



SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

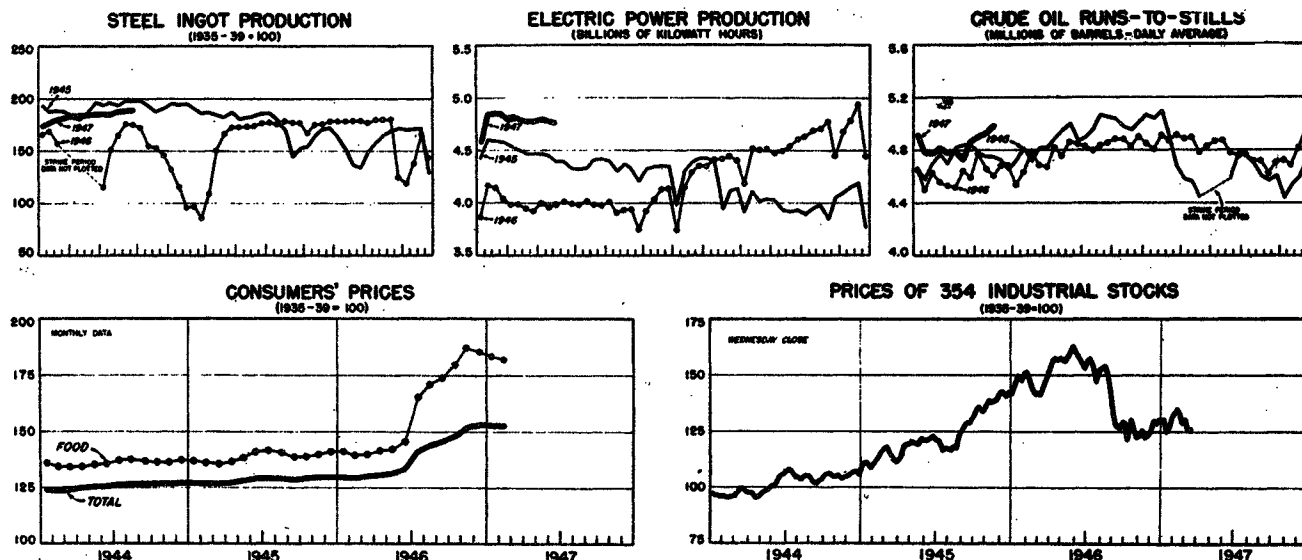
WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE



MARCH 28, 1947

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS^{1/}

ITEM	1947					ITEM	1946				
	Mar. 22	Mar. 15	Mar. 8	Mar. 23	Mar. 16		Mar. 22	Mar. 15	Mar. 8	Mar. 23	Mar. 16
Commodity prices, wholesale:						Finance - Continued.					
All commodities 2/.....1926=100..	148.3	148.7	108.4	108.4	108.4	Member bank reserve balances...mil. of dol.	15,943	15,847	15,930	15,484	15,663
Farm products.....do.....	184.2	181.8	131.9	131.1	131.1	Excess reserves, estimated.....do.....	775	722	757	929	1,112
Food.....do.....	166.5	170.7	109.4	109.5	109.5	Federal Reserve reporting member banks:					
All other 2/.....do.....	130.0	129.4	102.0	101.9	101.9	Deposits, demand, adjusted...mil. of dol.	39,005	38,786	38,590	37,435	37,678
28 commodities 3/.....August 1939=100..	332.8	336.7	329.6	330.0	329.6	Loans and investments, total.....do.....	55,547	55,590	55,417	66,298	67,749
Cotton, middling, 15/16", 10 markets 4/						U. S. Government obligations 7/.....do.....	35,258	35,300	35,301	47,458	49,088
Wheat, No. 2, Hd. Win. (K.C.).....dol. per lb..	.352	.352	.344	.267	.265	Commer., indus., and agr., loans.....do.....	11,077	10,995	10,802	7,491	7,486
Department store sales.....1935-39=100..	267	254	255	243	243	Failures, commercial.....number	47	51	58	22	17
Insured unemployment, total 5/.....thous..	2,310	3,577	3,609	3,609	3,609	Bond yields (Moody's).....percent	2.79	2.79	2.79	2.66	2.66
State programs.....do.....	1,152	1,744	1,814	1,814	1,814	Stock prices (402 stocks).....1935-39=100..	122.4	122.0	126.8	142.8	138.8
Veterans' programs.....do.....	1,081	1,784	1,747	1,747	1,747	Production:					
Finance:						Bituminous coal 1/.....thous. of short tons..	2,192	2,130	2,218	2,203	2,203
Bank debits, member banks in 101 cities:						Electric power.....mil. of kw-hr.	4,764	4,787	4,017	3,988	3,988
Total.....mil. of dol.	17,630	15,740	18,563	16,828	14,516	Motor vehicles (Wards) 2/.....number	107,230	105,496	104,378	37,285	35,020
New York City.....do.....	7,089	6,700	8,151	6,030	6,930	Petroleum 1/.....thous. of bbl.	4,845	4,824	4,431	4,415	4,415
Currency in circulation 4/.....do.....	28,236	28,321	28,350	27,877	27,937	Steel 3/.....1935-39=100..	189.0	187.8	185.0	175.5	165.0
Federal Reserve bank credit, total.....do.....	23,047	23,780	23,804	23,483	23,423	Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	841	806	805	800	759

