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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	Sept. 27	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26		Sept. 27	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	187.8	181.4	176.5	178.1
All commodities...1947-49=100	*111.8	110.4	110.8	110.7	Industrials (420).....do..	203.6	194.9	189.5	191.3
Farm products.....do..	*106.6	96.5	97.8	98.1	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*110.3	104.1	105.6	105.0	Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,929	1,623	1,611	.....
All other.....do..	*113.2	114.7	114.6	114.6	Electric power, by utilities				
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	95.2	90.3	89.7	87.6	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,725	7,963	8,395	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**113	102	120	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	132,624	116,760	138,649	131,889
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum, crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bb1.	**6,439	6,417	6,405	.....
thous.	**743	#861	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	134.5	125.2	128.3	133.5
State programs.....do..	**711	#765	.....	.....	Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**874	711	824	.....
Failures, ind. & comm..number	156	131	182	152	Miscellaneous.....do..	**407	342	402	.....
Bond yields, domestic corpo- rate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.20	3.55	3.55	3.54					

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended Oct. 3, 1953. * Monthly index for September 1952. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 816,000; State programs, 765,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	August	June	July	August		August	June	July	August
BUSINESS POPULATION					COMMODITY PRICES - Con.				
Industrial & comm. failures:					Wholesale p., sel. items - Con.				
Failures, total.....number	594	817	724	700	Zinc, prime W.(St.Louis)				
Commercial service.....do..	51	74	43	49	dol. per lb.	.1406	.1100	.1100	.1098
Construction.....do..	58	99	64	92	Wool, raw (Boston).....do..	<u>3</u> / 1.660	<u>3</u> / 1.748	1.725	1.725
Manufacturing & mining...do..	109	145	164	148	CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE				
Retail trade.....do..	316	419	380	340	Construction cost indexes:				
Wholesale trade.....do..	60	80	73	71	Department of Commerce, composite.....1947-49=100	122.4	124.1	125.2	125.2
Liabilities, total...thous. dol.	16,322	32,379	41,324	28,529	E. H. Boeckh and Associates:				
Commercial service.....do..	1,809	1,759	1,210	1,077	Average, 20 cities:				
Construction.....do..	1,816	3,200	2,789	3,868	Apts., hotels & off.bldgs.:				
Manufacturing & mining...do..	5,056	11,179	17,139	10,267	Brick and concrete				
Retail trade.....do..	5,255	12,464	11,282	10,275	U. S. avg. 1926-29=100	245.3	251.3	254.2	254.9
Wholesale trade.....do..	2,386	3,777	8,904	3,042	Brick and steel.....do..	244.5	249.6	252.2	253.0
COMMODITY PRICES					Brick and wood.....do..	253.8	257.1	259.0	258.7
Consumer price index, all					Comm. & factory bldgs.:				
items.....1947-49=100	114.3	114.5	114.7	<u>1</u> / 115.0	Brick and concrete.....do..	248.6	257.5	260.5	261.0
Apparel.....do..	105.1	104.6	104.4	104.3	Brick and steel.....do..	247.5	254.7	257.4	257.8
Food.....do..	116.6	113.7	113.8	114.1	Brick and wood.....do..	249.8	254.0	255.8	256.0
Dairy products.....do..	111.0	107.5	108.3	109.1	Frame.....do..	257.0	259.2	261.2	260.0
Fruits & vegetables.....do..	118.7	121.7	118.2	112.7	Steel.....do..	231.2	239.1	241.2	241.6
Meats, poultry & fish...do..	119.4	111.3	112.0	114.1	Residences:				
Housing.....do..	114.6	117.4	117.8	118.0	Brick.....do..	254.2	257.4	259.4	259.0
Gas & electricity.....do..	105.0	106.4	106.4	106.9	Frame.....do..	251.1	253.5	255.4	254.6
Housefurnishings.....do..	107.6	108.0	108.1	107.4	DOMESTIC TRADE				
Rent.....do..	118.2	123.3	123.8	125.1	Radio advertising:				
Medical care.....do..	118.1	121.1	121.5	121.8	Cost of facilities, total				
Personal care.....do..	112.1	112.6	112.6	112.7	thous. dol.	#11,254	r13,127	12,053	.....
