



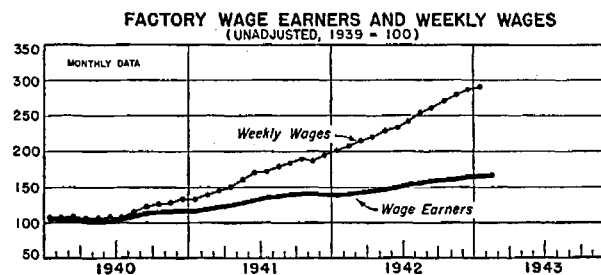
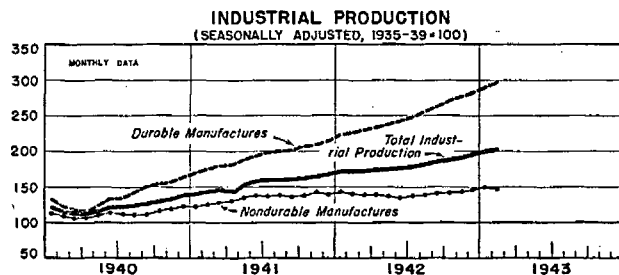
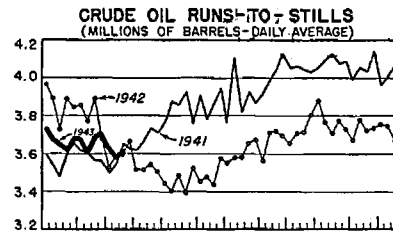
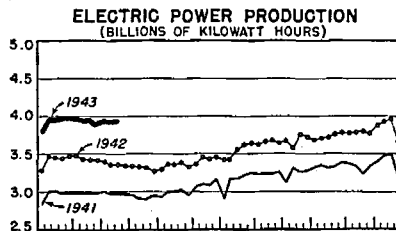
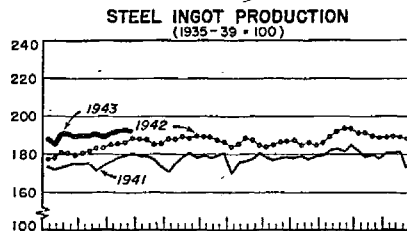
SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE



WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 1, 1943

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS •

ITEM	1943			1942			ITEM	1943			1942		
	Mar. 27	Mar. 20	Mar. 13	Mar. 28	Mar. 21	Mar. 27		Mar. 20	Mar. 13	Mar. 28	Mar. 21		
Commodity prices, wholesale:							Finance—Continued.						
All commodities..... 1926=100.....	103.0	103.2	97.4	97.2			Federal Reserve reporting member banks:						
Farm products..... do.....	122.4	123.5	103.4	103.1			Deposits, demand, adjusted..... mil. of dol.	32,128	32,385	32,116	24,574	25,010	
Food..... do.....	107.1	107.0	95.9	95.5			Loans and investments, total..... do.....	42,004	42,198	41,861	30,781	31,031	
All other..... do.....	96.6	96.6	95.3	95.3			U. S. Govt. obligations..... do.....	29,289	29,343	29,108	15,644	15,759	
28 basic commodities..... August 1939=100.....	176.6	176.1	176.3	166.4	165.8		Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans..... mil. of dol.	5,754	5,802	5,804	7,008	7,035	
Cotton, mid. 1 1/16", 10 mkt.s., dol. per lb.	.213	.211	.211	.199	.194		Failures, commercial..... number.....	94	97	91	268	193	
Wheat, No. 2, hd. win. (K. C.), dol. per bu.	1.39	1.39	1.41	1.19	1.21		Bond yields (Moody's)..... percent.....	3.20	3.20	3.21	3.36	3.38	
Department store sales..... 1935-39=100.....		137	134	147	140		Stock prices (Stan. & Poor) Δ 1935-39=100.....	87.8	87.2	86.9	65.2	65.7	
Finance:							Production:						
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities: †							Bituminous coal..... thous. of short tons.....	2,060	2,100	1,885	1,846		
Total..... mil. of dol.	11,767	12,150	9,809	9,382	10,571		Electric power..... mil. of kw-hr.....	3,947	3,945	3,346	3,357		
New York City..... do.....	4,808	4,869	3,942	3,612	4,232		Petroleum..... thous. of bbl.....	3,904	3,877	3,820	3,692		
Currency in circulation..... do.....	16,083	16,112	16,204	11,485	11,482		Steel..... 1935-39=100.....	192.2	192.6	188.4	186.3		
Federal Reserve bank credit, total..... do.....	6,280	6,699	6,390	2,326	2,351		Freight carloadings, total..... thous. of cars.....	768	769	805	797		
Member bank reserve balances..... do.....	13,084	13,516	13,122	12,527	12,939		Miscellaneous..... do.....	368	361	371	375		
Excess reserves, estimated..... do.....	1,632	2,126	1,877	2,847	3,161								

• Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. † Preliminary. ‡ Thursday prices. § Daily average. ¶ Index for week ended April 3, 1930.
† 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	1943	1942		1943	Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1943	1942		1943
	February	February	December	January		February	February	December	January
BUSINESS INDEXES					BUSINESS INDEXES—Continued				
Industrial production (Federal Reserve):					Industrial production (Federal Reserve)—Con.				
Unadjusted, combined index..... 1935-39=100.....	198	167	193	194	Unadjusted—Continued.				
Manufactures..... do.....	211	175	206	208	Manufactures—Continued.				
Durable manufactures..... do.....	295	221	283	287	Durable manufactures—Continued.				
Steel..... do.....	230	211	221	225	Textiles and products..... 1935-39=100.....	157	156	156	157
Lumber and products..... do.....	114	128	116	108	Cotton consumption..... do.....	171	174	163	171
Furniture..... do.....	144	147	144	141	Rayon deliveries..... do.....	180	174	178	180
Lumber..... do.....	90	118	101	91	Wool textile production..... do.....	(*)	153	163	153
Machinery..... do.....	354	259	338	347	Minerals..... do.....	122	125	120	117
Nonferrous metals..... do.....	198	187	201	200	Fuels..... do.....	131	130	126	124
Stone, clay, and glass products..... do.....	(*)	132	139	138	Anthracite..... do.....	129	121	105	102
Transportation equipment..... do.....	586	314	548	564	Bituminous coal..... do.....	157	141	143	145
Nondurable manufactures..... do.....	143	138	145	143	Crude petroleum..... do.....	121	127	121	118
Chemicals..... do.....	209	161	201	206	Metals..... do.....	73	92	83	73
Leather and products..... do.....	124	132	114	119	Adjusted, combined index..... do.....	203	172	197	199
Shoes..... do.....	117	127	110	117	Manufactures..... do.....	215	179	209	212
Manufactured food products..... do.....	137	121	150	142	Durable manufactures..... do.....	238	225	285	291
Meat packing..... do.....	147	135	186	171	Lumber and products..... do.....	128	144	127	124
Paper and products..... do.....	(*)	153	129	130	Lumber..... do.....	120	143	119	116
Paper and pulp..... do.....	(*)	160	131	132	Stone, clay, and glass products..... do.....	(*)	158	148	163
Petroleum and coal products..... do.....	(*)	129	119	116	Nondurable manufactures..... do.....	148	142	145	149
Coke..... do.....	167	162	166	166	Chemicals..... do.....	209	161	200	207
Petroleum refining..... do.....	(*)	124	112	109	Leather and products..... do.....	119	125	116	121
Printing and publishing..... do.....	113	126	114	111	Shoes..... do.....	116	124	116	120
Tobacco products..... do.....	122	121	137	132					

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§ Industries for which seasonal factors have been fixed at 100 are not shown; see unadjusted series.

