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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954			
	Apr. 23	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 24	Apr. 23	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 24		Apr. 23	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 24	Apr. 23	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 24
Commodity prices, wholesale:									Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's, 1935-39=100	187.2	209.2	215.7	213.1				
All commodities, 1947-49=100	**109.4	110.9	111.0	111.3					Industrials (420), do.	202.2	228.8	234.3	233.8				
Farm products, do.	*97.3	100.2	100.3	101.1					Production:								
Foods, processed, do.	*103.2	105.1	105.2	105.6					Bitum. coal 3/... thous. sh. tons	**1,450	1,110	1,115	.....			
All other, do.	*113.2	114.5	114.5	114.6					Electric power, by utilities								
22 commodities 2/..... do.	87.8	91.4	92.6	93.1					mil. kw.-hr.	**8,113	8,396	8,345	.....			
Department store sales, do.	**105	113	118	.....					Motor vehicles (Ford's).... No.	182,595	141,546	139,624	146,092				
Insured unemployment, total	**1,022	#2,366	.....	.....					Petroleum, crude 3/... thous. bbl.	**6,188	6,461	6,484	.....			
thous.	**982	#2,151	.....	.....					Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) 4/..... 1947-49=100	141.7	101.0	101.0	101.8				
State programs, do.	159	246	188	229					Freight car loadings, thous. cars	**752	607	613	.....			
Failures, ind. & comm. number	159	246	188	229					Miscellaneous, do.	**538	337	342	.....			
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/..... percent	3.43	3.12	3.11	3.12													

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended May 1, 191.6. * Monthly index for April 1953. ** For week corresponding to interest. # Data for preceding week follow: Total, 2,367,000; State programs, 2,147,000.

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
COMMODITY PRICES								CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE									
Consumer price index, all items, 1947-49=100	115.6	115.2	115.0	1/ 114.8	Construction cont. awarded, 37 States (F. W. Dodge Corp.):												
Apparel, do.	104.7	104.8	104.7	104.3	Total projects, number	50,484	38,361	40,787	55,659								
Food, do.	111.7	113.1	112.5	112.1	Total valuation, mil. dol.	1,347.5	1,152.0	1,221.3	1,527.5								
Dairy products, do.	110.3	109.7	109.0	108.0	Building, total, do.	1,034.4	935.6	977.5	1,199.8								
Fruits & vegetables, do.	115.3	110.8	108.0	107.8	DOMESTIC TRADE												
Meats, poultry & fish, do.	107.4	110.2	109.7	109.5	Mail-order & store sales,												
Housing, do.	114.8	118.9	118.8	119.0	total, 2 cos. thous. dol.	327,550	251,849	228,687	278,044								
Gas & electricity, do.	108.5	107.1	107.3	107.6	Montgomery Ward & Co., do.	87,519	92,987	93,131	87,408								
Household appliances, do.	108.0	107.2	107.2	107.2	Sears, Roebuck & Co., do.	240,036	179,062	179,956	210,636								
Rent, do.	121.7	127.8	127.9	128.0	FINANCE												
Medical care, do.	119.5	125.7	124.1	124.4	Federal Government finances:												
Personal care, do.	115.4	115.7	115.9	114.1	Receipts, Treasury, all, dol.	11,870	4,619	2/ 6,468	2/ 13,013								
Reading and recreation, do.	107.7	108.7	108.0	108.2	Receipts, net, do.	10,502	4,428	2/ 5,444	2/ 11,434								
Transportation, do.	129.3	130.9	129.4	129.0	Customs, do.	56	39	2/ 41	2/ 44								
Other goods & services, do.	117.5	120.5	120.2	120.1	Income & emp. taxes, do.	10,719	3,538	2/ 5,408	2/ 11,865								
Wholesale p., selected items:					Miscel. internal rev., do.	993	749	2/ 860	2/ 954								
Butter, 92-score (N.Y.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	Expenditures, total, do.	6,187	5,058	2/ 4,707	2/ 5,555								
dol. per lb.	.668	.659	.658	.651	Interest on debt, do.	563	245	2/ 372	2/ 588								
Eggs, extras, (large) (Chicago)	.....	.....	.....	.....	National defense, etc., do.	#3,832	3,001	.....	.....						
dol. per doz.	.495	.472	.450	.403	TRANSPORTATION												
Corn, av. 9 markets, dol. per bu.	1.540	1.521	1.495	1.502	Freight car loadings, indexes:												
Wheat, av. 8 markets, do.	2.551	2.537	2.570	2.545	Total, adjusted, 1935-39=100	132	120	117	112								
Beef steers (Chicago)	.....	.....	.....	.....	Coal, do.	92	100	87	78								
dol. per 100 lb.	21.98	23.93	22.96	22.88	Coke, do.	184	120	109	104								
Hogs (Chicago), do.	20.90	24.82	25.45	25.83	Forest products, do.	142	136	133	128								
Beef, choice (N.Y.), dol. per lb.	.392	.431	.396	.392	Grain & grain prod., do.	130	124	124	127								
Pork, lard (N.Y.), do.	.479	.350	.341	.340	Livestock, do.	80	53	54	54								
Pig iron, comp., dol. per 1 ton	54.75	56.03	56.03	56.03	Ore, do.	273	231	222	177								
Steel, comp., fin., dol. per lb.	.0498	.0524	.0524	.0524	Merchandise, total, do.	45	39	41	41								
Copper, electro. (N.Y.), do.	.2929	.2987	.2967	.2969	Miscellaneous, do.	154	133	134	132								
Lead, refined, pig, cast- verized (N.Y.), dol. per lb.	.1340	.1326	.1282	.1294													
Zinc, prime W. (St. Louis), do.	.1103	.0976	.0938	.0954													
Cotton, middling, 15/16", av. 10 markets, cents per lb.	33.20	33.21	34.04	34.23													
Wool, raw (Boston), dol. per lb.	1.719	1.729	1.729	1.679													