^{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/} March 29, 190.1.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1947	1946	1947	Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1942 Supplement	1947	1946	1947
	February	February	January		February	February	January
COMMODITY PRICES				COMMODITY PRICES - Continued			
Consumers' price index (U.S. Dept. of Labor):				Wholesale prices - Continued.			
Combined index.....1935-39=100..	152.8	129.6	153.1	Food.....1926=100..	162.0	107.6	160.1
Clothing.....do.....	180.2	150.5	178.3	Cereal products.....do.....	141.3	96.1	139.5
Food.....do.....	182.3	139.6	183.6	Dairy products.....do.....	161.8	115.8	180.0
Fuel, electricity, and ice.....do.....	117.5	111.0	117.3	Fruits and vegetables.....do.....	134.2	127.5	134.5
Gas and electricity.....do.....	92.2	93.8	91.9	Meats.....do.....	199.5	108.1	168.2
Other fuels and ice.....do.....	142.1	127.8	142.0	Commodities other than farm products and foods 2/.....1926=100..	128.6	101.3	124.7
Household furnishings.....do.....	179.6	149.7	178.5	Building materials.....do.....	174.8	120.9	157.8
Rent.....do.....	1/108.9	1/108.8	Brick and tile.....do.....	132.3	116.9	130.0
Miscellaneous.....do.....	136.7	125.6	136.1	Cement.....do.....	109.9	101.5	106.9
Wholesale prices (U.S. Department of Labor):				Lumber.....do.....	263.6	160.1	227.2
Combined index 2/.....1926=100..	144.6	107.7	140.9	Paint and paint materials.....do.....	173.9	107.8	154.4
Economic classes:				Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	129.3	95.9	125.7
Manufactured products 2/.....do.....	139.9	103.4	135.7	Chemicals.....do.....	113.8	97.0	111.8
Raw materials.....do.....	154.9	118.3	152.1	Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....do.....	182.5	111.5	181.2
Semi-manufactured articles.....do.....	142.1	98.8	136.2	Fertilizer materials.....do.....	99.2	81.9	95.1
Farm products.....do.....	170.4	130.8	168.1	Oils and fats.....do.....	214.3	101.8	203.0
Grains.....do.....	171.1	133.9	163.0	Fuel and lighting materials.....do.....	97.9	85.1	96.1
Livestock and poultry.....do.....	201.5	132.7	194.7	Electricity.....do.....	(a)	71.3	65.8
Commodities other than farm products 2/				Gas.....do.....	(a)	79.1	83.1
1926=100..	138.8	102.5	134.8	Petroleum products.....do.....	76.6	61.6	75.8

^{a/} Data not available. ^{1/} Data estimated, based on a survey of rents in 5 cities in January and 6 cities in February. ^{2/} Motor vehicles are included in the indexes at current prices beginning October, 1940; April, 1942 prices were carried forward in earlier computations; see note on p. 3-4 of the monthly Survey.