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	February	February	December	January		February	February	December	January
BUSINESS INDEXES—Continued					EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES—Con.				
Industrial production—Continued.					Employment—Continued.				
Adjusted—Continued.					Wage earners—Continued.				
Nondurable manufactures—Continued.					Nondurable goods—Continued.				
Manufactured food products					Products of petroleum and coal. 1939=100..	115.3	116.2	117.4	* 116.0
1935-39=100..	* 157	139	158	159	Petroleum refining.....do.....	(*)	108.8	107.1	106.4
Meat packing.....do.....	* 152	141	158	* 145	Rubber products.....do.....	152.3	120.6	149.0	* 151.6
Paper and products.....do.....	(*)	151	132	131	Rubber tires and tubes.....do.....	(*)	108.4	* 147.4	150.0
Paper and pulp.....do.....	(*)	157	133	132	Pay rolls:				
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	(*)	129	119	117	Weekly wages, all manufacturing industries,				
Petroleum refining.....do.....	(*)	124	112	109	unadj. (U. S. Dept. of Labor) 1939=100..	(*)	208.2	* 287.9	291.2
Printing and publishing.....do.....	* 112	125	114	* 113	Durable goods.....do.....	(*)	265.8	* 391.6	399.9
Tobacco products.....do.....	131	130	160	140	Iron and steel.....do.....	(*)	219.8	278.7	283.5
Minerals.....do.....	* 132	133	127	126	Blast fur., steel works, etc.....do.....	(*)	187.3	* 204.7	209.3
Metals.....do.....	* 137	153	136	* 137	Electrical machinery.....do.....	(*)	288.0	415.5	427.4
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE					Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	(*)	295.9	392.9	400.2
Value of contracts awarded (F. R. indexes):					Machinery and mach. shop prod.....do.....	(*)	289.4	* 394.6	402.1
Total, unadjusted.....1923-25=100..	90	111	139	* 118	Automobiles.....do.....	(*)	167.1	* 255.1	277.9
Residential, unadjusted.....do.....	54	89	77	* 66	Transportation equip., exc. auto.....do.....	(*)	1,144.6	* 2,348.0	2,406.0
Total, adjusted.....do.....	105	128	175	* 145	Nonferrous metals and products.....do.....	(*)	228.7	* 303.2	307.2
Residential, adjusted.....do.....	61	100	91	* 79	Lumber and timber basic prod.....do.....	(*)	163.5	181.9	166.9
F. W. Dodge Corporation (37 States):					Sawmills.....do.....	(*)	135.2	* 144.5	131.1
Total projects.....number.....	18,503	40,000	38,797	25,338	Furniture and fin. lumber products.....do.....	(*)	159.9	* 170.6	165.9
Total valuation.....thous. of dol.....	393,517	433,557	708,716	350,661	Furniture.....do.....	(*)	157.8	* 103.9	159.8
Building, total.....do.....	280,536	337,620	437,743	264,877	Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	(*)	159.9	* 151.2	178.5
DOMESTIC TRADE					Nondurable goods.....do.....	(*)	151.9	186.5	185.0
Retail trade:					Textile-mill products and other fiber				
All retail stores, total sales†.....mil. of dol.....	4,525	3,843	* 5,962	* 4,468	manufactures.....1939=100..	(*)	153.7	180.8	181.8
Durable goods stores.....do.....	664	694	944	* 654	Cotton mfrs., exc. small wares.....do.....	(*)	138.6	* 217.7	222.2
Nondurable goods stores†.....do.....	3,861	3,149	* 5,017	* 3,814	Silk and rayon goods.....do.....	(*)	118.9	* 133.7	137.4
All retail stores, indexes of sales:					Woolen and worsted mfrs.....do.....	(*)	169.1	* 207.9	207.5
Unadjusted, combined index†.....1935-39=100..	151.2	128.5	* 181.2	* 138.7	Apparel and other fin. tex. prod.....do.....	(*)	155.1	154.0	155.9
Durable goods stores.....do.....	90.2	94.3	* 117.7	* 82.9	Men's clothing.....do.....	(*)	150.1	* 145.7	148.9
Nondurable goods stores†.....do.....	171.0	139.6	* 201.8	* 156.8	Women's clothing.....do.....	(*)	133.6	* 124.0	125.0
Adjusted, combined index†.....do.....	170.9	144.3	* 144.4	* 158.2	Leather and leather products.....do.....	(*)	151.3	159.5	156.1
