



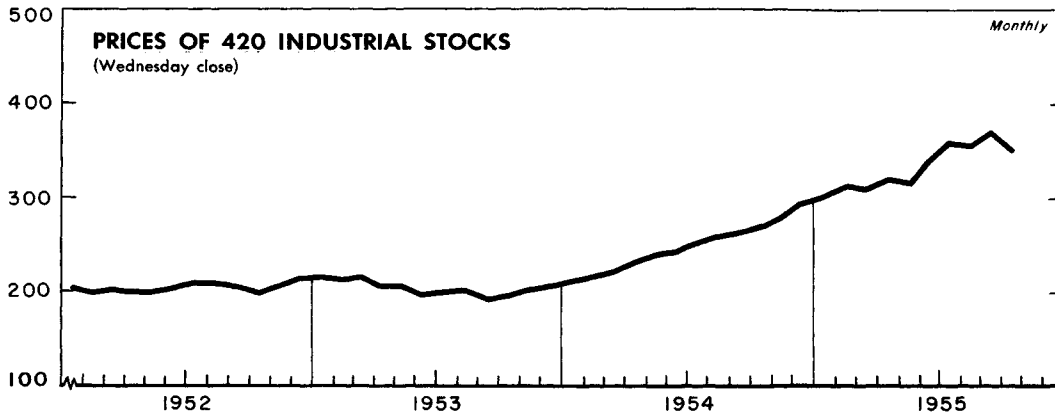
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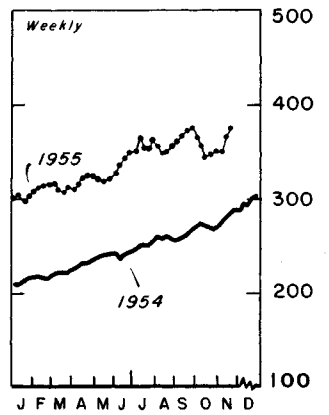
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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

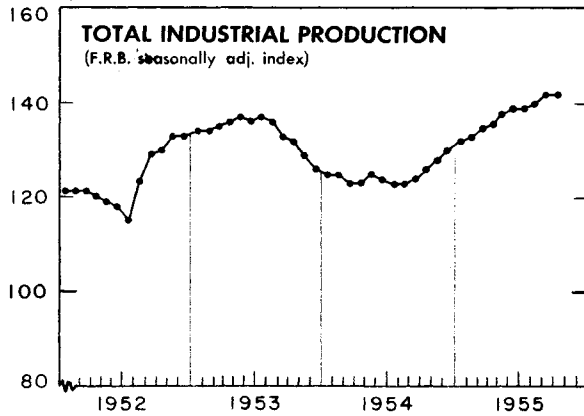
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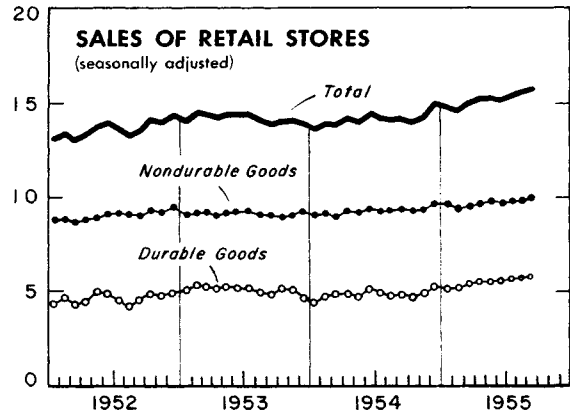
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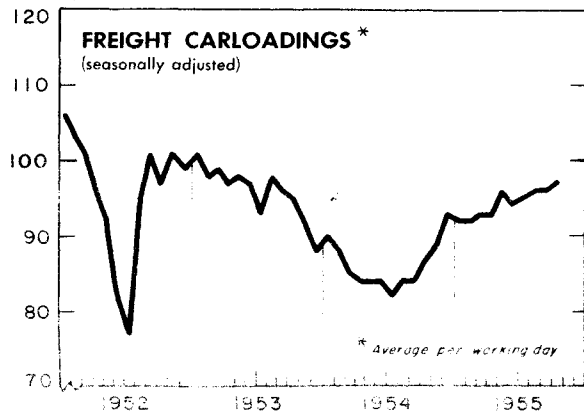
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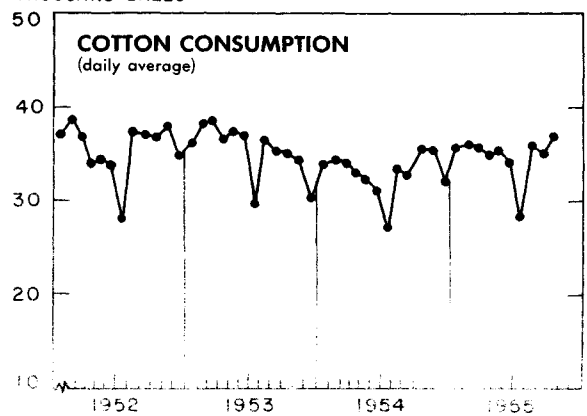
BILLION DOLLARS



