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

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954			
	Mar. 7	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Mar. 6	Mar. 7	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Mar. 6		Mar. 7	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Mar. 6	Mar. 7	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Mar. 6
Commodity prices, wholesale:									Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	195.9	199.2	198.9	203.0				
All commodities...1947-49=100	*109.6	110.5	110.5	110.6					Industrials (420).....do..	212.0	215.8	215.5	220.5				
Farm products.....do..	*97.9	98.0	98.1	99.0					Production:								
Foods, processed.....do..	*105.2	105.1	105.2	105.2					Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,435	1,208	1,126	.....				
All other.....do..	*113.1	114.4	114.3	114.3					Electric power,by utilities								
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	90.0	87.8	87.9	87.9					mil. kw.-hr.	**8,070	8,551	8,396	.....				
Department store sales.....do..	**93	86	90	.....					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	148,827	136,682	134,615	127,888				
Insured unemployment, total									Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bbl.	**6,424	6,217	6,199	.....				
thous.	**1,194	#2,359	.....	.....					Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	140.8	110.7	109.3	105.0				
State programs.....do..	**1,103	#2,168	.....	.....					Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**669	619	595	.....				
Failures, ind. & comm.number	180	215	204	223					Miscellaneous.....do..	**370	337	331	.....				
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /....percent	3.29	3.23	3.21	3.18													

<sup>1</sup>/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended March 13, 1954. \* Monthly index for February 1953. \*\* For week corresponding to latest. # For preceding week: Total, 2,368,000; State programs, 2,178,000.

### MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953		1954		ITEM	1953		1954	
	February	December	January	February		February	December	January	February
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>					<b>COMMODITY PRICES - Con.</b>				
Manufacturers' sales and inventories - value (adj.):					Prices paid by farmers - Con.				
Sales, total.....mil. dol.	#24,507	r24,126	23,705	.....	All commodities and services, interest, taxes & wage rates				
Durable goods.....do..	#12,508	r11,576	11,441	.....	1910-14=100	281	278	282	282
Nondurable goods.....do..	#11,999	r12,550	12,264	.....	Parity ratio.....do..	94	91	92	91
Inventories, book value, end of month, total.....mil. dol.	#44,330	r46,722	46,412	.....	<b>CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>				
Durable goods.....do..	#24,565	r26,752	26,535	.....	New construction, total				
Nondurable goods.....do..	#19,765	r19,970	19,877	.....	mil. dol.	2,287	2,661	r2,428	2,317
Manufacturers' new orders, net (adj.), total.....mil. dol.	#24,519	r22,026	20,256	.....	Private, total.....do..	1,574	1,908	r1,717	1,643
Durable goods.....do..	#12,454	r9,567	8,002	.....	Residential (nonfarm).....do..	758	952	r830	771
Nondurable goods.....do..	#12,065	r12,459	12,254	.....	New dwelling units.....do..	675	850	r740	680
Manufacturers' unfilled orders (unadj.), total.....mil. dol.	#76,178	r58,308	55,832	.....	Additions, etc.....do..	64	78	67	69
Durable goods.....do..	#72,928	r55,959	53,443	.....	Nonresidential building, total, exc. farm and public utility.....mil. dol.	433	505	r486	476
Nondurable goods.....do..	#3,250	r2,349	2,389	.....	Industrial.....do..	204	176	r179	177
<b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>					Commercial.....do..	111	182	164	158
Prices rec'd by farmers, all farm products....1910-14=100	264	254	259	258	Farm construction.....do..	100	88	87	89
Crops.....do..	249	238	240	237	Public utility.....do..	275	354	307	300
Food grains.....do..	241	230	233	236	Public, total.....do..	713	753	r711	674
Feed grains and hay.....do..	214	205	207	208	Residential.....do..	48	39	35	34
Tobacco.....do..	424	427	420	443	Nonresidential building.....do..	323	336	r341	339
Cotton.....do..	256	260	254	258	Military and naval.....do..	106	92	r76	62
Fruit.....do..	203	237	222	210	Highway.....do..	110	145	125	110
Commercial vegetables.....do..	275	224	271	233	Conservation, etc.....do..	56	56	51	45
Oil-bearing crops.....do..	287	269	268	269	Value of contracts awarded (Federal Reserve indexes):				
Livestock and products.....do..	277	269	277	277	Total, unadj.....1947-49=100	#156	168	156	.....
Meat animals.....do..	305	285	309	315	Residential, unadj.....do..	#144	r151	151	.....
Dairy products.....do..	284	282	274	267	Total, adjusted.....do..	#190	r208	190	.....
Poultry and eggs.....do..	206	218	213	208	Residential, adjusted.....do..	#173	r177	181	.....
Prices paid by farmers:					Construction cost indexes:				
All commodities and services					The American Appraisal Co.:				
1910-14=100	264	260	263	264	Avg. 30 cities.....1913=100	567	585	584	585
Family living items.....do..	266	270	271	271	Atlanta.....do..	611	641	641	641
Production items.....do..	261	250	254	255	New York.....do..	574	609	623	624
					San Francisco.....do..	523	525	522	522
					St. Louis.....do..	559	576	576	576

<sup>r</sup>/ Revised. # January 1953 data.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued**

