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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1953		1954		ITEM	1953		1954	
	Nov. 14	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	Nov. 13		Nov. 14	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	Nov. 13
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's..... 1935-39=100	187.2	241.6	244.9	250.7
All commodities... 1947-49=100	*109.8	.....	109.7	109.7	Industrials (420).....do..	202.0	269.5	273.3	280.0
Farm products.....do..	*93.7	.....	93.4	92.2	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*103.8	.....	103.7	104.5	Bitum. coal $\frac{3}{4}$..thous.sh.tons	**1,474	1,508	1,404	.....
All other.....do..	*114.5	.....	114.5	114.5	Electric power, by utilities				
22 commodities $\frac{2}{3}$.....do..	86.9	90.4	90.4	91.6	mil. kw.-hr.	**8,398	9,152	9,357	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**121	117	126	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	111,578	87,403	112,657	137,253
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum, crude $\frac{3}{4}$..thous.bb.l.	**6,038	6,056	6,092	.....
thous.	**960	#1,610	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) $\frac{4}{5}$ 1947-49=100	129.5	110.6	113.4	116.7
State programs.....do..	**897	#1,446	.....	.....	Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**748	736	695	.....
Failures, ind. & comm..number	155	223	204	227	Miscellaneous.....do..	**371	367	347	.....
Bond yields, domestic corpor-									
rate (Moody's) $\frac{3}{4}$.....percent	3.37	3.12	3.13	3.13					

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Wednesday prices. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Week ended November 20, 1954. * Monthly index for November 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest for which data are shown. # Data for preceding week: Total, 1,634,000; State programs, 1,469,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	October	August	September	October		October	August	September	October
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS					GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.				
National income and product, seasonally adj. quarterly totals, at annual rates:					National income and product, seasonally adj. quarterly totals, at annual rates-Con.				
National income, total..bil.dol.	*306.2	.....	.....	.....	Personal income, total..bil.dol.	*287.5	.....	286.2	.....
Compensation of employees, total.....bil. dol.	*211.4	.....	207.2	.....	Less: Pers'l tax & nontax payments.....do..	*36.3	.....	32.9	.....
Wages & salaries, total..do..	*200.3	.....	195.6	.....	Equals: Disp.pers'l inc..do..	*251.2	.....	253.2	.....
Private.....do..	*166.7	.....	161.6	.....	Personal saving.....do..	*20.0	.....	18.4	.....
Military.....do..	*10.2	.....	9.6	.....	COMMODITY PRICES				
Government civilian...do..	*23.4	.....	24.4	.....	Wholesale prices (Dept.Labor):				
Supplements to wages and salaries.....do..	*11.1	.....	11.6	.....	All commodities... 1947-49=100	110.2	110.5	110.0	109.7
Prop. & rental income...do..	*47.8	.....	48.5	.....	Farm products.....do..	95.3	95.8	93.6	93.1
Business & professional..do..	*26.1	.....	25.9	.....	Fruits and vegetables..do..	94.2	108.3	99.8	101.9
Farm.....do..	*11.1	.....	11.6	.....	Grains.....do..	87.9	91.2	93.6	92.9
Rental income.....do..	*10.6	.....	10.9	.....	Livestock, live poultry..do..	82.0	83.4	80.7	77.5
Corporate profits & inventory valuation adj.....bil. dol.	*38.3	.....	.....	.....	Foods, processed.....do..	104.7	106.4	105.5	103.7
Corp. prof. before tax..do..	*40.9	.....	.....	.....	Cereals & bakery prod..do..	112.0	113.2	113.8	114.5
Corp. prof. tax liab...do..	*21.9	.....	.....	.....	Dairy prod.& ice cream..do..	112.7	105.9	r106.6	108.7
Corp. prof. after tax...do..	*19.0	.....	.....	.....	Fruits and vegetables..do..	104.9	104.8	r105.0	105.6
Inventory valuation adj..do..	*-2.6	.....	-3	.....	Meats, poultry & fish..do..	88.9	92.0	92.0	85.8
Net interest.....do..	*8.6	.....	9.2	.....	Commodities other than farm prod. & foods.. 1947-49=100	114.6	114.4	114.4	114.5
Gross nat'l product, total..do..	*367.2	.....	355.5	.....	Chemicals, etc.....do..	106.7	106.8	106.8	106.9
Pers'l consump. expend...do..	*231.2	.....	234.8	.....	Chemicals, indust.....do..	119.5	117.4	117.4	117.6
Durable goods.....do..	*30.3	.....	28.9	.....	Drugs, etc.....do..	93.5	94.0	94.0	93.6
Nondurable goods.....do..	*118.6	.....	121.1	.....	Fats and oils.....do..	53.3	53.5	r54.0	56.6
Services.....do..	*82.3	.....	84.8	.....	Fertilizer materials..do..	112.9	112.1	112.3	112.1
Gross private domestic investment, total...bil. dol.	*52.4	.....	45.3	.....	Fuel, power, etc.....do..	111.2	106.9	r106.9	106.7
New construction.....do..	*25.6	.....	28.3	.....	Coal.....do..	112.5	105.2	r105.5	105.0
Prod. durable equip.....do..	*24.8	.....	21.8	.....	Electricity.....do..	98.5	102.4	r101.2	101.2
Change in business inv..do..	*2.0	.....	-4.8	.....	Gas.....do..	106.6	105.4	r106.0	106.0
Net foreign investment...do..	*-1.8	.....	-2	.....	Petroleum & products..do..	116.6	109.3	109.4	109.3
Government purchases of goods & services, total..do..	*85.4	.....	75.6	.....	Furniture, etc.....do..	114.8	115.3	r115.3	115.6
Fed. (less Gov't sales)..do..	*60.3	.....	47.9	.....	Appliances, household..do..	109.0	109.7	r109.4	109.5
National security.....do..	*52.3	.....	42.1	.....	Furniture, household..do..	114.2	112.9	112.8	112.8
State and local.....do..	*25.1	.....	27.7	.....	Radios.....do..	94.8	95.4	95.4	95.4
					Television sets.....do..	74.2	68.5	68.7	68.7

