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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS[1]

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	July 4	June 19	June 26	July 3		July 4	June 19	June 26	July 3
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard				
All commodities..1947-49=100	*109.5	110.0	109.9	110.0	and Poor's.....1935-39=100	185.0	222.1	223.3	224.8
Farm products. .. ..do..	*95.4	94.7	94.4	94.7	Industrials (420).....do..	199.8	244.5	246.0	247.7
Foods, processed.....do..	*103.3	104.8	104.5	104.6	Production:				
All other... .....do..	*113.9	114.4	114.4	114.4	Bitum.coal 3/...thous.sh.tons	**1,763	1,325	1,447	.....
22 commodities 2/.....do..	86.5	91.6	91.9	92.1	Electric power,by utilities				
Department store sales...do..	**94	115	97	.....	mil. kw.-hr.	**8,446	8,850	8,981	.....
Insured unemployment, total					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	132,238	133,893	133,926	131,766
thous.	**867	#2,076	.....	.....	Petroleum,crude 3/..thous.bbl.	**6,397	6,396	6,411	.....
State programs.....do..	**822	#1,914	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,				
Failures, ind. & comm..number	195	207	215	.....	quantity) 4/.....1947-49=100	128.8	107.4	107.1	97.6
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Freight carloadings.thous.cars	**818	707	713	.....
rate (Moody's) 3/....percent	3.59	3.15	3.15	3.16	Miscellaneous.....do..	**388	346	347	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily averages. 4/ Week ended July 10, 88.6. * Monthly index for June 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest. # Data for preceding week: Total, 2,145,000; State programs, 1,985,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	June	April	May	June		June	April	May	June
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS					CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE				
Manufacturers' sales, inven-					New construc., total..mil. dol.	3,224	r2,814	r3,097	3,322
tories, and orders - value:					Private, total.....do..	2,187	r1,937	r2,106	2,244
Sales, total 1/.....mil. dol.	*25,816	r24,418	24,099	.....	Residential (nonfarm)...do..	1,123	r980	r1,082	1,148
Durable goods.....do..	*13,148	r11,502	11,371	.....	New dwelling units.....do..	990	r860	r945	1,005
Nondurable goods.....do..	*12,668	r12,916	12,728	.....	Additions, etc.....do..	110	r96	r111	114
Inventories, book value, end					Nonres. bldg.,total 3/..do..	479	r464	r491	530
of month,total 1/..mil. dol.	*45,673	r45,183	44,805	.....	Industrial.....do..	185	169	r166	166
Durable goods.....do..	*25,681	r25,345	24,913	.....	Commercial.....do..	152	r151	r169	190
Nondurable goods.....do..	*19,992	r19,838	19,892	.....	Farm construction.....do..	174	127	145	157
New orders, net,total 1/.do..	*25,883	r23,017	23,053	.....	Public utility.....do..	398	358	379	338
Durable goods.....do..	*13,101	r10,021	10,144	.....	Public, total.....do..	1,037	r877	r991	1,078
Nondurable goods.....do..	*12,782	r12,996	12,909	.....	Residential.....do..	51	32	31	29
Unfilled orders,total 2/.do..	*73,992	r51,695	50,229	.....	Nonresid. building.....do..	377	383	r395	408
Durable goods.....do..	*70,696	r49,350	47,707	.....	Military and naval.....do..	122	r66	r67	67
Nondurable goods.....do..	*3,296	r2,345	2,522	.....	Highway.....do..	310	230	r320	385
					Conservation, etc.....do..	78	59	63	67
COMMODITY PRICES					Other types.....do..	99	107	115	122
Prices rec'd by farmers, all					Construction cost index, comp.,				
farm products....1910-14=100	257	257	258	248	Dept. of Commerce.1947-49=100	*121.1	121.2	121.7	...
Crops. ... .do..	246	240	249	244					
Food grains.....do..	222	234	227	216	FINANCE				
Feed grains and hay.....do..	204	208	207	205					
Tobacco..... ...do..	425	443	446	445	Bonds:				
Cotton.....do..	267	267	272	274	Average price of all listed				
Fruit.....do..	219	217	215	240	bonds (NYSE) 4/.....dollars	*94.42	101.00	100.00	.....
Commercial vegetables...do..	298	225	279	200	Domestic.....do..	*94.79	101.41	100.40	.....
Oil-bearing crops.....do..	280	283	286	283	Foreign.....do..	*74.88	78.17	77.64	.....
Livestock and products...do..	267	271	267	251	Value, issues listed NYSE:				
Meat animals.....do..	300	333	331	299	Market value, all issues 4/				
Dairy products.....do..	255	237	230	229	mil. dol.	*98,985	108,356	105,094	.....
Poultry and eggs.....do..	213	178	168	168	Domestic.....do..	*97,094	106,255	102,990	.....
Prices paid by farmers:					Foreign.....do..	*1,421	1,440	1,436	.....
All commod. & services...do..	260	265	267	264	Face value, all issues 4/				
Family living items.....do..	271	273	276	275	mil. dol.	*104,830	107,288	105,091	.....
Production items.....do..	r247	256	256	252	Domestic.....do..	*102,432	104,781	102,577	.....
All commod., services, int.,					Foreign.....do..	*1,898	1,843	1,849	.....
taxes, etc.....1910-14=100	277	283	284	282	Stocks:				
Parity ratio.....do..	93	91	91	88	Shares listed on NYSE:				
Retail price (Dept. Comm.):					Market value.....mil. dol.	*115,371	134,586	137,928	.....
All commodities...1935-39=100	*208.2	208.1	208.8	.....	No. shares listed...millions	*2,862	2,967	2,979	.....

