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

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	Oct. 4	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3		Oct. 4	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	185.6	176.5	178.1	179.2
All commodities...1947-49=100	*111.8	110.8	110.7	110.6	Industrials (420).....do..	201.1	189.5	191.3	192.4
Farm products.....do..	*106.6	97.8	98.1	98.1	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*110.3	105.6	104.7	104.6	Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,672	1,611	1,603	.....
All other.....do..	*113.2	114.6	114.6	114.6	Electric power, by utilities				
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	95.2	89.7	87.6	87.1	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,625	8,395	8,354	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**112	120	115	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	134,671	138,649	132,329	132,036
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bb1.	**6,431	6,405	6,397	.....
thous.	**701	#844	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	136.7	128.3	133.5	133.7
State programs.....do..	**672	#795	.....	.....	Freight carloadings.thous.cars	**862	824	820	.....
Failures, ind. & comm..number	129	182	152	189	Miscellaneous.....do..	**414	402	398	.....
Bond yields, domestic corpo- rate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.21	3.55	3.54	3.52					

<sup>1</sup>/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended Oct. 10, 1952. \* Monthly index for September 1952. \*\* For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 862,000; State programs, 811,000.

### MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	August	June	July	August		August	June	July	August
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS					GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.				
Personal income, seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:					Industrial prod. - Con.				
Total.....bil. dol.	271.3	286.3	r287.5	287.0	Unadj. index - Con.				
Wage & salary disbursements, total.....bil. dol.	185.4	199.5	201.2	200.7	Manufactures - Con.				
Comm.-producing ind...do..	80.6	89.8	r90.6	89.9	Nondurable mfs..1935-39=100	195	199	r192	p201
Distributive ind...do..	49.5	52.2	r52.9	53.0	Chemical products.....do..	299	323	r323	p324
Service industries.....do..	22.2	23.9	r24.2	24.2	Industrial chemicals.do..	568	627	r636	p633
Government.....do..	33.1	33.6	r33.5	33.6	Leather and prod.....do..	116	103	94	.....
Wage & salary receipts, total.....bil. dol.	181.9	195.6	197.3	196.8	Leather tanning.....do..	95	95	81	.....
Other labor income.....do..	4.7	5.1	5.1	5.1	Shoes.....do..	129	108	102	.....
Proprietors' and rental income.....bil. dol.	50.6	50.1	r49.5	49.3	Mfd. food products.....do..	185	162	172	p181
Personal interest income and dividends.....do..	21.0	22.3	r22.4	22.5	Meat packing.....do..	138	156	149	p153
Transfer payments.....do..	13.4	13.5	13.5	13.6	Processed fruits & vegetables.....do..	234	111	r174	.....
Less personal contributions for social ins....bil. dol.	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.2	Printing & publishing.do..	157	178	161	p174
Total nonagr. income.....do..	251.9	268.8	r270.6	270.3	Rubber products.....do..	242	270	r261	p261
Industrial prod. (FRB):					Textiles & products...do..	170	174	156	p167
Unadj., combined index					Cotton consumption...do..	143	142	113	139
1935-39=100	218	241	r234	p239	Rayon deliveries.....do..	369	367	r359	347
Manufactures.....do..	228	254	r246	p251	Minerals.....do..	161	172	170	p174
Durable manufactures...do..	269	321	r312	p313	Fuels.....do..	161	173	169	p175
Iron and steel.....do..	244	288	279	p277	Anthracite.....do..	61	66	57	54
Lumber and prod.....do..	160	163	r158	p169	Bituminous coal.....do..	102	116	103	119
Furniture.....do..	175	182	177	p184	Crude petroleum.....do..	194	206	207	p209
Lumber.....do..	152	153	r149	p162	Metals.....do..	164	171	171	p172
Machinery.....do..	336	398	r387	p389	Adj., combined index <u>1</u> /...do..	215	240	r232	p236
Nonferrous metals,etc.do..	213	259	r251	p245	Manufactures.....do..	225	253	r244	p248
Smelting & refining...do..	251	284	r282	p281	Durable manufactures...do..	267	320	r311	p311
Stone, clay, etc.....do..	231	236	r233	p240	Lumber and prod.....do..	149	154	r149	p159
Clay products.....do..	169	164	r157	p161	Lumber.....do..	135	139	r135	p146
Transportation equip...do..	300	407	r394	p389	Nonferrous metals.....do..	213	259	r251	p245
Autos (incl. parts)...do..	175	304	r290	p277	Stone, clay, etc.....do..	221	233	r231	p230
					Clay products.....do..	163	165	r155	p156
					Nondurable mfs.....do..	191	198	r191	p197
					Chemical products.....do..	302	324	r326	p327
					Leather and prod.....do..	116	104	95	.....
					Leather tanning.....do..	97	97	85	.....

1/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Indexes for which seasonal factors have been fixed at 100 are not shown; see unadjusted series.

