



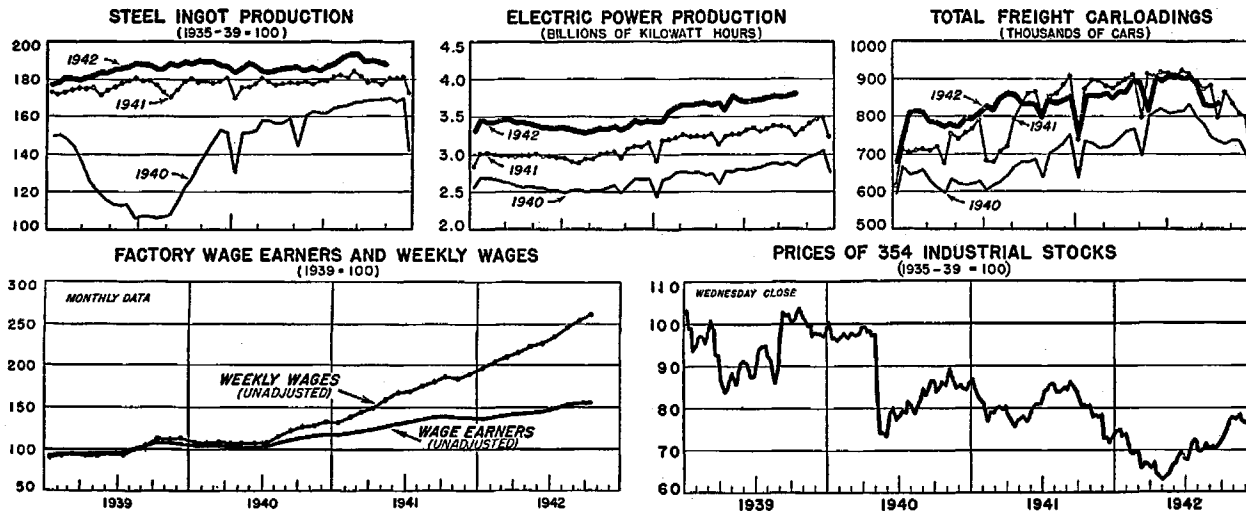
# SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE



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## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



## WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS •

ITEM	1942			1941		ITEM	1942			1941	
	Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Nov. 14	Nov. 20	Nov. 22		Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Nov. 14	Nov. 29	Nov. 22
<b>Commodity prices, wholesale:</b>						<b>Finance—Continued.</b>					
All commodities..... 1926=100.....	100.1	100.1	92.3	92.2		Federal Reserve reporting member banks:					
Farm products..... do.....	110.9	110.7	91.1	90.3		Deposits, demand, adjusted mil. of dol.	30,224	29,698	28,927	24,452	24,192
Food..... do.....	103.3	103.0	89.2	89.5		Loans and investments, total..... do.....	37,939	37,905	37,681	29,663	29,656
All other..... do.....	99.1	98.1	93.7	93.0		U. S. Govt. obligations <sup>⊕</sup> ..... do.....	24,681	24,423	24,027	14,735	14,696
28 basic commodities <sup>⊙</sup> ..... August 1939=100.....	170.0	170.2	170.3	155.0	154.6	Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans..... mil. of dol.	6,241	6,289	6,359	6,602	6,632
Cotton, mid., 1 3/4" x 10 mths.† dol. per lb.....	191	193	194	165	164	Failures, commercial..... number.....	107	135	148	203	188
Wheat, No. 2, hd. win. (K.C.) dol. per bu.....	1.23	1.23	1.14	1.13		Bond yields (Moody's)†..... percent.....	3.31	3.31	3.30	3.27	3.27
Department stores sales..... 1935-39=100.....	165	166	169	128		Stock prices (Stan. & Poor)Δ..... 1935-39=100.....	74.3	74.8	76.4	76.6	77.0
<b>Finance:</b>						<b>Production:</b>					
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities:†						Bituminous coal..... thous. of short tons.....	1,925	1,939	2,006	1,701	
Total..... mil. of dol.....	10,072	11,817	8,340	8,690	10,904	Electric power..... mil. of kw-hr.....	3,795	3,776	3,339	3,248	
New York City..... do.....	3,769	4,305	3,170	3,582	4,325	Petroleum†..... thous. of bbl.....	3,912	3,880	4,087	4,337	
Currency in circulation..... do.....	14,666	14,484	14,422	10,597	10,531	Steel <sup>⊕</sup> ..... 1935-39=100.....	188.4	189.1	190.9	177.5	179.5
Federal Reserve bank credit, total..... do.....	5,083	5,045	4,925	2,284	2,307	Freight carloadings, total..... thous. of cars.....		836	827	866	799
Member bank reserve balances..... do.....	12,746	12,622	12,492	13,126	12,942	Miscellaneous..... do.....		397	392	389	367
Excess reserves, estimated..... do.....	2,518	2,489	2,401	3,799	3,692						

• Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. ⊕ Preliminary. ⊙ Thursday prices. † Daily average. ⊕ Index for week ended December 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 1942 Supplement	1942		1941		Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1942		1941	
