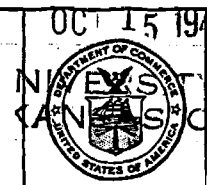




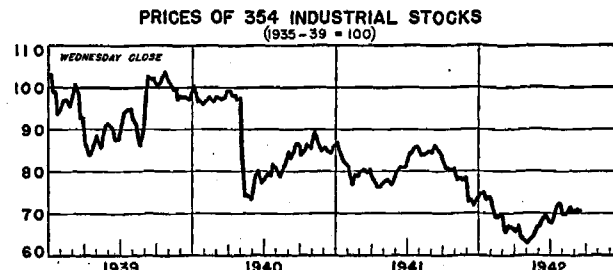
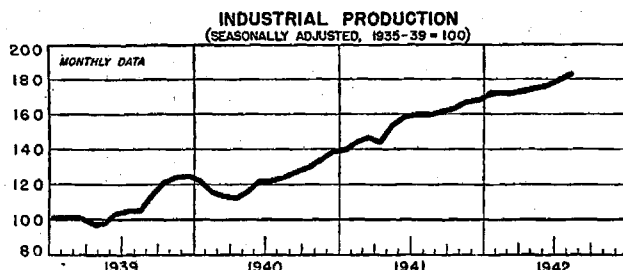
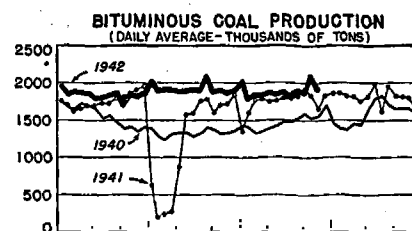
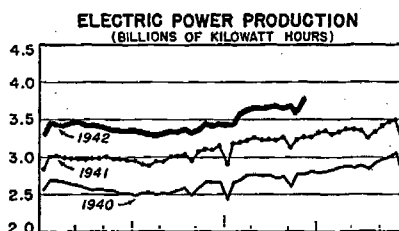
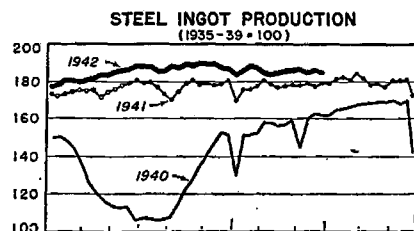
SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE



WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 1, 1942

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS*

ITEM	1942			1941		ITEM	1942			1941	
	Sept.26	Sept.19	Sept.12	Sept.27	Sept. 20		Sept.26	Sept.19	Sept.12	Sept.27	Sept.20
Commodity prices, wholesale:											
All commodities.....1926=100.....		\$90.3	\$99.2	91.2	91.5	Finance—Continued.					
Farm products.....do.....		107.1	107.2	89.9	91.2	Federal Reserve reporting member banks:					
Food.....do.....		102.0	101.6	87.6	88.5	Deposits, demand, adjusted...mil. of dol.	27,807	28,085	27,650	24,390	24,375
All other.....do.....		\$95.7	\$95.7	92.0	91.8	Loans and investments, total.....do.....	35,349	34,358	34,322	29,120	29,098
28 basic commodities.....August 1939=100.....	169.2	168.2	168.3	155.6	156.6	U. S. Govt. obligations.....do.....	21,488	20,588	20,525	14,397	14,408
Cotton, mid., 1944," 10 mktst. dol. per lb.	.187	.188	.187	.165	.173	Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans.....mil. of dol.	6,281	6,317	6,252	6,389	6,362
Wheat, No. 2, hd. win. (K. C.) dol. per bu.	1.23	1.20	1.20	1.13	1.14	Failures, commercial.....number.....	149	117	109	181	180
Department store sales.....1935-39=100.....		137	129	148	131	Bond yields (Moody's).....percent.....	3.32	3.33	3.33	3.31	3.30
Finance:											
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities:†						Stock prices (Stan. & Poor) Δ 1935-39=100.....	69.7	68.7	69.2	83.4	84.6
Total.....mil. of dol.	10,912	10,628	7,001	8,668	10,090	Production:					
New York City.....do.....	4,208	3,977	2,523	3,391	4,248	Bituminous coal.....thous. of short tons.....	1,883	2,093	1,898	1,735	
Currency in circulation.....do.....	13,529	13,446	13,380	10,085	10,057	Electric power.....mil. of kw.-hr.....	3,787	3,583	3,273	3,273	
Federal Reserve bank credit, total.....do.....	3,881	3,857	3,703	2,279	2,316	Petroleum.....thous. of bbl.....	3,936	3,902	4,060	4,074	
Member bank reserve balances.....do.....	11,886	12,760	12,402	13,273	13,328	Steel.....1935-39=100.....	184.3	180.3	184.7	179.2	177.9
Excess reserves, estimated.....do.....	2,034	3,039	2,348	5,202	6,240	Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars.....		903	815	920	908
						Miscellaneous.....do.....		422	379	400	400

* Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. † Preliminary. ‡ Thursday prices. § Daily average. ¶ Index for week ended October 3, 1942.
† Debits to demand deposit accounts, except interbank and U. S. Government accounts, in 101 cities. ‡ Direct and guaranteed. Δ 402 stocks.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1940 Supplement	1942	1941	1942		Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1940 Supplement	1942	1941	1942	
	August	August	June	July		August	August	June	July
BUSINESS INDEXES									
Cash income from farm marketings:									
Crops and livestock, combined index:									
Unadjusted.....1924-29=100.....	156.0	123.0	119.5	136.0					
Adjusted.....do.....	140.5	102.0	131.0	131.5					
Crops.....do.....	120.5	95.0	94.0	105.5					
Livestock and products.....do.....	158.0	109.0	165.5	155.0					
Dairy products.....do.....	138.5	112.5	131.0	130.0					
Meat animals.....do.....	178.5	114.0	198.0	177.0					
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	138.5	87.0	133.5	135.5					
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE									
Contract awards:									
Value of contracts awarded (F. R. indexes):									
Total, unadjusted.....1923-25=100.....	183	169	228	232					
Residential, unadjusted.....do.....	57	111	83	75					
Total, adjusted.....do.....	171	152	193	206					
Residential, adjusted.....do.....	57	112	76	74					
Engineering construction:									
Contract awards (E. N. R.)\$. thous. of dol.	813,077	529,561	968,938	1,201,526					
Construction cost indexes:									
Engineering News Record (all types). 1913=100.	281.6	263.1	277.7	281.6					
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE—Continued									
Construction cost indexes—Continued.									
Federal Home Loan Bank Board:†									
Standard 6-room frame house:									
Combined index.....1935-39=100.....	124.0	115.1	123.5	123.7					
Materials.....do.....	121.2	112.6	121.3	121.2					
Labor.....do.....	129.4	120.0	127.8	128.5					
DOMESTIC TRADE									
Chain-store sales, indexes:									
Chain-Store Age, combined index (20 chains)									
average same month, 1929-31=100.....									
Apparel chains.....do.....	212.0	184.0	172.0	200.0					
Grocery chain-store sales: †									
Unadjusted.....1935-39=100.....	170.5	143.9	173.4	169.0					
Adjusted.....do.....	177.6	149.9	170.8	172.4					
Variety-store sales, combined sales, 7 chains: †									
Unadjusted.....1935-39=100.....	124.8	113.1	129.1	132.2					
Adjusted.....do.....	142.3	128.9	136.2	143.4					
Rural sales of general merchandise:									
Total U. S., unadjusted.....1929-31=100.....	160.8	170.7	160.3	137.3					
Total U. S., adjusted.....do.....	196.6	208.7	176.0	188.1					

