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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1953	1954				ITEM	1953	1954			
	Nov. 21	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 21		Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20		
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard						
All commodities...1947-49=100	*109.8	109.7	109.7	109.7	and Poor's.....1935-39=100	186.6	244.9	250.7	254.5		
Farm products.....do..	*93.7	93.4	92.2	93.0	Industrials (420).....do..	201.1	273.3	280.0	284.8		
Foods, processed.....do..	*103.8	103.7	104.3	103.8	Production:						
All other.....do..	*114.5	114.5	114.5	114.5	Bitum. coal 3/..thous.sh.tons	**1,549	1,418	1,503	.....	
22 commodities 2/.....do..	87.5	90.4	91.6	90.4	Electric power, by utilities						
Department store sales.....do..	**133	127	130	.....	mil. kw.-hr.	**8,457	9,357	9,197	.....	
Insured unemployment, total					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	104,231	112,657	137,781	141,154		
thous.	**1,033	#1,554	.....	.....	Petroleum,crude 3/..thous.bbl.	**6,127	6,092	6,120	.....	
State programs.....do..	**963	#1,390	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,				
Failures, ind. & comm..number	223	204	227	208	quantity) 4/.....1947-49=100	127.3	113.4	116.7	117.8		
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**727	695	708	.....	
rate (Moody's) 3/.....percent	3.39	3.13	3.13	3.13	Miscellaneous.....do..	**365	347	355	.....	

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Wednesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Week ended November 27, 1954. * Monthly index for November 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest for which data are shown. # Data for preceding week: Total, 1,611,000; State programs, 1,446,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	October	August	September	October		October	August	September	October
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE					TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS				
Construction cont. awarded, 37 States (F. W. Dodge Corp.):					Operations on sched.air lines:				
Total projects.....number	50,049	61,612	65,832	67,701	Miles flown, revenue....thous.	*40,238	37,859	42,095	.....
Total valuation.....mil. dol.	1,892	1,573	1,816	1,965	Express & freight ton-miles flown.....thous.	*14,768	12,704	16,478	.....
Building, total.....do..	1,393	1,243	1,424	1,523	Mail ton-miles flown....do..	*5,400	6,053	6,160	.....
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: 1/					Passengers carried, rev...do..	*2,334	2,471	2,621	.....
Total.....thous. sq. yd.	6,094	8,391	7,821	8,376	Passenger-miles fl.,rev...mil.	*1,261	1,392	1,436	.....
Airports.....do..	822	1,711	1,206	582	Telegraph, cable, and radiotelegraph carriers:				
Roads.....do..	3,691	3,408	4,301	5,485	Wire-telegraph:				
Streets and alleys.....do..	1,582	3,272	2,314	2,309	Operating rev.....thous.dol.	*17,233	18,072	18,447	.....
FINANCE					Operating expenses 3/...do..	*15,477	15,555	15,861	.....
Federal Government finance: 2/					Net operating revenues...do..	*1,070	1,741	1,856	.....
Receipts, Treasury...mil. dol.	2,894	4,801	5,280	2,887	Ocean-cable:				
Receipts, net.....do..	2,645	3,911	4,951	2,639	Operating revenues.....do..	*2,574	2,595	2,743	.....
Customs.....do..	51	48	48	47	Operating expenses 3/...do..	*1,820	1,967	1,794	.....
Income & empl. taxes....do..	1,698	3,806	4,277	1,850	Net operating revenues...do..	*522	377	701	.....
Miscel. internal rev....do..	1,019	828	839	850	Radiotelegraph:				
All other receipts.....do..	125	119	117	140	Operating revenues.....do..	*2,471	2,557	2,611	.....
Expenditures, total.....do..	5,462	6,731	5,019	4,857	Operating expenses 3/...do..	*2,092	2,179	2,320	.....
Interest on debt.....do..	354	332	r541	346	Net operating revenues...do..	*249	255	159	.....
Veterans' services and benefits.....do..	340	334	321	349	FOODSTUFFS				
National security.....do..	3,647	3,370	p3,261	p3,300	Wines & distilling materials:				
All other expenditures...do..	1,121	2,695	p897	p1,558	Sparkling wines:				
Gold, monetary stock,U.S..do..	22,077	21,809	21,810	p21,759	Production...thous. wine gal.				
Currency in circulation.....do..	30,398	29,929	r29,985	p30,068	Tax-paid withdrawals....do..				
Turnover of demand deposits except interbank & U.S. Gov't, annual rate:					Stocks, end of month....do..				
New York City					Still wines:				
ratio of debits to deposits	35.8	40.0	40.4	39.3	Production.....do..				
6 other centers.....do..	23.9	24.8	p25.3	p23.7	Tax-paid withdrawals....do..				
338 other reporting cen....do..	18.4	18.5	p19.4	p18.6	Stocks, end of month....do..				
Bonds, price (S&P Corp.):					Distilling materials produced at wineries.....do..				
Ind.,util.& RR (A1+ issues):					Rice, Southern States (Ark., La., Tenn., Tex.):				
Composite (17 bonds)					Receipts, at mills....mil. lb.				
dol. per \$100 bond	112.5	117.8	117.6	117.5	Shipments from mills....do..				
					Stocks,dom., rough & cleaned (cleaned basis).....mil. lb.				

