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	Dec. 26	Dec. 19	Dec. 12	Dec. 27	Dec. 20	ITEM	Dec. 26	Dec. 19	Dec. 12	Dec. 27	Dec. 20
Commodity prices, wholesale: All commodities		>100. 7	=100.5	93.8	94.0	Finance—Continued. Federal Reserve reporting member banks:	}	с .			
Farm productsdodo		113.3	112.0	95. 5	96.0	Deposits, demand, adjusted. mil. of dol	28, 504	29, 120	29, 011	23, 994	24,060
All otherdo		* 96.2		93.9	93.9	U. S. Govt. obligationso ³ do	40, 457 26, 510	39, 823 26, 317	38, 444 24, 843	30, 293	30, 306
28 basic commodities⊙August 1939=100. Cotton, mid. ¹ 5is", 10 mkts.‡dol. per ib.	. 198	. 197			. 172	tural loans	6, 165	6, 105			6, 769
Wheat, No. 2, hd. win. (K.C.)_dol per bu Department store sales1935-39=100	1.32	1.31 302	1.27 274	1.21	1.22 277			115 3.33			217 3.37
Finance: Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities:¶						Stock prices (Stan. & Poor) △ 1935-39=100 Production:		75.6			71.0
Total	10, 911	11, 760		11, 025		Bituminous coalt thous. of short tons		1, 913 3, 976			
Currency in circulation	15.313	15, 119	14, 981	11, 212	11,056	Petroleumt		3, 892	3,881	4, 081	4, 314
Federal Reserve bank credit, totaldo Member bank reserve balancesdo	13, 129		13, 267	2, 499 12, 447	12,497	Steel⊕		743	740	607	799
Excess reserves, estimateddo	2, 192	2, 637	2, 804	3, 056	3, 085	Miscellaneousdo	 -	359	356	280	366

• Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. • Preliminary. OThursday prices. ‡ Daily average. ⊕Index for week ended January 2, 188.2. ¶ Debits to demand deposit accounts, except interbank and U. S. Government accounts, in 101 cities. ♂Direct and guaranteed. △402 stocks.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

	1942	1941	19	42		1942	1941	19	12
Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	Novem- ber	Novem- ber	Septem- ber	October	Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	Novem- ber	Novem- ber	Septem- ber	Octo- ber
COMMODITY PRICES				· ·	CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE- Continued				
Purchasing power of the dollar: Wholesale prices	80. 2 83. 5 76. 3 62. 2	87.0 90.7 88.3 , 77.9	80. 8 84. 8 78. 9 64. 4	80.4 84.0 77.1 62.2	Construction cost indexes (F. H. L. B. A.): Standard e-room frame house: Combined index	124. 4 121. 5 130. 2	119. 2 116. 9 123. 9	124. 4 121. 5 130. 2	124. 5 121. 6 130. 2
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE Contract awards: Value of contracts awarded (F. R. inderes): Total, unadjusted1923-25-100. Residential, unadjusteddo Total, adjusteddo Residential, adjusteddo F. W. Dodge Corporation (37 States): Total projectsnumber. Total projectsnumber. Total valuationthous. of dol Building, totaldo	654, 184		181 70 179 70 30, 558 [723, 216 _593, 568	175 * 80 185 * 83 35, 934 780, 396 534, 197	DOMESTIC TRADE Retail trade: All retail stores, total salestmil. of dol Durable goods storesdo Nondurable goods storestdo All retail stores, indexes of sales: Unadjusted, combined indext Durable goods storesdo Adjusted, combined indextdo Adjusted, combined indextdo Durable goods storestdo Adjusted, combined indextdo Durable goods storestdo Adjusted, combined indextdo Durable goods storest	4, 927 767 4, 159 160. 0 102. 3 178. 8 155. 0 150. 0 172. 9	4, 569 1, 067 3, 503 147, 2 139, 6 149, 7 142, 9 134, 1 144, 6	*4, 840 *838 *4, 003 *152.5 *103.3 *166.9 *146.1 *103.2 *160.0	* 5, 282 * 870 * 4, 413 * 156, 5 * 104, 5 * 173, 4 * 150, 0 * 100, 3 * 166, 2
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	Novem- Nov ber b	Novem- ber	Septem- ber	October		Novem- ber	Novem- ber	Septem- ber	Octo- ber
DOMESTIC TRADE —Continued					PAPER AND PRINTING-Continued				
Retail trade—Continued. Chain-store sales, indexes:		1 - C			Paper-Continued.				
