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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1953	1954				ITEM	1953	1954			
	Nov. 28	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Nov. 28		Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27		
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard						
All commodities...1947-49=100	*109.8	109.7	109.7	109.5	and Poor's.....1935-39=100	188.4	250.7	254.5	258.6		
Farm products.....do..	*93.7	92.2	93.0	92.0	Industrials (420).....do..	203.2	280.0	284.8	289.8		
Foods, processed.....do..	*103.8	104.3	103.8	103.2	Production:						
All other.....do..	*114.5	114.5	114.5	114.5	Bitum. coal <u>3</u> /..thous.sh.tons	**1,496	1,511	1,483	.....	
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	88.0	91.8	90.7	90.4	Electric power, by utilities						
Department store sales.....do..	**131	130	134	.....	mil. kw.-hr.	**8,416	9,197	9,317	.....	
Insured unemployment, total					Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	69,204	137,781	155,960	128,800		
thous.	**1,183	#1,662	.....	.....	Petroleum,crude <u>3</u> /..thous.bbl.	**6,165	6,120	6,163	.....	
State programs.....do..	**1,107	#1,490	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings,				
Failures, ind. & comm..number	173	227	208	226	quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	121.8	116.7	117.8	119.2		
Bond yields, domestic corpo-					Freight car loadings.thous.cars	**726	709	697	.....	
rate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.39	3.13	3.13	3.12	Miscellaneous.....do..	**371	355	354	.....	

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Daily average. ⁴/ Week ended December 4, 1954. * Monthly index for November 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest for which data are shown. # Data for preceding week: Total, 1,557,000; State programs, 1,390,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1953	1954				ITEM	1953	1954			
	October	August	September	October	October		August	September	October		
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS					COMMODITY PRICES - Con.						
Farm income:					Consumer price index - Con.						
Cash receipts from farming,					Housing.....1947-49=100	118.7	119.2	119.5	119.5		
inc. Gov't paym'ts..mil.dol.	3,888	2,581	3,158	p3,543	Gas & electricity.....do..	107.0	107.8	107.9	108.5		
Farm marketings <u>1</u> /.....do..	3,881	2,569	3,146	p3,533	Housefurnishings.....do..	108.1	105.4	106.0	105.6		
Crops.....do..	2,309	1,219	1,753	p2,069	Rent.....do..	126.8	128.6	128.8	129.0		
Livestock and products,					Medical care.....do..	122.8	125.5	125.7	125.9		
total.....mil. dol.	1,572	1,350	1,393	p1,464	Personal care.....do..	113.2	113.4	113.5	113.4		
Dairy products.....do..	349	348	326	p335	Reading and recreation....do..	108.6	106.6	106.5	106.9		
Meat animals.....do..	842	727	791	p836	Transportation.....do..	130.7	126.6	126.4	125.0		
Poultry and eggs.....do..	364	259	260	p276	Other goods & services....do..	119.7	120.2	120.1	120.1		
Farm marketings, indexes: <u>2</u> /					Purchasing power of the dollar						
Cash receipts <u>1</u> /..1935-39=100	585	388	475	p533	as measured by—						
Crops.....do..	816	431	620	p731	Wholesale prices.. 1947-49=100	90.7	90.5	90.9	<u>4</u> / 91.2		
Livestock and products..do..	414	355	367	p385	Consumer prices.....do..	86.7	87.0	87.2	<u>4</u> / 87.3		
Volume.....do..	229	168	201	p222	Retail food prices.....do..	88.0	87.8	89.0	<u>4</u> / 89.4		
Crops.....do..	286	168	233	p265	CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Livestock and products..do..	186	167	177	p190	Value of contracts awarded						
Industrial & comm. failures:					(Federal Reserve indexes):						
Failures, total.....number	840	912	819	871	Total, unadj.....1947-49=100	220	229	234	p235		
Commercial service.....do..	75	80	59	68	Residential, unadj.....do..	178	243	254	p257		
Construction.....do..	89	100	88	109	Total, adjusted.....do..	230	218	231	p246		
Manufacturing & mining..do..	188	187	153	189	Residential, adjusted....do..	183	244	253	p264		
Retail trade.....do..	404	451	406	414	Construc.cost indexes, avg. 20						
Wholesale trade.....do..	84	94	113	91	cities (E.H.Boeckh & Assoc.):						
Liabilities,total..thous. dol.	37,076	32,582	36,381	29,000	Apts., hotels & off. bldgs.:						
Commercial service.....do..	3,848	2,381	2,290	1,952	Brick and concrete						
Construction.....do..	4,366	2,386	5,584	4,733	U. S. avg. 1926-29=100	255.6	257.9	258.3	258.5		
Manufacturing & mining..do..	14,956	12,388	11,262	7,547	Brick and steel.....do..	253.2	253.3	253.7	253.9		
Retail trade.....do..	9,671	11,225	11,879	11,845	Brick and wood.....do..	257.3	256.3	256.5	256.8		
Wholesale trade.....do..	4,235	4,202	5,366	2,923	Comm. & factory bldgs.:						
COMMODITY PRICES					Brick and concrete.....do..	261.9	265.8	266.1	266.3		
Consumer price index, all					Brick and steel.....do..	258.6	261.7	262.1	262.2		
items.....1947-49=100	115.4	115.0	114.7	<u>3</u> / 114.5	Brick and wood.....do..	255.2	255.3	255.4	255.6		
Apparel.....do..	105.5	103.7	104.3	104.6	Frame.....do..	257.6	255.5	255.7	256.1		
Food.....do..	113.6	113.9	112.4	111.8	Steel.....do..	242.5	245.5	245.9	245.9		
Dairy products.....do..	110.1	105.1	105.8	106.7	Residences:						
Fruits & vegetables.....do..	107.7	114.7	110.5	111.1	Brick.....do..	257.8	257.0	257.2	257.5		
Meats, poultry & fish.....do..	111.1	107.6	106.7	103.9	Frame.....do..	252.9	250.8	251.1	251.4		

