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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954			
	June 6	May 22	May 29	June 5	June 6	May 22	May 29	June 5		June 6	May 22	May 29	June 5	June 6	May 22	May 29	June 5
Commodity prices, wholesale:																	
All commodities...1947-49=100	*109.8	111.3	111.0	110.8	Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	185.1	220.1	222.6	222.7								
Farm products.....do..	*97.8	100.7	99.0	98.9	Industrials (420).....do..	199.8	241.9	244.8	244.9								
Foods, processed.....do..	*104.3	107.6	107.0	106.3	Production:												
All other.....do..	*113.6	114.4	114.3	114.3	Bitum.coal 3/...thous.sh.tons	**1,606	1,192	1,196	.....							
22 commodities 2/.....do..	88.1	93.2	93.1	93.0	Electric power,by utilities												
Department store sales...do..	**97	106	105	.....	mil. kw.-hr.	**7,956	8,373	8,433	.....							
Insured unemployment, total					Motor vehicles (Ward's)...No.	124,058	140,645	141,177	111,588								
thous.	**932	#2,255	.....	.....	Petroleum,crude 3/...thous.bb1.	**6,265	6,334	6,332	.....							
State programs.....do..	**882	#2,079	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) 4/.....1947-49=100	139.8	106.6	105.7	104.2						
Failures, ind. & comm.number	217	248	206	218	Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**767	682	669	.....							
Bond yields, domestic corpo- rate (Moody's) 3/....percent	3.58	3.13	3.14	3.16	Miscellaneous.....do..	**384	346	348	.....							

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended June 12, 1953. * Monthly index for May 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest. # Data for preceding week follow: Total, 2,298,000; State programs, 2,120,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954							
	May	March	April	May	May	March	April	May		May	March	April	May	May	March	April	May				
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS																					
Farm income and marketings:																					
Cash receipts from farming, inc.Gov't paym'ts...mil.dol.	*2,020	r2,014	p1,914	.....	Prices paid by farmers - Con.															
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do..	*1,983	r1,990	p1,881	.....	All commod., services, int., taxes, etc.....1910-14=100	280	283	283	284											
Crops.....do..	*572	r538	p494	.....	Parity ratio.....do..	94	90	91	91											
Livestock and products, total.....mil. dol.	*1,411	r1,452	p1,387	.....	Retail price (Dept. Comm.):															
Dairy products.....do..	*365	342	p345	.....	All commodities...1935-39=100	*207.9	208.3	208.1	.....											
Meat animals.....do..	*721	r813	p758	CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE																
Poultry and eggs.....do..	*306	r279	p258	.....	New construc., total...mil. dol.	r2,960	r2,568	r2,808	3,082											
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings 1/...1935-39=100	*299	300	p284	.....	Private, total.....do..	r2,013	r1,791	r1,930	2,090											
Crops.....do..	*202	r190	p175	.....	Residential (nonfarm)...do..	1,012	r863	r972	1,064											
Livestock and products...do..	*371	r382	p365	.....	New dwelling units.....do..	885	r770	r855	935											
Indexes, volume of farm marketings, etc. 1/....do..	*124	127	p120	.....	Additions, etc.....do..	105	r71	r93	103											
Crops.....do..	*76	r78	p67	.....	Nonres. bldg.,total 2/...do..	r451	469	465	493											
Livestock and products...do..	*160	r164	p161	.....	Industrial.....do..	r191	173	169	165											
COMMODITY PRICES																					
Prices rec'd by farmers, all farm products...1910-14=100	263	256	257	258	Commercial.....do..	r129	154	152	170												
Crops.....do..	247	239	240	249	Farm construction.....do..	r161	r114	r127	145												
Food grains.....do..	242	238	234	227	Public utility.....do..	r377	338	r358	379												
Feed grains and hay.....do..	212	208	208	207	Public, total.....do..	r947	r777	r878	992												
Tobacco.....do..	426	443	443	446	Residential.....do..	50	34	32	31												
Cotton.....do..	269	263	267	272	Nonresid. building.....do..	371	r367	383	399												
Fruit.....do..	206	212	217	215	Military and naval.....do..	r113	r61	r67	74												
Commercial vegetables...do..	259	246	225	279	Highway.....do..	r243	160	r230	310												
Oil-bearing crops.....do..	286	275	283	286	Conservation, etc.....do..	75	53	r59	63												
Livestock and products...do..	277	271	271	267	Value of contracts awarded (Federal Reserve indexes):																
Meat animals.....do..	317	316	333	331	Total, unadj.....1947-49=100	*205	r194	219	.....											
