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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	Aug. 16	Aug. 1	Aug. 8	Aug. 15		Aug. 16	Aug. 1	Aug. 8	Aug. 15
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-36=100	193.2	185.5	189.0	190.0
All commodities...1947-49=100	*112.2	##110.9	110.7	110.6	Industrials (420).....do..	210.6	200.1	204.3	205.3
Farm products.....do..	*109.9	##97.9	97.0	96.6	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*110.5	##105.5	105.2	104.7	Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,572	1,542	1,565	.....
All other.....do..	*113.0	##114.8	114.8	114.8	Electric power, by utilities				
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	95.9	88.4	87.8	88.1	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,495	8,512	8,464	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**90	86	92	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	32,612	157,991	135,482	152,836
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bbl.	**6,181	6,471	6,451	.....
thous.	**1,373	##895	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,				
State programs.....do..	**1,294	##843	.....	.....	quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	120.6	130.0	131.9	133.6
Failures, ind. & comm...number	141	182	195	150	Freight car loadings,thous.cars	**782	794	785	.....
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Miscellaneous.....do..	**360	377	376	.....
rate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.18	3.52	3.50	3.50					

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Daily averages. ⁴/ Week ended August 22, 1952. * Monthly index for August 1952. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 915,000; State programs, 863,000. ## Monthly index for July 1953.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	July	May	June	July		July	May	June	July
COMMODITY PRICES					COMMODITY PRICES - Con.				
Wholesale prices (Dept.Labor):					Wholesale prices - Con.				
All commodities...1947-49=100	111.8	109.8	r109.5	110.9	Machinery,motive prod.- Con.				
Farm products.....do..	110.2	97.8	r95.4	97.9	Elec.mech.,etc..1947-49=100	119.9	122.6	r124.2	124.4
Fruits and vegetables...do..	128.2	105.4	109.9	94.7	Motor vehicles.....do..	119.7	118.6	r118.6	118.6
Grains.....do..	94.9	93.4	r84.2	85.4	Metals & metal prod.....do..	121.9	125.7	r126.9	129.3
Livestock, live poultry...do..	108.2	91.7	86.8	95.9	Heating equipment.....do..	113.6	114.4	r114.6	115.2
Foods, processed.....do..	110.0	104.3	103.3	105.5	Iron and steel.....do..	122.3	128.9	r130.9	135.6
Cereals & bakery prod...do..	106.5	109.0	107.9	108.5	Nonferrous metals.....do..	124.0	126.6	127.6	126.4
Dairy prod.& ice cream...do..	113.8	107.9	107.7	110.0	Nonmetallic minerals,				
Fruits and vegetables...do..	103.9	104.0	103.7	104.8	structural.....do..	113.8	117.2	r118.1	119.4
Meats,poultry & fish...do..	110.6	93.8	91.6	97.0	Clay products.....do..	121.3	124.7	r125.1	131.1
Commodities other than farm					Concrete products.....do..	112.4	115.5	r115.5	115.6
prod. & foods..1947-49=100	112.5	113.6	r113.9	114.8	Gypsum products.....do..	117.7	122.1	122.1	122.1
Chemicals, etc.....do..	104.2	105.5	r105.6	106.3	Pulp, paper, etc.....do..	115.3	115.4	r115.8	115.8
Chemicals, indust.....do..	114.7	118.0	119.2	120.2	Paper.....do..	123.8	124.9	124.7	125.1
Drugs, etc.....do..	92.1	93.1	93.1	93.6	Rubber and products.....do..	130.0	125.4	r125.0	124.7
Fats and oils.....do..	49.8	49.9	46.6	46.8	Tires and tubes.....do..	129.6	126.3	126.3	126.3
