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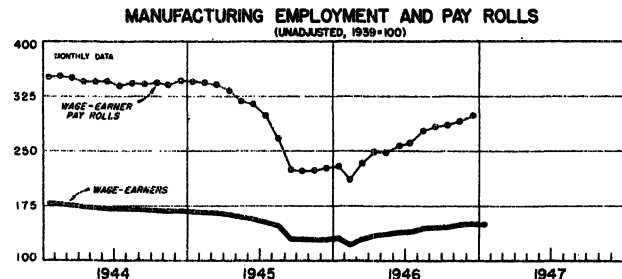
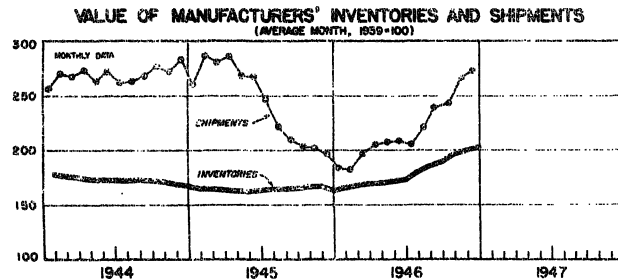
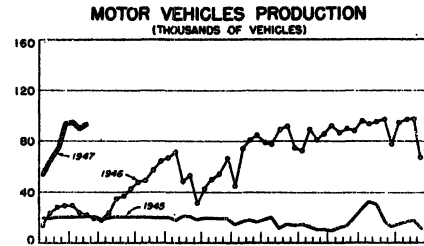
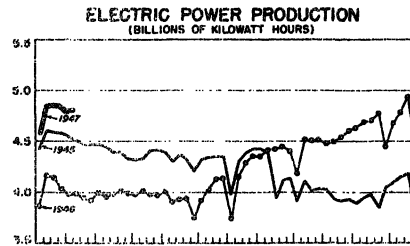
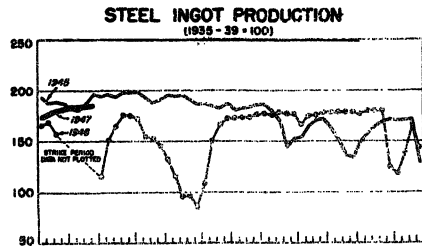
WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE



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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1947					ITEM	1946				
	Feb. 15	Feb. 8	Feb. 1	Feb. 16	Feb. 9		Feb. 15	Feb. 8	Feb. 1	Feb. 16	Feb. 9
Commodity prices, wholesale:											
All commodities 2/.....1926-100..		141.7	140.3	107-2	107-1	Finance - Continued.					
Wheat, No. 2, Hd. Win. (K.C.)..dol. per bu.		165.5	164.8	131.0	130.4	Member bank reserve balances...mil. of dol.	15,994	16,095	16,124	15,693	15,717
Food.....do.....		156.7	154.1	108.0	107.1	Excess reserves, estimated.....do....	738	728	695	1,146	1,115
All other 2/.....do.....		128.1	127.5	101.1	101.1	Federal Reserve reporting member banks:					
28 commodities 3/.....August 1939=100..	309.2	310.0	305.1	183.4	187.4	Deposits, demand, adjusted...mil. of dol.	39,127	39,424	39,902	37,542	37,821
Cotton, middling, 15/16", 10 markets 4/						Loans and investments, total.....do....	55,300	55,567	55,805	67,943	68,223
Wheat, No. 2, Hd. Win. (K.C.)..dol. per lb.	.332	.326	.317	.260	.245	U.S. Government obligations 1/.....do....	35,150	35,592	35,636	49,489	49,716
Department store sales.....1935-39=100..	2.22	2.17	2.11	5/	1.69	Commer., indus., and agr., loans..do....	10,673	10,573	10,499	7,361	7,342
Insured unemployment, total 6/.....thous.		219	217	209	214	Failures, commercial.....number..	62	45	65	25	27
Stocks program.....do.....		2,352	2,337	3,290	3,290	Bond yields (Moody's).....percent....	2.78	2.77	2.77	2.67	2.68
Veterans' program.....do.....		1,126	1,462	1,883	1,883	Stock prices (W22 stocks).....1935-39=100..	131.3	129.7	128.1	144.6	148.9
Unadjusted:						Production:					
Bank deposits, member banks in 101 cities:						Bituminous coal 4/.....thous. of short tons..	2,050	2,293	2,011	2,083	
Total.....mil. of dol.	12,859	17,184	16,375	13,140	15,761	Electric power.....mil. of kw-hr ..	4,801	4,777	3,949	3,983	
New York City.....do.....	5,238	7,817	6,991	6,053	7,462	Motor vehicles (Wards) 8/.....number..	93,592	89,958	94,114	21,555	23,785
Foreign in circulation 4/.....do.....	28,346	28,301	28,272	27,958	27,941	Petroleum 4/.....thous. of bbl.	4,770	4,650	4,710	4,691	
Federal Reserve bank credit, total.....do....	24,638	24,050	24,514	23,333	23,840	Steel 9/.....1935-39=100..	183.7	183.1	183.5	10.9	11.9
						Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	767	836	707	713	
						Miscellaneous.....do.....	346	374	287	288	

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ See note in January 11, 1947 issue. 3/ Thursday prices. 4/ Daily average. 5/ No quotation. 6/ Data from Federal Security Agency; see note in July 13, 1946 issue. 7/ Direct and guaranteed. 8/ Data are for U.S. and Canada and include passenger cars, commercial cars, and trucks. 9/ February 22, 1947.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1947	1946			Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1947	1946		
