## SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE

WASHINGTON, D. C., JULY 25, 1940

## SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRENDS

THOUGH exports to the Mediterranean countries were cut off early in June and those to France later in the month, total exports of United States merchandise increased to $\$ 344$ million from $\$ 318$ million in May as a result of the heaviest shipments of war materials since the beginning of hostilities. Aircraft, steel products, crude petroleum, munitions and explosives exports showed marked increases for a combined gain of about $\$ 37$ million over May. A considerable portion of this amount represented sales of existing stocks of military supplies but there was also an increase in shipments out of current production. Aircraft shipments were up $\$ 5.9$ million, explosives $\$ 6.6$ million and other munitions and firearms $\$ 16.9$ million over May. Exports of machinery, except metal-working machinery, tractors and automotive products, were shipped in larger volume than a month ago, while copper shipments were off substantially. Small gains in a wide variety of foodstuffs only partially offset considerable reductions in exports of cotton, leaf tobacco, and animal products.
The extent to which war developments have refashioned the flow of American foreign trade is further indicated by the reduction in exports to the six Scandinavian and Lowland countries from $\$ 32$ million in March to $\$ 4.5$ million in June, and the drop in exports to Italy from $\$ 12.6$ million in May to $\$ 1.6$ million in

June. Shipments to the United Kingdom, Canada, and France were 28 percent above May for a total of $\$ 187$ million-accounting for more than half of our total exports in June and offsetting losses resulting from the shrinkage of the trading area. Latin American trade continued the improvement noted in May; exports in June totaling $\$ 70.6$ million against $\$ 66.9$ million in May.
The rate of increase in domestic business activity has slowed down measurably in the first half of July. Industrial production has been maintained, however, well above the June average and slightly above the rate at the end of June. With steel-ingot production scheduled currently at 88.2 percent of capacity, the highest rate for the year, the June average of 85 percent has been bettered for three consecutive weeks. Freight carloadings for the first two weeks in July are running moderately above the June average on a seasonally adjusted basis. Automobile production receded to 53,000 units in the week ended July 20 as only two major firms remained in production, but retail automobile sales were reported very favorable. Department store sales for the week ended July 13 were reported 7 percent above a year ago, indicating the maintenance of sales volumes at the high level reached in June.

## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



## WEEKLY BUSINESS INDICATORS

[Weekly average, $1923-1925=100$ ]


$\ddagger$ Daily average. $\quad$ +Weekly average, $1928-30=100$.
$\sigma^{2}$ For description of these indexes, see p. 4 of the Dec. 16,
WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS ${ }^{\bullet}$

| frem | 1940 |  |  |  |  |  | 1939 |  | 1938 |  | 1937 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | July 20 | July 13 | July 6 | June 29 | June 22 | June 15 | July 22 | July 15 | July 23 | July 16 | July 24 |
| COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copper, electrolytic, New York $\ddagger$.-.........dol. per lb | 0.106 | 0. 106 | 0. 108 | 0.109 | 0.112 | 0.113 | 0.100 | 0.099 | 0.095 | 0.095 | 0.138 |
