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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1952				1953				
	Nov. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	187.1	185.5	187.7	187.2
All commodities.....1947-49=100	*110.7	110.0	109.9	109.9	Industrials (420).....do..	202.4	200.1	202.8	202.0
Farm products.....do..	*103.6	94.3	93.5	93.8	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	* 07.7	104.3	104.8	104.2	Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,810	1,520	1,470	.....
All other.....do..	*112.8	114.6	114.5	114.5	Electric power, by utilities				
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	91.7	86.8	86.6	86.9	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,807	8,362	8,398	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**118	113	122	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's).....No.	137,903	138,370	129,269	111,908
Insured unemployment, total	**682	#958	.....	.....	Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bbl.	**6,535	5,937	6,038	.....
thous.	**640	#897	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,				
State programs.....do..	**143	218	207	.....	quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	137.8	132.8	130.5	129.5
Failures, ind. & comm.....number	**143	218	207	.....	Freight car loadings..thous.cars	**829	781	748	.....
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Miscellaneous.....do..	**399	385	371	.....
rate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.21	3.40	3.38	3.37					

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Daily averages. ⁴/ Week ended November 21, 1953. * Monthly index for November 1952. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 932,000; State programs, 873,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952				1953				
	October	August	September	October	October	August	September	October	
COMMODITY PRICES					COMMODITY PRICES - Con.				
Wholesale prices (Dept.Labor):					Wholesale prices - Con.				
All commodities.....1947-49=100	111.1	110.6	111.0	110.2	Machinery, motive prod.- Con.				
Farm products.....do..	104.9	96.4	r98.1	95.2	Elec. mach.,etc..1947-49=100	119.0	125.6	r126.2	126.5
Fruits and vegetables.....do..	111.7	98.0	96.0	95.1	Motor vehicles.....do..	119.7	118.6	118.6	118.6
Grains.....do..	95.0	86.5	r88.3	87.9	Metals & metal prod.....do..	124.1	129.4	r128.5	127.8
Livestock, live poultry.....do..	94.8	88.1	90.6	82.0	Heating equipment.....do..	113.7	115.6	115.8	115.8
Foods, processed.....do..	108.5	104.8	r106.6	104.7	Iron and steel.....do..	127.3	136.2	r134.6	133.4
Cereals & bakery prod.....do..	106.4	108.4	r110.8	112.0	Nonferrous metals.....do..	122.9	124.5	122.8	122.1
Dairy prod.& ice cream.....do..	115.9	110.7	111.3	112.7	Nonmetallic minerals,				
Fruits and vegetables.....do..	105.9	104.7	104.7	105.0	structural.....do..	114.4	119.6	120.7	120.7
Meats,poultry & fish.....do..	104.1	93.6	r97.4	89.0	Clay products.....do..	124.0	131.4	r132.0	132.0
Commodities other than farm					Concrete products.....do..	112.7	116.1	117.4	117.4
prod. & foods...1947-49=100	113.0	114.9	r114.7	114.5	Gypsum products.....do..	117.7	122.1	122.1	122.1
Chemicals, etc.....do..	103.9	106.3	106.7	106.7	Pulp, paper, etc.....do..	115.5	116.2	116.9	117.5
Chemicals, indust.....do..	113.9	120.2	120.0	119.5	Paper.....do..	124.9	125.9	126.5	126.5
Drugs, etc.....do..	92.0	93.5	93.5	93.5	Rubber and products.....do..	126.0	125.5	r124.0	124.2
Fats and oils.....do..	51.0	46.9	51.1	53.4	Tires and tubes.....do..	126.3	125.1	126.4	130.1
Fertilizer materials.....do..	111.0	113.8	113.0	112.9	Textile prod., etc.....do..	99.2	97.5	r96.9	96.5