	January	January	November	December		January	January	November	December
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE					EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND WAGES - Continued				
Engineering construction:					Employment (U.S. Department of Labor) - Con.				
Contract awards (A.S.B.) 1/. thous. of dol..	430,970	348,277	275,425	352,855	Production workers, mfg., unadj. 2/ - Con.				
Construction cost indexes:					Durable goods - Continued.				
Assoc. Gen. Contractors (all types) 1913=100..	277.0	241.0	270.0	275.0	Electrical machinery..... 1939=100..	222.8	183.7	219.2	222.0
Engineering News Record:					Machinery, except electrical..... do....	212.4	180.9	209.5	211.3
Building cost..... do.....	297.4	243.9	278.5	284.8	Machinery and machine-shop prod. do....	a/	164.9	186.7	187.6
Construction (all types)..... do.....	390.8	319.5	368.1	381.7	Machine tools..... do.....	a/	158.6	162.9	163.6
EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND WAGES					Automobiles..... do.....	177.9	103.5	186.1	185.1
Employment (U.S. Department of Labor):					Transportation equipment, exc. autos. do.	287.8	326.9	281.6	287.2
Employees in nonagricultural establishments:					Aircraft and parts (exc. engines)..... do....	a/	295.9	368.8	364.6
Unadjusted, total..... thous.	39,657	37,013	40,381	40,795	Aircraft engines..... do.....	a/	239.7	329.0	325.4
Manufacturing..... do.....	15,033	13,236	14,967	15,048	Shipbuilding and boatbuilding..... do....	a/	359.6	193.2	206.2
Mining..... do.....	831	810	828	819	Nonferrous metals and products..... do....	178.5	a/	145.3	177.2
Construction..... do.....	1,508	1,132	1,108	1,142	Lumber and timber basic products..... do....	152.0	122.3	153.5	151.9
Transportation and pub. utilities..... do....	3,939	3,897	4,005	4,177	Sewalls..... do.....	a/	70.0	81.8	80.1
Trade..... do.....	7,961	7,481	8,259	8,510	Furniture and finished lumber prod. do.	125.5	106.0	122.1	123.9
Financial, service, and misc..... do....	5,216	4,984	5,244	5,260	Furniture..... do.....	a/	94.0	106.2	107.6
Government..... do.....	5,169	5,473	5,270	5,439	Stone, clay, and glass products..... do....	141.7	114.3	140.0	140.5
Production workers, all mfg. unadj. 2/ 1939=100..	149.5	130.2	149.1	149.9	Nondurable goods..... do.....	131.2	119.2	111.2	132.2
Durable goods..... do.....	172.8	144.1	172.0	172.3	Textile-mill products, etc..... do....	109.3	98.6	108.4	109.4
Iron and steel and their products..... do....	150.4	131.9	148.9	147.4	Cotton mfrs., except small wares..... do....	a/	108.3	117.5	118.4
Steel furnaces, steel works, etc. do.....	a/	115.5	124.0	120.2	Silk and rayon goods..... do.....	a/	73.0	79.1	79.8
					Woolen and worsted manufactures..... do....	a/	99.9	108.7	110.2

1/ Revised. 2/ Data not available. 3/ Data for January 1946 and January 1947 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 4/ See note 1 on next page.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS - Continued

Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1947				Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1946			
