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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1952				1953				ITEM	1952				1953			
	Nov. 1	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 1	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31		Nov. 1	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 1	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31
Commodity prices, wholesale:									Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	182.4	181.7	185.4	185.5				
All commodities...1947-49=100	*111.1	110.1	110.0	110.0					Industrials (420).....do..	197.1	195.1	199.5	200.1				
Farm products.....do..	*104.9	95.1	94.5	94.3					Production:								
Foods, processed.....do..	*108.5	104.2	104.2	104.5					Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**362	1,586	1,546	.....			
All other.....do..	*113.0	114.6	114.6	114.6					Electric power, by utilities								
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	90.9	85.9	86.2	86.8					mil. kw.-hr.	**7,696	8,265	8,306	.....			
Department store sales.....do..	**122	118	113	.....					Motor vehicles (Ward's)...No.	146,654	145,697	142,716	138,993				
Insured unemployment, total									Petroleum, crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bbl.	**6,461	6,221	6,130	.....			
thous.	**657	#893	.....	.....					Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	138.7	135.2	133.3	132.8				
State programs.....do..	**630	#838	.....	.....					Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**761	823	804	.....			
Failures, ind. & comm...number	**154	169	185	.....					Miscellaneous.....do..	**419	407	394	.....			
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.22	3.45	3.43	3.40													

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended November 7, 1953. * Monthly index to October 1952. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 835,000; State programs, 783,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952				1953				ITEM	1952				1953			
	September	July	August	September	September	July	August	September		September	July	August	September	September	July	August	September
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS									GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.								
Personal income, seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:									Industrial prod. - Con.								
Total.....bil. dol.	276.4	287.5	287.0	285.8					Unadj. index - Con.								
Wage & salary disbursements, total.....bil. dol.	188.4	201.2	r201.0	199.5					Manufactures - Con.								
Comm.-producing ind...do..	83.8	90.6	r90.2	88.7					Nondurable mfs..1935-39=100	201	192	r202	p201				
Distributive ind...do..	49.4	52.9	r52.9	52.9					Chemical products.....do..	305	323	r322	p324				
Service industries...do..	22.3	24.2	r24.1	24.2					Industrial chemicals.do..	567	636	r637	p635				
Government.....do..	32.9	33.5	r33.8	33.7					Leather and prod.....do..	111	94	110	.....			
Wage & salary receipts, total.....bil. dol.	184.8	197.3	r197.1	195.7					Leather tanning.....do..	95	81	96	.....			
Other labor income.....do..	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.1					Shoes.....do..	123	102	119	.....			
Proprietors' and rental income.....bil. dol.	52.5	49.5	r48.9	48.9					Mfd. food products...do..	192	172	r182	p184				
Personal interest income and dividends.....do..	21.2	22.4	22.5	22.7					Meat packing.....do..	154	149	r150	p170				
Transfer payments.....do..	13.3	13.5	13.6	13.6					Processed fruits & vegetables.....do..	279	174	232	.....			
Less personal contributions for social ins....bil. dol.	3.9	4.2	r4.1	4.0					Printing & publishing.do..	166	161	174	p179				
Total nonagr. income.....do..	255.7	270.6	r270.7	269.6					Rubber products.....do..	252	261	r259	.....			
Industrial prod. (FRB):									Textiles & products...do..	177	156	166	p161				
Unadj., combined index 1935-39=100	232	234	r238	p236					Cotton consumption...do..	145	113	139	138				
Manufactures.....do..	242	246	r250	p247					Rayon deliveries.....do..	377	359	r346	327				
Durable manufactures...do..	292	312	r311	p305					Minerals.....do..	180	r169	r172	p172				
Iron and steel.....do..	270	279	277	p266					Fuels.....do..	180	169	r172	p173				
Lumber and prod.....do..	167	158	r163	p160					Anthracite.....do..	88	57	54	60				
Furniture.....do..	183	177	r182	p178					Bituminous coal.....do..	144	103	119	126				
Lumber.....do..	159	149	r153	p151					Crude petroleum.....do..	203	207	r205	p202				
Machinery.....do..	354	387	389	p385					Metals.....do..	178	r168	r168	p163				
Nonferrous metals, etc.do..	225	r248	r236	p237					Adj., combined index <u>1</u> /...do..	228	232	r235	p232				
Smelting & refining...do..	248	282	r282	p286					Manufactures.....do..	237	244	r247	p243				
Stone, clay, etc.....do..	232	233	r241	p243					Durable manufactures...do..	290	311	r309	p303				
Clay products.....do..	167	157	r159	p157					Lumber and prod.....do..	155	149	r153	p150				
Transportation equip...do..	353	394	r385	p376					Lumber.....do..	140	135	r138	p135				
Autos (incl. parts)..do..	247	290	r272	p261					Nonferrous metals.....do..	225	r249	r236	p237				
									Stone, clay, etc.....do..	222	231	r231	p232				
									Clay products.....do..	161	155	r154	p150				
									Nondurable mfs.....do..	194	191	r198	p195				
									Chemical products.....do..	302	326	r325	p322				
									Leather and prod.....do..	112	95	110	.....			
									Leather tanning.....do..	97	85	97	.....			