Fertilizer materials...do..	110.7	112.9	110.6	113.8	Textile prod., etc.....do..	98.9	97.6	r97.4	97.3
Paint, etc.....do..	106.9	106.1	106.1	106.1	Apparel.....do..	99.5	99.9	r99.4	99.4
Fuel, power, etc.....do..	106.0	107.1	r108.3	111.3	Cotton products.....do..	96.1	93.3	93.4	93.2
Coal.....do..	106.0	110.8	111.2	111.9	Silk products.....do..	134.7	133.0	134.7	134.7
Electricity.....do..	99.1	97.4	r98.5	98.5	Synthetic textiles.....do..	89.2	87.4	87.5	87.5
Gas.....do..	101.4	108.2	108.2	108.2	Wool products.....do..	113.9	112.0	111.6	111.7
Petroleum & prod.....do..	109.4	109.4	r111.1	116.8	Tobacco manufactures and				
Furniture, etc.....do..	111.6	114.1	r114.3	114.4	bottled bev....1947-49=100	112.0	114.8	114.9	115.6
Appliances,household...do..	106.8	108.1	108.1	108.1	Beverages, alcoholic...do..	110.5	110.0	110.0	110.0
Furniture,household...do..	112.6	114.0	r114.1	113.8	Cigarettes.....do..	112.0	124.0	124.0	124.0
Radios.....do..	.....	94.9	r95.4	95.0					
Television sets.....do..	.....	74.9	r75.0	74.3	CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE				
Hides, skins, etc.....do..	96.2	100.4	r101.0	100.0	Contract awards (ENR):				
Footwear.....do..	110.6	111.5	111.7	111.7	Engineering construction,				
Hides and skins.....do..	61.8	74.8	r76.3	73.4	value <u>1</u> /.....mil. dol.	2,311	1,084	1,318	1,263
Leather.....do..	89.3	97.3	98.0	96.1	Construction cost indexes:				
Lumber & wood prod.....do..	120.2	121.8	r121.5	121.2	Associated General Contrac-				
Lumber.....do..	120.4	121.0	r120.7	120.3	tors (all types)....1913=100	391	402	411	411
Machinery,motive prod...do..	121.4	122.4	r122.9	123.2	Engineering News-Record: <u>2</u> /				
Agri. machinery, etc...do..	121.5	122.4	r122.6	122.6	Building.....1947-49=100	124.9	126.1	128.7	129.3
Construction mach.....do..	125.4	129.1	129.4	129.6	Construction.....do..	128.8	130.9	133.4	135.1

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1952				ITEM	1953			
	July	May	June	July		July	May	June	July
FINANCE					FOODSTUFFS				
Bank debits, total (345 centers).....mil. dol.	137,334	142,175	154,106	148,135	Stocks, cold storage, end mo.:				
New York City.....do.	50,472	50,255	56,623	51,799	Apples, fresh.....thous. bu.	153	1,377	r306	123
6 other centers.....do.	29,483	32,283	33,807	32,683	Butter, creamery.....thous. lb.	99,751	193,609	r257,447	311,737
Gold, monetary stock,U.S.....do.	23,350	22,537	22,463	22,277	Cheese, total.....do.	239,632	313,276	r373,855	417,859
Currency in circulation.....do.	28,978	29,951	r30,125	30,113	Fruits, frozen.....do.	593,518	456,980	r487,259	556,717
Bonds, price (S&PCorp.):					Vegetables, frozen.....do.	385,494	361,217	r384,292	465,129
Ind.,util. & RR (A+ issues):					Eggs: Shell.....thous. cases	2,728	1,431	r1,513	1,195
Composite (17 bonds)					Frozen.....thous. lb.	163,359	132,294	r159,755	154,284
dol. per \$100 bond	116.0	109.8	108.8	110.7	Meats, total 2/.....mil. lb.	850	818	r749	632
Bonds (Stan. & Poor's Corp.):					Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	171,444	210,274	r190,408	163,458
Dom. municipal (15 bonds),					Lamb and mutton.....do.	11,814	14,720	r13,461	10,968
price.....dol. per \$100 bond	130.4	119.4	115.1	115.1	Pork, excluding lard.....do.	542,707	459,755	r414,227	340,520
Dom. municipal (15 bonds),					Poultry.....do.	157,045	123,485	r117,876	111,876
yield.....percent	2.12	2.73	2.99	2.99	LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES				
Stocks:					Lumber (NLMA):				
Cash dividend payments:					Prod., total.....mil. bd. ft.	#r3,219	3,204	3,428	.....
