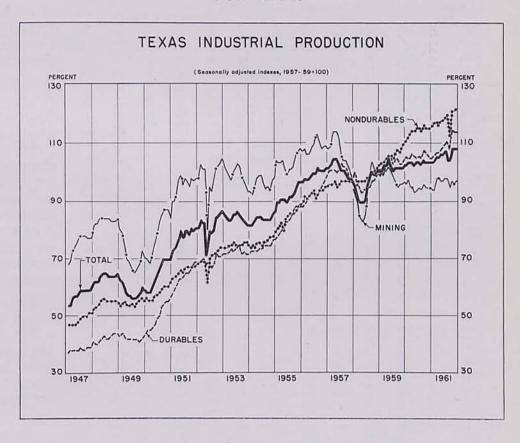


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#### REVISED INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX FOR TEXAS



# FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS DALLAS, TEXAS

#### INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN TEXAS, 1947-61

(Seasonally adjusted indexes, 1957-59 = 100)

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Each month since December 1958, the Business Review has presented information on this Bank's industrial production index for Texas, together with the national index prepared by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. This broad indicator of the output of Texas factories and mines was developed to furnish those interested in Texas industrialization with a means of analyzing its progress.

In order to provide as accurate and current an economic measure as possible, the index has been revised to take into account data available from the comprehensive 1958 Censuses of Manufactures and Mineral Industries. Changes in productivity, man-hour adjustments, and the relative index weightings of the industries which comprise the Texas industrial structure were also considered in the revision. In addition, the base period of the index has been advanced from 1947-49 to 1957-59, in line with comparable changes in various basic economic measurements for the Nation. Certain changes in methodology and the means of computation are also being made at this time.

By the end of 1961, the revised index of Texas industrial production had risen 9 percent from the 1957-59 average. Non-durable manufactures rose 22 percent, mainly as a result of further gains in chemicals, paper and paper products, food, and apparel. Durable manufactures increased 14 percent, with the strongest advances in furniture, primary metals, machinery, fabricated metals, and stone, clay, and glass. Reduced crude oil production lowered the mining index by 3 percent.

To the interested reader, there are available a series of tables showing the completely revised index for 1947 through 1961, including the separate industry indexes, and a new statement of methodology and procedure. This material may be obtained upon direct request to:

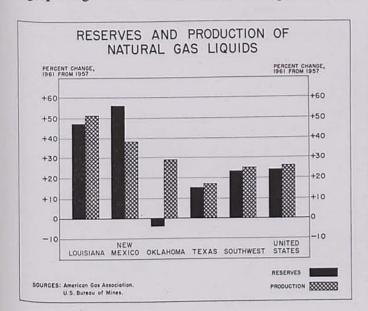
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#### **NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS**

Adequate fuel supplies are required to support growing economies. One comparatively new and dynamic source of energy that will enhance future energy supplies is natural gas liquids. Natural gas liquids are recovered in conjunction with natural gas; in essence, they are joint products. The fuel marketed as natural gas is largely methane, but, prior to processing, natural gas is a mixture of many hydrocarbons. Other members of the paraffin series, such as ethane, propane, butane, isobutane, and pentane, may also be recovered. After these separate components are recovered from natural gas, they are readily convertible from the gaseous to the liquid state by simple changes in pressure and temperature. Hydrocarbons of this nature are often referred to, therefore, as natural gas liquids.

Natural gas liquids may be divided into three broad categories: (1) natural gasoline; (2) liquefied petroleum gases (LPG), so named because they are extracted and handled in a liquid state but are consumed in the gaseous state; and (3) finished products, such as kerosene and distillate fuel oil. Most natural gas liquids are produced at special plants, but a small amount may be obtained from refineries. Natural gas liquids resulting from the refining of crude hydrocarbons are called liquefied refinery gases.

The growing importance of natural gas liquids has been closely associated with the development of the natural gas industry. In the early stage, the motivation for natural gas liquids processing was limited to cleaning up the gas streams so that the natural gas could be



marketed. Unfortunately, appropriate transportation facilities for natural gas were unavailable, and natural gas markets were thus highly restricted. After World War II, state conservation groups issued orders preventing the flaring of natural gas. Stripping operations were established at that time to obtain marketable gas which could be transported through large-diameter pipelines to markets throughout the Nation. As natural gas developed into a valuable energy source, natural gas liquids also assumed some importance.

Economic growth hastens consumption of exhaustible resources, such as natural gas and natural gas liquids; therefore, a primary long-run consideration is the sufficiency of future supplies. The current and future availability of natural gas and natural gas liquids may be partially defined in terms of estimated proved recoverable reserves. At the beginning of 1962, natural gas reserves in the Nation were estimated at 268 trillion cubic feet, and natural gas liquids at 7 billion barrels. Natural gas reserves grew 1.5 percent during 1961, while reserves of natural gas liquids rose 3.4 percent. The four southwestern states of Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas contribute about 85 percent of the current and future supplies of both natural gas and natural gas liquids. At the beginning of 1962, Texas provided more than one-half of the regional totals of 218 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 6 billion barrels of natural gas liquids; and Louisiana, an additional 25 percent.

