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

ITEM	1953			1954	ITEM	1953			1954
	Jan. 3	Dec. 19	Dec. 26	Jan. 2		Jan. 3	Dec. 19	Dec. 26	Jan. 2
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	199.0	191.5	189.7	189.7
All commodities...1947-49=100	*109.6	110.1	110.1	110.6	Industrials (420).....do..	217.1	207.2	205.0	205.2
Farm products.....do..	*93.6	94.7	95.4	97.0	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*103.8	104.9	104.4	105.6	Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,320	1,383	1,515	.....
All other.....do..	*114.5	114.5	114.4	114.5	Electric power,by utilities				
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	90.5	87.9	88.3	89.0	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,550	8,896	8,150	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**146	234	163	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	100,714	123,241	85,259	84,218
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bb1.	**6,507	6,154	6,158	.....
thous.	**867	#1,520	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,				
State programs.....do..	**805	#1,402	.....	.....	quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	98.8	118.3	89.9	106.2
Failures, ind. & comm..number	89	210	162	150	Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**522	618	481	.....
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Miscellaneous.....do..	**275	325	249	.....
rate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.20	3.38	3.39	3.39					

<sup>1</sup>/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. <sup>2</sup>/ Tuesday prices. <sup>3</sup>/ Daily averages. <sup>4</sup>/ Week ended January 9, 1954. \* Monthly index for December 1952. \*\* For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 1,519,000; State programs, 1,402,000.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	December	October	November	December		December	October	November	December
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>					<b>COMMODITY PRICES - Con.</b>				
Personal income, seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:					Prices paid by farmers:				
Total.....bil. dol.	#277.2	r287.2	285.4	.....	All commodities...1910-14=100	267	258	259	260
Wage & salary disbursements, total.....bil. dol.	#191.4	r199.3	197.7	.....	Used in living.....do..	269	270	270	270
Comm.-producing ind...do..	#85.6	r88.7	87.3	.....	Used in production.....do..	264	246	248	250
Distributive ind.....do..	#50.0	r52.7	52.6	.....	All commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates				
Service industries...do..	#22.5	r24.2	24.1	.....	1910-14=100	281	276	277	278
Government.....do..	#33.3	r33.7	33.7	.....	Parity ratio.....do..	96	91	90	91
Wage & salary receipts, total.....bil. dol.	#187.8	r195.6	193.9	.....	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>				
Other labor income.....do..	#5.1	5.1	5.1	.....	Labor force (Bureau Census):				
Proprietors' and rental income.....bil. dol.	#50.0	r49.5	50.0	.....	Civilian labor force...thous.	r63,325	63,404	63,353	62,614
Personal interest income and dividends.....do..	#21.4	22.8	22.8	.....	Employed.....do..	r61,900	62,242	61,925	60,764
Transfer payments.....do..	#13.1	r14.5	13.8	.....	Agricultural.....do..	r6,150	7,159	6,651	5,438
Less personal contributions for social ins....bil. dol.	#3.8	4.0	4.0	.....	Nonagricultural.....do..	r55,750	55,083	55,274	55,326
Total nonagr. income.....do..	#259.1	r270.5	268.6	.....	Unemployed.....do..	r1,425	1,162	1,428	1,050
<b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>					<b>FINANCE</b>				
Prices rec'd by farmers, all farm products...1910-14=100	269	250	249	252	Life insurance (LIAA):				
Crops.....do..	257	231	234	233	Assets, admitted, 49 companies, total.....mil. dol.	#r63,819	67,685	68,046	.....
Food grains.....do..	247	223	229	230	Bonds & stocks, total...do..	#r39,999	41,976	42,120	.....
Feed grains and hay....do..	218	187	188	197	Government (domestic and foreign),total...mil. dol.	#r11,007	10,517	10,476	.....
Tobacco.....do..	428	439	433	427	U. S. Government.....do..	#r8,966	8,566	8,480	.....
Cotton.....do..	268	274	268	259	Public utility.....do..	#r11,472	12,132	12,213	.....
Fruit.....do..	206	214	219	215	Railroad.....do..	#r3,349	3,451	3,461	.....
Truck crops.....do..	256	175	186	195	Other.....do..	#r14,171	15,875	15,971	.....
Oil-bearing crops.....do..	300	255	263	269	Cash.....do..	#r771	776	777	.....
Livestock and products...do..	280	267	263	269	Mortgage loans, total...do..	#r17,474	18,950	19,098	.....
Meat animals.....do..	291	273	267	285	Farm.....do..	#r1,490	1,648	1,654	.....
Dairy products.....do..	309	283	289	283	Other.....do..	#r15,984	17,302	17,444	.....
Poultry and eggs.....do..	221	236	225	219	Policy loans and premium notes.....do..	#r2,301	2,413	2,425	.....
					Real-estate holdings...do..	#r1,552	1,745	1,752	.....
					Other admitted assets...do..	#r1,722	1,824	1,875	.....

