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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	Dec. 20	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 19		Dec. 20	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 19
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	196.5	192.0	190.8	191.5
All commodities...1947-49=100	*109.6	110.2	110.1	110.1	Industrials (420).....do..	213.0	207.5	206.0	207.2
Farm products.....do..	*99.2	95.0	95.0	94.8	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*104.3	104.2	104.7	104.9	Bitum.coal 3/...thous.sh.tons	**1,688	1,367	1,403	.....
All other.....do..	*112.9	114.6	114.5	114.4	Electric power,by utilities				
22 commodities 2/.....do..	89.7	88.6	88.6	87.9	mil. kw.-hr.	**8,140	8,582	8,661	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**223	190	217	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	127,881	116,867	105,758	124,947
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum,crude 3/...thous.bb1.	**6,477	6,085	6,131	.....
thous.	**879	#1,468	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) 4/.....1947-49=100	139.3	122.8	121.7	118.3
State programs.....do..	**824	#1,369	.....	.....	Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**721	662	652	.....
Failures, ind. & comm..number	141	202	216	210	Miscellaneous.....do..	**373	354	351	.....
Bond yields, domestic corpo- rate (Moody's) 3/.....percent	3.19	3.39	3.39	3.38					

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended December 26, 1953. * Monthly index for December 1952. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 1,371,000; State programs, 1,275,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	November	September	October	November		November	September	October	November
BUSINESS POPULATION					COMMODITY PRICES - Con.				
Industrial & comm. failures:					Wholesale prices - Con.				
Failures, total.....number	590	686	840	815	Furniture, etc...1947-49=100	112.1	114.9	114.8	114.9
Commercial service.....do..	61	31	75	66	Appliances,household....do..	107.2	109.1	109.0	109.0
Construction.....do..	62	89	89	97	Furniture,household....do..	112.8	114.2	114.2	114.2
Manufacturing & mining..do..	121	145	188	175	Radios.....do..	.....	94.8	94.8	94.3
Retail trade.....do..	280	336	404	389	Television sets.....do..	.....	74.2	74.2	74.2
Wholesale trade.....do..	66	85	84	88	Hides, skins, etc.....do..	97.6	99.7	r97.1	97.2
Liabilities,total..thous.do..	18,757	33,817	37,076	36,795	Footwear.....do..	111.0	111.8	111.7	111.8
Commercial service.....do..	3,027	1,286	3,848	2,687	Hides and skins.....do..	69.2	74.2	64.4	64.3
Construction.....do..	1,588	4,451	4,366	4,621	Leather.....do..	90.1	94.5	90.4	90.7
Manufacturing & mining..do..	5,853	13,676	14,956	13,568	Lumber & wood prod.....do..	119.7	119.2	r118.1	117.5
Retail trade.....do..	5,865	9,790	9,671	11,083	Lumber.....do..	120.0	118.3	r117.2	116.3
Wholesale trade.....do..	2,424	4,614	4,235	4,836	Machinery, motive prod..do..	121.4	124.0	124.1	124.2
COMMODITY PRICES					Agri. machinery, etc...do..	121.6	122.3	122.4	122.5
Wholesale prices (Dept.Labor):					Construction mach.....do..	126.2	130.9	131.0	131.0
All commodities...1947-49=100	110.7	111.0	110.2	109.8	Elec. mach., etc.....do..	119.5	126.2	126.5	126.5
Farm products.....do..	103.6	98.1	r95.3	93.6	Motor vehicles.....do..	119.7	118.6	r118.5	118.5
Fruits and vegetables..do..	113.2	96.0	r94.2	96.0	Metals & metal prod.....do..	123.9	128.5	r127.9	127.9
Grains.....do..	96.5	88.3	87.9	89.3	Heating equipment.....do..	113.6	115.8	115.8	115.8
Livestock, live poultry.do..	93.0	90.6	82.0	78.4	Iron and steel.....do..	127.0	134.6	133.4	133.6
Foods, processed.....do..	107.7	106.6	104.7	103.8	Nonferrous metals.....do..	122.5	122.8	122.1	122.3
Cereals & bakery prod..do..	107.1	110.8	112.0	112.6	Nonmetallic minerals,				
Dairy prod.& ice cream.do..	115.5	111.3	112.7	113.9	structural.....do..	114.5	120.7	120.7	120.8
Fruits and vegetables..do..	106.0	104.7	r104.9	104.9	Clay products.....do..	124.0	132.0	132.0	132.1
Meats,poultry & fish..do..	102.0	97.4	r88.9	86.2	Concrete products.....do..	112.7	117.4	117.4	117.4
Commodities other than farm					Gypsum products.....do..	117.7	122.1	122.1	122.1
prod. & foods...1947-49=100	112.8	114.7	r114.6	114.5	Pulp, paper, etc.....do..	115.5	116.9	117.5	117.3
Chemicals, etc.....do..	103.5	106.7	106.7	107.2	Paper.....do..	124.9	126.5	r126.6	126.8
Chemicals, indust.....do..	112.7	120.0	119.5	119.2	Rubber and products....do..	126.4	124.0	124.2	124.3
Drugs, etc.....do..	91.9	93.5	93.5	93.5	Tires and tubes.....do..	126.3	126.4	130.1	130.1
Fats and oils.....do..	53.1	51.1	r53.3	58.0	Textile prod., etc.....do..	98.6	96.9	96.5	96.2
Fertilizer materials..do..	111.1	113.0	112.9	112.9	Apparel.....do..	98.3	98.5	r98.7	98.6
Paint, etc.....do..	106.3	107.3	r107.9	108.2	Cotton products.....do..	98.4	93.7	92.4	91.6
Fuel, power, etc.....do..	106.7	110.9	r111.2	111.0	Silk products.....do..	139.3	134.7	135.8	136.5
Coal.....do..	113.6	112.3	112.5	112.5	Synthetic textiles.....do..	89.0	86.7	85.9	85.2
Electricity.....do..	98.0	98.0	r98.5	98.5	Wool products.....do..	112.6	111.2	111.6	111.5
Gas.....do..	104.9	106.0	r106.6	106.6	Tobacco mfrs.& bot.bev..do..	112.1	116.2	118.1	118.1
Petroleum & prod.....do..	108.1	116.5	116.6	116.3	Beverages, alcoholic...do..	110.5	111.2	114.9	114.9
					Cigarettes.....do..	112.0	124.0	124.0	124.0