Total production of natural gas has advanced rapidly, both in the Nation and in the Southwest, but output of natural gas liquids has increased at a more rapid rate. Southwestern production of natural gas liquids (including natural gasoline, LPG produced at natural gas liquids plants, LPG produced at refineries, and finished products) totaled 14 billion gallons in 1961, compared with only 11 billion gallons in 1957. Onefourth of the Southwest's total output was natural gasoline, while 65 percent was liquefied petroleum gases produced at both plants and refineries. Similar relationships existed in the Nation, except that LPG comprised a slightly larger percentage of the total. The largest production increase from 1957 to 1961 in both the Nation and the Southwest was recorded in liquefied petroleum gases; the output of natural gasoline rose at a much slower rate. During 1961, southwestern production of natural gasoline rose 3 percent, finished products advanced about 10 percent, and liquefied

#### PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS, 1961

Four Southwestern States and United States

(In thousands of gallons)

Product	Louisiana	New Mexico	Oklahoma	Texas	SOUTH- WEST	United States
Natural gasoline and		=			The State of	
isopentane	335,320	280,642	464,767	2,330,326	3,411,055	4,586,124
Liquefled petroleum gases	The continues				100700000000000000000000000000000000000	LEATHER STATE OF THE STATE OF T
At plants	785,818	650,085	802,709	4,770,580	7,009,192	9,005,965
At refineries	613,788	6,174	189,924	1,021,944	1,831,830	3,315,774
Finished gasoline and				710 310	1000000	
other	609,324	12,908	58,569	752,937	1,433,738	1,489,243
TOTAL	2,344,250	949,809	1,515,969	8,875,787	13,685,815	18,397,106

SOURCE: United States Bureau of Mines.

petroleum gases increased 8 percent. Within the area, the greatest expansion in natural gas liquids output during 1961 was recorded in Louisiana, where production advanced 8 percent. Output in Texas and the Southwest each rose about 6 percent.

If natural gas and natural gas liquids were produced separately, additional costs - such as finding, developing, and recovery costs - would be incurred by the producer. Since they are produced jointly, cost savings are probably substantial. Natural gas liquids output has supplemented energy supplies and petroleum industry earnings as well. The value of natural gas liquids produced in 1960 amounted to \$994 million, with the Southwest contributing almost three-fourths of this total. Texas is the leading producing state in the Nation, with its value of natural gas liquids produced totaling around \$463 million in 1960. A comparison of the monetary values and the volume of all natural gas liquids produced indicates that, both in the Southwest and in the Nation during the 1957-60 period, natural gasoline and finished products provided more dollars per gallons produced than did liquefied petroleum gases.

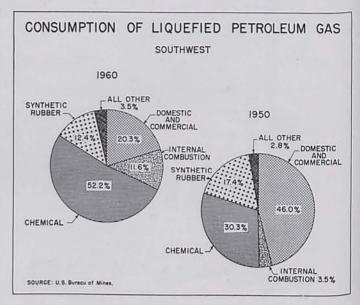
Under joint supply conditions, an advance in natural gas demand encourages an expansion in supply, and the quantity of natural gas liquids produced also increases. If the demand for natural gas liquids is insufficient, excessive availability may result in the short run. The demand for natural gas liquids has advanced significantly, however, rising about 10 percent annually between 1957 and 1961.

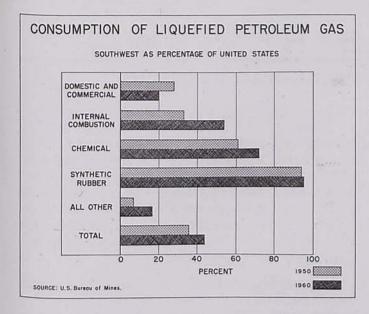
Natural gasoline demand correlates roughly with the need for motor fuel, but consumption of liquefied petroleum gases is more diversified. Commercial institutions and households use LPG for heating, especially in areas not serviced by natural gas pipelines, and households employ the fuel for appliances as well. Almost 50 percent of all natural gas liquids consumed

in the Southwest during 1950 was used by domestic and commercial institutions, but, by 1960, the proportion shared by these users declined to only 20 percent. In the Nation, a significant reduction also occurred, although the drop was somewhat less pronounced.

The prominence of the use of LPG for heating has brought seasonal consumption problems. Other uses for natural gas liquids were required to provide an optimum yearly consumption pattern and to reduce the need for additional storage facilities. Natural gas liquids have been introduced to agricultural groups for use in various types of machinery, including tractors and trucks. The increase in the number and size of LPG-consuming tractors, as well as irrigation engines using LPG, has enhanced the utilization of LPG by agriculture. Flame cultivation of crops and crop drying are other agricultural uses for LPG which are growing in importance. Today, internal-combustion engines of all types consume around 11 percent of the LPG used in the Southwest. Efforts have been made to stimulate this area of utilization for other than agricultural equipment, especially in the Southwest, but the extensive use of liquefied petroleum gas for general-purpose motor fuel would mean an engine conversion from gasoline to LPG and the construction of a network of LPG service stations.

