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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	Aug. 2	July 18	July 25	Aug. 1		Aug. 2	July 18	July 25	Aug. 1
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	193.1	184.7	185.0	185.5
All commodities...1947-49=100	*111.8	110.5	111.0	110.5	Industrials (420).....do..	210.8	199.2	199.4	200.1
Farm products.....do..	*110.2	97.4	98.9	97.4	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*110.0	104.6	106.3	104.9	Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,115	1,525	1,527	.....
All other.....do..	*112.5	114.5	114.5	114.5	Electric power, by utilities				
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	96.5	87.9	88.2	88.4	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,328	8,209	8,460	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**79	84	83	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	18,760	163,955	161,137	159,226
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bbl.	**5,983	6,464	6,483	.....
thous.	**1,323	#941	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,				
State programs.....do..	**1,236	#889	.....	.....	quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	55.5	132.9	132.5	130.0
Failures, ind. & comm...number	152	148	184	182	Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**607	791	781	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.18	3.54	3.53	3.52	Miscellaneous.....do..	**303	369	367	.....

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended August 8, 1953. * Monthly index for July 1952. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 934,000; State programs, 882,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	June	April	May	June		June	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS					GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.				
Industrial prod. (FRB):					Industrial prod. - Con.				
Unadj., combined index					Adj., combined index <u>1</u> /				
1935-39=100	205	240	r240	p242	1935-39=100	204	241	r240	p241
Manufactures.....do..	215	254	r253	p254	Manufactures.....do..	214	255	r253	p253
Durable manufactures...do..	249	325	r322	p322	Durable manufactures...do..	247	326	r321	p321
Iron and steel.....do..	140	292	291	p288	Lumber and prod.....do..	146	168	r151	p152
Lumber and prod.....do..	155	168	r154	p161	Lumber.....do..	134	157	r134	p136
Furniture.....do..	169	190	184	p183	Nonferrous metals.....do..	210	263	r263	p263
Lumber.....do..	148	157	r139	p149	Stone, clay, etc.....do..	222	234	r231	p233
Machinery.....do..	352	402	r399	p400	Clay products.....do..	170	165	r160	p164
Nonferrous metals,etc.do..	210	263	r263	p263	Nondurable mfs.....do..	186	198	r199	p199
Smelting & refining...do..	246	299	r290	p285	Chemical products.....do..	298	319	r320	p324
Stone, clay, etc.....do..	225	230	r238	p236	Leather and prod.....do..	#105	113	111	.....
Clay products.....do..	169	160	r160	p163	Leather tanning.....do..	#90	103	104	.....
Transportation equip...do..	359	415	r404	p408	Mfd. food products...do..	166	164	r163	p162
Autos (incl. parts)...do..	229	311	300	p300	Meat packing.....do..	148	171	154	p155
Nondurable mfs.....do..	187	196	r198	p199	Processed fruits &				
Chemical products.....do..	296	322	r320	p322	vegetables.....do..	124	89	r99	p108
Industrial chemicals.do..	563	615	r619	p626	Printing & publishing.do..	175	187	187	p178
Leather and prod.....do..	#105	113	111	.....	Rubber products.....do..	#242	272	269	.....
Leather tanning.....do..	#90	102	104	.....	Textiles & products...do..	154	168	r173	p174
Shoes.....do..	#115	119	116	.....	Cotton consumption...do..	133	141	143	142
Mfd. food products...do..	165	150	r156	p162	Rayon deliveries.....do..	312	355	r367	366
Meat packing.....do..	147	159	154	p153	Minerals.....do..	149	163	r168	p174
Processed fruits &					Fuels.....do..	161	167	170	p176
vegetables.....do..	124	89	r99	p108	Anthracite.....do..	74	47	66	66
Printing & publishing.do..	175	187	187	p178	Bituminous coal.....do..	102	113	113	125
Rubber products.....do..	#242	272	269	.....	Crude petroleum.....do..	193	201	p203	p203
Textiles & products...do..	154	168	r173	p174	Metals.....do..	74	134	r159	p165
Cotton consumption...do..	133	141	143	142					
Rayon deliveries.....do..	312	355	r367	366					
Minerals.....do..	149	163	r168	p174					
Fuels.....do..	161	167	170	p176					
Anthracite.....do..	74	47	66	66					
Bituminous coal.....do..	102	113	113	125					
Crude petroleum.....do..	193	201	p203	p203					
Metals.....do..	74	134	r159	p165					
					FINANCE				
					Bonds:				
					Average price of all listed				
					bonds (NYSE) <u>2</u> /.....dollars	98.61	95.46	94.42	95.30
					Domestic.....do..	99.10	95.84	94.79	95.69
					Foreign.....do..	73.69	75.27	74.88	74.62
					Value, issues listed NYSE:				
					Market value, all issues <u>2</u> /				
					mil. dol.	95,964	98,562	98,985	99,454
					Domestic.....do..	94,238	96,662	97,094	97,576
					Foreign.....do..	1,343	1,429	1,421	1,411
					Face value, all issues <u>2</u> /				
					mil. dol.	97,315	103,251	104,830	104,357
					Domestic.....do..	95,092	100,853	102,432	101,966
					Foreign.....do..	1,823	1,899	1,898	1,861

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. # For May 1952. 1/ Indexes for which seasonal factors have been fixed at 100 are not shown; see unadjusted series. 2/ Includes bonds of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development not shown separately.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS — Continued