	January	January	November	December		December	December	October	November
EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND WAGES - Continued					BUSINESS INDEXES				
Employment (U.S. Department of Labor) - Con.					Manufacturers' orders, shipments, inventories:				
Production workers, mfg., unadj. 1/-Continued.					New orders, index, total, avg. 1939=100..				
Durable goods - Continued.					Durable goods.....do.....				
Apparel and other finished textile products.....1939=100..					Non-durable goods.....do.....				
Men's clothing.....do.....					Shipments, index, total.....do.....				
Women's clothing.....do.....					Durable goods.....do.....				
Leather and leather products.....do.....					Automobiles and equipment.....do.....				
Boots and shoes.....do.....					Iron and steel and their products.....do.....				
Food and kindred products.....do.....					Nonferrous metals and products.....do.....				
Baking.....do.....					Machinery, including electrical.....do.....				
Canning and preserving.....do.....					Transportation equip., exc. autos.....do.....				
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do.....					Other durable goods.....do.....				
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....					Non-durable goods.....do.....				
Paper and allied products.....do.....					Chemicals and allied products.....do.....				
Paper and pulp.....do.....					Food and kindred products.....do.....				
Printing, publishing, etc.....do.....					Paper and allied products.....do.....				
Newspapers and periodicals.....do.....					Products of petroleum and coal.....do.....				
Printing, book and job.....do.....					Rubber products.....do.....				
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....					Textile-mill products.....do.....				
Chemicals.....do.....					Other non-durable goods.....do.....				
Products of petroleum and coal.....do.....					Inventories, index, total.....do.....				
Petroleum refining.....do.....					Durable goods.....do.....				
Rubber products.....do.....					Automobiles and equipment.....do.....				
Rubber tires and inner tubes.....do.....					Iron and steel and their products.....do.....				
Nonmanufacturing employment, unadjusted:					Nonferrous metals and products.....do.....				
Mining:					Machinery, including electrical.....do.....				
Anthracite.....do.....					Transportation equip., exc. autos.....do.....				
Bituminous coal.....do.....					Other durable goods.....do.....				
Metalliferous.....do.....					Non-durable goods.....do.....				
Quarrying and nonmetalliferous.....do.....					Chemicals and allied products.....do.....				
Crude petroleum and natural gas.....do.....					Food and kindred products.....do.....				
Public utilities:					Paper and allied products.....do.....				
Electric light and power.....do.....					Petroleum refining.....do.....				
Street railways and busses.....do.....					Rubber products.....do.....				
Telegraph.....do.....					Textile-mill products.....do.....				
Telephone.....do.....					Other non-durable goods.....do.....				
