



# SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

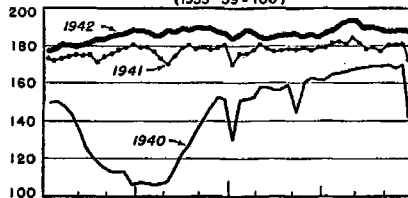


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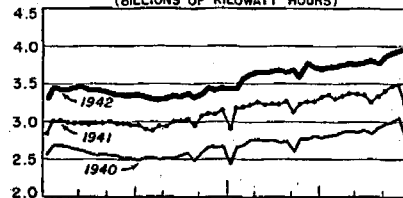
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## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

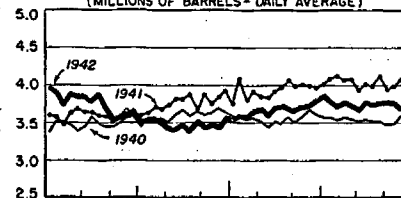
**STEEL INGOT PRODUCTION**  
(1935-39 = 100)



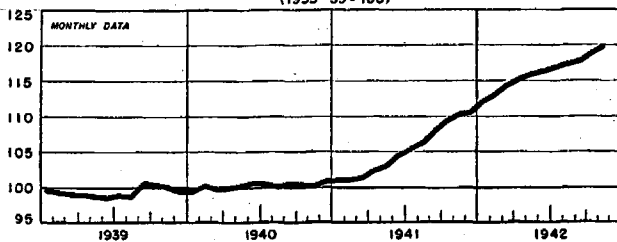
**ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCTION**  
(BILLIONS OF KILOWATT HOURS)



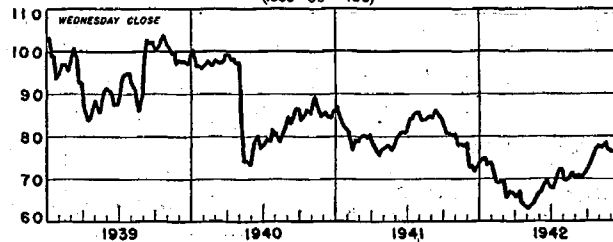
**CRUDE OIL RUNS - TO - STILLS**  
(MILLIONS OF BARRELS - DAILY AVERAGE)



**COST OF LIVING**  
(1935-39 = 100)



**PRICES OF 354 INDUSTRIAL STOCKS**  
(1935-39 = 100)



## WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS \*

ITEM	1942			1941		ITEM	1942			1941	
	Dec. 26	Dec. 19	Dec. 12	Dec. 27	Dec. 20		Dec. 26	Dec. 19	Dec. 12	Dec. 27	Dec. 20
<b>Commodity prices, wholesale:</b>											
All commodities..... 1926=100.....	100.7	100.5	93.8	94.0		Finance—Continued.					
Farm products..... do.....	113.3	112.0	95.5	96.0		Federal Reserve reporting member banks:					
Food..... do.....	104.2	104.0	91.2	91.6		Deposits, demand, adjusted..... mil. of dol.	28,504	29,120	29,011	23,994	24,060
All other..... do.....	96.2	96.2	93.9	93.9		Loans and investments, total..... do.....	40,457	39,829	38,444	30,293	30,306
28 basic commodities..... August 1939=100.....	172.7	172.0	158.8	158.5		U. S. Govt. obligations..... do.....	26,510	26,317	24,843	15,173	15,219
Cotton, mid. 1 1/2", 10 mks. 1/2..... dol. per lb.	1.98	1.97	1.74	1.72		Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans..... mil. of dol.	6,165	6,105	6,157	6,784	6,769
Wheat, No. 2, hd. win. (K.C.)..... dol. per bu.	1.82	1.31	1.27	1.21	1.22	Failures, commercial..... number.....	81	115	132	161	217
Department store sales..... 1935-39=100.....		302	274	174	277	Bond yields (Moody's)..... percent.....	3.32	3.33	3.33	3.38	3.37
Finance:						Stock prices (Stan. & Poor)..... 1935-39=100.....	77.0	75.6	74.7	69.3	71.0
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities:†						Production:					
Total..... mil. of dol.	10,911	11,700	10,107	11,025	12,381	Bituminous coal..... thous. of short tons.....	1,913	1,944	1,684	1,861	
New York City..... do.....	5,220	4,647	3,881	4,275	5,369	Electric power..... mil. of kw-hr.....	3,976	3,938	3,234	3,495	
Currency in circulation..... do.....	15,313	15,119	14,981	11,212	11,056	Petroleum..... thous. of bbl. 1935-39=100.....	188.0	188.6	172.9	181.2	
Federal Reserve bank credit, total..... do.....	6,292	6,056	5,813	2,499	2,483	Freight carloadings, total..... thous. of cars.....	743	740	607	799	
Member bank reserve balances..... do.....	13,129	13,517	13,267	12,447	12,407	Miscellaneous..... do.....	350	356	280	366	
Excess reserves, estimated..... do.....	2,192	2,637	2,804	3,056	3,085						

\* Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. \* Preliminary. O Thursday prices. † Daily average. ‡ Index for week ended January 2, 1932.  
† 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	
	November	November	September	October		November	November	September	October
<b>[COMMODITY PRICES]</b>									
Purchasing power of the dollar:					CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE—Continued				
Wholesale prices..... 1935-39=100.....	80.2	87.0	80.8	80.4	Construction cost indexes (F. H. L. B. A.):				
Cost of living..... do.....	83.5	90.7	84.8	84.0	Standard 6-room frame house:				
Retail food prices..... do.....	76.3	88.3	78.9	77.1	Combined index..... 1935-39=100.....	124.4	119.2	124.4	124.6
Prices received by farmers..... do.....	62.2	77.9	64.4	62.2	Materials..... do.....	121.5	116.9	121.5	121.6
<b>CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>									
Contract awards:					Labor..... do.....	130.2	123.9	130.2	130.2
Value of contracts awarded (F. R. indexes):					<b>DOMESTIC TRADE</b>				
Total, unadjusted..... 1923-25=100.....	158	122	181	175	Retail trade:				
Residential, unadjusted..... do.....	79	71	70	* 80	All retail stores, total sales..... mil. of dol.	4,927	4,569	* 4,840	* 5,282
Total, adjusted..... do.....	180	188	179	185	Durable goods stores..... do.....	767	1,067	* 838	* 870
Residential, adjusted..... do.....	83	74	70	* 83	Nondurable goods stores..... do.....	4,159	3,503	* 4,003	* 4,413
F. W. Dodge Corporation (37 States):					All retail stores, indexes of sales:				
Total projects..... number.....	35,872	29,150	30,558	35,934	Unadjusted, combined index..... 1935-39=100.....	180.0	147.2	* 152.5	* 166.5
Total valuation..... thous. of dol.	654,184	458,620	723,216	780,396	Durable goods stores..... do.....	102.3	139.6	* 108.3	* 104.5
Building, total..... do.....	413,167	309,404	593,568	534,197	Nondurable goods stores..... do.....	178.8	149.7	* 166.9	* 173.4
					Adjusted, combined index..... do.....	155.0	142.9	* 146.1	* 160.0
					Durable goods stores..... do.....	150.0	134.1	* 103.2	* 100.3
					Nondurable goods stores..... do.....	172.9	144.6	* 160.0	* 166.2

\* Revised.

† See note on corresponding item in the December 1942 Survey.

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