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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1954				ITEM	1954			
	1953 Jan. 17	Jan. 2	Jan. 9	Jan. 16		1953 Jan. 17	Jan. 2	Jan. 9	Jan. 16
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	197.0	189.7	192.9	192.5
All commodities...1947-49=100	*109.9	.....	110.4	110.9	Industrials (420).....do..	213.4	205.2	209.0	208.3
Farm products.....do..	*99.8	.....	95.9	98.5	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*105.5	.....	105.2	106.1	Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,600	1,358	1,357	.....
All other.....do..	*112.9	.....	114.5	114.5	Electric power,by utilities				
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	89.8	89.0	88.5	88.6	mil. kw.-hr.	**8,210	8,198	8,825	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**89	81	95	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	138,778	86,431	143,431	140,052
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bbl.	**6,380	6,100	6,189	.....
thous.	**1,232	#1,961	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,				
State programs.....do..	**1,152	#1,816	.....	.....	quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	139.4	106.2	111.9	110.3
Failures, ind. & comm.number	158	150	202	200	Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**688	478	624	.....
Bond yields, domestic corpor-					Miscellaneous.....do..	**357	252	328	.....
rate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /...percent	3.21	3.39	3.37	3.35					

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Daily averages. ⁴/ Week ended January 23, 1954. * Monthly index for January 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 1,724,000; State programs, 1,589,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	December	October	November	December		December	October	November	December
COMMODITY PRICES					COMMODITY PRICES - Con.				
Wholesale prices (Dept.Labor):					Wholesale prices - Con.				
All commodities...1947-49=100	109.6	110.2	109.8	110.1	Machinery, motive prod. - Con.				
Farm products.....do..	99.2	95.3	r93.7	94.5	Elec. mach.,etc.1947-49=100	119.6	126.5	r126.6	126.7
Fruits and vegetables...do..	112.3	94.2	r94.2	89.7	Motor vehicles.....do..	119.7	118.5	118.5	118.7
Grains.....do..	96.1	87.9	89.3	90.6	Metals & metal prod.....do..	124.0	127.9	127.9	127.6
Livestock, live poultry...do..	86.8	82.0	78.4	83.9	Heating equipment.....do..	113.6	115.8	115.8	115.5
Foods, processed.....do..	104.3	104.7	103.8	104.3	Iron and steel.....do..	127.0	133.4	135.6	132.8
Cereals & bakery prod...do..	106.8	112.0	112.6	112.2	Nonferrous metals.....do..	122.3	122.1	122.3	122.1
Dairy prod.& ice cream...do..	113.0	112.7	113.9	111.3	Nonmetallic minerals,				
Fruits and vegetables...do..	105.0	104.9	r104.7	103.9	structural.....do..	114.6	120.7	120.8	120.8
Meats,poultry & fish...do..	93.9	88.9	86.2	89.6	Clay products.....do..	124.0	132.0	132.1	132.1
Commodities other than farm					Concrete products.....do..	112.7	117.4	117.4	117.2
prod. & foods...1947-49=100	112.9	114.6	114.5	114.6	Gypsum products.....do..	117.7	122.1	122.1	122.1
Chemicals, etc.....do..	103.3	106.7	107.2	107.1	Pulp, paper, etc.....do..	115.9	117.5	117.3	117.1
Chemicals, indust.....do..	112.3	119.5	119.2	118.6	Paper.....do..	124.9	126.6	126.8	126.8
Drugs, etc.....do..	91.3	93.5	93.5	93.8	Rubber and products.....do..	127.7	124.2	124.3	124.8
