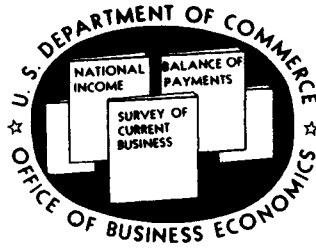


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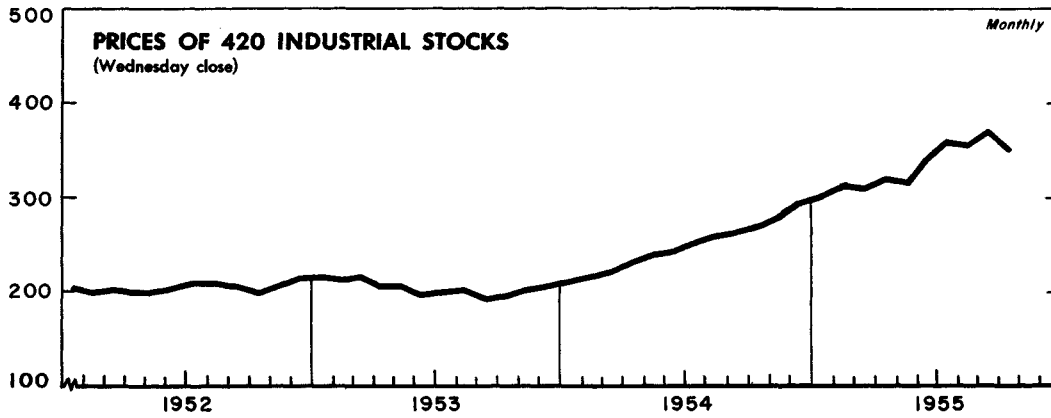
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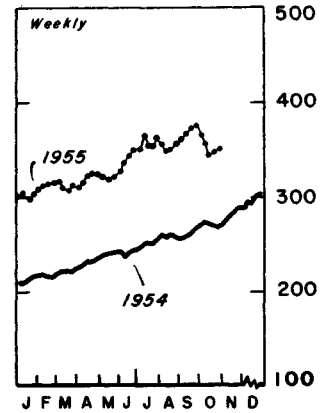
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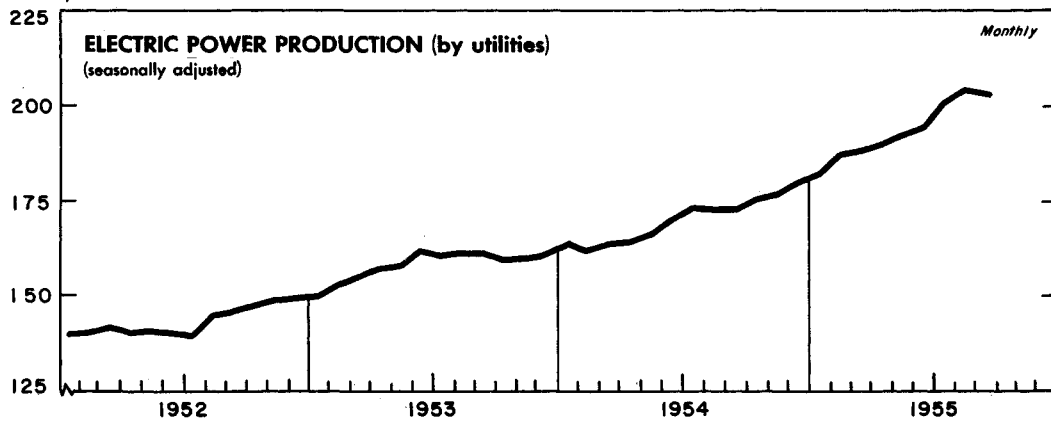
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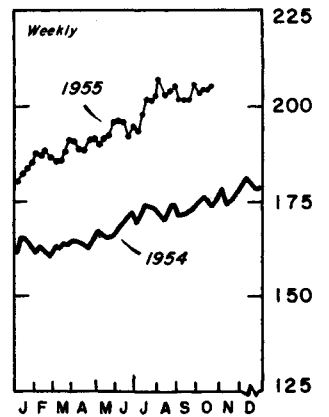
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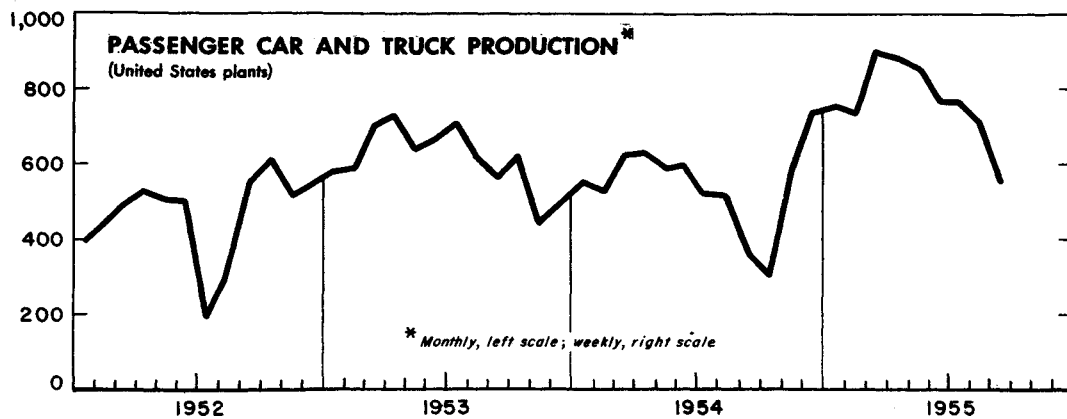
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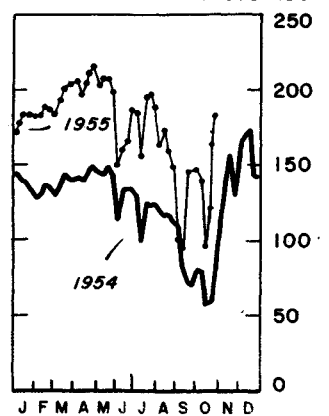
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1954		1955			
	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*109.7	111.4	111.2	111.2	111.1
Farm products.....do.....		*93.1	87.5	86.7	87.1	86.5
Foods, processed.....do.....		*103.7	100.1	99.8	99.8	98.9
All other.....do.....		*114.5	118.6	118.7	118.6	118.7
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	90.4	90.4	89.7	89.5	89.5	88.5
Department store sales.....do.....	123	117	125	128	133	.....
Insured unemployment, total <u>3</u> /.....thous..	1,634	1,611	863	869	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,469	1,446	784	789	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>4</u> /.....mil. of dol..	30,070	30,037	30,479	30,628	30,547	30,500
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>4</u> /.....do....	25,699	25,360	25,525	25,714	26,169	25,747
Member bank reserve balances <u>4</u> /.....do.....	19,136	18,895	18,700	18,728	19,119	18,891
Excess reserves, estimated <u>4</u> /.....do.....	867	671	523	557	638	458
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>5</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,470	56,050	55,860	55,618	56,293	.....
Time deposits, except Government.....do.....	21,346	21,375	21,672	21,710	21,676	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	84,675	84,789	84,616	86,102	85,542	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	37,403	37,533	30,282	31,419	30,941	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	21,126	21,043	25,010	25,114	25,082	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	6,955	6,978	7,972	8,001	8,040	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	229	223	207	203	239	230
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>4</u> /.....percent..	3.13	3.12	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Standard and Poor's), 1935-39=100..	242.6	241.6	311.1	301.2	305.5	307.0
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do.....	270.2	269.5	356.2	343.8	349.4	351.0
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>4</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,506	1,534	1,639	1,633	1,635	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	9,033	9,152	10,639	10,599	10,644	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	59,302	87,403	95,776	126,166	163,822	182,158
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>4</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	6,174	6,153	6,690	6,714	6,753	.....
Steel <u>6</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,769	1,776	2,334	2,330	2,386	2,413
Percent of capacity <u>6</u> /.....do.....	#74.2	#74.5	96.7	96.5	98.9	100.0
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	746	736	807	827	834	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	370	367	392	409	418	.....

