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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1954				ITEM	1954			
	Dec. 19	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18		Dec. 19	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18
Commodity prices, wholesale:					Stock prices (480), Standard and Poor's.....1935-39=100	191.5	258.2	264.7	261.5
All commodities...1947-49=100	*110.1	109.5	109.4	109.4	Industrials (420).....do..	189.7	289.1	296.7	292.7
Farm products.....do..	*94.4	91.8	90.9	90.2	Production:				
Foods, processed.....do..	*104.3	103.5	103.4	103.4	Bitum. coal <u>3</u> /...thous.sh.tons	**1,434	1,417	1,463	.....
All other.....do..	*114.6	114.5	114.7	114.7	Electric power, by utilities				
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do..	87.9	90.2	90.3	89.4	mil. kw.-hr.	**8,661	9,612	9,846	.....
Department store sales.....do..	**216	191	223	.....	Motor vehicles (Ward's)....No.	123,241	166,715	170,723	174,379
Insured unemployment, total					Petroleum, crude <u>3</u> /...thous.bb1.	**6,131	6,181	6,235	.....
thous.	**1,518	#1,773	.....	.....	Steel (ingots & for castings, quantity) <u>4</u> /.....1947-49=100	118.3	120.8	121.9	121.4
State programs.....do..	**1,402	#1,576	.....	.....	Freight car loadings...thous.cars	**652	662	654	.....
Failures, ind. & comm...number	210	221	223	208	Miscellaneous.....do..	**351	348	338	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent	3.38	3.13	3.13	3.13					

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Week ended December 25, 1953. * Monthly index for December 1953. ** For week corresponding to latest for which data are shown. # Data for preceding week: Total, 1,708,000; State programs, 1,516,000.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1954				ITEM	1954			
	November	September	October	November		November	September	October	November
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS					GEN. BUS. INDICATORS - Con.				
Industrial prod. (FRB):					Indust. prod., adj. index - Con.				
Unadj. index, total. 1947-49=100	130	r125	r130	p130	Nondurable mfs.. 1947-49=100	115	115	r117	p118
Manufactures.....do..	132	127	r132	p132	Food & beverage mfs...do..	108	105	105	.....
Durable manufactures...do..	146	135	140	p145	Tobacco manufactures...do..	**104	102	.....	.....
Primary metals.....do..	122	r103	r111	p118	Textile-mill products...do..	*98	93	101	.....
Metal fabricating.....do..	158	145	r150	p156	Apparel & allied prod...do..	101	101	104	p106
Fab. metal products...do..	130	r124	r125	p124	Leather & products...do..	*93	r91	94	.....
Machinery.....do..	154	145	151	p152	Paper & allied prod...do..	*132	137	p138	.....
Transportation equip...do..	173	155	r159	p183	Printing & publishing...do..	121	121	r121	p120
Instruments, etc.....do..	156	r137	138	p139	Chemicals, etc.....do..	*146	r150	150	.....
Furniture & fixtures...do..	114	111	113	p112	Petroleum & coal prod...do..	129	r125	127	p129
Lumber & products.....do..	*123	r123	134	.....	Rubber products.....do..	*120	116	123	.....
Stone, clay & glass...do..	134	r136	140	p137	Minerals.....do..	111	108	109	p110
Nondurable mfs.....do..	118	119	r123	p120	Coal.....do..	70	67	70	p69
Food & beverage mfs...do..	*120	120	117	.....	Crude oil & nat. gas...do..	131	129	130	p132
Tobacco manufactures...do..	**111	109	.....	.....	Consumer durables output (FRB):				
Textile-mill prod...do..	*100	95	103	.....	Unadj. index, total. 1947-49=100	110	108	109	p130
Apparel & allied prod...do..	100	101	106	p105	Major consumer durables...do..	113	r111	r111	p143
Leather & products...do..	*97	r94	97	.....	Autos.....do..	107	81	70	p144
Paper & allied prod...do..	*140	137	p146	.....	Major household goods...do..	120	r139	r150	p144
Printing & publishing...do..	126	122	125	p125	Furniture & floor cov...do..	*112	r108	111	.....
