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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	July 12	June 27	July 4	July 11		July 12	June 27	July 4	July 11
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Production:				
All commodities...1947-49=100	*111.2	109.6	109.4	109.7	Bituminous coal <u>3</u> / thous. short tons	**1,116	1,788	1,580	.....
Farm products.....do..	*107.2	95.2	93.4	95.2	Electric power, by utilities mil. kw.-hr.	**6,478	8,446	7,970	.....
Foods, processed.....do..	*108.5	103.2	102.9	102.7	Motor vehicles (Ward's) number	61,671	162,924	132,005	156,662
All other.....do..	*112.6	114.0	114.1	114.2	Petroleum, crude <u>3</u> / thous. bbl.	**6,011	6,397	6,363	.....
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	96.8	86.8	86.5	87.1	Steel <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	18.4	135.9	128.8	130.2
Department store sales.....do..	**79	94	80	.....	Freight carloadings, total thous. cars	**448	818	670	.....
Failures, ind. & comm. number	156	195	169	139	Miscellaneous.....do..	**258	388	364	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate rate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.17	3.62	3.59	3.57					
Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	190.8	184.1	185.0	187.1					
Industrials (420).....do..	208.1	199.2	199.8	202.1					

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended July 18, 1953. * Monthly index for June 1952. ** For week ended July 5, 1952.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	June	April	May	June		June	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS					COMMODITY PRICES - Cont'd				
Farm income and marketings:					Wholesale prices - Cont'd				
Cash receipts from farming, inc. Gov't paym'ts...mil. dol.	#2,176	1,934	1,979	.....	Steel, composite, finished dol. per lb.	.0471	.0498	.0501	.0513
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do..	#2,142	1,897	1,945	.....	Copper, electro. (N.Y.).....do..	.2420	.2990	.2968	.2969
Crops.....do..	#573	522	520	.....	Lead, refined, pig, desil- verized (N.Y.)...dol. per lb.	.1526	.1268	.1275	.1341
Livestock and products, total.....mil. dol.	#1,569	1,375	1,425	.....	Zinc, prime W. (St. Louis)...do..	.1574	.1100	.1100	.1100
Dairy products.....do..	#433	365	407	.....	Wool, raw (Boston).....do..	<u>2</u> /1.600	1.737	1.752	<u>2</u> /1.748
Meat animals.....do..	#825	692	673	.....	CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE				
Poultry and eggs.....do..	#272	302	318	.....	Contract awards (ENR):				
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings, etc. <u>1</u> / 1935-39=100	#323	286	293	.....	Engineering construction, value <u>3</u> /.....mil. dol.	1,140.7	1,473.2	1,083.8	1,318.1
Crops.....do..	#202	r184	184	.....	Construction cost indexes:				
Livestock and products...do..	#413	362	375	.....	Associated General Contract- ors (all types).....1913=100	382	401	402	411
Indexes, volume of farm marketings, etc.....do..	#123	118	122	.....	Engineering News-Record: <u>4</u> / Building.....1947-49=100	122.6	126.1	r126.1	128.7
Crops.....do..	#68	68	70	.....	Construction.....do..	126.0	r130.0	r130.9	133.4
Livestock and products...do..	#164	r156	161	.....	DOMESTIC TRADE				
COMMODITY PRICES					All retail stores:				
Retail price (Dept. Comm.):					Sales (adj.), total..mil. dol.	#13,850	r14,269	14,450	.....
All commodities...1935-39=100	#210.3	207.9	208.3	.....	Durable-goods.....do..	#4,927	r5,113	5,128	.....
Wholesale p., selected items:					Nondurable-goods.....do..	#8,923	r9,156	9,322	.....
Butter, 92-score (N.Y.) dol. per lb.	0.690	0.659	.658	.656	Inventories (adj.), total..do..	#20,069	r21,656	21,739	.....
Eggs, extras, large (Chicago) dol. per doz.	.404	.497	.486	.517	Durable-goods.....do..	#9,112	r10,396	10,422	.....
Corn, av. 5 markets...dol. per bu.	1.763	1.557	1.578	1.522	Nondurable-goods.....do..	#10,957	r11,260	11,317	.....
Wheat, av. 6 markets.....do..	2.350	2.529	2.530	2.265	Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:				
Beef steers (Chicago) dol. per 100 lb.	32.22	21.50	21.83	21.73	Unadjusted.....mil. dol.	#2,586	r2,546	2,634	.....
Hogs (Chicago).....do..	19.25	21.88	23.54	23.24	Adjusted.....do..	#2,475	r2,579	2,619	.....
Beef, good (N.Y.)...dol. per lb.	.540	.382	.385	.387	Dept. store sales, U.S. total:				
Pork, loins (N.Y.).....do..	.535	.523	.567	.576	Unadjusted index..1947-49=100	105	104	p114	p109
Pig iron, comp...dol. per 1 ton	53.81	54.73	54.73	54.80	Adjusted index.....do..	111	107	p115	p116

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. # For May 1952. 1/ Unadjusted. 2/ Nominal price. 3/ Data for April are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 4/ Data reported at the beginning of each month are shown here for the previous month.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS — Continued

