



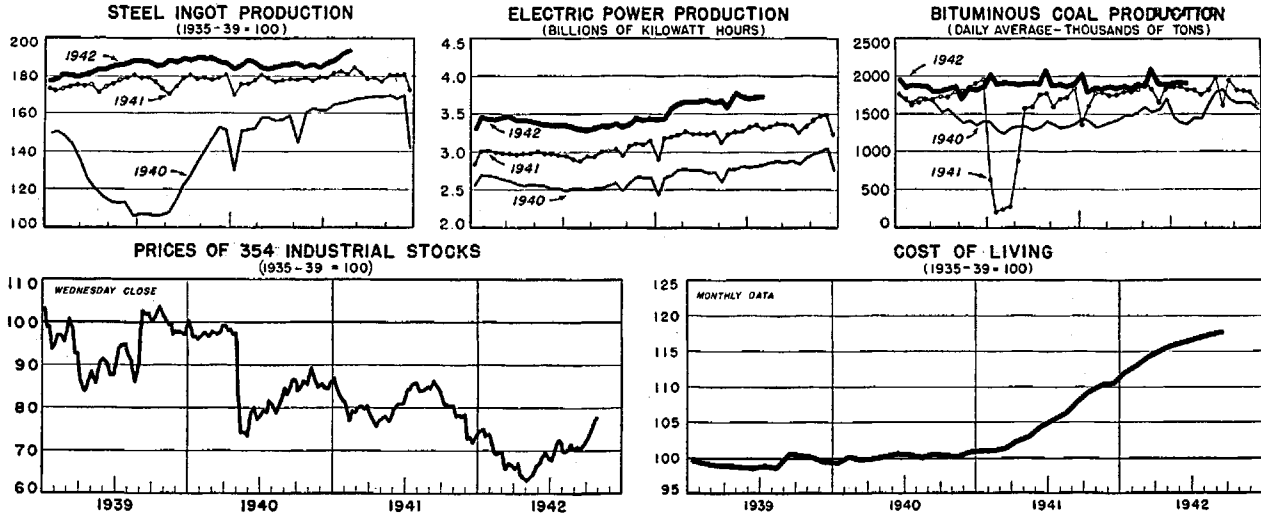
SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

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



WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 29, 1942

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS *

ITEM	1942					1941					ITEM	1942					1941				
	Oct. 24	Oct. 17	Oct. 10	Oct. 25	Oct. 18	Oct. 24	Oct. 17	Oct. 10	Oct. 25	Oct. 18		Oct. 24	Oct. 17	Oct. 10	Oct. 25	Oct. 18	Oct. 24	Oct. 17	Oct. 10	Oct. 25	Oct. 18
Commodity prices, wholesale:																					
All commodities..... 1926=100.....	99.6	99.8	91.2	91.7		99.6	99.8	91.2	91.7		Finance—Continued.										
Farm products.....do.....	107.9	108.9	88.1	89.8		Federal Reserve reporting member banks:															
Food.....do.....	103.1	103.3	87.5	88.4		Deposits, demand, adjusted...mil. of dol.															
All other.....do.....	95.6	95.7	93.0	93.1		Loans and investments, total.....do.....															
28 basic commodities [⊙] August 1939=100.....	170.0	169.7	169.8	162.2	149.6	U. S. Govt. obligations [⊙]do.....															
Cotton, mid., 1 ³ / ₄ ¢, 10 mks. f. dol. per lb.190	.189	.187	.163	.163	Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans.....mil. of dol.															
Wheat, No. 2, hd. win. (K. C.) dol. per bu.	1.20	1.20	1.21	1.13	1.10	Failures, commercial.....number.....															
Department store sales.....1935-39=100.....	152	159	130	131		Bond yields (Moody's) [†]percent.....															
Finance:																					
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities: [‡]											Stock prices (Stan. & Poor) ^Δ 1935-39=100.....										
Total.....mil. of dol.	11,363	8,986	9,822	11,216	9,081	Bituminous coal [‡]thous. of short tons.....															
New York City.....do.....	4,320	3,377	3,781	4,707	3,812	Electric power.....mil. of kw-hr.....															
Currency in circulation.....do.....	14,009	13,939	13,854	10,285	10,280	Petroleum [‡]thous. of bbl.....															
Federal Reserve bank credit, total.....do.....	4,494	4,042	3,784	2,291	2,313	Steel [⊙]1935-39=100.....															
Member bank reserve balances.....do.....	12,304	12,303	11,801	12,749	13,321	Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars.....															
Excess reserves, estimated.....do.....	2,352	2,713	2,291	4,655	5,234	Miscellaneous.....do.....															

* Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. † Preliminary. ⊙ Thursday prices. ‡ Daily average. Δ Index for week ended October 31, 1937. ‡ 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		Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1940 Supplement	1942		1941		1942		
	September	September	July	August		September	September	July	August	September	September	July
BUSINESS INDEXES												
Cash income from farm marketings:												
Crops and livestock, combined index:												
Unadjusted.....1924-29=100.....	190.5	144.5	136.0	157.5	BUSINESS INDEXES—Continued							
Adjusted.....do.....	145.5	110.0	131.5*	143.0	Industrial production (Federal Reserve)—Con.							
Crops.....do.....	129.5	99.0	105.5	121.0	Unadjusted—Continued.							
Livestock and products.....do.....	160.5	120.0	155.0	162.0	Manufactures—Continued.							
Dairy products.....do.....	142.0	122.5	130.0	139.5	Nondurable manufactures.....1935-39=100.....							
Meat animals.....do.....	180.0	129.0	177.0	183.5	Chemicals*.....do.....							
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	138.5	88.5	135.5	143.0	Leather and products.....do.....							
Industrial production (Federal Reserve):												
Unadjusted, combined index [‡]1935-39=100.....	191	167	181	187	Shoes*.....do.....							
Manufactures [‡]do.....	201	172	189	196	Manufactured food products* [†]do.....							
Durable manufactures [‡]do.....	265	206	252	260	Meat packing.....do.....							
Lumber and products*.....do.....	135	148	140	138	Paper and products*.....do.....							
Furniture*.....do.....	138	156	137	136	Paper and pulp*.....do.....							
Lumber*.....do.....	133	144	141	139	Petroleum and coal products*.....do.....							
Machinery*.....do.....	305	228	287	299	Coke*.....do.....							
Nonferrous metals*.....do.....	190	191	191	189	Petroleum refining.....do.....							
Stone, clay, and glass products*.....do.....	(*)	175	152	160	Printing and publishing*.....do.....							
Transportation equipment*.....do.....	481	245	428	460	Textiles and products.....do.....							
Auto bodies, parts, etc.*.....do.....	127	134	116	124	Cotton consumption*.....do.....							
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BUSINESS INDEXES—Continued																	
Industrial production (Federal Reserve)—Con. Unadjusted—Continued.																	
Minerals†.....1935-39=100																	
Fuels*.....do																	
Anthracite.....do																	
Bituminous coal.....do																	
Crude petroleum.....do																	
Metals*†.....do																	
Adjusted, combined index†.....do																	
Manufactures†.....do																	
Durable manufactures†.....do																	
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Petroleum refining.....do																	
Printing and publishing*.....do																	
Textiles and products.....do																	
Cotton consumption*.....do																	
Rayon deliveries*†.....do																	
Wool textile production*.....do																	
Tobacco products.....do																	
Minerals.....do																	
Fuels.....do																	
Anthracite.....do																	
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Crude petroleum.....do																	
Metals*†.....do																	
COMMODITY PRICES																	
Cost of living (U. S. Dept. of Labor):																	
Combined index*.....1935-39=100																	
Clothing*.....do																	
Food†.....do																	
Fuel, electricity, and ice*.....do																	
Household furnishings*.....do																	
Rent*.....do																	
Miscellaneous*.....do																	
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE																	
Contract awards:																	
Value of contracts awarded (F. R. indexes):																	
Total, unadjusted.....1923-25=100																	
Residential, unadjusted.....do																	
Total, adjusted.....do																	
Residential, adjusted.....do																	
F. W. Dodge Corporation (37 States):																	
Total projects.....number																	
Total valuation.....thous. of dol.																	
Building, total.....do																	
DOMESTIC TRADE																	
Newspaper advertising:																	
Linage, total (52 cities).....thous. of lines																	
Classified.....do																	
Display, total.....do																	
Automotive.....do																	
Financial.....do																	
General.....do																	
Retail.....do																	
Retail trade:																	
All retail stores, total sales*.....mil. of dol.																	
Durable goods stores*.....do																	
Nondurable goods stores*.....do																	
All retail stores, indexes of sales*:																	
Unadjusted, combined index, 1935-39=100.....do																	
Durable goods stores.....do																	
Nondurable goods stores.....do																	
Adjusted, combined index.....do																	
Durable goods stores.....do																	
Nondurable goods stores.....do																	
Chain-store sales, indexes:																	
Chain-Store Age, combined index (20 chains) average same month 1929-31=100.....do																	
Apparel chains.....do																	
Grocery chain-store sales:†																	
Unadjusted.....1935-39=100																	
Adjusted.....do																	
Variety-store sales, combined sales, 7 chains:†																	
Unadjusted.....1935-39=100																	
Adjusted.....do																	
Rural sales of general merchandise:																	
Total U. S., unadjusted.....1929-31=100																	
Total U. S., adjusted.....do																	
Mail-order and store sales:																	
Total sales, 2 companies.....thous. of dol.																	
Montgomery Ward & Co.....do																	
Sears Roebuck & Co.....do																	

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§ See note marked "†" on p. 2 of the October 1942 SURVEY.
¶ Excludes for East Coast district, stocks of "shuttle oil" and stocks transferred to the U. K. pool board. • Data not available.
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