SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

STEEL INGOT PRODUCTION (1935-39 = 100)

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ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCTION (BILLIONS OF KILOWATT HOURS)

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CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE

Contract awards:
Value of contracts awarded (F. B. Indexes):
Total, unadjusted: 1925-30=100...
Residential, unadjusted...
Total, adjusted...
Residential, adjusted...
Engineering construction...

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

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CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE—Continued

Construction cost indexes—Continued.

DOMESTIC TRADE

Chain-store sales, index:
Commodity prices, wholesale:
All commodities...
Farm products...
Food...
All other...
28 books complimentary, August 1939-40...
Cotton, mfd. 1939-40, do per lb...
Wheat, No. 2, bid. win. (K.C.) do per bu...
Department store sales...

Finance:
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities:

* Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. Preliminary. rij Revised. © Thursday prices. Daily averages. Index for week ended October 3, 1943.

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

#### Employment:

- Employment, estimates, unadjusted (U. S. Dept. of Labor)
  - July 1942, 503,700
  - July 1941, 507,000
  - July 1940, 508,000

#### SALARIES AND WAGES

- Manufacturing, total
  - August 1942, 8,820,000
  - August 1941, 8,600,000
  - August 1940, 8,500,000

### FINANCE—Continued

**Commercial failures:**
- May 1942, 7,281
- June 1942, 8,908
- July 1942, 8,549

**Construction:**
- May 1942, 235
- June 1942, 272
- July 1942, 272

**Retail trade:**
- May 1942, 2,479
- June 1942, 2,873
- July 1942, 2,930

**Life insurance:**
- May 1942, 7,632
- June 1942, 8,339
- July 1942, 8,296

### ELECTRIC POWER

**Electric power, production, total, mil. kw.-hr.**
- May 1942, 18,122
- June 1942, 16,006
- July 1942, 16,006

### FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO

**Pork, including lard:**
- May 1942, 3,250
- June 1942, 3,250
- July 1942, 3,250

**Tobacco manufactures:**
- May 1942, 1,081
- June 1942, 1,081
- July 1942, 1,081

### FUELS AND HYDROCARBON PRODUCTS

**Petroleum:**
- Crude oil, production, total, days:
  - May 1942, 132,670
  - June 1942, 132,670
  - July 1942, 132,670

### STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS

**Portland cement:**
- Production, total, days:
  - May 1942, 370
  - June 1942, 370
  - July 1942, 370

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*Revised.  **Preliminary.  ***Data for July are the latest available.