods.....do.....	1,418	r 1,831	r 1,824	r 1,828	r 1,820	r 1,776	1,699	r 1,620	r 1,573	r 1,548	1,514	1,487	1,453
Softwoods.....do.....	4,913	r 5,782	5,741	5,722	5,700	5,810	5,783	5,743	5,573	5,356	5,171	5,065	4,931
<b>FLOORING</b>													
Maple, beech, and birch:													
Orders, new.....M bd. ft.....	8,225	6,200	6,350	6,350	6,550	7,000	9,350	10,725	8,700	9,900	6,450	5,750	8,075
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do.....	11,600	11,250	10,625	9,900	9,360	8,900	9,375	10,800	11,150	11,600	11,150	10,160	10,950
Production.....do.....	6,650	6,600	6,350	6,850	6,420	6,450	7,450	8,175	7,500	9,200	7,100	7,000	8,550
Shipments.....do.....	7,550	6,100	7,025	6,950	7,270	7,400	8,750	9,350	8,400	9,600	7,000	6,600	7,275
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	18,350	20,700	20,035	19,700	19,600	18,400	17,350	16,600	16,000	15,800	16,200	17,500	19,300
Oak:													
Orders, new.....do.....	45,981	42,338	39,658	34,438	45,935	33,357	49,587	65,836	51,344	47,571	31,588	25,942	35,903
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do.....	54,985	66,205	68,068	61,242	61,461	52,512	59,380	72,557	73,818	68,765	55,519	46,695	44,081
Production.....do.....	38,409	33,435	35,286	41,190	43,805	38,015	41,658	46,148	46,916	51,938	48,413	44,254	46,656
Shipments.....do.....	35,677	33,312	37,696	41,204	45,716	43,127	44,412	52,655	50,083	52,624	44,642	36,664	37,941
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	74,235	81,012	78,471	79,397	75,139	70,027	65,317	57,879	52,712	51,426	55,197	62,788	71,503
<b>SOFTWOODS</b>													
Douglas fir:													
Exports, total sawmill products\$.....M bd. ft.....	24,347	25,704	31,103	33,243	45,288	29,078	38,014	37,625	26,888	32,170	30,752	14,285	27,866
Sawed timber\$.....do.....	6,555	8,424	11,849	13,603	21,375	10,180	10,771	9,595	9,385	9,130	8,390	4,157	12,620
Boards, planks, scantlings, etc.\$.....do.....	17,792	17,280	19,254	19,640	23,913	18,898	27,243	28,030	17,503	23,040	22,362	10,128	15,276
Prices, wholesale:													
Dimension, No. 1, common*.....dol. per M bd. ft.....	24.900	22.295	22.050	22.050	21.928	21.560	21.658	22.908	24.500	24.500	24.990	25.970	25.970
Flooring, "B" and better, F. G., 1 x 4, R. L.*.....dol. per M bd. ft.....	35.280	28.910	28.420	27.440	27.195	26.460	26.656	29.645	33.320	33.320	34.300	36.260	36.260

\* Revised. † Data not available. ‡ Data for 1940 revised to include fletchers and exclude skivers.  
 \*New series. These prices replace series shown in the 1940 Supplement and monthly issues through February 1941; data beginning 1922 will be shown in a subsequent issue.  
 § Data for 1939 revised; see table 14, p. 17 of this issue.  
 ¶ Revised data for 1939 and January 1940 will be shown in a subsequent issue.  
 ¶ Revised figures for February-December 1940 are shown on p. 4 of the Weekly Supplement for April 3, 1940 figures shown above are unrevised data.

Monthly statistics through December 1939, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1940 Supplement to the Survey	1941											
	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December

LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES—Continued

SOFTWOODS—Continued													
<b>Southern Pine:</b>													
Exports, total sawmill products... M bd. ft.	8,991	14,747	12,838	18,348	25,928	28,209	27,689	15,990	22,224	10,964	11,581	11,293	11,691
Sawed timber..... do	750	4,518	2,697	5,838	4,866	4,341	3,597	948	2,368	989	1,215	1,868	1,747
Boards, planks, scantlings, etc..... do	8,241	10,229	10,141	12,510	21,062	23,868	24,092	15,042	19,856	9,975	10,366	9,425	9,944
Orders, new†..... mil. bd. ft.	674	516	587	677	688	623	799	948	905	949	763	640	773
Orders, unfilled, end of month..... do	542	357	331	348	324	350	440	570	603	600	550	498	511
Price, wholesale, flooring... dol. per M. bd. ft.	49,943	41,798	41,873	41,662	41,783	43,865	41,536	43,045	46,010	48,675	50,585	50,868	50,750
Production†..... mil. bd. ft.	676	558	636	651	675	692	625	720	739	827	734	718	763
Shipments†..... do	643	493	613	660	712	597	709	818	872	952	813	692	700
Stocks, end of month..... do	1,539	2,014	2,037	2,028	1,991	1,996	1,912	1,814	1,681	1,556	1,477	1,503	1,506
<b>Western Pine:</b>													
Orders, new†..... do	380	300	354	400	457	421	495	653	629	546	441	397	425
Orders, unfilled, end of month..... do	400	282	285	287	304	300	326	442	532	486	433	380	394
Price, wholesale, Ponderosa pine, 1 x 8, No. 2, common (f. o. b. mills).... dol. per M. bd. ft.	33.47	28.86	29.30	29.09	29.02	28.49	28.01	28.17	29.71	31.73	33.04	33.58	33.99
Production†..... mil. bd. ft.	265	212	279	389	322	541	570	618	549	544	414	344	262
Shipments†..... do	374	297	351	397	441	425	469	537	539	592	494	446	411
Stocks, end of month..... do	1,551	1,744	1,672	1,664	1,745	1,861	1,962	2,043	2,051	1,997	1,917	1,812	1,663
<b>West Coast Woods:</b>													
Orders, new†..... do	660	574	622	636	609	603	742	829	741	720	656	642	666
Orders, unfilled, end of month..... do	701	513	520	517	425	383	510	623	647	681	726	693	676
Production†..... do	669	558	611	645	628	614	579	690	611	659	614	618	675
Shipments†..... do	634	568	605	641	700	675	627	702	710	690	606	677	681
Stocks, end of month..... do	889	961	976	981	926	920	900	892	865	860	867	851	855
<b>Redwood, California:</b>													
Orders, new..... M bd. ft.	29,343	21,544	29,704	31,450	29,263	26,500	27,586	35,063	32,836	47,674	36,581	40,469	33,121
Orders, unfilled, end of month..... do	48,415	26,416	32,472	31,371	26,355	27,468	25,901	32,173	35,545	42,855	42,849	51,877	52,859
Production..... do	33,700	29,105	28,727	31,207	31,310	29,293	28,477	30,156	31,533	36,059	31,468	29,761	35,279
Shipments..... do	32,738	21,957	27,237	31,562	33,391	28,016	29,365	31,290	29,024	38,245	36,318	31,476	31,455
Stocks, end of month..... do	267,276	301,176	299,227	298,317	294,231	292,640	289,079	283,907	286,622	282,038	275,402	270,158	269,424
<b>FURNITURE</b>													
All districts:													
Plant operations..... percent of normal	63.0	63.0	62.0	62.0	62.0	63.0	60.0	65.0	71.0	76.0	77.0	74.0	70.0
<b>Grand Rapids district:</b>													
<b>Orders:</b>													
Canceled..... percent of new orders	8.0	6.0	10.0	7.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	8.0	3.0	3.0
New..... no of days' production	16	15	15	14	14	23	24	28	29	21	17	28	28
Unfilled, end of month..... do	30	25	23	22	25	32	38	43	46	40	32	42	42
Plant operations..... percent of normal	65.0	58.0	61.0	62.0	62.0	57.0	64.0	69.0	75.0	74.0	75.0	72.0	72.0
Shipments..... no. of days' production	16	16	14	14	12	15	18	21	25	23	20	20	20
<b>Prices, wholesale:</b>													
Beds, wooden..... 1926=100	83.5	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.9	77.9	83.5
Dining-room chairs, set of 6..... do	100.9	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	100.9
Kitchen cabinets..... do	89.4	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	89.4
Living-room davenport..... do	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2	87.2
Steel furniture (see Iron and Steel Section).													