Paint, etc.....do..	106.5	106.3	r107.3	107.8	Apparel.....do..	98.4	99.3	r98.5	98.5
Fuel, power, etc.....do..	106.6	111.0	r110.9	111.0	Cotton products.....do..	99.2	94.1	93.7	92.4
Coal.....do..	113.3	111.7	112.3	112.5	Silk products.....do..	140.0	134.7	134.7	135.8
Electricity.....do..	98.5	99.1	r98.0	98.0	Synthetic textiles.....do..	89.5	86.7	86.7	85.9
Gas.....do..	100.4	105.7	r106.0	106.0	Wool products.....do..	113.2	111.8	111.2	111.6
Petroleum & prod.....do..	108.5	116.5	116.5	116.6	Tobacco manufactures and				
Furniture, etc.....do..	112.0	114.8	114.9	114.8	bottled bev....1947-49=100	112.1	115.6	116.2	118.1
Appliances,household.....do..	107.2	108.9	109.1	109.0	Beverages, alcoholic.....do..	110.5	110.0	111.2	114.9
Furniture,household.....do..	112.6	113.8	114.2	114.2	Cigarettes.....do..	112.0	124.0	124.0	124.0
Radios.....do..	.....	95.0	r94.8	94.8					
Television sets.....do..	.....	74.0	r74.2	74.2	CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE				
Hides, skins, etc.....do..	96.6	99.9	99.7	97.0	Contract awards (ENR):				
Footwear.....do..	110.6	111.8	111.8	111.7	Engineering construction,				
Hides and skins.....do..	65.0	74.6	74.2	64.4	value <u>1</u> /.....mil. dol.	1,446.4	1,111.2	1,116.6	1,469.2
Leather.....do..	89.9	95.0	94.5	90.4	Construction cost indexes:				
Lumber & wood prod.....do..	120.2	120.4	119.2	118.4	Associated General Contrac-				
Lumber.....do..	120.2	119.3	118.3	117.5	tors (all types).....1913=100	397	416	417	418
Machinery, motive prod.....do..	121.3	123.7	124.0	124.1	Engineering News-Record: <u>2</u> /				
Agri. machinery, etc.....do..	121.5	122.3	122.3	122.4	Building.....1947-49=100	126.0	129.0	129.0	129.0
Construction mach.....do..	125.8	130.5	130.9	131.0	Construction.....do..	129.9	134.7	134.8	134.9

¹/ Revised. ²/ Data for October 1952 and 1953 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. ³/ Data reported at the beginning of each month are shown here for the previous month.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS — Continued

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	October	August	September	October		October	August	September	October
DOMESTIC TRADE					TRANSPORTATION				
Radio advertising:					Freight car loadings:				
Cost of facilities, total					Federal Reserve indexes,				
thous. dol.	#12,890	11,706	12,163	.....	total, adj. 1935-39=100	128	130	126	126
Automotive, inc. acces...do..	#323	679	739	.....	Coal.....do..	93	112	114	110
Drugs & toiletries.....do..	#3,254	r3,363	3,468	.....	Coke.....do..	188	169	164	163
Elec. household equip...do..	#337	366	425	.....	Forest products.....do..	139	145	137	136
Financial.....do..	#331	290	291	.....	Grain & grain prod.....do..	157	131	131	157
Foods, soft drinks, etc...do..	#3,319	2,689	2,665	.....	Livestock.....do..	76	58	59	70
Gasoline & oil.....do..	#455	396	345	.....	Ore.....do..	233	221	216	195
Soap, cleansers, etc...do..	#1,623	r1,304	1,368	.....	Merchandise, l.c.l.....do..	46	44	43	44
Smoking materials.....do..	#1,042	876	945	.....	Miscellaneous.....do..	145	145	139	137
All other.....do..	#2,206	1,742	1,916	.....				
Magazine advertising:					TOBACCO				
Cost, total.....do..	#56,978	42,740	60,152	.....	Tobacco, manufactured prod-				
Apparel & accessories.....do..	#6,469	4,300	7,110	.....	ucts, consumption (with-				
Automotive, inc. acces...do..	#4,366	4,977	4,484	.....	drawals):				
Building materials.....do..	#3,127	1,881	3,428	.....	Cigarettes, small, tax-free				
Drugs & toiletries.....do..	#6,653	5,429	6,419	.....	millions	*4,366	2,770	.....	.....
