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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1954				ITEM	1954			
	Oct. 3	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	Oct. 2		Oct. 3	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	Oct. 2
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's, 1935-39=100	179.2	238.0	242.5	244.8
All commodities, 1947-49=100	#111.0	110.0	109.9	109.7	Industrials (420).....do..	192.4	263.7	269.2	272.8
Farm products.....do..	#98.1	93.1	92.8	92.7	Production:				
Food, processed.....do..	#106.6	106.1	105.8	104.5	Bitum. coal 2/..thous.sh.tons	**1,805	1,322	1,345	.....
All other.....do..	#114.7	114.5	114.4	114.5	Electric power, by utilities	#6,354	9,074	9,072	.....
22 commodities 2/.....do..	67.1	90.8	90.7	90.4	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	134,400	71,358	69,944	79,595
Department store sales.....do..	**114	120	117	.....	Petroleum, crude 2/..thous.bbl.	**6,397	6,103	6,089	.....
Insured unemployment, total					Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) 2/.....1947-49=100	133.7	98.5	101.9	104.5
State programs.....do..	**845	#1,777	.....	.....	Freight car loadings, thous. cars	**520	711	710	.....
Failures, ind. & comm.....member	189	195	212	192	Miscellaneous.....do..	**398	352	352	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 2/.....percent	3.52	3.15	3.14	3.14					

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Week ended October 9, 1945. * Monthly index for September 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest for which data are shown. # Data for preceding week: Total, 1,816,000; State programs, 1,439,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1954				ITEM	1954			
	September	July	August	September		August	June	July	August
COMMODITY PRICES					CONSTRUC. & REAL ESTATE - Con.				
Prices rec'd by farmers, all farm products, 1910-14=100	257	247	251	246	Value of contracts awarded - (Federal Reserve indexes):				
Crops.....do..	259	248	250	247	Total, unadj.....1947-49=100	216	240	r229	221
Food grains.....do..	219	229	228	233	Residential, unadj.....do..	183	251	r256	251
Feed grains and hay.....do..	207	202	207	210	Total, adjusted.....do..	209	207	r208	211
Tobacco.....do..	452	446	430	444	Residential, adjusted.....do..	184	227	r233	232
Cotton.....do..	280	272	268	292	Construction cost index, comp. Dept. of Commerce, 1947-49=100	122.9	122.6	123.2	123.3
Fruit.....do..	204	228	239	248	GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS				
Commercial vegetables.....do..	191	243	233	170	Personal income, seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:				
Oil-bearing crops.....do..	251	286	294	276	Total.....bil. dol.	286.4	286.5	r285.7	285.4
Livestock and products.....do..	276	247	251	245	Wage & salary disbursements, total.....bil. dol.	200.6	193.5	195.7	195.5
Meat animals.....do..	259	286	287	274	Comm.-producing ind.....do..	89.2	84.6	r83.4	82.9
Dairy products.....do..	275	237	249	253	Distributive ind.....do..	52.4	52.5	r53.1	52.9
Poultry and eggs.....do..	230	171	178	162	Service industries.....do..	25.2	25.9	r25.4	25.7
Prices paid by farmers:					Government.....do..	33.8	33.9	r33.8	34.0
All comm. & services.....do..	259	263	264	263	Other labor income.....do..	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.6
Family living items.....do..	270	277	272	274	Proprietors' and rental income.....bil. dol.	46.6	49.2	r47.9	48.2
Produce items.....do..	247	247	250	251	Personal interest income and dividends.....bil. dol.	23.2	24.1	r24.2	24.3
All comm., services, int., taxes, etc., 1910-14=100	277	280	282	280	Transfer payments.....do..	13.8	15.8	15.8	15.5
Parity ratio.....do..	93	88	89	88	Less personal contributions for social ins.....bil. dol.	4.1	4.7	4.5	4.7
Retail prices (Dept. Com.):					Total nonagr. income.....do..	272.6	270.3	r270.8	270.1
All commodities, 1935-39=100	#210.1	r209.7	209.1	.....	Farm Income:				
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE					Cash receipts from farming, inc. Gov't pay'ts.....bil. dol.	**2,437	2,178	r2,248	.....
