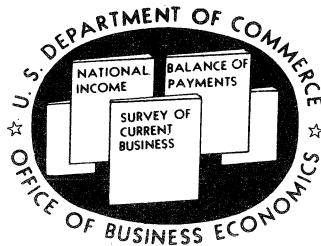


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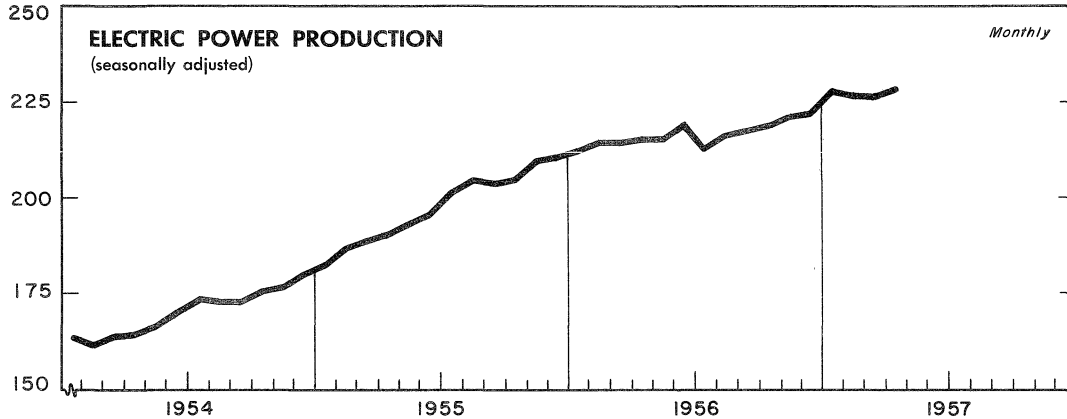
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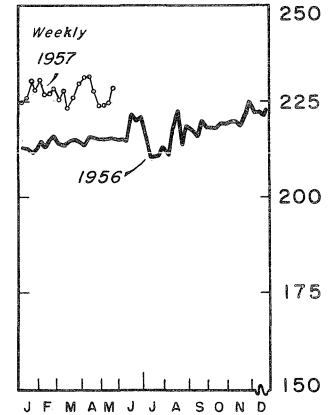
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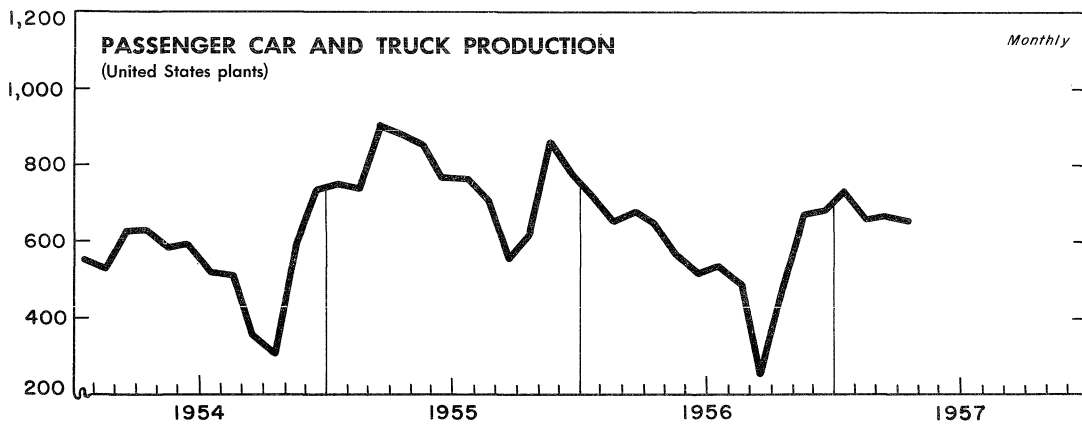
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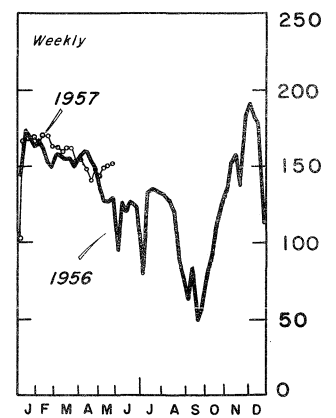
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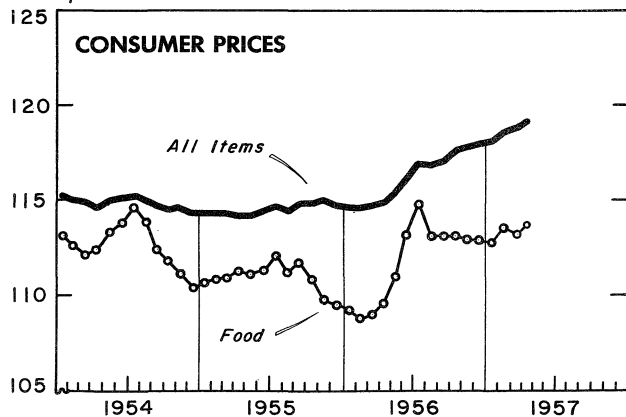
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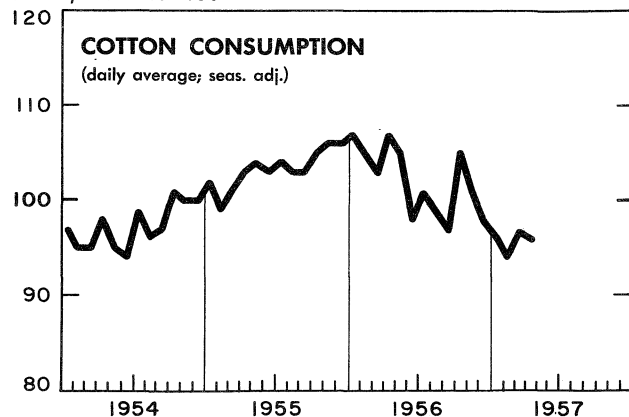
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1956		1957			
	May 19	May 26	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	.....	*114.4	.....	117.2	117.2	117.1
Farm products.....do.....	.....	*90.9	.....	90.2	89.7	89.6
Foods, processed.....do.....	.....	*102.4	.....	104.4	105.0	105.3
All other.....do.....	.....	*121.7	.....	125.4	125.3	125.2
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	90.8	90.4	88.2	88.2	87.6	88.3
Department store sales.....do.....	122	117	132	135	120	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,334	1,263	1,513	1,455	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,257	1,188	1,410	1,356	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,359	30,317	30,499	30,589	30,654	30,645
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,298	25,310	25,093	25,177	25,031	25,070
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do.....	18,710	18,809	19,000	18,984	18,845	18,818
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do.....	469	534	406	497	450	492
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	54,999	55,444	56,213	55,273	55,057	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,638	21,687	23,148	23,213	23,276	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,241	85,115	87,129	86,087	85,905	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	27,082	26,877	26,034	25,552	25,221	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	28,203	28,093	31,450	31,338	31,569	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,471	8,494	8,679	8,665	8,699	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	279	273	297	267	264	309
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	3.45	3.46	3.99	4.01	4.02	4.03
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.....1941-43=10..	46.05	45.02	46.02	46.31	46.83	47.14
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	49.05	47.84	49.19	49.51	50.17	50.53
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,608	1,657	1,595	1,614	1,607	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,875	10,927	11,286	11,311	11,519	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	126,665	129,804	143,848	149,122	150,528	150,945