METALS AND MANUFACTURES

IRON AND STEEL													
<b>Foreign trade:</b>													
Exports (domestic), total..... long tons	671,301	663,980	612,906	783,964	936,047	1,034,938	1,402,075	1,221,052	1,105,510	788,176	805,158	698,853	
Scrap..... do	234,716	206,928	221,152	312,483	318,369	327,129	355,991	255,608	258,926	74,349	69,980	45,055	
Imports, total..... do	6,740	5,096	6,674	7,759	5,505	3,542	2,105	2,508	3,966	980	4,064	423	
Scrap..... do	273	29	482	33	1	152	16	56	242	252	48	17	
Price, wholesale, iron and steel, composite..... dol. per long ton	38.22	36.97	36.83	36.69	37.33	37.69	37.63	37.70	37.92	38.07	38.08	38.30	38.38
<b>Ore</b>													
<b>Iron ore:</b>													
<b>Lake Superior district:</b>													
<b>Consumption by furnaces</b>													
thous. of long tons	5,673	4,242	4,088	3,035	4,566	5,213	5,524	5,701	5,672	6,051	5,973	6,173	6,331
Shipments from upper lake ports..... do	0	0	0	465	7,245	9,487	10,383	10,480	9,935	10,009	5,341	9	0
Stocks, end of month, total..... do	24,195	25,967	21,862	18,106	19,603	23,516	28,244	32,935	37,090	41,125	41,712	36,073	29,794
At furnaces..... do	21,100	22,057	18,412	15,155	16,717	20,428	24,608	28,708	32,432	36,280	36,925	31,792	26,167
On Lake Erie docks..... do	3,096	3,880	3,450	2,951	2,886	3,088	3,636	4,227	4,658	4,846	4,787	4,251	3,627
Imports, total..... do	178	237	167	257	175	162	194	249	164	265	229	174	155
Manganese ore, imports (manganese content)..... thous. of long tons	31	43	42	36	63	51	39	98	49	40	61	59	45
<b>Pig Iron and Iron Manufactures</b>													
<b>Castings, malleable:</b>													
Orders, new..... short tons	75,840	34,901	35,730	35,290	35,563	36,503	45,025	52,994	53,079	71,129	64,612	66,665	81,089
Production..... do	63,138	42,163	39,881	40,529	37,511	34,700	38,872	48,926	49,804	62,293	57,717	60,155	68,742
Percent of capacity..... do	78.5	51.7	48.7	50.1	45.2	42.7	46.7	58.8	61.4	75.0	71.2	74.2	83.6
Shipments..... short tons	62,115	43,935	42,975	41,975	40,919	33,323	34,226	43,216	45,943	61,161	56,321	60,127	65,884
<b>Pig iron:</b>													
<b>Furnaces in blast, end of month:</b>													
Capacity..... short tons per day	148,555	106,040	104,675	106,395	119,905	131,360	131,760	137,500	140,620	144,290	148,000	149,770	152,040
Number..... do	202	157	152	157	172	182	187	190	193	196	201	202	205
<b>Prices, wholesale:</b>													
Basic (valley furnace)..... dol. per long ton	23.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.90	23.50
Composite..... do	23.95	23.15	23.15	23.15	23.15	23.15	23.15	23.15	23.15	23.15	23.15	23.15	23.95
Foundry, No. 2, northern (Pitts)..... do	25.89	24.89	24.89	24.89	24.89	24.89	24.89	24.89	24.89	24.89	24.89	25.29	25.89
Production..... thous. of short tons	4,198	3,311	3,270	3,137	3,514	3,810	4,054	4,238	4,177	4,446	4,403	4,548	4,664
<b>Boilers and radiators, cast-iron:</b>													
<b>Round:</b>													
Production..... thous. of lb.	1,920	1,648	1,602	2,292	2,754	1,697	1,449	1,848	2,371	3,598	2,416	1,934	2,071
Shipments..... do	1,222	1,207	1,177	1,334	1,613	1,698	2,732	3,851	5,145	2,451	1,884	1,608	1,608
Stocks, end of month..... do	12,391	11,935	12,454	13,565	14,923	15,009	13,477	13,873	12,513	10,750	10,622	11,021	11,687
<b>Square:</b>													
Production..... do	22,579	20,616	18,790	17,900	20,922	18,698	17,352	26,185	26,340	32,701	23,788	18,964	23,443
Shipments..... do	13,086	11,214	9,253	10,933	12,024	14,776	22,916	31,100	40,342	43,767	26,059	18,547	14,427
Stocks, end of month..... do	99,040	88,593	98,121	105,043	114,032	117,675	112,369	107,267	93,029	82,205	80,064	80,564	89,300

† Revised series. Data on pig iron converted from a long to a short tonnage basis; data for production beginning 1913 are shown in table 38, p. 14 of the October 1940 issue. Revisions for 1939 and January 1940 for southern pine, western pine, and west coast woods, and also revisions for 1938 for the latter group, will appear in a subsequent issue. § Data for 1939 revised; see table 15, p. 18 of this issue.

Monthly statistics through December 1939, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1940 Supplement to the Survey	1941	1940											1941
	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January

**METALS AND MANUFACTURES—Continued**

<b>IRON AND STEEL—Continued</b>													
<b>Pig Iron and Iron Manufacturers—Con.</b>													
Boilers and radiators, cast-iron—Continued													
Radiators, ordinary type:													
Production, thous. of sq. ft. heating surface	6,744	5,530	5,701	5,670	6,579	5,697	4,817	7,147	6,415	8,454	8,042	6,245	7,244
Shipments, do.	4,891	3,135	3,195	3,626	4,539	4,670	6,486	8,193	9,436	11,769	8,952	6,537	5,839
Stocks, end of month, do.	25,393	24,222	26,829	28,896	30,971	31,913	30,108	29,168	26,087	22,805	22,103	21,831	23,461
Boilers, range, galvanized:													
Orders, new, net, number of boilers	80,583	55,026	55,339	51,062	72,725	75,427	85,139	64,831	73,821	106,716	75,369	70,989	89,748
Orders, unfilled, end of month, do.	50,777	24,532	19,161	18,507	23,048	31,158	38,194	27,315	32,119	42,094	35,220	38,795	45,615
Production, do.	74,113	66,039	59,319	51,012	68,816	70,452	77,879	70,467	68,522	97,266	80,371	72,245	80,705
Shipments, do.	75,421	66,580	60,710	51,716	68,184	67,317	78,103	75,710	69,017	96,741	82,243	67,414	82,928
Stocks, end of month, do.	37,916	36,253	34,862	34,158	34,790	37,925	37,701	38,458	37,963	38,488	36,616	41,447	39,224
<b>Steel, Crude and Semimanufactured</b>													
Castings, steel:													
Orders, new, total, short tons	40,913	36,612	41,353	50,346	59,661	67,035	71,734	83,545	112,327	94,929	115,343	110,579	
Percent of capacity, do.	35.0	31.3	35.3	43.0	51.0	57.3	61.3	71.4	96.0	81.1	98.6	94.5	
Railway specialties, short tons	10,472	7,182	8,849	12,967	20,764	20,770	26,873	28,018	49,349	27,718	45,154	34,887	
Production, total, do.	67,454	58,404	52,078	50,034	50,651	57,763	66,355	64,122	83,938	81,192	85,810	94,409	
Percent of capacity, do.	57.6	49.9	44.5	42.8	42.5	49.4	56.7	54.8	71.7	60.4	73.3	80.7	
Railway specialties, short tons	28,506	22,847	17,017	15,137	14,483	17,993	21,292	21,152	31,811	32,066	33,932	35,397	
Steel ingots and steel for castings: †													
Production, thous. of short tons	6,250	4,527	4,390	4,101	4,967	5,660	5,727	6,187	6,057	6,644	6,470	6,943	
Percent of capacity, do.	97	70	63	61	72	85	83	89	91	96	97	94	
Bars, steel, cold-finished, carbon, shipments													
short tons	46,277	45,405	44,621	43,654	44,474	52,999	57,701						
Prices, wholesale:													
Composite, finished steel, dol. per lb.	.0265	.0265	.0265	.0262	.0265	.0265	.0265	.0265	.0265	.0265	.0265	.0265	.0265
Steel billets, rerolling (Pittsburgh), dol. per long ton	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00
Structural steel (Pittsburgh), dol. per lb.	.0210	.0210	.0210	.0210	.0210	.0210	.0210	.0210	.0210	.0210	.0210	.0210	.0210
Steel scrap (Chicago), dol. per long ton	19.25	15.75	15.69	15.33	16.88	18.19	17.35	18.03	19.22	19.75	20.06	20.60	20.00
U. S. Steel Corp., shipments of rolled and finished steel products, †, thous. of short tons	1,548	1,009	932	908	1,084	1,210	1,297	1,456	1,393	1,572	1,425	1,545	1,682
<b>Steel, Manufactured Products</b>													
Barrels and drums, steel, heavy types:													
Orders, unfilled, end of month, thousands	276	335	243	235	292	377	350	436	700	431	402	486	369
Production, do.	1,035	803	852	951	930	1,098	1,081	958	1,305	1,520	1,457	1,452	1,454
Percent of capacity, do.	54.6	46.2	49.0	54.7	53.5	63.1	62.2	55.1	75.1	87.4	77.8	76.7	
Shipments, thousands	1,046	800	854	949	916	1,102	1,075	964	1,298	1,534	1,455	1,442	1,444
Stocks, end of month, do.	52	36	34	37	51	47	53	47	54	40	42	52	63
Boilers, steel, new orders:													
Area, thous. of sq. ft.	1,544	558	761	878	1,966	1,761	1,680	1,275	3,726	1,708	1,722	1,563	2,210
Quantity, number	850	411	526	630	809	1,007	1,214	1,098	1,557	1,221	1,026	835	994
Furniture, steel:													
Office furniture:													
Orders, new, thous. of dol.	3,852	2,200	2,097	2,219	2,119	2,236	2,373	2,240	2,601	3,323	3,336	4,357	3,787
Orders, unfilled, end of month, do.	4,102	1,286	958	1,169	1,186	1,262	1,385	1,286	1,495	1,728	2,181	2,983	3,618
Shipments, do.	3,368	2,264	2,424	2,008	2,102	2,160	2,240	2,339	2,392	3,000	2,884	3,583	3,152
Shelving:													
Orders, new, do.	940	481	475	494	594	547	602	541	639	797	718	844	924
Orders, unfilled, end of month, do.	829	444	368	363	447	472	497	493	498	599	652	658	779
Shipments, do.	890	479	552	499	510	522	577	545	634	696	665	790	804
Plumbing and heating equipment (8 items), wholesale price, †, dollars													
		234.38	236.57	236.86	236.78	236.75	236.75	237.28	237.14	237.27	237.31	237.31	237.27
Porcelain enameled products, shipments †, thous. of dol.													
	4,393	3,309	3,413	3,620	3,504	3,159	3,413	3,925	4,050	4,895	4,030	4,256	4,496
Spring washers, shipments, do.	303	173	188	170	173	158	174	195	196	229	233	248	281
Steel products, production for sale †, thous. of short tons													
Total, do.			1,986	2,814	3,287	3,550	3,964	4,415	4,213	4,670	4,480	4,619	4,863
Merchant bars, do.			1,959	2,366	2,665	3,265	3,675	4,552	4,223	4,775	4,444	4,377	5,191
Pipe and tube, do.			1,846	256	295	325	357	347	371	401	377	384	409
Plates, do.			1,870	245	281	317	359	385	368	430	430	443	431
Rails, do.			1,527	165	146	131	128	130	93	79	114	131	156
Sheets, total, do.			2,324	580	716	749	812	915	919	1,069	1,047	1,050	1,122
Percent of capacity, do.			71.8	54.3	65.9	71.2	73.9	82.3	86.3	96.8	97.4	95.1	101.0
Strip:													
Cold rolled, thous. of short tons			1,177	52	45	56	60	72	70	86	83	89	95
Hot rolled, do.			1,309	77	99	104	104	110	121	147	138	139	153
Structural shapes, heavy, do.			1,537	174	210	234	286	331	311	362	374	331	363
Tin plate, do.			1,699	235	248	244	239	244	193	189	200	203	209
Wire and wire products, do.			1,793	236	274	300	328	353	339	382	350	374	409
Track work, shipments, short tons	7,973	6,898	8,446	7,654	7,276	6,075	6,063	6,480	5,496	5,505	5,733	7,151	6,835
<b>NONFERROUS METALS AND PRODUCTS</b>													
<b>Metals</b>													
Aluminum:													
Imports, bauxite, long tons	62,051	54,651	53,024	33,449	43,110	44,923	45,117	56,789	46,850	53,357	50,158	97,668	86,978
Price, wholesale, scrap, castings (N. Y.), dol. per lb.	.1397	.0925	.0913	.0863	.0865	.0860	.0902	.0838	.0855	.0894	.0904	.0970	.1039
Bearing metal (white-base antifriction), consumption and shipments, total, thous. of lb.													
	2,667	1,749	1,955	1,664	1,923	1,966	2,238	2,348	2,118	2,691	2,373	2,296	2,560
Consumed in own plants, do.	529	429	514	475	363	505	620	876	560	643	622	614	507
Shipments, do.	2,138	1,321	1,442	1,188	1,561	1,460	1,619	1,472	1,558	2,048	1,751	1,682	2,053
Copper:													
Exports, refined and manufactures †, short tons	18,095	40,745	39,273	25,494	35,422	36,236	38,512	62,393	15,658	38,829	17,903	13,395	22,382
Imports, total, do.	23,684	30,538	22,554	30,550	28,532	23,041	22,635	35,159	40,710	43,044	32,790	25,945	27,357
For smelting, refining and export †, do.	6,693	28,698	22,485	28,134	27,953	14,335	17,969	26,446	27,498	24,610	20,507	12,648	19,120
Product of Cuba and Philippine Islands †, short tons	1,842	1,026	66	2,101	10	1,197	481	214	25	1,415	799	2,014	203
All other †, do.	15,149	814	2	314	569	7,509	4,185	8,499	13,187	17,019	11,484	11,283	8,034

