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

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954			
	Apr. 4	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 3		Apr. 4	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 3
Commodity prices, wholesale:									Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	193.1	204.7	203.9	208.3				
All commodities...1947-49=100	*110.0	110.6	110.8	110.9	Industrials (420).....do..	209.2	222.6	221.7	227.4								
Farm products.....do..	*99.8	98.8	99.6	99.9	Production:												
Foods, processed.....do..	*104.1	104.7	104.8	105.0	Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,394	1,125	1,112	.....								
All other.....do..	*113.4	114.3	114.4	114.4	Electric power,by utilities												
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	89.5	87.9	90.3	91.7	mil. kw.-hr.	**8,075	8,572	8,491	.....								
Department store sales...do..	**112	95	100	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)...No.	160,736	144,698	139,185	135,407								
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bbl.	**6,384	6,354	6,344	.....								
thous.	**1,089	#2,390	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,												
State programs.....do..	**1,004	#2,176	.....	.....	quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	136.3	100.4	101.1	102.6								
Failures, ind. & comm.number	171	243	277	267	Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**715	610	601	.....								
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Miscellaneous.....do..	**400	334	332	.....								
rate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /...percent	3.35	3.13	3.13	3.12													

<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 April 10, 1954. \* Monthly index for March 1953. \*\* For week corresponding to latest. # Data for preceding week follow: Total, 2,399,000; State programs, 2,187,000.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954			
	March	January	February	March	March	January	February	March		March	January	February	March	March	January	February	March
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS								CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE									
Manufacturers' sales, inven-								New construction,total.mil.dol.	2,527	2,428	2,317	2,538					
tories, and orders - value:								Private, total.....do..	1,729	1,717	1,638	1,765					
Sales, total <u>1</u> /...mil. dol.	#24,724	r23,864	23,643	.....	Residential (nonfarm).....do..	863	830	r766	854								
Durable goods.....do..	#12,666	r11,580	11,366	.....	New dwelling units.....do..	770	740	680	765								
Nondurable goods.....do..	#12,058	r12,284	12,277	.....	Additions, etc.....do..	74	67	r64	68								
Inventories, book value, end					Nonresid.bldg.,total <u>3</u> /...do..	430	486	476	470								
of month,total <u>1</u> /...mil. dol.	#44,581	r46,388	46,069	.....	Industrial.....do..	198	179	177	172								
Durable goods.....do..	#24,760	r26,526	26,132	.....	Commercial.....do..	114	164	158	156								
Nondurable goods.....do..	#19,821	r19,862	19,937	.....	Farm construction.....do..	108	87	89	96								
New orders, net,total <u>1</u> /...do..	#24,513	r20,711	21,854	.....	Public utility.....do..	320	307	300	338								
Durable goods.....do..	#12,416	r8,475	9,531	.....	Public, total.....do..	798	711	r679	773								
Nondurable goods.....do..	#12,097	r12,236	12,323	.....	Residential.....do..	47	35	34	34								
Unfilled orders,total <u>2</u> /...do..	#76,122	r56,128	54,500	.....	Nonresidential building.do..	359	341	339	363								
Durable goods.....do..	#72,850	r53,776	52,121	.....	Military and naval.....do..	111	76	62	75								
Nondurable goods.....do..	#3,272	r2,352	2,379	.....	Highway.....do..	140	125	r115	155								
COMMODITY PRICES								EMPLOYMENT									
Prices rec'd by farmers, all								Labor force (Bureau Census): <u>4</u> /									
farm products...1910-14=100	264	259	258	256	Civilian labor force.....thous.	63,134	62,840	63,725	63,825								
Crops.....do..	252	240	237	239	Employed.....do..	61,460	59,753	r60,055	60,100								
Food grains.....do..	247	233	236	238	Agricultural.....do..	r5,920	5,284	r5,704	5,875								
Feed grains and hay.....do..	215	207	208	208	Nonagricultural.....do..	r55,540	54,469	r54,351	54,225								
Tobacco.....do..	424	420	443	443	Unemployed.....do..	1,674	3,087	3,671	3,725								
Cotton.....do..	268	254	258	263	Labor turnover in mfg. establ:												
Fruit.....do..	209	222	210	212	Accession rate												
Commercial vegetables.....do..	267	271	233	246	mo. rate per 100 employees	#4.2	2.8	p2.6	.....								
Oil-bearing crops.....do..	291	268	269	275	Separation rate, total.....do..	#3.6	r4.3	p3.6	.....								
Livestock and products.....do..	274	277	277	271	Discharge.....do..	#.4	.2	p.2	.....								
Meat animals.....do..	301	309	315	316	Lay-off.....do..	#.8	r2.8	p2.3	.....								
Dairy products.....do..	276	274	267	257	Quit.....do..	#2.2	1.1	p1.0	.....								
Poultry and eggs.....do..	217	213	208	188	Military and misc.....do..	#.4	.3	p.1	.....								
Prices paid by farmers:																	
All commod. & services.....do..	265	263	264	264													
Family living items.....do..	269	271	271	272													
Production items.....do..	261	254	255	255													
All commodities and services,																	
interest, taxes & wage rates																	
1910-14=100	282	282	282	283													
Parity ratio.....do..	94	92	91	90													