Dairy products.....do..	256	257	237	230	Residential, unadj.....do..	*210	r216	250	.....											
Poultry and eggs.....do..	218	188	178	168	Total, adjusted.....do..	*179	r191	191	.....											
Prices paid by farmers:					Residential, adjusted...do..	*179	r205	213	.....											
All commod. & services...do..	r263	264	265	267	Construction cost indexes:																
Family living items.....do..	270	272	273	276	Department of Commerce, composite.....1947-49=100	*120.8	r121.3	121.2	.....											
Production items.....do..	r256	255	256	256	The American Appraisal Co.:																
					Avg. 30 cities.....1913=100	572	586	585	586												
					Atlanta.....do..	616	641	639	639												
					New York.....do..	592	624	623	623												
					San Francisco.....do..	524	529	530	530												
					St. Louis.....do..	568	579	577	577												

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1954				ITEM	1954			
	1953 May	March	April	May		1953 April	February	March	April
EMPLOYMENT					CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS				
Labor force (Bureau Census):					Alcohol, ethyl:				
Civilian labor force...thous.	62,964	63,825	64,063	64,425	Production...thous. proof gal.	r44,685	23,912	32,594	35,465
Employed.....do..	61,658	60,100	60,598	61,119	Stocks, total.....do..	r74,492	47,590	46,976	44,347
Agricultural.....do..	6,590	5,875	6,076	6,822	In industrial alcohol				
Nonagricultural.....do..	55,068	54,225	54,522	54,297	bonded warehouses.....do..	r55,022	28,138	26,183	24,978
Unemployed.....do..	1,306	3,725	3,465	3,305	In denaturing plants.....do..	r19,470	19,452	20,794	19,368
					Used for denaturation.....do..	r34,422	26,171	33,664	33,676
					Withdrawn tax-paid.....do..	r2,115	1,113	978	644
FINANCE					Alcohol, denatured:				
Federal Government finance:					Production...thous. wine gal.	r18,497	14,171	18,176	18,172
Gross debt (direct), end of					Consump. (withdrawals)...do..	r23,132	13,332	17,206	18,430
month.....mil. dol.	266,520	270,235	271,047	273,475	Stocks.....do..	r10,253	6,603	7,637	7,377
Interest-bearing, total, do..	264,445	267,823	268,855	271,280					
Public issues.....do..	224,735	226,821	227,806	229,913	LEATHER AND PRODUCTS				
Special issues.....do..	39,710	41,002	41,049	41,367	Shoes & slippers, production,				
Noninterest bearing.....do..	2,075	2,412	2,192	2,195	total.....thous. pairs	r45,268	r41,328	r47,170	42,306
Obligations guaranteed by					Shoes, etc., exc. athletic,				
U. S. Government.....do..	52	77	80	80	total.....thous. pairs	r40,493	38,391	r43,357	38,336
Gold, monetary stock,U.S.do..	22,537	21,965	21,969	p21,973	Men's.....do..	8,979	7,625	8,367	7,857
Currency in circulation...do..	29,951	29,707	29,735	p29,866	Youths' and boys'.....do..	1,474	1,455	1,711	1,543
Life insurance (LIAA):					Women's.....do..	r21,065	20,717	23,947	21,096
Assets, admitted, 49 compa-					Misses' and children's...do..	5,436	5,432	5,713	4,756