Fats and oils.....do..	52.8	53.3	58.0	58.5	Tires and tubes.....do..	126.3	130.1	130.1	130.1
Fertilizer materials...do..	113.0	112.9	112.9	113.9	Textile prod., etc.....do..	98.2	96.5	96.2	95.8
Paint, etc.....do..	106.1	107.9	108.2	107.9	Apparel.....do..	98.3	98.7	r98.7	98.0
Fuel, power, etc.....do..	107.2	111.2	r111.2	110.5	Cotton products.....do..	97.7	92.4	91.6	90.9
Coal.....do..	116.1	112.5	112.5	112.5	Silk products.....do..	139.7	135.8	136.5	139.3
Electricity.....do..	98.5	98.5	r99.6	99.6	Synthetic textiles.....do..	87.8	85.9	85.2	85.5
Gas.....do..	104.9	106.6	r106.3	106.3	Wool products.....do..	112.6	111.6	111.5	112.1
Petroleum & prod.....do..	107.9	116.6	116.3	114.9	Tobacco mfrs.& bot.bev...do..	112.1	118.1	118.1	118.1
Furniture, etc.....do..	112.3	114.8	114.9	114.9	Beverages, alcoholic...do..	110.5	114.9	114.9	114.9
Appliances, household...do..	107.5	109.0	109.0	109.0	Cigarettes.....do..	112.0	124.0	124.0	124.0
Furniture, household...do..	113.0	114.2	r114.1	114.1	CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE				
Radios.....do..	95.0	94.8	94.3	94.1	Contract awards (ENR):				
Television sets.....do..	74.9	74.2	74.2	74.2	Engineering construction,				
Hides, skins, etc.....do..	99.0	97.1	r97.1	95.6	value <u>1</u> /.....mil. dol.	907	1,469	794	1,511
Footwear.....do..	112.0	111.7	111.8	111.8	Construction cost indexes:				
Hides and skins.....do..	70.6	64.4	64.3	57.7	The American Appraisal Co.:				
Leather.....do..	92.9	90.4	r90.4	89.1	Avg. 30 cities.....1913=100	567	584	585	585
Lumber & wood prod.....do..	119.7	118.1	r117.3	117.4	Atlanta.....do..	604	640	641	641
Lumber.....do..	119.8	117.2	116.3	116.4	New York.....do..	573	604	609	609
Machinery, motive prod...do..	121.4	124.1	124.2	124.3	San Francisco.....do..	522	524	525	525
Agri. machinery, etc...do..	121.7	122.4	122.5	122.5	St. Louis.....do..	558	572	576	576
Construction mach.....do..	126.3	131.0	r131.1	131.1					

¹/ Revised. ²/ Data for October and December 1953 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1952	1953			ITEM	1952	1953		
	December	October	November	December		December	October	November	December
CONSTRUC. & REAL ESTATE - Con.					FINANCE - Con.				
Construction cost indexes—Con.					Stocks:				
Associated General Contractors (all types)....1913=100	399	418	418	418	Dividend rate per share:				
Engineering News-Record: 1/ Building.....1947-49=100	125.7	129.0	128.9	129.2	Common (200),Moody's..dollars	3.93	4.06	4.08	4.08
Construction.....do..	r129.8	r135.1	135.0	135.5	Industrial (125).....do..	4.16	4.25	4.26	4.27
DOMESTIC TRADE					Public utility (24).....do..	1.92	2.07	2.09	2.09
All retail stores, sales: 2/					Railroad (25).....do..	2.87	3.13	3.21	3.21
Unadjusted, total....mil. dol.	16,910	14,951	14,029	16,641	Banks (15).....do..	2.75	2.83	2.87	2.97
Durable goods:					Insurance (10).....do..	2.98	3.12	3.16	3.26
Automotive group.....do..	2,378	2,926	2,582	2,412	Dividend yields:				
Furniture & appliances.do..	1,039	830	811	974	Common (200),Moody's..percent	5.13	5.59	5.53	5.55
Nondurable goods:					Industrial (125).....do..	5.14	5.60	5.53	5.54
Apparel group.....do..	1,533	902	884	1,409	Public utility (24).....do..	5.07	5.36	5.26	5.28
Drug & prop. stores....do..	513	394	376	519	Railroad (25).....do..	5.56	6.93	7.05	7.43