Grocery chain-store sales: Unadjusted	169.1	155.6	168.9	170.9	Printing paper: Orders, new Orders, unfilled, end of monthdo Production		178, 717 169, 674	* 152, 709 81, 449	192, 50
Adjusteddo	169.1	155.6	172.4	170.0	Production	(a) (b) (c) (c)	201.088	7 148, 520	177, 92
Variety-store sales, combined sales, 7 chains:					Stocks, end of month do	(a) · · (a)	197, 424 79, 330	7 151, 884 7 91, 502	175, 12
chains: Unadjusted	161.6 157.0	130.7 127.0	137.8 143.4	140.9 143.2	Wrapping paper: Orders, newdo	(4)	171,950	165,768	195, 21
Rural sales of general merchandise: Total, U. S., unadjusted 1929-31 = 100	253.6	243. 2	214.2	250.5	Orders, new do. Orders, unfilled, end of month do. Production do.	(a) (a) (c) (a) (a)	176, 775 186, 799	99, 334 170, 920	116, 10 184, 81
Total, U. S., unadjusted 1929-31 = 100 Total, U. S., adjusted dodo	194.9		202, 6	192.8	Shipmentsdodododo	$\langle \bullet \rangle$	188, 076	161, 266	180, 03
FINANCE					Book paper:		68, 960	115, 182	121, 38
Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau: Insurance written, ordinary, total khous. of dol New England				1 ·	Coated paper: Orders, new				
thous. of dol New England	447, 749 34, 767	581, 692 46, 258	432, 679 33, 590	467, 814 37, 408 118, 351	percent of standard capacity Productiondo	62.7 50.3	75.5 96.2	47.4	59. 51.
Middle Atlanticdo East North Central do	119, 590	158, 819 135, 360	101, 125 96, 148	118, 351 106, 057	Productiondodododo	54.0	95.3	48.8	51.8
West North Centraldo	44, 357	52, 792	45, 203	47, 518	Uncoated paper: Orders, newdodo	97.5	92.9	88.1	105.
East South Centraldo	45, 188	57, 874 23, 383	46, 426 18, 413	47, 720 18, 867	Productiondododododo	90.7 92.9	109.2 106.6	85.3 86.6	96. (95. (
West South Centraldo Mountaindo	30, 565	40, 553 13, 910	35,445	32, 234 13, 059	Newsprint: United States:				
Pacificdo Capital flotations:	42, 395	52, 743	43, 939	46, 600	Consumption by publishers do	260, 542	263, 889	231, 691	254, 349
Securities issued, totaldo New capital, totaldo Domestic, totaldo Corporate, totaldo	97, 871 29, 029	233, 304 108, 600	100, 977	115, 121 28, 265	Stocks, end of month: At mills	10, 168	9, 904 333, 120	12, 551 455, 263	11, 310
Domestic, total	29,029	108, 600	45, 085 45, 085	28, 265	In transit to publishersdo	60, 108	53, 120	52, 538	470, 852 58, 655
Corporate, totaldo Federal agenciesdo	4,679 17,125	89, 427 0	28,446	2,434	PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS	•			
Municipal, State, etcdo	7,225	19, 173 124, 703	16, 639 55, 893	25, 830 86, 856					
Domestic, total	68, 842	124, 703	55, 893 55, 393 30, 437	86, 856 43, 845	Bituminous coal: Industrial consumption and retail deliveries,				
Corporate, totaldo Federal agenciesdo Municipal, State, etcdo Refunding, totaldo Domestic, totaldo Corporate, totaldo Federal agenciesdo Municipal, State, etcdo	45, 520	42, 384 31, 675	18,400	30, 645	total thous. of short tons.	45, 410 37, 710	43, 055 34, 555	42, 228 35, 038	7 45, 500 7 37, 800
ELECTRIC POWER	9, 792	50, 644	6, 556	12, 365	Beehive coke ovens. do	1,043 7,333	835 6, 848	1,088	7, 542
