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

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954			
	Sept. 5	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 5	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4		Sept. 5	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 5	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4
<b>Commodity prices, wholesale:</b>									<b>Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100</b>								
All commodities...1947-49=100	*110.6	110.3	110.0	109.5					181.0	238.0	234.8	232.7					
Farm products.....do..	*96.4	95.3	93.9	91.6					194.7	262.6	258.8	257.0					
Foods, processed.....do..	*104.8	106.1	105.5	104.6													
All other.....do..	*114.9	114.3	114.4	114.4													
22 commodities 2/.....do..	89.7	91.2	91.4	90.7					Production:								
Department store sales.....do..	**101	100	102	.....					Bitum. coal 3/..thous.sh.tons	**1,623	1,257	1,235	.....				
Insured unemployment, total									Electric power, by utilities								
thous.	**853	#1,856	.....	.....					mil. kw.-hr.	**8,540	9,207	9,227	.....				
State programs.....do..	**801	#1,677	.....	.....					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	125,887	117,023	111,245	108,436				
Failures, ind. & comm. number	**182	246	184	.....					Petroleum, crude 3/..thous.bbl.	**6,532	6,062	6,048	.....				
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent	3.54	3.13	3.13	3.13					Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) 4/.....1947-49=100	127.0	91.8	94.3	94.9				
									Freight car loadings..thous.cars	**818	679	677	.....				
									Miscellaneous.....do..	**396	338	339	.....				

<sup>1/</sup> Data do not always cover calendar weeks. <sup>2/</sup> Tuesday prices. <sup>3/</sup> Daily average. <sup>4/</sup> Week ended September 11, 1954. \* Monthly index for August 1953. \*\* For week corresponding to latest for which data are shown. # Data for preceding week: Total, 1,899,000; State programs, 1,716,000.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954			
	August	June	July	August	August	June	July	August		August	June	July	August	August	June	July	August
<b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>								<b>CONSTRUC. &amp; REAL ESTATE - Con.</b>									
Prices rec'd by farmers, all									Value of contracts awarded								
farm products...1910-14=100	255	248	247	251					(Federal Reserve indexes):								
Crops.....do..	232	244	248	250					Total, unadj.....1947-49=100	*189	240	233	.....				
Food grains.....do..	215	216	225	228					Residential, unadj.....do..	*178	251	243	.....				
Feed grains and hay.....do..	205	205	202	207					Total, adjusted.....do..	*172	207	213	.....				
Tobacco.....do..	430	445	446	430					Residential, adjusted.....do..	*175	227	240	.....				
Cotton.....do..	278	274	272	288					Construction cost index, comp., Dept. of Commerce..1947-49=100	*r 123.0	r 122.0	123.2	.....				
Fruit.....do..	185	240	228	235					<b>DOMESTIC TRADE</b>								
Commercial vegetables.....do..	207	200	243	223					All retail stores, inventories (adj.), total.....mil. dol.	*22,743	22,600	22,408	.....				
Oil-bearing crops.....do..	263	283	286	294					Durable goods.....do..	*10,730	10,383	10,180	.....				
Livestock and products.....do..	276	251	247	251					Nondurable goods.....do..	*12,013	12,217	12,228	.....				
Meat animals.....do..	305	299	286	287					Retail firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:								
Dairy products.....do..	265	229	237	245					Unadjusted.....mil. dol.	*2,460	2,605	2,643	.....				
Poultry and eggs.....do..	229	168	171	178					<b>FINANCE</b>								
Prices paid by farmers:									Bonds (S&P Corp.):								
All commod. & services.....do..	r261	265	263	264					Dom. municipal (15 bonds):								
Family living items.....do..	273	276	277	277					Price.....dol. per \$100 bond	116.9	123.9	126.9	128.4				
Production items.....do..	r248	252	247	250					Yield.....percent	2.89	2.48	2.31	2.23				
All commod., services, int., taxes, etc.....1910-14=100	279	282	280	282					Stocks:								
Parity ratio.....do..	91	88	88	89					Dividend yields, preferred stocks, 11 high-grade (S&P Corp.).....percent	4.30	4.05	4.04	4.01				
<b>CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>								<b>FINANCE</b>									
New construc., total..mil. dol.	3,345	3,358	r3,512	3,605					Prices:								
Private, total.....do..	2,223	r2,277	r2,387	2,436					Dow-Jones & Co., Inc. (65 stocks).....dol. per share	106.21	122.69	127.66	129.76				
Residential (nonfarm).....do..	1,114	1,183	r1,252	1,278					Industrial (40).....do..	272.21	327.91	341.27	346.06				
New dwelling units.....do..	980	1,040	r1,110	1,140					Public utility (15).....do..	50.40	57.92	59.43	61.01				
Additions, etc.....do..	110	114	113	110					Railroad (20).....do..	103.12	110.89	116.65	118.29				
Nonres. bldg., total 1/.....do..	493	r528	r549	552					S&P Corp., combined index (480 stocks)...1935-39=100	187.3	221.8	231.1	236.4				
Industrial.....do..	174	164	r161	160					Industrial (420).....do..	202.1	244.0	254.5	260.6				
Commercial.....do..	169	r189	203	207					Capital goods (129).....do..	188.1	241.6	255.9	257.2				
Farm construction.....do..	185	157	164	167					Consumers' goods (195).....do..	172.8	191.2	202.4	207.3				
Public utility.....do..	420	398	410	427					Public utility (40).....do..	121.1	135.0	139.5	142.3				
Public, total.....do..	1,122	r1,081	r1,125	1,169					Railroad (20).....do..	170.2	175.7	184.1	187.2				
Residential.....do..	44	29	26	26													
Nonresid. building.....do..	376	r395	r407	421													
Military and naval.....do..	120	r84	r81	80													
Highway.....do..	395	385	415	440													
Conservation, etc.....do..	74	67	69	69													
Other types.....do..	113	121	127	133													

