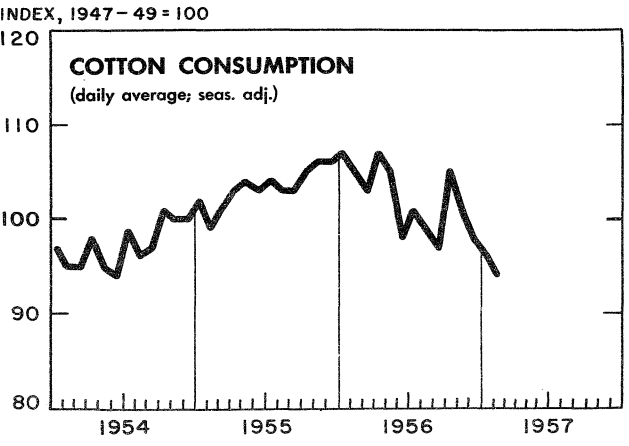
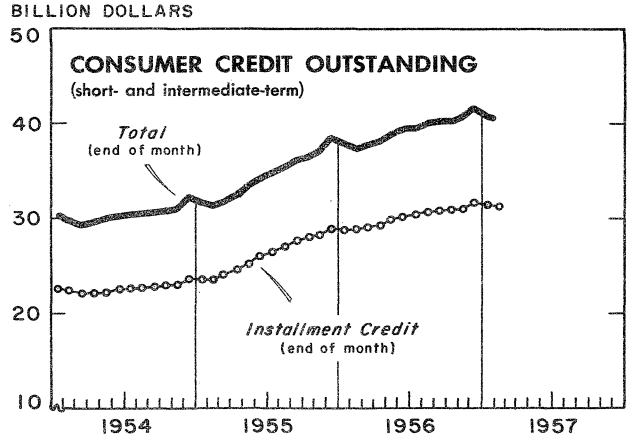
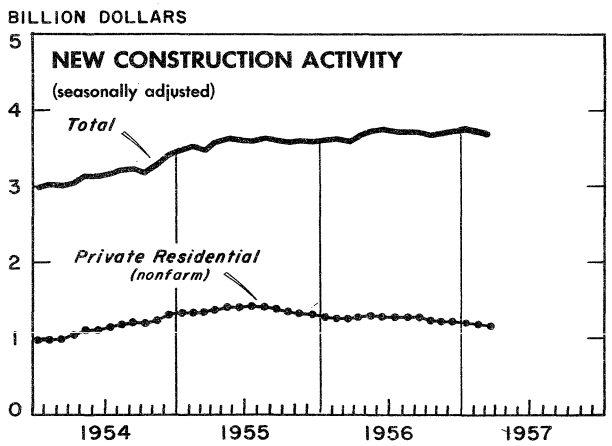
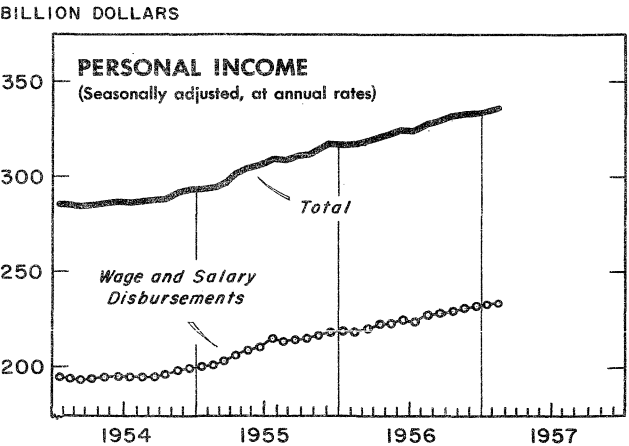
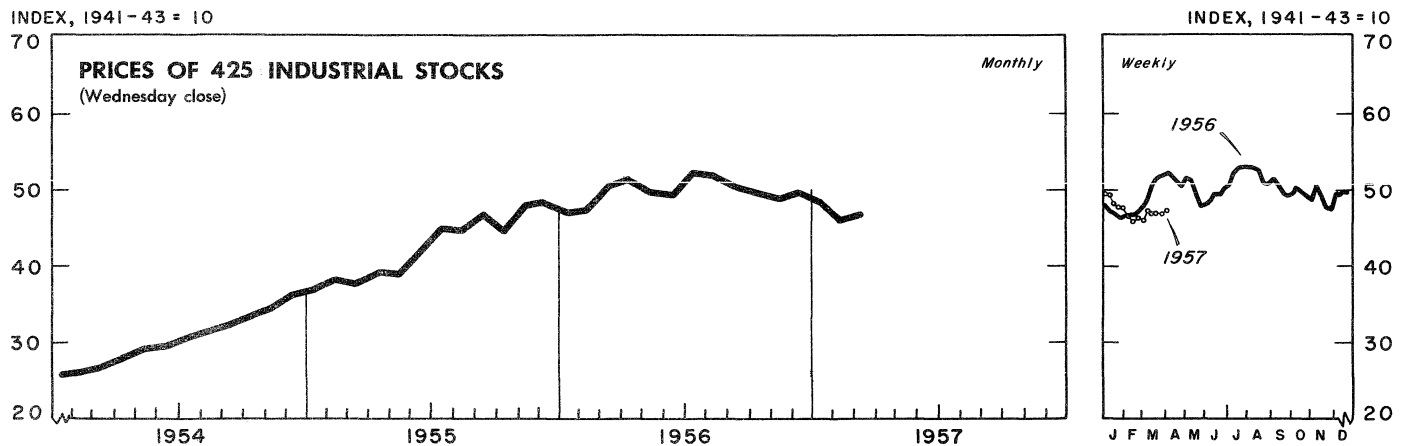


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Mar. 31	Apr. 7	Mar. 16	Mar. 23	Mar. 30	Apr. 6
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*112.8	116.9	116.9	117.0	116.9
Farm products.....do....		*86.6	88.7	88.9	89.1	89.1
Foods, processed.....do....		*99.2	103.7	103.9	104.1	103.9
All other.....do....		*121.0	125.4	125.3	125.3	125.3
22 commodities ^{2/}.....do....	90.2	90.9	88.8	88.8	88.6	88.5
Department store sales.....do....	122	104	107	113	112	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,493	1,493	1,723	1,668	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,370	1,377	1,593	1,539	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}.....mil. of dol..	30,249	30,321	30,609	30,589	30,502	30,588
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do....	25,661	25,658	24,791	25,158	24,930	25,165
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}.....do....	19,028	18,860	18,654	19,204	18,971	18,868
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}.....do....	573	538	427	603	594	342
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,733	55,392	56,905	55,704	55,472	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,618	21,640	22,929	23,020	23,067	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,631	85,454	85,653	86,747	85,604	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	27,995	27,852	25,676	25,990	25,164	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	27,781	27,578	30,844	31,579	31,443	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,341	8,344	8,740	8,746	8,740	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	263	217	301	318	290	231
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}.....percent..	3.33	3.35	3.97	3.97	3.96	3.96
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/}.....1941-43=100..	48.51	48.80	44.04	44.10	44.09	44.54
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	51.80	52.23	46.88	46.99	46.97	47.47
Production:						
Bituminous coal ^{3/}.....thous. of short tons..	1,719	1,635	1,704	1,723	1,762	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,992	10,846	11,650	11,723	11,694	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	149,863	157,531	161,904	161,866	152,712	156,834
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. of bbl..	7,149	7,171	7,799	7,818	7,786	.....
Steel ^{5/}.....thous. of short tons..	2,452	2,406	2,401	2,392	2,364	2,319
Percent of capacity ^{5/}.....do....	#99.6	#97.7	93.8	93.5	92.4	90.6