	October	October	August	September		October	October	August	September
<b>BUSINESS INDEXES</b>					<b>DOMESTIC TRADE</b>				
Cash income from farm marketings:†					Newspaper advertising:				
Crops and livestock, combined index:					Linage, total (52 cities)..... thous. of lines.....	117,442	123,815	94,963	104,506
Unadjusted..... 1935-39=100.....	297.5	217.0	212.5	260.0	Classified..... do.....	24,071	22,010	21,931	22,658
Adjusted..... do.....	212.5	151.5	204.5	207.5	Display, total..... do.....	93,371	101,805	73,032	81,847
Crops..... do.....	225.0	160.5	209.5	222.5	Automotive..... do.....	2,404	5,607	2,146	2,481
Livestock and products..... do.....	204.5	152.0	201.5	197.5	Financial..... do.....	1,233	1,551	1,022	1,099
Dairy products..... do.....	168.0	145.5	164.0	166.0	General..... do.....	19,781	19,993	13,195	15,572
Meat animals..... do.....	236.0	159.0	234.0	227.0	Retail..... do.....	69,953	74,654	56,669	62,695
Poultry and eggs..... do.....	194.0	145.0	187.0	181.0	<b>Retail trade:</b>				
<b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>					All retail stores, total sales†..... mil. of dol.....	5,310	4,711	4,656	4,888
Purchasing power of the dollar:					Durable goods stores..... do.....	882	1,128	856	850
Wholesale prices..... 1935-39=100.....	80.4	87.0	81.1	80.8	Nondurable goods stores†..... do.....	4,427	3,582	3,800	4,039
Cost of living..... do.....	84.0	91.5	85.1	84.8	All retail stores, indexes of sales:				
Retail food prices..... do.....	77.1	89.5	79.2	78.9	Unadjusted, combined index†				
Prices received by farmers..... do.....	62.2	75.6	64.4	64.4	1935-39=100.....	157.4	140.6	142.0	154.0
<b>CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>					Durable goods stores..... do.....	106.1	137.7	105.8	109.8
Construction cost indexes:					Nondurable goods stores†..... do.....	174.0	141.6	153.8	168.4
Federal Home Loan Bank Board:					Adjusted, combined index†..... do.....	180.9	133.9	160.8	147.5
Standard 6-room frame house:					Durable goods stores..... do.....	101.9	128.4	106.5	104.7
Combined index..... 1935-39=100.....	124.5	118.5	124.0	124.4	Nondurable goods stores†..... do.....	166.8	135.7	165.2	161.4
Materials..... do.....	121.6	116.0	121.2	121.5	Chain-store sales, indexes:				
Labor..... do.....	130.2	123.3	129.4	130.2	Chain-store Age, combined index (20 chains) average same month				
					1929-31=100.....	181.0	146.0	182.0	183.0
					Apparel chains..... do.....	218.0	153.0	212.0	220.0

† Revised. ⊕ Preliminary. † Revised series. See note on corresponding item in the November 1942 Survey.