New construc., total, mil. dol.	3,362	3,512	r3,619	3,619	Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do..	**2,423	2,157	r2,228	.....
Private, total.....do..	2,200	2,387	r2,446	2,440	Crops.....do..	**1,036	793	r777	.....
Residential (nonfarm).....do..	1,093	1,252	r1,288	1,296	Livestock and products, total.....mil. dol.	**1,387	1,344	r1,251	.....
New dwelling units.....do..	965	1,110	r1,150	1,163	Dairy products.....do..	**792	380	399	.....
Additions, etc.....do..	103	115	110	106	Meat animals.....do..	**573	684	624	.....
Nonres. bldg., total 1/.....do..	505	549	592	591	Poultry and eggs.....do..	**300	241	246	.....
Industrial.....do..	177	181	180	180					
Commercial.....do..	175	203	207	207					
Farm construction.....do..	170	164	167	153					
Public utility.....do..	422	410	427	428					
Public, total.....do..	1,162	1,125	r1,172	1,179					
Residential.....do..	46	28	28	25					
Nonresid. building.....do..	380	407	r423	427					
Military and naval.....do..	118	81	r82	86					
Highway.....do..	428	415	440	445					

1/ Revised. * August 1953 data. ** July 1953 data. 1/ Except farm and public utility.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	August	June	July	August		August	June	July	August
GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.					METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
Farm marketings, indexes: <u>1/</u>					Iron ore (Lake Superior dis.):				
Cash receipts <u>2/</u> ...1935-39=100	*r366	r317	336	.....	Consumption by furnaces				
Crops.....do..	*r366	r281	345	.....	thous. l. tons	8,150	5,396	5,155	4,895
Livestock and products...do..	*r365	354	329	.....	Stocks, end of mo., total...do..	45,579	34,996	40,723	45,733
Volume.....do..	*r154	147	151	.....	At furnaces.....do..	39,988	29,187	34,537	39,199
Crops.....do..	*r151	116	139	.....	On Lake Erie docks.....do..	5,591	5,809	6,186	6,534
Livestock and products...do..	*r157	171	159	.....	Lead, refined (primary ref.):				
Manufacturers' sales, inven-					Production.....sh. tons	38,022	42,317	35,716	44,089
tories, and orders - value:					Shipments (domestic).....do..	40,836	46,987	37,195	43,402
Sales, total <u>3/</u>.....mil. dol.	25,067	24,250	r24,055	23,651	Stocks, end of month.....do..	58,103	104,626	93,030	84,429
Durable goods.....do..	12,730	11,395	r11,287	11,036	Radiators and convectors,				
Nondurable goods.....do..	12,337	12,855	r12,768	12,615	cast iron:				
Inventories, book value, end					Shipments.....thous. sq. ft.	*2,591	2,208	1,937	.....
of month, total <u>3/</u>.....mil. dol.	46,888	44,526	r44,194	43,878	Stocks, end of month.....do..	*8,404	7,903	7,438	.....
Durable goods.....do..	26,788	24,689	r24,383	24,228	Oil burners:				
Nondurable goods.....do..	20,100	19,837	r19,811	19,650	Shipments.....number	*79,735	r68,798	65,184	.....
New orders, net, total <u>3/</u>.....do..	22,339	22,876	r22,551	22,713	Stocks, end of month.....do..	*81,205	80,845	75,345	.....