Petrochemical manufacturers used as a product feedstock about one-half of all LPG consumed in the Southwest during 1960, compared with 30 percent in 1950. The absolute growth of this use has helped the Southwest gain prominence not only as a producer of LPG but also as a consumer, and the relative gain corre-





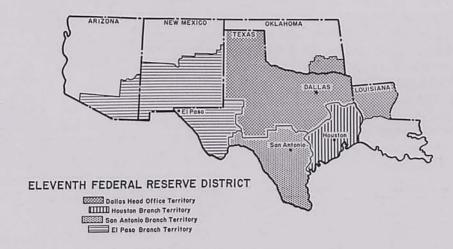
sponds closely to the increasing importance of the chemical industry in Texas.

Despite the significant rate of advance in the consumption of natural gas liquids, stocks of these products have increased. Natural gas liquids consumption in the Nation during 1961 totaled 18.0 billion gallons, production amounted to 18.4 billion gallons, and inventory accumulation was 0.4 billion gallons. National stocks advanced from a total of 0.9 billion gallons in 1957 to 1.7 billion gallons in 1961. To accommodate this increase in stocks, storage capacity, both aboveground

and underground, has risen significantly. Storage capacity reached almost 3 billion gallons in 1961, and about 70 percent of total storage capacity and stocks existing in the Nation were located in the Southwest. In 1961 the total storage capacity in the Southwest was 2.0 billion gallons, with about 1.8 billion gallons of this capacity available underground. These figures compare with 1.6 billion gallons of total storage capacity and 1.4 billion gallons located underground in 1960. About one-half of the total capacity was being utilized at the end of 1961, both in the Southwest and in the Nation.

The outlook for natural gas liquids in the foreseeable future is favorable. A recently initiated Government conservation program to insure sufficient supplies of helium will result in greater availability of LPG also. While there may be a surplus of certain natural gas liquids for several years, increases in demand should accompany (1) the greater diversity in uses of LPG, (2) an advance in motor fuel consumption, and (3) the even greater development of the petrochemical industry. Increasing energy needs associated with an advancing economy should enhance the consumption and further production of natural gas liquids; and with the development of a more efficient network for the transportation of these products, consumption expansion should occur throughout a greater part of the Nation.

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## BUSINESS REVIEW

#### BUSINESS, AGRICULTURAL, AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS



Seasonally adjusted department store sales in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District in March declined moderately from February but rose substan-

tially over March 1961. The adjusted index of sales for March was 181 percent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 184 for February and 168 for March 1961.

New car sales registered in four major Texas markets in March rose 16 percent over February and 39 percent over March 1961. For the first quarter of 1962, registrations in the four markets combined exceeded even the high 1955 level.

The Texas industrial production index declined during March to 108 percent of the revised base (1957-59 = 100) but remained above a year earlier. Construction contracts in the District states advanced to a new high for February, and nonagricultural employment was at a record level for March.

Farm work continued to accelerate in the District during April. Approximately one-third of the total intended acreage of the five major spring crops has been seeded. The 1962 winter wheat production in the District states is estimated to be 28 percent below the previous year's output but 25 percent above the 1951-60 average. The condition of livestock is less satisfactory than a year ago.

Daily average crude oil production in the Eleventh District declined moderately in March but expanded in early April. District refinery activity decreased in March and early April, but indicators of drilling operations advanced.

In the 5 weeks ended April 18, investments and time and savings deposits advanced at the weekly reporting member banks in the Eleventh District, while loans and demand deposits declined. Commercial and industrial loans receded, primarily because of decreases in the manufacturing, mining, and trade categories.



Department store sales in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District in March — adjusted for trading day differences, the shifting date of Easter, and other

seasonal factors — were slightly below the February level but were markedly above a year ago. The adjusted index for March was 181 percent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 184 for February and 168 for

# INDEXES OF DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS Eleventh Federal Reserve District

(1947-49 = 100)

	SALES (Dai	ly average)	STOCKS (End of month)		
Date	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
1961: March	155	168	183	174	
1962: January February March	136 138 158	172 184r 181	173 190 206p	197 196 196p	

r — Revised. p — Preliminary.

#### DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

(Percentage change in retail value)

	March 1			
Area	February 1962	March 1961	- 3 months, 1962 from 1961	
Total Eleventh District	28	2	6	
Corpus Christi	16	-14	-2	
Dallas	26	4	5	
El Paso	44	3	1	
Fort Worth	26	1	7	
Houston	31	8	11	
San Antonio	29	-2	3	
Shreveport, La	38	6	11	
Waco	27	1	6	
Other cities	27	-1	5	

March 1961. On a dollar-volume basis, March sales were 2 percent above those in the same month last year, despite the fact that Easter was 3 weeks later in 1962 than in 1961.

District department store sales in the first 2 weeks of April rose 13 percent above the corresponding period last year. This sales increase is to be expected because the comparison is with the 2 weeks following Easter in 1961. The 2 weeks ended April 14 represented the second and third weeks before Easter this year. Sales during this period exceeded those in the comparable weeks before Easter last year by 7 percent.

