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

ITEM	1953		1954		ITEM	1953		1954	
	Jan. 10	Dec. 26	Jan. 2	Jan. 9		Jan. 10	Dec. 26	Jan. 2	Jan. 9
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	199.0	189.7	189.7	192.9
All commodities...1947-49=100	*109.9	110.1	110.6	110.4	Industrials (420).....do..	216.1	205.0	205.2	209.0
Farm products.....do..	*99.8	95.4	97.1	96.2	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*105.5	104.4	105.7	105.8	Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,545	1,515	1,388	.....
All other.....do..	*112.9	114.4	114.5	114.5	Electric power,by utilities				
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	91.0	88.3	89.0	88.5	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,713	8,173	8,200	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**81	163	82	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)...No.	131,042	85,259	86,431	144,898
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bbl.	**6,428	6,158	6,100	.....
thous.	**1,014	#1,711	.....	.....	quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	137.8	89.9	106.2	111.9
State programs.....do..	**940	#1,589	.....	.....	Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**563	481	478	.....
Failures, ind. & comm..number	163	162	150	202	Miscellaneous.....do..	**300	249	252	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.20	3.39	3.39	3.37					

<sup>1</sup>/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended January 16, 1954. \* Monthly index for January 1953. \*\* For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 1,518,000; 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>CONSTRUC. &amp; REAL ESTATE - Con.</b>				
Farm income and marketings:					New construction - Con.				
Cash receipts from farming, inc.Gov't paym'ts...mil.dol.	#r3,325	3,693	3,548	.....	Public, total.....mil. dol.	755	r1,082	r936	753
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do..	#r3,311	3,686	3,535	.....	Residential.....do..	49	r46	r42	39
Crops.....do..	#1,697	2,163	1,962	.....	Nonresidential building.do..	342	r372	r355	336
Livestock and products, total.....mil. dol.	#r1,614	1,523	1,573	.....	Military and naval.....do..	111	r105	r101	92
Dairy products.....do..	#356	336	334	.....	Highway.....do..	112	390	280	145
Meat animals.....do..	#867	812	858	.....	Conservation, etc.....do..	67	r68	r63	56
Poultry and eggs.....do..	#375	354	365	.....	Other types.....do..	74	101	95	85
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings, etc. <u>1</u> / 1935-39=100	#497	556	533	.....	Construction cost index:				
Crops.....do..	#600	765	693	.....	Department of Commerce, composite.....1947-49=100	#120.5	r122.8	122.9	.....
Livestock and products..do..	#425	401	414	.....	<b>DOMESTIC TRADE</b>				
Indexes, volume of farm marketings, etc. <u>1</u> /.....do..	#r181	224	208	.....	All retail stores:				
Crops.....do..	#r194	283	237	.....	Sales (adj.), total..mil. dol.	#14,026	r14,040	14,192	.....
Livestock and products..do..	#172	179	185	.....	Durable goods.....do..	#4,769	r5,029	5,042	.....
<b>- CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>					Nondurable goods.....do..	#9,257	r9,011	9,150	.....
New construction, total					Retail firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:				
mil. dol.	2,550	r3,211	r2,988	2,661	Unadjusted.....mil. dol.	#2,666	r2,760	2,594	.....
Private, total.....do..	1,795	r2,129	r2,052	1,908	Adjusted.....do..	#2,555	r2,529	2,569	.....
Residential (nonfarm).....do..	942	r1,066	r1,024	952	Dept.store sales,U.S. total:				
New dwelling units.....do..	850	r940	r905	850	Unadjusted index..1947-49=100	196	115	p136	e193
Additions, etc.....do..	74	r101	r94	78	Adjusted index.....do..	115	110	p112	e113
Nonresidential building, total, exc. farm and public utility.....mil. dol.	433	511	r523	505	<b>EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES</b>				
Industrial.....do..	193	r177	r177	176	Employees in nonagr. establ., total, unadj.....thousands	50,140	r49,640	r49,308	p49,619
Commercial.....do..	112	r179	r192	182	Manufacturing.....do..	16,952	r17,017	r16,708	p16,440
Farm construction.....do..	97	119	100	88	Mining.....do..	870	r810	r814	p812
Public utility.....do..	314	423	396	354	Contract construction.....do..	2,497	r2,763	r2,661	p2,481
					Transp. & pub. util.....do..	4,293	r4,309	r4,272	p4,230
					Wholesale & retail trade.do..	11,218	r10,615	r10,769	p11,310
					Finance, ins. & real est..do..	1,978	2,047	r2,048	p2,055
					Service & miscellaneous.do..	5,237	r5,330	5,296	p5,268
					Government.....do..	7,095	6,749	r6,740	p7,023

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. e/ Estimated. # For November 1952. 1/ Unadjusted.