Reading and recreation...do..	107.0	107.8	107.4	107.6	Automotive, inc. acces...do..	#196	557	607	.....
Transportation.....do..	127.0	129.4	129.7	130.6	Drugs & toiletries.....do..	#2,658	r4,063	3,615	.....
Other goods & services...do..	115.9	118.2	118.3	118.4	Elec. household equip...do..	#1,004	433	435	.....
Wholesale p., selected items:					Financial.....do..	#338	238	226	.....
Pig iron, comp. <u>2</u> /dol.per 1.ton	56.31	54.80	56.22	56.23	Foods, soft drinks,etc...do..	#2,604	r3,046	2,985	.....
Steel, composite, finished					Gasoline & oil.....do..	#381	386	412	.....
dol. per lb.	.0498	.0513	.0524	.0524	Soap, cleansers, etc...do..	#1,079	r1,372	1,335	.....
Copper, electro.(N.Y.)....do..	.2420	.2969	.2969	.2961	Smoking materials.....do..	#700	1,370	989	.....
Lead, refined, pig, desil- verized (N.Y.)...dol. per lb.	.1600	.1341	.1368	.1400					

¹/ Revised. # For July 1952. 1/ Index on base previously used (1935-39=100) is 192.3. 2/ See note on corresponding item in September 1953 Survey. 3/ Nominal price.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1952				ITEM	1953			
	August	June	July	August		August	June	July	August
DOMESTIC TRADE - Con.					METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Con.				
Magazine advertising:					Cans, metal, shipments, total				
Cost, total.....thous. dol.	#35,240	57,876	37,505	.....	sh. tons	#423,894	357,201	446,040	.....
Apparel & accessories...do.	#862	3,771	932	.....	Food.....do.	#293,370	220,481	299,306	.....
Automotive, inc. acces...do.	#3,702	5,894	4,265	.....	Nonfood.....do.	#130,524	136,720	146,734	.....
Building materials.....do.	#1,388	3,498	1,832	.....	Shipments for sale.....do.	#388,040	311,009	406,630	.....
Drugs & toiletries.....do.	#5,816	7,150	5,744	.....	Steel products, net shipments:				
Foods, soft drinks, etc...do.	#5,695	8,016	6,179	.....	Total.....thous.sh.tons	#1,414	6,950	6,583	.....
Beer, wine, liquors...do.	#1,977	2,452	1,809	.....	Bars, hot rolled:				
Household equip., etc...do.	#1,646	4,570	2,117	.....	All grades.....do.	#130	843	794	.....
Household furnishings...do.	#579	2,087	647	.....	Reinforcing.....do.	#35	157	166	.....
Industrial materials...do.	#2,643	3,891	2,607	.....	Semimanufactures.....do.	#120	329	295	.....
Soaps, cleansers, etc...do.	#745	1,615	1,073	.....	Pipes and tubes.....do.	#152	847	801	.....
Smoking materials.....do.	#1,198	1,677	1,191	.....	Plates.....do.	#107	614	587	.....
All other.....do.	#8,989	13,252	9,109	.....	Rails.....do.	#3	162	156	.....
Money orders issued, domestic (50 cities):					Sheets.....do.	#425	1,924	1,957	.....
Number.....thousands	6,174	6,657	6,299	5,856	Strip: Cold rolled.....do.	#59	190	151	.....
Value.....thous. dol.	119,935	126,017	119,269	117,247	Hot rolled.....do.	#35	210	161	.....
					Structural shapes.....do.	#29	397	414	.....
					Tin plate & terneplate..do.	#125	441	405	.....