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

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	August	August	June	July		August	August	June	July
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES					FINANCE—Continued				
Employment:					Commercial failures—Continued.				
Employment estimates, unadjusted (U. S. Dept. of Labor):					Liabilities, grand total.....thous. of dol.	6,781	11,134	9,906	8,548
Employees in nonagri. estab., total					Commercial service, total.....do	538	672	673	915
Manufacturing.....thousands..	37,789	35,457	36,665	37,234	Construction, total.....do	520	1,732	945	584
Manufacturing.....do	14,978	13,337	14,302	14,641	Manufacturing and mining, total.....do	2,249	3,790	3,327	2,078
Mining.....do	918	979	921	922	Retail trade, total.....do	2,475	3,492	3,752	3,950
Construction.....do	2,131	2,173	1,991	2,108	Wholesale trade, total.....do	999	1,439	1,209	1,021
Transportation and public utilities.....do	3,533	3,401	3,484	3,519	Life insurance:				
Trade.....do	6,504	6,897	6,606	6,496	Association of Life Insurance Presidents:				
Financial, service, and misc.....do	4,355	4,300	4,324	4,249	Insurance written:				
Government.....do	5,389	4,370	5,037	5,184	Policies and certifs., number.....thousands..	592	729	710	630
Manufacturing, unadjusted (U. S. Dept. of Labor):					Group.....do	42	42	87	66
Durable goods.....do	145.3	133.1	139.3	142.2	Industrial.....do	364	450	425	366
Iron and steel, etc., not incl. mech. do	134.6	139.9	135.5	135.0	Ordinary.....do	186	237	198	199
Blast fur., steel wks., and roll. mills do	150.5	149.1	152.2	151.6	Value, total.....thous. of dol.	520,421	645,046	647,394	620,728
Hardware.....do	97.8	113.2	93.4	95.4	Group.....do	83,304	71,689	161,061	151,344
Struct' and ornam'l metal work.....do	123.3	110.0	118.2	121.4	Industrial.....do	112,240	131,329	129,803	112,917
Tin cans and other tinware.....do	110.0	145.3	107.8	107.4	Ordinary.....do	324,877	442,028	356,470	356,467
Lumber and allied products.....do	73.5	81.0	73.3	73.3	ELECTRIC POWER				
Furniture.....do	92.1	108.4	94.6	93.0	Electric power, production, total* mil. of kw.-hr.	16,276	14,565	15,182	16,005
Lumber, sawmills.....do	66.0	70.7	65.3	65.6	By source:				
Machinery, excl. transp. equip.....do	215.4	177.0	206.5	210.3	Fuel.....do	10,958	10,628	9,831	10,877
Agric'l implements (incl. tractors) do	163.0	172.0	167.2	165.4	Waterpower.....do	5,317	3,937	5,352	5,128
Foundry and machine-shop prod.....do	170.2	145.6	165.1	167.4	By type of producer:				
Radio and phonographs.....do	210.5	202.4	191.4	197.4	Priv. and munic. owned utilities.....do	14,047	13,094	13,394	14,047
Metals, nonferrous, and products.....do	149.2	145.5	146.1	146.6	Other producers.....do	2,228	1,471	1,788	1,958
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do	92.2	101.3	94.0	91.8	FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO				
Brick, tile, and terra cotta.....do	67.7	79.4	69.9	68.9	Dairy products, production:				
Glass.....do	119.0	130.0	121.2	115.0	Butter, creamery (factory).....thous. of lb.	169,620	168,339	203,860	188,665
Transportation equipment.....do	312.3	172.0	273.4	293.2	Cheese, total (factory).....do	104,008	91,463	131,100	115,385
Automobiles.....do	99.2	110.9	91.2	95.6	Condensed and evaporated milk, case goods:				
