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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	Nov. 29	Nov. 14	Nov. 21	Nov. 28		Nov. 29	Nov. 14	Nov. 21	Nov. 28
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	193.7	187.2	186.6	188.4
All commodities....1947-49=100	*110.7	109.9	109.8	110.0	Industrials (420).....do..	209.8	202.0	201.1	203.2
Farm products.....do..	*103.6	93.7	93.2	95.0	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*107.7	104.1	103.9	103.8	Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,753	1,546	1,475	.....
All other.....do..	*112.8	114.5	114.6	114.6	Electric power,by utilities				
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	91.3	86.9	87.7	88.0	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,971	8,457	8,416	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**134	133	131	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	110,784	111,578	104,231	69,778
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bbl.	**6,582	6,127	6,165	.....
thous.	**723	#1,180	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	137.2	129.5	127.3	121.8
State programs.....do..	**681	#1,107	.....	.....	Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**811	727	726	.....
Failures, ind. & comm....number	**167	155	223	.....	Miscellaneous.....do..	**389	365	371	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.19	3.37	3.39	3.39					

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended December 5, 1952. * Monthly index for November 1952. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 1,033,000; State programs, 963,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	October	August	September	October		October	August	September	October
BUSINESS POPULATION					COMMODITY PRICES - Con.				
Industrial & comm. failures:					Wholesale p., sel. items - Con.				
Failures, total.....number	631	700	686	840	Beef steers (Chicago)				
Commercial service.....do..	52	49	31	75	dol. per 100 lb.	32.09	24.79	25.41	25.35
Construction.....do..	88	92	89	89	Hogs (Chicago).....do..	18.55	22.97	24.18	21.54
Manufacturing & mining.....do..	146	148	145	188	Beef,choice (N.Y.)...dol.per lb.	.556	.432	.451	.427
Retail trade.....do..	291	340	336	404	Pork, loins (N.Y.).....do..	.515	.570	.543	.516
Wholesale trade.....do..	54	71	85	84	Pig iron,comp. <u>2</u> /dol.per 1.ton	56.31	56.23	56.10	56.03
Liabilities,total...thous.dol.	35,049	28,529	33,817	37,076	Steel, composite, finished				
Commercial service.....do..	2,175	1,077	1,286	3,848	dol. per lb.	.0498	.0524	.0524	.0524
Construction.....do..	5,167	3,868	4,451	4,366	Copper,electro.(N.Y.)....do..	.2420	.2961	.2962	.2960
Manufacturing & mining.....do..	13,079	10,267	13,676	14,956	Lead, refined, pig, desil-				
Retail trade.....do..	6,078	10,275	9,790	9,671	verized (N.Y.)...dol. per lb.	.1440	.1400	.1374	.1350
Wholesale trade.....do..	8,550	3,042	4,614	4,235	Zinc, prime W.(St.Louis).do..	.1330	.1098	.1018	.1000
COMMODITY PRICES					DOMESTIC TRADE				
Consumer price index, all					Money orders issued, domestic				
items.....1947-49=100	114.2	115.0	115.2	<u>1</u> / 115.4	(50 cities):				
Apparel.....do..	105.6	104.3	105.3	105.5	Number.....thousands	6,764	5,856	6,281	6,556
Food.....do..	115.0	114.1	113.8	113.6	Value.....thous. dol.	125,622	117,247	122,917	119,218
Dairy products.....do..	113.2	109.1	109.6	110.1	CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS				
Fruits & vegetables.....do..	111.3	112.7	106.6	107.7	Paints, varnish, and lacquer:				
Meats, poultry & fish...do..	116.9	114.1	113.5	111.1	Factory shipments, total				
Housing.....do..	115.2	118.0	118.4	118.7	thous. dol.	#117,026	r121,687	119,284	.....
Gas & electricity.....do..	105.0	106.9	106.9	107.0	Industrial sales.....do..	#44,636	r47,970	45,868	.....
Housefurnishings.....do..	107.9	107.4	108.1	108.1	Trade sales.....do..	#72,390	r73,717	73,416	.....
Rent.....do..	118.8	125.1	126.0	126.8	ELECTRIC POWER				
Medical care.....do..	118.9	121.8	122.6	122.8	Electric power, production,				
Personal care.....do..	112.3	112.7	112.9	113.2	total.....mil. kw.-hr.	40,571	44,497	42,923	43,751
Reading and recreation...do..	107.6	107.6	107.8	108.6	Utilities.....do..	34,868	38,497	37,038	37,614
Transportation.....do..	128.4	130.6	130.7	130.7	Industrial establish.....do..	5,703	6,000	5,886	6,137
Other goods & services...do..	115.8	118.4	118.5	119.7	FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO				
Wholesale p., selected items:					Dairy products, production:				
Butter, 92-score (N.Y.)					Butter, creamery....thous. lb.	89,575	119,645	96,730	92,375
dol. per lb.	.716	.661	.670	.682	Cheese (factory), total...do..	89,090	114,330	97,500	87,775
Eggs, extras, large (Chicago)									
dol. per doz.	.631	.587	.624	.613					
Corn,av.5 markets,dol.per bu.	1.571	1.550	1.568	1.443					
Wheat,av. 6 markets.....do..	2.519	2.439	2.533	2.562					

1/ Revised. # For September 1952. 1/ Index on base previously used (1935-39=100) is 192.9. 2/ See note on corresponding item in November SURVEY.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS — Continued