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	1942		1941		1942	
	October	October	August	September	August	September
<b>DOMESTIC TRADE—Continued</b>						
Retail trade:						
Chain-store sales, indexes:						
Grocery chain-store sales:						
Unadjusted.....1935-39=100.....	170.9	153.4	167.3	168.9		
Adjusted.....do.....	170.0	152.6	174.3	172.4		
Variety-store sales, combined sales, 7 chains:						
Unadjusted.....1935-39=100.....	140.9	122.0	124.8	137.8		
Adjusted.....do.....	143.2	123.9	142.3	143.4		
Mail-order store sales:						
Total sales, 2 companies.....thous. of dol.	174,045	164,394	113,447	142,022		
Montgomery Ward & Co.....do.....	76,008	68,138	48,741	61,495		
Sears Roebuck & Co.....do.....	97,977	96,256	64,706	80,527		
Rural sales of general merchandise:						
Total U. S., unadjusted.....1929-31=100.....	250.5	216.4	160.8	214.2		
Total U. S., adjusted.....do.....	192.8	166.6	106.6	202.6		
<b>EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES</b>						
Wage earners and weekly wages in manufacturing, unadjusted (U. S. Dept. of Labor):†						
Wage earners, all industries.....1939=100.....						
Durable goods.....do.....	154.8	139.0	151.9	154.2		
Iron and steel.....do.....	197.2	163.3	190.7	193.7		
Blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling mills.....1939=100.....	164.0	152.1	163.1	163.0		
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	135.6	139.8	138.9	137.0		
Machinery and machine shop products.....1939=100.....	211.0	173.8	205.7	207.9		
Automobiles.....do.....	220.7	177.2	214.9	217.6		
Transportation equip., except autos.....1939=100.....	118.6	141.1	-110.1	114.8		
Nonferrous metals and products.....do.....	1,099.6	465.4	1,010.6	1,056.3		
Lumber and timber basic products.....1939=100.....	161.7	156.4	160.7	161.1		
Sawmills.....do.....	115.1	126.6	120.8	117.5		
Furniture and finished lumber prod. 1939=100.....	108.4	123.1	108.4	107.8		
Furniture.....do.....	109.2	124.2	107.0	107.1		
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	121.0	132.6	121.5	121.2		
Nondurable goods.....do.....	121.5	119.8	121.3	123.1		
Textile-mill products and other fiber manufactures.....do.....	109.5	113.5	110.5	109.5		
Cotton manufactures, except small wares.....1939=100.....	127.6	125.1	128.0	127.6		
Silk and rayon goods.....do.....	83.4	85.7	86.0	81.9		
Woolen and worsted manufactures (except dyeing and finishing) 1939=100.....	118.6	127.4	121.3	120.3		
Apparel and other finished textile products.....1939=100.....	107.4	115.7	107.9	107.2		
Men's clothing.....do.....	110.4	118.4	113.1	112.4		
Women's clothing.....do.....	93.2	103.9	88.2	92.6		
Leather and leather products.....do.....	100.7	108.1	104.0	100.9		
Boots and shoes.....do.....	91.0	88.8	95.6	91.7		
Food products.....do.....	131.5	122.8	134.8	145.0		
Baking.....do.....	114.7	106.3	111.8	113.8		
Canning and preserving.....do.....	145.2	144.3	134.4	239.1		
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do.....	144.8	124.5	148.6	147.3		
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	106.1	104.0	105.5	105.4		
Paper and allied products.....do.....	111.3	123.8	110.3	110.0		
Paper and pulp.....do.....	109.7	118.7	110.6	109.6		
Printing and publishing.....do.....	99.1	106.3	97.1	96.4		
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	225.7	159.1	213.6	219.0		
Chemicals.....do.....	158.0	150.3	158.9	159.1		
Products of petroleum and coal.....do.....	118.5	116.3	120.1	119.6		
Petroleum refining.....do.....	109.1	106.5	110.8	110.6		
Rubber products.....do.....	133.6	134.0	126.7	130.3		