Chemicals, etc.....do..	*151	149	154	.....	Appliances & heaters...do..	*114	r122	124	.....
Petroleum & coal prod...do..	131	r127	128	p130	Radio & televis. sets...do..	*276	279	338	.....
Rubber products.....do..	*127	117	131	.....	Other consumer durables...do..	103	101	103	p101
Minerals.....do..	113	r111	r112	p112	Adjusted index, total...do..	112	107	104	p128
Coal.....do..	76	70	77	p76	Major consumer durables...do..	117	111	106	p140
Crude oil & nat. gas...do..	131	129	130	p132	Autos.....do..	127	87	78	p151
Adj. index, total.....do..	129	124	r126	p129	Major household goods...do..	110	134	133	p133
Manufactures.....do..	131	126	r128	p131	Furniture & floor cov...do..	*107	r107	107	.....
Durable manufactures...do..	146	136	r139	p144	Appliances & heaters...do..	*101	r112	113	.....
Primary metals.....do..	122	r105	r110	p110	Radio & televis. sets...do..	*221	278	268	.....
Metal fabricating.....do..	159	148	r149	p156	Other consumer durables...do..	101	98	98	p99
Fab. metal products...do..	130	121	r123	p124	CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE				
Machinery.....do..	152	147	148	p150	Construction cont. awarded, 37 States (F. W. Dodge Corp.):				
Transportation equip...do..	180	r161	r164	p185	Total projects.....number	41,379	65,832	67,701	54,671
Instruments, etc.....do..	155	r137	137	p138	Total valuation.....mil. dol.	1,394	1,816	1,965	1,499
Furniture & fixtures...do..	109	r109	110	p108	Building, total.....do..	1,096	1,424	1,523	1,200
Lumber & products...do..	*117	r116	127	.....				
Stone, clay & glass...do..	132	r134	133	p136					

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. * October 1953 data. ** September 1953 data.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1953	1954			ITEM	1953	1954		
	November	September	October	November		November	September	October	November
CONSTRUC. & REAL ESTATE - Con.					FOODSTUFFS				
Construc.cost indexes, avg. 20 cities (E.H.Boeckh & Assoc.):					Rice, California:				
Apt., hotels & off. bldgs.:					Receipts, dom.,rough.thous. lb.	154,646	10,373	145,678	93,881
Brick and concrete					Shipments from mills, milled rice.....do..	122,947	7,676	36,349	29,233
U. S. avg. 1926-29=100	256.0	258.3	258.5	258.2	Stocks, rough and cleaned (cleaned basis).....do..	72,152	11,861	66,674	96,859
Brick and steel.....do..	253.7	253.7	253.9	253.4	Livestock slaughter:				
Brick and wood.....do..	257.4	256.5	256.8	256.8	Calves.....thous. animals	658	706	738	694
Comm. & factory bldgs.:					Cattle.....do..	1,609	1,638	1,616	1,602
Brick and concrete.....do..	262.2	266.1	266.3	266.0	Hogs.....do..	5,540	4,743	5,178	5,841
Brick and steel.....do..	258.9	262.1	262.2	262.0	Sheep and lambs.....do..	1,159	1,290	1,291	1,160
Brick and wood.....do..	255.3	255.4	255.6	255.5	Stocks, cold storage, end mo.:				
Frame.....do..	257.8	255.7	256.1	256.1	Butter, creamery.....thous. lb.	290,598	488,618	r463,183	422,995
Steel.....do..	242.8	245.9	245.9	245.6	Cheese, total.....do..	432,325	613,146	r595,953	574,963
Residences:					Apples, fresh.....thous. bu.	25,331	6,959	r30,896	30,935
Brick.....do..	257.9	257.2	257.5	257.4	Frozen fruits,juices & veg.:				
Frame.....do..	253.0	251.1	251.4	251.4	Fruits.....thous. lb.	380,674	399,606	r413,657	400,747
DOMESTIC TRADE					Fruit juices.....do..	190,703	338,537	r294,319	255,485
Radio advertising:					Vegetables.....do..	722,108	698,084	r709,915	688,552