1/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Including CCC loans. 2/ Unadjusted. 3/ Index on base previously used (1935-39=100) is 191.4. 4/ Indexes on base previously used (1935-39=100) are as follows: Measured by—wholesale prices, 47.7; consumer prices, 52.2; retail food, 44.3.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1953	1954				ITEM	1953	1954			
	October	August	September	October	October		August	September	October		
EMPLOYMENT					FOODSTUFFS & TOBACCO - Con.						
Labor turnover in manufactur- ing establishments:					Tobacco, manufactured prod.:						
Accession rate					Production, total....thous. lb.						
mo. rate per 100 employees					Chewing, plug & twist....do..						
Separation rate, total...do..					Smoking.....do..						
Discharge.....do..					Snuff.....do..						
Lay-off.....do..					Consumption (withdrawals):						
Quit.....do..					Cigarettes, small, tax-free						
Military and misc.....do..					millions						
					Cigarettes, small, tax-paid						
					millions						
					Cigars, tax-paid....thousands						
					Manufactured tobacco & snuff,						
					tax-paid.....thous. lbs.						
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS					METALS & MANUFACTURES						
Alcohol, ethyl:					Castings, gray iron:						
Production...thous. proof gal.					Orders, unfilled, for sale						
Stocks, total.....do..					thous. sh. tons						
In industrial alcohol					Shipments, total.....do..						
bonded warehouses.....do..					For sale.....do..						
In denaturing plants.....do..					Castings, malleable iron:						
Used for denaturation.....do..					Orders, unfl., for sale.sh. tons						
Withdrawn tax-paid.....do..					Shipments, total.....do..						
Alcohol, denatured:					For sale.....do..						
Production....thous. wine gal.					Castings, steel:						
Consump. (withdrawals)....do..					Shipments, total.....do..						
Stocks.....do..					For sale, total.....do..						
Explosives (indust.), shipments:					Railway specialties.....do..						
Black blasting powder, thous. lb.					Aluminum fabricated products,						
High explosives.....do..					shipments, total.....mil. lb.						
					Castings.....do..						
					Oil burners:						
					Shipments.....number						
					Stocks, end of month.....do..						
					Vacuum cleaners, standard type,						
					sales billed.....thous.						
					Radio sets, prod. 1/..thousands						
					Television sets, prod. 1/..do..						
ELECTRIC POWER					STONE, CLAY, & GLASS PRODUCTS						
Edison Electric Institute:					Portland cement:						
Sales to ultimate customers,					Production.....thous. bbl.						
total.....mil. kw.-hr.					Shipments.....do..						
Commercial & industrial:					Stocks, finished.....do..						
Small light & power....do..					Stocks, clinker.....do..						
Large light & power....do..					Clay products:						
Railways and railroads....do..					Brick, unglazed:						
Residential or domestic....do..					Production....thous. stand. brick						
Rural (dist. rural rates) do..					Shipments.....do..						
Street & highway					Clay sewer pipe, vitrified:						
lighting.....do..					Production.....sh. tons						
Other public auth.....do..					Shipments.....do..						
Interdepartmental.....do..					Structural tile, unglazed:						
Revenue from sales to ulti- mate customers....thous. dol.					Production.....sh. tons						
					Shipments.....do..						
FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO											
Dairy products, production:											
Butter, creamery....thous. lb.											
Cheese (factory), total....do..											
Meats, production, total, mil. lb.											
Beef and veal.....thous. lb.											
Lamb and mutton.....do..											
Pork, including lard.....do..											
Lard.....do..											
Coffee, visible supply											
thous. bags											

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. * September 1953 data. 1/ Data for September 1954 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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