Services:					EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND WAGES				
Dyeing and cleaning.....do.....					Labor turn-over in mfg. establishments:				
Power laundries.....do.....					Accession rate, mo. rate per 100 employees..				
Year-round hotels.....do.....					Separation rate, total.....do.....				
Trade:					Discharges.....do.....				
Retail, total.....do.....					Lay-offs.....do.....				
Wholesale.....do.....					Quits.....do.....				
					Military and miscellaneous.....do.....				
FINANCE					FINANCE				
Bank debits, total (141 centers)-mil. of dol..					Bonds:				
New York City.....do.....					Sales (Securities and Exchange Commission):				
Outside New York City.....do.....					Total on all registered exchanges:				
					Market value.....thous. of dol..				
FOODSTUFFS					Face value.....do.....				
Livestock slaughter (Federally inspected):					On New York Stock Exchange:				
Calves.....thous. of animals..					Market value.....do.....				
Cattle.....do.....					Face value.....do.....				
Hogs.....do.....					Stocks:				
Sheep and lambs.....do.....					Sales (Securities and Exchange Commission):				
Stocks, cold storage, end of month:					Total on all registered exchanges:				
Apples, fresh.....thous. of bu..					Market value.....thous. of dol..				
Butter, creamery.....thous. of lb..					Shares sold.....thousands..				
Cheese, total.....do.....					On New York Stock Exchange:				
Eggs, shell.....thous. of cases..					Market value.....thous. of dol..				
Eggs, frozen.....thous. of lb..					Shares sold.....thousands..				
Fruits, frozen.....do.....					CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS				
Vegetables, frozen.....do.....					Paint sales:				
Total meats 2/-mil. of lb..					Calcimines, plastic and cold-water paints:				
Beef and veal.....thous. of lb..					Calcimines.....thous. of dol..				
Lamb and mutton.....do.....					Plastic-texture paints.....do.....				
Pork, total.....do.....					Cold-water paints:				
Fresh and cured.....do.....					In dry form.....do.....				
Lard.....do.....					In paste form, for interior use.....do.....				
Poultry.....do.....					Paint, varnish, lacquer, and fillers:				
					Total.....do.....				
METALS AND MANUFACTURES					Classified, total.....do.....				
Steel ingots and steel for castings:					Industrial.....do.....				
Production.....thous. of short tons..					Trade.....do.....				
Percent.....do.....					Unclassified.....do.....				
Copper:					PAPER AND PRINTING				
Production:					All paper and paperboard mills (Bu. of Census):				
Mine or smelter.....short tons..					Paper and paperboard prod. total short tons..				
Refinery.....do.....					Paper.....do.....				
Deliveries, refined, domestic.....do.....					Paperboard.....do.....				
Stocks, refined, end of month.....do.....					Building board.....do.....				
Zinc, shbi:					Paper, excl. building board, newsprint and paperboard (American Paper and Pulp Ass'n):				
Production.....short tons..					Orders, new.....short tons..				
Shipments.....do.....					Production.....do.....				
Domestic.....do.....					Shipments.....do.....				
Stocks, end of month.....do.....					Stocks, end of month.....do.....				
PAPER AND PAPERBOARD					Wrapping paper:				
Paperboard:					Orders, new.....do.....				
Orders, new.....short tons..					Production.....do.....				
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do.....					Shipments.....do.....				
Production.....do.....					Stocks, end of month.....do.....				
Waste paper:					TEXTILE PRODUCTS				
Consumption.....do.....					Cotton:				
Stocks, mills, end of month.....do.....					Consumption.....bales..				
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT					Passenger cars, production.....number..				
Passenger cars, production.....number..					Trucks and truck tractors, production.....do.....				
Trucks and truck tractors, production.....do.....									

2/ Revised. 3/ Data not available. 1/ For pay rolls for December (the latest available) see Weekly Supplement dated February 15, 1947. 2/ Includes canned meats and meat products and sausage and sausage room products not shown separately.