New car sales registered in four major Texas markets in March rose 16 percent over February and 39 percent over March 1961. The year-to-year advance in each of the markets was substantial. San Antonio led with a gain of 58 percent, followed by Dallas with a gain of 50 percent. Fort Worth and Houston showed increases of 41 percent and 23 percent, respectively. Cumulative sales for the four markets combined in the first quarter of this year surpassed even the high 1955 level for the period.



Outside farm work in the District continued to accelerate during April, although the usual variation of inadequate moisture in some sections and excessive

precipitation in others was in evidence. Generally, wet soils and cool nights are retarding planting and crop development in the northeastern portions of the District, while moisture is short in the Coastal Bend and southern and western areas of Texas. Despite the somewhat spotty growing conditions, about one-third of the total intended acreage of the District's more important spring crops — cotton, grain sorghums, corn, rice, and peanuts — has been planted.

Although showers during mid-April improved the condition of the winter wheat crop, more rain is needed since the crop is reaching the critical developmental stage. Insect infestations have been building up in many areas, but damage thus far is reported to be light. Wheat in the Blacklands is in the boot stage, and early fields in western areas are beginning to head. Winter wheat production in the District states is placed, as of April 1, at 148 million bushels, or 28 percent below 1961's excellent crop but 25 percent above the 10-year (1951-

#### WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION

(In thousands of bushels)

Area	1962, indicated April 1	1961	Average 1951-60
Arizona , Louisiana , New Mexico , Oklahoma , Texas ,	1,044 624 5,092 83,562 57,920	1,118 840 8,004 110,832 84,870	1,567 1750 1,917 75,225 38,874
Total	148,242	205,664	118,333

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Short-time average. SOURCE: United States Department of Agriculture.

60) average. All of the District states registered declines from the year-earlier levels, partly reflecting the diversion of acreage under the 1962 wheat program.

About one-fifth of this year's cotton crop has been planted, or almost the same proportion planted by this time in 1961. In the Lower Valley of Texas, cultivation and fertilization of cotton have been active, and some early cotton is up to stands in the El Paso area and in the southern valleys of New Mexico. In the Blacklands of Texas and northeastward into Louisiana, planting is active.

The bulk of the corn crop has been seeded and is making fair progress, although unfavorable weather has retarded optimum development, especially in north-eastern and southern Texas. Drilling of grain sorghums also is well advanced, with approximately one-third of the seedings completed. In the rice areas of the District, about one-half of the crop has now been planted, or a somewhat larger proportion than at the same time last year.

Harvesting is active in commercial vegetable areas, and crops for the late-spring and early-summer market are making good growth except in Coastal Bend sections, where moisture has been a limiting factor. The condition of the Texas peach crop as of April 1 was considerably poorer than last year and was also below the average of the past 10 years. Much of the peach crop was damaged by the late-February and mid-March freezes, which extended deep into south Texas.

Timely April showers gave a boost to pasture and range conditions, but moisture remains inadequate in most southern and southeastern areas in the District. The condition of ranges in the four principal range states of the District is generally below a year ago, except in Arizona. Despite the late development of green forage, cattle and sheep remain in fair condition, but the condition of livestock is less favorable than at this time a year ago.



During the 5 weeks ended April 11, loans, deposits, and non-Government investments advanced at the Nation's weekly reporting member banks, while

Government investments declined. The money market was firm during most of the period, with strength mainly in the prices of longer-term securities. Significant demand for Treasury notes and bonds developed from both bank and nonbank sources, thus forcing yields on long-term Government securities below 4 per-

cent. The market for municipal and corporate bonds also exhibited noticeable strength during the period.

The auction rate on 91-day Treasury bills remained virtually unchanged, moving from 2.721 percent on March 8 to 2.723 percent on April 19. The yields on the various maturities of Treasury bills moved closer together, reflecting strong investor demand for long-term bills and the \$100 million additions to the weekly 91-day bill offerings. The effective rate on Federal funds generally held between 2¾ percent and 3 percent throughout the period.

Investments and time and savings deposits advanced at the weekly reporting member banks in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District during the 5 weeks ended April 18, while loans and demand deposits declined. Both cash accounts and total assets receded during this period.

Gross loans (excluding interbank loans) decreased slightly at the weekly reporting member banks in the District; a \$40.2 million reduction in commercial and industrial loans was almost offset by increases of \$12.0 million in loans for purchasing or carrying securities, \$10.4 million in loans to nonbank financial institutions, and \$11.3 million in "all other loans." Within the commercial and industrial loan category, there were noticeable reductions in loans to firms engaged in manufacturing, mining, trade, and transportation, communication, and other public utilities. Such reductions may partly reflect repayment of loans obtained for tax and dividend payments or other seasonal reasons. Partially offsetting these declines were a significant advance in service-type business loans and an increase in loans for construction purposes. In the corresponding period a year earlier, gross loans were reduced \$19.2 million, with decreases in commercial and industrial loans and loans for purchasing or carrying securities more than counterbalancing increases in loans to nonbank financial institutions and "all other loans."