2/ Revised. # January 1953 data. 1/ Index on base previously used (1935-39=100) is 191.9. 2/ On a budgetary basis beginning February 1954; earlier data not entirely comparable.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1953		1954		ITEM	1953		1954	
	March	January	February	March		March	January	February	March
FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO					METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Con.				
Livestock slaughter:					Copper:				
Calves.....thous. animals	535	546	518	660	Production:				
Cattle.....do..	1,299	1,541	1,302	1,511	Mine or melter.....sh. tons	101,825	84,216	r74,428	81,630
Hogs.....do..	4,962	4,712	3,883	4,554	Refinery.....do..	112,016	111,553	103,496	117,546
Sheep and lambs.....do..	1,190	1,241	1,090	1,149	Deliveries, ref., dom.....do..	133,462	77,091	r89,017	95,795
Stocks, cold storage, end mo.:					Stocks, ref., end of mo.....do..	55,807	108,121	118,417	125,759
Butter, creamery.....thous. lb.	132,790	294,047	r304,233	348,726	Zinc, slab:				
Cheese, total.....do..	232,255	427,464	r424,657	449,612	Production.....short tons	83,485	78,561	68,020	71,186
Apples, fresh.....thous. bu.	6,386	14,943	r10,679	6,186	Shipments, total.....do..	77,285	60,692	66,738	70,009
Fruits, frozen.....thous. lb.	449,348	593,592	r635,626	599,771	Domestic.....do..	72,388	54,865	57,781	66,858
Vegetables, frozen.....do..	419,899	630,201	r562,581	506,941	Stocks, end of month.....do..	99,864	198,712	199,994	201,171
Meats, total.....mil. lb.	990	762	r755	733	Machine tools:				
Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	256,439	247,894	r219,002	187,045	New orders 1/.....1945-47=100	327.0	173.5	r159.8	p169.9
Lamb and mutton.....do..	19,945	11,460	r10,808	9,718	Shipments 1/.....do..	375.9	319.4	r323.1	p326.3
Pork, excluding lard.....do..	569,204	393,307	r413,507	420,078	Vacuum cleaners, standard type,				
Poultry.....do..	174,243	266,626	r241,692	213,260	sales billed.....number	329,294	221,233	199,035	276,464
Eggs: Shell.....thous. cases	375	75	r135	444	Radio sets, prod. 2/.....thousands	1,549.2	872.0	769.2	940.4
Frozen.....thous. lb.	65,201	38,244	r41,639	90,602	Television sets, prod. 2/.....number	810,112	420,571	426,933	599,606
Tobacco, manufactured prod.:					PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS				
Production, total.....thous. lb.	#16,385	15,502	15,561	.....	Coal, production:				
Chewing, plug & twist.....do..	#6,638	6,796	6,389	.....	Anthracite.....thous. sh. tons	2,284	2,632	2,354	p2,171
Smoking.....do..	#6,639	5,549	6,078	.....	Bituminous.....do..	36,566	34,055	29,430	30,940
Snuff.....do..	#3,108	3,157	3,093	.....	PAPER AND PRINTING				
Consumption (withdrawals):					Paper and printing:				
Cigarettes, small, tax-free					Newsprint, Canada:				
millions	#2,394	2,700	2,638	.....	Production.....sh. tons	484,276	476,151	457,927	515,482
Cigarettes, small, tax-paid					Shipments from mills.....do..	441,512	452,470	437,780	481,487
millions	#32,212	28,858	26,676	.....	Stocks, mills, end mo.....do..	201,846	134,925	155,072	189,067
Cigars, tax-paid.....thousands	#r418,419	401,693	406,560	.....	Newsprint, United States:				
Manufactured tobacco & snuff,					Consump. by publishers.....do..	420,956	363,057	345,642	400,311
tax-paid.....thous. lbs.	#15,480	14,997	14,688	.....	Production.....do..	91,911	96,284	88,197	98,115
					Shipments from mills.....do..	94,505	95,132	86,219	100,585
					Stocks, end of month:				
					At mills.....do..	8,697	9,178	11,156	8,686
					At publishers.....do..	518,985	470,536	488,503	495,871
					In transit to pub.....do..	85,618	88,739	96,457	85,178
					TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
					Textile products:				
					Cotton: 3/				
					Consumption.....bales	769,496	678,827	684,367	845,036
					Mfrs., spindle activity:				
					Active spindles, last work-				
					ing day, total.....thous.	21,575	20,897	20,888	20,872
					Consum. 100% cotton.....do..	20,221	19,652	19,656	19,626
					Spindle hours operated, all				
					fibers, total 3/.....mil. hr.	10,251	9,145	9,231	11,454
					Av. per working day.....do..	513	457	469	458
					Consum. 100% cotton 3/.....do..	9,635	8,631	8,697	10,799
					Operations as % of capacity	139.5	124.7	128.1	125.3
					Rayon and acetate:				
					Shipments, dom., producers':				
					Filament yarn.....mil. lb.	80.8	55.9	r55.5	60.8
					Staple (incl. tow).....do..	21.9	24.3	r24.1	28.9
					Stocks, producers', end mo.:				
					Filament yarn.....mil. lb.	61.1	78.6	r75.9	75.4
					Staple (incl. tow).....do..	17.2	33.1	r30.9	28.3

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. # February 1953 data. 1/ Monthly average shipments, 1945-47=100. 2/ Data for March 1953 and March 1954 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 3/ Data for March 1954 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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