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

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954			
	May 30	May 15	May 22	May 29	May 30	May 15	May 22	May 29		May 30	May 15	May 22	May 29	May 30	May 15	May 22	May 29
Commodity prices, wholesale:									Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	188.6	219.5	220.1	222.6				
All commodities..1947-49=100	*109.8	111.0	111.3	111.0					Industrials (420).....do..	203.8	241.2	241.9	244.8				
Farm products.....do..	*97.8	99.0	100.7	99.0					Production:								
Foods, processed.....do..	*104.3	106.9	107.6	107.0					Bitum.coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,461	1,183	1,192	.....				
All other.....do..	*113.6	114.4	114.4	114.3					Electric power,by utilities								
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	88.2	92.2	93.2	93.1					mil. kw.-hr.	**8,013	8,380	8,373	.....				
Department store sales.....do..	**112	97	106	.....					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	113,985	143,629	148,645	141,830				
Insured unemployment, total	**940	#2,313	.....	.....					Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bb1.	**6,269	6,327	6,334	.....				
thous.	**888	#2,129	.....	.....					Steel (ingots & for castings,								
State programs.....do..	**156	248	248	.....					quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	140.8	105.2	106.6	105.7				
Failures, ind. & comm.number				.....					Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**770	678	682	.....				
Bond yields, domestic corpo-				.....					Miscellaneous.....do..	**379	345	346	.....				
rate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /...percent	3.55	3.12	3.13	3.14													

<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 June 5, 1954. \* Monthly index for May 1953. \*\* For week corresponding to latest. # Data for preceding week follow: Total, 2,308,000; State programs, 2,125,000.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954			
	April	February	March	April	April	February	March	April		April	February	March	April	April	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS								CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE									
Personal income, seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:									Highway concrete pavement contract awards: <u>3</u> /								
Total.....bil. dol.	282.7	283.0	r282.9	282.0					Total.....thous. sq. yd.	9,537	4,036	6,075	7,791				
Wage & salary disbursements, total.....bil. dol.	196.6	194.7	r194.1	193.4					Airports.....do..	1,675	1,299	1,078	1,211				
Comm.-producing ind...do..	88.8	84.9	r84.4	83.8					Roads.....do..	4,590	1,007	2,347	4,005				
Distributive ind.....do..	51.0	52.2	r52.1	51.9					Streets and alleys.....do..	3,273	1,729	2,649	2,575				
Service industries.....do..	23.4	24.1	24.3	24.4					Construc.cost indexes,avg. 20 cities (E.H. Boeckh & Assoc.):								
Government.....do..	33.4	33.5	r33.3	33.3					Apts.,hotels & off. bldgs.:								
Wage & salary receipts, total.....bil. dol.	192.8	190.2	r189.6	189.1					Brick and concrete								
Other labor income.....do..	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2					U. S. avg. 1926-29=100	247.7	254.3	254.0	254.2				
Proprietors' and rental income.....bil. dol.	49.4	50.0	r49.5	49.1					Brick and steel.....do..	246.2	250.9	250.7	250.2				
Personal interest income and dividends.....do..	22.0	23.0	23.1	23.1					Brick and wood.....do..	254.6	253.7	253.7	252.8				
Transfer payments.....do..	13.6	15.0	15.7	15.8					Comm. & factory bldgs.:								
Less personal contributions for social ins....bil. dol.	4.0	4.8	4.7	4.6					Brick and concrete.....do..	253.2	260.4	260.2	261.0				
Total nonagr. income.....do..	265.5	266.0	r266.2	266.1					Brick and steel.....do..	249.5	257.3	257.2	257.4				
Manufacturers' sales, inventories, and orders - value:									Brick and wood.....do..	251.3	252.5	252.5	251.9				
Sales, total <u>1</u> /.....mil. dol.	26,358	23,620	r24,064	24,367					Frame.....do..	256.6	252.5	252.7	251.5				
Durable goods.....do..	13,398	11,278	r11,385	11,484					Steel.....do..	233.3	241.3	241.2	241.2				
Nondurable goods.....do..	12,960	12,342	r12,679	12,883					Residences:								
Inventories, book value, end of month,total <u>1</u> /...mil. dol.	45,164	46,115	r45,774	45,292					Brick.....do..	255.1	254.2	254.2	253.4				
Durable goods.....do..	25,328	26,168	r25,900	25,439					Frame.....do..	251.4	248.3	248.9	247.4				
Nondurable goods.....do..	19,836	19,947	r19,874	19,853													
New orders, net,total <u>1</u> /do..	25,682	22,016	r22,859	23,058													
Durable goods.....do..	12,702	9,629	r10,206	10,138													
Nondurable goods.....do..	12,980	12,387	r12,653	12,920													
Unfilled orders,total <u>2</u> /do..	74,896	54,684	r53,241	51,776													
Durable goods.....do..	71,698	52,303	r50,874	49,486													
Nondurable goods.....do..	3,198	2,381	r2,367	2,290													

