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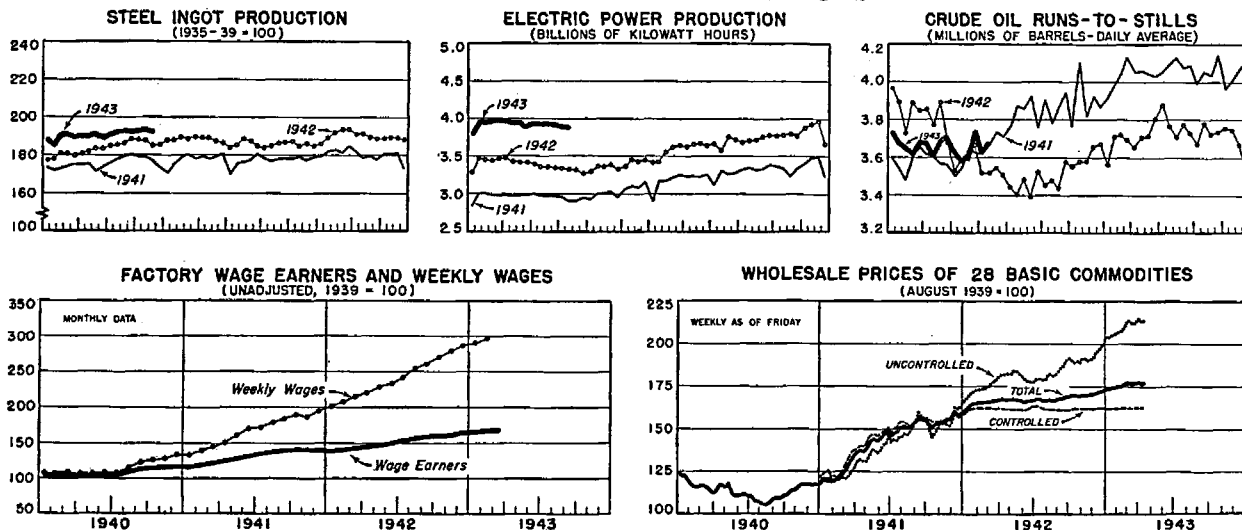
WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

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		
	Apr. 17	Apr. 10	Apr. 3	Apr. 18	Apr. 11			Apr. 17	Apr. 10	Apr. 3	Apr. 18	Apr. 11	
Commodity prices, wholesale:							Finance—Continued.						
All commodities.....1926=100..	103.5	103.4	98.3	98.1		Federal Reserve reporting member banks:							
Farm products.....do.....	124.3	124.7	105.2	104.6		Deposits, demand, adjusted.....mil. of dol.	33,009	32,955	31,848	24,725	24,799		
Food.....do.....	107.9	107.8	98.6	97.0		Loans and investments, total.....do.	42,250	41,046	41,391	31,502	30,883		
All other.....do.....	96.7	96.7	95.6	95.6		U. S. Govt. obligations.....do.	29,475	28,998	28,719	16,446	15,776		
28 basic commodities.....August 1939=100..	176.7	176.8	177.0	168.9	167.3	Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans.....mil. of dol.	5,594	5,010	5,695	6,948	6,975		
Cotton, mid. 1/4" 10 mks. 1/2".....dol. per lb.	211	213	214	203	204	Failures, commercial.....number	89	92	89	224	215		
Wheat, No. 2, hd. win. (K.C.).....dol. per bu.	1.37	1.39	1.39	1.14	1.16	Bond yields (Moody's).....percent	3.19	3.18	3.19	3.34	3.34		
Department store sales.....1935-39=100..	153	149	135	120		Stock prices (Stan. & Poor).....1935-39=100..	90.0	92.8	91.9	63.2	65.3		
Finance:						Production:							
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities:†						Bituminous coal.....thous. of short tons..	2,067	2,027	1,888	1,852			
Total.....mil. of dol.	13,224	11,553	12,550	9,212	7,962	Electric power.....mil. of kw-hr.	3,882	3,890	3,808	3,321			
New York City.....do.....	5,530	5,035	4,924	3,670	3,052	Petroleum.....thous. of bbl.	3,949	3,918	3,545	3,543			
Currency in circulation.....do.....	16,440	16,309	16,275	11,637	11,616	Steel.....1935-39=100..	191.7	193.2	193.0	185.0	187.6		
Federal Reserve bank credit, total.....do.	7,104	6,848	6,191	2,415	2,384	Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	789	772	847	814			
Member bank reserve balances.....do.....	13,144	13,110	12,759	12,502	12,715	Miscellaneous.....do.....	381	383	380	365			
Excess reserves, estimated.....do.....	2,158	1,976	1,518	2,886	3,169								

• Data do not cover calendar weeks in all cases. * Preliminary. † Thursday prices. ‡ Daily average. § Index for week ended Apr. 24, 1922.