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THOUSAND BALES



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1954		1955			
	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*110.0		111.3	111.2	111.1
Farm products.....do.....		*93.2		85.6	85.2	84.3
Foods, processed.....do.....		*103.8		99.2	99.0	98.6
All other.....do.....		*114.8		119.1	119.1	119.1
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	91.6	90.4	88.3	88.5	88.4	88.6
Department store sales.....do.....	130	134	126	128	142	
Insured unemployment, total <u>3</u> /.....thous..	1,664	1,592	862	872		
State programs.....do.....	1,490	1,413	781	792		
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>4</u> /.....mil. of dol..	30,260	30,266	30,500	30,577	30,774	30,778
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>4</u> /.....do....	25,701	25,708	25,747	25,748	25,963	26,272
Member bank reserve balances <u>4</u> /.....do.....	19,364	19,306	18,891	18,898	18,899	18,883
Excess reserves, estimated <u>4</u> /.....do.....	1,120	883	463	497	552	602
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>5</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,573	55,682	57,066	56,394	55,955	
Time deposits, except Government.....do.....	21,361	21,221	21,700	21,763	21,731	
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	84,424	85,745	85,571	85,623	85,259	
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	37,377	37,677	30,922	30,559	30,300	
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	21,133	22,107	25,124	25,303	25,485	
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	7,026	7,051	8,049	8,073	8,106	
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	227	208	230	237	207	
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>4</u> /.....percent..	3.13	3.13	3.30	3.30	3.28	3.28
Stock prices, 480 stocks (Standard and Poor's).....1935-39=100..	250.7	254.5	307.0	307.0	320.5	327.4
Industrials, 420 stocks.....do.....	280.0	284.8	351.0	350.7	368.3	376.8
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>4</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,528	1,512	1,665	1,697	1,663	
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	9,197	9,317	10,659	10,853	10,878	
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	138,233	156,012	182,581	193,561	209,141	204,628
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>4</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	6,220	6,265	6,750	6,777	6,808	
Steel <u>6</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,874	1,892	2,413	2,400	2,404	2,394
Percent of capacity <u>6</u> /.....	#78.6	#79.3	100.0	99.4	99.6	99.2
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	709	697	835	809	797	
Miscellaneous.....do.....	356	354	417	404	396	

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Wednesday prices. ³/ Includes UCFE program beginning January 8, 1955. ⁴/ Daily average. ⁵/ Wednesday data. ⁶/ Week ended November 26; Production, 2,389 thous. short tons; operating rate, 99.0 percent. * Monthly index for November 1954. # Not comparable with 1955 rates which are based on higher capacity as reported January 1, 1955.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1954		1955			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	126	130	130	139	r 142	p 146
Manufactures.....do.....	127	132	132	r 140	r 144	p 148
Durable manufactures.....do.....	135	140	146	r 153	157	p 162
Primary metals.....do.....	103	112	122	132	143	p 147
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do.....	145	150	157	r 162	165	p 171
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	124	126	130	r 138	142	p 144
Machinery.....do.....	145	150	142	r 153	161	p 167
Transportation equipment.....do.....	155	159	197	r 191	185	p 196
Instruments and related products.....do.....	137	138	147	r 150	154	p 158
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	111	113	113	r 123	r 126	p 127
Lumber and products.....do.....	123	134	118	r 133	r 136	p 135
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	136	139	149	r 158	r 159	p 160
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	136	140	133	r 142	r 149	p 153
Nondurable manufactures.....do.....	119	123	118	128	r 131	p 134
Food and beverage manufactures.....do.....	120	117	111	r 117	123	
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	*92	**111	92	112		
Textile-mill products.....do.....	97	103	92	108	112	
Apparel and allied products.....do.....	101	106	95	r 116	111	
Leather and products.....do.....	94	98	92	108	106	
Paper and allied products.....do.....	137	146	139	155	157	
Printing and publishing.....do.....	122	125	121	123	r 131	p 134
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	149	155	158	163	169	
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	127	126	134	138	138	p 138
Rubber products.....do.....	118	132	121	r 133	145	
Minerals.....do.....	111	112	119	r 124	125	p 126
Coal.....do.....	70	77	77	82	83	p 85
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	129	130	139	r 141	r 141	p 143
Adjusted, combined index.....do.....	124	126	139	140	r 142	p 142
Manufactures.....do.....	126	128	141	142	r 144	p 144
Durable manufactures.....do.....	137	139	155	158	160	p 161
Primary metals.....do.....	105	111	134	139	r 145	p 146
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do.....	149	150	167	r 169	171	p 173
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	122	124	135	r 137	r 141	p 141
Machinery.....do.....	147	147	158	r 160	163	p 164