† Revised. † Quarterly data; monthly reports initiated April 1940. • Data are for 7 manufacturers beginning January 1940. † Monthly data beginning 1929, corresponding to the monthly averages on p. 132 of the 1940 Supplement, appear on p. 18 of the April 1940 Survey. † Revised series. Steel products, production for sale, have been converted to a short tonnage basis; see table 45, p. 14 of the November 1940 issue. Steel production and percent of capacity revised completely; see table 9, p. 16 of the March 1941 issue. Porcelain enameled products revised beginning 1939 to include data for 99 manufacturers; for 1939 data see p. 49 of the March 1941 issue. † Data for 1939 revised; for exports, see table 14, p. 17, and for imports, table 15, p. 18, of this issue.

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

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NONFERROUS METALS AND PRODUCTS—Continued													
Metals—Continued													
Copper—Continued.													
Price, wholesale, electrolytic (N. Y.) dol. per lb.	0. 1179	0. 1115	0. 1116	0. 1109	0. 1108	0. 1113	0. 1056	0. 1071	0. 1130	0. 1183	0. 1180	0. 1180	0. 1182
Production:													
Mine or smelter (including custom intake) short tons	79,093	76,145	85,796	84,366	82,682	79,845	79,327	79,967	78,238	86,911	84,283	85,135	83,280
Refinery	93,654	82,761	86,295	80,964	86,029	86,077	90,995	80,851	82,843	83,076	96,283	97,035	93,840
Deliveries, refined, total	112,819	72,809	71,893	71,639	76,485	65,155	74,758	97,719	90,485	103,771	102,483	112,681	119,758
Domestic	112,808	63,215	64,376	68,665	69,467	61,716	71,226	96,383	96,485	103,771	102,483	112,671	119,736
Export	11	9,594	7,517	2,974	7,018	3,439	3,532	1,336				10	22
Stocks, refined, end of month	97,689	145,393	159,795	169,120	178,664	199,586	215,823	198,955	185,313	164,618	158,418	142,772	116,854
Lead:													
Imports, total, except manufactures (lead content) short tons	14,321	2,938	4,787	2,866	7,404	4,723	16,581	10,230	10,739	27,739	19,084	19,205	19,707
Ore:													
Receipts, lead content of domestic ore	35,937	37,949	37,963	40,196	36,957	36,987	37,759	35,916	38,641	36,400	38,847	38,433	43,433
Shipments, Joplin district	3,915	3,110	3,892	3,705	4,474	3,588	4,393	2,878	3,688	4,485	3,446	4,079	4,632
Refined:													
Price, wholesale, pig, desilverized (N. Y.) dol. per lb.	. 0560	. 0508	. 0519	. 0571	. 0502	. 0500	. 0500	. 0485	. 0493	. 0531	. 0573	. 0550	. 0550
Production from domestic ore	47,764	40,564	44,783	31,192	37,918	34,041	35,343	36,851	41,528	39,228	45,089	47,208	54,658
Shipments (reported)	54,859	39,176	46,353	46,496	46,919	49,901	52,560	51,643	53,456	62,496	57,510	56,755	55,711
Stocks, end of month	46,604	72,658	74,692	63,610	62,955	55,343	47,360	43,321	41,292	35,386	35,791	40,926	47,248
Tin:													
Consumption of primary tin in manufactures long tons		5,610	5,540	5,960	6,360	6,420	6,370	6,650	5,800	6,230	6,220	6,210	6,590
Deliveries (includes reexports)	12,195	6,600	9,244	7,855	7,905	9,225	7,325	12,470	11,410	11,820	12,505	9,358	12,760
Imports, bars, blocks, etc.	9,836	6,499	10,334	7,886	7,982	11,611	9,155	12,926	14,604	10,116	10,327	14,504	12,055
Price, wholesale, Straits (N. Y.) dol. per lb.	. 5140	. 4594	. 4709	. 4682	. 5148	. 5454	. 5159	. 5118	. 5032	. 5149	. 5056	. 5011	. 5016
Visible supply, world, end of mo. long tons	44,107	33,148	32,339	32,149	30,562	31,869	38,736	38,400	39,450	40,631	40,406	44,678	44,719
United States (excluding afloat)	7,489	2,078	2,635	2,964	3,677	5,300	6,567	6,583	9,438	6,023	4,362	9,179	9,442
Zinc:													
Ore, Joplin district: †													
Shipments	33,296	28,026	29,393	31,424	41,183	33,530	44,323	35,116	34,250	43,269	29,538	40,975	42,163
Stocks, end of month	7,091	3,551	4,798	5,454	5,551	9,201	7,098	8,842	10,452	11,553	17,045	3,900	5,597
Price, wholesale, prime, western (St. Louis) dol. per lb.	. 0725	. 0553	. 0575	. 0575	. 0580	. 0624	. 0625	. 0639	. 0692	. 0725	. 0725	. 0725	. 0725
Production, slab, at primary smelters:													
short tons	55,414	53,387	56,184	53,055	51,457	48,213	52,098	51,010	52,869	56,372	56,459	59,883	59,156
Retorts in operation, end of mo. number	59,688	47,188	49,744	49,805	48,989	46,577	47,545	50,715	53,164	53,979	55,288	55,288	58,000
Shipments, total	59,220	51,050	49,909	46,803	57,224	53,935	57,606	64,065	67,560	65,713	62,295	65,385	63,272
Stocks, refinery, end of month	4,962	65,869	72,144	78,396	72,629	36,907	61,399	48,344	33,563	24,222	18,386	12,884	8,768
Miscellaneous Products													
Brass and bronze (ingots and billets):													
Deliveries	5,799	6,134	6,735	7,056	7,181	6,898	8,076	8,706	10,093	10,232	10,567	12,429	12,429
Orders, unfilled, end of month	38,253	17,500	14,018	14,034	21,475	22,287	21,695	17,823	31,365	34,221	32,017	29,452	35,139
Sheets, brass, wholesale price, mill thous. of sq. ft.	. 195	. 183	. 183	. 183	. 183	. 185	. 186	. 183	. 187	. 192	. 192	. 193	. 195
Wire cloth (brass, bronze, and alloy):													
Orders, new thous. of sq. ft.	703	363	350	352	541	606	469	521	435	570	456	433	704
Orders, unfilled, end of month	1,317	1,216	1,073	1,005	1,041	1,124	1,099	1,033	1,039	1,094	1,066	978	1,105
Shipments	484	476	489	415	496	516	489	536	423	516	482	518	572
Stocks, end of month	696	627	621	695	716	693	709	694	751	793	804	763	680
MACHINERY AND APPARATUS													
Air-conditioning (circulating, cooling, heating, and purifying) equipment, new orders: †													
Air-conditioning systems and equipment for summer and year-round use thous. of dol.	(1)	1,411	1,545	2,425	2,675	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Blowers and fans			3,261			4,910			5,836			6,698	
Unit heaters			2,013			2,346			3,845			6,086	
Warm-air furnaces, winter air-conditioning systems, and equipment			4,295			6,791			14,668			15,168	
Electric overhead cranes:													
Orders, new	2,291	250	534	467	520	761	499	957	798	1,657	1,497	4,172	2,640
Orders, unfilled, end of month	11,034	1,743	1,683	1,640	1,769	2,196	2,430	2,744	3,271	4,109	5,087	8,563	10,174
Shipments	1,102	679	594	515	391	334	264	643	282	629	615	825	1,030
Exports, machinery. (See Foreign trade.)													
Foundry equipment: †													
New orders, net, total, 1937-39=100	281.1	135.7	183.2	145.2	129.1	164.9	194.4	165.4	161.2	264.0	254.2	257.8	285.3
New equipment	295.9				127.5	174.2	209.8	167.2	162.0	284.8	278.8	276.1	301.8
Repairs	236.6				133.9	147.8	147.8	160.0	158.6	201.8	188.7	203.2	235.8
Fuel equipment:													
Oil burners:													
Orders, new, net	16,328	11,239	12,883	15,889	18,151	19,672	23,008	32,772	41,895	41,029	22,705	17,016	18,513
Orders, unfilled, end of month	10,590	2,767	2,880	4,375	4,700	5,985	6,974	8,202	8,607	9,056	7,562	8,043	10,353
Shipments	16,091	11,522	12,770	14,394	17,829	18,387	22,019	31,544	41,490	50,580	24,190	16,535	16,203
Stocks, end of month	19,941	15,672	16,755	16,656	19,239	19,367	23,400	22,870	19,617	18,060	18,415	16,860	18,027
Pulverizers, orders, new	56	20	25	33	36	25	47	38	54	30	52	44	48
Mechanical stokers, sales:													
Classes 1, 2, and 3	5,408	3,654	4,312	6,490	8,256	9,837	16,565	23,117	30,951	25,180	10,596	6,103	5,330
Number	177	149	111	125	161	218	275	352	386	410	219	254	171
Horsepower	42,510	28,591	30,177	29,677	42,332	38,508	58,426	58,411	80,837	80,424	45,487	51,671	56,011
Machine tool activity: †—percent of capacity:													
Pumps and water systems, domestic shipments:		92.9	93.4	93.4	92.5	92.3	88.3	93.3	94.9	96.8	95.4	96.8	97.8
Pitcher, other hand, and windmill pumps													
units	41,564	38,540	37,977	33,236	35,215	41,419	38,476	38,407	33,637	32,634	30,134	20,813	44,332
Power pumps, horizontal type	849	662	1,214	829	804	928	853	247	905	874	906	969	887
Water systems, including pumps	16,703	14,718	16,090	20,971	22,099	23,415	19,113	21,503	18,657	18,688	15,477	11,511	19,666
Pumps, steam, power, centrifugal, and rotary:													
Orders, new	4,482	1,147	1,457	1,178	1,809	1,963	2,437	2,556	2,878	2,952	3,025	4,042	5,648