Foods, soft drinks, etc...do..	#6,883	6,056	7,433	.....	Cigarettes, small, tax-paid				
Beer, wine, liquors.....do..	#2,388	1,402	2,062	.....	millions	*35,972	c34,658	.....	.....
Household equip., etc...do..	#3,688	1,592	3,788	.....	Cigars, tax-paid...thousands	*492,613	c497,670	.....	.....
Household furnishings...do..	#2,747	1,501	3,077	.....	Manufactured tobacco & snuff,				
Industrial materials.....do..	#3,774	2,986	3,678	.....	tax-paid.....thous. lbs.	*18,455	c17,539	.....	.....
Soaps, cleansers, etc...do..	#1,266	1,165	1,300	.....				
Smoking materials.....do..	#1,437	1,379	1,581	.....	METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
All other.....do..	#14,182	10,071	15,793	.....	Steel ingots and steel for				
Dept. store sales, U.S. total:					castings:				
Unadjusted index...1947-49=100	120	98	110	p115	Production...thous. sh. tons.	9,808	9,406	8,883	9,459
Adjusted index.....do..	115	112	106	p110	Percent of capacity.....	107	94	92	95
FINANCE					Copper:				
Federal Government finance:					Production:				
Gross debt (direct), end of					Mine or smelter....sh. tons	84,824	r84,953	86,748	92,321
month.....mil. dol.	264,919	273,206	272,937	273,386	Refinery.....do..	105,770	r108,974	114,760	126,138
Interest bearing, total...do..	262,820	271,145	270,744	271,291	Deliveries, ref., dom....do..	138,759	106,985	104,886	110,519
Public issues.....do..	224,430	230,157	229,785	230,403	Stocks, ref., end of mo...do..	59,760	78,825	72,907	84,303
Special issues.....do..	38,390	40,988	40,958	40,888	Zinc, slab:				
Noninterest bearing.....do..	2,099	2,061	2,193	2,095	Production.....do..	80,588	83,241	r81,211	84,031
Obligations guaranteed by					Shipments, total.....do..	79,787	69,250	57,547	67,175
U. S. Government.....do..	45	63	64	66	Domestic.....do..	71,659	65,450	55,167	65,470
Bonds, prices (S&PCorp.):					Stocks, end of month....do..	95,342	117,897	r141,561	158,417
Ind., util. & RR (All issues):					PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS				
Composite (17 bonds)					Coal, production:				
dol. per \$100 bond	114.7	111.4	110.9	112.5	Anthracite...thous. sh. tons	4,213	2,378	r2,650	p2,904
Stocks, prices:					Bituminous.....do..	32,744	40,275	p41,095	p40,670
Dow-Jones & Co., Inc. (65					RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS				
stocks).....dol. per share	103.92	106.21	100.98	103.58	Tires and tubes:				
Industrial (30).....do..	267.77	272.21	261.90	270.73	Pneumatic casings:				
Public utility (15).....do..	49.59	50.40	49.16	50.53	Production.....thousands	#7,387	7,416	7,148	.....
Railroad (20).....do..	99.83	103.12	94.46	95.44	Shipments.....do..	#8,044	8,798	7,424	.....
S&P Corp., comb. index (480					Original equipment.....do..	#2,827	3,130	2,837	.....
stocks).....1935-39=100	183.4	187.3	179.2	183.4	Stocks, end of month....do..	#9,963	13,550	13,287	.....
Industrial (420).....do..	198.4	202.1	192.6	197.2	Inner tubes:				
Capital goods (129).....do..	182.6	188.1	180.2	186.6	Production.....do..	#5,389	5,679	5,656	.....
Consumers' goods (195).....do..	169.5	172.8	165.4	168.8	Shipments.....do..	#5,981	6,529	5,720	.....
Public utility (40).....do..	117.4	121.1	119.6	122.2	Stocks, end of month....do..	#10,304	10,226	11,288
Railroad (20).....do..	166.9	170.2	156.1	156.7					

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