Cost of facilities, total					Meats, total.....mil. lb.	593	443	r478	622
thous. dol.	*13,829	r10,445	10,940	.....	Beef and veal.....thous. lb.	215,353	121,290	r137,718	177,492
Automotive, inc. acces.do..	*979	r692	635	.....	Lamb and mutton.....do..	11,151	7,359	r7,741	8,827
Drugs & toiletries.....do..	*3,901	r2,546	2,549	.....	Pork, excluding lard.....do..	266,170	215,057	r233,612	327,310
Foods, soft drinks,etc..do..	*3,101	2,608	2,537	.....	Poultry.....do..	287,152	188,417	r275,192	287,280
Soaps, cleansers, etc..do..	*1,429	r1,208	1,161	.....	Eggs:				
Smoking materials.....do..	*1,271	771	1,021	.....	Shell.....thous. cases	137	833	r636	326
Television advertising:					Frozen.....thous. lb.	61,014	138,784	r117,958	94,034
Cost of facilities,total.do..	*23,409	r26,141	31,658	.....	METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
Automotive, inc. acces.do..	*2,685	r1,914	2,819	.....	Aluminum fabricated products, shipments, total.....mil. lb.	*241.2	r225.9	233.9	.....
Drugs & toiletries.....do..	*4,717	r6,061	7,281	.....	Castings.....do..	*55.1	46.2	53.4	.....
Foods, soft drinks, etc.do..	*4,724	r5,795	6,585	.....	Copper:				
Soaps, cleansers, etc..do..	*2,079	3,054	3,055	.....	Production:				
Smoking materials.....do..	*3,274	r3,462	3,684	.....	Mine or smelter.....sh. tons	85,724	68,995	r78,467	99,746
Magazine advertising:					Refinery.....do..	119,230	87,874	92,258	118,949
Cost, total.....do..	*65,401	51,787	63,048	.....	Deliveries, ref., dom.....do..	100,908	89,198	105,293	122,908
Apparel & accessories.....do..	*5,547	6,399	5,712	.....	Stocks, ref., end of mo..do..	93,274	47,666	32,515	36,215
Automotive, inc. acces.do..	*5,419	3,162	3,262	.....	Foundry equipment (new), new orders, net.....1947-49=100	*87.2	68.3	147.5	.....
Building materials.....do..	*3,560	3,198	3,236	.....	Pumps, steam, power, etc.:				
Drugs & toiletries.....do..	*6,034	4,460	6,195	.....	Orders, new.....thous. dol.	*5,097	5,050	3,828	.....
Foods, soft drinks,etc..do..	*8,234	5,999	8,885	.....	TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
Beer, wine, liquors.....do..	*3,099	2,005	3,158	.....	Cotton: 1/				
Household equip., etc..do..	*4,760	3,005	4,450	.....	Consumption.....bales	r684,976	815,315	706,603	703,697
Household furnishings.....do..	*4,161	2,510	3,690	.....	Mfs., spindle activity:				
Industrial materials.....do..	*4,611	4,303	4,769	.....	Active spindles, last working day, total.....thous.	21,252	20,634	20,696	20,782
Soaps, cleansers, etc..do..	*1,087	729	810	.....	Consum. 100% cotton.....do..	19,990	19,276	19,295	19,348
Smoking materials.....do..	*1,411	1,285	1,377	.....	Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total 1/...mil. hr.	9,232	11,222	9,735	9,464
FINANCE					Av. per working day....do..	474	458	493	485
Bank debits, total (345 centers).....mil. dol.	140,992	149,899	152,321	156,843	Consum. 100% cotton 1/..do..	8,719	10,455	9,042	8,768
New York City.....do..	50,470	56,744	58,792	58,787	Operations as % of capacity..	129.1	126.0	136.3	134.6
6 other centers.....do..	30,477	30,922	30,706	32,230	CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS				
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Factory shipments.....thous. dol.	*116,432	114,934	107,498	Industrial sales.....do..	*46,734	42,925	43,390
Industrial sales.....do..	*46,734	42,925	43,390	Trade sales.....do..	*69,698	72,009	64,108
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