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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954			
	Oct. 17	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16		Oct. 17	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16
Commodity prices, wholesale:									Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	181.7	244.8	246.6	243.2				
All commodities...1947-49=100	*110.2		109.6	109.7					Industrials (420).....do..	195.1	272.8	275.1	270.8				
Farm products.....do..	*95.3		92.2	92.9					Production:								
Foods, processed.....do..	*104.7		103.3	103.4					Bitum. coal <u>3</u> /..thous.sh.tons	**1,542	1,332	1,375	.....			
All other.....do..	*114.6		114.6	114.6					Electric power, by utilities								
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	86.1	90.3	90.8	90.3					mil. kw.-hr.	**8,307	9,158	9,153	.....			
Department store sales.....do..	**120	110	118	.....					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	145,697	81,027	79,108	59,604				
Insured unemployment, total									Petroleum, crude <u>3</u> /..thous.bb.l.	6,223	6,050	6,057	.....			
thous.	**612	#1,677	.....	.....					Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	135.2	104.5	105.3	108.0				
State programs.....do..	**761	#1,515	.....	.....					Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**804	722	703	.....			
Failures, ind. & comm..number	169	192	230	152					Miscellaneous.....do..	**394	358	348	.....			
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.45	3.14	3.14	3.13													

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Wednesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Week ended October 23, 1953. * Monthly index for October 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest for which data are shown. # Data for preceding week: Total, 1,702,000; State programs, 1,535,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953				1954				ITEM	1953				1954			
	September	July	August	September	September	July	August	September		September	July	August	September	September	July	August	September
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS									GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.								
Industrial prod. (FRB):									Indust. prod., adj. index - Con.								
Unadj. index, total.1947-49=100	135	r116	124	p126					Nondurable mfs...1947-49=100	117	r115	115	p116				
Manufactures.....do..	137	r116	125	p127					Food & beverage mfs....do..	r108	r105	106	p106				
Durable manufactures...do..	151	r125	132	p134					Tobacco manufactures...do..	**103	101	.....	.....		
Primary metals.....do..	127	r94	101	p106					Textile-mill products...do..	*104	r95	93	.....			
Metal fabricating.....do..	164	r138	145	p145					Apparel & allied prod...do..	*109	r106	105	.....			
Fab. metal products...do..	137	r116	124	p123					Leather & products...do..	*97	r100	96	.....			
Machinery.....do..	158	r128	138	p142					Paper & allied prod...do..	*133	133	p135	.....			
Transportation equip.do..	182	r165	165	p158					Printing & publishing...do..	121	121	121	p120				
Instruments, etc.....do..	155	r132	134	p137					Chemicals, etc.....do..	147	148	149	p151				
Furniture & fixtures...do..	115	99	107	p109					Petroleum & coal prod...do..	131	r122	121	p124				
Lumber & products...do..	*122	90	102	.....					Rubber products.....do..	*127	96	95	.....			
Stone, clay & glass...do..	136	r128	134	p133					Minerals.....do..	118	r112	109	p109				
Nondurable mfs.....do..	122	r107	117	p121					Coal.....do..	81	70	68	p66				
Food & beverage mfs...do..	124	r109	115	p121					Crude oil & nat. gas...do..	136	r133	130	p130				
Tobacco manufactures...do..	**94	92	.....	.....											