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ITEM	1954		1955			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Industrial production (FRB) - Continued						
Adjusted index - Continued						
Manufactures - Continued						
Durable manufactures - Continued						
Metal fabricating (including ordnance) - Continued						
Transportation equipment.....1947-49=100..	167	169	203	r206	206	p209
Instruments and related products.....do....	137	137	151	r153	154	p156
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	109	110	122	r124	r125	p122
Lumber and products.....do....	116	128	125	r127	r127	p127
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	134	132	152	r155	r156	p152
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do....	132	132	143	r145	r145	p144
Nondurable manufactures.....do....						
Food and beverage manufactures.....do....	105	105	107	107	107	.....
Tobacco manufactures.....do....	*101	**99	101	100	.....	.....
Textile-mill products.....do....	95	101	106	105	110	.....
Apparel and allied products.....do....	101	103	113	111	111	.....
Leather and products.....do....	91	94	106	102	103	.....
Paper and allied products.....do....	137	138	155	153	157	.....
Printing and publishing.....do....	121	121	128	128	r130	p130
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	150	150	170	168	171	.....
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	125	124	134	135	136	p136
Rubber products.....do....	117	125	137	138	143	.....
Minerals.....do....						
Coal.....do....	108	109	120	r121	r122	p122
Crude oil and natural gas.....do....	67	70	87	82	80	p78
Consumer durables output (FRB):	129	130	139	r141	r141	p143
Unadjusted index, total.....do....						
Major consumer durables.....do....	108	109	137	r139	r136	p147
Autos.....do....	111	111	152	r152	145	p161
Major household goods.....do....	81	70	195	166	130	p153
Furniture and floor coverings.....do....	139	149	115	r141	r160	p170
Appliances and heaters.....do....	108	111	105	117	123	.....
Radio and television sets.....do....	122	124	116	127	.....	.....
Other consumer durables.....do....	279	338	143	r254	289	.....
Adjusted index, total.....do....	101	104	103	110	r115	p116
Major consumer durables.....do....						
Autos.....do....	114	112	153	r152	154	p154
Major household goods.....do....	121	117	173	r172	173	p172
Autos.....do....	110	104	195	194	194	p196
Major household goods.....do....	132	131	156	r155	r158	p153
Furniture and floor coverings.....do....	107	106	117	121	123	.....
Appliances and heaters.....do....	112	110	150	143	.....	.....
Radio and television sets.....do....	267	270	290	r294	279	.....
Other consumer durables.....do....	98	98	106	107	r111	p112
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Failures, total.....number..	819	871	861	888	822	919
Commercial service.....do....	59	68	68	59	75	81
Construction.....do....	88	109	102	134	114	136
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	153	189	179	158	168	180
Retail trade.....do....	406	414	423	430	366	437
Wholesale trade.....do....	113	91	89	107	99	85
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..						
Commercial service.....do....	36,381	29,000	32,543	36,028	33,120	34,777
Construction.....do....	2,290	1,952	1,502	1,987	2,666	3,655
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	5,584	4,733	6,289	9,663	4,256	8,713
Retail trade.....do....	11,262	7,547	11,865	10,102	10,798	10,407
Wholesale trade.....do....	11,879	11,845	8,605	10,024	8,253	9,586
.....do....	5,366	2,923	4,282	4,252	7,147	2,416
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Construction contracts awarded, 37 States (F.W. Dodge Corp.):						
Total projects.....number..	65,832	67,701	73,130	64,144	57,673	61,135
Total valuation.....mil. of dol..	1,816	1,965	2,272	1,895	2,035	1,863
Building, total.....do....	1,424	1,523	1,852	1,517	1,442	1,475
Construction cost indexes:						
Associated General Contractors (all types).....1913=100..	431	432	443	443	441	444
E. H. Boeckh and Associates, average, 20 cities:						
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	258.3	258.5	266.1	266.7	267.8	268.5
Brick and steel.....do....	253.7	253.9	262.0	262.6	263.6	264.4
Brick and wood.....do....	256.5	256.8	264.3	264.9	265.7	266.2
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do....	266.1	266.3	274.0	274.6	275.7	276.3
Brick and steel.....do....	262.1	262.2	271.9	272.4	273.3	273.8
Brick and wood.....do....	255.4	255.6	262.3	263.2	264.0	264.6
Frame.....do....	255.7	256.1	264.5	264.8	265.4	266.4
Steel.....do....	245.9	245.9	257.5	257.8	258.5	259.0
Residences:						
Brick.....do....	257.2	257.5	264.9	265.6	266.3	266.8
Frame.....do....	251.1	251.4	259.1	259.6	260.3	260.8
FINANCE						
Bank debits, total (345 centers).....mil. of dol..	149,898	152,322	161,748	167,365	169,001	175,807
New York City.....do....	56,744	58,792	58,904	58,980	62,550	67,568
6 other centers.....do....	30,922	30,706	34,123	35,863	35,126	35,803