^{r/} Revised. * Data for 3rd quarter of 1953.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1953		1954		ITEM	1953		1954	
	October	August	September	October		October	August	September	October
COMMODITY PRICES - Con.					FINANCE - Con.				
Wholesale prices - Con.					Bonds, yields:				
Hides, skins, etc.					Dom. corp. (Moody's)..percent				
1947-49=100					By ratings: Aaa.....do..				
Footwear.....do..	97.1	94.0	r93.0	92.3	Aa.....do..				
Hides and skins.....do..	111.7	111.8	111.8	111.8	A.....do..				
Leather.....do..	64.4	55.8	51.5	49.2	Baa.....do..				
Lumber & wood prod....do..	90.4	84.4	r82.9	82.1	By groups: Industrial..do..				
Lumber.....do..	118.1	119.1	r119.3	119.8	Pub. util...do..				
Machinery, motive prod.do..	117.2	118.7	r119.0	119.5	Railroad....do..				
Agri. machinery, etc....do..	124.1	124.3	124.4	124.3	Stocks:				
Construction mach....do..	122.4	122.1	121.9	122.0	Cash dividend payments				
Elec. mach. & equip....do..	131.0	131.5	131.6	131.6	publicly reported..mil. dol.				
Motor vehicles.....do..	126.5	125.7	r125.6	125.6	Finance.....do..				
Metals & metal prod....do..	118.5	118.9	118.9	118.5	Manufacturing.....do..				
Heating equipment.....do..	127.9	128.6	r129.1	129.7	Mining.....do..				
Iron and steel.....do..	115.8	114.1	r114.1	114.3	Communications.....do..				
Nonferrous metals.....do..	133.4	133.8	134.1	135.0	Heat, light & power....do..				
	122.1	125.1	r126.2	127.4	Railroad.....do..				
					Trade.....do..				
Nonmet. minerals, struc.do..	120.7	120.5	121.7	121.9	Dividend rate per share:				
Clay products.....do..	132.0	132.3	135.4	135.4	Common (200)Moody's.dollars				
Concrete products.....do..	117.4	117.9	117.8	117.8	Industrial (125).....do..				
Gypsum products.....do..	122.1	122.1	122.1	122.1	Public utility (24)....do..				
Pulp, paper, etc.....do..	117.5	116.3	116.3	116.3	Railroad (25).....do..				
Paper.....do..	126.6	126.5	126.5	126.5	Banks (15).....do..				
Rubber and products....do..	124.2	126.4	126.9	128.5	Insurance (10).....do..				
Tires and tubes.....do..	130.1	129.6	129.6	129.6	Dividend yields:				
Textile prod., etc.....do..	96.5	95.3	95.3	95.4	Common (200)Moody's.percent				
Apparel.....do..	98.7	98.6	98.6	98.6	Industrial (125).....do..				
Cotton products.....do..	92.4	89.1	89.2	89.8	Public utility (24)....do..				
Silk products.....do..	135.8	126.3	128.4	127.0	Railroad (25).....do..				
Synthetic textiles.....do..	85.9	85.7	85.8	86.1	Banks (15).....do..				
Wool products.....do..	111.6	110.3	109.6	108.5	Insurance (10).....do..				
Tobacco mfs. & bot.bev.do..	118.1	121.5	121.5	121.5	METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
Beverages, alcoholic..do..	114.9	114.3	114.3	114.3	Steel ingots & steel for cast.:				
Cigarettes.....do..	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	Production...thous. sh. tons				
					Percent of capacity.....				
DOMESTIC TRADE					Steel products, net shipments:				
All retail stores:					Total.....thous. sh. tons				
Sales (unadjusted), total <u>l</u> /					Bars: Hot rolled.....do..				
mil. dol.	14,951	r13,896	14,139	14,623	Reinforcing.....do..				
Durable-goods stores:					Semimanufactures.....do..				
Automotive group.....do..	2,926	2,672	2,536	2,419	Pipes and tubes.....do..				
Furniture & appliances.do..	830	730	740	801	Plates.....do..				
Nondurable-goods stores:					Rails.....do..				
Apparel group.....do..	902	681	847	910	Sheets.....do..				
Drug & prop. stores....do..	394	396	392	408	Strip: Cold rolled....do..				
Eating and drinking					Hot rolled.....do..				
places.....do..	1,134	1,207	1,156	1,150	Structural shapes.....do..				
Food group.....do..	3,567	3,374	3,475	3,699	Tin plate & terneplate.do..				
Gasoline serv.stations.do..	914	1,026	975	1,005	Wire & wire prod.....do..				
General-merch. group...do..	1,714	r1,424	1,543	1,706	Zinc, slab:				
					Production.....short tons				
FINANCE					Shipments, total.....do..				
Bank debits, total (345 cen-					Domestic.....do..				
ters).....mil. dol.	149,606	r151,510	149,907	152,321	Stocks, end of month....do..				
New York City.....do..	54,152	58,316	56,744	58,792	158,417	193,253	r175,505	152,137	
6 other centers.....do..	31,778	31,526	30,922	30,706					

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