Nondurable goods.....do	126.4	127.7	120.1	124.4	Condensed, sweetened.....thous. of lb.	9,832	11,052	6,782	8,970
Chemical, petroleum, and coal prod.....do	157.4	143.1	156.8	156.7	Evaporated, unsweetened.....do	277,969	308,855	402,584	326,331
Chemicals.....do	193.5	180.1	196.3	195.2	Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb.	1,329	1,168	1,531	1,447
Paints and varnishes.....do	126.2	144.8	131.8	126.2	Beef and veal.....thous. of lb.	613,620	557,536	609,840	606,516
Petroleum refining.....do	134.7	127.9	133.6	133.9	Lamb and mutton.....do	72,821	60,364	58,899	66,916
Rayon and allied products.....do	306.6	329.3	314.5	309.1	Pork, including lard.....do	642,827	549,836	861,804	773,247
Food and kindred products.....do	164.1	159.3	141.9	156.6	Lard.....do	106,660	98,086	151,017	139,042
Baking.....do	162.1	152.7	154.2	160.1	Tobacco, manufactured products:				
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do	150.0	122.4	145.6	150.7	Consumption (tax-paid withdrawals):				
Leather and its manufactures.....do	94.1	101.1	97.1	96.2	Small cigarettes.....millions.	20,941	17,777	20,004	20,875
Boots and shoes.....do	91.6	98.3	94.1	93.5	Large cigars.....thousands.	498,872	491,028	532,390	510,823
Paper and printing.....do	114.7	123.9	117.2	115.6	Mtd. tobacco and snuff.....thous. of lb.	25,329	27,462	27,807	27,013
Paper and pulp.....do	119.2	127.8	126.0	121.5	FUELS AND BYPRODUCTS				
Rubber products.....do	105.1	111.8	97.2	101.3	Petroleum and products:				
Rubber tires and inner tubes.....do	86.3	86.7	77.9	82.6	Crude petroleum:				
Textiles and their products.....do	109.7	115.4	108.8	108.2	Consumption (runs to stills).....thous. of bbl.	(*)	124,572	105,376	111,555
Fabrics.....do	103.3	106.9	104.5	104.2	Production.....do	(*)	121,354	108,585	111,782
Wearing apparel.....do	119.1	129.6	113.8	112.4	Refinery operations.....pet. of capacity	(*)	90	77	78
Tobacco manufactures.....do	66.1	65.8	63.8	64.5	Stocks, end of month:				
Payrolls (U. S. Department of Labor):					California:				
Manufacturing, unadjusted.....do	214.4	158.1	198.1	204.3	Heavy crude and fuel.....thous. of bbl.	(*)	64,729	55,028	54,105
Durable goods.....do	267.0	177.6	244.1	252.3	Light crude.....do	(*)	34,560	35,650	36,073
Iron and steel, etc., not incl. mach. do	192.8	172.0	186.4	188.1	East of California, total.....do	(*)	207,225	207,286	200,658
Blast fur., steel wks., and roll. mills do	203.2	153.3	198.1	201.3	Refineries.....do	(*)	43,483	38,881	38,201
Hardware.....do	165.5	145.7	145.3	150.7	Tank farms and pipe lines.....do	(*)	163,742	168,405	162,457
Struct' and ornam'l metal work.....do	172.3	125.2	155.0	159.0	Refined petroleum products:				
Tin cans and other tinware.....do	160.4	184.7	143.6	146.7	Gas and fuel oils:				
Lumber and allied products.....do	97.7	92.3	93.7	93.3	Production:				
Furniture.....do	114.6	116.1	112.2	109.6	Residual fuel oil.....do	(*)	29,836	28,352	30,096
Lumber, sawmills.....do	88.0	80.3	84.5	84.2	Gas oil and distillate fuels.....do	(*)	15,409	15,210	16,149
Machinery, excl. transp. equip.....do	363.9	244.5	342.9	347.8	Stocks, end of month:				
Agricultural implements (incl. tractors) do	259.8	227.5	262.7	255.4	Residual fuel oil.....do	(*)	23,562	7,607	7,252
Foundry and machine-shop prod.....do	262.0	186.0	249.8	250.3	Gas oil and distillate fuels.....do	(*)	36,845	32,501	37,729