† Revised. † Data for May, July, and October 1940 and January 1941 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. † Reports indefinitely suspended.  
 † Revised series. † Data on air-conditioning equipment compiled on a revised basis beginning January 1939; see p. 50 of the September 1940 Survey. † Index of total foundry equipment net new orders beginning January 1940 is based on average sales to metal-working industries during 1937-39; earlier data are based on the old new orders index (1922-24 base) converted to the new base by dividing by 1.328; index for new equipment and repairs available only beginning May 1940.  
 † Data revised for 1939; see table 15, p. 18 of this issue.  
 † This series has been discontinued by the reporting agency.

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ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT												
Battery shipments (automotive replacement only):												
Unadjusted.....1934-36=100	101	55	67	73	91	130	186	207	208	198	160	102
Adjusted.....do	159	90	123	132	133	135	139	133	123	142	142	128
Domestic appliances, sales billed:												
Combined index, excluding refrigerators*:												
Unadjusted index.....1936=100	128.4	143.8	134.9	140.3	114.6	101.8	102.5	112.2	122.3	91.1	88.4	144.3
Adjusted index.....do	137.6	109.0	103.8	114.5	104.0	104.3	104.9	112.2	130.2	128.6	128.5	181.3
Irons, household.....units	20,492	10,183	12,048	11,984	10,590	8,571	11,464	13,848	21,007	23,282	18,925	23,191
Ranges*.....do	51,790	32,908	39,643	43,308	42,983	33,403	29,626	29,128	32,167	34,714	25,248	24,626
Refrigerators.....do	358,335	280,980	298,238	339,693	385,688	328,950	248,538	206,418	112,309	88,187	79,815	115,236
Vacuum cleaners, floor type.....do	129,302	116,606	147,120	139,768	143,836	120,200	74,565	87,820	108,564	114,699	112,297	125,037
Vacuum cleaners, hand type.....do	34,696	28,324	31,009	30,441	30,060	24,037	20,045	23,047	30,359	38,270	39,376	36,274
Washers, household.....do	155,546	142,318	149,730	135,179	118,987	112,134	116,422	147,878	149,002	168,527	100,787	92,474
Electrical products:												
Industrial materials, sales billed.....1936=100												
Motors and generators, new orders.....do	110.4	113.7	112.8	112.7	107.6	113.8	126.5	123.9	147.7	148.2	164.8	187.4
Transmission and distribution equipment, new orders.....1936=100	97.9	115.9	107.1	117.2	160.9	155.0	146.6	161.3	254.3	223.9	262.0	220.6
Furnaces, electric, industrial, sales:	132.8	133.8	127.7	126.0	181.9	170.2	159.6	119.6	230.7	214.2	219.8	269.0
Unit.....kilowatts	21,508	5,634	7,802	4,697	4,905	5,381	5,241	5,137	18,847	16,965	12,228	31,866
Value.....thous. of dol.	1,719	324	557	314	407	476	421	5,372	1,049	1,341	1,043	1,766
Electrical goods, new orders (quarterly)												
Laminated products, shipments.....thous. of dol.	2,330	1,173	1,306	1,320	1,308	1,325	1,313	1,408	1,454	1,718	1,812	2,023
Motors (1-200 hp.):	268,120	268,120	268,120	268,120	268,120	268,120	268,120	268,120	268,120	268,120	268,120	268,120
Polyphase induction, billings.....do	2,686	2,693	2,857	3,126	3,000	3,083	3,207	3,207	3,703	3,524	4,358	4,121
Polyphase induction, new orders.....do	2,679	2,958	3,013	3,039	3,186	3,345	3,536	3,693	4,731	4,628	6,397	4,635
Direct current, billings.....do	775	860	815	830	866	914	915	1,008	1,212	1,297	1,412	1,399
Direct current, new orders.....do	622	803	692	946	1,703	1,437	1,240	1,371	2,674	2,209	2,065	1,862
Power cable, paper insulated, shipments:												
Unit.....thous. of ft.	1,284	561	564	628	728	758	757	1,253	1,154	891	586	998
Value.....thous. of dol.	1,457	641	720	813	902	836	998	1,463	1,163	1,110	739	1,167
Vulcanized fibre:												
Consumption of fibre paper.....thous. of lb.	3,012	2,356	2,368	2,556	2,205	1,999	2,449	2,443	2,373	2,582	2,742	2,981
Shipments.....thous. of dol.	838	589	539	537	554	498	556	681	599	714	716	805

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WOOD PULP												
Consumption and shipments: • §												
Total, all grades.....short tons												
Chemical:	662,100	682,000	717,300	775,400	749,000	744,600	751,000	693,300	764,600	747,000	736,700	780,300
Sulphate, total.....do	271,500	279,000	287,900	320,300	315,700	311,600	318,700	301,800	343,300	331,800	322,600	341,400
Unbleached.....do	233,500	239,100	245,900	276,300	265,800	261,800	270,000	252,700	288,800	281,200	273,400	287,200
Sulphite, total.....do	199,900	204,700	222,400	231,000	221,800	230,700	225,400	209,900	210,000	216,600	214,200	223,100
Bleached.....do	129,000	127,000	144,500	145,100	140,900	145,100	139,900	129,600	128,800	130,100	128,300	131,600
Soda.....do	42,900	38,600	40,900	41,800	50,500	45,100	42,200	36,900	42,600	37,900	44,700	46,800
Groundwood.....do	152,200	157,400	165,100	173,800	163,500	157,100	164,700	144,600	168,700	160,600	155,300	169,000
Exports, total, all grades*.....do	24,870	27,333	30,694	37,417	57,923	40,864	64,702	60,379	32,256	39,359	36,627	23,501
Imports, total, all grades*.....do	69,821	158,827	73,915	109,986	81,345	93,358	86,426	83,640	65,554	68,112	70,686	72,493
Chemical:	13,659	47,197	21,030	30,856	11,815	17,817	11,385	17,920	11,253	10,869	12,521	14,438
Unbleached.....do	8,001	38,750	13,408	24,889	6,669	13,058	5,546	12,036	7,062	6,515	7,872	8,414
Sulphite, total*.....do	45,554	96,109	44,172	65,035	50,045	53,349	54,882	55,318	40,188	43,509	46,423	44,320
Bleached*.....do	28,227	33,610	22,836	34,068	26,822	30,294	27,662	31,376	21,247	25,112	27,309	23,603
Unbleached*.....do	17,327	62,499	21,967	30,967	23,223	23,055	27,220	23,942	18,941	18,397	19,020	20,848
Groundwood†.....do	9,495	14,723	7,964	13,403	18,446	21,138	19,218	9,557	13,187	12,903	10,745	11,030
Production: §												
Total, all grades.....do												
Chemical:	661,464	696,160	726,175	787,043	744,077	718,833	751,751	689,595	774,512	762,658	744,103	800,440
Sulphate, total.....do	272,730	278,052	287,921	321,622	311,093	310,147	329,665	309,348	346,346	329,792	325,331	354,471
Unbleached.....do	232,830	238,463	246,674	277,063	264,389	261,238	279,973	260,298	292,182	278,582	276,939	298,192
Sulphite, total.....do	197,585	211,854	210,265	226,335	221,971	217,261	232,862	208,238	223,951	218,103	207,102	225,494
Bleached.....do	123,655	134,573	135,036	142,802	141,076	135,779	114,834	128,613	136,705	129,167	122,591	135,856
Soda.....do	39,848	40,912	41,694	48,085	48,446	45,723	42,737	37,092	44,001	38,861	45,376	45,715
Groundwood.....do	154,331	163,312	189,295	191,001	162,567	145,702	146,487	134,917	160,214	175,902	166,291	174,760
Stocks, end of month: §												
Total, all grades.....do												
Chemical:	147,860	162,006	170,960	182,500	177,600	151,800	152,600	148,900	158,800	174,500	181,900	202,100
Sulphate, total.....do	18,500	17,600	17,600	19,000	14,400	12,800	23,900	31,300	34,400	32,300	35,100	48,200
Unbleached.....do	10,400	9,700	10,500	11,300	9,900	9,200	19,300	26,900	30,300	27,600	31,200	42,200
Sulphite, total.....do	86,500	93,700	81,500	76,900	77,000	63,600	71,000	69,400	83,300	84,800	77,700	80,100
Bleached.....do	54,000	61,600	52,100	49,800	49,900	40,700	45,600	44,600	52,500	48,600	42,900	47,200
Soda.....do	7,009	6,500	6,400	4,000	4,500	5,100	5,600	5,800	7,200	8,200	8,600	7,800
Groundwood.....do	36,360	44,200	65,400	82,600	81,700	70,300	52,100	42,400	33,900	49,200	60,200	66,000
Price, sulphite, unbleached.....dol. per 100 lb.	3.46	2.85	2.85	2.96	3.18	3.34	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46

