



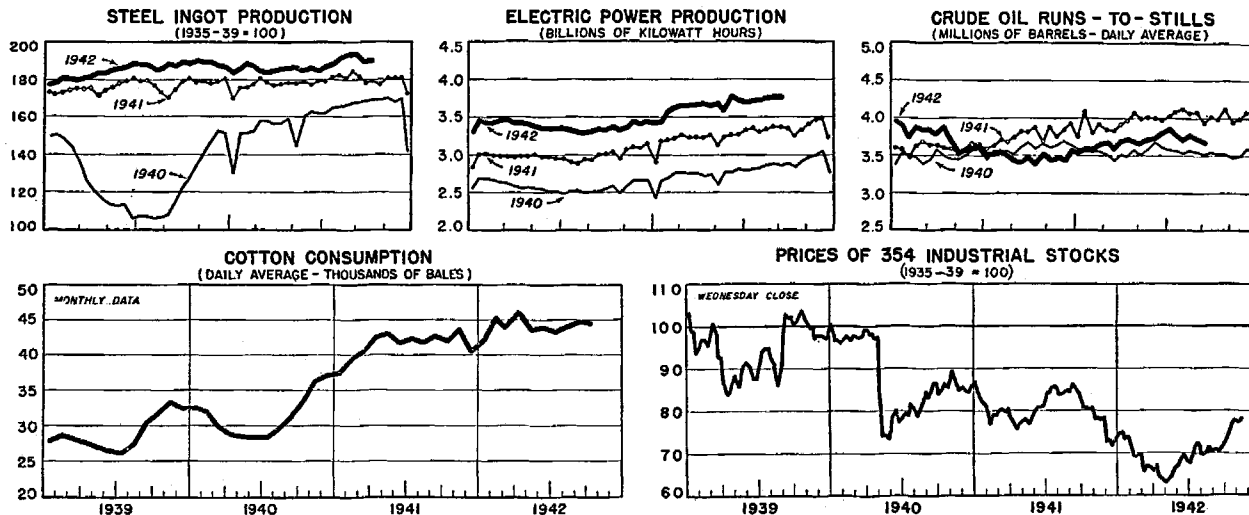
SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE



WASHINGTON, D. C., NOVEMBER 19, 1942

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS *

ITEM	1942			1941	
	Nov. 14	Nov. 7	Oct. 31	Nov. 15	Nov. 8
Commodity prices, wholesale:					
All commodities.....1926=100.....	99.7	99.7	92.3	91.7	
Farm products.....do.....	109.8	109.1	90.7	89.6	
Food.....do.....	102.9	103.0	89.6	88.8	
All other.....do.....	95.7	95.7	89.6	89.1	
28 basic commodities.....August 1939=100.....	170.3	170.4	166.4	153.7	154.0
Cotton, mid., 1½¢, 10 mks. f. dol. per lb. . .	194	194	190	164	163
Wheat, No. 2, hd. win. (K. C.) dol. per bu. .	1.23	1.22	1.20	1.13	1.13
Department store sales.....1935-39=100.....	165	158	148	139	
Finance:					
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities:†					
Total.....mil. of dol. . .	8,340	10,538	10,077	7,795	10,419
New York City.....do.....	3,170	4,216	3,659	3,174	4,316
Currency in circulation‡.....do.....	14,422	14,309	14,142	10,467	10,424
Federal Reserve bank credit, total.....do.....	4,917	4,680	4,578	2,263	2,247
Member bank reserve balances.....do.....	12,492	12,211	12,246	12,707	12,594
Excess reserves, estimated.....do.....	2,400	2,118	2,158	3,540	
Finance—Continued.					
Federal Reserve reporting member banks:					
Deposits, demand, adjusted.....mil. of dol. .	28,927	28,593	28,639	24,151	23,876
Loans and investments, total.....do.....	37,691	37,924	37,549	29,611	29,523
U. S. Govt. obligations§.....do.....	24,027	24,120	23,786	14,632	14,606
Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans.....mil. of dol. . .	6,359	6,314	6,316	6,633	6,573
Failures, commercial.....number.....	148	136	158	203	196
Bond yields (Afoody's)¶.....percent.....	3.30	3.30	3.31	3.27	3.26
Stock prices (Stan. & Poor)△.....1935-39=100.....	76.4	75.3	74.3	76.5	79.3
Production:					
Bituminous coal‡.....thous. of short tons.....	1,860	1,937	2,075	1,894	
Electric power.....mil. of kw-hr.....	3,762	3,775	3,348	3,369	
Petroleum‡.....thous. of bbl.....	3,838	3,901	4,087	4,096	
Steel&.....1935-39=100.....	190.9	190.9	193.7	178.8	181.8
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars.....	829	890	884	874	
Miscellaneous.....do.....	388	431	389		

* Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. † Preliminary. ‡ Thursday prices. § Daily average. ¶ Index for week ended November 21, 1941. △ Debits to demand deposit accounts, except interbank and U. S. Government accounts, in 101 cities. & Direct and guaranteed. △ 402 stocks.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1942	1941	1942		Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1942	1941	1942	
	October	October	August	September		October	October	August	September
COMMODITY PRICES									
Retail prices (Fairchild's index):									
Combined index.....Dec. 31, 1930=100.....	113.1	106.2	113.1	113.1					
Apparel:									
Infants'.....do.....	108.0	102.1	108.0	108.0					
Men's.....do.....	105.3	96.5	105.2	105.2					
Women's.....do.....	112.6	105.7	112.7	112.7					
Home furnishings.....do.....	115.5	108.5	115.5	115.5					
Piece goods.....do.....	112.2	101.6	112.3	112.2					
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE									
Engineering construction:									
Contract awards (E. N. R.)§.....thous. of dol. .	691,979	406,332	813,077	712,709					
Concrete pavement contract awards:									
Total.....thous. sq. yds. . .	12,453	6,975	13,947	20,090					
Airports.....do.....	7,600	2,885	10,091	16,935					
Roads.....do.....	2,806	2,460	2,663	1,518					
Street and alleys.....do.....	2,047	1,630	1,202	1,657					
Construction cost indexes:									
American Appraisal Co.:									
Average, 30 cities.....1913=100.....	246	223	245	246					
Atlanta.....do.....	249	219	248	249					
New York.....do.....	251	235	250	251					
San Francisco.....do.....	229	209	229	229					
St. Louis.....do.....	242	224	241	242					
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE—Continued									
Construction cost indexes—Continued.									
Associated General Contractors.....1913=100.....	213.5	201.9	213.3	213.3					
Engineering News Record (all types)§.....do.....	283.6	266.1	281.6	282.4					
FINANCE									
Banking:									
Bank debits, total (141 cities).....mil. of dol. .	49,945	46,477	44,888	48,114					
New York City.....do.....	18,323	19,148	17,051	18,593					
Outside New York City.....do.....	31,622	27,329	27,837	29,521					
Security markets:									
Bonds:									
Prices:									
Average price of all listed bonds (N. Y. S. E.).....dollars.....	96.48	95.25	96.08	96.18					
Domestic.....do.....	98.08	98.72	97.75	97.83					
Foreign.....do.....	63.16	50.75	62.51	62.97					
Value, issues listed on N. Y. S. E.:									
Face value, all issues.....mil. of dol. . .	67,207	57,856	65,277	65,256					
Domestic.....do.....	64,139	53,673	62,198	62,182					
Foreign.....do.....	3,068	4,183	3,079	3,074					
Market value, all issues.....do.....	64,844	55,107	62,720	62,766					
Domestic.....do.....	62,906	52,984	60,796	60,830					
Foreign.....do.....	1,938	2,123	1,924	1,936					

§ Data for October 1941 and October 1942 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