r/ Revised. * May 1953 data. 1/ Adjusted. 2/ Unadjusted. 3/ Except farm and public utility. 4/ Includes bonds of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development not shown separately.

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ITEM	1953 May	1954 March	1954 April	1954 May
FINANCE - Con.				
Life insurance (LIAA):				
Assets, admitted, 49 companies, total.....mil. dol.	r65,999	69,652	70,024	70,364
Bonds & stocks, total...do..	r41,125	42,942	43,087	43,233
Government (domestic and foreign),total...mil. dol.	10,692	10,461	10,464	10,475
U. S. Government.....do..	8,726	8,306	8,287	8,194
Public utility.....do..	r11,761	12,548	12,621	12,655
Railroad.....do..	3,412	3,499	3,520	3,525
Other.....do..	r15,260	16,433	16,482	16,578
Cash.....do..	r758	790	799	818
Mortgage loans, total...do..	18,306	19,689	19,885	20,028
Farm.....do..	1,584	1,697	1,714	1,728
Other.....do..	16,722	17,992	18,171	18,300
Policy loans and premium notes.....do..	2,351	2,480	2,494	2,507
Real-estate holdings....do..	1,694	1,792	1,801	1,812
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS				
Fats, oils, and byproducts:				
Animal fats:				
Production.....thous. lb.	311,131	325,234	310,169	304,763
Stocks, end of month....do..	431,798	268,342	262,682	262,393
Greases:				
Production.....do..	52,336	46,502	47,681	49,641
Stocks, end of month....do..	105,053	72,430	64,371	69,182
Fish oils:				
Production.....do..	8,000	358	2,066	8,317
Stocks, end of month....do..	46,731	41,170	37,253	34,753
Vegetable oils, total:				
Production, crude....mil. lb.	415	542	475	429
Stocks, end of month:				
Crude.....do..	1,052	985	911	786
Refined.....do..	1,072	1,323	1,307	1,223
Cottonseed oil, refined:				
Production.....thous. lb.	119,424	197,063	178,107	151,578
Stocks, end of month.mil. lb.	916	r1,161	r1,147	1,061
Linseed oil, raw:				
Production.....thous. lb.	24,497	44,419	38,784	40,343
Stocks, end of month....do..	599,768	466,099	438,266	375,137
Soybean oil:				
Production: Crude.....do..	226,293	213,372	194,526	193,327
Refined....do..	175,291	188,570	180,911	186,097
Stocks, end of month:				
Crude.....do..	190,873	140,958	142,208	127,599
Refined.....do..	100,864	98,466	98,429	103,331
Margarine:				
Production.....do..	89,896	116,538	118,586	102,844
Stocks (fac. & whse.)...do..	20,817	23,867	21,219	25,462
Shortening:				
Production.....do..	118,229	178,279	180,323	177,934
Stocks, end of month....do..	127,912	88,576	83,881	96,309
ELECTRIC POWER				
Electric power, production, total.....mil. kw.-hr.	r42,055	45,166	42,857	43,529
Utilities.....do..	r36,021	38,918	36,835	37,429
Industrial establish.....do..	6,033	6,247	6,021	6,100