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<b>GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.</b>					<b>CHEMICALS &amp; ALLIED PROD. - Con.</b>				
Industrial prod. - Con.					Alcohol, denatured:				
Adjusted index - Con.					Production...thous. wine gal.	r 15,443	20,126	19,649	19,058
Manufactures - Con.					Consump. (withdrawals)...do.	r 18,266	23,309	20,890	17,861
Nondurable mfs. - Con.					Stocks.....do.	r 7,159	6,844	5,575	6,803
Mfd. food prod. 1935-39=100	164	161	r 160	p 160	<b>ELECTRIC POWER</b>				
Meat packing.....do.	158	157	157	p 172	Electric power, production,				
Processed fruits & vegetables.....do.	123	144	r 134	.....	total.....mil. kw.-hr.	39,803	42,733	43,927	44,497
Printing & publishing.....do.	165	179	173	p 183	Utilities.....do.	34,400	36,827	38,030	38,497
Minerals.....do.	156	169	165	p 170	Industrial establish.....do.	5,403	5,905	5,897	6,000
Metals.....do.	131	145	r 137	p 139	<b>FOODSTUFFS</b>				
<b>FINANCE</b>					<b>METALS &amp; MANUFACTURES</b>				
Life insurance (LIAA):					Meats, production, total...mil. lb.	1,395	1,617	1,579	1,525
Assets, admitted, 49 companies, total.....mil. dol.	r 62,827	66,262	66,621	66,944	Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	669,445	859,894	877,290	860,476
Bonds & stocks, total.....do.	r 39,425	41,277	41,451	41,531	Lamb and mutton.....do.	43,880	44,558	47,324	49,401
Government (domestic and foreign), total...mil. dol.	r 11,174	10,602	10,564	10,565	Pork, including lard.....do.	681,587	712,978	654,193	614,699
U. S. Government.....do.	r 9,059	8,675	8,634	8,634	Lard.....do.	127,696	130,863	120,175	105,809
Public utility.....do.	r 11,292	11,827	11,897	11,952	<b>METALS &amp; MANUFACTURES</b>				
Railroad.....do.	r 3,289	3,412	3,418	3,423	Castings, gray iron:				
Other.....do.	r 13,670	15,436	15,572	15,591	Orders, unfilled, for sale				
Cash.....do.	r 763	707	726	789	thous. sh. tons	# 1,410	1,246	1,233	.....
Mortgage loans, total.....do.	r 17,142	18,444	18,619	18,716	Shipments, total.....do.	# 636	1,196	1,056	.....
Farm.....do.	1,463	1,599	1,615	1,628	For sale.....do.	# 432	648	573	.....
Other.....do.	r 15,679	16,845	17,004	17,087	Castings, malleable iron:				
Policy loans and premium notes.....do.	r 2,283	2,365	2,374	2,387	Orders,unf.,for sale..sh.tons	# 166,517	151,016	137,251	.....
Real-estate holdings.....do.	r 1,522	1,702	1,707	1,726	Shipments, total.....do.	# 45,266	86,514	77,111	.....
Other admitted assets.....do.	r 1,693	1,767	1,743	1,795	For sale.....do.	# 29,675	50,819	45,413	.....
Security markets, sales (SEC):					Castings, steel:				
Bonds, excl. U.S. Gov't:					Shipments, total.....do.	# 119,036	164,665	139,577	.....
Total on all reg. exchanges:					For sale, total.....do.	# 97,633	125,984	105,687	.....
Market value...thous. dol.	100,325	69,942	56,270	46,982	Railway specialties....do.	# 20,752	30,381	22,925	.....
Face value.....do.	101,867	83,260	64,949	54,677	<b>PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING</b>				
On New York Stock Exchange:					Wood pulp:				
Market value...thous. dol.	98,416	68,208	54,572	45,364	Production, total, all grades				
Face value.....do.	99,742	80,340	62,723	52,327	thous. short tons	1,381	1,483	1,352	1,542
Stocks:					Sulphate (paper grades).do.	728	800	725	843
Total on all reg. exchanges:					Sulphite (paper grades).do.	196	188	169	193
Market value.....mil. dol.	1,154	1,290	1,073	1,119	Groundwood.....do.	195	200	190	205
Shares sold.....thousands	41,576	63,844	42,528	42,437	Stocks, end of month, total,				
On New York Stock Exchange:					all grades.....short tons	152,021	175,179	154,215	163,063
Market value.....mil. dol.	978	1,106	903	946	Sulphate (paper grades).do.	42,955	36,343	36,725	42,459
Shares sold.....thousands	29,433	49,757	28,809	29,841	Sulphite (paper grades).do.	32,252	42,988	38,319	37,599
<b>CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS</b>					Groundwood.....do.	31,983	35,187	32,525	31,204
Alcohol, ethyl:					<b>RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS</b>				
Production...thous. proof gal.	32,984	40,645	39,034	31,934	Natural rubber:				
Stocks, total.....do.	82,661	72,519	75,501	71,878	Consumption.....long tons	32,941	48,224	r 43,929	43,612
In industrial alcohol					Stocks, end of month....do.	84,657	112,959	r 118,825	120,338
bonded warehouses.....do.	47,420	53,812	53,731	30,364	Synthetic rubber:				
In denaturing plants.....do.	35,241	18,707	21,770	21,514	Production.....do.	59,214	80,227	79,360	68,299
Used for denaturation.....do.	r 28,619	37,469	36,557	35,346	Consumption.....do.	61,214	71,751	r 61,299	59,372
Withdrawn tax-paid.....do.	1,629	2,206	2,106	1,944	Stocks, end of month....do.	150,254	143,789	r 159,486	169,153

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