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	7,071	7,071	7,529	7,434	7,511	.....
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	2,345	2,396	2,226	2,220	2,155	2,212
Percent of capacity 5/.....do.....	#95.3	#97.3	87.0	86.7	84.2	86.4
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	779	788	719	723	723	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	383	385	351	352	350	.....

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 May 27, 1957: Production, 2,246 thous. short tons; operating rate, 87.8 percent. *Monthly index for May 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index:						
All items.....1947-49=100..	114.7	114.9	118.2	118.7	118.9	1/119.3
Apparel.....do.....	104.8	104.8	106.4	106.1	106.8	106.5
Food.....do.....	109.0	109.6	112.8	113.6	113.2	113.8
Dairy products.....do.....	106.9	106.4	111.2	111.1	110.7	110.5
Fruits and vegetables.....do.....	114.8	116.7	116.9	116.5	116.1	118.7
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	92.8	94.0	99.0	101.4	100.6	102.0
Housing.....do.....	120.7	120.8	123.8	124.5	124.9	125.2
Gas and electricity.....do.....	111.7	111.8	112.3	112.4	112.4	112.4
Housefurnishings.....do.....	103.1	102.7	104.0	105.0	104.9	105.1
Rent.....do.....	131.6	131.7	134.2	134.2	134.4	134.5
Medical care.....do.....	131.4	131.6	135.3	135.5	136.4	136.9
Personal care.....do.....	119.2	119.5	122.1	122.6	122.9	123.3
Reading and recreation.....do.....	107.7	108.2	109.9	110.0	110.5	111.8
Transportation.....do.....	126.7	126.4	133.6	134.4	135.1	135.5
Private.....do.....	116.8	116.5	123.8	124.5	125.2	125.5
Public.....do.....	170.8	170.8	174.9	175.8	175.8	176.8
Other goods and services.....do.....	121.2	121.4	123.8	124.0	124.2	124.2
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....do.....	88.7	88.0	85.5	85.5	85.5	2/85.3
Consumer prices.....do.....	87.2	87.0	84.6	84.2	84.1	2/83.8
Retail food prices.....do.....	91.7	91.2	88.7	88.0	88.3	2/87.9
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
Construction cost index (E. H. Boeckh and Associates):						
Average, 20 cities:						
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	272.4	274.1	282.7	283.1	283.5	284.3
Brick and steel.....do.....	268.7	270.3	278.3	278.5	278.8	279.1
Brick and wood.....do.....	271.6	273.4	277.9	278.3	278.4	278.9
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do.....	280.4	282.3	291.3	291.8	292.4	293.5
Brick and steel.....do.....	278.4	280.0	290.3	291.3	291.6	292.5
Brick and wood.....do.....	269.9	271.5	277.4	278.1	278.2	278.7

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE - Continued						
Construction cost index (E. H. Boeckh and Assoc.) - Cont.						
