## THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

$\checkmark$ The yield on long-term Treasury securities fell 13 basis points during the last four weeks to 7.82 percent, but is still 36 basis points up from January of this year. The yield averaged 8.31 percent in May 1991.
$\checkmark$ The dollar's trade-weighted exchange index continued its decline of the last five weeks to 88 percent of its 1973 average. The index had been rising during the first three months of the year.
$\checkmark$ The Conference Board's index of consumer confidence rose in May to 71.6 percent of its 1985 level, following a mark of 65.1 percent in April. The index has increased in each of the last three months, since dropping below 50 percent in February.
$\checkmark$ New orders for manufacturers' durable goods increased in April for the fourth consecutive month, up 1.4 percent to $\$ 125.4$ billion. The total of new orders for the first four months of this year is $\$ 490.4$ billion, up 5.8 percent from the same period last year.

Views expressed do not necessarily reflect official positions of the Federal Reserve System.

[^0]Adjusted Monetary Base


Latest data plotted reserve maintenance period ending: May 27, 1992
The adjusted monetary base is the sum of reserve accounts of financial institutions of Federal Reserve banks, currency in circulation (currency held by the public and in the vaults of all depository institutions) and an
adjustment for reserve requirement ratio changes. The major source of the adjusted monetary base is Federal Reserve credit. Data are computed by this bank. A detailed description of the adjusted monetary base is ovailable from this bank.
Recent data are preliminary.

## Adjusted Monetary Base

Compounded annual rates of change, average of two maintenance periods ending: $\begin{array}{llllllll}5 / 29 / 91 & 8 / 21 / 91 & 10 / 30 / 91 & 11 / 27 / 91 & 12 / 25 / 91 & 1 / 22 / 92 & 3 / 4 / 92 & 4 / 1 / 92\end{array}$ To the average of two maintenance periods ending:

| $10 / 30 / 91$ | 7.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $11 / 27 / 91$ | 7.4 | 8.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $12 / 25 / 91$ | 7.5 | 8.4 | 7.8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1 / 22 / 92$ | 6.9 | 7.4 | 6.2 | 5.6 |  |  |  |  |
| $3 / 4 / 92$ | 8.9 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 11.8 | 13.3 |  |  |  |
| $4 / 1 / 92$ | 8.3 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.7 | 10.1 | 13.1 |  |  |
| $4 / 29 / 92$ | 8.5 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 9.9 | 10.3 | 12.4 | 6.5 |  |
| $5 / 27 / 92$ | 8.5 | 9.2 | 9.4 | 9.7 | 10.0 | 11.6 | 7.2 | 9.6 |

Money Stock (M1) and Total Checkable Deposits


Latest data plotted week ending: May 18, 1992
Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 6 release.
M1 is the sum of currency held by the nonbank public, demand deposits, other checkable deposits and travelers checks.
Total checkable deposits is the sum of demand deposits and other checkable deposits at depository institutions.

| Money Stock (M1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To the average of four weeks ending: | Com $5 / 20 / 91$ | pounded | annual rates $10 / 21 / 91$ | s of chang $11 / 18 / 91$ | e, average $12 / 16 / 91$ | of four we $1 / 20 / 92$ | eks ending $2 / 17 / 92$ | 3/16/92 |
| 10/21/91 | 8.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11/18/91 | 9.8 | 11.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12/16/91 | 10.1 | 11.7 | 14.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1/20/92 | 10.2 | 11.5 | 12.9 | 11.7 |  |  |  |  |
| 2/17/92 | 12.2 | 14.3 | 16.9 | 17.3 | 19.5 |  |  |  |
| 3/16/92 | 13.1 | 15.3 | 17.9 | 18.4 | 20.3 | 26.6 |  |  |
| 4/20/92 | 12.0 | 13.5 | 14.9 | 14.7 | 15.2 | 16.9 | 11.0 |  |
| 5/18/92 | 12.2 | 13.5 | 14.8 | 14.6 | 15.0 | 16.3 | 12.0 | 7.8 |

Adjusted Reserves


Latest data plotted two weeks ending: May 13, 1992

Adjusted reserves is the difference between adjusted monetary base and currency component of M1.

## Adjusted Reserves

To the average of two maintenance periods ending:

| $10 / 16 / 91$ | 7.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| $11 / 13 / 91$ | 10.4 | 12.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $12 / 11 / 91$ | 10.6 | 12.2 | 18.4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1 / 8 / 92$ | 9.1 | 9.6 | 11.3 | 4.9 |  |  |  |  |
| $2 / 19 / 92$ | 12.8 | 14.9 | 19.2 | 17.5 | 19.9 |  |  |  |
| $3 / 18 / 92$ | 14.7 | 17.3 | 22.0 | 21.3 | 24.1 | 36.2 |  |  |
| $4 / 15 / 92$ | 13.8 | 15.8 | 19.2 | 18.1 | 19.5 | 26.3 | 19.0 |  |
| $5 / 13 / 92$ | 13.6 | 15.3 | 18.0 | 16.9 | 17.9 | 22.7 | 16.3 | 7.7 |

Money Multiplier ${ }^{1 /}$


Latest data plotted two weeks ending: May 11, 1992
Currency Component of $\mathrm{M1}^{2 /}$


Latest data plotted week ending: May 18, 1992
1/ Ratio of M1 to adjusted monetary base
2) Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 6 release.