| Cotton, middling, spot, New York.-............-do. | . 105 | 107 | . 107 | . 111 | . 111 | . 112 | . 094 | . 098 | . 088 | . 087 | . 118 |
| Food index (Brulistreet's) .......................-.....do- | 2.23 | 2.24 | 2.24 | 2.20 | 2.18 | 2.19 | 2.14 | 2.16 | 2.46 | 2.48 | 2.88 |
| Iron and steel, composite --..........-dol. per ton.- | 35.57 | 37.68 | 37.72 | 37. 76 | 37.80 | 37.76 | 35.86 | 35.85 | 36.30 | 36.27 | 40.11 |
| Wheat, No. 2, Hard Winter (Kansas City) dol. per bu.- | . 68 | . 70 | . 72 | . 75 | . 76 | . 80 | . 65 | . 65 | . 70 | . 71 | 1.22 |
| FINANCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banking: <br> Debits, New York City .........................il. of dol. <br> Debits, outside New York City ( 140 cities)......do............... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3,386 4,737 | 2, 144 3,509 | 3,946 5,268 | 2, 287 4,179 | 3. 4,789 4,788 | 2,516 4,039 | 2,745 <br> 4,224 <br> 2 | 4, 4,128 | 3,431 4.096 | 3,238 3,830 | 3,529 4,660 |
| Federal Reserve banks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reserce bank credit, total U. S. Government securitles | 2. 501 | 2, 491 | 2, 503 | 2,511 | 2,539 | 2, 523 | 2, 537 | 2. 569 | 2, 585 | 2,586 | 2, 3 , 524 2, |
|  |  | 2,480 13,764 | 13, ${ }^{2,457}$ | $\begin{array}{r}2,418 \\ \text { 13,723 } \\ \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 2,473 13,712 | 2,477 13,510 | 2,518 10,412 | 2,635 $\mathbf{1 0}, 350$ | $\stackrel{2,564}{8,202}$ |  |  |
| Excess reserves, estimated. | 6,882 | 6,833 | $\begin{array}{r}1 \\ \hline 8.812\end{array}$ | 6,801 | 6,767 | 6,607 | 4,485 | 4,447 | 3, 039 | 3,153 | +874 |
| Federal Reserve reporting member banks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feposits, demand, adjusted...--.............do. | 20, 032 | 20, 824 | 20,510 | 20, 881 | 20, 405 | 20,615 | 17,387 | 17,368 | 15,127 | 14.994 |  |
|  | 5,316 | 5,321 | 5,331 | 5,312 | 5, 305 | 5,311 | 5,223 | 5,224 | 5,208 |  |  |
|  | 15, 226 | 13, 222 | 15, 124 | 15, 146 | 15, 152 | 15,102 | 13, 009 | 13, 892 | 12,410 | 12,237 | 12,473 |
| Obligations fully guaranteed by U. S. Govern- <br>  | 9,229 | 8, 226 | 9,202 | 9,202 | 9,226 | 0.214 | 8,505 | 8,493 | 7,696 | 7,730 | 8,240 |
|  | 2,415 | 2,416 | 2,405 | 2,408 | 2,400 |  | 2,159 | 2. 153 | 1,622 |  | 1,195 |
|  | 8,517 | 8,461 | 8,462 | 8,435 | 8,444 | 8,469 | 8,116 | 8,131 | 8,208 | 8,231 | 9,740 |
| Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans 8 mil. of dol. | 4,464 | 4,447 | 4,438 | 4,399 | 4,387 | 4,377 | 3,893 | 3,887 | 3,878 | 3,885 | 4,426 |
| Interest rates, call loanst.....................-percent.- | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1. 00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1. 00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1. 1.25 |
| Exchange rates: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }^{\text {(b) }}$ | (b) | (b) | (b) | (b) | 2.149 | 2. 649 | 2.649 | 2. 761 | 2. 763 | 3. 745 |
|  | -3.828 | - 3.727 | -3.791 | -3.793 | - 3.616 | ${ }^{\text {a }} 3.720$ | 4. 682 | 4. 682 | 4.920 | 4.929 | 4.977 |
|  | 238 | 261 | 259 | 286 | 206 | 245 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 7,874 | 7,800 | 7,018 | 7,800 | 7,752 | 7,732 | 7,029 | 7, 054 | 6,439 | 6,458 | 6, 448 |
|  |  |  | 18,400 |  |  |  |  | 27, 860 |  | 37,850 | 8, 380 |
|  | 3.56 | 3.58 | 3.60 | 34.64 | 3.70 | 3.76 | 36.65 | 3, 3.67 | 4.15 | 4.20 | 3.87 |
|  | 1,635 | 1,527 | 1.385 | 3,585 | 3,611 | 5,483 | 7,538 | 3,317 | 10,819 | 8.038 | 5, 501 |
|  | 90.16 | 80.69 | 89.61 | 90.12 | 90.82 | 87.60 | 102.06 | 97.38 | 100.89 | 90.68 | 133.27 |