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS — Continued

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	September	July	August	September		September	July	August	September
GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.					FOODSTUFFS				
Industrial prod. - Con.					Meats, production, total..mil. lb.	1,527	1,579	1,525	1,675
Adjusted index - Con.					Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	713,624	877,290	860,476	925,007
Manufactures - Con.					Lamb and mutton.....do..	52,839	47,324	49,401	57,474
Nondurable mfs. - Con.					Pork, including lard.....do..	760,409	654,193	614,699	692,034
Mfd. food prod. 1935-39=100	168	161	160	p162	Lard.....do..	138,047	120,175	105,809	116,615
Meat packing.....do..	170	157	r168	p182	LEATHER AND PRODUCTS				
Processed fruits & vegetables.....do..	143	134	122	.....	Shoes & slippers, production total.....thous. pairs	#46,552	40,297	42,804	.....
Printing & publishing.....do..	165	173	r182	p178	Shoes, etc., exc. athletic, total.....thous. pairs	#40,703	34,972	36,539	.....
Minerals.....do..	175	r164	r167	p167	Men's.....do..	#8,986	7,560	7,963	.....
Metals.....do..	149	r134	r134	p134	Youths' and boys'.....do..	#1,949	1,637	1,696	.....
BUSINESS POPULATION					Women's.....do..	#21,910	18,687	19,077	.....
Industrial & comm. failures:					Misses' and children's.....do..	#5,135	4,603	5,107	.....
Failures, total.....number	539	724	700	686	Infants' and babies'.....do..	#2,723	2,485	2,696	.....
Commercial service.....do..	36	43	49	31	Slippers for housewear.....do..	#5,249	4,790	5,697	.....
Construction.....do..	50	64	92	89	Athletic.....do..	#234	269	296	.....
Manufacturing & mining.....do..	107	164	148	145	Other footwear.....do..	#366	266	272	.....
Retail trade.....do..	288	360	340	336	METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
Wholesale trade.....do..	58	73	71	85	Pig iron, production				
Liabilities, total.....thous. dol.	20,138	41,324	28,529	33,817	thous. short tons	6,164	6,516	6,472	6,202
Commercial service.....do..	947	1,210	1,077	1,286	Machine tools:				
Construction.....do..	2,729	2,789	3,868	4,451	New orders.....1945-47=100	302.4	247.3	r286.9	p218.9
Manufacturing & mining.....do..	6,780	17,139	10,267	13,676	Shipments.....do..	368.3	267.6	r299.6	p328.7
Retail trade.....do..	5,317	11,282	10,275	9,790	PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING				
Wholesale trade.....do..	4,365	8,904	3,042	4,614	Wood pulp:				
COMMODITY PRICES					Production, total, all grades				
Consumer price index, all items.....1947-49=100	114.1	114.7	115.0	1/ 115.2	thous. short tons	1,310.1	1,352.1	r1,545.6	1,448.5
Apparel.....do..	105.8	104.4	104.3	105.3	Sulphate (paper grades).....do..	670.5	724.7	r844.3	776.3
Food.....do..	115.4	113.8	114.1	113.8	Sulphite (paper grades).....do..	186.8	168.7	r192.6	183.2
Dairy products.....do..	112.5	108.3	109.1	109.6	Groundwood.....do..	187.3	190.2	205.0	192.9
Fruits & vegetables.....do..	111.5	118.2	112.7	106.6	Stocks, end of month, total, all grades.....short tons	146,712	154,215	r163,100	152,930
Meats, poultry & fish.....do..	119.2	112.0	114.1	113.5	Sulphate (paper grades).....do..	42,769	36,725	42,459	40,491
Housing.....do..	114.8	117.8	118.0	118.4	Sulphite (paper grades).....do..	32,722	38,319	r37,636	28,206
Gas & electricity.....do..	105.0	106.4	106.9	106.9	Groundwood.....do..	26,681	32,525	31,204	27,538
Housefurnishings.....do..	108.1	108.1	107.4	108.1	TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
Rent.....do..	118.3	123.8	125.1	126.0	Wool: 2/				
Medical care.....do..	118.8	121.5	121.8	122.6	Consump., mill (clean basis):				
Personal care.....do..	112.1	112.6	112.7	112.9	Apparel class.....thous. lb.	#30,484	32,225	29,556	.....
Reading and recreation.....do..	107.3	107.4	107.6	107.8	Carpet class.....do..	#9,220	7,770	10,500	.....
Transportation.....do..	127.7	129.7	130.6	130.7	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT				
Other goods & services.....do..	115.9	118.3	118.4	118.5	Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number	551,159	705,132	r615,382	573,688
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE					Coaches, total.....do..	387	376	r447	348
Construction cost index:					Domestic.....do..	330	368	r407	344
Department of Commerce, composite.....1947-49=100	120.7	125.2	125.2	125.2	Passenger cars, total.....do..	438,397	599,134	513,457	475,289
ELECTRIC POWER					Domestic.....do..	425,266	581,870	501,055	465,737
Electric power, production, total.....mil. kw.-hr.	38.7	43.9	44.5	42.9	Trucks, total.....do..	112,375	105,622	101,478	98,051
Utilities.....do..	33.3	38.0	38.5	37.0	Domestic.....do..	99,375	92,788	89,911	86,919
Industrial establish.....do..	5.4	5.9	6.0	5.9					

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary. # For August 1952. 1/ Index on base previously used (1935-39=100) is 192.6. 2/ Data for July 1953 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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