



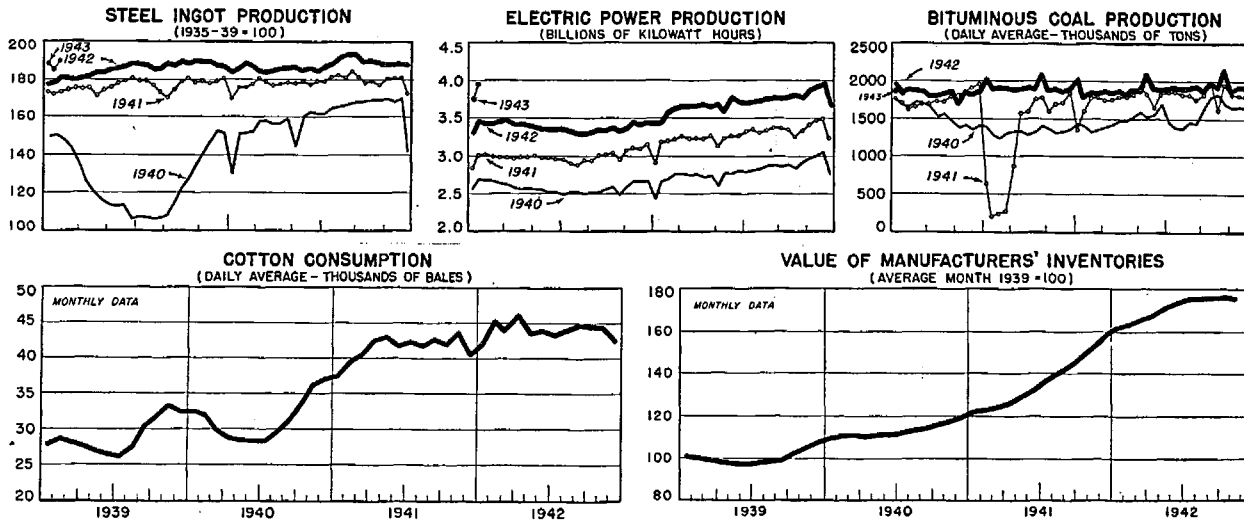
SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE



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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS •

ITEM	1943			1942		ITEM	1943			1942	
	Jan. 16	Jan. 9	Jan. 2	Jan. 17	Jan. 10		Jan. 16	Jan. 9	Jan. 2	Jan. 17	Jan. 10
Commodity prices, wholesale:						Finance—Continued.					
All commodities.....1926=100	101.4	101.2	95.6	95.0		Federal Reserve reporting member banks:					
Farm products.....do	116.1	115.4	100.8	98.8		Deposits, demand, adjusted.....mil. of dol.	28,064	28,367	28,257	24,169	23,884
Food.....do	104.4	104.2	94.1	92.5		Loans and investments, total.....do	41,239	41,344	41,467	30,233	30,132
All other.....do	96.2	96.2	94.4	94.3		U. S. Govt. obligations.....do	28,142	28,025	27,832	15,250	15,145
28 basic commodities [Ⓞ]August 1939=100	173.5	173.6	172.9	164.0	162.5	Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans.....mil. of dol.	5,975	6,030	6,074	6,728	6,722
Cotton, mid. 1 ¹ / ₂ , 10 mkts.↓.....dol. per lb.	.204	.203	.201	.188	.184	Failures, commercial.....number	96	95	105	260	203
Wheat, No. 2, hd. win. (K. C.).....dol. per bu.	1.36	1.37	1.34	1.26	1.21	Bond yields (Moody's)†.....percent	3.28	3.31	3.32	3.34	3.35
Department store sales.....1935-39=100		138	112	131	130	Stock prices (Stan. & Poor) Δ.....1935-39=100	70.0	78.5	77.4	73.3	73.2
Finance:						Production:					
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities:†						Bituminous coal‡.....thous. of short tons		1,833	1,860	1,888	1,860
Total.....mil. of dol.	9,890	12,172	11,384	8,749	8,712	Electric power.....mil. of kw-hr		3,953	3,780	3,450	3,473
New York City.....do	4,150	5,031	4,713	3,550	3,422	Petroleum‡.....thous. of bbl		3,821	3,871	4,046	4,229
Currency in circulation‡.....do	15,332	15,385	15,544	11,074	11,106	SteelⓄ.....1935-39=100	190.3	185.9	188.2	181.0	178.5
Federal Reserve bank credit, total.....do	6,274	6,378	6,428	2,390	2,386	Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars		716	621	811	737
Member bank reserve balances.....do	13,279	13,404	12,788	12,992	12,717	Miscellaneous.....do		343	306	355	318
Excess reserves, estimated.....do	2,149	2,326	1,656	3,561	3,385						

• Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. † Preliminary. ‡ Thursday prices. †† Daily average. ‡‡ Index for week ended January 23, 1912. ‡‡‡ 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		1942		Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1942		1941		1942			
	December	December	October	November	December	December		December	December	October	November	December	December	October	November
COMMODITY PRICES						CONSTRUCTION, ETC.—Continued									
Cost of living (N. I. C. B.):							Construction cost indexes:								
Combined index.....1923=100	101.0	93.2	99.7	100.3		American Appraisal Co.:									
Clothing.....do	88.6	80.1	88.5	88.6		Average, 30 cities.....1913=100	248	225	246	247					
Food.....do	108.3	92.6	105.4	106.5		Atlanta.....do	250	223	249	250					
Fuel and light.....do	90.6	90.3	90.5	90.5		New York.....do	251	238	251	251					
Housing.....do	90.8	89.9	90.8	90.8		San Francisco.....do	230	212	229	220					
Sundries.....do	106.4	102.2	105.4	106.2		St. Louis.....do	242	226	242	242					
Retail prices (Fairchild's Index):						Associated General Contractors.....do	213.5	203.3	213.5	213.5					
Combined index.....Dec. 31, 1930=100	113.1	108.3	113.1	113.1		FINANCE									
Apparel:						Bank debits, total (141 centers).....mil. of dol.	59,482	51,731	49,945	46,056					
Infants'.....do	108.1	103.7	108.0	108.0		New York City.....do	23,921	20,598	18,323	17,016					
Men's.....do	105.3	98.1	105.3	105.3		Outside New York City.....do	35,561	31,133	31,622	29,040					
Women's.....do	112.6	107.7	112.6	112.5		Security markets:									
Home furnishings.....do	115.5	110.2	115.5	115.5		Bonds:									
Piece goods.....do	112.2	105.0	112.2	112.2		Yields (Moody's):									
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						Domestic corporate.....percent						3.32	3.35	3.31	3.31
Concrete pavement contract awards:						By ratings:									
Total.....thous. sq. yds.	7,734	8,176	12,453	8,671		Aaa.....do	2.81	2.80	2.80	2.79					
Airports.....do	5,074	2,964	7,600	5,821		Aa.....do	2.96	2.93	2.95	2.94					
Roads.....do	1,488	3,197	2,806	1,406		A.....do	3.23	3.27	3.24	3.24					
Street and alleys.....do	1,171	2,015	2,047	1,444		Baa.....do	4.28	4.38	4.24	4.25					