| Stock prices (Standard Statistics) (420) .......1926=100. <br> Industrials (350) | 76.8 | 76.0 | 75.6 | 74.2 | 76, 3 | 75.2 | 88.8 | 85.7 | 90.7 | 87.2 | 120.7 |
|  | 88.1 | 87.0 | 86.5 | 85.2 | 88.3 | 87.4 | 104.1 | 100.0 | 108.6 | 104.4 | 143.0 |
|  | 80.6 | 80.2 | 80.0 | 78.1 | 77.4 | 75.5 | 86.1 | 88.3 | 77.8 | 76.0 | ${ }_{5}^{97.8}$ |
|  | 24.6 | 24.3 | 24.4 | 23.4 | 23.8 | 23.1 | 26.8 | 25.4 | 29.4 | 26.8 | 53.1 |
| PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION, AND DISTRIBUTION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production: <br> Automobiles | 53, 020 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1,382 | 1,442 | 1,355 | 1,328 | 1.308 | 31,128 1,188 | 1,177 | ${ }_{956}$ | 44, 972 | 1,234 |
|  |  | 2,483 | 2,265 | 2,514 | 2, 509 | 2, 516 | 2, 295 | 2,324 | 2.085 | 2,084 | 2, 259 |
|  |  | 3. 561 | 3.602 | 3,640 | 3,846 | 3.816 | 3,584 | 3,530 | 3,349 | 3,343 | 3.576 |
|  | 86.8 | 86.4 | 74.2 | 86.5 | 87.7 | 84.6 | 56.4 | 49.7 | 36.4 | 32.3 | 82.5 |
| Construction-contract awardst...............thous. of do |  |  |  |  | 11,928 | 11,723 | 13,401 | 11,384 | 8,665 | 8,276 | 9,918 |
|  |  | 740, 465 | 636,901 | 752, 326 | 728,096 | 712.445 | 656,341 | 669,888 | 580, 818 | 602,445 | 767, 470 |
|  |  | 137, 350 | 113,711 | 134,356 | 133, 864 | 132, 003 | 117,535 | 113, 076 | 97, 462 | 93,941 | 119, 228 |
| Forest products <br> Grains and grain products |  | 31, 615 | 25,038 | 35, 884 | 34, 237 | 34, 280 | 32,521 | 31, 426 | 26,764 | 28,375 | 41, 744 |
|  |  | 56,015 | 47, 586 | 44,778 | 33, 6.56 | 30, 456 | 46,632 | 59,332 | 53,341 | 63,022 | 51, 238 |
|  |  | 11,644 | 8,876 | 11, 041 | 10,553 | 9,709 | 11, 524 | 11,844 | 11, 201 | 12,510 | 9,382 |
|  |  | 146,900 | 127, 240 | 149,432 | 148, 782 | 148,354 | 152, 109 | 150, 553 | 146, 219 | 145, 353 | 165, 811 |
|  |  | 69,631 | 65,690 | 67.438 | 68, 209 | 64, 174 | 42. 617 | 44, 877 | 22, 105 | 24, 312 | 77.487 |
| Heceipts: |  | 287, 250 | 248,760 | 309, 397 | 298,795 | 293,469 | 253,403 | 258,780 | 223, 726 | 234, 932 | 302, 579 |
| Cattle and calves. ....-................--thousands.- |  | 228 | 172 | 193 | 185 | 178 | 223 | 223 | 234 | 295 | 197 |
|  |  | 308 | 225 | 329 | 327 | 309 | 253 | 263 | 222 | 228 | 157 |
| Cotton into sight |  |  |  |  |  |  | 119 | 90 | 69 | 56 | 59 |
|  | 26,854 | 31,096 | 20,936 | 5,005 | 2,487 | 2,239 | 23,610 | 32,976 | 22,691 | 31,626 | 25,760 |

ISource: Ward's Automotive Reports.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

| Monthly statistics through December 193y together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1998 Supplement to the Survey | 1940 | 1939 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1940 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June | June | July | Angust | September | October | Novem: ber | $\underset{\substack{\text { Decem- } \\ \text { ber }}}{ }$ | January | $\underset{\text { ary }}{\text { Febru- }}$ | March | April | May |
| BUSINESS INDEXES <br> Pagrs 7, 8, 9 <br> Industrial production ( $F \cdot, R$. : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Combined index, unadjusted...1923-25=100.. | - 114 | 98 | 97 | 99 | 112 | 124 | 124 | 120 | 117 | 310 | 106 | 104 | 109 |
| Manufactures, unadjusted...........-do.- | ${ }^{2} 113$ | 97 | 95 | 99 | 110 | 123 | ${ }^{123}$ | 121 | 116 | 110 | 105 | 103 | 107 |
| Minerals, unadjusted.-............-do | ${ }^{7} 12.114$ | 105 98 | 107 101 | $\begin{array}{r}96 \\ 103 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 111 | 132 121 | 127 | 1128 | 120 | 115 <br> 109 <br> 18 | 112 | 111 | 120 106 |
| Manufactures, adjusted...........-...-. ${ }^{\text {do }}$ | p 112 | 97 | 100 | 105 | 111 | 121 | 124 | 130 | 118 | 108 | 101 | 98 | 103 |