† 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	1943	1942	1943		Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1943	1942	1943	
	March	March	January	February		March	March	January	February
COMMODITY PRICES					EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES—Con.				
Retail prices (Fairchild's index):					Employment—Continued.				
Combined index.....Dec. 31, 1930=100..	113.2	112.5	113.1	113.1	Estimated civilian labor force, etc.—Con.				
Apparel:					Unemployment*.....millions..	1.0	3.6	1.4	1.4
Infants'.....do.....	108.1	107.5	108.1	108.1	Employees in nonagricultural estab.:†				
Men's.....do.....	105.3	104.2	105.3	105.3	Unadjusted (U. S. Dept. of Labor):				
Women's.....do.....	112.7	112.1	112.6	112.6	Total.....thousands..	38,232	35,411	37,862	38,071
Home furnishings.....do.....	115.5	115.1	115.5	115.5	Manufacturing.....do.....	15,957	13,859	15,743	15,851
Piece goods.....do.....	112.2	111.8	112.2	112.2	Mining.....do.....	559	933	867	867
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE					Construction.....do.....	1,331	1,625	1,470	1,386
Contract awards, 37 States (F. W. Dodge):					Transportation and pub. utilities.....do.	3,467	3,295	3,463	3,456
Total projects.....number..	16,117	55,843	25,338	18,503	Trade.....do.....	6,332	6,711	6,371	6,291
Total valuation.....thous. of dol.	339,698	610,799	350,661	303,517	Financial, service, and miscellaneous				
Building, total.....do.....	216,721	451,110	264,877	280,536	thousands..	4,283	4,194	4,259	4,270
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES					Government.....do.....	6,003	4,794	5,689	5,950
Employment:					Wage earners, all manufacturing industries				
Estimated civilian labor force, employment, and unemployment:					unadj. (U. S. Dept. of Labor).....1939=100..	167.2	144.3	165.0	166.1
Labor force (Bu. of the Cen.)*.....millions..	52.0	54.5	52.4	52.3	Durable goods.....do.....	223.9	175.8	218.1	222.1
Employment*.....do.....	51.0	50.9	51.0	50.9	Iron and steel.....do.....	173.4	156.9	170.7	172.1
Agricultural*.....do.....	9.0	8.9	8.7	8.8	Blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling mills.....1939=100..	(*)	140.0	134.3	134.9
Nonagricultural*.....do.....	42.0	42.0	42.3	42.1	Electrical machinery.....do.....	266.2	197.2	255.1	260.8
					Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	232.8	194.6	227.5	230.1
					Machinery and machine shop products				
					1939=100..	(*)	193.3	231.7	233.7
					Automobiles.....do.....	162.7	104.7	156.7	159.5

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EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES—Con.									
Employment—Continued.									
Wage earners, all mfg., unadj.†—Con.					Nonmfg., unadj. (U. S. Dept. of Labor)—Con.				