ITEM	1953 May	1954 March	1954 April	1954 May
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS				
Shoes & slippers, production, total.....thous. pairs	r42,122	47,170	42,306	36,790
Shoes, etc., exc. athletic, total.....thous. pairs	r37,243	43,357	38,336	33,217
Men's.....do..	8,532	8,367	7,857	6,928
Youths' and boys'.....do..	r1,571	1,711	1,543	1,508
Women's.....do..	r18,754	23,947	21,096	17,635
Misses' and children's..do..	5,139	5,713	4,756	4,364
Infants' and babies'....do..	3,247	3,619	3,084	2,782
Slippers for housewear...do..	4,375	3,263	3,376	3,078
Athletic.....do..	280	266	275	260
Other footwear.....do..	224	284	319	235
METALS & MANUFACTURES				
Castings, gray iron:				
Orders, unfilled, for sale thous. sh. tons	*1,306	842	826	.....
Shipments, total.....do..	*1,277	1,047	995	.....
For sale.....do..	*683	553	528	.....
Castings, malleable iron:				
Orders, unf.,for sale.sh.tons	*174,514	74,219	69,094	.....
Shipments, total.....do..	*95,923	84,342	74,515	.....
For sale.....do..	*57,757	47,125	39,102	.....
Castings, steel:				
Shipments, total...short tons	*179,615	122,310	105,788	.....
For sale, total.....do..	*140,051	92,271	78,754	.....
Railway specialties....do..	*34,035	15,502	10,768	.....
Steel forgings: 1/				
Orders, unf...thous. sh. tons	*1,082	r487	460	.....
Shipments, for sale.....do..	*196	130	116	.....
Drop and upset.....do..	*141	96	86	.....
Press and open hammer...do..	*56	35	29	.....
Electrical appl.,sales billed:				
Vacuum cleaners,stand..number	252,404	276,464	220,849	201,653
Washers.....do..	295,393	317,939	272,593	254,017
PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING				
Wood pulp:				
Production, total, all grades thous. short tons	r1,519.4	1,541.4	r1,484.5	1,572.1
Sulphate (paper grades).do..	812.9	832.4	792.9	854.2
Sulphite (paper grades).do..	201.4	210.1	199.3	205.9
Groundwood.....do..	209.3	209.2	r200.1	205.6
Stocks, end of month, total, all grades.thous.short tons	r176.9	164.0	r161.7	178.0
Sulphate (paper grades).do..	42.0	44.3	43.8	52.1
Sulphite (paper grades).do..	r46.2	33.3	33.0	37.3
Groundwood.....do..	37.3	29.5	30.0	30.8
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT				
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number	642,132	633,002	631,769	588,561
Coaches, total.....do..	367	296	379	273
Domestic.....do..	339	288	348	250
Passenger cars, total....do..	548,322	531,529	534,667	497,062
Domestic.....do..	530,220	510,024	515,192	478,889
Trucks, total.....do..	93,443	101,177	96,723	91,226
Domestic.....do..	82,433	85,154	79,439	73,712

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