| Autnmobiles......................-.-. ${ }^{\text {do. }}$ | $p 92$ | 81 | 87 | 89 | 85 | 78 | 97 | $12 \overline{7}$ | 128 | 127 | 110 | $\checkmark 105$ | -96 |
| Textiles .-......-................-- - do | $p 103$ | 111 | 111 | 120 | 121 | 125 | 126 | 123 | 114 | 108 | 98 | ${ }^{95}$ | '988 |
| Minerals, adjusted........---...----do | ${ }^{*} 121$ | 104 | 106 | 91 | 114 | 121 | 124 | 120 | 125 | 120 | 121 | 123 | 121 |
| Agricultural marketings: <br> Cash income from farm marketings: $\dagger$ <br> Crops and livestock, combined Index: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unadjusted.--- | P62.5 | ${ }_{63}^{59.5}$ | 67.5 | 73.5 | ${ }^{93.0}$ | 107.0 | ${ }_{76.5}^{90.0}$ | 79.0 79.0 | 69.0 | ${ }_{84}^{60.5}$ | ${ }^{60.0}$ | ${ }_{81}^{62.5}$ | \%66.0 |
|  | P69.5 $p 66.0$ | 63.5 50.5 | 63.0 51.5 | 66.5 58.5 | 73.5 64.5 | 68.5 | 76.5 66.0 | 74.0 78.0 | 72.5 | 881.0 | 72.5 | 77.0 78.5 | +73.5 |
| Livestock and products..-......-do | ${ }^{\circ} 77.5$ | 75.5 | 74.0 | 74.0 | 82.0 | 83.5 | 86.5 | 84.0 | 85.0 | 86.5 | 79.0 | 85.5 | +85.5 |
| Dairy products....----------- do | P 82.0 | 75.5 | 77.0 | 82.0 | 84.0 | 89.0 | 91.0 | 91.5 | 95.0 | 94.0 | 89.5 | 89.5 | r84.5 |
| Meat animals.......--------.-. do | p 78.5 | 78.5 | 75.0 | 71.0 | 84.5 | 87.0 | 87.0 | 82.0 | 84.5 | 82.0 | 75.0 | 88.0 | r90.5 |
| Poultry and eggs...------------ do. | ${ }^{p} 64.0$ | 65.0 | 66.5 | 64.5 | 67.0 | 66.5 | 73.5 | 70.5 | 65.5 | 80.0 | 70.0 | 70.5 | 70.5 |
| COMMODITY PRICES <br> Pages 11, 18; 15, 131, 134, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of living (N. I. C. B.): <br> Combined index ...................... $1923=100$ | 86.4 | 84.7 | 84.9 | 84.5 | 85.9 | 85.8 | 85.7 | 85.3 | 85.4 | 86.8 | 85.5 | 85.9 | 86.0 |
|  | 73.1 | 72.0 | 71.9 | 71.9 | 72.2 | 72.6 | 72.9 | 72.9 | 73.0 | 73.2 | 73.2 | 73.2 | 73.1 |
|  | 81.7 | 77.9 | 78.1 | 76.7 | 80.7 | 80.1 | 79.6 | 78.5 | 78.8 | 78.8 | 78.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 |
| Fuel and light.......-----..........--do | 84.2 | 83.4 | 83.8 | 84.0 | 84.4 | 85.2 86.6 | 85.6 86.7 | 85.6 86.6 | 86.6 | 86.0 86.6 | 86.8 86.6 | 86.4 86.7 | 84.1 86.7 |
| Housing..............-.-.............................. | 86.8 | ${ }_{86.6}^{86.0}$ | 86.3 96.9 | 86.3 86 | 86.5 97.0 | 86.6 96.8 | ${ }_{96.8}$ | 96.8 | 96.9 | 96.9 | 96.9 | 07.0 | 97.0 |
| Wholesale prices: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| . S. Department of Labor indexes: Combined index ( 813 quotations) $1926=100$. | 77.5 | 75.6 | 75.4 | 75.0 | 79.1 | 79.4 | 79.2 | 79.2 | 79.4 | 78.7 | 78.4 | 78.6 | 78.4 |
| Economic classes: | 80.5 | 79.6 | 79.2 | 79.1 | 81.9 | 82.3 | 82.0 | 81.7 | 81.7 | 81.4 | 81.1 | 81.2 | 81.3 |
| Raw materials........................do | 70.7 | 67.7 | 67.8 | 66.5 | 72.6 | 72.3 | 72.4 | 73.3 | 73.8 | 72.7 | 72.0 | 73.0 | 72.0 |
| Semimanufactures.................do. | 77.9 | 74.1 | 74.4 | 74.5 | 81.8 | 83.1 | 82.1 | 82.0 | 81.7 | 79.9 | 79.7 | 78.2 | 78.3 |
| Farm products .-.-...........-.-......d. ${ }^{\text {do. }}$ | 86.2 | 62.4 | 62.6 | 61.0 | 68.7 | 67.1 | 67.3 | 67.6 | 69.1 | 68.7 | 67.9 | 69.4 | 67.9 |
| Commodities other than farm produets | 70.3 | 67.6 | 67.5 | 67.2 | 75.1 | 73.3 | 72.3 | 71.9 | 71.7 | 71.1 | 70.2 | 71.6 | 71.4 |
|  | 82.2 | 80.2 | 80.2 | 80.1 | 82.1 | 83.8 | 84.0 | 83.9 | 83.9 | 83.2 | 82.9 | 82.5 | 82.5 |
| Pig iron: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 22.50 |
|  | 22.50 23.15 | 20.50 21.15 | 20.50 21.15 | 20.50 21.15 | 21.50 22.35 | ${ }_{23.15}^{22.50}$ | 22.50 23.15 | 22.15 <br> 2.50 | 23.15 | 22.15 | 23.15 | 23.15 | 22.50 23.15 |