Electric power, production, total				Į į	Cement mills	685	628	7, 294 678	714
By source: mil. of kw-hr	16, 454	14, 491	16, 114	* 16, 753	Industrial consumption and retail deliveries, totalthous. of short tons. Industrial consumption, totaldo. Byproduct coke ovensdo. Cement millsdo. Coal-gas retortsdo. Electric power utilitiesdo. Steel and rolling millsdo. Other industrialdo Retail deliveriesdo.	146 5, 572	143 5, 532 8, 747	137 5,661	149 • 5, 787 • 10, 279
Fueldo	10, 723	10, 402	10.895	7 11, 244	Railways (class I)do Steel and rolling mills do	10, 273 858	8, 747 912	9, 4 65 775	* 10, 279 843
Water powerdo By type of producer:	5, 730	4, 089	5, 219	7 5, 509	Other industrialdo Retail deliveriesdo	11,800	10, 910 8, 500	9, 940 7, 190	11, 360 7, 700
Privately and municipally owned electric utilitiesmil. of kw-hrdo	14,086	13, 056	13, 804	14, 282	Other consumption, coal mine fueldo	7,700 227	313	258	7 247
Other producersdo	2, 368	1, 435	2, 310	r 2, 470	Stocks, industrial and retail dealers, end of month, totalthous. of short tons	90, 608	61, 763	87, 311	r 89, 937
FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO					Retail deliveries do Other consumption, coal mine fueldo Stocks, industrial and retail dealers, end of Stocks, industrial and retail dealers, end of month, totalthous. of short tons. Industrial, totalthous. of short tons. do Byproduct coke ovensdo condense of totaldo Contegra retortsdo do Clearent mills do Clearent power utilities	78,978	52,013 8,327	77, 261 10, 566	79,057 10,998
Dairy products, production;† Butter, creamery (factory)thous. of lb Cheese, total (factory)do	107, 480	112, 461	140, 130	126, 265	Cement millsdo	1,041	8, 327 714 372	1,081 409	1, 092 413
Cheese, total (factory)dododo	57,660	71, 426	86, 100	75, 300	Electric power utilitiesdo	20, 361	12, 427	19,872	20, 452
Cattle and calves: Receipts, principal markets					Steel and rolling millsdo	13, 293	9, 726 908	13, 542 1, 251	7 13, 663 1, 239
thous. of animals Shipments, feeder, to 7 corn belt States	2, 535	2,022	2, 605	2, 995	Other industrialdo Retail dealers, totaldo	31, 500 11, 630	19, 540 9, 750	30, 540 10, 050	31, 200 10, 880
thous. of animais	314	274	294	486	Crude petroleum: Consumption (runs to stills) thous of bbl	(4)	121, 539	113, 474	116, 381
Hogs: Receipts, principal marketsdo	3, 310	2, 832	2, 529	2,687	Productiondodo Refinery operationspct. of capacity Stocks, end of month: Refinable in U. Sthous, of bbl	(a) (a) (a)	123, 355 88	115, 801 83	120, 311
Sheep and lambs: Receipts, principal marketsdo	2, 780	1, 818	3, 657	3, 741	Stocks, end of month:				
Shipments, feeder to 7 corn helt States thous, of animals	452	219	720	976	At refineries	(a) (a)	243, 679 51, 631	240, 043 44, 569	237, 361 43, 552
Tobacco, manufactured products:	302	410	120	310	At refineries.do. At tank farms and in pipe lines.do. On leases.do. Heavy in California.do.		180, 051 11, 997	182, 825 12, 649	181, 203 12, 606