<sup>r</sup>/ Revised. <sup>p</sup>/ Preliminary. <sup>1</sup>/ Adjusted. <sup>2</sup>/ Unadjusted. <sup>3</sup>/ Data for April 1953 and March 1954 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued**

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	April	February	March	April	April	February	March	April		April	February	March	April	April	February	March	April		
<b>CHEMICALS &amp; ALLIED PROD. - Con.</b>					<b>FOODSTUFFS - Con.</b>					<b>FOODSTUFFS - Con.</b>					<b>FOODSTUFFS - Con.</b>				
Fats, oils, and byproducts-Con.					Meats, production, total..mil. lb.					Meats, production, total..mil. lb.					Meats, production, total..mil. lb.				
Greases:					Beef and veal.....thous. lb.					Beef and veal.....thous. lb.					Beef and veal.....thous. lb.				
Production.....thous. lb.					Lamb and mutton.....do..					Lamb and mutton.....do..					Lamb and mutton.....do..				
Stocks, end of month....do..					Pork, including lard....do..					Pork, including lard....do..					Pork, including lard....do..				
Fish oils:					Lard.....do..					Lard.....do..					Lard.....do..				
Production.....do..					Coffee, vis. supply.thous.bags					Coffee, vis. supply.thous.bags					Coffee, vis. supply.thous.bags				
Stocks, end of month....do..					<b>METALS &amp; MANUFACTURES</b>					<b>METALS &amp; MANUFACTURES</b>					<b>METALS &amp; MANUFACTURES</b>				
Vegetable oils, total:					Castings, gray iron:					Castings, gray iron:					Castings, gray iron:				
Production, crude...mil. lb.					Orders, unfilled, for sale					Orders, unfilled, for sale					Orders, unfilled, for sale				
Stocks, end of month:					thous. sh. tons					thous. sh. tons					thous. sh. tons				
Crude.....do..					Shipments, total.....do..					Shipments, total.....do..					Shipments, total.....do..				
Refined.....do..					For sale.....do..					For sale.....do..					For sale.....do..				
Cottonseed oil, refined:					Castings, malleable iron:					Castings, malleable iron:					Castings, malleable iron:				
Production.....thous. lb.					Orders, unfl., for sale.sh.tons					Orders, unfl., for sale.sh.tons					Orders, unfl., for sale.sh.tons				
Stocks, end of month.mil. lb.					Shipments, total.....do..					Shipments, total.....do..					Shipments, total.....do..				
Linseed oil, raw:					For sale.....do..					For sale.....do..					For sale.....do..				
Production.....thous. lb.					Pig iron, production					Pig iron, production					Pig iron, production				
Stocks, end of month....do..					thous. short tons					thous. short tons					thous. short tons				
Soybean oil:					Castings, steel:					Castings, steel:					Castings, steel:				
Production:					Shipments, total...short tons					Shipments, total...short tons					Shipments, total...short tons				
Crude.....do..					For sale, total.....do..					For sale, total.....do..					For sale, total.....do..				
Refined.....do..					Railway specialties....do..					Railway specialties....do..					Railway specialties....do..				
Stocks, end of month:					Machine tools:					Machine tools:					Machine tools:				
Crude.....do..					New orders <u>1</u> /.....1945-47=100					New orders <u>1</u> /.....1945-47=100					New orders <u>1</u> /.....1945-47=100				
Refined.....do..					Shipments <u>1</u> /.....do..					Shipments <u>1</u> /.....do..					Shipments <u>1</u> /.....do..				
Margarine:					Electrical appl., sales billed:					Electrical appl., sales billed:					Electrical appl., sales billed:				