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Total paper, incl. newsprint and paperboard: †												
Production.....short tons	895,059	897,889	937,032	1,039,708	980,385	958,374	979,631	867,691	1,003,971	949,442	908,471	985,545
Paper, excl. newsprint and paperboard: ‡												
Orders, new.....short tons	369,670	398,896	489,923	514,083	471,457	398,861	390,325	379,447	435,059	424,064	417,776	479,935
Production.....do	413,634	405,824	433,189	479,237	454,898	446,234	440,264	387,255	442,610	420,810	420,065	459,912
Shipments.....do	393,352	397,553	421,506	481,801	427,531	418,043	428,306	386,431	432,521	416,419	415,625	467,577

\* Revised.      † Preliminary.      • Domestic pulp used in producing mills and shipments to market.  
 ‡ Shown in 1940 Supplement and all earlier issues as A. C. motors.      § Data revised for 1939; see table 15, p. 18 of this issue.  
 † Revised series. For revised data on "total paper" and "paper, excluding newsprint and paperboard" beginning 1934, see table 43, pp. 12 and 13 of the November 1940 issue.  
 \* New series. Data beginning 1913 for wood pulp are shown on p. 13 of the October 1940 issue. For data beginning 1931 on unit sales of electric ranges, see table 52, p. 18 of the November 1940 issue; the note with regard to the coverage of the industry has been revised to read: The Association believes the coverage for 1936-40 was between 90 and 95 percent. No data are available for coverage prior to 1936. Earlier monthly data for the indexes of domestic appliances excluding refrigerators will be shown in a subsequent issue.  
 § Revised 1939 and January 1940 data and an explanation of the above revisions in the 1940 data will be shown in a subsequent issue.

Monthly statistics through December 1939, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1940 Supplement to the Survey

Table with columns for years 1941 and 1940, and months February through January.

PAPER AND PRINTING—Continued

Main data table for Paper and Printing, including sub-sections for Paper (Coated, Uncoated, Fine, Wrapping), Newsprint, Paper Products, and Printing.

RUBBER AND PRODUCTS

Main data table for Rubber and Products, including sub-sections for Crude and Scrap Rubber.

Footnote section containing revised data, discontinued sources, and reports indefinitely suspended.

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

## RUBBER AND PRODUCTS—Continued

RUBBER AND PRODUCTS—Continued													
<b>TIRES AND TUBES</b>													
Pneumatic casings:													
Production..... thousands..	5,165	4,888	5,007	5,106	5,415	5,148	4,675	4,704	4,495	5,082	4,838	4,999	5,472
Shipments, total..... do.	4,910	4,112	4,346	5,010	5,720	6,927	4,284	4,243	4,572	5,561	5,137	4,972	4,847
Original equipment..... do.	2,547	1,974	2,050	2,095	1,999	1,925	858	705	1,465	2,322	2,438	2,626	2,293
Replacement equipment..... do.	2,210	2,037	2,203	2,827	3,626	4,905	3,316	3,425	3,001	3,081	2,569	2,227	2,426
Exports..... do.	153	101	93	87	96	96	110	115	106	158	130	118	128
Stocks, end of month..... do.	10,072	10,124	10,747	10,881	10,576	8,881	9,299	9,732	9,890	9,448	9,118	9,179	9,797
Inner tubes:													
Production..... do.	4,993	4,184	4,400	4,618	4,739	4,359	4,028	4,327	4,115	4,557	4,111	4,665	5,168
Shipments, total..... do.	4,713	3,788	4,114	4,543	4,739	5,721	3,797	3,615	3,991	4,878	4,692	4,646	4,527
Exports..... do.	102	71	60	57	78	74	89	96	84	124	106	87	96
Stocks, end of month..... do.	8,004	7,886	8,183	8,258	8,243	6,841	7,094	7,802	7,950	7,647	7,055	7,014	7,733
Raw material consumed:													
Crude rubber. (See Crude rubber.)													
Fabrics (quarterly)..... thous. of lb.			71,957			70,972			66,849				
<b>RUBBER AND CANVAS FOOTWEAR</b>													
Production, total..... thous. of pairs..	5,543	5,062	4,869	5,128	5,075	4,528	3,323	4,583	4,046	5,105	5,146	5,369	5,939
Shipments, total..... do.	5,166	4,761	4,532	3,902	3,862	3,737	4,567	5,808	6,200	5,971	6,633	6,118	6,614
Stocks, total, end of month..... do.	10,754	15,319	15,656	16,881	18,095	18,886	17,641	16,386	14,232	13,365	11,878	11,129	10,377

## STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS

STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS													
<b>PORTLAND CEMENT</b>													
Production..... thous. of bbl.	8,368	5,041	7,918	10,043	12,633	12,490	12,290	12,712	13,105	13,935	12,725	11,195	9,025
Percent of capacity..... do.	43.5	24.8	36.3	47.5	58.0	58.9	56.0	57.8	61.8	63.7	60.1	51.2	42.4
Shipments..... thous. of bbl.	7,472	4,907	7,716	10,829	13,206	13,223	13,442	14,018	14,741	15,776	10,372	8,192	7,986
Stocks, finished, end of month..... do.	25,316	25,894	26,118	25,348	24,758	24,010	22,855	21,549	19,921	18,008	20,353	23,381	24,420
Stocks, clinker, end of month..... do.	5,566	6,304	6,487	6,606	6,071	5,907	5,559	5,158	4,829	4,470	4,558	4,886	5,092
<b>CLAY PRODUCTS</b>													
Common brick:													
Price, wholesale, composite, f. o. b. plant..... dol. per thous.	12.242	12.126	12.124	12.132	12.164	12.116	12.101	12.094	12.121	12.147	12.148	12.195	12.201
Shipments..... thous. of brick..	84,238	120,174	176,786	197,021	186,472	193,479	187,648	182,785	213,800	162,829	144,327		
Stocks, end of month..... do.	482,690	449,425	408,147	392,975	397,336	402,159	422,005	436,436	445,304	468,962	478,411		
Face brick:													
Shipments..... do.	23,373	36,592	52,495	66,190	61,195	62,330	64,490	60,977	70,864	47,056	40,559		
Stocks, end of month..... do.	281,311	279,900	273,526	262,463	253,326	250,730	248,531	250,617	242,100	251,593	265,825		
Floor and wall tile shipments:													
Quantity..... thous. of sq. ft.	3,658	4,781	5,428	5,719	5,003	5,846	6,549	5,674	5,864	5,183	4,724	4,565	
Value..... thous. of dol.	945	1,165	1,341	1,399	1,255	1,452	1,641	1,445	1,469	1,343	1,249	1,195	
Hollow building tile:													
Shipments..... short tons.....	49,606	60,993	79,089	86,062	84,339	89,810	94,442	85,767	90,359	64,313	58,565		
Stocks, end of month..... do.	355,041	351,726	361,660	361,660	361,759	357,266	357,421	382,066	382,092	391,531	407,618		
Vitrified paving brick:													
Shipments..... thous. of brick..	2,096	2,525	2,897	5,153	5,081	6,148	8,383	7,094	7,365	5,769	2,516		
Stocks, end of month..... do.	42,159	42,953	43,914	43,627	44,049	43,383	37,425	34,738	34,510	32,031	30,288		
<b>GLASS PRODUCTS</b>													
Glass containers:													
Production..... thous. of gross..	4,368	4,123	4,606	4,584	4,701	4,429	4,780	5,070	4,289	4,864	4,352	4,203	4,514
Percent of capacity..... do.	70.8	64.3	69.1	68.8	70.5	69.1	71.7	73.3	69.7	70.3	67.9	65.6	65.0
Shipments, total..... thous. of gross	4,273	3,835	4,229	4,339	4,763	5,230	4,532	4,653	4,565	4,816	4,078	3,532	4,178
Narrow neck, food*..... do.	205	179	199	211	248	281	315	657	820	423	170	138	189
Wide mouth, food*..... do.	909	791	872	883	955	932	953	1,016	879	950	808	686	961
Pressed food ware*..... do.	37	45	37	41	31	28	34	32	40	31	33	41	
Pressure and non-pressure*..... do.	275	205	356	510	637	640	466	304	145	106	126	189	224
Beer bottles*..... do.	167	143	206	295	397	781	358	186	91	105	102	154	140
Liquor ware*..... do.	676	646	689	637	617	842	624	456	726	1,028	1,137	803	589
Medicine and toilet*..... do.	1,433	1,368	1,360	1,254	1,269	1,131	1,129	1,363	1,284	1,608	1,230	1,041	1,468
General purpose*..... do.	351	274	319	306	317	273	285	304	313	323	258	269	337
Milk bottles*..... do.	199	168	170	171	200	200	207	208	208	201	197	198	206
Fruit jars and jelly glasses*..... do.	8	2	6	18	59	102	149	106	49	14	5	3	9
Stocks, end of month..... do.	10,097	9,807	10,078	10,234	10,078	9,180	9,331	9,655	9,292	9,247	9,432	9,988	10,109
Other glassware, machine-made*:													
Tumblers:													
Production..... thous. of doz.	3,694	3,429	3,931	3,995	3,877	3,648	3,595	3,841	3,450	3,887	3,056	3,199	3,200
Shipments..... do.	4,004	3,660	3,809	3,974	4,048	3,628	3,598	3,813	3,331	3,642	2,804	2,876	2,641
Stocks..... do.	8,419	7,569	7,688	7,708	7,537	7,560	7,572	7,597	7,737	7,991	8,100	8,455	8,775
Table, kitchen and householdware, shipments..... thous. of doz.	2,905	3,047	2,883	2,745	2,668	2,185	2,088	3,325	2,647	3,763	3,006	2,456	2,316
Plate glass, polished, production..... thous. of sq. ft.	15,664	13,175	14,302	12,367	11,721	9,783	8,522	12,533	14,091	17,070	16,059	17,491	19,350
Window glass, production..... thous. of boxes..	1,397	1,099	1,107	1,023	1,068	908	994	993	1,002	1,349	1,264	1,458	1,561
Percent of capacity..... do.	86.1	67.7	68.2	63.1	65.8	55.9	61.1	61.1	61.7	83.1	78.0	89.8	96.2
<b>GYPSUM AND PRODUCTS</b>													
Crude:													
Imports..... short tons.....			172,869			313,340			531,032			387,969	
Production..... do.			584,627			917,234			1,128,862			1,033,403	
Calcined, production..... do.			577,799			869,174			969,578			888,078	
Gypsum products sold or used:													
Uncalcined..... do.			131,547			263,028			250,080			244,975	
Calcined:													
Building plasters..... do.			344,553			509,602			556,560			430,090	
For mfg. and industrial uses..... do.			29,951			30,444			29,850			33,358	
Keene's cement..... do.			5,819			7,303			7,393			6,447	
Board and tile, total..... thous. of sq. ft.			335,530			519,767			591,878			621,768	
Lath..... do.			235,890			384,195			453,124			388,230	
Tile..... do.			6,296			8,329			8,475			6,816	
Wallboard..... do.			93,344			127,243			130,279			226,722	

