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## WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	Sept. 13	Aug. 29	Sept. 5	Sept. 12		Sept. 13	Aug. 29	Sept. 5	Sept. 12
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	187.2	183.4	181.0	181.4
All commodities...1947-49=100	*111.8	#110.6	110.3	110.3	Industrials (420).....do..	203.1	197.3	194.7	194.9
Farm products.....do..	*106.6	#96.3	95.9	96.5	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*110.3	#104.8	104.0	103.9	Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,840	1,624	1,594	.....
All other.....do..	*113.2	#114.9	114.7	114.7	Electric power, by utilities				
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	95.2	89.9	89.7	90.3	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,324	8,540	8,694	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**100	100	100	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)...No.	127,685	144,851	125,887	116,121
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bbl.	**6,367	6,532	6,445	.....
thous.	**814	##844	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	130.3	131.1	127.0	125.2
State programs.....do..	**773	##793	.....	.....	Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**747	818	799	.....
Failures, ind. & comm...number	91	182	178	131	Miscellaneous.....do..	**349	396	384	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.19	3.52	3.54	3.55					

<sup>1</sup>/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended Sept. 19, 1952. \* Monthly index for Sept. 1952. # Monthly index for August 1953. \*\* For week corresponding to latest. ## For preceding week: Total, 853,000; State programs, 801,000.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	August	June	July	August		August	June	July	August
COMMODITY PRICES					COMMODITY PRICES - Con.				
Retail price (Dept. Comm.):					Wholesale prices - Con.				
All commodities...1935-39=100	#211.8	209.7	210.2	.....	Machinery, motive products				
Wholesale prices (Dept.Labor):					1947-49=100	121.4	122.9	r123.4	123.6
All commodities...1947-49=100	112.2	109.5	110.9	110.6	Agri. machinery, etc...do..	121.5	122.6	r122.7	122.3
Farm products.....do..	109.9	95.4	97.9	96.3	Construction mach.....do..	125.3	129.4	r130.8	131.0
Fruits and vegetables..do..	124.3	109.9	94.7	98.0	Elec. mach., etc.....do..	119.8	124.2	r124.8	124.9
Grains.....do..	96.9	84.2	85.4	86.5	Motor vehicles.....do..	119.7	118.6	118.6	118.6
Livestock, live poultry..do..	106.4	86.8	95.9	88.1	Metals & metal prod.....do..	124.1	126.9	r129.3	129.3
Foods, processed.....do..	110.5	103.3	105.5	104.8	Heating equipment.....do..	113.7	114.6	r115.1	115.4
Cereals & bakery prod...do..	106.4	107.9	108.5	108.5	Iron and steel.....do..	127.2	130.9	r135.7	136.1
Dairy prod.& ice cream..do..	114.3	107.7	110.0	110.7	Nonferrous metals.....do..	124.4	127.6	126.4	124.2
Fruits and vegetables..do..	105.1	103.7	r105.0	104.9	Nonmetallic minerals,				
Meats,poultry & fish...do..	112.3	91.6	97.0	93.6	structural.....do..	113.8	118.1	119.4	119.6
Commodities other than farm prod. & foods..1947-49=100	113.0	113.9	114.8	114.8	Clay products.....do..	121.3	125.1	131.1	131.3
Chemicals, etc.....do..	104.0	105.6	r106.2	106.3	Concrete products.....do..	112.4	115.5	115.6	116.1
Chemicals, indust.....do..	114.6	119.2	120.2	120.2	Gypsum products.....do..	117.7	122.1	122.1	122.1
Drugs, etc.....do..	92.1	93.1	93.6	93.5	Pulp, paper, etc.....do..	115.6	115.8	115.8	116.2