Textile-mill prod...do..	*107	r81	96	.....					COMMODITY PRICES								
Apparel & allied prod...do..	*115	91	110	.....					Wholesale prices (Dept.Labor):								
Leather & products...do..	*103	r87	102	.....					All commodities...1947-49=100	111.0	110.4	110.5	110.0				
Paper & allied prod...do..	*135	120	p137	.....					Farm products.....do..	98.1	96.2	r95.8	93.6				
Printing & publishing...do..	122	r113	116	p121					Fruits and vegetables...do..	96.0	110.9	108.3	99.8				
Chemicals, etc.....do..	145	138	145	p150					Grains.....do..	88.3	88.1	91.2	93.6				
Petroleum & coal prod...do..	133	r122	124	p126					Livestock, live poultry.do..	90.6	83.2	83.4	80.7				
Rubber products.....do..	*122	85	92	.....					Foods, processed.....do..	106.6	r106.5	r106.4	105.5				
Minerals.....do..	122	r110	111	p112					Cereals & bakery prod...do..	110.8	114.0	113.2	113.8				
Coal.....do..	84	57	68	p69					Dairy prod. & ice cream.do..	111.3	105.1	r105.9	106.7				
Crude oil & nat. gas...do..	136	r133	130	p130					Fruits and vegetables...do..	104.7	104.7	r104.8	104.9				
									Meats, poultry & fish...do..	97.4	94.1	92.0	92.0				
Adj. index, total.....do..	133	r123	124	p124					Commodities other than farm								
Manufactures.....do..	135	r124	125	p125					prod. & foods...1947-49=100	114.7	114.3	114.4	114.4				
Durable manufactures...do..	152	r134	135	p135					Chemicals, etc.....do..	106.7	106.7	106.8	106.8				
Primary metals.....do..	130	r103	106	p108					Chemicals, indust...do..	120.0	117.1	117.4	117.4				
Metal fabricating.....do..	166	r147	148	p146					Drugs, etc.....do..	93.5	94.0	94.0	94.0				
Fab. metal products...do..	135	r122	124	p121					Fats and oils.....do..	51.1	52.0	53.5	53.8				
Machinery.....do..	161	r141	145	p144					Fertilizer materials...do..	113.0	r112.1	112.1	112.3				
Transportation equip.do..	186	r170	167	p162					Fuel, power, etc.....do..	110.9	r106.2	r106.9	107.0				
Instruments, etc.....do..	155	r136	136	p137					Coal.....do..	112.3	104.9	105.2	105.4				
Furniture & fixtures...do..	114	r106	109	p108					Electricity.....do..	98.0	101.8	r102.4	102.4				
Lumber & products...do..	*116	96	97	.....					Gas.....do..	106.0	r105.4	105.4	105.4				
Stone, clay & glass...do..	134	r131	131	p131					Petroleum & products...do..	116.5	108.2	109.3	109.4				

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. * August 1953 data. ** July 1953 data.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1954				ITEM	1954			
	September	July	August	September		September	July	August	September
COMMODITY PRICES - Con.					FINANCE				
Wholesale prices - Con.					Bank debits, total (345 centers).....mil. dol.				
Furniture, etc., 1947-49=100	114.9	115.3	115.3	115.4	New York City.....do..	54,888	61,155	58,316	56,744
Appliances, household.....do..	109.1	109.7	109.7	109.7	6 other centers.....do..	31,422	31,556	31,526	30,922
Furniture, household.....do..	114.2	112.8	112.9	112.8	Bonds:				
Radios.....do..	94.8	95.6	95.4	95.4	Yields:				
Television sets.....do..	74.2	70.3	68.5	68.7	Dom. corp. (Moody's)....percent	3.54	3.15	3.14	3.13
Hides, skins, etc.....do..	99.7	94.9	94.0	93.2	By ratings: Aaa.....do..	3.29	2.89	2.87	2.89
Footwear.....do..	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	Aa.....do..	3.43	3.04	3.03	3.04
Hides and skins.....do..	74.2	58.2	55.8	51.5	A.....do..	3.56	3.17	3.15	3.13
Leather.....do..	94.5	86.5	84.4	84.0	Baa.....do..	3.88	3.50	3.49	3.47
Lumber & wood prod.....do..	119.2	119.1	119.1	119.5	By groups: Industrial.....do..	3.39	3.10	3.07	3.07
Lumber.....do..	118.3	118.6	118.7	119.2	Pub. util.....do..	3.58	3.13	3.12	3.13
Machinery, motive prod.....do..	124.0	124.3	124.3	124.4	Railroad.....do..	3.65	3.23	3.21	3.22
Agri. machinery, etc.....do..	122.3	122.3	122.1	121.9	Stocks:				
Construction mech.....do..	130.9	131.5	131.5	131.6	Dividend rate per share:				