Commercial and factory buildings - Continued						
Frame.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	271.4	273.6	275.4	275.3	275.4	275.9
Steel.....do....	263.3	264.6	276.8	278.4	278.7	279.1
Residences:						
Brick.....do....	272.1	273.8	278.3	278.6	278.7	279.3
Frame.....do....	266.2	268.2	270.7	270.8	270.9	271.3
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	12,499	5,562	5,279	7,486	12,145	6,142
Receipts, net.....do....	11,313	4,082	4,809	6,188	10,737	4,256
Customs.....do....	59	59	64	53	66	65
Income and employment taxes.....do....	11,344	4,461	3,903	6,313	10,887	4,799
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....do....	963	894	978	963	1,053	1,008
All other receipts.....do....	133	147	3,33	157	129	270
Expenditures.....do....	5,399	5,387	6,095	5,743	5,584	5,987
Interest on public debt.....do....	559	565	651	585	601	604
All other expenditures.....do....	4,840	4,823	5,444	5,158	4,983	5,383
Life insurance written (new paid-for insurance):						
Value, estimated total.....mil. of dol..	4,589	4,188	4,269	4,898	5,524	5,753
Group and wholesales.....do....	1,025	847	682	1,242	1,118	1,469
Industrial.....do....	571	512	464	495	549	536
Ordinary.....do....	2,993	2,829	3,123	3,161	3,857	3,748
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	41,851	45,006	53,628	41,227	41,136	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do....	79,150	71,802	85,428	74,946	76,985	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	1,728	1,412	1,491	1,512	1,208	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	1/10,166	1/9,162	7,978	8,955	9,796	.....
DDT.....thous. of lb..	11,083	10,967	10,878	9,311	11,522	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do....	6,791	6,820	8,748	5,702	6,371	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do....	81,632	80,315	93,089	82,526	89,577	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do....	121,906	112,692	109,149	105,976	111,620	.....
Methanol:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	189	204	171	166	197	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do....	20,703	19,078	20,503	18,144	18,771	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	29,625	28,271	25,561	27,242	27,080	.....
Vegetable oils, oilseeds, and byproducts:						
Copra:						
Consumption.....short tons..	24,593	26,708	30,277	24,480	26,621	27,222
Stocks.....do....	23,023	21,444	16,787	18,177	27,178	20,235
Coconut or copra oil:						
Production, crude.....thous. of lb..	31,511	33,716	38,967	31,114	34,031	34,459
Cottonseed:						
Receipts at mills.....thous. of short tons..	38	16	114	43	25	10
Consumption (crush).....do....	497	387	613	492	400	278
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	895	523	1,624	1,176	801	533
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production.....short tons..	229,954	179,398	293,321	238,857	192,415	135,735
Stocks.....do....	250,690	258,381	194,737	228,210	263,956	279,436
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude.....thous. of lb..	170,524	136,275	207,691	170,419	139,383	99,742
Linseed oil, raw:						
Production.....do....	63,428	43,243	46,864	45,657	52,970	31,106
Soybeans:						
Consumption.....thous. of bu..	25,365	25,259	28,420	26,622	28,909	26,899
Stocks, end of month.....do....	67,366	57,931	65,517	56,332	44,232	31,967
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude.....thous. of lb..	281,442	280,688	305,156	287,218	313,006	293,635
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	4,296	3,606	3,491	3,292	4,253	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	8,007	7,376	7,456	7,187	8,095	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	501	513	377	429	379	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do....	585	429	525	375	500	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	43,935	42,807	41,373	37,064	39,816	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	43,272	48,812	43,507	46,097	51,041	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	25,161	23,360	23,097	22,556	25,910	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	66,675	65,487	67,096	64,005	70,419	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	33,482	31,566	34,948	29,980	32,021	.....
