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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

| ITEM | 1953 | | | | 1954 | | | | ITEM | 1953 | | | | 1954 | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--|
| | Apr. 11 | Mar. 27 | Apr. 3 | Apr. 10 | Apr. 11 | Mar. 27 | Apr. 3 | Apr. 10 | | Apr. 11 | Mar. 27 | Apr. 3 | Apr. 10 | Apr. 11 | Mar. 27 | Apr. 3 | Apr. 10 | |
| Commodity prices, wholesale: | | | | | | | | | Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100 | 190.8 | 203.9 | 208.3 | 209.2 | | | | | |
| All commodities..1947-49=100 | *109.4 | ..... | 110.9 | 110.9 | | | | | Industrials (420).....do.. | 206.8 | 221.7 | 227.4 | 228.8 | | | | | |
| Farm products.....do.. | *98.5 | ..... | 99.9 | 100.4 | | | | | Production: | | | | | | | | | |
| Foods, processed.....do.. | *104.5 | ..... | 105.0 | 104.6 | | | | | Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /.thous.sh.tons | **1,346 | 1,112 | 1,106 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |
| All other.....do.. | *113.4 | | 114.4 | 114.6 | | | | | Electric power,by utilities | mil. kw.-hr. | **8,019 | 8,491 | 8,463 | | | | | |
| 22 commodities <u>2</u> /.do.. | 88.2 | 90.3 | 91.7 | 91.4 | | | | | Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No. | 164,933 | 139,185 | 138,591 | 141,332 | | | | | |
| Department store sales...do.. | **118 | 100 | ..... | ..... |  |  |  |  | Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /.thous.bb1. | **6,243 | 6,344 | 6,378 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Insured unemployment, total | | | | | | | | | Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) <u>4</u> /.1947-49=100 | 138.8 | 101.1 | 102.6 | 101.0 | | | | | |
| thous. | **1,056 | #2,349 | ..... | ..... |  |  |  |  | Freight car loadings.thous.cars | **705 | 601 | 599 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |
| State programs.....do.. | **976 | #2,133 | ..... | ..... |  |  |  |  | Miscellaneous.....do.. | **384 | 332 | 339 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Failures, ind. & comm.number | 140 | 277 | 267 | 246 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bond yields, domestic corpor- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.percent | 3.37 | 3.13 | 3.12 | 3.12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended April 17, 1954. * Monthly index for April 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest. # Data for preceding week follow: Total, 2,391,000; State programs, 2,176,000.

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 | | | | | | | | DOMESTIC TRADE - Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farm income and marketings: | | | | | | | | | All retail stores,sales <u>2</u> -Con. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash receipts from farming, inc.Gov't paym'ts...mil.dol. | #1,918 | 2,649 | 1,942 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Adjusted, total.....mil. dol. | 14,437 | r13,622 | 13,932 | 13,670 | | | | | | | |
| Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do.. | #1,902 | 2,631 | 1,928 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Durable goods.....do.. | 5,211 | r4,436 | 4,710 | 4,600 | | | | | | | |
| Crops.....do.. | #643 | 1,218 | 664 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Automotive group.....do.. | 2,802 | r2,285 | 2,516 | 2,510 | | | | | | | |
| Livestock and products, total.....mil. dol. | #1,259 | 1,413 | 1,264 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Furniture & appliances.do.. | 768 | r784 | 756 | 745 | | | | | | | |
| Dairy products.....do.. | #311 | 330 | 297 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Nondurable goods.....do.. | 9,225 | r9,186 | 9,221 | 9,070 | | | | | | | |
| Meat animals.....do.. | #680 | 790 | 680 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Apparel group.....do.. | 916 | r845 | 863 | 810 | | | | | | | |
| Poultry and eggs.....do.. | #256 | 272 | 267 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Drug & prop. stores....do.. | 397 | r430 | 414 | 415 | | | | | | | |