#### NEW PAR BANK

The Bank of Dallas, Dallas, Texas, an insured nonmember bank located in the territory served by the Head Office of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, was added to the Par List on its opening date, April 12, 1962. The officers are: Estill S. Heyser, Jr., Chairman of the Board; Lynn R. Helm, President; James A. Donnell, Cashier; and J. V. (Jack) Lynch, Assistant Vice President.

### CONDITION STATISTICS OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN LEADING CITIES

**Eleventh Federal Reserve District** 

(In thousands of dollars)

Item	Apr. 18, 1962	Mar. 14, 1962	Apr. 19, 1961
ASSETS			
Commercial and industrial loans	11,733,686 50,681	1,773,882 48,377	1,539,829 36,379
or carrying: U. S. Government securities Other securities Other loans for purchasing or carrying:	20,274 63,325	15,274 59,424	22,274 32,305
U. S. Government securities Other securities Loans to domestic commercial banks Loans to foreign banks Loans to other financial institutions:	2,457 1175,640 54,404 178	2,667 172,328 96,738 201	7,190 203,870 36,182 25
Sales finance, personal finance, etc	189,152 1166,371 252,501 1798,275	83,758 161,280 249,268 786,967	84,927 139,632 217,712 811,456
Gross loans	3,406,944 63,359	3,450,164 63,228	3,131,781 57,724
Net loans	3,343,585	3,386,936	3,074,057
Treasury bills	99,190 73,964	123,989 86,415	136,125 29,666
including guaranteed obligations, maturing: Within 1 year	276,582 710,682 410,253 495,248	256,235 719,336 385,931 451,509	200,108 615,446 498,154 414,646
Total investments	2,065,919	2,023,415	1,894,145
Cash items in process of collection	590,236 474,478 2,235 57,748 597,661 203,139	598,162 525,148 2,154 58,797 553,979 199,036	549,062 541,742 2,197 53,324 572,162 186,496
TOTAL ASSETS	7,335,001	7,347,627	6,873,185
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS  Demand deposits Individuals, partnerships, and corporations Foreign governments and official institutions, central banks, and international institutions United States Government.  States and political subdivisions Banks in the United States, relading	3,081,284 3,379 70,127 233,073	3,093,821 2,512 59,722 251,425	2,995,924 52,468 259,343
States and political subarisions.  Banks in the United States, including mutual savings banks.  Banks in foreign countries.  Certified and officers' checks, etc.	1,089,682 13,257 65,392	251,425 1,154,873 14,689 57,621	1,109,503 15,632 61,233
Total demand deposits	4,556,194	4,634,663	4,494,103
Time and savings deposits Individuals, partnerships, and corporations Savings deposits			4,474,100
Foreign governments and official institutions.	888,932 666,355	876,598 653,896	1,279,537
central banks, and international institutions. U. S. Government, including postal savings States and political subdivisions Banks in the United States, including	3,007 6,617 348,751	3,006) 6,617 332,263	14,907 321,143
mutual savings banks	6,262 2,150	5,722 2,200}	9,560
Total time and savings deposits	1,922,074	1,880,302	1,625,147
Total deposits Bills payable, rediscounts, etc All other liabilities	6,478,268 130,400 98,929 627,404	6,514,965 112,100 93,645 626,917	6,119,250 79,350 96,416 578,169
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS.	7,335,001	7,347,627	6,873,185
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Because of reclassifications, these data are not strictly comparable with year earlier data.
r — Revised.

Total investments at the District's weekly reporting banks rose \$42.5 million during the 5-week period, as

NOTE. — As a result of changes in call report instructions, additional information is available, effective April 26, 1961, on the deposit structure of member banks. Comparable year-earlier figures will be shown when they become available.

#### RESERVE POSITIONS OF MEMBER BANKS

Eleventh Federal Reserve District

(Averages of daily figures. In thousands of dollars)

Item	4 weeks ended Apr. 4, 1962	4 weeks ended Mar. 7, 1962	5 weeks ended Apr. 5, 1961
RESERVE CITY BANKS			
Total reserves held	593,855	588,957	568,412
With Federal Reserve Bank	554,164	549,738	529,945
Currency and coin	39,691	39,219	38,467
Required reserves	588,124	583,133	560,667
Excess reserves	5,731	5,824	7,745
Borrowings	4,804	854	543
Free reserves	927	4,970	7,202
COUNTRY BANKS			
Total reserves held	549,487	551,933	516,437
With Federal Reserve Bank	445,974	449,155	420,388
Currency and coin	103,513	102,778	96,049
Required reserves	483,496	486,642	447,576
Excess reserves	65,991	65,291	68,861
Borrowings	1,054	528	173
Free reserves	64,937	64,763	68,688
ALL MEMBER BANKS			
Total reserves held	1,143,342	1,140,890	1,084,849
With Federal Reserve Bank	1,000,138	998,893	950,333
Currency and coin	143,204	141,997	134,516
Required reserves	1,071,620	1,069,775	1,008,243
Excess reserves	71,722	71,115	76,606
Borrowings	5,858	1,382	716
Free reserves	65,864	69,733	75,890

a large increase in holdings of non-Government securities more than offset a small reduction in holdings of Government securities. In the comparable period of the preceding year, investments advanced \$45.4 million, with both Government and non-Government security holdings climbing to higher levels.