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	725	685	689	686	695	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	382	371	356	355	361	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday prices. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. ^{5/} Week beginning April 8; 1957: Production, 2,328 thous. short tons; operating rate, 91.0 percent. *Monthly index for March 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS*						
Personal income, by source, seasonally adj., at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	316.7	317.1	333.5	334.0	r335.0	336.7
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	219.0	218.9	231.0	232.9	r232.7	233.9
Commodity-producing industries.....do....	94.8	94.7	101.1	102.3	r101.2	101.9
Distributive industries.....do....	57.9	57.9	60.6	60.9	r61.5	61.6
Service industries.....do....	29.5	29.5	31.1	31.3	r31.3	31.5
Government.....do....	36.8	36.8	38.2	38.4	r38.7	38.9
Other labor income.....do....	7.3	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5
Proprietors' and rental income.....do....	49.4	49.7	51.7	51.2	r51.3	51.5
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	28.5	28.7	30.3	29.2	30.6	30.6
Transfer payments.....do....	18.2	18.3	19.1	19.3	19.6	19.9
Less personal contributions for social insurance...do....	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.7	6.7
Total nonagricultural income.....do....	301.6	301.5	317.9	318.8	r319.7	321.4
Farm income and marketings:						
Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol..	2,530	1,972	3,306	2,768	2,574	p2,032
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do....	2,491	1,945	3,216	2,728	2,530	p2,001
Crops.....do....	1,212	765	1,749	1,406	1,146	p775
Livestock and products, total.....do....	1,279	1,180	1,467	1,322	1,384	p1,226
Dairy products.....do....	364	346	342	371	384	p361
Meat animals.....do....	630	580	806	615	756	p633
Poultry and eggs.....do....	265	234	301	321	220	p209
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	102	80	132	112	104	p82
Crops.....do....	113	71	163	131	107	p72
Livestock and products.....do....	94	87	108	97	102	p90
Indexes of volume of farm marketings, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....do....	122	97	157	128	119	p95
Crops.....do....	117	72	176	131	108	p72
Livestock and products.....do....	126	116	142	125	126	p113

^{r/} Revised. ^{p/} Preliminary. *REVISED DATA—Manufacturers' inventories for February 1957 shown in the April 5 issue of the Weekly Supplement have been revised as follows (mil. of dol.): Unadjusted data—total, 52,236; total durables, 30,274; primary metal, 4,320; machinery (incl. elec.), 10,237; transportation equip. (incl. motor vehicles), 7,518; lumber and furniture, 1,804; seasonally adjusted data—total, 51,847; total durables, 30,129; primary metal, 4,327; machinery (incl. elec.), 10,211; transportation equip. (incl. motor vehicles), 7,479; lumber and furniture, 1,804.