493576—42

Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1942	1941	1942		Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1942	1941	1942	
	October	October	August	September		September	September	July	August
FINANCE—Continued									
Security markets—Continued.									
Stocks:									
Prices:									
Average price of all listed shares (N. Y. S. E.)—Dec. 31, 1924=100..	51.1	53.2	47.2	48.2					
Shares listed, N. Y. S. E.:									
Market value, all listed shares mil. of dol.	37,738	39,057	34,572	35,605					
Number of shares listed—millions.	1,471	1,465	1,471	1,471					
TRANSPORTATION									
Class I steam railways:									
Freight earloadings (Fed. Res. indexes):									
Combined index, adjusted... 1935-39=100..	133	127	143	136					
Coal.....do.....	121	121	154	135					
Coke.....do.....	180	165	208	188					
Forest products.....do.....	149	140	165	154					
Grains and grain products.....do.....	130	97	106	126					
Livestock.....do.....	110	95	106	102					
Merchandise, l. c. l.....do.....	56	97	57	55					
Ore.....do.....	223	178	176	174					
Miscellaneous.....do.....	144	133	152	146					
FOODSTUFFS									
Stocks, cold-storage, end of month:									
Butter, creamery.....thous. of lb.	87,037	186,635	152,198	*123,599					
Cheese, total.....do.....	194,997	188,727	279,905	*259,078					
Eggs:									
Shell.....thous. of cases.....	3,098	3,857	6,751	*5,421					
Frozen.....thous. of lb.	180,811	153,843	272,042	*234,876					
Fish, total (15th of month).....do.....	113,566	107,574	*100,088	*100,428					
Fruits and vegetables, frozen:									
Fruits.....do.....	219,387	199,822	207,767	225,104					
Vegetables.....do.....	114,813	98,839	102,186	117,796					
Total meats.....mil. of lb.	518	649	607	*519					
Beef and veal.....thous. of lb.	116,141	89,793	83,288	*95,146					
Lamb and mutton.....do.....	17,722	4,783	7,602	*11,260					
Pork, total.....do.....	311,199	490,694	421,908	*332,430					
Fresh and cured.....do.....	254,964	313,268	336,634	*270,287					
Lard.....do.....	56,235	177,426	85,274	*62,143					
Poultry.....do.....	161,208	127,981	86,645	*115,605					
Livestock:									
Cattle and calves:									
Receipts, principal markets.....thous. of animals..	2,995	2,454	2,398	2,605					
Shipments, feeder, to 7 corn belt States.....thous. of animals..	486	405	173	294					
Hogs:									
Receipts, principal markets.....do.....	2,687	2,542	2,187	2,529					
Sheep and lambs:									
Receipts, principal markets.....do.....	3,741	2,833	2,772	3,657					
Shipments, feeder, to 7 corn belt States.....thous. of animals..	976	956	387	720					
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS									
Hides and skins:									
Livestock (federally inspected slaughter):									
Calves.....thous. of animals.....	572	536	460	513					
Cattle.....do.....	1,280	1,119	1,103	1,159					
Hogs.....do.....	4,218	4,157	3,223	3,843					
Sheep and lambs.....do.....	2,344	1,682	1,840	2,223					
METALS AND MANUFACTURES									
Iron ore (Lake Superior district):									
Shipments from upper lake ports.....thous. of long tons..	11,417	9,596	13,236	11,848					
Steel ingots and steel for castings:									
Production.....thous. of short tons..	7,585	7,236	7,233	7,067					
Percent of capacity.....do.....	100	99	95	97					
TEXTILE PRODUCTS									
Cotton, consumption.....bales.....									
Rayon:									
Consumption:									
Yarn.....mil. of lb.	40.6	41.7	38.2	*38.4					
Staple fiber.....do.....	12.6	13.2	12.8	12.4					
Stocks, producers', end of month:									
Yarn.....do.....	7.4	5.4	7.4	*8.0					
Staple fiber.....do.....	4.1	1.7	3.9	4.3					
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS									
Paint sales:									
Paint, varnish, lacquer, and fillers;									
Total.....thous. of dol.	43,028	50,363	42,221	41,106					
Classified, total.....do.....	37,782	45,334	37,987	36,935					
Industrial.....do.....	17,243	19,709	17,173	16,748					
Trade.....do.....	20,540	25,625	20,813	20,187					
Unclassified.....do.....	5,246	5,029	4,234	4,170					
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES									
National Lumber Mfrs. Assn:									
Production, total.....mil. bd. ft.	2,752	2,943	2,967	2,902					
Hardwoods.....do.....	383	387	385	390					
Softwoods.....do.....	2,369	2,556	2,582	2,512					
Shipments, total.....thous. of lb.	2,891	3,006	3,199	3,028					
Hardwoods.....do.....	454	423	429	437					
Softwoods.....do.....	2,437	2,583	2,770	2,591					
Stocks, gross, end of month, total.....do.....	4,537	6,294	4,619	4,489					
Hardwoods.....do.....	1,256	1,377	1,224	1,178					
Softwoods.....do.....	3,281	4,917	3,395	3,311					
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES—Con.									
Softwoods:									
Southern pine:									
Orders, new.....mil. bd. ft.	741	885	867	768					
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do.....	794	715	840	793					
Production.....do.....	706	898	848	775					
Shipments.....do.....	739	932	898	815					
