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### WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	July 5	June 20	June 27	July 4		July 5	June 20	June 27	July 4
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Failures, industrial and commercial.....number	131	167	195	169
All commodities...1947-49=100	*111.2	109.3	109.6	109.4	Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent	3.17	3.63	3.62	3.59
Farm products.....do..	*107.2	95.5	95.2	93.4	Stock prices, 480 stocks (Standard and Poor's) 1935-39=100	192.0	162.2	184.1	185.0
Foods, processed.....do..	*108.5	103.2	103.2	102.9	Industrials, 420 stocks 1935-39=100	209.7	197.0	199.2	199.8
All other.....do..	*112.6	113.5	114.0	114.1	Production:				
22 commodities 2/.....do..	96.7	86.4	86.8	86.5	Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. short tons	**1,527	1,637	1,795	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**91	111	94	.....	Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr.	**7,318	8,329	8,446	.....
Federal Reserve bank credit, total.....mil. dol.	24,155	26,656	25,776	25,752	Motor vehicles (Ward's).....number	79,986	158,490	162,924	130,046
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:					Petroleum, crude 3/.....thous. bbl. 1947-49=100	**6,062	6,381	6,397	.....
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. dol.	**53,575	54,981	53,454	.....	Steel 4/.....1947-49=100	17.2	135.9	135.9	128.8
Loans (net) and investments, total.....mil. dol.	**76,344	76,640	76,065	.....	Freight carloadings, total.....thous. cars	**646	813	818	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....mil. dol.	**32,934	29,528	29,211	.....	Miscellaneous.....do..	**317	389	388	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans (gross).....mil. dol.	**20,955	22,985	22,797	.....					
Real-estate loans (gross).....mil. dol.	**5,806	6,293	6,304	.....					

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended July 11, 1952. \* Monthly index for June 1952. \*\* For week ended June 28, 1952.

### MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	June	April	May	June		June	April	May	June
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>					<b>COMMODITY PRICES - Con.</b>				
Manufacturers' sales and inventories - value (adj.):					Prices rec'd by farmers - Con. Crops - Continued				
Sales, total.....mil. dol.	#23,247	r26,838	26,314	.....	Fruits.....1910-14=100	220	226	224	253
Durable-goods.....do..	#11,328	r13,490	13,263	.....	Truck crops.....do..	250	204	182	270
Nondurable-goods.....do..	#11,918	r13,348	13,050	.....	Oil-bearing crops.....do..	289	289	285	280
Inventories, book value, end of month, total.....mil. dol.	#43,144	r44,574	45,048	.....	Livestock and products.....do..	306	270	277	267
Durable-goods.....do..	#23,595	r25,122	25,421	.....	Meat animals.....do..	380	299	317	299
Nondurable-goods.....do..	#19,550	r19,452	19,627	.....	Dairy products.....do..	277	264	257	254
Manufacturers' new orders, net (adj.), total.....mil. dol.	#22,748	r25,708	25,747	.....	Poultry and eggs.....do..	181	218	218	213
Durable-goods.....do..	#10,956	r12,621	12,843	.....	Prices paid by farmers:				
Nondurable-goods.....do..	#11,792	r13,088	12,903	.....	All commodities.....do..	273	264	264	259
Manufacturers' unfilled orders (unadj.), total.....mil. dol.	#69,230	r72,432	71,604	.....	Used in living.....do..	272	269	270	270
Durable-goods.....do..	#66,309	r69,328	68,442	.....	Used in production.....do..	273	257	257	248
Nondurable-goods.....do..	#2,922	r3,104	3,162	.....	All commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates 1910-14=100	287	279	279	275
<b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>					Parity ratio.....do..	102	93	94	94
Prices rec'd by farmers, all farm products....1910-14=100	292	259	261	259	<b>CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>				
Crops.....do..	277	247	243	251	New construction, total.....mil. dol.	2,936	r2,712	r2,921	3,184
Food grains.....do..	238	244	242	222	Private, total.....do..	1,927	r1,831	r1,968	2,131
Feed grains and hay.....do..	226	206	205	198	Residential (nonfarm).....do..	993	r924	987	1,090
Tobacco.....do..	437	424	426	425	New dwelling units.....do..	875	r810	r860	960
Cotton.....do..	319	266	268	266	Additions, etc.....do..	103	r94	r105	107

1/ Revised. # For May 1952.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued**

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	June	April	May	June		May	March	April	May
<b>CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>					<b>FOODSTUFFS</b>				
New construction - Continued					Dairy products, production:				
Private - Continued					Butter, creamery...thous. lb.				
Nonresidential building,					Cheese (factory), total..do..				
total, exc. farm and pub-					Meats, production, total				
lic utility.....mil. dol.					mil. lb.				
Industrial.....do..					Beef and veal.....thous. lb.				
Commercial.....do..					Lamb and mutton.....do..				
Farm construction.....do..					Pork, including lard.....do..				
Public utility.....do..					Lard.....do..				
Public, total.....do..					Coffee, visible supply, United				
Residential.....do..					States.....thous. bags				
Nonresidential building..do..					<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES</b>				
Military and naval.....do..					Electrical appliances, domes-				
Highway.....do..					tic, sales billed:				
Conservation, etc.....do..					Vacuum cleaners, standard				
Other types.....do..					type.....number				
Construction cost indexes:					Washers.....do..				
Department of Commerce, com-					Radio sets, production <u>l</u> /				
posite.....1947-49=100					thousands				
The American Appraisal Co.:					Television sets (incl. combi-				
Avg. 30 cities.....1913=100					nation), production <u>l</u> /number				
Atlanta.....do..					<b>PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS</b>				
New York.....do..					Bituminous coal:				
San Francisco.....do..					Industrial consumption, total				
St. Louis.....do..					thous. short tons				
					Retail deliveries.....do..				
					Stocks, industrial and retail				
					dealers', end of month,				
					total.....thous. short tons				
					Industrial, total.....do..				
					Retail dealers.....do..				
					<b>PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING</b>				
					Wood pulp:				
					Production, total, all grades				
					thous. short tons				
					Sulphate (paper grades)..do..				
					Sulphite (paper grades)..do..				
					Groundwood.....do..				
					Stocks, end of month, total,				
					all grades.....short tons				
					Sulphate (paper grades)..do..				
					Sulphite (paper grades)..do..				
					Groundwood.....do..				
					<b>RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS</b>				
					Natural rubber:				
					Consumption.....long tons				
					Stocks, end of month....do..				
					Synthetic rubber:				
					Production.....do..				
					Consumption.....do..				
					Stocks, end of month....do..				

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