					Wire & wire prod.....do.	#108	426	328	.....
					Copper:				
FOODSTUFFS					Production:				
Stocks, cold storage, end mo.:					Mine or smelter.....sh. tons	79,368	84,948	r88,063	82,705
Apples, fresh.....thous. bu.	238	306	r128	465	Refinery.....do.	95,366	124,480	112,570	106,749
Butter, creamery.....thous. lb.	111,400	257,447	r309,894	333,294	Deliveries, ref., dom....do.	127,910	r139,300	r104,481	106,985
Cheese, total.....do.	253,563	373,855	r420,281	435,061	Stocks, ref., end of mo....do.	83,771	58,126	77,100	78,825
Fruits, frozen.....do.	578,699	487,259	r568,132	591,224	Lead, refined (primary ref.):				
Vegetables, frozen.....do.	463,011	384,292	r468,377	570,078	Production.....sh. tons	41,836	36,880	40,210	38,022
Eggs: Shell.....thous. cases	2,169	1,513	r1,199	826	Shipments (domestic).....do.	41,269	44,140	35,652	40,836
Frozen.....thous. lb.	144,326	159,755	r152,835	133,742	Stocks, end of month.....do.	39,767	56,569	61,017	58,103
Meats, total 1/.....mil. lb.	701	749	r638	537	Machine tools:				
Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	167,437	190,408	r163,626	155,136	New orders.....1945-47=100	311.1	273.4	r247.3	p287.9
Lamb and mutton.....do.	11,318	13,461	r10,410	9,147	Shipments.....do.	317.0	342.2	r267.6	p301.4
Pork, excluding lard....do.	407,558	414,227	r350,825	268,257	Pumps, steam, power, etc.:				
Poultry.....do.	144,508	117,876	r112,460	126,574	Orders, new.....thous. dol.	#6,299	5,690	5,533	.....
					Electrical appl., sales billed:				
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS					Vacuum cleaners, stand..number	#188,715	197,506	159,446	.....
Shoes & slippers, production					Washers.....do.	259,280	313,005	233,191	296,589
total.....thous. pairs	#38,520	40,824	40,297	.....	Radio sets, production 2/.do.	607,402	1,163,831	674,459	991,637
Shoes, etc., exc. athletic,					Television sets, prod. 2/.do.	397,769	524,479	316,289	603,760
total.....thous. pairs	#33,946	35,790	34,972	.....				
Men's.....do.	#7,256	8,136	7,560	.....	PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS				
Youths' and boys'.....do.	#1,485	1,595	1,637	.....	Coal, production:				
Women's.....do.	#18,385	18,161	18,687	.....	Anthracite.....thous. sh. tons	2,663	2,886	2,475	p2,353
Misses' and children's...do.	#4,393	5,077	4,603	.....	Bituminous.....do.	34,171	r38,800	r35,045	p40,275
Infants' and babies'...do.	#2,427	2,821	2,485	.....				
Slippers for housewear...do.	#4,070	4,533	4,790	.....	TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
Athletic.....do.	#169	258	269	.....	Rayon and acetate:				
Other footwear.....do.	#335	243	266	.....	Shipments, dom., producers':				
					Filament yarn.....mil. lb.	84.7	80.2	r78.6	74.6
METALS AND MANUFACTURES					Staple (incl. tow).....do.	28.0	27.2	r26.7	28.6
Iron ore (Lake Superior dis.):					Stocks, producers', end mo.:				
Consumption by furnaces					Filament yarn.....mil. lb.	57.7	56.9	r59.1	61.4
thous. l. tons	r7,276	8,056	8,239	8,150	Staple (incl. tow).....do.	15.0	29.8	r32.8	34.3
Stocks, end of mo., total..do.	34,137	32,070	38,829	45,579					
At furnaces.....do.	29,449	28,526	34,443	39,988					
On Lake Erie docks.....do.	4,688	3,544	4,386	5,591					

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