Elec. mach. & equip.....do..	126.2	125.8	125.7	125.7	Common (200), Moody's. dollars	3.98	4.24	4.22	4.22
Motor vehicles.....do..	118.6	118.9	118.9	118.9	Industrial (125).....do..	4.15	4.47	4.43	4.43
Metals & metal prod.....do..	128.5	128.0	128.6	129.0	Public utility (24).....do..	2.07	2.13	2.13	2.13
Heating equipment.....do..	115.8	114.0	114.1	114.2	Railroad (25).....do..	3.11	3.15	3.15	3.15
Iron and steel.....do..	134.6	133.6	133.8	134.1	Banks (15).....do..	2.82	3.01	3.05	3.07
Nonferrous metals.....do..	122.8	124.2	125.1	126.1	Insurance (10).....do..	3.10	3.37	3.37	3.37
Nonmet. minerals, struc.....do..	120.7	120.4	120.5	121.7	Dividend yields:				
Clay products.....do..	132.0	132.0	132.3	135.4	Common (200), Moody's. percent	5.73	4.61	4.75	4.46
Concrete products.....do..	117.4	117.7	117.9	117.8	Industrial (125).....do..	5.76	4.54	4.66	4.31
Gypsum products.....do..	122.1	122.1	122.1	122.1	Public utility (24).....do..	5.56	4.56	4.69	4.64
Pulp, paper, etc.....do..	116.9	116.2	116.3	116.3	Railroad (25).....do..	7.13	5.95	6.30	6.12
Paper.....do..	126.5	126.5	126.5	126.5	Banks (15).....do..	4.53	4.35	4.32	4.39
Rubber and products.....do..	124.0	126.8	126.4	126.9	Insurance (10).....do..	3.40	2.73	2.79	2.77
Tires and tubes.....do..	126.4	129.3	129.6	129.6	CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS				
Textile prod., etc.....do..	96.9	95.1	95.3	95.3	Paints, varnish, and lacquer:				
Apparel.....do..	98.5	98.4	98.6	98.6	Factory shipments, total				
Cotton products.....do..	93.7	88.9	89.1	89.2	thous. dol.	*121,687	118,024	121,572	.....
Silk products.....do..	134.7	124.2	126.3	128.4	Industrial sales.....do..	*47,970	41,182	45,004	.....
Synthetic textiles.....do..	86.7	85.7	85.7	85.8	Trade sales.....do..	*73,717	76,842	76,568	.....
Wool products.....do..	111.2	109.8	110.3	109.6	FOODSTUFFS				
Tobacco mfs. & bot. bev.....do..	116.2	121.4	121.5	121.5	Livestock slaughter:				
Beverages, alcoholic.....do..	111.2	114.2	114.3	114.3	Calves.....thous. animals	687	640	649	706
Cigarettes.....do..	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	Cattle.....do..	1,644	1,622	1,635	1,638
					Hogs.....do..	4,059	3,325	3,852	4,743
					Sheep and lambs.....do..	1,366	1,209	1,207	1,290
CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE					METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
Contract awards, engineering					Steel ingots and steel for				
const. (ENR), value 1/.mil. dol.	1,117	1,575	1,271	1,479	castings:				
Construction cost (ENR): 2/					Production....thous. sh. tons	8,883	6,628	6,667	6,807
Building.....1947-49=100	128.9	134.7	134.4	134.7	Percent of capacity.....	92	63	63	67
Construction.....do..	135.0	141.7	141.4	141.7	Copper:				
					Production:				
DOMESTIC TRADE					Mine or smelter.....sh. tons	86,748	75,667	61,609	68,627
Newspaper advertising:					Refinery.....do..	114,760	107,095	103,901	87,623
Linage, total (52 cities)					Deliveries, ref., dom.....do..	104,886	97,436	92,475	88,947
thous. lines	*198,647	185,771	199,363	.....	Stocks, ref., end of mo.....do..	72,907	68,921	58,387	47,666
Classified.....do..	*56,553	50,193	53,001	.....	Radio sets, prod. 3/.thousands	1,216.5	438.1	785.5	951.1
Display, total.....do..	*142,095	135,579	146,362	.....	Television sets, prod. 3/.do..	770.1	307.0	633.4	920.7
Automotive.....do..	*11,417	11,520	10,781	.....				
Financial.....do..	*2,021	3,227	2,278	.....				
General.....do..	*23,034	23,952	23,526	.....				
Retail.....do..	*105,623	96,880	109,777	.....				

2/ Revised. * August 1953 data. 1/ Data for July and September 1954 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 2/ Data reported at the beginning of each month are shown here for the previous month. 3/ Data for September 1953 and September 1954 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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