| Foundry, No. 2, northern (Pittsburgh) dol. per long ton. | 24.80 | 22.89 | 22.89 | 22.89 | 23.89 | 24.89 | 24.89 | 24.89 | 24.89 | 24.89 | 24.89 | 24.89 | 24.89 |
| Steel: | . 0265 | . 0262 | . 0261 | . 0261 | . 0261 | . 0263 | . 0263 | . 0265 | . 0265 | . 0265 | 0265 | . 0262 | ${ }^{+} .0265$ |
| Steel billets, rerolling (Pitssburgh) <br> dol. per long ton. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 .0210 |
| Structural steel (Pittsburgh)_dol. per lb.. | -0210 | ${ }^{13} 5210$ | . 13.56 | . 0210 | 0210 | -0210 | ${ }^{17.66}$ | 16210 |  | +0210 | +0210 | +15230 | .0210 $\mathbf{3 6 . 8 8}$ |
| Purchasing power of the dolilar: | 18.19 |  |  | 13.88 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wholesale prices ------.-----1923-25=100.. | 129.9 | 133.2 | 133.5 | 134.2 | 127.3 | 126.8 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 126.8 | 128.0 | 188.5 | 128.1 | 128.5 |
| Prices received by farmers. .-.-.-...-.-do.. | 154.8 | 165.3 | 185.3 | 166.9 | 149.9 | 151.5 | 151.5 | 153.1 | 148.6 | 145.6 | 151.5 | 149.9 | 149.9 |
| DOMESTIC TRADE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| vertising: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newspaper advertising: | 103, 200 |  |  |  |  |  | 113,457 | 118, 103 | 88, 033 | 93, 240 | 114, 255 | 111,989 | 119,883 |
| Classified - | 23, 215 | 21,785 | 20, 570 | 21, 115 | 20, 884 | 22, 393 | 20, 194 | 20, 246 | 19,075 | 19,295 | 22, 945 | 23, 083 | 23.936 |
|  | 80, 074 | 83,301 | 64, 838 | 69,410 | 81, 053 | 07, 220 | 93, 264 | 97, 857 | 68,958 | 73, 945 | 91, 309 | 88, 006 | 95,948 |
|  | 5, 639 | 5,345 | 3,496 | 3, 512 | 3,067 | 6, 436 | 4,537 | 3,482 | 3,854 | 4,224 | 5, 620 | 7,007 | 7,812 |
|  | 1,485 | 1,663 | 2,120 | 1,349 | 1,278 | 1,767 | 1,376 | 1,637 | 2,278 | 1,494 | 1,799 | 1,838 | 1,477 |
|  | 17,0f9 | 17, 408 | 13,999 | 12,527 | 15,045 | 19,82t | 18,470 | 14, 183 | 12,433 | 15,740 | 17,645 | 17,824 | 19,427 |
|  | 55,880 | 58,886 | 45,222 | 52, 022 | 61,653 | 69, 192 | 68, 880 | 78, 555 | 50,393 | 52, 487 | 66, 246 | 62, 237 | 67,231 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { FINANCE } \\ & \text { Fages } 53,57,58,60 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank debits, total (141 rities) .... mil. of dol -- | 31,960 | 33,988 | 30, 477 | 30,613 | 33, 664 | 32,711 | 31, 076 | 40,019 | 34,717 | 29,482 | 34,738 | 34,769 | 34, 195 |
| New York City .----.-.-----....- do. | 13, 110 | 15,312 | 12,704 | 13, 118 | 15, 138 | 13, 683 | 13, 041 | 17, 633 | 14,739 | 12, 138 | 15, 201 | 15, 159 | 14, 336 |
| Outside New York City-.............do do | 18,850 | 18,676 | 17,683 | 17,496 | 18, 526 | 19,029 | 18,636 | 22, 386 | 19,978 | 17,344 | 19,537 | 19,250 | 19,659 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Savings banks in New York State: | 5,670 | 5,514 | 5,519 | 5,529 | 5,557 | 5,552 | 5,547 | 5,599 | 5,616 | 5,632 | 5,676 | 5,660 | 5,644 |
| Commercial failures: $\dagger$ - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand total....-..........-........number.- | 1,114 | 1,119 | 1,153 | 1,126 | 1,043 | 1,234 | 1, 184 | 1,153 | 1,237 | 1,042 | 1,197 | 1,291 | 1,238 |
|  | 13,734 | 12,581 | 14,999 | 12,637 | 10,545 | 17,464 | 13,201 | 13,243 | 15, 279 | 13,472 | 11,681 | 16,24i | 13,088 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Policies and certificates, total number |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Group...............................do.... |  | 841 | 687 | 942 | 642 | 790 | 724 | 728 | 659 | 697 | 770 | 766 | 793 |
|  | 35 | 134 | 26 | 261 | 24 | 51 | 41 | 59 | 32 | 25 | 26 | 30 | 42 |