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FINANCE—Continued								
Security markets—Continued:								
Bonds—Continued:								
Yields (Moody's)—Continued:								
By groups:								
Industrials.....	percent	2.94	2.94	2.94	2.93			
Public utilities.....	do	3.07	3.12	3.07	3.06			
Rails.....	do	3.96	3.99	3.92	3.93			
Stocks:								
Cash div. payments and rates (Moody's):								
Total annual payments at current rates (600 companies).....	mil. of dol.	1,677.20	1,927.69	1,645.97	1,647.96			
Number of shares, adjusted.....	millions	942.70	938.08	938.08	938.08			
Dividend rate per share (weighted average):								
Banks (21 companies).....	dollars	1.78	2.05	1.75	1.76			
Industrials (492 companies).....	do	2.82	2.88	2.81	2.81			
Insurance (21 companies).....	do	1.71	2.09	1.70	1.69			
Public utilities (39 companies).....	do	2.64	2.69	2.69	2.69			
Rails (36 companies).....	do	1.75	1.81	1.73	1.74			
Dividend payments, by industry groups*:								
Total dividend payments.....	mil. of dol.	650.0	852.3	295.9	159.0			
Manufacturing.....	do	360.2	550.0	128.2	101.3			
Mining.....	do	53.4	60.3	4.9	3.5			
Trade.....	do	43.9	50.0	14.3	4.4			
Finance.....	do	45.9	54.3	43.2	11.7			
Railroads.....	do	66.1	53.6	17.8	3.2			
Heat, light, and power.....	do	42.0	42.3	35.6	31.0			
Communications.....	do	12.6	16.9	47.3	1.4			
Miscellaneous.....	do	25.9	24.9	4.6	2.5			
TRANSPORTATION								
Class I steam railways:								
Freight carloadings (Federal Reserve indexes):								
Combined index, unadjusted. 1935-39=100.								
Coal.....	do	126	128	150	140			
Coke.....	do	132	125	138	139			
Forest products.....	do	193	182	180	186			
Grains and grain products.....	do	122	129	168	138			
Livestock.....	do	130	113	139	123			
Merchandise, l. c. l.....	do	113	97	169	144			
Ore.....	do	56	96	58	59			
Miscellaneous.....	do	59	69	260	206			
Combined index, adjusted.....	do	135	138	163	150			
Coal.....	do	134	137	133	134			
Coke.....	do	116	111	121	125			
Forest products.....	do	177	167	180	176			
Grains and grain products.....	do	137	145	149	140			
Livestock.....	do	143	124	130	126			
Merchandise, l. c. l.....	do	117	101	110	114			
Ore.....	do	59	100	56	58			
Miscellaneous.....	do	210	246	221	221			
	do	146	149	144	144			
FOODSTUFFS								
Stocks, cold storage, end of month:								
Butter, creamery.....	thous. of lb.	25,104	114,436	86,981	* 45,937			
Cheese, total.....	do	131,771	201,613	195,378	* 153,806			
Eggs:								
Shell.....	thous. of cases	259	549	3,117	* 1,170			
Frozen.....	thous. of lb.	82,430	95,538	180,329	* 126,321			
Fish, total (15th of month).....	do	105,690	117,805	115,128	* 114,198			
Fruits and vegetables, frozen:								
Fruits.....	do	187,929	177,948	221,727	* 206,396			
Vegetables.....	do	103,176	92,929	115,810	* 115,845			
Total meats.....	mil. of lb.	828	903	521	* 579			
Beef and veal.....	thous. of lb.	129,019	135,478	116,892	* 130,454			
Lamb and mutton.....	do	35,058	7,936	17,896	* 26,462			
Pork, total.....	do	579,309	655,049	314,992	* 349,274			
Fresh and cured.....	do	488,333	468,538	257,445	* 291,841			
Lard.....	do	90,976	186,511	57,547	* 57,434			
Poultry.....	do	188,037	218,392	161,011	* 193,293			
Livestock:								
Cattle and calves:								
Receipts, principal markets:								
Shipment, feeder, to 7 Corn Belt States.....	thous. of animals	1,846	1,064	2,995	2,535			
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Hogs:								
Receipts, principal markets.....	do	4,225	3,639	2,687	3,310			
Sheep and lambs:								
Receipts, principal markets.....	do	2,379	1,719	3,741	2,780			
Shipment, feeder, to 7 Corn Belt States.....	thous. of animals	175	122	976	452			
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS								
Hides and skins:								
Livestock slaughter (Federally inspected):								
Calves.....	thous. of animals	476	457	572	501			
Cattle.....	do	982	1,004	1,280	1,018			
Hogs.....	do	6,778	5,767	4,218	5,023			
Sheep and lamb.....	do	2,175	1,571	2,344	2,126			
METALS AND MANUFACTURES								
Steel ingots and steel for castings:								
Production.....	thous. of short tons	7,303	7,150	7,585	7,185			
Percent of capacity.....	do	97	98	100	98			
TEXTILE PRODUCTS								
Cotton consumption.....	bales	935,511	888,379	972,490	913,038			

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* Less than \$500,000.

* Preliminary.
* New series. See note on corresponding item in the January 1943 SURVEY.