ITEM	1953		1954		ITEM	1953			1954
	February	December	January	February		January	November	December	January
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>					<b>FOODSTUFFS</b>				
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:					Fermented malt liquors:				
Accession rate					Production.....thous. bbl.	6,621	5,649	5,954	5,797
mo. rate per 100 employees	#4.4	r2.1	p2.8	.....	Tax-paid withdrawals....do..	5,707	5,644	6,176	5,162
Separation rate, total...do..	#3.8	r4.0	p4.1	.....	Stocks, end of month....do..	9,606	9,830	9,223	9,498
Discharge.....do..	#.3	.2	p.2	.....	Coffee, vis. supply.thous.bags	712	778	723	1,009
Lay-off.....do..	#.9	r2.5	p2.5	.....	<b>LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES</b>				
Quit.....do..	#2.1	1.1	p1.1	.....	Lumber (NLMA):				
Military and misc.....do..	#.4	.2	p.3	.....	Prod., total.....mil. bd. ft.	2,977	3,075	2,873	2,749
<b>FINANCE</b>					Softwoods.....do..	2,317	2,357	2,235	2,106
Bonds:					Shipments, total.....do..	3,043	2,869	2,701	2,604
Prices:					Softwoods.....do..	2,335	2,245	2,151	2,078
Average price of all listed bonds (NYSE) <u>/</u> ....dollars	#97.66	98.32	99.32	.....	Stocks, gross, end of month, total.....mil. bd. ft.	8,221	8,793	8,967	9,132
Domestic.....do..	#98.09	98.74	99.74	.....	Softwoods.....do..	5,068	5,686	5,773	5,821
Foreign.....do..	#75.50	76.30	77.17	.....	<b>PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING</b>				
Dom. municipal (15 bonds), S&P Corp. dol.per \$100 bond	122.8	122.3	123.6	125.4	Wood pulp:				
Value, issues listed NYSE:					Production, total, all grades				
Market value, all issues <u>/</u> mil. dol.	#100,116	99,828	101,246	.....	thous. short tons	1,477	1,504	1,337	1,497
Domestic.....do..	#98,200	97,871	99,162	.....	Sulphate (paper grades).do..	785	831	721	807
Foreign.....do..	#1,428	1,406	1,421	.....	Sulphite (paper grades).do..	206	192	185	202
Face value, all issues <u>/</u> mil. dol.	#102,510	101,539	101,936	.....	Groundwood.....do..	209	189	191	204
Domestic.....do..	#100,109	99,122	99,419	.....	Stocks, end of month, total, all grades.....short tons	164,777	156,634	148,629	155,081
Foreign.....do..	#1,891	1,842	1,842	.....	Sulphate (paper grades).do..	46,920	43,766	41,252	42,188
Yield:					Sulphite (paper grades).do..	35,175	29,492	32,808	33,457
Dom. municipal (15 bonds), S&P Corp.....percent	2.54	2.59	2.50	2.39	Groundwood.....do..	28,094	25,980	27,298	28,436
Stocks:					<b>RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS</b>				
Dividend yield, preferred stocks, 11 high-grade (S&P Corp.).....percent	4.21	4.20	4.15	4.08	Natural rubber:				
Prices:					Consumption.....long tons	47,766	43,251	r42,400	47,170
Dow-Jones & Co., Inc. (65 stocks)....dol. per share	111.21	106.74	103.86	111.55	Stocks, end of month....do..	97,730	112,677	r112,316	112,181
Industrial (30).....do..	283.94	281.15	286.64	292.13	Synthetic rubber:				
Public utility (15)....do..	52.57	52.54	53.33	54.39	Production.....do..	69,482	57,221	59,373	57,299
Railroad (20).....do..	109.03	96.37	98.17	102.44	Consumption.....do..	72,810	52,670	r50,902	50,120
Combined index (480 stocks), S&P Corp.....1935-39=100	195.9	190.7	195.4	199.6	Stocks, end of month....do..	117,875	166,523	r175,845	181,228
Industrial (420).....do..	212.0	206.2	211.9	216.5	Tires and tubes:				
Capital goods (129)....do..	197.4	197.0	201.0	204.8	Pneumatic casings:				
Consumers' goods (195).do..	183.4	172.9	177.0	178.1	Production.....thousands	8,238	6,566	6,481	6,299
Public utility (40)....do..	124.4	125.2	126.7	128.8	Shipments.....do..	7,882	5,085	5,667	7,002
Railroad (20).....do..	181.4	156.9	159.5	165.8	Original equipment....do..	3,004	2,221	2,620	2,891
Shares listed on NYSE:					Stocks, end of month....do..	14,118	14,854	15,720	14,977
Market value.....mil. dol.	#120,483	117,257	123,190	.....	Inner tubes:				
No. shares listed...millions	#2,802	2,927	2,931	.....	Production.....do..	r6,195	4,738	4,533	5,395
<b>ELECTRIC POWER</b>					Shipments.....do..	r7,584	4,006	4,625	6,834
Electric power, production, total.....mil. kw.-hr.	#42,656	45,052	45,478	.....	Stocks, end of month....do..	r10,284	11,611	11,564	10,107
Utilities.....do..	#36,663	39,062	39,423	.....	<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>				
Industrial establish....do..	#5,994	5,990	6,055	.....	Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number	565,172	452,487	482,920	549,946
					Coaches, total.....do..	254	371	424	401
					Domestic.....do..	218	288	393	361
					Passenger cars, total....do..	453,319	378,406	387,844	453,378
					Domestic.....do..	435,129	369,994	371,844	433,876
					Trucks, total.....do..	111,599	73,710	94,652	96,167
					Domestic.....do..	97,879	64,781	80,224	83,563

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