In the 5 weeks ended April 18, demand deposits at the District's weekly reporting member banks fell \$78.5 million, largely as a result of reductions in deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations and deposits of states and political subdivisions. However, time and savings deposits, gaining \$41.8 million, continued the strong advance evident since the first of the year. In the corresponding period last year, demand deposits declined \$36.0 million, and time and savings deposits rose \$19.7 million.

Total reserves moved slightly higher at the District member banks during the 4 weeks ended April 4, as an increase at reserve city banks more than offset a decline at country banks. Excess and free reserves, however, advanced at the country banks and receded at the reserve city banks. Borrowings moved upward, especially at the reserve city banks.



District crude oil production declined moderately in March to average 2,917,400 barrels daily, but output in early April advanced 2 percent. Texas has

retained its April allowable schedule of 8 producing days; however, reductions in the Louisiana and south-

#### REVISED PETROLEUM INDEXES

The seasonally adjusted indexes of national petroleum activity have been revised because of a recent change by the United States Bureau of Mines in its method of reporting data on gasoline stocks. Copies of the revised indexes for January 1950 through December 1961 may be obtained by addressing a request to:

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eastern New Mexico allowables and the greater number of days in the month should result in a decrease in daily average District output in May. Crude oil runs to District refinery stills declined moderately in March and early April, but drilling activity strengthened. The number of active rotary rigs in the District rose slightly during March, and both total well completions and total footage drilled advanced 12 percent during the 5 weeks ended April 7.

New supplies of crude oil in the Nation declined during March, as both domestic production and crude oil imports were reduced. However, national crude oil stocks rose 3 percent since crude oil demand also decreased. Stocks of crude oil in mid-April were moderately above the month-earlier level, reflecting an advance in new supplies of crude oil and the continued decrease in crude runs.

In March the seasonally adjusted index of demand for the four major petroleum products was little changed, as an increase in kerosene demand offset a decline in distillate fuel oil consumption. Seasonally adjusted stocks of the four refined products advanced

#### NATIONAL PETROLEUM ACTIVITY INDICATORS

(Seasonally adjusted indexes, 1957-59 = 100)

March 1962p	February 1962p	January 1962	March 1961
105	107	106	104
	108	110	106
145	127	133	106
109	113	112	97
89		104	90
106	106	110	101
103	103	104	104
			139
			110
			84
103	102	103	106
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slightly, with gains registered in both light and heavy fuel oil inventories. Refined product consumption in early April declined more than seasonally anticipated. The gasoline demand advance was less than is usual for this time of year, and the decrease in light and heavy fuel oil consumption was more than expected. However, refined product supplies decreased more than seasonally, and inventories of the major products also declined. Gasoline prices at the refinery level in the Southwest and Midwest were firm despite the return of price cutting at the retail level in certain parts of the country; and on the East Coast, gasoline prices at the wholesale level weakened.



The Texas industrial production index declined 3 points during March to 108 percent of the revised base (1957-59 = 100), compared with 106 percent a

year earlier. Reduced mining activity reflected special weakness in crude petroleum production during the month; in addition, there were modest decreases in many manufacturing industries. Compared with a year ago, the mining index for March was 8 percent lower, but the manufacturing index was 8 percent higher.

Nonagricultural employment in the five southwestern states rose 9,800 during March to 4,479,500 workers — a record for the month and 2 percent above a year ago. A moderate decline in transportation and public utilities employment and slight decreases in the number of mining and government workers were more than offset by advances in the other sectors, especially in construction and trade employment. The number of

#### INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (Seasonally adjusted indexes)

Area and type of index	March 1962p	February 1962	January 1962	March 1961
TEXAS (1957-59=100)				
Total industrial production	108	111	108	106
Manufacturing	121	123	117	112
Durable	117	118	108	107
Nondurable	124	126	124	117
Mining	90	96	96	98
UNITED STATES (1957=100)				
Total industrial production	116	115	114	103
Manufacturing	116	115	114	102
Durable	112	111	109	95
Nondurable	122	121	121	112
Mining	99	99	99	96
Utilities	140	138	137	125

P — Preliminary.
 SOURCES: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
 Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

#### NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Five Southwestern States<sup>1</sup>

	N	Percent chang Mar. 1962 fro			
Type of employment	March 1962e	February 1962	March 1961r	Feb. 1962	Mar. 1961
Total nonagricultural wage and salary workers	4,479,500	4,469,700	4,410,800	0.2	1.6
Manufacturing	780,200	776,700	762,700	.5	2.3
Nonmanufacturing Mining Construction Transportation and	3,699,300 241,400 285,600	3,693,000 242,100 283,300	3,648,100 241,000 283,100	3 .8	1.4 .2 .9
public utilities Trade Finance Service	383,600 1,071,100 224,400 604,500 888,700	389,300 1,061,700 223,600 603,800 889,200	391,400 1,064,000 218,600 588,800 861,200	-1.5 .9 .4 .1 1	-2.0 .7 2.7 2.7 3.2

<sup>1</sup> Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. e — Estimated.

e — Estimated Revised SOURCES: State employment agencies. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

unemployed in Texas in March totaled 176,700 persons and represented 4.9 percent of the civilian labor force, compared with 5.4 percent a month earlier and 5.9 percent in March 1961. The rate of unemployment was the lowest for the month in recent years.