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1952				1953								
	November	September	October	November	November	September	October	November					
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE					METALS AND MANUFACTURES								
Contract awards:					Steel ingots and steel for castings:								
F.W.Dodge Corp. (37 States):					Production...thous. sh. tons								
Total projects.....number					41,569	42,586	50,049	41,379	9,440	8,883	9,463	8,711	
Total valuation.....mil. dol.					1,248.8	1,741.7	1,892.4	1,394.1	106	.92	95	90	
Building, total.....do..					989.9	1,290.7	1,392.7	1,096.0	Steel products, net shipments:				
Engineering News-Record:					Total.....thous.sh.tons								
Engineering construction, value 1/.....mil. dol.					1,079.9	1,116.6	1,469.3	794.3	#7,156				
Construction cost indexes:					Bars, hot rolled:								
Associated General Contractors (all types).....1913=100					398	417	418	418	All grades.....do.. #846				
Engineering News-Record: 2/					Reinforcing.....do.. #197								
Building.....1947-49=100					125.7	129.0	129.0	128.9	Semimanufactures.....do.. #377				
Construction.....do..					r129.8	134.8	r135.1	135.0	Pipes and tubes.....do.. #861				
FINANCE					Plates.....do.. #709								
Bank debits, total (345 centers).....mil. dol.					127,647	147,830	149,738	141,115	Rails.....do.. #156				
New York City.....do..					44,209	54,888	54,152	50,470	Sheets.....do.. #1,819				
6 other centers.....do..					27,064	31,422	31,778	30,477	Strip: Cold rolled.....do.. #189				
Federal Government finance:					Hot rolled.....do.. #207								
Receipts, Treasury.....mil. dol.					4,731	6,402	2,894	5,144	Structural shapes.....do.. #412				
Receipts, net.....do..					4,151	6,041	2,659	4,695	Tin plate & terneplate..do.. #435				
Customs.....do..					44	50	51	47	Wire & wire prod.....do.. #497				
Income & emp. taxes.....do..					3,624	5,218	1,698	3,947	Copper:				
Miscel. internal rev.....do..					888	981	1,019	968	Production:				
Expenditures, total.....do..					5,161	6,119	5,477	5,423	Mine or smelter.....sh. tons				
Interest on debt.....do..					185	560	354	164	Refinery.....do..				
National defense, etc.....do..					3,302	3,787	3,647	3,540	Deliveries, ref., dom.....do..				
TRANSPORTATION					Stocks, ref., end of mo....do..								
Freight car loadings, indexes:					PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS								
Total, adjusted....1935-39=100					134	126	126	122	Coal, production:				
Coal.....do..					123	114	110	104	Anthracite....thous. sh. tons				
Coke.....do..					195	164	163	155	3,405				
Forest products.....do..					152	137	136	145	41,195				
Grain & grain prod.....do..					147	131	157	140	Bituminous.....do..				
Livestock.....do..					76	59	70	69	TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
Ore.....do..					233	216	r172	172	Cotton: 1/				
Merchandise, l.c.f.....do..					46	43	44	42	Consumption.....bales				
Miscellaneous.....do..					144	139	137	134	r754,987				
FOODSTUFFS					Manufactures:								
Livestock slaughter:					Spindle activity:								
Calves.....thous. animals					510	687	776	658	Active spindles, last working day, total.....thous.				
Cattle.....do..					1,151	1,644	1,782	1,609	21,583				
Hogs.....do..					5,772	4,059	4,994	5,540	Consum. 100% cotton...do..				
Sheep and lambs.....do..					1,069	1,366	1,529	1,159	20,180				
Tobacco, manufactured products, consumption:					Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total....mil. hr.								
Cigarettes, small, tax-free					9,870								
millions					#4,294	3,585	Av. per working day...do..				
Cigarettes, small, tax-paid					506								
millions					#37,372	33,598	p35,045	Consum. 100% cotton...do..				
Cigars, tax-paid.....thousands					#548,196	518,748	p587,666	9,219				
Manufactured tobacco & snuff, tax-paid.....thous. lbs.					#20,791	18,103	p19,034	137.0				
					Operations as % of capacity								
					137.0								
					Rayon and acetate:								
					Shipments, dom., producers':								
					Filament yarn.....mil. lb.								
					73.6								
					Staple (incl. tow).....do..								
					26.8								
					Stocks, producers', end mo.:								
					Filament yarn.....mil. lb.								
					59.1								
					Staple (incl. tow).....do..								
					15.9								
					Wool: 2/								
					Cons., mill (clean basis):								
					Apparel class.....thous. lb.								
					#38,280								
					Carpet class.....do..								
					#13,240								

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

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