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. e/ Estimated. \* July 1953 data. 1/ Except farm and public utility.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued**

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954			
	July	May	June	July	July	May	June	July		July	May	June	July	July	May	June	July
<b>FINANCE - Con.</b>								<b>METALS &amp; MANUFACTURES - Con.</b>									
Life insurance (LIAA):									Radiators and convectors, cast iron:								
Assets, admitted, 49 companies, total.....mil. dol.	66,621	70,364	70,716	71,160					Shipments.....thous. sq. ft.	*2,477	1,745	2,208	.....				
Bonds & stocks, total...do..	41,451	43,233	43,362	43,509					Stocks, end of month.....do..	*9,085	7,696	7,903	.....				
Government (domestic and foreign), total..mil. dol.	r10,563	10,475	10,316	10,230					Oil burners:								
U. S. Government.....do..	r8,633	8,194	8,011	7,861					Shipments.....number	*74,416	51,220	66,807	.....				
Public utility.....do..	11,897	12,655	12,766	12,820					Stocks, end of month.....do..	*86,651	82,995	80,845	.....				
Railroad.....do..	3,418	3,525	3,574	3,573					Pumps, steam, power, etc.:								
Other.....do..	15,572	16,578	16,705	16,886					Orders, new.....thous. dol.	5,533	5,007	5,176	4,733				
Cash.....do..	726	818	807	842					Washers, domestic, electric, sales billed.....number	233,191	254,017	309,012	246,846				
Mortgage loans, total...do..	18,619	20,028	20,197	20,366					Radio sets, prod. 2/..thousands	674.5	722.1	837.7	438.1				
Farm.....do..	1,615	1,728	1,744	1,759					Television sets, prod. 2/..do..	316.3	396.3	544.1	307.0				
Other.....do..	17,004	18,300	18,453	18,607													
Policy loans and premium notes.....do..	2,374	2,507	2,523	2,536					<b>PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Real-estate holdings...do..	1,707	1,812	1,838	1,854					Crude petroleum:								
Other admitted assets...do..	1,743	1,966	1,989	2,053					Production.....thous. bbl.	*197,837	200,593	195,000	.....				
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>								Consumption.....do..	*212,433	218,178	208,408	.....					
Farm income and marketings:									Stocks, end of month:								
Cash receipts from farming, inc. Gov't paym'ts..mil.dol.	*2,156	2,062	2,176	.....					Gasoline-bearing in U. S. thous. bbl.	*283,715	282,250	285,155	.....				
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do..	*2,130	2,033	2,137	.....					Refined petroleum products:								
Crops.....do..	*690	589	793	.....					Fuel oil:								
Livestock and products, total.....mil. dol.	*1,440	1,444	1,344	.....					Prod.: Distillate..thous. bbl.	*43,860	42,531	41,966	.....				
Dairy products.....do..	*402	389	380	.....					Residual.....do..	*37,151	35,582	33,691	.....				
Meat animals.....do..	*714	757	684	.....					Stocks, end of month:								
