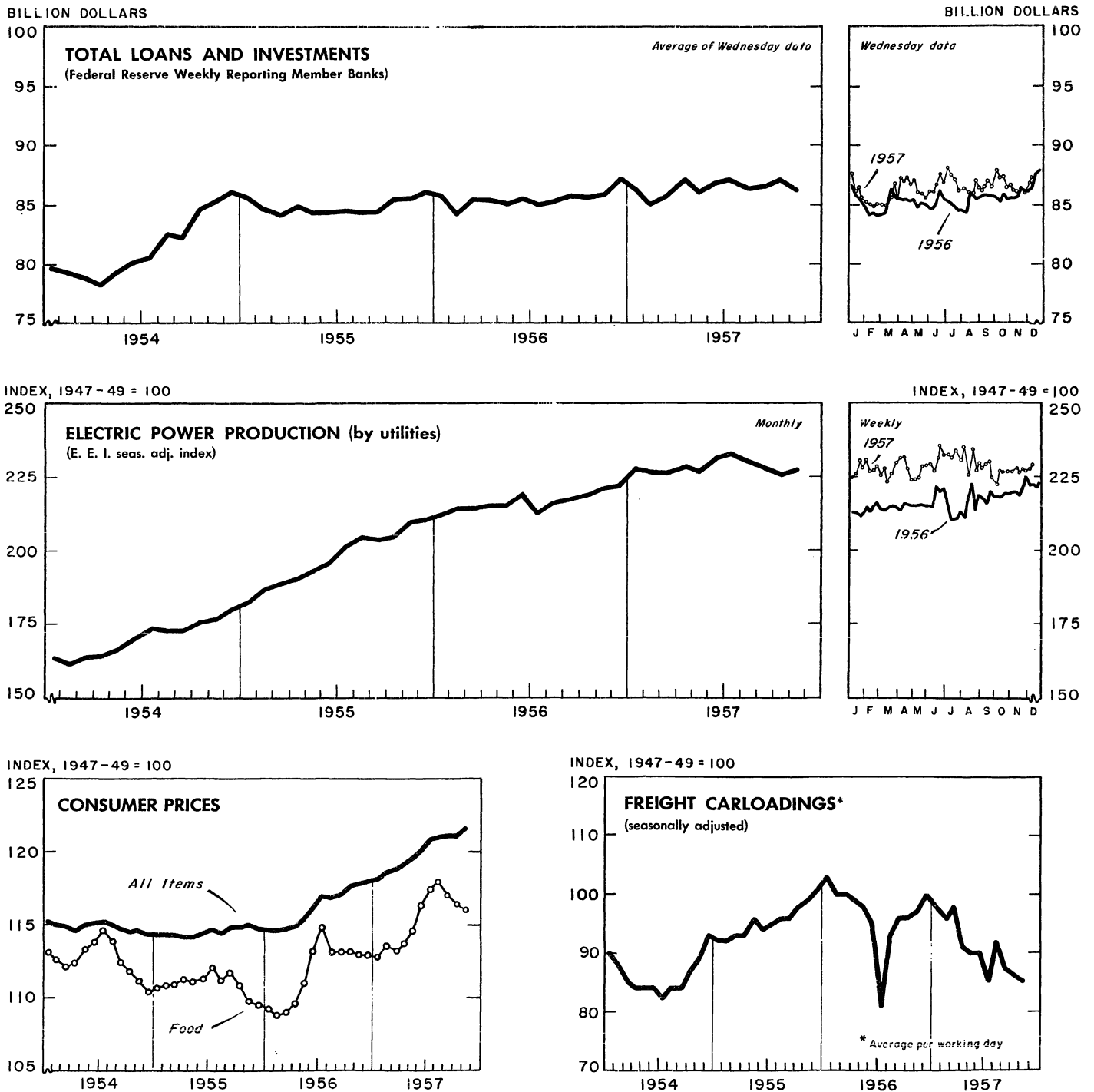


BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

| ITEM | 1956 | | 1957 | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Dec. 15 | Dec. 22 | Nov. 30 | Dec. 7 | Dec. 14 | Dec. 21 |
| Commodity prices, wholesale: | | | | | | |
| All commodities.....1947-49=100..... | | *116.3 | | 117.9 | 118.1 | 118.2 |
| Farm products.....do..... | | *88.9 | | 91.6 | 91.8 | 92.8 |
| Foods, processed.....do..... | | *103.1 | | 106.3 | 107.0 | 107.3 |
| All other.....do..... | | *124.7 | | 125.7 | 125.8 | 125.8 |
| 22 commodities 2/.....do..... | 93.2 | 92.3 | 84.4 | 84.5 | 84.9 | 84.7 |
| Department store sales.....do..... | 260 | 265 | 159 | 215 | 267 | |
| Insured unemployment, total.....thous..... | 1,312 | 1,292 | **1,850 | 2,009 | | |
| State programs.....do..... | 1,206 | 1,186 | **1,689 | 1,841 | | |
| Finance: | | | | | | |
| Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol.. | 31,660 | 31,835 | 31,431 | 31,666 | 31,827 | 31,973 |
| Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do.... | 26,633 | 27,223 | 25,325 | 25,387 | 25,617 | 26,218 |
| Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do..... | 19,220 | 19,535 | 18,907 | 19,023 | 19,027 | 19,483 |
| Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do..... | 567 | 613 | 489 | 487 | 432 | 636 |
| Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: 4/ | | | | | | |
| Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol.. | 58,266 | 58,148 | 55,464 | 55,389 | 56,630 | |
| Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do.... | 21,871 | 21,956 | 23,767 | 23,814 | 23,934 | |
| Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.... | 86,473 | 87,704 | 86,072 | 86,858 | 87,386 | |