Durable goods—Continued.					Public utilities:				
Transportation equip., exc. autos.	1,375.2	721.4	1,302.2	1,343.1	Electric light and power.....1939=100	(*)	113.0	107.5	104.5
Nonferrous metals and products.....do	178.8	162.8	178.1	179.6	Street railways and busses.....do	(*)	121.9	147.3	150.3
Lumber and timber basic prod.....do	112.9	129.7	116.3	113.8	Telephone and telegraph.....do	(*)	127.4	137.0	138.3
Sawmills.....do	(*)	106.2	92.4	90.4	Services:				
Furniture and fin. lumber prod.....do	111.3	121.1	110.2	111.0	Dyeing and cleaning.....do	(*)	126.5	142.8	143.8
Furniture.....do	(*)	116.9	105.9	106.9	Laundries.....do	(*)	125.6	147.6	145.4
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do	121.9	127.3	123.2	122.4	Year-round hotels.....do	(*)	112.8	129.8	131.2
Nondurable goods.....do	122.5	119.4	123.1	122.8	Trade:				
Textile-mill products and other fiber manufactures.....1939=100	110.7	113.5	112.7	111.3	Retail, total.....do	(*)	114.5	115.3	115.0
Cotton mfrs., exc. small wares.....do	(*)	127.0	127.2	126.8	Wholesale.....do	(*)	122.7	122.3	124.3
Silk and rayon goods.....do	(*)	86.3	81.6	81.7	Average weekly hours per worker in factories:				
Woolen and worsted mfrs.....do	(*)	119.7	117.9	117.4	Natl. Ind. Con. Bd. (25 industries).....hours	(*)	42.7	44.3	44.5
Apparel and other fin. tex. prod.....do	114.4	121.4	112.0	113.7	U. S. Dept. of Labor, all manufactur-				
Men's clothing.....do	(*)	118.6	107.7	109.2	ing†.....do	(*)	42.7	44.2	44.5
Women's clothing.....do	(*)	102.0	91.3	92.8	Durable goods*.....do	(*)	45.0	45.9	46.2
Leather and leather products.....do	101.0	112.9	103.1	102.4	Nondurable goods*.....do	(*)	40.1	41.7	42.0
Boots and shoes.....do	(*)	103.0	91.5	90.8	Wages:				
Food and kindred products.....do	107.3	104.2	112.9	109.5	Factory average weekly earnings:				
Baking.....do	(*)	103.4	111.6	109.2	Natl. Ind. Con. Bd. (25 industries) dollars.....	(*)	38.14	43.56	43.91
Canning and preserving.....do	(*)	64.4	71.2	66.4	U. S. Dept. of Labor, all manufactur-				
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do	(*)	132.6	153.7	147.4	ing†.....do	(*)	34.63	40.62	41.12
Tobacco manufactures.....do	99.4	101.3	102.4	100.2	Durable goods.....do	(*)	40.46	46.68	47.17
Paper and allied products.....do	117.8	123.2	116.6	117.8	Nondurable goods.....do	(*)	27.91	32.03	32.51
Paper and pulp.....do	(*)	120.1	110.0	109.3	Factory average hourly earnings:				
Printing and publishing.....do	102.2	101.7	102.2	103.0	Natl. Ind. Con. Bd. (25 industries).....do	(*)	.888	.979	.982
Chemicals and allied products.....do	252.7	191.1	248.0	250.3	U. S. Dept. of Labor, all manufactur-				
Chemicals.....do	(*)	157.4	163.4	164.7	ing†.....do	(*)	.811	.919	.924
Products of petroleum and coal.....do	114.8	117.5	116.0	115.2	Durable goods.....do	(*)	.899	1.017	1.021
Petroleum refining.....do	(*)	107.8	106.3	106.4	Nondurable goods.....do	(*)	.696	.768	.774
Rubber products.....do	155.0	121.0	151.6	152.8	FINANCE				