\* Revised.

\*New series. Data for glass containers beginning January 1934 are shown in table 49, pp. 16 and 17, of the November 1940 issue; earlier data on glassware other than containers are shown in table 2, p. 17, of the January 1941 Survey.

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	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
<b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS</b>													
<b>CLOTHING</b>													
Hosiery:													
Production.....thous. of dozen pairs	11,558	11,334	11,097	10,679	10,660	9,711	9,418	11,174	11,257	13,586	12,579	11,279	11,747
Shipments.....do	11,573	11,422	11,465	10,133	10,108	8,835	9,244	12,396	12,762	14,109	12,975	11,536	11,822
Stocks, end of month.....do	24,416	25,008	24,583	25,071	25,566	26,384	26,701	23,621	24,258	23,879	23,626	23,511	24,435
<b>COTTON</b>													
Consumption.....bales	793,626	861,771	827,194	823,098	841,636	865,416	822,723	854,503	839,252	877,702	874,088	875,472	843,274
Exports (excluding linters)§.....do	60,397	746,680	433,842	344,609	226,469	133,530	136,751	64,743	90,555	194,251	144,710	107,375	52,184
Imports (excluding linters)§.....do	14,210	36,613	9,504	11,096	14,292	12,374	18,254	10,153	3,991	15,926	12,026	5,906	9,624
Prices received by farmers.....dol. per lb.	.094	.100	.100	.100	.098	.095	.095	.092	.092	.094	.094	.093	.095
Price, wholesale, middling (New York).....do	.107	.111	.109	.109	.102	.107	.104	.098	.097	.096	.100	.102	.104
Production:													
Ginnings (running bales)•.....thous. of bales			11,481					32	606	3,924	9,084	10,870	11,433
Crop estimate, equivalent 500-lb. bales.....do			11,816										12,686
Stocks, domestic cotton in the United States, total.....thous. of bales	17,193	15,062	13,907	12,940	12,094	11,400	10,619	22,316	21,638	20,842	19,868	18,924	18,033
On farms and in transit.....do	1,337	1,192	982	821	773	753	620	12,551	10,703	5,719	3,488	2,137	1,583
Warehouses.....do	14,069	12,150	11,378	10,699	10,658	9,545	9,086	10,203	13,826	14,697	15,014	15,014	14,636
Mills.....do	1,847	1,666	1,547	1,420	1,263	1,162	913	680	732	1,297	1,623	1,773	1,814
<b>COTTON MANUFACTURES</b>													
Cotton cloth:													
Exports§.....thous. of sq. yd.	32,937	33,346	34,865	34,943	28,470	24,627	26,288	24,499	24,413	26,709	29,954	27,734	34,944
Imports§.....do	9,791	9,415	4,808	5,813	6,608	6,329	4,767	5,216	6,919	5,136	11,420	7,581	7,660
Prices, wholesale:													
Mill margins.....cents per lb.	16.00	12.25	11.59	11.40	11.37	10.68	11.00	11.23	12.26	13.31	14.24	14.50	14.94
Print cloth, 64 x 60.....dol. per yd.	.057	.051	.049	.050	.047	.046	.047	.048	.050	.052	.054	.054	.055
Sheeting, unbleached, 4 x 4.....do	.073	.062	.058	.059	.058	.057	.058	.058	.059	.062	.065	.066	.067
Finished cotton cloth:													
Production:													
Bleached, plain.....thous. of yd.		129,174	127,278	127,614	126,968	109,278	120,709	129,250	132,912	154,479	164,079	155,770	164,610
Dyed, colors.....do		100,707	103,328	97,199	89,204	78,468	92,116	102,085	108,029	126,610	129,878	119,889	122,954
Dyed, black.....do		4,581	5,060	4,776	4,889	4,612	6,491	6,786	5,924	8,238	6,535	5,668	6,312
Printed.....do		196,916	110,882	103,563	98,336	80,744	88,482	100,752	104,345	110,657	105,468	108,886	107,644
Spindle activity:													
Active spindles.....thousands	22,769	22,801	22,553	22,289	22,213	21,955	21,919	22,078	22,278	22,457	22,686	22,818	22,821
Active spindle hrs., total.....mil. of hrs.	8,920	8,267	7,920	7,995	8,035	6,960	7,548	7,872	7,872	9,276	8,614	8,637	9,901
Average per spindle in place.....hours	365	331	318	321	324	281	305	318	320	378	352	353	404
Operations.....pct. of capacity	115.4	99.7	94.6	92.0	89.4	87.9	86.6	90.4	96.7	103.3	105.9	105.0	112.1
Cotton yarn, wholesale prices:													
22/1, cones (factory).....dol. per lb.	.274	.255	.248	.228	.222	.219	.227	.227	.227	.257	.267	.268	.272
40/s, southern, single, carded, Boston.....do	.390	.356	.344	.338	.338	.321	.325	.325	.325	.353	.377	.403	.404
<b>RAYON AND SILK</b>													
Rayon:													
Deliveries (consumption), yarn*.....mil. of lb.	31.6	29.8	29.8	31.1	32.2	31.4	32.1	34.0	30.9	36.7	34.8	34.0	34.3
Imports§.....thous. of lb.	1,774	2,607	1,279	1,962	571	669	391	441	224	386	1,576	2,466	1,600
Price, wholesale, viscose, 150 denier, first quality, minimum filament,*.....dol. per lb.	.530	.530	.530	.530	.530	.530	.530	.530	.530	.530	.530	.530	.530
Stocks, yarn, end of mo.†.....mil. of lb.	10.0	8.3	10.4	11.7	12.5	12.8	11.1	9.9	8.3	6.9	6.7	6.3	8.9
Silk:													
Deliveries (consumption).....bales	28,111	22,485	21,685	21,740	18,997	17,307	22,766	30,189	28,828	39,877	36,374	23,113	28,425
Imports, raw§.....thous. of lb.	2,430	2,175	2,213	2,494	2,925	2,356	3,827	4,761	3,739	6,490	7,219	4,429	3,263
Price, wholesale, raw, Japanese, 13-15 (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.	2.589	3.061	2.951	2.681	2.794	2.724	2.540	2.529	2.561	2.698	2.585	2.562	2.560
Stocks, end of month:													
Total visible stocks.....bales	214,836	83,306	87,087	85,798	92,485	90,122	115,111	151,698	172,254	184,797	195,330	225,248	224,363
United States (warehouses).....do	54,106	50,306	45,887	42,698	43,285	41,822	43,211	46,898	44,454	48,297	60,330	72,248	63,433
<b>WOOL</b>													
Imports (unmanufactured)§.....thous. of lb.	73,045	37,212	38,529	22,065	18,466	18,666	17,562	16,099	21,831	33,981	34,631	56,313	72,677
Consumption (scoured basis):†													
Apparel class.....do	36,232	21,302	17,709	17,471	17,065	19,373	28,431	24,799	28,609	39,240	33,821	34,012	40,115
Carpet class.....do	10,712	8,638	7,340	8,544	6,524	5,798	6,061	7,571	7,941	11,387	8,969	9,352	10,965
Machinery activity (weekly average):‡													
Looms:													
Woolen and worsted:													
Broad.....thous. of active hours	2,411	1,587	1,129	1,088	1,209	1,407	1,558	1,694	1,744	1,884	2,148	2,256	2,197
Narrow.....do	80	80	58	52	58	70	67	63	60	78	72	62	71
Carpet and rug.....do	233	195	186	183	152	149	125	166	177	208	198	202	201
Spinning spindles:													
Woolen.....do	98,398	70,764	55,888	54,658	60,724	68,147	72,506	80,359	83,665	88,027	90,421	94,789	90,418
Worsted.....do	115,206	67,472	51,750	51,173	61,167	66,718	72,934	85,527	88,005	104,332	103,556	107,978	104,279
Worsted combs.....do	210	127	100	87	94	137	143	146	158	182	179	188	192
Prices, wholesale:													
Raw, territory, fine, scoured.....dol. per lb.	1.09	.93	.90	.89	.86	.88	.87	.89	.92	1.05	1.10	1.10	1.10
Raw, Ohio and Penn., fleeces.....do	.44	.39	.36	.35	.37	.39	.39	.39	.40	.44	.46	.46	.44
Suiting, unfinished worsted, 13 oz. (at mill).....dol. per yd.	2.005	2.116	1.931	1.931	1.931	1.931	1.931	1.931	1.918	1.931	1.931	1.931	1.931
Women's dress goods, French serge, 54" (at mill).....dol. per yd.	1.213	1.188	1.188	1.158	1.114	1.114	1.114	1.114	1.114	1.153	1.213	1.213	1.213
Worsted yarn, 3/2's, crossbred stock (Boston).....dol. per lb.	1.463	1.338	1.300	1.300	1.294	1.250	1.290	1.256	1.288	1.395	1.488	1.450	1.450
Receipts at Boston, total.....thous. of lb.	51,809	(3)	(3)	13,553	31,759	44,896	52,905	30,278	29,961	47,060	36,123	49,597	50,365
Domestic.....do	4,129	3,247	5,342	8,104	25,214	41,790	44,472	22,540	22,912	30,393	16,328	6,298	4,633
Foreign.....do	47,680	(3)	(3)	5,449	6,544	3,106	8,433	7,738	7,049	16,667	19,795	43,299	45,732
Stocks, scoured basis, end of quarter, total.....thous. of lb.			98,860			128,585			127,546				140,628
Woolen wools, total.....do			41,815			47,508			41,338				47,128
Domestic.....do			28,181			35,183			29,450				26,794
Foreign.....do			13,634			12,325			11,888				20,334
Worsted wools, total.....do			57,045			81,077			86,208				93,500
Domestic.....do			22,825			59,436			57,219				28,890
Foreign.....do			34,220			21,641			28,989				64,610