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

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FOODSTUFFS - Con.					PAPER AND PRINTING				
Livestock:					Paper, ex. bldg. paper, news-				
Cattle and calves:					print & paperboard (APPA):				
Receipts, principal markets					Orders, new.....sh. tons	*871,848	r881,976	844,000	.....
thous. animals	3,095	2,736	2,878	p2,993	Production.....do..	*854,827	r888,960	853,000	.....
Shipments, feeder, to 9					Shipments.....do..	*848,200	r880,120	844,000	.....
corn-belt States.....do..	773	314	540	939	Stocks, end of month.....do..	*396,041	r424,855	432,000	.....
Hogs:					Fine paper:				
Receipts, prin. markets					Orders, new.....do..	*100,159	r106,884	107,000	.....
thous. animals	2,665	2,251	2,496	p2,746	Production.....do..	*108,598	r112,279	111,000	.....
Sheep and lambs:					Shipments.....do..	*105,535	r106,727	108,000	.....
Receipts, prin. markets...do..	2,026	1,391	1,806	p1,841	Stocks, end of month.....do..	*91,638	r105,982	110,000	.....
Shipments, feeder, to 9					Printing paper:				
corn-belt States.....do..	754	248	631	539	Orders, new.....do..	*314,921	r298,680	279,000	.....
Poultry, receipts, 5 markets					Production.....do..	*294,782	r308,034	285,000	.....
thous. lb.	69,572	47,532	55,555	64,612	Shipments.....do..	*292,487	r306,948	281,000	.....
					Stocks, end of month.....do..	*159,694	r151,600	155,500	.....
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS					Coarse paper:				
Leather production:					Orders, new.....do..	*288,155	r302,502	284,000	.....
Calf and kip.....thous. skins	*839	783	728	.....	Production.....do..	*283,163	r293,602	281,000	.....
Cattle hide.....thous. hides	*1,894	r2,010	1,959	.....	Shipments.....do..	*280,828	r289,863	281,000	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. skins	*2,240	2,121	1,920	.....	Stocks, end of month.....do..	*75,060	r102,728	100,000	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do..	*2,439	r2,320	2,041	.....	TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
METALS AND MANUFACTURES					Men's apparel, cuttings: 2/				
Iron ore (Lake Superior dis.):					Tailored garments:				
Consumption by furnaces					Suits.....thous. units	1,891	1,660	1,655	1,456
thous. l. tons	8,131	4,895	4,620	5,398	Overcoats and topcoats...do..	576	480	440	340
Stocks, end of mo., total...do..	55,699	45,733	49,753	51,868	Trousers (separate),				
At furnaces.....do..	47,419	39,199	43,083	44,980	dress and sport.....do..	4,482	3,840	4,380	4,128
On Lake Erie docks.....do..	8,280	6,534	6,670	6,889	Work clothing:				
Pig iron, production					Dungarees & waistband				
thous. sh. tons	6,498	4,567	4,462	4,984	overalls.....thous. doz.	440	392	435	408
Steel forgings:					Shirts.....do..	414	364	395	356
Orders, unfilled.....do..	*882	410	409	.....	Cotton: 2/				
Shipments, for sale.....do..	*153	102	109	.....	Consumption.....bales	r870,616	667,443	815,315	706,603
Drop and upset.....do..	*110	77	82	.....	Mfs., spindle activity:				
Press and open hammer...do..	*43	25	27	.....	Active spindles, last work-				
Cans, metal, shipments, total					ing day, total.....thous.	21,244	20,633	20,634	20,696
sh. tons	*484,561	523,140	457,992	.....	Consum. 100% cotton.....do..	19,953	19,306	19,276	19,295
Food.....do..	*346,645	375,998	328,354	.....	Spindle hours operated, all				
Nonfood.....do..	*137,916	147,142	129,638	.....	fibers, total 2/..mil. hr.	11,853	9,171	11,222	9,735
Shipments for sale.....do..	*432,830	478,103	408,424	.....	Av. per working day.....do..	479	459	458	493
Copper:					Consum. 100% cotton 2/..do..	11,192	8,583	10,455	9,042
Production:					Operations as % of capacity.	130.6	126.2	126.0	136.3
Mine or smelter.....sh. tons	92,435	61,609	r68,995	78,383	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT				
Refinery.....do..	126,138	103,901	r87,874	92,258	Railway equipment (ARCI):				
Deliveries, ref., dom....do..	110,519	92,475	r89,198	105,293	Freight cars:				
Stocks, ref., end of mo....do..	84,303	58,387	47,666	32,515	Shipments, total.....number	8,963	2,450	2,958	2,348
Lead, refined (primary ref.):					Equip. mfrs., total.....do..	5,636	990	1,600	1,338
Production.....sh. tons	44,741	44,089	47,762	51,276	Domestic.....do..	5,631	837	1,208	807
Shipments (domestic).....do..	44,987	43,402	30,891	36,307	Railroad shops, dom....do..	3,327	1,460	1,358	1,010
Stocks, end of month.....do..	58,236	84,429	93,358	95,496	Passenger cars:				
Machine tools:					Orders, unfilled, total...do..	715	450	587	563
New orders 1/.....1945-47=100	198.7	147.9	r180.9	p148.9	Domestic.....do..	560	291	448	434
Shipments 1/.....do..	348.4	203.7	r213.4	p190.9	Shipments, total.....do..	46	52	42	38
					Domestic.....do..	42	25	22	25

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