| Indexes of cash receipts from marketings, etc. <u>1</u> /1935-39=100 | #287 | 397 | 291 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Food group.....do.. | 3,376 | r3,378 | 3,395 | 3,370 | | | | | | | |
| Crops.....do.. | #227 | 430 | 235 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Gasoline serv.stations.do.. | 845 | r936 | 913 | 920 | | | | | | | |
| Livestock and products..do.. | #331 | 372 | 333 | ..... |  |  |  |  | General-merch. group...do.. | 1,582 | r1,505 | 1,527 | 1,505 | | | | | | | |
| Indexes, volume of farm marketings, etc. <u>1</u> /.do.. | #118 | 160 | 122 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Dept.store sales, U.S. total: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crops.....do.. | #90 | r169 | 99 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Unadjusted index..1947-49=100 | 103 | 83 | p85 | e91 | | | | | | | |
| Livestock and products..do.. | #138 | 154 | 139 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Adjusted index.....do.. | 115 | r107 | p109 | e107 | | | | | | | |
| COMMODITY PRICES | | | | | | | | EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail price (Dept. Comm.): | | | | | | | | | Employees in nonagr. establ., total, unadj.....thousands | 48,685 | r47,721 | r47,422 | p47,288 | | | | | | | |
| All commodities...1935-39=100 | #207.8 | 209.5 | 208.9 | ..... |  |  |  |  | Manufacturing.....do.. | 17,135 | r16,158 | r16,034 | p15,873 | | | | | | | |
| DOMESTIC TRADE | | | | | | | | | | | | Mining.....do.. | 846 | 792 | r777 | p760 | | | | |
| All retail stores, sales: <u>2</u> / | | | | | | | | | Contract construction....do.. | 2,301 | r2,247 | r2,248 | p2,282 | | | | | | | |
| Unadjusted, total.....mil. dol. | 13,956 | r12,339 | 12,062 | 13,303 | | | | | Transp. & pub. util.....do.. | 4,235 | 4,137 | r4,103 | p4,050 | | | | | | | |
| Durable goods: | | | | | | | | | Wholesale & retail trade.do.. | 10,284 | r10,365 | r10,250 | p10,252 | | | | | | | |
| Automotive group.....do.. | 2,848 | r2,124 | 2,266 | 2,539 | | | | | Finance, ins.& real est..do.. | 1,993 | r2,052 | r2,060 | p2,071 | | | | | | | |
| Furniture & appliances.do.. | 676 | r670 | 633 | 677 | | | | | Service & miscellaneous..do.. | 5,225 | r5,224 | 5,225 | p5,251 | | | | | | | |
| Nondurable goods: | | | | | | | | | Government.....do.. | 6,666 | 6,746 | 6,725 | p6,749 | | | | | | | |
| Apparel group.....do.. | 893 | r678 | 593 | 712 | | | | | Prod. workers in mfg. ind.: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drug & prop. stores....do.. | 381 | r407 | 393 | 408 | | | | | Total.....thousands | 13,831 | r12,793 | r12,683 | p12,541 | | | | | | | |
| Food group.....do.. | 3,301 | r3,357 | 3,111 | 3,345 | | | | | Durable goods.....do.. | 8,211 | r7,477 | r7,375 | p7,238 | | | | | | | |
| Gasoline serv.stations.do.. | 810 | r855 | 798 | 873 | | | | | Ordnance & acces.....do.. | 147 | r144 | r132 | p121 | | | | | | | |
| General-merch. group...do.. | 1,466 | r1,167 | 1,141 | 1,344 | | | | | Lumber & wood prod.....do.. | 688 | r616 | r621 | p612 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Furniture & fixtures....do.. | 333 | r293 | r290 | p286 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Stone, clay, etc.....do.. | 459 | 426 | r425 | p426 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Primary metal ind.....do.. | 1,145 | r1,035 | r1,014 | p991 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Fab. metal prod. <u>3</u> /.do.. | 952 | r877 | r866 | p847 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Machinery (exc. elec.)do.. | 1,335 | r1,193 | r1,188 | p1,174 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Electrical machinery...do.. | 925 | r829 | r816 | p802 | | | | | | | |

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