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Includes UCFE program beginning January 8, 1955. ⁴/ Daily average. ⁵/ Wednesday data. ⁶/ Week ended November 5; Production, 2,368 thous. short tons; operating rate, 98.1 percent. * Monthly index for October 1954. # Not comparable with 1955 rates which are based on higher capacity as reported January 1, 1955.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1954		1955			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
EMPLOYMENT						
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	3.3	3.4	4.3	3.4	r4.5	p4.3
Separation rate, total.....do.....	3.5	3.9	3.2	3.2	r4.0	p4.4
Discharge.....do.....	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	p.3
Lay-off.....do.....	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.1	r1.5	p1.1
Quit.....do.....	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.6	2.2	p2.7
Military and miscellaneous.....do.....	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	p.2
FINANCE						
Stocks, cash dividend payments publicly reported:						
Total dividend payments.....mil. of dol..	333.2	1,266.2	1,390.3	669.2	263.3	1,488.4
Finance.....do.....	61.6	92.8	93.6	142.3	56.1	108.5
Manufacturing.....do.....	171.7	822.9	909.6	221.8	107.9	985.7
Mining.....do.....	4.6	87.8	104.0	7.3	3.1	113.2
Public utilities:						
Communications.....do.....	1.7	39.1	40.4	127.5	4.3	38.9
Electric and gas.....do.....	63.3	108.6	112.9	86.9	71.1	114.2
Railroad.....do.....	9.5	51.1	62.5	18.0	6.5	58.6
Trade.....do.....	13.4	38.9	38.6	57.5	8.1	41.1
Miscellaneous.....do.....	7.4	25.0	28.7	7.9	6.2	28.2
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines: <u>1</u> /						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	37,859	42,095	47,526	49,180	50,062	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do.....	12,704	16,478	18,933	16,967	20,578	.....
Mail ton-miles flown.....do.....	6,053	6,160	6,910	6,305	6,827	.....
Passengers carried, revenue <u>2</u> /.....do.....	2,471	2,621	3,121	3,016	3,007	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	1,392	1,436	1,765	1,760	1,748	.....
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	36,111	44,691	43,729	43,987	44,647	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do.....	61,777	69,282	67,664	66,359	69,499	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do.....	1,136	1,151	1,406	1,099	912	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	r8,785	r9,246	13,014	8,538	11,539	.....