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	October	August	September	October		October	August	September	October
FOODSTUFFS & TOBACCO - Con.					METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Con.				
Meats, production, total..mil. lb.	1,819	1,525	1,675	1,913	Lead, refined (primary ref.):				
Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	801,489	860,476	925,007	994,342	Production.....sh. tons	51,521	38,022	42,154	44,741
Lamb and mutton.....do..	61,726	49,401	57,474	64,856	Shipments (domestic).....do..	40,970	40,836	41,598	44,987
Pork, including lard.....do..	955,425	614,699	692,034	853,449	Stocks, end of month.....do..	37,718	58,103	58,490	58,236
Lard.....do..	175,664	105,809	116,615	149,478	Machine tools:				
Stocks, cold storage, end mo.:					New orders.....1945-47=100	243.3	286.9	r223.7	p199.2
Butter, creamery....thous. lb.	102,177	334,853	r323,077	304,359	Shipments.....do..	357.8	299.6	r328.3	p348.2
Cheese, total.....do..	256,885	445,575	r460,488	445,080	Electrical appl., sales billed:				
Apples, fresh.....thous. bu.	26,892	509	r7,887	27,588	Vacuum cleaners, stand. number	292,474	188,536	227,253	249,383
Fruits, frozen.....thous. lb.	532,993	602,001	r580,867	577,448	Washers.....do..	335,616	296,589	349,342	319,066
Vegetables, frozen.....do..	576,522	573,601	r688,353	734,377	Radio sets, production 2/				
Meats, total 1/.....mil. lb.	557	532	r460	464	thousands	870.3	991.6	1,216.5	1,052.5
Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	214,594	153,672	r159,376	189,785	Television sets, prod. 2/ number	724,117	603,760	770,085	680,433
Lamb and mutton.....do..	16,002	9,460	r10,113	11,339	PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS				
Pork, excluding lard....do..	234,894	265,981	r200,597	178,974	Crude petroleum:				
Poultry.....do..	279,191	127,340	r176,385	257,544	Production.....thous. bbl.	#95,528	204,059	196,717	.....
Eggs: Shell.....thous. cases	1,000	827	r494	277	Consumption.....do..	#210,510	222,048	210,686	.....
Frozen.....thous. lb.	95,333	133,427	r109,869	86,752	Stocks, end of month:				
Coffee, visible supply, United States.....thous. bags	611	582	812	628	Gasoline-bearing in U. S.				
Tobacco, manufactured prod.:					thous. bbl.	#264,723	285,352	289,614	.....
Production, total.....thous. lb.	#20,051	17,814	18,833	.....	Refined petroleum products:				
Chewing, plug & twist...do..	#7,366	6,879	7,239	.....	Fuel oil:				
Smoking.....do..	#9,406	7,569	8,302	.....	Prod.: Distillate..thous. bbl.	#45,053	44,539	43,433	.....
Snuff.....do..	#3,279	3,367	3,281	.....	Residual.....do..	#36,887	37,894	36,098	.....
Consumption (withdrawals):					Stocks, end of month:				
Cigarettes, small, tax-free millions	#4,325	2,770	3,585	.....	Distillate.....do..	#117,252	119,542	126,709	.....
Cigarettes, small, tax-paid millions	#34,950	34,658	33,598	.....	Residual.....do..	#56,200	50,007	50,516	.....
Cigars, tax-paid...thousands	#498,518	497,670	518,748	.....	Lubricating oils:				
Manufactured tobacco & snuff, tax-paid.....thous. lbs.	#19,315	17,539	18,103	.....	Production.....do..	#4,694	4,627	4,562	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES					Stocks, ref., end mo....do..	#9,745	9,684	9,700	.....
Iron ore (Lake Superior dis.):					Motor fuel:				
Consumption by furnaces					Gasoline (incl. aviation):				
thous. l. tons	r8,038	8,150	7,699	8,142	Production, total..thous. bbl.	#105,225	114,321	107,729	.....
Stocks, end of mo., total..do..	47,839	45,579	51,767	55,700	Gasoline and naphtha from crude oil.....thous. bbl.	#93,114	101,833	95,644	.....
At furnaces.....do..	41,699	39,988	44,612	47,420	Natural gasoline:				
On Lake Erie docks.....do..	6,140	5,591	7,155	8,280	Used at refineries...do..	#9,186	9,502	9,991	.....
Castings, gray iron:					Sold to jobbers.....do..	#2,925	2,986	2,094	.....
Orders, unfilled, for sale					Stocks, gasoline, end mo.:				
thous. sh. tons	#1,451	1,223	1,170	.....	Finished.....thous. bbl.	#113,698	137,972	136,192	.....
Shipments, total.....do..	#1,119	1,069	1,103	.....	Unfinished.....do..	#7,293	8,078	7,992	.....
For sale.....do..	#630	589	612	.....	Natural.....do..	#8,925	11,959	12,636	.....
Castings, malleable iron:					Aviation gasoline:				
Orders, unf., for sale..sh. tons	#168,367	120,801	114,523	.....	Production, total.....do..	#7,001	8,153	7,894	.....
Shipments, total.....do..	#75,950	73,855	74,333	.....	100-octane and above..do..	#5,549	7,013	6,655	.....
For sale.....do..	#45,849	45,415	45,466	.....	Stocks, total.....do..	#8,267	9,941	10,099	.....
Pig iron, production					100-octane and above..do..	#4,280	5,700	5,640	.....
thous. short tons	6,515	6,472	6,202	6,498	TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
Castings, steel:					Rayon and acetate:				
Shipments, total...short tons	#158,392	141,340	134,679	.....	Shipments, dom., producers':				
For sale, total.....do..	#121,402	107,941	102,880	.....	Filament yarn.....mil. lb.	75.0	72.0	r63.6	64.9
Railway specialties...do..	#19,930	25,026	24,108	Staple (incl. tow).....do..	24.1	23.8	r23.1	26.2

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