ITEM	1956				1957	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
DOMESTIC TRADE						
All retail stores:						
Estimated inventories:						
Unadjusted, total.....mil. of dol..	22,790	23,840	24,750	22,400	22,890	23,700
Durable-goods stores.....do....	10,870	11,330	10,450	9,940	r 10,380	10,780
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	11,920	12,510	14,300	12,460	r 12,510	12,920
Adjusted, total.....do....	24,080	24,210	23,490	23,860	r 24,010	23,930
Durable-goods stores.....do....	11,390	11,450	10,420	10,700	r 10,770	10,820
Nondurable-goods stores.....do....	12,690	12,760	13,070	13,160	13,240	13,110
Firms with 11 or more stores, estimated sales:						
Unadjusted.....do....	2,449	2,464	3,337	4,136	2,691	2,588
Adjusted.....do....	2,936	2,905	3,132	3,139	r 3,108	3,119
Wholesale trade:						
Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	9,360	9,540	11,160	10,570	10,300	9,570
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	3,120	3,230	3,670	3,410	r 3,320	3,180
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,240	6,310	7,490	7,160	r 6,980	6,390
Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....	12,480	12,570	13,640	13,310	r 13,180	13,100
Durable-goods establishments.....do....	6,280	6,470	6,590	6,540	r 6,650	6,780
Nondurable-goods establishments.....do....	6,200	6,100	7,050	6,770	6,530	6,320
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	37,848	37,474	40,631	41,863	40,916	40,513
Installment credit, total.....do....	28,886	28,915	31,024	31,552	31,298	31,233
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	2,885	2,918	3,387	3,735	r 3,079	2,954
Repaid, total.....do....	3,019	2,889	3,174	3,207	r 3,333	3,019
Adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	3,432	3,317	3,453	3,368	r 3,512	3,496
Repaid, total.....do....	3,107	2,946	3,160	3,185	r 3,311	3,214
LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES						
Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association):						
Production, total.....mil. of bd. ft..	2,940	2,922	2,975	2,554	2,720	2,612
Softwoods.....do....	2,313	2,297	2,368	2,003	2,159	2,039
Shipments, total.....do....	2,908	2,970	2,804	2,390	2,625	2,486
Softwoods.....do....	2,232	2,292	2,248	1,883	2,116	1,951
Stocks, gross (mill and concentration yards), total...do....	8,737	8,689	9,660	9,824	9,863	9,989
Softwoods.....do....	5,486	5,491	6,023	6,143	6,130	6,218
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Castings, gray iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....thous. of short tons..	r 1,157	1,141	917	920	906	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	1,250	1,215	1,176	1,109	1,216	.....
For sale.....do....	r 676	680	635	587	643	.....
Castings, malleable iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....short tons..	116,520	113,616	89,977	92,311	93,886	.....
Shipments, total.....do....	93,562	93,533	82,717	76,352	85,977	.....
For sale.....do....	54,618	54,466	47,979	44,268	51,508	.....
Castings, steel:						
Shipments, total.....do....	158,618	165,398	164,114	158,725	169,240	.....
For sale, total.....do....	123,343	128,598	126,900	125,569	133,826	.....
Railway specialties.....do....	27,954	30,833	28,284	34,080	30,090	.....
Lead:						
Production, secondary, estimated recoverable.....do....	37,629	37,894	34,391	34,498	36,009	.....
Imports (general), ore, metal.....do....	43,950	r 31,711	41,294	56,095	54,063	.....