¹/ Revised. ²/ Preliminary. 1/ Data beginning June 1955 include local service operations for one carrier. 2/ Data for July and August exclude figures for one carrier.

ITEM	1954		1955			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Continued						
Organic chemicals, production - Continued						
Ethyl acetate (85%).....thous. of lb..	6,212	5,952	6,639	7,017	7,726	.....
Methanol:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	160	184	186	181	187	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do....	12,979	12,896	16,071	17,463	17,465	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	19,129	22,136	24,851	31,582	29,735	.....
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	2,962	3,430	3,903	2,283	3,390	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	7,134	7,840	7,723	6,271	7,681	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	366	362	415	260	413	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do....	548	586	333	313	332	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	28,824	33,519	41,994	r30,288	39,087	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	31,808	37,352	42,273	r35,749	41,144	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	18,073	19,588	21,231	r17,110	21,907	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	34,341	44,389	56,118	r54,628	57,022	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	27,540	27,411	39,136	r31,979	35,886	.....
Resin modifications.....do....	9,396	9,767	11,665	r12,303	10,767	.....
ELECTRIC POWER						
Electric power, production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..	47,196	45,489	50,725	52,924	55,917	52,907
Utilities.....do....	41,182	39,539	44,234	46,625	49,353	46,335
Industrial establishments.....do....	6,014	5,949	6,490	6,299	6,563	6,572
FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO						
Wines and distilling materials:						
Effervescent wines:						
Production.....thous. of wine gal..	117	49	266	70	175	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	97	159	137	78	114	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	1,449	1,335	1,401	1,567	1,613	.....
Still wines:						
Production.....do....	3,398	26,985	1,267	728	1,487	.....
Tax-paid withdrawals.....do....	10,134	12,223	10,842	8,929	9,926	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	124,674	140,611	128,475	122,153	112,250	.....
Distilling materials produced at wineries.....do....	9,020	61,975	606	900	5,633	.....
Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb..						
Beef and veal.....thous. of lb..	919,606	917,746	952,637	878,641	1,032,932	1,021,504
Lamb and mutton.....do....	53,001	55,324	52,892	47,030	54,343	58,742
Pork, including lard.....do....	700,693	822,728	747,208	670,129	809,765	896,472
Lard.....do....	127,058	146,772	144,297	128,545	149,419	159,349
Coffee, visible supply.....thous. of bags..	820	765	546	492	527	521
Tobacco, manufactured products:						
Production, total.....thous. of lb..	18,363	18,866	18,110	12,763	17,934	.....
Chewing, plug, and twist.....do....	7,196	7,105	7,363	5,468	7,233	.....
Smoking.....do....	7,612	8,361	7,140	5,233	7,024	.....
Snuff.....do....	3,555	3,399	3,606	2,062	3,678	.....
Consumption (withdrawals):						
Cigarettes, small:						
Tax-free.....millions..	2,501	3,395	2,723	2,369	2,232	.....
Tax-paid.....do....	34,568	31,964	35,648	28,561	36,760	.....
Cigars, tax-paid.....thousands..	r526,820	503,475	510,219	414,250	535,596	.....
Manufactured tobacco and snuff, tax-paid.....thous. of lb..	17,902	18,487	17,555	13,021	17,518	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Machine tools (metal-cutting types):						
New orders.....mo. avg. shipments, 1945-47=100..	147.9	180.9	263.2	217.8	r221.3	p207.1
Shipments.....do....	203.7	213.4	198.8	152.9	r164.6	p195.1
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	185.4	238.2	241.7	207.8	255.5	308.3
Washers, domestic, sales.....do....	293.2	379.7	354.5	245.9	403.8	414.9
Radio sets, production 1/.....do....	785.5	932.3	1,204.9	718.5	947.6	r1,302.4
Television sets (incl. combination), production 1/.....do....	633.4	947.8	590.0	344.3	647.9	r939.5
PAPER AND PRINTING						
Newsprint, Canada (including Newfoundland):						
Production.....short tons..	503,145	491,153	507,774	490,405	539,539	503,214
Shipments from mills.....do....	518,844	482,559	543,424	502,402	534,621	501,555
Stocks, at mills, end of month.....do....	158,988	167,582	130,664	118,667	123,585	125,244
Newsprint, United States:						
Consumption by publishers.....do....	360,825	388,321	422,246	378,434	384,679	424,807
Production.....do....	99,492	96,592	131,212	124,501	134,902	124,966
Shipments from mills.....do....	98,503	98,202	133,370	121,679	137,037	124,257
Stocks, end of month:						
At mills.....do....	8,643	7,033	7,672	10,494	8,359	9,068
At publishers.....do....	508,703	490,256	345,172	358,669	404,002	379,746
In transit to publishers.....do....	66,199	64,769	86,398	83,691	80,982	86,230
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number..	521,450	369,942	767,182	768,621	716,163	559,962
Coaches, total.....do....	309	326	309	296	434	223
Domestic.....do....	306	314	237	256	410	198
Passenger cars, total.....do....	445,306	300,998	647,658	658,736	620,610	467,845
Domestic.....do....	431,371	292,721	629,185	643,402	602,959	459,073
Trucks, total.....do....	75,835	68,618	119,215	109,589	95,119	91,894
Domestic.....do....	60,263	50,845	101,625	93,739	80,077	76,851