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	758	1,422	831	791					
Western pine:									
Orders, new.....do.....	582	543	596	561					
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do.....	561	479	620	573					
Production.....do.....	639	671	704	670					
Shipments.....do.....	598	629	641	603					
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	1,454	1,775	1,356	1,413					
West Coast woods:									
Orders, new.....do.....	866	679	1,041	922					
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do.....	1,150	699	1,171	1,145					
Production.....do.....	773	749	765	813					
Shipments.....do.....	811	751	905	856					
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	578	821	622	572					
PAPER AND PRINTING									
Paper:									
Total paper, incl. newsprint and paperboard:									
Production.....short tons.....	1,072,905	1,280,513	992,225	1,074,851					
Paper, excl. newsprint and paperboard:									
Orders, new.....short tons.....	453,018	547,454	404,474	424,880					
Production.....do.....	459,063	517,015	436,465	465,552					
Shipments.....do.....	452,623	524,425	431,633	438,053					
Fine paper:									
Orders, new.....do.....	43,705	65,827	39,486	40,805					
Orders unfilled, end of month.....do.....	35,805	126,097	40,782	36,354					
Production.....do.....	45,454	55,115	46,763	48,917					
Shipments.....do.....	44,546	56,062	45,071	44,285					
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	49,470	45,970	47,002	45,773					
Wrapping paper:									
Orders, new.....do.....	165,768	183,054	160,105	158,618					
Orders unfilled, end of month.....do.....	99,334	199,450	100,290	93,933					
Production.....do.....	170,120	186,853	176,884	184,113					
Shipments.....do.....	161,256	185,418	167,497	164,092					
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	115,182	71,809	88,239	105,018					
Paperboard:									
Orders, new.....do.....	660,890	701,752	523,648	555,071					
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do.....	272,006	578,402	212,953	236,208					
Production.....do.....	607,425	686,609	529,214	535,850					
Percent of capacity.....do.....	81	94	75	79					
Consumption of waste paper.....do.....	312,279	422,361	283,040	304,215					
Stocks of waste paper at mills.....do.....	420,465	218,257	428,067	422,958					
PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS									
Crude petroleum:									
Consumption (runs to stills).....thous. of bbl.	113,474	121,481	111,555	114,135					
Production.....do.....	115,801	119,446	111,782	120,429					
Refinery operations.....pct. of capacity..	83	89	78	80					
Stocks, end of month:									
Refinable in U. S.thous. of bbl.	240,043	246,111	245,026	244,125					
At refineries.....do.....	44,569	51,188	46,919	46,435					
At tank farms and in pipe lines.....do.....	182,825	193,537	185,797	184,767					
On leases.....do.....	12,649	11,386	12,810	12,933					
Heavy in California.....do.....	10,167	10,321	10,950	10,708					
Wells completed.....number.....	836	1,913	833	745					
Refined petroleum products:									
Gas and fuel oils:									
Production:									
Gas oil and distillate fuel oil.....thous. of bbl.	18,062	16,024	16,149	17,052					
Residual fuel oil.....do.....	30,402	28,118	30,096	30,446					
Stocks, end of month:									
Gas oil and distillate fuel oil.....do.....	45,817	51,412	37,729	42,918					
Residual fuel oil.....do.....	60,264	83,752	66,935	67,613					
Motor fuel:									
Production, total.....do.....	49,389	60,167	49,302	51,105					
Benzol.....do.....	0	266	0	0					
Straight run gasoline.....do.....	19,088	24,039	19,088	19,192					
Cracked gasoline.....do.....	23,882	30,198	23,946	25,387					
Natural gasoline.....do.....	6,998	5,664	6,904	7,028					
Natural gasoline blended.....do.....	5,108	4,854	4,577	4,909					
Stocks, gasoline, end of month:									
Finished gasoline, total.....do.....	69,293	72,761	71,657	71,403					
At refineries.....do.....	46,736	46,151	48,585	47,924					
Unfinished gasoline.....do.....	8,553	7,202	7,789	8,123					
Natural gasoline.....do.....	6,056	5,373	6,588	6,405					
Kerosene:									
Production.....do.....	5,421	5,949	5,134	5,340					
Stocks, refinery, end of month.....do.....	8,203	11,662	7,480	8,261					
Lubricants:									
Production.....do.....	2,951	3,427	3,430	3,141					
Stocks, refinery, end of month.....do.....	9,278	7,415	8,945	9,301					
TEXTILE PRODUCTS									
Wool:									
Consumption (scoured basis):†									
Apparel class.....thous. of lb.	52,185	41,764	45,896	*45,372					
Carpet class.....do.....	3,045	11,212	3,236	*2,000					
Machinery activity (weekly average):†									
Looms:									
Woolen and worsted:									
Broad.....thous. of active hours..	2,662	2,523	2,853	*2,744					
Narrow.....do.....	65	93	70	70					
Carpet and rug:									
Broad.....do.....	66	131	71	72					
Narrow.....do.....	40	109	59	45					
Spinning spindles:									
Woolen.....do.....	121,952	113,084	127,143	125,473					
Worsted.....do.....	112,150	123,512	122,324	120,290					