Poultry and eggs.....do..	*295	258	241	.....					Distillate.....do..	*84,504	73,581	86,325	.....				
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings 1/..1935-39=100	*321	307	322	.....					Residual.....do..	*43,801	47,009	50,216	.....				
Crops.....do..	*243	208	280	.....					Lubricating oils:								
Livestock and products...do..	*379	380	354	.....					Production.....do..	*4,293	4,566	4,508	.....				
Indexes, volume of farm marketings, etc. 1/....do..	*137	133	147	.....					Stocks, ref., end mo....do..	*10,611	9,764	9,599	.....				
Crops.....do..	*94	78	116	.....					Motor fuel:								
Livestock and products...do..	*169	174	171	.....					Gasoline (incl. aviation):								
<b>FOODSTUFFS</b>								Production, total..thous. bbl.	*106,943	107,952	104,481	.....					
Dairy products, production:									Gasoline and naphtha from crude oil.....thous. bbl.	*95,051	95,241	91,956	.....				
Butter, creamery...thous. lb.	138,085	163,815	159,755	129,615					Natural gasoline:								
Cheese (factory), total...do..	128,460	156,480	153,645	126,885					Used at refineries....do..	*8,948	9,441	9,423	.....				
Coffee, visible supply									Sold to jobbers.....do..	*2,944	3,270	3,102	.....				
thous. bags	531	694	832	941					Stocks, gasoline, end mo.:								
<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES</b>								Finished.....thous. bbl.	*137,863	168,660	156,526	.....					
Cans, metal, shipments, total									Unfinished.....do..	*8,333	8,946	8,878	.....				
sh. tons	*357,767	r317,332	381,781	.....					Natural.....do..	*11,054	13,871	14,998	.....				
Food.....do..	*220,481	r179,790	223,632	.....					Aviation gasoline:								
Nonfood.....do..	*137,286	137,542	158,149	.....					Production, total.....do..	*7,811	7,567	7,990	.....				
Shipments for sale.....do..	*311,575	r275,979	339,278	.....					100-octane and above...do..	*6,830	6,569	7,157	.....				
Aluminum fabricated products, shipments, total.....mil. lb.	*262.1	r216.3	232.3	.....					Stocks, total.....do..	*9,163	12,400	10,637	.....				
Castings.....do..	*56.5	r47.7	48.1	.....					100-octane and above...do..	*4,900	6,632	5,301	.....				
								<b>RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS</b>									
								Natural rubber:									
								Consumption.....long tons	43,929	51,398	r54,253	37,650					
								Stocks, end of month.....do..	118,825	104,377	r104,541	109,869					
								Synthetic rubber:									
								Production.....do..	79,360	46,554	45,954	46,964					
								Consumption.....do..	61,299	52,628	r57,195	41,324					
								Stocks, end of month.....do..	159,486	167,583	r157,172	163,219					

1/ Revised. \* June 1953 data. 1/ Unadjusted. 2/ Data for June cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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