Durable goods.....do..	10,139	9,985	r9,700	9,971	Machine tools:				
Nondurable goods.....do..	12,200	12,891	r12,851	12,742	New orders <u>5/</u>.....1945-47=100	286.9	185.2	r124.7	p147.0
Unfilled orders, total <u>1/</u>.....do..	70,116	48,855	r48,314	47,256	Shipments <u>5/</u>.....do..	299.6	276.3	r205.7	p202.9
Durable goods.....do..	67,015	46,150	r45,610	44,583	Washers, domestic, electric,				
Nondurable goods.....do..	3,101	2,705	r2,704	2,673	sales billed.....number	296,589	309,012	246,846	300,355
EMPLOYMENT					PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING				
Labor turnover in mfg. establ.:					Wood pulp:				
Accession rate					Production, total, all grades				
mo. rate per 100 employees	4.3	3.5	r2.9	p3.3	thous. short tons	r1,545	1,562	r1,416	1,604
Separation rate, total...do..	4.8	3.1	r3.1	p3.3	Sulphate (paper grades)...do..	r848	842	744	866
Discharge.....do..	.4	.2	.2	p.2	Sulphite (paper grades)...do..	193	200	r183	207
Lay-off.....do..	1.3	1.7	r1.6	p1.6	Groundwood.....do..	r197	203	194	207
Quit.....do..	2.9	1.1	1.1	p1.3	Stocks, end of month, total,				
Military and misc.....do..	.3	.2	.2	p.3	all grades.....short tons	163,100	188,667	r174,276	178,280
FINANCE					Sulphate (paper grades)...do..				
Bonds:					Sulphite (paper grades)...do..	42,459	53,150	r51,060	49,538
Average price of all listed					Sulphite (paper grades)...do..	37,636	41,138	r33,876	33,948
bonds (NYSE) <u>4/</u>.....dollars	95.58	100.71	100.91	100.62	Groundwood.....do..	31,204	28,707	26,289	25,323
Domestic.....do..	95.96	101.12	101.31	101.00	Newsprint, Canada:				
Foreign.....do..	74.79	77.90	78.67	78.74	Production.....do..	484,507	490,726	503,979	503,145
Value, issues listed NYSE:					Shipments from mills.....do..	498,506	523,966	481,686	518,844
Market value, all issues <u>4/</u>					Stocks, mills, end mo.....do..	155,703	152,394	174,687	158,988
mil. dol.	100,010	105,582	105,727	109,495	Newsprint, United States:				
Domestic.....do..	98,142	103,474	103,608	107,382	Consump. by publishers....do..	359,133	384,444	338,471	360,825
Foreign.....do..	1,395	1,437	1,445	1,440	Production.....do..	90,824	96,564	96,324	99,492
Face value, all issues <u>4/</u>					Shipments from mills.....do..	92,295	96,148	96,597	98,503
mil. dol.	104,634	104,835	104,770	108,816	Stocks, end of month:				
Domestic.....do..	102,269	102,325	102,268	106,322	At mills.....do..	6,106	7,927	7,654	8,643
Foreign.....do..	1,865	1,844	1,837	1,829	At publishers.....do..	539,622	453,407	481,612	508,703
Stocks:					In transit to publishers.do..	91,010	80,566	71,066	66,199
Shares listed on NYSE:					TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT				
Market value.....mil. dol.	110,750	139,188	145,843	142,284	Motor vehicles, factory sales,				
No. shares listed...millions	2,889	3,047	3,063	3,071	total.....number	614,655	598,876	530,416	521,450
ELECTRIC POWER					Coaches, total.....do..	447	351	246	309
Electric power, production,					Domestic.....do..	407	349	190	306
total.....mil. kw.-hr.	44,554	44,975	45,969	47,196	Passenger cars, total....do..	512,730	507,055	451,663	445,306
Utilities.....do..	38,534	38,901	40,077	41,167	Domestic.....do..	500,322	489,994	437,028	431,371
Industrial establish.....do..	6,020	6,074	5,892	6,030	Trucks, total.....do..	101,478	91,470	78,507	75,835
					Domestic.....do..	89,911	74,250	62,161	60,263

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. * July 1953 data. 1/ Unadjusted. 2/ Including CCC loans. 3/ Adjusted. 4/ Includes bonds of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development not shown separately. 5/ Based on monthly average shipments, 1945-47=100 percent.

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