The value of construction contracts in the five southwestern states continued to increase during February and reached a \$328 million record for the month; gains were registered in all the major categories. Compared with February 1961, significant increases in public works and utilities and residential construction offset a slight decline in nonresidential building. The total value of contracts for the first 2 months of 1962 amounted to \$601 million, or 6 percent less than in the comparable 1961 period, as an advance in residential contracts was offset by declines in nonresidential building and public works and utilities construction.

#### VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

(In millions of dollars)

Area and type	February	January	February	January—February		
	1962p	1962	1961	1962p	1961	
FIVE SOUTHWESTERN						
STATES1	328	274	292	601	641	
Residential building	142	129 75	119	271	244	
Nonresidential building	107	75	115	181	206	
Public works and utilities	79	70	58	149	191	
UNITED STATES	2,749	2,658	2,235	5,396	4,715	
Residential building	1,192	1,190	870	2,378	1,842	
Nonresidential building	893	853	804	1,744	1,616	
Public works and utilities	664	615	561	1,274	1,257	

<sup>1</sup>Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

p — Preliminary. SOURCE: F. W. Dodge Corporation.

#### BANK DEBITS, END-OF-MONTH DEPOSITS AND ANNUAL RATE OF TURNOVER OF DEPOSITS

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	Debits to deposit			Den	nand de	oosits I	
			cent e from		Annual	rate of	turnove
Area	March 1962	Feb. 1962	Mar. 1961	March 31, 1962	Mar. 1962	Feb. 1962	Mar. 1961
ARIZONA							
Tucson	\$ 376,533	20	45	\$ 153,620	29.2	24.4	22.9
LOUISIANA							
Monroe	91,860	14	9	49,623	21.5	18.2	19.1
Shreveport	378,958	32	8	180,784	23.9	18.0	22.7
NEW MEXICO	1.7047.50.70	500		12000000000			10000000
Roswell	55,554	16	14	38,339	17.5	15.1	16.1
TEXAS	55,554	ंॅ	35	00,000	****		10.1
Abilene	112,841	4	8	72,381	18.2	17.3	18.7
Amarillo	233,516	3	3	118,254	23.8	22.6	23.4
Austin	251,616	-3	ž	160,749	19.1	19.4	18.4
Beaumont	197,417	17	13	103,908	22.1	18.6	20.6
Corpus Christi	213,277	8	10	110,556	22.4	20.2	22.0
Corsicana	16,912	8	7	20,269	10.1	9.4	9.7
Dallas	3,432,718	ŏ	6	1,271,504	32.3	31.8	34.2
El Paso	403,134	19	3	182,523	25.3	21.2	25.2
Fort Worth	851,823	13	5	390,521	26.3	23.3	26.4
Galveston	92,173	7	-5	65,751	16.7	15.8	18.6
Houston	3,145,486	17	11	1,409,055	26.8	22.9	26.0
Laredo	34,233	22	13	23,748	16.9	13.7	16.6
Lubbock	232,618	6	12	129,523	21.1	19.2	21.6
Port Arthur	70,191	15	1	45,962	18.4	16.1	19.6
San Angelo	54,483	9	6	48,740	13.3	12.0	13.3
San Antonio	693,274	12 12	5	402,322	20.8	18.6	21.0
Texarkana <sup>2</sup>	24,092	12	10	17,398	16.7	14.9	15.0
Tyler	94,588	8	7	63,994	18.0	16.8	17.5
Waco	133,037	23	16	70,782	22.1	17.6	20.0
Wichita Falls	126,964	18	5	96,731	15.7	13.2	15.0
Total—24 cities	\$11,317,298	10	9	\$5,227,037	25.8	23.4	25.6

Deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations and of states and political

#### CONDITION OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS

(In thousands of dollars)

Item	Apr. 18,	Mar. 14,	Apr. 19,
	1962	1962	1961
Total gold certificate reserves.  Discounts for member banks.  Other discounts and advances.  U. S. Government securities.  Total earning assets.  Member bank reserve deposits.  Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.	629,691	603,142	676,697
	18,558	895	2,125
	3,651	3,651	406
	1,173,166	1,155,533	1,073,764
	1,195,375	1,160,079	1,076,295
	985,828	927,980	937,042
	823,878	830,002	812,569

#### DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF CRUDE OIL

(In thousands of barrels)

				Percent change from		
Area	March 1962p	February 1962p	March 1961	February 1962	March 1961	
ELEVENTH DISTRICT	2,917.4	3,052.5	3,199.0	-4.4	-8.8	
Texas	2,511.1	2,641.7	2,806.8	5.0	-10.5	
Gulf Coast	460.4	487.6	504.5	-5.6	-8.8	
West Texas	1,118.0	1,199.2	1,287.5	-6.8	-13.2	
East Texas (proper)	125.6	134.6	157.1	-6.7	-20.1	
Panhandle	104.1	104.6	108.8	5	-4.3	
Rest of State	703.0	715.7	748.9	-1.8	-6.1	
Southeastern New Mexico	274.2	275.0	262.3	3	4.5	
Northern Louisiana	132.1	135.8	129.9	-2.7	1.7	
OUTSIDE ELEVENTH DISTRICT	4,417.3	4,398.4	4,271.8	.4	3.4	
UNITED STATES	7.334.7	7,450.9	7,470.8	-1.6	-1.8	