Radio and phonographs.....do	309.3	234.0	284.4	293.1	Motor fuel:				
Metals, nonferrous, and products.....do	231.3	182.6	218.3	223.5	Production, total.....do	(*)	60,740	45,887	49,302
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do	105.3	104.2	104.6	100.2	Benzol.....do	(*)	277	0	0
Brick, tile, and terra cotta.....do	72.5	77.0	73.0	71.9	Straight run gasoline.....do	(*)	24,790	17,404	19,058
Glass.....do	157.8	155.4	156.1	143.3	Cracked gasoline.....do	(*)	30,034	22,423	23,946
Transportation equipment.....do	524.1	224.4	438.3	477.4	Natural gasoline.....do	(*)	5,639	6,558	6,804
Automobiles.....do	158.3	139.2	142.2	147.9	Stocks, gasoline, end of month:				
Nondurable goods.....do	155.6	136.3	146.6	150.5	Finished gasoline, total.....do	(*)	73,094	80,080	71,657
Chemical, petroleum, and coal prod.....do	232.6	181.5	227.4	230.8	At refineries.....do	(*)	45,463	55,213	48,585
Chemicals.....do	310.2	247.2	307.7	313.4	Natural gasoline.....do	(*)	6,111	6,571	6,588
Paints and varnishes.....do	162.0	171.5	169.7	161.6	Kerosene:				
Petroleum refining.....do	187.8	159.1	182.0	186.5	Production.....do	(*)	5,850	4,929	5,131
Rayon and allied products.....do	400.8	368.2	397.8	392.6	Stocks, refinery, end of month.....do	(*)	11,636	6,940	7,480
Food and kindred products.....do	194.0	165.5	170.1	186.5	Lubricants:				
Baking.....do	186.3	155.2	174.9	182.0	Production.....do	(*)	3,561	3,231	3,133
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do	185.3	142.9	184.2	188.1	Stocks, refinery, end of month.....do	(*)	7,206	8,756	8,945
Leather and its manufactures.....do	108.4	104.7	109.7	110.2	STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS				
Boots and shoes.....do	102.1	100.7	103.3	103.4	Portland cement:				
Paper and printing.....do	130.2	130.9	130.5	128.4	Production.....thous. of bbl.	17,605	16,345	16,022	16,833
Paper and pulp.....do	165.1	162.7	168.6	162.3	Shipments.....do	21,282	17,825	18,250	20,501
Rubber products.....do	151.8	138.8	137.5	145.6	Stocks, finished, end of month.....do	15,295	19,732	22,609	18,972
Rubber tires and inner tubes.....do	130.7	119.3	123.2	124.3	Stocks, clinker, end of month.....do	4,533	5,219	5,809	5,536
Textiles and their products.....do	132.6	114.4	129.0	129.9	Glass containers:				
Fabrics.....do	118.7	121.7	104.2	105.6	Production.....thous. of gross	6,585	6,444	6,723	5,946
Wearing apparel.....do	118.7	121.7	104.2	105.6	Shipments, total.....do	6,902	6,847	6,356	6,333
Tobacco manufactures.....do	84.0	70.0	77.5	78.5	Stocks, end of month.....do	9,139	8,052	10,008	9,528
FINANCE					Plate glass, polished, production				
Commercial failures:					thous. of sq. ft.	3,863	14,126	4,726	4,194
Grand total.....number..	698	954	804	764	Window glass, production.....thous. of boxes	1,075	1,267	1,223	1,274
Commercial service, total.....do	47	46	48	52	Percent of capacity.....do	66.2	78.1	75.3	78.5
Construction, total.....do	66	76	67	63					
Manufacturing and mining, total.....do	119	166	135	120					
Retail trade, total.....do	405	585	486	465					
Wholesale trade, total.....do	61	81	68	64					

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

† Revised series. See note on corresponding item in the September 1942 Survey.
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