Consumption, total.....do....	107,800	98,000	101,000	89,700	101,400	.....
Stocks, end of month:						
Producers', ore, base bullion, and in process.....do....	117,168	117,531	121,051	118,078	120,975	123,276
Refiners' (primary), refined and antimonial.....do....	31,034	39,930	35,196	39,129	40,559	.....
Consumers', total.....do....	129,133	130,617	102,688	r 115,572	118,124	.....
Scrap (lead-base, purchased) all consumers.....do....	57,637	55,164	59,111	r 57,020	55,465	.....
Pumps, steam, power, centrifugal and rotary:						
Orders, new.....thous. of dol..	8,094	7,735	8,522	6,838	9,601	.....
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Motor vehicles, factory sales, total.....number..	690,253	663,586	667,187	700,740	r 719,431	662,028
Coaches, total.....do....	253	278	233	228	269	238
Domestic.....do....	242	274	186	103	257	234
Passenger cars, total.....do....	591,032	560,924	576,708	617,599	628,045	570,023
Domestic.....do....	569,846	536,680	556,931	598,394	610,678	556,930
Trucks, total.....do....	98,968	102,384	90,246	82,913	r 91,117	91,767
Domestic.....do....	83,752	83,752	74,870	66,123	r 73,208	73,693
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:						
Freight cars:						
Shipments, total.....number..	4,199	4,995	6,740	7,260	7,822	7,655
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	2,981	3,266	4,367	4,272	4,686	4,576
Domestic.....do....	2,981	3,264	4,322	4,272	4,686	4,576
Railroad shops, domestic.....do....	1,218	1,729	2,373	2,988	3,136	3,079
Passenger cars, equipment manufacturers:						
Orders unfilled, end of month, total.....do....	903	858	791	842	840	832
Domestic.....do....	884	837	679	724	728	732
Shipments, total.....do....	42	53	5	9	9	23
Domestic.....do....	42	53	5	5	3	11

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ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	227	228	237	238	234	237
Crops.....do....	233	236	240	239	233	236
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	264	258	277	249	225	236
Cotton.....do....	262	267	262	256	255	252
Feed grains and hay.....do....	173	174	185	187	181	181
Food grains.....do....	220	223	234	236	235	235
Fruit.....do....	212	211	216	227	221	237
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	239	245	264	266	260	265
Potatoes <u>1</u> /.....do....	175	196	158	162	153	148
Tobacco.....do....	452	453	461	457	458	459
Livestock and products.....do....	220	221	234	237	234	238
Dairy products.....do....	257	250	275	269	266	260
Meat animals.....do....	215	221	239	254	249	263
Poultry and eggs.....do....	188	187	165	155	157	150
Wool.....do....	226	224	256	262	267	274
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do....	259	261	268	269	271	272
Family living items.....do....	272	274	283	283	284	284
Production items.....do....	245	246	252	255	256	259
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	280	r281	290	292	294	295
Parity ratio.....do....	81	81	82	82	80	80
Retail price:						
All commodities (U.S. Dept. of Commerce index).1935-39=100..	207.7	208.2	213.9	214.1	215.1	.....
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	2,821	3,071	3,370	r3,075	r2,910	3,172
Private, total.....do....	2,088	2,260	2,472	r2,212	r2,110	2,259
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	998	1,116	1,202	1,017	r926	1,013
New dwelling units.....do....	895	1,000	1,060	900	r810	890
Additions and alterations.....do....	73	86	102	79	r80	89
Nonresidential building, total <u>2</u> /.....do....	648	655	768	r721	r705	709
Industrial.....do....	225	226	270	r269	r270	269
Commercial.....do....	252	257	272	r246	r240	249
Farm construction.....do....	101	109	90	91	96	105
Public utility.....do....	334	373	402	r372	r371	419
Public, total.....do....	733	811	898	863	800	913
Nonresidential building.....do....	284	301	311	331	304	345
Military facilities.....do....	82	89	108	93	86	95
Highway.....do....	200	225	250	220	205	240
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	3,636	3,570	3,729	r3,769	r3,740	3,695
Private, total.....do....	2,522	2,528	2,542	r2,529	r2,529	2,522
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,280	1,268	1,239	1,211	r1,187	1,151
Nonresidential building, total <u>2</u> /.....do....	687	705	748	r730	r741	761
Farm construction.....do....	129	128	120	121	123	124
Public utility.....do....	418	419	423	r454	r464	471
Public, total.....do....	1,114	1,042	1,187	1,240	1,211	1,173
Nonresidential building.....do....	338	320	350	376	362	367
Highway.....do....	447	395	455	489	466	429
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	127.8	128.7	132.8	133.0	133.3

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