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Yields on Selected Securities


Latest data plotted are averages of rates available for the week ending: May 29, 1992

| 1992 | $\begin{gathered} \text { 90-Day } \\ \text { CDs } \end{gathered}$ | 30-Day Commercial Paper | 90-Day Bankers' Acceptances | Corporate Aad Bonds | Corporate Baa Bonds | Municipal Bonds ** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 6 | 4.22 | 4.27 | 4.17 | 8.32 | 9.21 | 6.71 |
| 13 | 4.24 | 4.28 | 4.19 | 8.34 | 9.23 | 6.76 |
| 20 | 4.29 | 4.32 | 4.21 | 8.38 | 9.31 | 6.79 |
| 27 | 4.25 | 4.27 | 4.19 | 8.36 | 9.25 | 6.77 |
| Apr 3 | 4.19 | 4.25 | 4.12 | 8.35 | 9.21 | 6.73 |
| 10 | 4.08 | 4.11 | 4.01 | 8.32 | 9.19 | 6.66 |
| 17 | 3.93 | 3.95 | 3.84 | 8.28 | 9.16 | 6.60 |
| 24 | 3.96 | 3.95 | 3.87 | 8.33 | 9.24 | 6.68 |
| May 1 | 3.92 | 3.92 | 3.82 | 8.37 | 9.23 | 6.69 |
| - 8 | 3.85 | 3.88 | 3.77 | 8.35 | 9.20 | 6.64 |
| 15 | 3.77 | 3.85 | 3.71 | 8.27 | 9.12 | 6.54 |
| 22 | 3.78 | 3.83 | 3.74 | 8.23 | 9.07 | 6.51 |
| 29 * | 3.88 | 3.92 | 3.84 | 8.26 | 9.12 | N.A. |

Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 15 release.

* Averages of rates available
** Bond Buyer's Average Index of 20 municipal bonds, Thursday data
N.A. ~ Not Available

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Percent
Selected Interest Rates


Latest data plotted are averages of rates available for the week ending: May 29, 1992


Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H .15 release excluding long-term Treasury securities omputed by this bank. Treasury bill yields are on a discount basis.

* Averages of rates available
** Seven-day averages for week ending two days earlier than date shown
*** Auction average (discount)
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Money Stock (M2) and Non-M1 Components of M2
Averages of Daily Figures
Billions of Dollars


Latest data plotted week ending: May 18, 1992
Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 6 release.
M2 is the sum of M1, overnight RPs issued by all commercial banks, overnight Eurodollars issued to U.S. residents by foreign branches of U.S. banks, savings (including money market deposit accounts), small time deposits and general purpose and broker/dealer money market mutual funds. For more detail, see the H. 6 release.

## Money Stock (M2)

Compounded annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending:
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { To the average } & 5 / 20 / 91 & 8 / 19 / 91 & 10 / 21 / 91 & 11 / 18 / 91 & 12 / 16 / 91 & 1 / 20 / 92 & 2 / 17 / 92\end{array} \quad 3 / 16 / 92$ of four weeks ending:

| $10 / 21 / 91$ | 1.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $11 / 18 / 91$ | 1.5 | 2.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| $12 / 16 / 91$ | 2.0 | 3.1 | 4.9 |  |  |  |  |
| $1 / 20 / 92$ | 1.8 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 2.4 |  |  |  |
| $2 / 17 / 92$ | 2.5 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.2 |  |  |
| $3 / 16 / 92$ | 2.7 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 7.1 | 0.2 |
| $4 / 20 / 92$ | 2.1 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 0.3 |
| $5 / 18 / 92$ | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 0.3 |

Savings and Money Market Funds


Large and Small Time Deposits ${ }^{1 /}$


Lotest data plotted week ending: May 18, 1992
1/ Large time deposits are those issued in demoninations of $\$ 100,000$ or more.
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Total Borrowings
From Federal Reserve Banks


Adjustment + Seasonal Borrowings


Latest data plotted week ending: May 27, 1992
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Commercial Paper of Nonfinancial Companies


Latest data plotted week ending: May 20, 1992
Commercial and Industrial Loans ${ }^{1 /}$
Weekly Reporting Large Commercial Banks ${ }^{2 /}$ Seasonally Adjusted

Billions of Dollars


Latest data plotted week ending: May 13, 1992
1/ Commercial and industrial loans include banker's acceptances and commercial paper.
2/ Banks with domestic assets greater than $\$ 1.4$ billion
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Dollar's Trade-Weighted Exchange Index


Latest data plotted week ending: May 27, 1992
Current data appear in the Federal Reserve Board's H. 10 release.
Data are weighted averages of the foreign-currency price of the U.S. dollar, computed using 10 industrial country currencies.

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