| U. S. Government obligations.....do..... | 25,884 | 26,578 | 25,010 | 25,619 | 25,630 | |
| Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do.... | 30,811 | 31,266 | 31,527 | 31,573 | 31,813 | |
| Real-estate loans (gross).....do..... | 8,856 | 8,865 | 8,777 | 8,761 | 8,780 | |
| Failures, industrial and commercial.....number.. | 249 | 214 | 235 | 287 | 269 | |
| Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent.. | 3.97 | 4.00 | 4.47 | 4.44 | 4.36 | 4.29 |
| Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.....1941-43=10.. | 46.13 | 46.43 | 41.25 | 41.54 | 40.51 | 39.38 |
| Industrials, 425 stocks.....do..... | 49.43 | 49.79 | 44.41 | 44.71 | 43.53 | 42.19 |
| Production: | | | | | | |
| Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons.. | 1,806 | 1,809 | 1,618 | 1,500 | 1,485 | |
| Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr.. | 12,220 | 12,227 | 11,613 | 12,315 | 12,570 | |
| Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number.. | 182,548 | 177,735 | 132,107 | 162,233 | 168,194 | 160,697 |
| Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl.. | 7,355 | 7,376 | 6,829 | 6,850 | 6,884 | |
| Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons.. | 2,522 | 2,525 | 1,846 | 1,831 | 1,770 | 1,742 |
| Percent of capacity 5/.....do..... | #102.4 | #102.6 | 72.1 | 71.5 | 69.2 | 68.1 |
| Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars.. | 717 | 698 | 554 | 618 | 603 | |
| Miscellaneous.....do..... | 367 | 354 | 284 | 314 | 307 | |

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning December 23, 1957: Production, 1,374 thous. short tons; operating rate, 53.7 percent. * Monthly index for December 1956. ** Revised data for preceding week: Total, 1,635; State programs, 1,490. # Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