Production.....do..					Vacuum cleaners, stand. number					Vacuum cleaners, stand. number					Vacuum cleaners, stand. number				
Stocks (fac. & whse.)...do..					Washers.....do..					Washers.....do..					Washers.....do..				
Shortening:					Radio sets, prod. <u>2</u> /...thousands					Radio sets, prod. <u>2</u> /...thousands					Radio sets, prod. <u>2</u> /...thousands				
Production.....do..					Television sets, prod. <u>2</u> /...do..					Television sets, prod. <u>2</u> /...do..					Television sets, prod. <u>2</u> /...do..				
Stocks, end of month....do..					<b>PAPER AND PRINTING</b>					<b>PAPER AND PRINTING</b>					<b>PAPER AND PRINTING</b>				
<b>ELECTRIC POWER</b>					<b>PAPER AND PRINTING</b>					<b>PAPER AND PRINTING</b>					<b>PAPER AND PRINTING</b>				
Electric power, production,					Newsprint, Canada:					Newsprint, Canada:					Newsprint, Canada:				
total.....mil. kw.-hr.					Production.....sh. tons					Production.....sh. tons					Production.....sh. tons				
Utilities.....do..					Shipments from mills....do..					Shipments from mills....do..					Shipments from mills....do..				
Industrial establish....do..					Stocks, mills, end mo....do..					Stocks, mills, end mo....do..					Stocks, mills, end mo....do..				
<b>FOODSTUFFS</b>					Newsprint, United States:					Newsprint, United States:					Newsprint, United States:				
Fermented malt liquors:					Consump. by publishers...do..					Consump. by publishers...do..					Consump. by publishers...do..				
Production.....thous. bbl.					Production.....do..					Production.....do..					Production.....do..				
Tax-paid withdrawals....do..					Shipments from mills....do..					Shipments from mills....do..					Shipments from mills....do..				
Stocks, end of month....do..					Stocks, end of month:					Stocks, end of month:					Stocks, end of month:				
Distilled spirits:					At mills.....do..					At mills.....do..					At mills.....do..				
Production...thous. tax gal.					At publishers.....do..					At publishers.....do..					At publishers.....do..				
Tax-paid withdrawals....do..					In transit to pub.....do..					In transit to pub.....do..					In transit to pub.....do..				
Stocks, end of month....do..					<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>					<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>					<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>				
Whisky:					<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>					<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>					<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>				
Production.....do..					Motor vehicles, factory sales,					Motor vehicles, factory sales,					Motor vehicles, factory sales,				
Tax-paid withdrawals....do..					total.....number					total.....number					total.....number				
Stocks, end of month....do..					Coaches, total.....do..					Coaches, total.....do..					Coaches, total.....do..				
Rectified spirits & wines,					Domestic.....do..					Domestic.....do..					Domestic.....do..				
prod., total..thous. proof gal.					Passenger cars, total....do..					Passenger cars, total....do..					Passenger cars, total....do..				
Whisky.....do..					Domestic.....do..					Domestic.....do..					Domestic.....do..				
Dairy products, production:					Trucks, total.....do..					Trucks, total.....do..					Trucks, total.....do..				
Butter, creamery....thous. lb.					Domestic.....do..					Domestic.....do..					Domestic.....do..				
Cheese (factory), total..do..																			

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