Eating & drinking					Banks (15).....do..	4.18	4.45	4.28	4.61
places.....do..	1,109	1,134	1,060	1,127	Insurance (10).....do..	2.99	3.35	3.32	3.26
Food group.....do..	3,555	3,567	3,306	3,709	Pref.stocks, 11 high-grade,				
Gasoline serv.stations.do..	872	914	898	921	S&P Corp.....percent	4.11	4.19	4.15	4.20
General-merch. group...do..	2,790	1,714	1,747	2,729	Prices:				
Adjusted, total.....do..	14,410	14,040	14,192	14,100	Combined index (480 stocks),				
Durable goods.....do..	4,871	5,029	5,042	4,720	S&P Corp.....1935-39=100	197.0	183.4	187.5	190.7
Automotive group.....do..	2,617	2,859	2,832	2,645	Industrial (420).....do..	213.7	197.2	202.3	206.2
Furniture & appliances.do..	776	746	752	730	Capital goods (129)...do..	198.5	186.6	192.2	197.0
Nondurable goods.....do..	9,539	9,011	9,150	9,380	Consumers'goods (195)...do..	183.2	168.8	171.0	172.9
Apparel group.....do..	987	805	805	875	Public utility (40)....do..	123.3	122.2	123.6	125.2
Drug & prop. stores....do..	411	383	386	405	Railroad (20).....do..	184.6	156.7	158.5	156.9
Eating & drinking					LEATHER AND PRODUCTS				
places.....do..	1,091	1,070	1,064	1,085	Shoes & slippers, production				
Food group.....do..	3,372	3,400	3,391	3,500	total.....thous. pairs	#38,932	40,121	33,522	.....
Gasoline serv.stations.do..	893	897	919	940	Shoes, etc., exc. athletic,				
General-merch. group...do..	1,690	1,528	1,566	1,595	total.....thous. pairs	#32,659	33,183	28,011	.....
FINANCE					Men's.....do..	#7,866	8,006	6,801	.....
Bank debits, total (345 cen-					Youths' and boys'.....do..	#1,442	1,390	1,124	.....
ters).....mil. dol.	r165,115	r149,738	141,115	168,587	Women's.....do..	#15,580	15,690	12,921	.....
New York City.....do..	63,091	54,152	50,470	65,367	Misses' and children's...do..	#4,882	5,130	4,363	.....
6 other centers.....do..	r35,178	31,778	30,477	35,557	Infants' and babies'....do..	#2,889	2,967	2,802	.....
Bonds:					Slippers for housewear...do..	#5,668	6,407	5,039	.....
Prices:					Athletic.....do..	#237	273	262	.....
Dom.municipal (15 bonds),					Other footwear.....do..	#368	258	210	.....
S&P Corp. dol.per \$100 bond	125.3	119.7	121.4	122.3	METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
U. S. Treasury.....do..	96.32	95.28	94.98	95.85	Steel ingots and steel for				
Yields:					castings:				
Dom.corp.(Moody's)...percent	3.19	3.45	3.38	3.39	Production.....thous. sh. tons	9,691	9,463	8,690	7,937
By ratings: Aaa.....do..	2.97	3.16	3.11	3.13	Percent of capacity.....	106	95	90	80
Aa.....do..	3.05	3.33	3.27	3.28	Copper:				
A.....do..	3.22	3.47	3.40	3.40	Production:				
Baa.....do..	3.51	3.82	3.75	3.74	Mine or smelter.....sh. tons	85,239	92,435	r85,724	88,345
By groups: Industrial.do..	3.04	3.33	3.27	3.28	Refinery.....do..	113,965	126,138	119,230	123,296
Pub. util...do..	3.19	3.46	3.38	3.37	Deliveries, ref., dom....do..	143,088	110,519	100,908	112,244
Railroad...do..	3.34	3.56	3.51	3.52	Stocks,ref.,end of mo....do..	58,858	84,303	93,274	89,193
Dom. municipal (15 bonds)					Zinc, slab:				
S&P Corp.....percent	2.40	2.72	2.62	2.59	Production.....short tons	81,363	84,031	75,830	78,921
U. S. Treasury.....do..	2.75	2.83	2.85	2.79	Shipments, total.....do..	77,352	67,175	68,684	63,924
					Domestic.....do..	71,175	65,470	63,616	56,090
					Stocks, end of month.....do..	87,160	158,417	165,563	180,620

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