Total (pub. reported).....mil. dol.	546.7	221.5	1,249.6	576.0	Softwoods.....do.	#r2,602	2,659	2,806	.....
Finance.....do.	128.6	49.0	87.6	137.0	Shipments, total.....do.	#r3,061	3,311	3,408	.....
Manufacturing.....do.	199.2	100.4	802.2	200.6	Softwoods.....do.	#r2,500	2,607	2,720	.....
Mining.....do.	6.7	2.6	87.3	5.6	Stocks, gross, end of month,				
Communications.....do.	89.8	1.0	51.1	104.3	total.....mil. bd. ft.	#r8,120	7,951	7,739	.....
Heat, light & power.....do.	58.7	51.8	94.6	66.3	Softwoods.....do.	#r4,986	5,309	5,163	.....
Railroad.....do.	12.2	3.1	56.4	14.1	METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
Trade.....do.	38.6	7.6	49.0	39.2	Steel ingots and steel for				
Miscellaneous.....do.	12.9	6.0	21.4	8.9	castings:				
TRANSPORTATION					Production.....thous. sh. tons	1,627	9,997	9,404	9,284
Freight carload.(A,A.R.): 1/					Percent of capacity.....	18	100	97	93
Total cars.....thousands	2,236	3,883	3,204	2,904	Barrels & drums, steel, heavy:				
Coal.....do.	317	626	540	397	Orders, unfilled, end mo.....thous.	#6,406	4,393	4,459	.....
Coke.....do.	15	71	56	50	Shipments.....do.	#1,655	2,054	2,086	.....
Forest products.....do.	170	217	186	172	Stocks, end of month.....do.	#35	81	90	.....
Grain and grain prod.....do.	r254	215	219	236	Zinc, slab:				
Livestock.....do.	24	41	29	25	Production.....sh. tons	76,930	82,422	81,617	80,825
Ore.....do.	44	438	369	378	Shipments, total.....do.	43,353	84,250	76,784	74,204
Merchandise, l.c.l.....do.	r256	346	268	257	Domestic.....do.	38,714	75,648	72,612	69,498
Miscellaneous.....do.	1,155	1,929	1,537	1,450	Stocks, end of month.....do.	96,919	92,452	97,285	103,906
Federal Reserve indexes,					PAPER				
total, adj.....1935-39=100	102	130	129	123	Paperboard:				
Coal.....do.	75	106	105	94	Orders, new.....thous.sh.tons	845.8	1,040.1	1,152.1	973.3
Coke.....do.	57	183	179	167	Orders, unfilled, end of				
Forest products.....do.	146	137	145	146	month.....thous.sh.tons	444.2	459.8	567.0	522.5
Grain & grain prod.....do.	153	141	155	138	Production, total.....do.	773.7	1,073.4	1,092.0	939.7
Livestock.....do.	56	65	r60	50	Percent of activity.....	71	96	93	81
Ore.....do.	46	237	212	213	TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
Merchandise, l.c.l.....do.	43	45	43	42	Rayon and acetate:				
Miscellaneous.....do.	115	146	142	139	Shipments, dom., producers':				
Freight-car surplus and					Filement yarn.....mil. lb.	83.1	81.5	80.2	80.8
shortage, daily averages:					Staple (incl. tow).....do.	26.9	26.6	27.2	26.0
Car surplus.....number	40,311	40,222	25,302	32,717	Stocks, producers', end mo.:				
Box cars.....do.	7,477	12,461	7,511	2,315	Filement yarn.....mil. lb.	65.1	57.9	56.9	57.6
Gondolas & open hoppers.....do.	26,642	16,278	7,400	23,983	Staple (incl. tow).....do.	15.9	26.1	r29.8	30.9
Car shortage.....do.	2,070	2,269	4,129	3,934					
Box cars.....do.	1,490	1,385	3,111	3,400					
Gondolas & open hoppers.....do.	448	527	673	246					

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