#### CONDITION STATISTICS OF ALL MEMBER BANKS

Eleventh Federal Reserve District

(In millions of dollars)

ltem.	Mar. 28, 1962	Feb. 28, 1962	Mar. 29, 1961
ASSETS			
Loans and discounts	5,614	5,588	5,098
United States Government obligations	2,880	2,890	2,629
Other securities	1,030	984	917
Cash in vaulte	976 161	961 159	916 156
Balances with banks in the United States	1,146	1,083	1,094
Balances with banks in foreign countriese	3	3	1,074
Cash items in process of collection	572	657	524
Other assetse	309	309	270
TOTAL ASSETS®	12,691	12,634	11,606
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS			
Demand deposits of banks	1,291	1,214	1,222
Other demand deposits	6,936	7,015	6,530
Time deposits	3,198	3,135	2,723
Total deposits	11,425	11,364	10,475
Borrowingse	75	72	48
Other liabilitiese	121	126	107
Total capital accountse	1,070	1,072	976
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL			-
ACCOUNTS®	12,691	12,634	11,606

e - Estimated.

#### GROSS DEMAND AND TIME DEPOSITS OF MEMBER BANKS

Eleventh Federal Reserve District

(Averages of daily figures. In millions of dollars)

Date	GROSS	DEMAND DE	EPOSITS	TIME DEPOSITS			
	Total	Reserve city banks	Country banks	Total	Reserve city banks	Country banks	
1960: March	7,539	3,661	3,878	2,171	1,097	1,074	
1961: March November . December	7,846 8,322 8,505	3,877 4,058 4,179	3,969 4,264 4,326	2,700 2,806 2,839	1,376 1,409 1,421	1,324 1,397 1,418	
1962: January February March	8,584 8,234 8,099	4,179 3,965 4,034	4,405 4,269 4,065	2,990 3,107 3,125	1,508 1,577 1,596	1,482 1,530 1,529	

#### BUILDING PERMITS

VALUATION (Dollar amounts in thousands)

			- 1				Percent change			
Area	NUMBER					Mar. 1				
	Mar. 1962	3 mos. 1962		Mar. 1962	3 mos. 1962		Feb. 1962	Mar. 1961	3 months, 1962 from 1961	
ARIZONA				-						
Tucson	806	2,353	\$	2,466	\$	8,546	-26	-29	-35	
LOUISIANA										
Shreveport	337	873		1,253		3,677	0	67	-71	
TEXAS				1941		17.8.3.010.				
Abilene	170	438		1,822		6,840	-12	50	95	
Amarillo	364	836		5,260		10,213	107	81	24	
Austin	368	1,028		8,862		19,052	52	86	45	
Beaumont	328	830		1,760		4,492	-11	7	25	
Corpus Christi	360	938		1,668		5,516	-28	-36	2	
Dallas	2,258	5,790		21,592		48,084	60	-7	-18	
El Paso	521	1,382		4,626		12,192	1	8	-43	
Fort Worth	653	1,600		5,465		11,052	85	13	11	
Galveston	256	690		4,647		9,388	675	97	329	
Houston	1,777	4,558		24,724		89,313	4	4	69	
Lubbock	479	930		4,342		10,551	59	-38	-26	
Midland	126	372		2,849		4,894	343	175	22	
Odessa	77	253		550		2,417	-20	-47	-21	
Port Arthur	205	461		716		1,493	70	2	-25	
San Antonio	1,412	3,638		5,912		15,907	15	22	22	
Waco	226	622		3,190		4,672	357	-9	-14	
Wichita Falls	124	357		1,007		3,544	-2	-49	-48	
Total—19 cities	10,847	27,949	\$	102,711	\$	271,843	37	4	7	

Deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations and of states and political subdivisions.

"These figures include only two banks in Texarkana, Texas. Total debits for all banks in Texarkana, Texas-Arkansas, including one bank located in the Eighth District, amounted to \$53,532,000 for the month of March 1962.

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#### SPECIAL PAMPHLETS

In 1943 the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System published Banking and Monetary Statistics to make available in one place and on a uniform basis major series relating to banking, monetary, and other financial developments. The statistics usually covered the period from 1914, when the Federal Reserve System was established, through December 1941. Recently, the Board has begun to issue a series of pamphlets to bring the most important series in that volume up to date and to present new series.

Two pamphlets are now available for distribution. The first pamphlet, "Supplement to Banking and Monetary Statistics — Section 10, Member Bank Reserves and Related Items," can be obtained for 50 cents per copy; while the second, "International Finance" (Section 15 of the Supplement), costs 65 cents. Copies of the pamphlets may be purchased from:

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