Rubber tires and tubes.....do.....	134.8	125.0	126.3	129.5		
Weekly wages, all industries.....do.....	261.0	186.8	245.5	252.1		
Durable goods.....do.....	350.0	228.9	326.7	336.5		
Iron and steel.....do.....	263.5	202.0	251.0	255.1		
Blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling mills.....1939=100.....	202.3	180.6	196.5	200.0		
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	359.2	244.9	343.5	342.9		
Machinery and machine shop prod. 1939=100.....	368.7	250.6	350.7	353.3		
Automobiles.....do.....	192.5	194.1	176.5	183.3		
Transportation equip., except autos.....1939=100.....	2,038.0	694.6	1,842.3	1,971.0		
Nonferrous metals and products.....do.....	267.7	207.2	257.2	258.3		
Lumber and timber basic prod.....do.....	181.8	161.0	180.5	174.3		
Sawmills.....do.....	165.0	147.2	164.3	158.6		
Furniture and finished lumber prod. 1939=100.....	162.5	160.8	154.2	151.7		
Furniture.....do.....	165.3	163.9	154.4	153.0		
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	172.6	164.6	163.3	162.0		
Nondurable goods.....do.....	174.0	145.6	166.1	169.6		
Textile-mill products and other fiber manufactures.....1939=100.....	170.2	147.8	163.6	164.2		
Cotton manufactures, except small wares.....1939=100.....	210.5	174.2	202.2	208.1		
Silk and rayon goods.....do.....	131.3	111.1	126.9	126.5		
Woolen and worsted manufactures (except dyeing and finishing) 1939=100.....	197.7	176.7	198.1	196.3		
Apparel and other finished textile products.....1939=100.....	146.0	140.1	140.9	137.3		
Men's clothing.....do.....	145.5	145.0	146.4	142.0		
Women's clothing.....do.....	129.1	122.3	120.1	116.3		
Leather and leather products.....do.....	152.5	134.4	143.9	143.2		
Boots and shoes.....do.....	142.7	123.5	134.9	134.0		
Food products.....do.....	169.5	137.3	165.0	178.2		
Baking.....do.....	143.6	117.1	138.5	140.9		
Canning and preserving.....do.....	243.4	192.3	269.2	374.1		
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do.....	178.1	141.0	173.4	173.0		
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	154.4	127.6	144.3	144.6		
Paper and allied products.....do.....	156.1	152.1	144.4	144.3		
Paper and pulp.....do.....	159.5	150.0	149.7	148.4		
Printing and publishing.....do.....	113.7	114.2	108.1	108.9		
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	340.3	202.9	322.3	329.1		
Chemicals.....do.....	231.0	187.4	221.6	221.8		

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Rubber tires and tubes.....do.....	186.8	142.3	173.4	176.7		
<b>FINANCE</b>						
Industrial and commercial failures:						
Grand total.....number.....	673	809	698	556		
Commercial service, total.....do.....	40	29	47	27		
Construction, total.....do.....	61	57	66	54		
Manufacturing and mining, total.....do.....	102	138	119	77		
Retail trade, total.....do.....	405	616	405	365		
Wholesale trade, total.....do.....	65	69	61	43		
Liabilities, grand total.....thous. of dol.	7,181	7,338	6,781	5,473		
Commercial service, total.....do.....	525	558	538	268		
Construction, total.....do.....	738	677	620	640		
Manufacturing and mining, total.....do.....	2,374	2,879	2,249	1,661		
Retail trade, total.....do.....	2,660	2,790	2,475	2,276		
Wholesale trade, total.....do.....	866	729	999	622		
Life insurance (Assn. of Life Ins. Pres.):						
Insurance written:						
Policies and certif., number.....thousands.....	679	820	592	594		
Group.....do.....	46	42	42	55		
Industrial.....do.....	428	499	364	356		
Ordinary.....do.....	204	279	186	184		
Value, total.....thous. of dol.	532,688	730,327	529,525	527,168		