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Data for September 1954 and June and September 1955 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

ITEM	1954		1955			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	246	242	237	233	235	230
Crops.....do.....	247	243	238	228	229	224
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do.....	173	190	223	211	230	223
Cotton.....do.....	292	293	271	277	285	278
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	210	204	190	178	174	167
Food grains.....do.....	233	235	222	214	217	220
Fruit.....do.....	248	220	235	213	210	188
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	276	275	257	246	225	227
Potatoes <u>1</u> /.....do.....	181	160	170	141	129	130
Tobacco.....do.....	444	441	435	437	427	443
Livestock and products.....do.....	245	241	237	237	240	236
Dairy products.....do.....	254	262	242	249	257	264
Meat animals.....do.....	274	265	261	251	250	240
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	162	154	178	191	202	195
Wool.....do.....	297	293	247	240	226	222
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	262	262	262	260	259	261
Family living items.....do.....	273	273	274	273	r272	274
Production items.....do.....	251	250	248	247	r246	246
All commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates.....do.....	280	279	281	279	r279	280
Parity ratio.....do.....	88	87	84	84	r84	82
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,674	3,503	r4,020	r4,055	r4,048	3,903
Private, total.....do.....	2,460	2,420	r2,807	r2,814	r2,805	2,724
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,327	1,321	r1,570	r1,541	r1,517	1,455
New dwelling units.....do.....	1,195	1,195	r1,410	r1,390	r1,370	1,315
Additions and alterations.....do.....	107	102	r127	r119	r116	109
Nonresidential building, total <u>2</u> /.....do.....	558	554	666	688	r719	730
Industrial.....do.....	162	170	196	203	r211	220
Commercial.....do.....	210	202	277	289	308	311
Farm construction.....do.....	153	126	148	150	137	113
Public utility.....do.....	410	407	r407	r421	r420	415
Public, total.....do.....	1,214	1,083	r1,213	r1,241	r1,243	1,179
Nonresidential building.....do.....	410	390	r386	r379	r373	351
Military facilities.....do.....	98	101	r121	128	r131	134
Highway.....do.....	492	389	r480	r500	r510	475
Other types.....do.....	214	203	r226	r234	r229	219
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	3,199	3,136	r3,541	r3,524	r3,536	3,480
Private, total.....do.....	2,247	2,238	r2,556	r2,551	r2,563	2,513
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,215	1,210	r1,416	r1,390	r1,381	1,324
Nonresidential building, total <u>2</u> /.....do.....	530	525	r638	r661	r684	693
Farm construction.....do.....	127	126	116	115	114	113
Public utility.....do.....	363	364	r373	r373	r372	371
Public, total.....do.....	952	898	r985	r973	r973	967
Nonresidential building.....do.....	372	363	r344	r334	r338	327
Highway.....do.....	314	266	r336	r332	r326	324
Construction cost indexes:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	122.1	122.6	r125.8	r126.2	126.5	.....

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes sweetpotatoes and dry edible beans. 2/ Except farm and public utility.

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