| ITEM | 1953 | | | | 1954 | | | | ITEM | 1953 | | | | 1954 | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------|----------|--------|--------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|-------|---------|----------|-------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| | March | January | February | March | March | January | February | March | | March | January | February | March | March | January | February | March |
| EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES - Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prod. workers in mfg. ind.-Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Durable goods - Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transportation equip...thous. | 1,574 | r1,441 | r1,400 | p1,375 | Federal Government finance: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instruments, etc.....do.. | 244 | 236 | r231 | p221 | Gross debt (direct), end of | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Miscel. mfg. ind.....do.. | 410 | r387 | r393 | p385 | month.....mil. dol. | 264,485 | 274,849 | 274,782 | 270,235 | | | | | | | | |
| Nondurable goods.....do.. | 5,620 | r5,316 | r5,308 | p5,303 | Interest-bearing, total..do.. | 262,380 | 272,632 | 272,536 | 267,823 | | | | | | | | |
| Food & kindred prod.....do.. | 1,025 | r1,011 | r992 | p992 | Public issues.....do.. | 223,025 | 231,623 | 231,466 | 226,821 | | | | | | | | |
| Tobacco manufactures...do.. | 87 | 99 | r92 | p86 | Special issues.....do.. | 39,354 | 41,009 | 41,070 | 41,002 | | | | | | | | |
| Textile-mill products...do.. | 1,134 | r1,004 | r1,003 | p1,000 | Noninterest bearing.....do.. | 2,105 | 2,216 | 2,246 | 2,412 | | | | | | | | |
| Apparel, etc.....do.. | 1,139 | r1,050 | r1,070 | p1,079 | Obligations guaranteed by | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paper & allied prod.....do.. | 439 | r442 | r441 | p442 | U. S. Government.....do.. | 51 | 75 | 77 | 77 | | | | | | | | |
| Printing, etc.....do.. | 499 | r502 | 499 | p500 | Bonds: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chemicals, etc.....do.. | 526 | 500 | r498 | p496 | Price, U. S. Treasury | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Products of petroleum | | | | | dol. per \$100 bond | 94.31 | 97.42 | 98.62 | 99.87 | | | | | | | | |
| and coal.....do.. | 186 | r178 | r178 | p177 | Yields: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rubber products.....do.. | 221 | 199 | r197 | p194 | Dom. corp. (Moody's)...percent | 3.31 | 3.34 | 3.23 | 3.14 | | | | | | | | |
| Leather & leath. prod...do.. | 363 | r332 | r338 | p336 | By ratings: Aaa.....do.. | 3.12 | 3.06 | 2.95 | 2.86 | | | | | | | | |
| Mfg. prod.-worker indexes: | | | | | Aa.....do.. | 3.18 | 3.22 | 3.12 | 3.03 | | | | | | | | |
| Employment: | | | | | A.....do.. | 3.36 | 3.35 | 3.25 | 3.16 | | | | | | | | |
| Unadjusted.....1947-49=100 | 111.8 | r103.4 | 102.5 | p101.4 | Baa.....do.. | 3.57 | 3.71 | 3.61 | 3.51 | | | | | | | | |
| Adjusted.....do.. | 112.0 | r103.9 | 102.7 | p101.6 | By groups: Industrial..do.. | 3.16 | 3.23 | 3.12 | 3.05 | | | | | | | | |
| Payrolls, unadjusted.....do.. | 151.9 | r138.6 | r137.3 | p135.1 | Pub. util...do.. | 3.33 | 3.31 | 3.23 | 3.14 | | | | | | | | |
| Hours and earnings: | | | | | Railroad...do.. | 3.43 | 3.47 | 3.35 | 3.24 | | | | | | | | |
| Average weekly hours per | | | | | U. S. Treasury.....do.. | 2.89 | 2.68 | 2.60 | 2.51 | | | | | | | | |
| worker, all mfg.....hours | 41.1 | 39.4 | r39.6 | p39.4 | Stocks: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Durable goods.....do.. | 41.9 | r40.1 | r40.2 | p39.9 | Dividend rate per share: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nondurable goods.....do.. | 40.0 | 38.5 | r38.8 | p38.8 | Common (200), Moody's, dollars | 3.96 | 4.11 | 4.14 | 4.14 | | | | | | | | |
| Average weekly earnings, | | | | | Industrial (125).....do.. | 4.16 | 4.30 | 4.34 | 4.34 | | | | | | | | |
| all manufacturing.....dollars | 71.93 | 70.92 | r70.88 | p70.53 | Public utility (24)....do.. | 1.95 | 2.09 | 2.11 | 2.13 | | | | | | | | |