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	June	April	May	June		June	April	May	June
FINANCE - Con.					METALS & MANUFACTURES - Con.				
Stocks:					Castings, malleable iron:				
Shares listed on NYSE:					Orders, unf., for sale..sh. tons	#180,382	174,514	160,387	.....
Market value.....mil. dol.	114,489	114,862	115,371	113,306	Shipments, total.....do..	#81,770	95,923	82,050	.....
No. shares listed...millions	2,706	2,840	2,862	2,878	For sale.....do..	#51,476	57,757	48,011	.....
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS					Castings, steel:				
Alcohol, ethyl:					Shipments, total.....do..	#173,635	179,615	165,649	.....
Production...thous. proof gal.	32,922	44,681	43,394	40,645	For sale, total.....do..	#132,129	140,051	126,380	.....
Stocks, total.....do..	74,420	74,492	78,581	72,519	Railway specialties....do..	#35,227	34,035	29,552	.....
In industrial alcohol					Boilers, radiators and con-				
bonded warehouses.....do..	50,584	55,022	54,672	53,812	vectors, cast iron:				
In denaturing plants....do..	23,837	19,470	23,709	18,707	Boilers (round and square):				
Used for denaturation....do..	33,102	34,435	35,640	37,469	Shipments.....thous. lb.	#13,346	9,286	12,831	.....
Withdrawn tax-paid.....do..	1,447	2,105	2,030	2,206	Stocks, end of month....do..	#90,225	83,423	89,479	.....
Alcohol, denatured:					Radiation:				
Production...thous. wine gal.	17,868	18,414	19,201	20,126	Shipments.....thous. sq. ft.	#2,145	1,740	1,821	.....
Consump. (withdrawals)....do..	18,018	23,105	21,845	23,309	Stocks, end of month....do..	#9,665	5,310	6,745	.....
Stocks.....do..	8,055	10,207	8,855	6,844	Oil burners:				
ELECTRIC POWER					Orders, unf., end mo...number	#41,707	48,960	53,657	.....
Electric power, production,					Shipments.....do..	#51,743	53,904	64,173	.....
total.....mil. kw.-hr.	36,052	41,510	41,995	42,733	Stocks, end of mo.....do..	#74,183	78,784	86,387	.....
Utilities.....do..	31,525	35,627	35,982	36,827	Machine tools:				
Industrial establish.....do..	4,526	5,882	6,013	5,905	New orders.....1945-47=100	342.9	276.8	r246.4	p272.8
FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO					Shipments.....do..	330.8	372.7	r356.4	p341.1
Dairy products, production:					Electrical appl., sales billed:				
Butter, creamery....thous. lb.	130,210	134,330	155,660	157,280	Vacuum cleaners, stand..number	206,939	268,548	r252,404	197,506
Cheese (factory), total...do..	139,870	119,915	149,720	151,225	Washers.....do..	281,635	294,960	295,393	313,005
Condensed milk (sweetened),					PAPER AND PRINTING				
case goods.....thous. lb.	4,750	4,480	5,350	3,775	Newsprint, Canada:				
Evaporated milk (unsweet-					Production.....sh. tons	451,915	480,316	480,239	463,193
ened), case goods.....do..	349,000	243,500	322,600	327,600	Shipments from mills....do..	483,791	498,889	467,656	486,389
Dry milk:					Stocks, mills, end mo...do..	141,805	183,273	195,856	172,660
Dry whole milk.....do..	#11,035	8,100	9,200	.....	Newsprint, United States:				
Nonfat dry milk solids...do..	#120,850	124,900	146,400	.....	Consump. by publishers...do..	379,943	408,874	429,562	381,186
Meats, production, total...mil. lb.	1,444	1,649	1,537	1,617	Production.....do..	99,080	88,194	92,405	90,727
Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	582,712	826,083	812,729	859,894	Shipments from mills....do..	98,138	89,004	91,168	89,640
Lamb and mutton.....do..	41,392	52,458	46,755	44,558	Stocks, end of month:				
Pork, including lard....do..	819,934	770,875	677,203	712,978	At mills.....do..	9,568	7,887	9,124	10,211
Lard.....do..	160,274	146,255	128,166	130,863	At publishers.....do..	476,479	515,063	483,059	484,762
Tobacco, manufactured prod-					In transit to pub.....do..	74,592	91,272	69,684	76,270
ucts, consumption (with-					TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
drawals):					Rayon and acetate:				
Cigarettes, small, tax-free					Shipments, dom., producers':				
millions	#3,348	2,703	2,658	.....	Filament yarn.....mil. lb.	75.2	r78.3	r81.5	80.2
Cigarettes, small, tax-paid					Staple (incl. tow)....do..	27.2	r24.0	r26.6	27.2
millions	#32,920	31,607	r30,587	.....	Stocks, producers', end mo.:				
Cigars, tax-paid...thousands	#483,475	477,520	r507,629	.....	Filament yarn.....mil. lb.	78.8	r60.2	r57.9	56.9
Manufactured tobacco & snuff,					Staple (incl. tow)....do..	15.2	22.9	r26.1	29.7
tax-paid.....thous. lbs.	#18,815	17,887	r17,488	.....	Wool: 1/				
METALS & MANUFACTURES					Consump., mill (clean basis):				
Castings, gray iron:					Apparel class.....thous. lb.	#25,108	36,490	31,540	.....
Orders, unfilled, for sale					Carpet class.....do..	#8,132	14,320	9,736	.....
thous. sh. tons	#1,459	1,306	1,272	.....	Yarn, woolen & worsted, prod.,				
Shipments, total.....do..	#1,101	1,277	1,186	.....	total.....thous. lb.	#51,648	r69,235	57,464	.....
For sale.....do..	#624	683	642	.....	Knitting.....do..	#6,252	9,185	7,708	.....
					Weaving, exc. carpet....do..	#34,692	r43,065	37,992
					Carpet and other.....do..	#10,704	r16,985	11,764

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