Rubber tires and tubes.....do	(*)	107.0	150.0	150.8	Life insurance (Assn. of Life Ins. Pres.):				
Nonmfg., unadj. (U. S. Dept. of Labor):					Insurance written:				
Mining:					Policies and certifi., number.....thousands..	754	724	585	623
Anthracite.....1939=100	(*)	96.1	83.3	89.4	Group.....do	75	55	54	42
Bituminous coal.....do	(*)	119.2	111.8	110.4	Industrial.....do	432	456	340	380
Metalliferous.....do	(*)	126.4	114.8	114.4	Ordinary.....do	248	213	191	201
Crude petroleum producing.....do	(*)	90.8	81.3	80.3	Value, total.....thous. of dol.	752,561	661,681	576,435	593,733
Quarrying and nonmetallic.....do	(*)	107.6	98.6	81.3	Group.....do	130,390	97,826	93,818	90,600
Public utilities:					Industrial.....do	136,083	140,735	103,873	117,553
Electric light and power.....do	(*)	100.6	89.0	88.1	Ordinary.....do	486,088	423,120	378,744	385,480
Street railways and busses.....do	(*)	103.2	113.2	114.8	FOODSTUFFS				
Telephone and telegraph.....do	(*)	119.5	122.3	122.3	Stocks, cold storage, end of month:				
Services:					Butter, creamery.....thous. of lb.	16,402	45,045	15,607	12,327
Dyeing and cleaning.....do	(*)	112.9	111.8	113.2	Cheese, total.....do	77,783	190,158	113,797	93,379
Laundries.....do	(*)	112.6	119.2	118.5	Eggs:				
Year-round hotels.....do	(*)	101.6	101.8	104.2	Shell.....thous. of cases..	3,200	1,798	214	974
Trade:					Frozen.....thous. of lb.	98,773	107,397	59,781	56,508
Retail, total.....do	(*)	104.2	99.0	97.3	Fruits and vegetables, frozen:				
Wholesale.....do	(*)	105.3	97.7	97.6	Fruits.....do	123,421	119,982	172,103	145,272
Pay rolls:					Vegetables.....do	67,424	61,781	92,344	74,821
Weekly wages, all manufacturing industries, unadj. (U. S. Dept. of Labor)† 1939=100	(*)	215.1	290.9	297.2	Total meats.....mil. of lb.	907	1,046	913	956
Durable goods.....do	(*)	276.2	399.9	410.0	Beef and veal.....thous. of lb.	97,127	147,514	107,185	102,246
Iron and steel.....do	(*)	226.6	283.5	288.9	Lamb and mutton.....do	12,522	8,180	24,885	19,748
Blast fur., steel wks., etc.....do	(*)	189.8	208.8	211.8	Pork, total.....do	718,602	772,420	700,286	749,639
Electrical machinery.....do	(*)	296.3	427.4	441.6	Fresh and cured.....do	590,858	590,416	588,419	627,399
Machinery, except electrical.....do	(*)	307.8	400.2	408.8	Lard.....do	127,744	182,004	111,867	122,240
Machinery and mach. shop prod.....do	(*)	300.6	402.1	410.6	Poultry.....do	58,173	139,677	142,002	101,741
Automobiles.....do	(*)	167.4	277.9	282.2	Livestock:				
Transportation equip. t. exc. autos.....do	(*)	1,237.0	2,406.0	2,486.5	Cattle and calves:				
Nonferrous metals and products.....do	(*)	237.5	307.2	308.6	Receipts, principal markets				
Lumber and timber basic prod.....do	(*)	165.6	166.9	177.3	thous. of animals.....	1,811	1,741	1,613	1,541
Sawmills.....do	(*)	137.1	130.9	138.7	Shipments, feeder, to 7 corn belt States	119	84	87	72
Furniture and fin. lumber prod.....do	(*)	161.7	165.9	171.8	thous. of animals.....				