Fats and oils.....do..	47.5	46.6	r46.7	46.2	Paper.....do..	124.0	124.7	125.1	125.9
Fertilizer materials..do..	110.9	110.6	113.8	113.8	Rubber and products.....do..	127.8	125.0	r124.6	123.8
Paint, etc.....do..	106.9	106.1	106.1	106.3	Tires and tubes.....do..	126.3	126.3	r126.4	125.1
Fuel, power, etc.....do..	105.8	108.3	r111.1	110.9	Textile prod., etc.....do..	99.1	97.4	r97.5	97.5
Coal.....do..	106.5	111.2	r111.8	111.6	Apparel.....do..	99.1	99.4	r99.3	99.3
Electricity.....do..	100.7	98.5	98.5	98.5	Cotton products.....do..	97.6	93.4	r94.1	94.0
Gas.....do..	100.4	108.2	r106.1	106.1	Silk products.....do..	139.3	134.7	134.7	134.7
Petroleum & prod.....do..	108.3	111.1	116.8	116.5	Synthetic textiles.....do..	90.5	87.5	87.5	86.7
Furniture, etc.....do..	111.5	114.3	r114.7	114.8	Wool products.....do..	113.3	111.6	111.7	111.8
Appliances,household..do..	106.8	108.1	r108.8	108.9	Tobacco manufactures and bottled bev....1947-49=100	112.0	114.9	115.6	115.6
Furniture,household..do..	112.5	114.1	113.8	113.9	Beverages, alcoholic...do..	110.5	110.0	110.0	110.0
Radios.....do..	.....	95.4	95.0	95.0	Cigarettes.....do..	112.0	124.0	124.0	124.0
Television sets.....do..	.....	75.0	74.3	74.3	Wholesale p., selected items:				
Hides, skins, etc.....do..	96.5	101.0	100.0	99.9	Butter, 92-score (N.Y.)				
Footwear.....do..	110.6	111.7	111.7	111.8	dol. per lb.	.737	.656	.656	.661
Hides and skins.....do..	64.4	76.3	73.4	74.6	Eggs, extras, large (Chicago)				
Leather.....do..	89.3	98.0	96.1	95.0	dol. per doz.	.553	.517	.531	.587
Lumber & wood prod.....do..	120.5	121.5	r121.1	120.5	Corn,av.5 markets..dol.per bu.	1.764	1.522	1.511	1.550
Lumber.....do..	120.6	120.7	r120.2	119.5	Wheat,av. 6 markets.....do..	2.413	2.265	2.202	2.439

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**MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS — Continued**

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	August	June	July	August		August	June	July	August
<b>COMMODITY PRICES - Con.</b>					<b>FINANCE - Con.</b>				
Wholesale p., sel. items - Con.					Stocks - Con.				
Beef steers (Chicago)					Div. yields (Moody's) - Con.				
dol. per 100 lb.	32.52	21.73	24.26	24.79	Banks (15).....percent	4.39	4.75	4.70	4.66
Hogs (Chicago).....do..	19.98	23.24	23.29	22.97	Insurance (10).....do..	3.15	3.50	3.40	3.46
Beef, choice (N.Y.).....do..	.559	.387	.426	.432	Prices:				
Pork, loins (N.Y.).....do..	.612	.576	.597	.570	Dow-Jones & Co., Inc. (65				
<b>CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>					stocks).....dol. per share	107.10	104.42	106.08	106.21
Construction cost indexes:					Industrial (30).....do..	276.70	266.88	270.32	272.21
Associated General Contrac-					Public utility (15).....do..	50.75	48.66	49.03	50.40
tors (all types)....1913=100	393	411	411	416	Railroad (20).....do..	102.95	103.09	105.68	103.12
<b>FINANCE</b>					Sales (SEC):				
Federal Government finance:					Total on all reg. exchanges:				
Gross debt (direct), end of					Market value.....mil. dol.	#1,317	1,290	1,073	.....
month.....mil. dol.	263,186	266,071	272,669	273,206	Shares sold.....thousands	#61,433	63,844	42,528	.....
Interest bearing, total.....do..	261,060	263,946	270,603	271,145	On New York Stock Exchange:				
Public issues.....do..	222,753	223,408	230,009	230,157	Market value.....mil. dol.	#1,122	1,106	903	.....
Special issues.....do..	38,307	40,538	40,594	40,988	Shares sold.....thousands	#45,916	49,757	28,809	.....