Rosin modifications.....do....	11,468	11,819	10,848	10,517	9,951	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	5,986	5,855	7,265	7,187	8,618	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	40,567	42,205	52,394	49,800	56,587	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	13,829	13,902	14,829	13,080	15,428	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb..						
Beef and veal.....do....	2,127.6	1,930.1	2,199.0	1,843.3	1,932.0	1,866.0
Lamb and mutton.....do....	958.9	945.0	1,111.7	902.5	918.1	906.1
Pork, including lard.....do....	59.3	53.8	64.8	53.9	49.5	50.6
Lard.....do....	1,109.4	931.3	1,022.6	886.9	964.4	909.2
Lard.....do....	224.1	182.8	196.4	172.8	190.8	182.1

1/ Incomplete; comparable amount for February 1956 is 8,047,000 gallons.

ITEM	1956		1957			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Steel forgings (for sales):						
Orders, unfilled, total.....thous. of short tons..	577.7	569.4	536.9	532.9	517.0	.....
Shipments, total.....do.....	158.9	150.0	147.7	135.0	145.8	.....
Drop and upset.....do.....	122.2	114.8	113.0	102.2	107.9	.....
Pig iron, production.....do.....	7,149	6,925	7,282	6,658	7,247	6,871
Barrels and drums, steel, heavy types (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....thousands..	2,278	2,322	2,308	2,152	2,198	.....
Shipments.....do.....	2,251	2,294	1,907	1,803	1,911	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	61	59	69	64	62	.....
Machine tools (metal-cutting):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	89.50	79.30	63.25	58.20	r58.90	p51.30
Domestic.....do.....	80.05	74.00	56.30	51.10	r51.30	p45.65
Shipments, total.....do.....	74.15	71.80	76.55	77.70	r89.10	p88.10
Domestic.....do.....	67.85	65.00	67.55	72.05	r78.80	p77.90
Estimated backlog.....months..	8.6	8.4	6.0	5.8	5.5	p5.0
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	395.7	352.9	276.7	300.9	312.7	281.6
Washers, domestic, sales billed <u>1</u> /.....do.....	405.7	324.2	331.3	319.6	286.2	230.7
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	49,953	47,369	52,631	46,427	r48,263	45,072
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	109,974	109,822	101,758	100,253	r97,820	102,802
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do.....	94,389	91,602	94,277	83,235	93,916	82,340
Consumption.....do.....	77,715	74,479	85,490	77,260	r81,650	76,121
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	150,995	155,410	193,724	184,808	r181,813	173,920
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS						
Glass containers:						
Production.....thous. of gross..	11,790	11,938	11,657	11,057	12,617	11,695
Shipments, domestic, total.....do.....	12,010	10,642	10,022	9,710	11,109	11,021
General-use food:						
Narrow-neck food.....do.....	1,020	1,014	948	892	1,100	1,091
Wide-mouth food (incl. packers' tumblers, jelly glasses, and fruit jars).....do.....	2,826	2,781	2,997	2,843	3,049	2,963
Beverage.....do.....	1,656	808	484	515	799	961
Beer bottles.....do.....	940	984	577	508	889	911
Liquor and wine.....do.....	1,340	1,216	963	1,061	1,190	1,060
Medicinal and toilet.....do.....	2,997	2,673	2,902	2,791	2,899	2,810
Chemical, household and industrial.....do.....	1,028	978	967	942	1,024	1,076
Dairy products.....do.....	203	188	184	158	159	149
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	14,673	15,705	14,976	16,107	17,318	17,793
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Cotton: <u>2</u> /						
Consumption.....bales..	916,176	722,551	840,567	684,366	690,627	807,979
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total....thousands..	20,888	r20,838	20,231	20,161	19,985	19,929
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....	19,350	19,290	18,725	18,639	18,457	18,365
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total..mil. of hr..	12,563	r9,995	11,599	9,411	9,400	11,281
Average per working day.....do.....	503	500	464	471	437	451
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....	11,740	9,324	10,790	8,749	8,731	10,461

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Figures beginning January 1957 exclude sales of combination washer-dryer units (included in earlier data); data; sales of such types totaled 73,000 units in the first four months of 1957. 2/ Data for March 1956 and January and April 1957 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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