Durable goods stores.....do.....	109.9	113.6	95.4	* 103.9	Boots and shoes.....do.....	(*)	142.5	* 144.5	141.3
Nondurable goods stores†.....do.....	190.7	154.3	* 160.3	* 175.8	Food and kindred products.....do.....	(*)	126.3	* 105.4	155.6
Chain-store sales, indexes:					Baking.....do.....	(*)	118.6	* 149.3	144.3
Grocery chain-store sales:					Canning and preserving.....do.....	(*)	101.0	* 138.2	117.2
Unadjusted.....1935-39=100..	* 166.2	170.0	167.0	* 158.0	Slaughtering and meat packing.....do.....	(*)	151.6	* 213.6	202.9
Adjusted.....do.....	* 165.4	169.1	162.1	* 162.8	Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	(*)	122.7	* 159.6	147.0
Variety-store sales, combined sales, 7 chains:					Paper and allied products.....do.....	(*)	156.0	* 168.5	167.6
Unadjusted.....1935-39=100..	* 124.1	108.1	263.0	* 106.1	Paper and pulp.....do.....	(*)	157.9	* 163.6	162.3
Adjusted.....do.....	* 156.2	136.1	* 139.2	* 144.6	Printing and publishing.....do.....	(*)	112.9	* 126.5	121.8
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES					Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	(*)	245.4	* 353.4	391.2
Employment:					Chemicals.....do.....	(*)	200.3	* 240.8	249.1
Labor force (Bu. of the Cen.)*.....millions.....	52.3	53.4	53.4	52.4	Products of petroleum and coal.....do.....	(*)	144.3	165.1	163.7
Employment*.....do.....	50.9	49.4	51.9	51.0	Petroleum refining.....do.....	(*)	131.9	* 151.5	150.4
Agricultural*.....do.....	8.8	8.4	8.9	8.7	Rubber products.....do.....	(*)	149.8	228.6	234.6
Nonagricultural*.....do.....	42.1	41.0	43.0	42.3	Rubber tires and tubes.....do.....	(*)	129.5	* 219.7	226.6
Unemployment*.....do.....	1.4	4.0	1.5	1.4	FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO				
Employees in nonagricultural estab.†					Dairy products, production:				
Unadj., total (Dept. of Labor).....thousands.....	37,995	35,062	38,942	* 37,862	Butter, creamery (factory).....thous. of lb.....	121,995	118,020	116,735	122,860
Manufacturing.....do.....	15,898	13,693	15,654	* 15,743	Cheese, total (factory).....do.....	60,375	76,555	56,650	60,155
Mining.....do.....	871	947	855	* 867	Condensed and evaporated milk, case goods:				
Construction.....do.....	1,319	1,594	1,674	* 1,470	Condensed (sweetened).....thous. of lb.....	9,820	4,270	7,033	8,250
Transportation and pub. utilities.....do.....	3,444	3,270	3,502	* 3,463	Evaporated (unsweetened).....do.....	207,192	300,003	178,024	203,786
Trade.....do.....	6,338	6,686	7,107	* 6,371	Mil. of lb.....do.....	1,380	1,271	1,887	1,632
Financial, service, and misc.....do.....	4,274	4,180	4,279	* 4,250	Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb.....	489,664	513,157	547,100	522,960
Government.....do.....	5,851	4,692	5,811	* 5,689	Beef and veal.....thous. of lb.....	68,412	61,701	87,881	71,225
Adjusted, total (Federal Reserve).....do.....	38,839	35,953	38,792	* 38,792	Lamb and mutton.....do.....	826,672	696,100	1,251,572	1,037,942
Manufacturing.....do.....	16,024	13,814	15,687	* 15,933	Pork, including lard.....do.....	137,304	128,465	218,107	178,549
Mining.....do.....	877	953	884	* 870	Lard.....do.....	554	1,102	703	247
Construction.....do.....	1,663	1,991	2,004	* 1,824	Coffee, visible supply, U. S.....thous. of bags.....				
Transportation and pub. utilities.....do.....	3,530	3,351	3,535	* 3,549	Tobacco, manufactured products:				
Trade.....do.....	6,507	6,862	6,635	* 6,513	Consumption (tax-paid withdrawals):				
WAGE EARNERS, ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, UNADJ. (U. S. DEPT. OF LABOR) 1939=100..					Small cigarettes.....millions.....	17,678	16,628	19,716	20,370
Durable goods.....do.....	166.6	142.3	* 164.5	* 165.0	Large cigars.....thousands.....	410,599	441,805	685,002	436,744
Iron and steel.....do.....	172.5	155.0	* 169.1	* 170.7	Mfd. tobacco and snuff.....thous. of lb.....	22,691	24,426	24,081	25,297