\* Revised. • Total ginnings to end of month indicated. † Total ginnings of 1939 crop. ‡ Dec. 1 estimate of 1940 crop. § Not available.  
 §Data for 1939 revised; for exports, see table 14, p. 17, and for imports, table 15, p. 18, of this issue.  
 †Data for April, July, and October 1940 and January 1941 are for 3 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.  
 ‡Monthly data beginning January 1930, corresponding to monthly averages shown on p. 15 of the 1940 Supplement, appear on p. 18 of the April 1940 Survey.  
 §New series. For monthly data on rayon yarn deliveries beginning 1923, see table 41, p. 16, of the October 1940 issue. The new rayon price series replaces the data shown in the 1940 Supplement. Earlier monthly data will be shown in a subsequent issue.



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

TEXTILE PRODUCTS—Continued

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS	1941	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1941
Buttons, fresh-water pearl:													
Production..... pct. of capacity..	(1)	34.9	38.8	41.0	40.5	28.8	30.4	44.6	50.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Stocks, end of month..... thous. of gross..	(1)	6,431	6,498	6,539	6,541	6,437	6,304	6,400	6,490	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Fur, sales by dealers..... thous. of dol..	3,354	4,447	4,237	3,813	4,263	2,403	3,377	4,273	3,734	1,894	2,229	2,709	4,666
Pyroxylin-coated textiles (cotton fabrics):													
Orders, unfilled, end of mo..... thous. linear yd..	4,443	2,398	2,227	2,118	2,040	2,244	2,807	2,499	2,860	3,012	3,801	3,694	3,896
Pyroxylin spread..... thous. of lb..	6,093	4,930	4,769	4,772	4,102	3,931	4,435	5,366	5,128	5,851	5,776	5,463	5,993
Shipments, billed..... thous. linear yd..	6,355	4,844	4,978	5,093	4,504	4,030	4,430	5,353	5,106	5,842	5,776	5,718	5,881

TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT

AIRPLANES	1941	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1941
Production, domestic civil aircraft \$..... number..	251	323	430	490	599	665	808	802	938	697	509	458	458
Exports \$..... do.....	344	170	191	233	295	372	235	383	284	334	287	366	458
<b>AUTOMOBILES</b>													
Exports:													
Canada:													
Assembled, total..... number..	8,574	4,776	4,782	730	4,265	6,299	8,774	9,877	9,005	8,859	8,449	13,276	8,796
Passenger cars..... do.....	1,036	2,611	2,797	443	1,521	1,382	3,523	1,558	1,066	132	93	611	608
United States:													
Assembled, total \$..... do.....	17,252	20,145	26,497	15,793	17,183	14,609	11,263	6,539	5,753	16,857	19,943	18,017	15,912
Passenger cars \$..... do.....	6,943	9,837	10,863	8,184	9,307	6,463	3,727	2,339	2,591	7,071	9,525	7,782	7,246
Trucks \$..... do.....	10,309	10,308	15,634	7,609	7,876	8,146	7,536	4,200	3,162	9,786	10,418	10,235	8,666
Financing:													
Retail purchasers, total..... thous. of dol..	110,371	143,483	165,304	170,151	166,922	166,034	137,961	169,962	151,899	152,009	160,956	147,186	147,186
New cars..... do.....	60,395	83,054	96,272	96,518	95,038	92,744	71,574	53,797	59,475	88,575	93,350	80,739	80,739
Used cars..... do.....	49,487	59,879	68,386	72,980	71,241	72,626	65,774	53,711	61,933	62,928	67,065	65,930	65,930
Unclassified..... do.....	489	550	646	654	642	664	613	454	492	507	541	509	509
Wholesale (mfrs. to dealers)..... do.....	187,466	212,331	216,818	201,068	162,101	141,977	42,111	114,874	221,253	220,941	253,778	236,871	236,871
Fire-extinguishing equipment, shipments:													
Motor apparatus..... number..	(2)	74	68	65	79	71	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hand extinguishers..... do.....	(2)	30,600	35,358	34,135	37,619	37,762	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Production:													
Automobiles:													
Canada, total..... do.....	23,710	18,193	16,612	19,687	21,277	17,930	14,468	13,993	15,475	21,151	23,621	23,364	23,195
New cars..... do.....	10,647	12,779	12,025	13,487	12,677	8,739	3,397	1,510	3,410	7,056	10,814	11,653	11,990
United States (factory sales), total..... do.....	485,523	404,032	423,620	432,746	391,215	344,636	231,703	75,873	269,108	493,223	487,352	483,567	500,931
Passenger cars..... do.....	394,483	337,756	352,922	362,139	325,676	286,040	168,769	46,823	224,470	421,214	407,091	396,531	411,238
Trucks..... do.....	91,040	66,276	70,698	70,607	65,539	58,596	62,934	29,050	44,638	72,009	80,261	87,036	89,693
Automobile rims..... thous. of rims	2,131	1,850	1,918	1,823	1,744	1,266	825	1,075	1,356	1,759	1,808	1,790	2,032
Registrations:													
New passenger cars..... number..	224,625	312,371	353,239	345,748	318,615	315,246	211,031	148,000	290,495	301,430	334,073	299,179	299,179
New commercial cars..... do.....	41,336	53,093	55,982	51,553	43,504	50,913	48,980	39,224	48,356	46,618	51,095	61,712	61,712
Sales (General Motors Corporation):													
World sales:													
By U. S. and Canadian plants..... do.....	226,609	174,572	193,522	196,747	185,548	167,310	110,659	24,619	124,692	226,169	217,406	223,611	235,422
United States sales:													
To dealers..... do.....	208,214	160,458	181,066	183,900	171,024	151,661	99,664	21,154	116,031	207,934	198,064	204,473	218,578
To consumers..... do.....	187,252	123,874	174,625	183,481	165,820	173,212	145,064	100,782	97,527	186,016	181,421	174,610	168,168
Accessories and parts, shipments:													
Combined index..... Jan. 1925=100.....	214	156	164	170	157	140	126	151	178	190	183	179	207
Original equipment to vehicle manufacturers..... Jan. 1925=100.....	244	167	174	178	162	139	101	147	185	235	231	228	245
Accessories to wholesalers..... do.....	115	86	82	91	89	86	93	132	149	125	122	115	115
Service parts to wholesalers..... do.....	174	145	158	174	172	165	172	196	200	199	180	180	170
Service equipment to wholesalers..... do.....	182	118	139	140	131	117	120	126	139	142	156	143	162
<b>RAILWAY EQUIPMENT</b>													
(Association of American Railroads)													
Freight cars, end of month:													
Number owned..... thousands..	1,641	1,643	1,645	1,648	1,649	1,646	1,642	1,641	1,642	1,638	1,638	1,640	1,642
Undergoing or awaiting classified repairs..... thousands..	197	155	155	160	164	153	144	138	131	117	114	109	108
Percent of total on line.....	6.6	9.6	9.6	9.9	10.2	9.5	9.0	8.6	8.1	7.3	7.1	6.8	6.7
Orders, unfilled..... cars..	37,981	28,112	21,112	17,460	15,039	16,933	19,765	18,456	16,892	27,459	30,184	34,202	40,030
Equipment manufacturers..... do.....	23,787	19,159	13,546	11,051	9,772	9,974	13,477	12,278	9,010	18,700	22,738	25,866	26,427
Railroad shops..... do.....	14,194	8,953	7,566	6,409	5,267	6,959	6,288	6,178	7,882	8,759	7,446	8,336	13,603
Locomotives, steam, end of month:													
Undergoing or awaiting classified repairs..... number..	5,812	6,496	6,694	6,675	6,781	6,653	6,506	6,226	6,276	6,155	6,076	5,914	5,853
Percent of total on line.....	14.7	16.0	16.2	16.4	16.8	16.5	16.2	15.5	15.7	15.4	15.2	14.9	14.7
Orders, unfilled..... number..	132	70	59	54	88	97	115	114	130	131	116	115	120
Equipment manufacturers..... do.....	113	30	32	70	84	106	108	118	122	103	102	107	107
Railroad shops..... do.....	19	40	29	22	18	13	9	6	12	9	13	13	13
(U. S. Bureau of the Census)													
Locomotives, railroad:													
Orders, unfilled, end of mo., total..... number..	146	139	170	152	146	232	277	272	269	285	354	455	455
Domestic, total..... do.....	112	108	144	126	124	209	252	251	243	244	315	415	415
Steam..... do.....	35	28	72	70	81	87	109	126	125	122	115	129	129
Other..... do.....	77	80	72	56	43	122	143	125	118	122	200	286	286
Shipments, domestic, total..... do.....	32	39	44	37	35	30	54	40	52	73	68	63	63
Steam..... do.....	5	7	6	2	5	7	8	0	8	24	22	15	15
Other..... do.....	27	32	38	35	30	23	46	40	44	49	46	48	48
Locomotives, mining and industrial:													
Shipments (quarterly), total*..... number..	141	80	67	79	67	76	71	138	67	67	67	132	55
Electric, total..... do.....	80	67	67	79	67	76	71	138	67	67	67	132	55
For mining use..... do.....	67	67	67	79	67	76	71	138	67	67	67	132	55
Other*..... do.....	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61

\* Revised.      † Comparable data not available.      ‡ Temporarily discontinued by reporting source.  
 § Designation changed from "commercial licensed" or "civil aircraft" (1940 Supplement).  
 ¶ Includes straight electric types only (trolley or third-rail and storage battery); data for 1939 and earlier years, published in the Survey, include some units of only partial United States manufacture and are not comparable with data here shown.  
 \* Data revised for 1939. See table 14, p. 17 of this issue.  
 † New series. Comparable data on total shipments are available only beginning January 1940. "Other" includes Diesel-electric, Diesel-mechanical, and gasoline or steam locomotives; data for 1939, the earliest available, are as follows: first quarter, 21; second, 20; third, 26; fourth, 52. These are largely industrial.