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	June	April	May	June		June	April	May	June
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES					LEATHER AND PRODUCTS				
Labor force (Bureau Census):					Shoes & slippers, production				
Civilian labor force.....thous.	64,390	62,810	62,964	64,734	total.....thous. pairs	#41,436	44,968	41,858	.....
Employed.....do..	62,572	61,228	61,658	63,172	Shoes, etc., exc. athletic,				
Agricultural.....do..	8,170	6,070	6,390	7,926	total.....thous. pairs	#37,248	40,193	36,979	.....
Nonagricultural.....do..	54,402	55,158	55,268	55,246	Men's.....do..	#8,462	8,979	8,532	.....
Unemployed.....do..	1,818	1,582	1,306	1,562	Youths' and boys'.....do..	#1,492	1,474	1,574	.....
					Women's.....do..	#18,973	20,765	18,490	.....
FINANCE					Misses' and children's.....do..	#5,168	5,436	5,139	.....
Bank debits, total (345 cen-					Infants' and babies'.....do..	#3,153	3,539	3,247	.....
ters).....mil. dol.	#133,032	145,641	142,173	.....	Slippers for housewear.....do..	#3,626	4,271	4,375	.....
New York City.....do..	#48,830	52,038	50,255	.....	Athletic.....do..	#209	279	280	.....
6 other centers.....do..	#27,974	32,742	32,283	.....	Other footwear.....do..	#353	225	224	.....
Life insurance, assets					LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES				
(Institute of Life Ins.):					Lumber (NLMA):				
All cos., est. total.....mil. dol.	#69,959	74,686	75,063	.....	Prod., total.....mil. bd. ft.	#3,070	3,516	3,200	.....
Securities & mortgages.....do..	#62,789	67,035	67,330	.....	Softwoods.....do..	#2,466	2,858	2,657	.....
Bonds:					Shipments, total.....do..	#3,048	3,582	3,306	.....
Price, U. S. Treasury					Softwoods.....do..	#2,444	2,780	2,605	.....
dol. per \$100 bond	98.32	93.25	91.59	91.56	Stocks, gross, end of month,				
Yields:					total.....mil. bd. ft.	#7,960	8,094	7,955	.....
Dom. corp. (Moody's).....percent	3.17	3.40	3.53	3.61	Softwoods.....do..	#4,885	5,292	5,311	.....
By ratings: Aaa.....do..	2.94	3.23	3.34	3.40	METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
Aa.....do..	3.03	3.29	3.41	3.50	Iron ore (Lake Superior dis.):				
A.....do..	3.20	3.44	3.58	3.67	Shipments from upper lake				
Baa.....do..	3.50	3.65	3.78	3.86	ports.....thous. l. tons	2,487	8,404	13,597	13,745
By groups: Industrial.....do..	2.98	3.27	3.39	3.48	Zinc, slab:				
Pub. util.....do..	3.20	3.44	3.57	3.62	Production.....sh. tons	77,463	80,459	82,422	81,617
Railroad.....do..	3.32	3.51	3.63	3.73	Shipments, total.....do..	47,265	86,043	84,250	76,784
U. S. Treasury.....do..	2.61	2.97	3.09	3.09	Domestic.....do..	35,769	78,211	75,648	72,612
Stocks:					Stocks, end of month.....do..	63,342	94,280	92,452	97,285
Dividend rate per share:					PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS				
Common (200), Moody's.....dollars	3.96	3.98	3.98	3.97	Coal, production:				
Industrial (125).....do..	4.22	4.17	4.17	4.16	Anthracite.....thous. sh. tons	#3,349	1,987	2,783	.....
Public utility (24).....do..	1.91	1.96	1.98	2.01	Bituminous.....do..	#36,462	37,025	37,390	.....
Railroad (25).....do..	2.69	3.01	3.01	3.03	RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS				
Banks (15).....do..	2.64	2.89	2.89	2.89	Tires and tubes:				
Insurance (10).....do..	2.88	3.09	3.09	3.09	Pneumatic casings:				
Dividend yields:					Production.....thousands	#7,429	9,262	8,987	.....
Common (200), Moody's.....percent	5.45	5.50	5.51	5.58	Shipments.....do..	#7,442	8,913	8,942	.....
Industrial (125).....do..	5.48	5.52	5.53	5.60	Original equipment.....do..	#2,718	3,798	3,200	.....
Public utility (24).....do..	5.51	5.30	5.34	5.58	Stocks, end of month.....do..	#13,263	16,872	16,973	.....
Railroad (25).....do..	5.64	6.21	6.15	6.26	Inner tubes:				
Banks (15).....do..	4.56	4.60	4.72	4.75	Production.....do..	#r5,793	7,544	6,940	.....
Insurance (10).....do..	3.18	3.41	3.41	3.50	Shipments.....do..	#r5,348	6,760	6,586	.....
TRANSPORTATION					Stocks, end of month.....do..	#11,493	12,155	12,592	.....
Freight car load. (A.A.R.): <u>l</u> /					STONE, CLAY, & GLASS PRODUCTS				
Total cars.....thousands	2,606	2,957	3,883	3,204	Portland cement:				
Coal.....do..	478	455	626	540	Production.....thous. bbl.	#21,829	21,802	23,399	.....
Coke.....do..	22	55	71	56	Shipments.....do..	#23,282	20,891	22,924	.....
Forest products.....do..	179	179	217	186	Stocks, finished.....do..	#23,220	24,776	25,248	.....
Grain and grain prod.....do..	231	166	215	219	Stocks, clinker.....do..	#9,513	9,556	9,215	.....
Livestock.....do..	25	32	41	29					
Ore.....do..	96	245	438	369					
Merchandise, l.c.l.....do..	277	281	346	268					
Miscellaneous.....do..	1,298	1,544	1,929	1,537					

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