| Durable goods.....do.. | 77.52 | r76.59 | r76.38 | p75.81 | Railroad (25).....do.. | 3.01 | 3.25 | 3.24 | 3.11 | | | | | | | | |
| Nondurable goods.....do.. | 63.60 | 63.53 | r63.63 | p63.63 | Banks (15).....do.. | 2.82 | 3.01 | 3.01 | 3.01 | | | | | | | | |
| Average hourly earnings, | | | | | Insurance (10).....do.. | 3.07 | 3.26 | 3.28 | 3.37 | | | | | | | | |
| all manufacturing.....do.. | 1.75 | 1.80 | 1.79 | p1.79 | Dividend yields: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Durable goods.....do.. | 1.85 | 1.91 | 1.90 | p1.90 | Common (200), Moody's, percent | 5.34 | 5.33 | 5.32 | 5.14 | | | | | | | | |
| Ordnance & acces.....do.. | 1.88 | 1.94 | 1.95 | p1.97 | Industrial (125).....do.. | 5.36 | 5.28 | 5.29 | 5.07 | | | | | | | | |
| Lumber & wood prod.....do.. | 1.57 | r1.58 | 1.58 | p1.57 | Public utility (24)....do.. | 5.16 | 5.11 | 5.09 | 5.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Furniture & fixtures...do.. | 1.53 | 1.56 | 1.56 | p1.56 | Railroad (25).....do.. | 6.07 | 6.98 | 6.92 | 6.70 | | | | | | | | |
| Stone, clay, etc.....do.. | 1.70 | 1.76 | 1.75 | p1.75 | Banks (15).....do.. | 4.33 | 4.72 | 4.77 | 4.81 | | | | | | | | |
| Primary metal ind.....do.. | 2.02 | 2.08 | 2.06 | p2.06 | Insurance (10).....do.. | 3.29 | 3.20 | 3.08 | 3.17 | | | | | | | | |
| Fab. metal prod. 1/.....do.. | 1.83 | 1.89 | r1.89 | p1.88 | LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Machinery (exc. elec.)...do.. | 1.95 | 2.00 | r2.00 | p2.00 | Lumber (NLMA): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electrical mach.....do.. | 1.74 | 1.80 | r1.80 | p1.80 | Prod., total.....mil. bd. ft. | #2,945 | 2,749 | 2,901 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation equip...do.. | 2.05 | 2.12 | r2.12 | p2.11 | Softwoods.....do.. | #2,265 | 2,106 | 2,221 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Instruments, etc.....do.. | 1.76 | r1.81 | 1.82 | p1.80 | Shipments, total.....do.. | #2,955 | 2,604 | 2,808 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Miscel. mfg. ind.....do.. | 1.56 | 1.61 | r1.60 | p1.61 | Softwoods.....do.. | #2,214 | 2,079 | 2,196 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nondurable goods.....do.. | 1.59 | 1.65 | 1.64 | p1.64 | Stocks, gross, total.....do.. | #8,211 | 9,132 | 9,221 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food & kindred prod.....do.. | 1.60 | 1.68 | 1.67 | p1.68 | Softwoods.....do.. | #5,119 | 5,821 | 5,842 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tobacco manufactures...do.. | 1.26 | 1.27 | 1.29 | p1.31 | RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Textile-mill products...do.. | 1.37 | r1.36 | r1.36 | p1.37 | Tires and tubes: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apparel, etc.....do.. | 1.32 | 1.37 | 1.37 | p1.37 | Pneumatic casings: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paper & allied prod.....do.. | 1.67 | 1.72 | r1.72 | p1.72 | Production.....thousands | #8,236 | 6,299 | 7,042 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Printing, etc.....do.. | 2.18 | 2.25 | r2.25 | p2.25 | Shipments.....do.. | #7,243 | 7,002 | 6,308 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chemicals, etc.....do.. | 1.78 | r1.86 | r1.86 | p1.86 | Original equipment.....do.. | #3,263 | 2,891 | 2,634 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Products of petroleum | | | | | Stocks, end of month....do.. | #15,295 | 14,977 | 15,712 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| and coal.....do.. | 2.17 | 2.26 | 2.26 | p2.25 | Inner tubes: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rubber products.....do.. | 1.93 | 1.93 | r1.93 | p1.93 | Production.....do.. | #6,428 | 5,395 | 5,896 | ..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leather & leath. prod...do.. | 1.37 | r1.38 | 1.38 | p1.39 | Shipments.....do.. | #6,364 | 6,834 | 5,617 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Stocks, end of month....do.. | #10,308 | 10,107 | 10,448 | | | | | | | | | |

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