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	September	October	July	August	September	October
FOODSTUFFS						
Distilled spirits, consumption for beverage purposes thous. of wine gal..	15,803	17,792	14,217	15,673	16,906
Stocks, cold storage, end of month:						
Butter, creamery.....thous. of lb..	488,618	463,183	352,139	327,617	r295,043	255,083
Cheese, total.....do....	613,146	595,953	597,985	596,891	r592,241	564,058
Apples, fresh.....thous. of bu..	6,959	30,896	212	233	r9,121	31,821
Frozen fruits, juices and vegetables:						
Fruits.....thous. of lb..	399,606	413,657	391,944	440,672	r470,439	462,443
Fruit juices.....do....	338,537	294,319	417,332	362,434	r325,288	289,417
Vegetables.....do....	698,084	709,915	482,910	605,154	r672,574	696,923
Meats, total.....mil. of lb..	443	477	529	448	r405	438
Beef and veal.....thous. of lb..	121,290	137,159	115,238	120,581	r120,886	136,838
Lamb and mutton.....do....	7,359	7,741	8,597	8,737	r8,683	9,489
Pork, excluding lard.....do....	215,057	233,612	297,962	218,624	r179,182	201,471
Poultry.....do....	188,417	275,192	101,942	149,769	r161,947	255,133
Eggs:						
Shell.....thous. of cases..	833	636	2,244	1,680	1,140	799
Frozen.....thous. of lb..	138,784	117,958	194,706	179,920	r155,365	127,399
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and kip.....thous. of skins..	730	786	606	871	821	.....
Cattle hide.....thous. of hides..	1,963	2,017	1,664	r2,209	2,161	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	1,928	1,962	1,823	r1,994	2,001	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,036	1,873	1,574	2,498	2,081	.....
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton:						
Consumption <u>1</u> /.....bales..	817,459	r706,936	566,640	717,227	874,837	737,056
Rayon and acetate (filament yarn and staple):						
Shipments, domestic, producers':						
Filament yarn.....mil. of lb..	62.1	64.2	65.4	72.7	r70.3	p70.8
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	32.4	32.4	27.5	33.2	r29.8	p30.5
Stocks, producers', end of month:						
Filament yarn.....do....	64.8	61.4	46.3	44.9	47.7	48.6
Staple (incl. tow).....do....	30.3	33.1	r25.6	r24.5	r25.8	28.8
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Truck trailers, production, total.....number..	4,271	4,521	5,989	7,242	7,159	.....
Complete trailers.....do....	4,105	4,356	5,799	7,038	6,941	.....
Vans.....do....	2,256	2,551	3,593	4,483	4,299	.....
Trailer chassis.....do....	166	165	190	204	218	.....
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:						
Freight cars:						
Shipments, total.....number..	2,958	2,348	2,862	4,732	3,802	4,173
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	1,600	1,338	1,954	3,187	2,392	2,856
Domestic.....do....	1,208	807	1,284	1,935	1,708	2,455
Railroad shops, domestic.....do....	1,358	1,010	908	1,545	1,410	1,317
Passenger cars, equipment manufacturers:						
Orders unfilled, end of month, total.....do....	587	563	993	952	594	433
Domestic.....do....	448	434	977	937	583	424
Shipments, total.....do....	42	38	39	45	355	206
Domestic.....do....	22	25	33	42	350	204

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