Blast fur., steel works, etc.....do.....	(*)	139.8	* 134.0	134.0	PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS				
Electrical machinery.....do.....	260.3	194.0	250.3	* 255.1	Crude petroleum:				
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	231.0	190.1	225.1	* 227.5	Consumption (runs to stills).....thous. of bbl.....	(*)	105,776	113,342	111,600
Machinery and mach. shop prod.....do.....	(*)	189.1	* 230.0	231.7	Production.....do.....	(*)	113,961	120,519	117,227
Automobiles.....do.....	161.0	108.1	* 152.5	* 156.7	Refinery operations.....pct. of capacity.....	(*)	81	80	79
Transportation equip., exc. auto.....do.....	1,358.0	667.8	1,299.2	* 1,302.2	Stocks, end of month:				
Nonferrous metals and products.....do.....	180.9	160.0	* 176.7	* 178.1	Refinable, in U. S.....thous. of bbl.....	(*)	200,844	234,354	234,423
Lumber and timber basic prod.....do.....	111.2	129.4	122.5	* 116.3	Heavy in California.....do.....	(*)	11,229	10,865	10,804
Sawmills.....do.....	(*)	105.9	* 98.2	92.7	Wells completed.....number.....	(*)	953	804	688
Furniture and fin. lumber products.....do.....	111.0	121.2	* 111.4	* 110.2	Refined petroleum products:				
Furniture.....do.....	(*)	118.4	* 106.7	105.9	Gas and fuel oils:				
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	122.9	126.7	125.4	* 123.2	Production:				
Nondurable goods.....do.....	123.0	118.6	* 124.3	* 123.1	Gas oil and dist. fuel oil.....thous. of bbl.....	(*)	15,194	18,073	17,306
Textile-mill products and other fiber					Residual fuel oil.....do.....	(*)	27,254	31,890	32,544
manufactures.....1939=100..	112.7	113.3	112.5	* 112.7	Stocks, end of month:				
Cotton mfrs., exc. small wares.....do.....	(*)	126.7	128.9	130.8	Gas oil and distillate fuel oil.....do.....	(*)	33,711	44,940	39,014
Silk and rayon goods.....do.....	(*)	85.3	* 82.7	81.6	Residual fuel oil.....do.....	(*)	75,386	61,783	60,808
Woolen and worsted mfrs.....do.....	(*)	120.3	* 118.5	117.9	Motor fuel:				
Apparel and other fin. tex. prod.....do.....	113.3	119.6	112.2	* 112.0	Production, total.....do.....	(*)	51,612	48,800	47,236
Men's clothing.....do.....	(*)	116.9	* 107.8	107.7	Benzol.....do.....	(*)	189	0	0
Women's clothing.....do.....	(*)	91.1	91.1	91.2	Straight run gasoline.....do.....	(*)	19,226	18,891	17,309
Leather and leather products.....do.....	102.6	110.7	104.9	* 103.1	Cracked gasoline.....do.....	(*)	26,006	23,225	23,391
Boots and shoes.....do.....	(*)	100.9	* 93.5	91.5	Natural gasoline.....do.....	(*)	6,768	7,516	7,360
Food and kindred products.....do.....	109.5	106.4	* 119.1	* 112.9	Natural gasoline, blended.....do.....	(*)	4,456	4,929	4,425
Baking.....do.....	(*)	103.1	114.4	111.6	Stocks, gasoline, end of month:				
Canning and preserving.....do.....	(*)	73.9	* 84.5	71.2	Finished gasoline, total.....do.....	(*)	100,186	70,772	78,475
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do.....	(*)	136.4	* 155.0	153.7	Unfinished gasoline.....do.....	(*)	8,111	9,354	10,202
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	100.0	101.4	106.3	* 102.4	Natural gasoline.....do.....	(*)	5,209	4,632	4,904
Paper and allied products.....do.....	117.8	123.3	116.4	* 116.6	Kerosene:				
Paper and pulp.....do.....	(*)	119.9	* 109.6	116.0	Production.....do.....	(*)	6,133	5,351	5,602
Printing and publishing.....do.....	102.7	103.6	* 104.3	102.2	Stocks, refinery, end of month.....do.....	(*)	6,193	7,837	5,146
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	250.4	181.4	* 243.7	* 248.0	Lubricants:				
Chemicals.....do.....	(*)	154.2	* 160.4	163.4	Production.....do.....	(*)	3,174	3,049	2,935

* Data for January are the latest available.
† Preliminary.
* Revised.

* New series. See note on corresponding item in the March 1943 SURVEY.
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‡ See note marked "§" on p. 1.