|  | 446 | 461 | 427 | 431 | 417 | 484 | 455 | 443 | 400 | 439 | 483 | 472 | 404 |
|  | 233 | 245 | 234 | 250 | 200 | 255 | 228 | 225 | - 225 | ${ }^{232}$ | ${ }^{216} 262$ | - ${ }^{263}$ | 626, ${ }^{256}$ |
|  | 597,450 | 720, 749 | 506,380 | 584, 595 | 509.897 | 637,675 | 587,498 | 646, 550 | 653, 150 | 501.638 | 616. 085 | ${ }^{624.770}$ | 626,357 |
| Value, total.................thous. of di: | 48, 96 | 194.233 | 23, 2182 | 83,901 | 59,401 | 75,929 | 44, 027 | 105.030 |  |  | $\begin{array}{r}37.556 \\ 138545 \\ \hline 18\end{array}$ | -39,800 | 44,869 141,921 |
| Ordistrial | 128,232 | 128,568 | 118. 218 | 118,068 | 115.935 | 135.769 | ${ }_{415,350}^{128}$ | 124.662 416858 | 113, 111 | ${ }^{1255}$ (29, 292 | - | 149, 118 | 439, 468 |
|  | 423, 272 | 40f, 98.8 | 364.300 | 381, 626 | 331, 561 | 425,977 | 415,350 | 416, 858 | 405,538 | 398, 292 | 439,984 | 449, 118 | 439, 563 |
| TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Class I steam railways: <br> Froight-rar loadings (Federal Reserve): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Combined index, unadjusted $1023-25=100 .$. | 75 |  | 7069 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6769 | 87 | 7172746096 |
| Combined index, adjusted. | 7574 | 67 |  | 71 70 | ${ }_{77}$ | 89 80 | 828888 | 78 | 78 | 73 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 90 | 80 | 75 | Ss | 87 |  | 87 | 73 | 75 | 75 | 79 |  |
| Grains and grain products.............do. Merchandise, l. c. 1.-...........................do | 60 | 61 | 62 59 | 62 67 | 63 85 | 62 103 | 63 191 | -62 | 62 114 | ${ }^{61}$ | 100 | 102 |  |

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 $\otimes 40$ companies having 82 percent of total life insurance outstanding in all United States legal reserve comyanies.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS-Continued

| Monthly statistics through December 1087, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1938 Supplement to the Surpey | 1940 | 1939 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1940 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June | June | July | August | September | October | November | $\begin{gathered} \text { Decem- } \\ \text { ber } \end{gathered}$ | January | February | March | April | May |
| CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumption..-.......-.thous. of wine gal . | 9, 625 | 7,944 | 7, 385 | 9,202 | 12,843 | 15,453 | 13,068 | 11. 434 | 10, 147 | 8, 50.5 | 9,498 | 7,793 | 10, 037 |
|  | 9, 706 | 8,166 | 7,437 | 9. 190 | 12,695 | 15, 181 | 13,060 | 11, 158 | 10, 398 | 8,460 | 9,504 | 9.994 | 10, 037 |
| Stocks, end of month. .-.-.-............-do. | 1,662 | 1,982 | 2,015 | 2,007 | 1,776 | 1,496 | 1,479 | 1,173 | 1,417 | 1,366 | 1,392 | 1,591 | 1,586 |
| Alcohel, ethyl: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks, wrehoused, end of month .-.do...- | 21,799 | 30, 87.0 | 35, 232 | 32. 919 | 25. 913 | 17,074 | 14, 168 | 14, 614 | 15. 279 | 18,773 | 20, 677 | 20.957 | 21,921 |
| Withdrawn for denaturing.........-. ${ }^{\text {do }}$ | 17, 490 | 15.029 | 13, 823 | 16,050 | 22,315 | 26, 033 | 22, 944 | 19,524 | 18,386 | 14, 697 | 16, 730 | 17,611 | 17,752 |
| Withdrawn, tax-paid...-........------ ${ }^{\text {do.- }}$ | 3,380 | 1,858 | 1,765 | 1,780 | 2,187 | 2,248 | 2,282 | 1,729 | 1,504 | 1, 640 | 2, 012 | 2,035 | 1,782 |
| FOODSTUFFS <br> Pages 102, 110 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alcohollc beverages:Fermented malt liquors: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fermented malt liquors: | 5,594 | 6,271 | 5,637 | 5,450 | 4,392 | 4, 237 | 3,685 | 3,588 | 3,788 | 3,478 | 4, 382 | 5,109 | , 483 |