<sup>r</sup>/ Revised. <sup>p</sup>/ Preliminary. # February 1953 data. <sup>1</sup>/ Adjusted. <sup>2</sup>/ Unadjusted. <sup>3</sup>/ Except farm and public utility. <sup>4</sup>/ See note on corresponding item in March 1954 SURVEY.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued**

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953		1954	
	March	January	February	March		February	December	January	February
<b>FINANCE</b>					<b>CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS</b>				
Life insurance (LIAA):					Alcohol, ethyl:				
Assets, admitted, 49 companies, total.....mil. dol.	#r65,079	68,989	69,337	.....	Production.....thous. proof gal.	45,013	26,312	27,112	23,912
Bonds & stocks, total.....do..	#r40,631	42,607	42,801	.....	Stocks, total.....do..	r77,702	54,152	51,403	47,590
Government (domestic and foreign), total.....mil. dol.	#r10,982	10,509	10,541	.....	In industrial alcohol				
U. S. Government.....do..	#8,908	8,407	8,414	.....	bonded warehouses.....do..	56,948	35,762	33,204	28,138
Public utility.....do..	#r11,611	12,325	12,447	.....	In denaturing plants.....do..	20,753	18,390	18,199	19,452
Railroad.....do..	#3,402	3,505	3,507	.....	Used for denaturation.....do..	40,320	27,880	28,122	26,171
Other.....do..	#r14,635	16,267	16,307	.....	Withdrawn tax-paid.....do..	1,892	962	982	1,113
Cash.....do..	#r774	889	793	.....	Alcohol, denatured:				
Mortgage loans, total.....do..	#r17,888	19,410	19,525	.....	Production.....thous. wine gal.	r21,652	15,149	15,213	14,171
Farm.....do..	#1,524	1,674	1,685	.....	Consump. (withdrawals).....do..	17,583	17,451	16,210	13,332
Other.....do..	#r16,364	17,736	17,840	.....	Stocks.....do..	r9,659	6,412	5,421	6,603
Policy loans and premium notes.....do..	#2,318	2,447	2,460	.....	<b>ELECTRIC POWER</b>				
Real-estate holdings.....do..	#r1,664	1,769	1,778	.....	Electric power, production, total.....mil. kw.-hr.	39,165	45,052	45,478	40,887
Other admitted assets.....do..	#1,804	1,868	1,980	.....	Utilities.....do..	33,597	39,062	39,423	35,211
Bonds:					Industrial establish.....do..	5,567	5,990	6,055	5,676
Prices:					<b>FOODSTUFFS</b>				
Average price of all listed bonds (NYSE) <u>/</u> .....dollars	#97.15	99.32	100.28	.....	Fermented malt liquors:				
Domestic.....do..	#97.56	99.74	100.68	.....	Production.....thous. bbl.	6,191	5,954	5,797	5,909
Foreign.....do..	#75.81	77.17	77.49	.....	Tax-paid withdrawals.....do..	5,630	6,176	5,162	5,434
Dom. municipal (15 bonds), S&P Corp. dol.per \$100 bond	121.6	123.6	125.4	125.6	Stocks, end of month.....do..	r9,795	9,223	9,498	9,605
Value, issues listed NYSE:					Distilled spirits:				