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<b>EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Con.</b>					<b>EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Con.</b>				
Prod. workers in mfg. ind.:					Hours and earnings - Con.				
Total.....thousands	13,699	r13,635	r13,326	p13,067	Average hourly earnings - Con.				
Durable goods.....do..	8,010	r7,945	r7,767	p7,610	Nondurable goods.....dollars	1.57	1.62	1.63	p1.64
Ordnance & acces.....do..	137	r155	r150	p148	Food & kindred prod....do..	1.56	1.62	r1.65	p1.66
Lumber & wood prod....do..	704	r705	r684	p655	Tobacco manufactures...do..	1.18	1.22	r1.24	p1.25
Furniture & fixtures...do..	330	r313	r311	p307	Textile-mill products...do..	1.37	1.37	r1.37	p1.37
Stone, clay, etc.....do..	458	r464	r457	p449	Apparel, etc.....do..	1.31	1.35	1.35	p1.37
Primary metal ind....do..	1,137	r1,103	r1,082	p1,056	Paper & allied prod....do..	1.65	1.71	r1.72	p1.72
Fab. metal prod. <u>1</u> /....do..	922	r930	r908	p871	Printing, etc.....do..	2.15	2.22	2.21	p2.24
Machinery (exc. elec.)...do..	1,301	r1,216	r1,204	p1,202	Chemicals, etc.....do..	1.75	1.84	r1.85	p1.85
Electrical machinery...do..	893	906	r888	p865	Products of petroleum				
Transportation equip...do..	1,484	r1,482	r1,417	p1,407	and coal.....do..	2.17	2.25	r2.27	p2.27
Instruments, etc.....do..	240	241	243	p241	Rubber products.....do..	1.89	1.91	1.92	p1.92
Miscel. mfg. ind....do..	404	430	r424	p412	Leather & leath. prod...do..	1.35	1.39	r1.39	p1.38
Nondurable goods.....do..	5,689	r5,690	r5,559	p5,457	Labor turnover in manufactur-				
Food & kindred prod....do..	1,093	r1,208	r1,140	p1,073	ing establishments:				
Tobacco manufactures...do..	108	r111	r103	p99	Accession rate				
Textile-mill products...do..	1,146	r1,078	r1,056	p1,037	mo. rate per 100 employees	#4.0	r3.3	p2.7	.....
Apparel, etc.....do..	1,114	r1,086	r1,069	p1,074	Separation rate, total...do..	#3.5	4.5	p4.4	.....
Paper & allied prod....do..	441	r452	r450	p447	Discharge.....do..	#.4	.4	p.3	.....
Printing, etc.....do..	505	r514	511	p510	Lay-off.....do..	#.7	1.8	p2.4	.....
Chemicals, etc.....do..	518	512	r509	p503	Quit.....do..	#2.1	2.1	p1.5	.....
Products of petroleum					Military and misc.....do..	#.3	.3	p.3	.....
and coal.....do..	187	186	184	p183					
Rubber products.....do..	219	r209	r205	p201	<b>FINANCE</b>				
Leather & leath. prod...do..	359	r333	r333	p331	Federal Government finance:				
<b>Manufacturing production-</b>					Gross debt (direct), end of				
<b>worker employment indexes:</b>					month.....mil. dol.	267,391	273,386	275,209	275,168
Unadjusted.....1947-49=100	110.8	r110.2	r107.7	p105.6	Interest-bearing, total...do..	265,293	271,291	273,128	272,881
Adjusted.....do..	110.0	108.4	r106.8	p104.9	Public issues.....do..	226,143	230,403	232,115	231,684
<b>Manufacturing production-</b>					Special issues.....do..	39,150	40,888	41,013	41,197
<b>worker payroll index, un-</b>					Noninterest bearing.....do..	2,098	2,095	2,081	2,287
<b>adjusted.....1947-49=100</b>	150.9	149.2	r145.7	p143.2	Obligations guaranteed by				
<b>Hours and earnings:</b>					U. S. Government.....do..	54	66	74	76
Average weekly hours per					<b>LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES</b>				
worker, all mfg.....hours	41.7	40.3	r40.0	p40.1	Lumber (NLMA):				
Durable goods.....do..	42.5	41.0	40.6	p40.8	Prod., total.....mil. bd. ft.	#3,074	3,536	3,075	.....
Nondurable goods.....do..	40.5	39.2	r39.1	p39.2	Softwoods.....do..	#2,380	2,744	2,357	.....
Average weekly earnings,					Shipments, total.....do..	#3,077	3,246	2,869	.....
all manufacturing...dollars	72.14	71.73	r71.60	p71.78	Softwoods.....do..	#2,366	2,596	2,245	.....
Durable goods.....do..	77.78	77.49	76.73	p77.11	Stocks, gross, end of month,				
Nondurable goods.....do..	63.59	63.50	r63.73	p64.29	total.....mil. bd. ft.	#8,327	8,587	8,793	.....
Average hourly earnings,					Softwoods.....do..	#5,113	5,575	5,686	.....
all manufacturing.....do..	1.73	1.78	r1.79	p1.79	<b>RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS</b>				
Durable goods.....do..	1.83	1.89	1.89	p1.89	Tires and tubes:				
Ordnance & acces.....do..	1.84	1.94	r1.92	p1.93	Pneumatic casings:				
Lumber & wood prod....do..	1.57	1.62	r1.61	p1.57	Production.....thousands	#7,361	7,664	6,566	.....
Furniture & fixtures...do..	1.51	1.56	1.56	p1.57	Shipments.....do..	#5,820	7,573	5,085	.....
Stone, clay, etc.....do..	1.67	1.75	r1.76	p1.75	Original equipment....do..	#2,665	3,155	2,221	.....
Primary metal ind....do..	2.01	2.08	2.08	p2.08	Stocks, end of month....do..	#12,272	13,446	14,851	.....
Fab. metal prod. <u>1</u> /....do..	1.81	1.87	r1.87	p1.88	Inner tubes:				
Machinery (exc. elec.)...do..	1.92	1.99	1.99	p1.99	Production.....do..	#5,115	5,752	4,738	.....
Electrical mach.....do..	1.70	1.77	1.78	p1.78	Shipments.....do..	#4,573	5,960	4,006	.....
Transportation equip...do..	2.04	2.09	r2.10	p2.12	Stocks, end of month....do..	#10,910	10,904	11,607	.....
Instruments, etc.....do..	1.77	1.80	r1.81	p1.82					
Miscel. mfg. ind....do..	1.55	1.59	1.60	p1.60					

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