| Tax-paid withdrawals..................... do | 5,853 | 5,650 | 5,538 | 5,715 | 4,021 | 4,169 | 3,826 | 3,916 | 2, 930 | 3,238 | 3, 809 | 4,177 | 4,883 |
|  | 9,018 | 9, 447 | 9,330 | 8,836 | 8,112 | 7,994 | 7,696 | 7,191 | 7,926 | 8,000 | 8,391 | 9,105 | 9,508 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10,657 10,871 | 8,304 | 5,381 $5,60.5$ | 6,390 6,663 | 10,244 8,772 | 17,946 11,066 | 14, ${ }^{1321}$ | 11,553 9,400 | 12,506 6,517 | 11,846 7,928 | 13,181 8,406 | 13,938 7,818 | 13,929 7,543 |
|  | 525, 403 | 522, 058 | 520, 429 | 518, 487 | 514, 433 | 510,606 | 508,894 | 508, 205 | 512, 394 | 514, 505 | 517, 583 | 522, 503 | 527, 362 |
| Whiskey: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 8,187 8,337 | 5,774 4,885 | 3,711 4,343 | 4,392 5,098 | 4,985 6,793 | 7,074 8,550 | 8,946 10,385 | 8,033 | 10,021 5,500 | 9,599 6,616 | 10,304 6,469 | 11,223 5,793 | 11,504 5,848 |
|  | 8,337 480,945 | 4,885 478,900 | 4,733 477,149 | 5,098 475,371 | 66,793 472,499 | 8,550 469,173 | 10,385 465,934 | 76,704 465,018 | 10,000 469,004 | 6,616 470,519 | 6,469 473,278 | 5,793 477,865 | 5,848 482,555 |
| Rectified spirits and wines, production total $\qquad$ thous. of proof gal. | (a) | 2,980 | 2,930 | 3, 189 | 4,005 | 5, 202 | 6,341 | 4, 002 | 2,679 | 3,402 | 3,480 | 3,721 | 3,466 |
| Whisky*-..----.-.-..............-do..-- | (a) | 1,977 | 2,014 | 2,332 | 3,258 | 4,329 | 5,532 | 3,249 | 2,078 | 2,839 | 2,669 | 2,764 | 2,694 |
| Indicated consumption for beverage purposes: All spirits* $\dagger$ - -............thous, of proof gal.. | (a) | 8,699 | 7, 570 | 8,709 | 11,959 | 13,703 | 16, 266 | 12,390 | 8,378 | 9,889 | 10.520 | 10, 210 | 9, 741 |
| Livestock: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,576 |
|  | 858 594 | 7828 546 | 971 664 | 972 795 | 1,019 | 1,1240 | 963 973 | 833 572 | 997 548 | 810 433 | 825 516 | 974 568 | 631 |
| Fogs: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disposition: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,927 | -1,539 | 1,304 | 1, 451 | 1,458 | 1,825 | 2,177 | 2,482 | 2,753 | 2,074 | 1,904 | 1,868 | 2,005 |
|  | 718 | 560 | 546 | 550 | 534 | 617 | 665 | 849 | 1,007 | 841 | 749 | 713 | 666 |
| Sheep and lamis: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts, principal markets----------do ${ }_{\text {Disposition: }}$ | 1,687 | 1,711 | 2,042 | 2,392 | 2,625 | 2,607 | 1,907 | 1,514 | 1,728 | 1,424 | 1,440 | 1,876 | 2,002 |
| Local slaughter ....-...-................ do. | 915 | 913 | 983 | 968 | 1,064 | 1,075 | 944 | 848 | 1,071 | 863 | 824 | 1,046 | 1,077 |
| Shipments, total....-.......................do.-.-- | 779 | 804 | 1,040 | 1,410 | 1, 564 | 1,520 | 984 | 671 | 653 | 559 | 620 | 828 | 917 |
| METALS AND MANUFACTURES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nonferrous metals: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production, slab, at primary smelters |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retorts in operation, end of mo..- number. | 46, 577 | 36. 291 | 35,401 | 34, 443 | 37, 729 | 43,109 | 46, 807 | 48, 159 | 47,287 | 47, 138 | 48, 080 | 40, 805 | 48,989 |
| Shipments, total......-.....---short tons.. | 53, 518 | 37, 284 | 43, 128 | 49, 828 | 69,424 | 73, 327 | 64,407 | 53,468 | 57, 551 | 53, 048 | 51, 095 | 46,978 | 59, 177 |
| Stocks, reflnery, end of mo...........do.... | 70,673 | 135, 241 | 131, 782 | 122, 814 | 95, 615 | 72,405 | 61, 522 | 65,995 | 65, 602 | 67,086 | 73, 611 | 81, 234 | 75,036 |