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**MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS — Continued**

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	November	September	October	November		November	September	October	November
<b>CHEMICALS &amp; ALLIED PRODUCTS</b>					<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Con.</b>				
Fats, oils, and byproducts:					Castings, malleable iron:				
Animal fats:					Orders, unfulfilled, for sale...sh. tons	#168,609	114,523	104,046	.....
Production.....thous. lb.	368,012	282,060	334,269	367,294	Shipments, total.....do..	#88,062	74,333	73,473	.....
Stocks, end of month....do..	327,150	280,903	249,836	252,586	For sale.....do..	#52,922	45,466	45,515	.....
Greases:					Pig iron, production				
Production.....do..	55,434	43,702	47,945	51,774	thous. short tons	6,227	6,202	6,498	6,063
Stocks, end of month....do..	107,530	102,327	91,557	86,410	Castings, steel:				
Fish oils:					Shipments, total...short tons	#165,155	135,303	140,702	.....
Production.....do..	6,404	30,052	15,939	2,933	For sale, total.....do..	#124,626	102,880	106,788	.....
Stocks, end of month....do..	92,801	90,397	92,126	79,383	Railway specialties....do..	#22,610	24,108	25,411	.....
Vegetable oils, total:					<b>PAPER AND PRINTING</b>				
Production, crude...mil. lb.	594	451	618	583	Newsprint, Canada:				
Stocks, end of month:					Production.....sh. tons	463,435	467,431	510,772	473,176
Crude.....do..	1,097	925	959	943	Shipments from mills....do..	498,987	482,598	506,544	491,450
Refined.....do..	578	1,050	1,083	1,148	Stocks, mills, end mo....do..	122,199	140,536	144,764	126,490
Cottonseed oil, refined:					Newsprint, United States:				
Production.....thous. lb.	189,888	97,992	179,751	221,226	Consump. by publishers...do..	416,974	385,386	429,509	427,904
Stocks, end of month....do..	445,409	927,026	966,498	1,016,037	Production.....do..	89,842	85,966	97,112	92,385
Linseed oil, raw:					Shipments from mills....do..	90,429	85,824	96,288	90,847
Production.....do..	54,620	48,842	57,003	41,805	Stocks, end of month:				
Stocks, end of month....do..	626,611	558,139	556,874	531,901	At mills.....do..	8,074	6,248	7,072	8,610
Soybean oil:					At publishers.....do..	527,525	548,537	514,419	464,899
Production:					In transit to pub.....do..	97,206	77,414	80,803	87,468
Crude.....do..	230,755	173,756	229,966	219,304	<b>RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS</b>				
Refined.....do..	173,576	212,568	214,418	192,662	Natural rubber:				
Stocks, end of month:					Consumption.....long tons	41,749	45,225	46,744	43,167
Crude.....do..	139,688	105,352	87,907	88,437	Stocks, end of month....do..	86,243	121,618	114,191	112,397
Refined.....do..	73,545	69,052	62,353	74,423	Synthetic rubber:				
Margarine:					Production.....do..	60,540	60,677	57,170	57,221
Production.....do..	106,584	114,574	136,217	107,419	Consumption.....do..	66,240	58,652	58,515	52,518
Stocks (fac. & whse.)...do..	21,880	19,350	16,382	22,021	Stocks, end of month....do..	123,745	167,625	166,724	166,514
Shortening:					<b>STONE, CLAY, &amp; GLASS PRODUCTS</b>				
Production.....do..	126,622	152,322	172,988	191,747	Brick, unglazed:				
Stocks, end of month....do..	93,678	89,440	84,703	75,793	Production...thous. stand. brick	#557,001	531,172	538,051	.....
<b>ELECTRIC POWER</b>					Shipments.....do..	#557,890	533,562	548,073	.....
Electric power, production,					Clay sewer pipe, vitrified:				
total.....mil. kw.-hr.	39,365	42,923	43,751	42,317	Production.....sh. tons	#151,442	144,989	144,393	.....
Utilities.....do..	33,781	37,038	37,614	36,378	Shipments.....do..	#160,969	147,954	154,601	.....
Industrial establish....do..	5,584	5,886	6,137	5,939	Structural tile, unglazed:				
<b>FOODSTUFFS</b>					Production.....sh. tons	#80,975	82,428	85,245	.....
Meats, production, total...mil. lb.	1,742	1,675	1,913	1,941	Shipments.....do..	#85,354	75,654	81,884	.....
Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	662,271	925,007	994,342	897,620	<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>				
Lamb and mutton.....do..	47,505	57,474	64,856	51,566	Motor vehicles, factory sales,				
Pork, including lard....do..	1,031,841	692,034	853,449	991,497	total.....number	519,536	573,688	620,588	452,487
Lard.....do..	194,381	116,615	149,478	180,413	Coaches, total.....do..	319	348	519	371
<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES</b>					Domestic.....do..	244	344	496	288
Castings, gray iron:					Passenger cars, total....do..	405,111	475,289	528,088	378,406
Orders, unfilled, for sale					Domestic.....do..	394,313	465,737	516,257	369,994
thous. sh. tons	#1,392	1,170	1,076	.....	Trucks, total.....do..	114,106	98,051	91,981	73,710
Shipments, total.....do..	#1,233	1,106	1,142	.....	Domestic.....do..	102,501	86,919	79,566	64,781
For sale.....do..	#689	612	650	.....					

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