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

TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT—Continued

RAILWAY EQUIPMENT—Continued (American Railway Car Institute)															
Shipments:															
Freight cars, total	number	4,122	5,242	6,648	5,900	3,262	1,588	1,543	2,356	2,888	3,704	4,134	4,624	5,272	
Domestic	do	4,057	5,142	6,548	5,400	3,061	1,478	1,543	2,356	2,836	3,586	3,981	4,301	5,256	
Passenger cars, total	do	2	14	4	1	6	5	28	12	10	10	8	54	0	
Domestic	do	2	14	4	1	6	5	0	12	10	10	8	54	0	
<i>(U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)</i>															
Exports of locomotives, total	number	17	13	16	26	20	14	14	16	13	19	11	4	12	
Electric	do	12	8	10	9	18	13	12	13	9	14	10	3	8	
Steam	do	5	5	6	17	2	1	2	3	4	5	1	1	4	
<b>INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC TRUCKS AND TRACTORS:</b>															
Shipments, total	number		125	132	109	147	135	128	134	141	165	180	202		
Domestic	do		119	119	98	137	121	120	124	134	157	174	165		
Exports	do		6	13	11	10	14	8	10	7	8	6	37		

CANADIAN STATISTICS

Physical volume of business, adjusted:†														
Combined index	1935-39=100	126.1	108.6	106.3	120.0	117.8	120.0	120.9	128.6	130.1	129.0	129.7	128.3	130.5
Industrial production:														
Combined index	do	138.3	117.0	115.0	134.0	128.8	132.1	131.9	143.9	148.6	146.4	146.9	140.6	145.1
Construction	do	223.8	116.4	116.5	179.6	139.9	157.4	130.2	169.3	223.0	143.4	278.2	187.4	244.3
Electric power	do	115.7	109.4	109.0	112.7	123.0	125.1	127.4	119.9	113.1	107.6	109.8	111.2	116.7
Manufacturing	do	134.0	120.0	115.8	127.9	129.6	128.6	133.8	143.9	148.6	146.4	146.9	142.3	141.9
Forestry	do	121.3	106.5	109.0	113.0	120.8	136.0	137.3	134.4	132.2	124.7	123.2	117.2	126.2
Mining	do	125.0	108.6	113.4	146.4	120.5	137.3	126.5	142.3	142.2	117.1	128.0	123.5	122.7
Distribution:														
Combined index	do	105.1	94.0	91.5	95.9	99.0	99.3	102.1	102.3	98.2	99.2	100.3	107.1	105.4
Carloadings	do	118.8	108.8	96.0	110.7	117.1	114.9	126.8	120.0	107.2	108.8	114.8	125.1	123.3
Exports (volume)	do	148.2	107.3	120.4	121.4	142.3	154.2	139.3	153.4	135.5	119.3	132.7	119.9	130.5
Imports (volume)	do	152.7	125.5	115.9	129.5	125.8	124.6	130.6	141.4	128.3	148.8	136.0	171.6	171.0
Trade employment	do	115.8	107.2	108.9	107.8	109.2	109.8	109.9	110.6	112.3	112.8	112.5	116.8	115.3
Agricultural marketings, adjusted:														
Combined index	1926=100		134.8	36.7	60.4	114.7	91.7	131.6	101.8	60.3	52.8	82.0	113.8	116.4
Grain	do		148.0	29.2	53.4	122.7	93.9	136.6	102.2	52.0	41.8	78.7	117.5	123.7
Livestock	do		75.6	70.1	91.7	79.0	81.4	108.9	100.0	97.7	101.8	96.3	97.3	83.8
Commodity prices:														
Cost of living†	1935-39=100	108.2	103.8	104.6	104.6	104.9	104.9	105.6	105.9	106.4	107.0	107.8	108.0	108.3
Wholesale prices	1926=100	85.2	82.8	83.2	83.1	82.1	81.6	82.4	82.7	83.1	83.3	84.0	84.2	84.6
Employment (first of month, unadjusted):														
Combined index	do	135.2	114.4	113.5	111.9	114.3	120.9	124.7	127.9	131.6	136.2	139.2	139.1	134.2
Construction and maintenance	do	82.5	58.1	55.4	59.6	68.4	90.5	105.0	114.3	121.1	121.0	120.5	105.9	83.0
Manufacturing	do	147.4	120.5	122.6	123.4	125.7	129.2	130.3	134.4	143.8	144.6	144.7	142.5	142.5
Mining	do	169.1	168.4	167.1	164.4	164.5	166.7	167.2	168.1	170.2	172.3	174.0	172.6	167.6
Service	do	148.6	131.8	132.6	133.4	138.2	142.5	149.2	155.4	157.1	147.3	148.8	147.8	149.5
Trade	do	147.0	136.4	134.9	137.6	138.3	140.7	142.8	141.4	142.9	146.8	148.9	154.4	160.8
Transportation	do	89.4	83.3	83.0	82.8	88.8	90.3	93.7	94.8	94.6	94.3	93.5	92.5	88.7
Finance:														
Bank debits	mil. of dol.	2,540	2,955	2,413	2,938	3,340	2,682	2,623	2,458	2,571	3,527	3,049	3,208	2,941
Commercial failures	number	105	105	111	98	100	91	99	86	66	79	92	95	79
Life-insurance sales, new paid for ordinary	thous. of dol.	31,500	31,820	30,265	32,248	31,779	28,530	28,159	24,698	26,156	31,210	32,899	33,727	28,326
Security issues and prices:														
New bond issues, total†	do	115,271	116,577	95,037	89,109	480,819	75,793	83,162	84,668	404,627	108,976	108,576	330,167	84,235
Bond yields†	1935-39=100	96.1	101.9	101.9	100.2	99.8	101.4	101.1	100.0	98.9	98.6	98.0	97.0	96.3
Common stock prices†	do	66.5	90.2	90.3	88.4	73.3	65.5	66.1	69.3	75.8	74.2	74.5	70.3	71.3
Foreign trade:														
Exports, total	thous. of dol.	100,532	72,314	83,465	84,693	110,764	111,622	101,463	111,360	102,778	106,791	118,404	98,711	88,953
Wheat	thous. of bu.	9,460	6,598	8,628	5,082	23,466	13,570	11,868	11,401	9,500	9,659	17,278	11,762	4,880
Wheat flour	thous. of bbl.		559	716	520	723	509	314	576	551	750	683	346	
Imports	thous. of dol.	89,632	71,042	76,734	85,980	100,537	90,705	89,496	96,836	86,287	108,645	102,284	102,302	98,382
Railways:														
Carloadings	thous. of cars	218	199	195	219	237	240	248	256	252	281	259	231	229
Financial results:														
Operating revenues	thous. of dol.	30,000	30,145	29,916	34,630	33,914	38,398	37,409	37,310	40,504	38,869	40,221		
Operating expenses	do	25,422	25,643	25,569	27,303	27,557	30,402	30,240	29,463	28,573	26,964	28,602		
Operating income	do	3,335	3,271	3,077	5,760	7,657	6,042	5,166	6,248	10,257	10,024	9,944		
Operating results:														
Revenue freight carried 1 mile	mil. of tons	2,757	2,559	2,785	2,930	3,504	3,260	2,987	3,385	3,547	3,371	3,772		
Passengers carried 1 mile	mil. of pass.	134	168	124	141	180	219	248	248	172	158	278		
Production:														
Electric power, central stations	mil. of kw.-hr.	2,407	2,367	2,426	2,399	2,672	2,579	2,615	2,500	2,400	2,487	2,525	2,584	2,635
Pig iron	thous. of long tons	91	87	92	84	93	89	96	89	105	109	110	110	103
Steel ingots and castings	do	173	140	157	153	174	166	170	172	165	185	176	185	186
Wheat flour	thous. of bbl.		1,247	1,257	1,344	1,283	1,170	1,223	1,291	1,636	1,873	1,588	1,076	1,177

† Revised.

†Data on life-insurance sales revised beginning September 1936; for revisions see p. 56 of the September 1940 Survey. For revisions of new bond issues for 1939 see p. 56 of the March 1941 Survey. All Canadian index numbers to which this note is attached have been revised to a 1935-39 base; earlier data for these series will be shown in a subsequent issue. Common stock price and bond yield indexes have been converted to the new base by multiplying the old series by a constant. The production and distribution indexes have been completely revised and no comparable data prior to January 1940 are available at this time. January 1940 data for production and distribution indexes are as follows: Physical volume of business, combined index, 113.8; industrial production, combined index, 123.8; construction, 94.9; electric power, 111.0; manufacturing, 130.2; forestry, 120.7; mining, 116.4; distribution, combined index, 96.7; carloadings, 113.4; exports, volume, 132.4; imports, volume, 128.2; and trade employment, 107.0.

†Beginning with July 1940, data are reported by the *Industrial Truck Statistical Association* and cover reports of 8 companies. They are approximately comparable with previous data which were compiled by the Bureau of the Census.

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