Consumption (tar-paid withdrawals): Small cigarettes	20, 447		21, 798	23, 075	Heavy in Californiado Wells completednumber	<u>}</u>	10, 203 1, 723	10, 167 836	10, 868
Large cigarsthousands Mfd. tobacco and snuffthous. of lb	474.348 25.882	542, 906 27, 376	519, 976 27, 329	633, 350 30, 956	Refined petroleum products:	(*)	1,720	030	617
METALS AND MANUFACTURES	Í		·		Gas and fuel oils: Production:				
fron and steel scrap:" Consumption total theus of short tops	(a)	5 010	4, 955	5 919		(*)	16, 230	18,062	18, 858
Consumption, totalthous. of short tons Home scrap*		5, 010 2, 824 2, 186	4, 955 2, 846 2, 109	5, 342 3, 034	Gas, oil and distillate fuel oil thous. of bbl Residual fuel oildo Stocks, end of month: Gas, oil and distillate fuel oildo	(*) (a)	29, 666	30, 402	31, 239
Stocks, consumers', end of mo., total*do	8	2, 186 3, 829 1, 232	4, 993	2, 308 5, 530	Gas, oil and distillate fuel oildo	(*) (*)	55, 073 83, 730	45,817	49,823
Home scrap*do Purchased scrap*do		1, 232 2, 597	1, 388 3, 605	1,460 4,070	Residual fuel oildodo		83, 730	69, 264	69, 420
Pig iron: · I		4, 766	4, 336		Production, total‡dododo	() () () () () () () () () () () () () (61, 243 287	49, 389 0	51, 495 0
Consumptiondod	(*) (*)	4,700 1,570	4, 330 1, 284	5, 145 1, 266	Benzoldo Straight run gasolinedo Cracked gasolinedo	(a) (*)	24, 244 30, 718	19,088 23,882	19, 977 24, 905
					Natural gasolinet	<u>}</u>	5,994 4,717	6,998	7,256
Areathous. of sq. ft Quantitythous. of sq. ft Poundry equipment: New orders, net total	1, 912 874	* 3, 706 * 1, 305	3, 960 2, 346	2, 792 1, 103	Natural gasolinetdo Natural gasoline blendeddo Stocks, gasoline, end of month: Finished gasoline, totaldo			5, 108	5, 455
Foundry equipment:		408.5	446.4	540.6	Finished gasoline, totaldo At refineriesdo	(a) (a) (a) (a)	79, 378 49, 351 7, 900	69, 293 46, 736	67,669 46,158
New equipment do	338.8 286.1 497.7	408.0 417.4 381.7	440.4 452.4 428.4	552.2	At refineries		7,900 4,557	8,853 6,056	8, 953 5, 424
DADED AND DRINGING	497.7	381.7	428.4	505.5	Voroconot		6, 443	5, 421	5, 907
Total paper, incl. newsprint and paperboard:					Productiondodddodododddodddododddd	8	10, 843	8, 203	5, 907 8, 599
Production	(•)	1,301,067	1,072,787	1,210,509	Lubricants:	(a) (a)	3, 607	2, 951	3, 057
Orders, new	(•)	494, 691	452, 923	555, 607	Productiondo Stocks, refinery, end of monthdo	(•)	7, 752	9, 278	9, 421
Productiondodo	8	494, 691 541, 855 541, 125	458, 975 452, 597	518, 867 514, 384	TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
Fine paper: , Orders, new do				-	Cotton spindle activity: 1				
		127, 734	35, 657	44, 983	Active spindles	22,948	23, 079 9, 914	22, 956 11, 191	23, 012 11, 429
Broduction	24	80 040 1							44, 267
Singularity down and a second		52, 773 127, 734 58, 242 60, 053 42, 430	45, 360	52, 787 53, 935 48, 768	Active spindle hours, total	10, 558 443 133. 4	410 129.8	468 134. 9	478 136.9

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‡See note on p. S-35 of the December 1942 SURVEY.

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