Market value, all issues <u>/</u> mil. dol.	#100,117	101,246	107,646	.....	Production.....thous. tax gal.	r9,599	15,930	13,120	14,405
Domestic.....do..	#98,211	99,162	105,557	.....	Tax-paid withdrawals.....do..	9,124	10,479	8,650	10,156
Foreign.....do..	#1,432	1,421	1,424	.....	Stocks, end of month.....do..	890,328	859,297	861,381	862,917
Face value, all issues <u>/</u> mil. dol.	#103,055	101,936	107,346	.....	Whisky:				
Domestic.....do..	#100,666	99,419	104,843	.....	Production.....do..	6,939	9,270	8,301	9,020
Foreign.....do..	#1,890	1,842	1,838	.....	Tax-paid withdrawals.....do..	5,307	5,982	4,878	5,315
Yield:					Stocks, end of month.....do..	733,138	716,439	717,441	718,413
Dom. municipal (15 bonds), S&P Corp.....percent	2.61	2.50	2.39	2.38	Rectified spirits & wines, prod., total.....thous. proof gal.	6,634	6,885	5,533	5,745
Stocks:					Whisky.....do..	5,721	5,850	4,634	4,834
Dividend yield, preferred stocks, 11 high-grade (S&P Corp.).....percent	4.23	4.15	4.08	4.04	<b>RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS</b>				
Prices:					Natural rubber:				
Dow-Jones & Co., Inc. (65 stocks).....dol. per share	112.41	103.86	111.55	113.11	Consumption.....long tons	45,231	42,400	r46,960	46,604
Industrial (30).....do..	286.79	286.64	292.13	299.15	Stocks, end of month.....do..	94,151	112,316	r112,679	114,898
Public utility (15).....do..	53.19	53.33	54.39	55.64	Synthetic rubber:				
Railroad (20).....do..	110.24	98.17	102.44	101.38	Production.....do..	66,970	59,373	57,299	53,356
S&P Corp., combined index (480 stocks).... 1935-39=100	198.0	195.4	199.6	204.9	Consumption.....do..	68,888	50,902	r50,173	48,806
Industrial (420).....do..	214.5	211.9	216.5	222.9	Stocks, end of month.....do..	114,099	175,845	r180,839	184,081
Capital goods (129).....do..	199.8	201.0	204.8	211.7	<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>				
Consumers' goods (195).....do..	185.3	177.0	178.1	180.5	Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number	583,001	482,920	549,946	p524,413
Public utility (40).....do..	124.9	126.7	128.8	131.0	Coaches, total.....do..	190	424	401	p326
Railroad (20).....do..	184.5	159.5	165.8	165.4	Domestic.....do..	189	393	361	p320
Shares listed on NYSE:					Passenger cars, total.....do..	486,071	387,844	453,378	p442,004
Market value.....mil. dol.	#119,749	123,190	124,906	.....	Domestic.....do..	467,440	371,844	433,876	p420,929
No. shares listed.....millions	#2,814	2,931	2,937	.....	Trucks, total.....do..	96,740	94,652	96,167	p82,083
					Domestic.....do..	86,212	80,224	83,563	p70,060

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