nies, total.....mil. dol.	*r65,691	69,652	70,024	.....	Infants' and babies'....do..	3,539	3,162	3,619	3,084
Bonds & stocks, total.....do..	*r41,013	42,942	43,087	.....	Slippers for housewear...do..	4,271	2,419	r3,263	3,376
Government (domestic and					Athletic.....do..	279	247	r266	275
foreign), total...mil. dol.	*10,816	10,461	10,464	.....	Other footwear.....do..	225	271	264	319
U. S. Government.....do..	*8,734	8,306	8,287	.....	LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES				
Public utility.....do..	*11,708	12,548	12,621	.....	Lumber (NLMA):				
Railroad.....do..	*3,412	3,499	3,520	.....	Prod., total.....mil. bd. ft.	3,511	2,901	3,358	3,310
Other.....do..	*r15,076	16,433	16,482	.....	Softwoods.....do..	2,851	2,221	2,668	2,649
Cash.....do..	*r710	790	799	.....	Shipments, total.....do..	3,632	2,808	3,353	3,387
Mortgage loans, total...do..	*18,182	19,689	19,885	.....	Softwoods.....do..	2,826	2,196	2,754	2,784
Farm.....do..	*r1,563	1,697	1,714	.....	Stocks, gross, total....do..	7,799	9,221	9,227	9,183
Other.....do..	*16,618	17,992	18,171	.....	Softwoods.....do..	4,998	5,842	5,757	5,655
Policy loans and premium					PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING				
notes.....do..	*r2,340	2,480	2,494	.....	Wood pulp:				
Real-estate holdings....do..	*1,687	1,792	1,801	.....	Production, total, all grades				
Other admitted assets...do..	*r1,759	1,959	1,959	.....	thous. short tons	1,471	1,362	1,541	1,472
Bonds (S&P Corp.):					Sulphate (paper grades).do..	784	735	832	793
Dom. municipal (15 bonds):					Sulphite (paper grades).do..	200	183	210	199
Price.....dol. per \$100 bond	119.4	125.6	123.9	123.6	Groundwood.....do..	206	185	209	198
Yield.....percent	2.73	2.38	2.47	2.49	Stocks, end of month, total,				
Div. yields, pref. stocks,					all grades,thous.short tons	165	160	164	162
11 high-grade (S&P)..percent	4.38	4.04	4.02	4.03	Sulphate (paper grades).do..	41	44	44	44
Prices:					Sulphite (paper grades).do..	41	32	33	33
Dow-Jones & Co., Inc. (65					Groundwood.....do..	35	29	29	30
stocks).....dol. per share	108.07	113.11	115.94	120.74	RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS				
Industrial (30).....do..	276.84	299.15	310.92	322.86	Natural rubber:				
Public utility (15).....do..	50.97	55.64	56.39	57.37	Consumption.....long tons	49,375	46,897	r53,709	51,580
Railroad (20).....do..	105.58	101.38	102.01	108.62	Stocks, end of month....do..	108,892	115,228	r112,829	106,337
S&P Corp., combined index					Synthetic rubber:				
(480 stocks)...1935-39=100	189.6	204.9	212.7	219.8	Production.....do..	82,952	53,356	55,835	47,581
Industrial (420).....do..	205.2	222.9	233.1	241.5	Consumption.....do..	77,221	49,060	r56,060	53,173
Capital goods (129)...do..	192.3	211.7	225.3	235.9	Stocks, end of month....do..	122,041	183,405	r184,284	175,344
Consumers' goods (195)...do..	177.6	180.5	184.6	189.2					
Public utility (40).....do..	120.8	131.0	132.5	134.9					
Railroad (20).....do..	174.2	165.4	163.7	173.0					

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