Furniture.....do	(*)	156.7	159.8	165.8	Receipts, principal markets.....do	3,027	2,694	3,431	2,815
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do	(*)	162.2	178.5	179.2	Receipts, principal markets.....do	1,738	1,866	1,939	1,670
Nondurable goods.....do	(*)	155.4	184.4	186.8	Shipments, feeder, to 7 corn belt States	174	87	159	173
Textile-mill products and other fiber manufactures.....1939=100	(*)	155.1	181.8	180.7	thous. of animals.....				
Cotton mfrs., exc. small wares.....do	(*)	187.2	218.8	216.1	PAPER AND PRINTING				
Silk and rayon goods.....do	(*)	122.3	134.4	132.2	Paper:				
Woolen and worsted mfrs.....do	(*)	171.2	207.5	207.2	Total paper, incl. newsprint and paperboard:				
Apparel and other fin. tex. prod.....do	(*)	161.5	155.9	169.3	Production.....short tons..	(*)	1,371,545	1,130,428	1,096,488
Men's clothing.....do	(*)	157.9	148.9	158.5	Paper, excl. newsprint and paperboard:				
Women's clothing.....do	(*)	136.8	125.0	140.3	Orders, new.....short tons..	(*)	532,647	512,385	484,727
Leather and leather products.....do	(*)	156.7	156.1	154.2	Production.....do	(*)	565,157	484,260	463,493
Boots and shoes.....do	(*)	148.5	141.3	138.5	Shipments.....do	(*)	548,779	480,838	463,025
Food and kindred products.....do	(*)	125.3	155.6	150.7	Fine paper:				
Baking.....do	(*)	119.3	144.3	141.5	Orders, new.....do	(*)	55,029	55,049	53,256
Canning and preserving.....do	(*)	85.6	117.6	112.7	Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do	(*)	104,915	53,169	59,106
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do	(*)	149.0	202.9	186.4	Production.....do	(*)	62,468	50,151	47,501
Tobacco manufactures.....do	(*)	119.4	147.0	138.5	Shipments.....do	(*)	61,052	51,345	47,996
Paper and allied products.....do	(*)	156.9	167.6	171.3	Stocks, end of month.....do	(*)	38,120	42,935	42,383
Paper and pulp.....do	(*)	159.2	162.3	164.8	Printing paper:				
Printing and publishing.....do	(*)	112.5	121.8	122.5	Orders, new.....do	(*)	174,548	163,540	160,598
Chemicals and allied products.....do	(*)	263.4	391.2	399.2	Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do	(*)	124,895	119,959	119,783
Chemicals.....do	(*)	206.7	249.1	251.4	Production.....do	(*)	190,265	163,033	157,357
Products of petroleum and coal.....do	(*)	145.4	162.8	165.3	Shipments.....do	(*)	183,473	164,377	155,418
Petroleum refining.....do	(*)	132.9	159.3	152.2	Stocks, end of month.....do	(*)	80,537	73,233	75,455
Rubber products.....do	(*)	156.6	234.6	238.3	Wrapping paper:				
Rubber tires and tubes.....do	(*)	135.5	226.6	229.1	Orders, new.....do	(*)	203,361	190,145	179,799
Nonmfg., unadj. (U. S. Dept. of Labor):					Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do	(*)	160,881	150,074	166,202
Mining:					Production.....do	(*)	208,188	173,617	165,274
Anthracite.....1939=100	(*)	130.1	101.2	154.4	Shipments.....do	(*)	203,323	179,100	168,757
Bituminous coal.....do	(*)	167.3	178.6	196.2	Stocks, end of month.....do	(*)	74,091	107,581	104,012
Metalliferous.....do	(*)	168.8	163.8	166.3	Orders, new.....do	(*)	203,361	190,145	179,799
Crude petroleum producing.....do	(*)	141.4	104.2	107.1	Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do	(*)	160,881	150,074	166,202
Quarrying and nonmetallio.....do	(*)	102.7	151.0	150.3	Production.....do	(*)	208,188	173,617	165,274

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