| PAPER AND PRINTING <br> Pages 145, 146 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paper: <br> Newsprint: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production.------..--......-short tons.- | 315. 343 | 240, 545 | 227, 630 | 236, 975 | 253, 230 | 280, 085 | 289, 726 | 240, 656 | 251, 63 | 231, 823 | 251.279 | 268, 947 | 323, 563 |
| Shfpments from mills .-...---.-.-.-.do-.-- | 338, 446 | 232, 261 | 221, 743 | 224, 367 | 267,095 | 289, 200 | 287, 869 | 264, 620 | 244, 273 | 211,322 | 235, 304 | 257, 134 | 334, 441 |
| Stocks, at mills, end of month.....-do.- | 180, 569 | 196, 164 | 202,051 | 214,659 | 200, 854 | 192, 609 | 193, 466 | 169,502 | 176,261 | 196, 762 | 212, 737 | 214, 650 | 203, 672 |
| United States: <br> Production. do | 84,762 | 80,562 | 74,932 | 80,000 | 77,309 | 78,591 | 78,886 | 77,836 | 84, 126 | 81, 455 | 85, 143 | 86, 277 | 90, 207 |
| Shipments from milis......---------- do- | 85, 194 | 84,623 | 75, 354 | 79,060 | 78, 559 | 79,304 | 81.410 | 78, 283 | 80, 959 | 79,972 | 80,930 | 85, 412 | 88,912 |
| - Stocks, at mills, end of month-..--do .--- | 17, 543 | 17,428 | 17,006 | 17,916 | 16,696 | 15,923 | 13,399 | 12,952 | 16,119 | 17, 602 | 15,815 | 16,680 | 17,975 |
| TEXTILE PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spinde activity: | 21,943 | 21,771 | 21, 939 | 22,012 | 22, 232 | 22,659 | 22, 774 | 22,778 | 22,872 | 22,804 | 22,555 | 22,301 | 22, 217 |
| Active spindle hrs, total........mil. of hrs.- | 6, 900 | 7,399 | 6,621 | 7,908 | 7,695 | 8,581 | 8, 803 | 8,040 | 9,223 | 8,266 | 7,921 | 8,012 | 8,040 |
| A verage per spinde in place.---.-. hours.- | -279. | . 290 | , 262 | 313 | ${ }^{3} 306$ | -342 | , 353 | 822 | , 369 | ${ }^{8} 331$ | 317 | , 321 | 324 |
| Operations $\dagger$ $\qquad$ pet. of capacity.Wool: <br> Stocks, scoured basis, end of quarter, total thous. of lb. | 87.1 | 82.5 | 81.9 | 85.1 | 92.5 | 97.9 | 101.3 | 100.7 | 102.6 | 99.6 | 94.4 | 92.1 | 89.4 |
|  | 126, 280 | 123,096 |  |  | 118,514 |  |  | 109, 533 |  |  | + 98,860 |  |  |
| Woolen wools, total..-...-.-.-.-......do...- | 46,998 | 39,602 |  |  | 40,997 |  |  | 44, 286 |  |  | r 41, 815 |  |  |
|  | 34, 893 | 31, 357 |  |  | 32, 201 |  |  | 31, 102 |  |  | - 28, 181 |  |  |
|  | 12. 105 | 8,245 |  |  | 8,796 |  |  | 13,184 |  |  | - 13, 634 |  |  |
| Worsted wools, total.-.................-. do....- | 79,282 | 83,494 |  |  | 77,517 |  |  | 65, 247 |  |  | - 57,045 |  |  |
|  | 58.993 | 63, 128 |  |  | 57, 260 |  |  | 29,776 |  |  | - 22, 825 |  |  |
|  | 20,299 | 20,366 | ---. | --- | 20,257 | --->---- | ------- | 35,471 | -------- | -----. | P34,225 | --- |  |

- Data for May 1940 are the latest available.
${ }^{r}$ Revised.
* Farlier data for the new series on alcoholic beverages appear in tables 2-8, pp. 15-18, of the July 1939 Surver
of the October 1939 SURVEY will appear in s subsequent issue of the
Nore.-The data in the above tables present, in advance of the monthly Survey of Current Business, such items as were received during the week ended Saturday, July 20, 1940. These flgures, like similar information in the table entitled "Monthly business statistics" in each monthly issue, should always bo read in connection with the de* tailed tables covering the respective items in the 1038 Supplement to the Survey of Current Business, which contains a description of each series and a reference to the sonirco of the data. Series marked with an asterisk (*) are exceptions, representing additions since the 1938 Supplement was issued, and similar data, if published, will be found in the monthly numbers indicated by the footnotes. Changes in the series arealso indicatedin the footnotes. The Survey of Current Business, including 12 monthly Survers of 56 obtained from tho same source upon receipt of $\$ 0.40$.