Group.....do.....	78,094	74,794	83,304	84,709		
Industrial.....do.....	135,727	148,388	112,240	111,795		
Ordinary.....do.....	368,867	507,145	333,981	330,674		
Capital flotations:						
Securities issued, total.....do.....	115,121	300,186	161,645	100,977		
New capital, total.....do.....	28,265	132,899	103,072	45,085		
Domestic, total.....do.....	28,265	132,899	103,072	45,085		
Corporate, total.....do.....	2,434	103,661	58,600	28,446		
Federal agencies.....do.....	0	0	0	0		
Municipal, State, etc.....do.....	25,830	29,238	44,472	16,639		
Refunding, total.....do.....	86,856	167,287	58,573	55,893		
Domestic, total.....do.....	86,856	167,287	58,573	55,893		
Corporate, total.....do.....	43,846	97,050	6,018	30,437		
Federal agencies.....do.....	30,645	34,822	49,925	18,400		
Municipal, State, etc.....do.....	12,365	35,415	2,630	6,556		
<b>FOREIGN TRADE</b>						
Exports, total incl. reexports.....thous. of dol.	776,036	1,666,376	702,341	718,187		
Exports of U. S. merchandise.....do.....	768,912	1,647,402	696,006	712,136		
General imports.....do.....	199,392	304,120	184,432	189,642		
Imports for consumption.....do.....	223,582	292,296	192,352	199,556		
<b>FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO</b>						
Dairy products, production:†						
Butter, creamery (factory).....thous. of lb.	126,265	133,830	169,200	140,130		
Cheese, total (factory).....do.....	75,300	83,606	104,008	86,100		
Condensed and evaporated milk, case goods:						
Condensed (sweetened).....thous. of lb.	7,364	10,372	9,832	8,589		
Evaporated (unsweetened).....do.....	208,445	281,683	277,969	226,695		
Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb.	1,532	1,435	1,329	1,449		
Beef and veal.....thous. of lb.	688,028	642,731	613,620	641,531		
Lamb and mutton.....do.....	90,733	67,206	72,821	86,982		
Pork, including lard.....do.....	755,565	725,158	642,827	720,437		
Lard.....do.....	119,978	127,469	106,660	118,236		
Tropical products:						
Coffee, visible supply, U. S.....thous. of bags.....	387	1,580	795	639		
Tobacco manufactured products:						
Consumption (tax-paid withdrawals):						
Small cigarettes.....millions.....	23,075	19,632	20,941	21,798		
Large cigars.....thousands.....	633,350	621,990	498,872	519,976		
Mfd. tobacco and snuff.....thous. of lb.	30,956	32,179	25,329	27,329		
<b>FUELS AND BYPRODUCTS</b>						
Coke:						
Production:						
Beehive.....thous. of short tons.....	718	647	692	693		
Byproduct.....do.....	5,339	4,977	5,315	5,163		
Stocks, end of month:						
Byproducts plants, total.....do.....	1,606	1,616	1,564	1,614		
At furnace plants.....do.....	955	871	1,026	1,021		
At merchant plants.....do.....	651	745	539	593		
<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES</b>						
Pig iron and iron manufactures:						
Castings, malleable:						
Orders, new, net.....short tons.....	67,187	70,828	63,978	85,181		
Production.....do.....	64,719	84,296	56,304	58,687		
Shipments.....do.....	62,036	82,004	56,651	56,664		
Boilers, range, galvanized:						
Orders, new, net.....number of boilers.....	43,829	74,881	46,025	41,779		
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do.....	42,597	101,609	39,324	35,879		
Production.....do.....	35,681	69,972	40,454	43,410		
Shipments.....do.....	37,111	73,988	41,373	45,224		
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	6,402	17,699	9,646	7,832		
Steel manufactured products:						
Barrels and drums, steel, heavy types:						
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....thousands.....	1,215	1,850	1,506	1,704		