Noninterest bearing.....do..	2,125	2,125	2,066	2,061	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Obligations guaranteed by					Freight carload.(A.A.R.): <u>1/</u>				
U. S. Government.. mil. dol.	39,217	52,073	62,943	63,269	Total cars.....thousands	3,882	3,204	2,964	4,022
Bonds:					Coal.....do..	613	540	397	678
Price, U. S. Treasury					Coke.....do..	58	56	50	64
dol. per \$100 bond	97.09	91.56	92.98	92.89	Forest products.....do..	243	186	172	238
Yields:					Grain and grain prod.....do..	263	219	236	254
Dom. corp. (Moody's)...percent	3.18	3.61	3.55	3.51	Livestock.....do..	42	29	25	38
By ratings: Aaa.....do..	2.94	3.40	3.28	3.24	Ore.....do..	447	369	378	473
Aa.....do..	3.06	3.50	3.42	3.39	Merchandise, l.c.l.....do..	364	268	257	347
A.....do..	3.21	3.67	3.62	3.56	Miscellaneous.....do..	1,853	1,537	1,450	1,930
Baa.....do..	3.51	3.86	3.86	3.85	Federal Reserve indexes,				
By groups: Industrial.....do..	3.00	3.48	3.42	3.37	total, adj.....1935-39=100	125	128	123	130
Pub. util.....do..	3.20	3.62	3.56	3.54	Coal.....do..	101	105	94	112
Railroad.....do..	3.34	3.73	3.67	3.61	Coke.....do..	160	179	167	169
U. S. Treasury.....do..	2.70	3.09	2.99	3.00	Forest products.....do..	149	145	146	145
Stocks:					Grain & grain prod.....do..	134	155	138	131
Cash dividend payments:					Livestock.....do..	65	60	60	58
Total (pub. reported).....mil. dol.	231.5	1,249.6	576.0	220.9	Ore.....do..	216	212	213	221
Finance.....do..	51.0	87.6	137.0	52.0	Merchandise, l.c.l.....do..	46	43	42	44
Manufacturing.....do..	105.5	802.2	200.6	88.0	Miscellaneous.....do..	140	142	139	145
Mining.....do..	3.3	87.3	5.6	2.5	Freight-car surplus and				
Communications.....do..	.8	51.1	104.3	1.0	shortage, daily averages:				
Heat, light & power.....do..	49.7	94.6	66.3	55.4	Car surplus.....number	13,934	25,302	32,717	21,134
Railroad.....do..	6.4	56.4	14.1	10.0	Box cars.....do..	1,691	7,511	2,315	2,761
Trade.....do..	10.3	49.0	39.2	7.6	Gondolas & open hoppers.....do..	6,310	7,400	23,982	9,715
Miscellaneous.....do..	4.5	21.4	8.9	4.4	Car shortage.....do..	4,924	4,129	3,934	2,486
Dividend rate per share:					Box cars.....do..	1,958	3,111	3,400	1,769
Common (200), Moody's.....dollars	3.96	3.97	3.98	3.99	Gondolas & open hoppers.....do..	2,743	673	246	525
Industrial (125).....do..	4.22	4.16	4.15	4.16	<b>METALS &amp; MANUFACTURES</b>				
Public utility (24).....do..	1.92	2.01	2.01	2.07	Iron ore (Lake Superior dis.):				
Railroad (25).....do..	2.71	3.03	3.09	3.11	Shipments from upper lake				
Banks (15).....do..	2.64	2.89	2.89	2.89	ports.....thous. l. tons	14,368	13,745	14,497	15,237
Insurance (10).....do..	2.87	3.09	3.10	3.10	Steel ingots and steel for				
Dividend yields:					castings:				
Common (200), Moody's.....percent	5.46	5.58	5.46	5.75	Production....thous. sh. tons	8,500	9,404	9,276	9,401
Industrial (125).....do..	5.51	5.60	5.44	5.79	Percent of capacity.....	92	97	93	94
Public utility (24).....do..	5.31	5.58	5.46	5.57					
Railroad (25).....do..	5.68	6.26	6.30	7.01					

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