| ITEM | 1956 | | 1957 | | | |
|--|---------|----------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|
| | October | November | August | September | October | November |
| COMMODITY PRICES | | | | | | |
| Consumer price index, all items.....1947-49=100.. | 117.7 | 117.8 | 121.0 | 121.1 | 121.1 | 1/121.6 |
| Apparel.....do..... | 106.8 | 107.0 | 106.6 | 107.3 | 107.7 | 107.9 |
| Food.....do..... | 113.1 | 112.9 | 117.9 | 117.0 | 116.4 | 116.0 |
| Dairy products.....do..... | 110.7 | 111.1 | 111.5 | 113.1 | 114.2 | 114.5 |
| Fruits and vegetables.....do..... | 113.9 | 115.8 | 121.3 | 114.8 | 114.5 | 114.6 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish.....do..... | 100.8 | 98.8 | 111.9 | 110.3 | 106.3 | 104.6 |
| Housing.....do..... | 122.8 | 123.0 | 125.7 | 126.3 | 126.6 | 126.8 |
| Gas and electricity.....do..... | 112.0 | 111.8 | 113.3 | 113.7 | 113.8 | 114.3 |
| Housefurnishings.....do..... | 103.6 | 103.8 | 103.9 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.5 |
| Rent.....do..... | 133.4 | 133.8 | 135.4 | 135.7 | 136.0 | 136.3 |
| Medical care.....do..... | 134.1 | 134.5 | 138.6 | 139.0 | 139.7 | 140.3 |
| Personal care.....do..... | 120.8 | 121.4 | 124.9 | 125.1 | 126.2 | 126.7 |
| Reading and recreation.....do..... | 108.5 | 109.0 | 112.6 | 113.3 | 113.4 | 114.4 |
| Transportation.....do..... | 132.6 | 133.2 | 135.9 | 135.9 | 135.8 | 140.0 |
| Private.....do..... | 122.9 | 123.5 | 125.6 | 125.5 | 125.4 | 129.7 |
| Public.....do..... | 173.0 | 173.4 | 180.6 | 181.1 | 181.6 | 182.8 |
| Other goods and services.....do..... | 123.0 | 123.2 | 126.7 | 126.7 | 126.8 | 126.8 |
| Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by-- | | | | | | |
| Wholesale prices.....do..... | 86.5 | 86.3 | 84.5 | 84.7 | r84.9 | 2/84.7 |
| Consumer prices.....do..... | 85.0 | 84.9 | 82.6 | 82.6 | 82.6 | 2/82.2 |
| 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.. | 281.0 | 281.4 | 290.6 | 291.0 | 290.6 | 290.7 |
| Brick and steel.....do..... | 276.9 | 277.3 | 284.8 | 285.0 | 284.5 | 284.3 |
| Brick and wood.....do..... | 277.0 | 277.3 | 283.2 | 283.2 | 282.3 | 282.1 |
| Commercial and factory buildings: | | | | | | |
| Brick and concrete.....do..... | 289.2 | 289.6 | 300.1 | 300.7 | 300.3 | 300.5 |
| Brick and steel.....do..... | 288.8 | 289.1 | 300.2 | 300.8 | 300.3 | 300.5 |
| Brick and wood.....do..... | 276.0 | 276.3 | 283.3 | 283.5 | 282.3 | 282.2 |
| Frame.....do..... | 275.3 | 275.5 | 280.2 | 279.8 | 278.6 | 278.4 |
| Steel.....do..... | 275.1 | 276.1 | 287.9 | 288.5 | 288.2 | 288.3 |

| ITEM | 1956 | | 1957 | | | |
|---|---------|----------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|
| | October | November | August | September | October | November |
| CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE -- Continued | | | | | | |
| Construction cost index (E. H. Boeckh and Associates) -- Con. Average, 20 cities -- Continued | | | | | | |
| Residences: | | | | | | |
| Brick.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100.. | 277.4 | 277.6 | 283.6 | 283.6 | 282.1 | 282.5 |
| Frame.....do.....do..... | 270.3 | 270.6 | 275.2 | 275.0 | 274.0 | 273.7 |
| FINANCE | | | | | | |
| Agricultural loans and discounts outstanding of agencies supervised by the Farm Credit Adm.: | | | | | | |
| Total.....mil. of dol.. | 2,966 | 2,960 | 3,345 | 3,354 | 3,354 | 3,329 |
| Farm mortgage loans: Federal land banks.....do.... | 1,709 | 1,724 | 1,887 | 1,896 | 1,904 | 1,908 |
| Loans to cooperatives.....do.....do..... | 441 | 462 | 420 | 430 | 451 | 452 |
| Other loans and discounts.....do.....do..... | 816 | 774 | 1,038 | 1,027 | 999 | 969 |
| Federal Government finance: | | | | | | |
| Receipts, total.....do.....do..... | 3,660 | 5,705 | 6,475 | 8,109 | 3,796 | 5,845 |
| Receipts, net.....do.....do..... | 3,184 | 4,818 | 5,128 | 7,225 | 3,131 | 4,827 |
| Customs.....do.....do..... | 75 | 63 | 65 | 65 | 76 | 67 |
| Individual income taxes.....do.....do..... | 1,526 | 3,436 | 3,806 | 3,986 | 1,537 | 3,512 |
| Corporation income and profits taxes.....do..... | 451 | 380 | 355 | 2,304 | 429 | 367 |
| Employment taxes.....do.....do..... | 207 | 662 | 1,003 | 540 | 363 | 740 |
| Other internal revenue and receipts.....do..... | 1,400 | 1,165 | 1,245 | 1,214 | 1,391 | 1,158 |
| Expenditures.....do.....do..... | 5,995 | 5,726 | 5,930 | 5,667 | 6,501 | 5,806 |
| Interest on public debt.....do.....do..... | 582 | 580 | 628 | 630 | 641 | 636 |
| All other expenditures.....do.....do..... | 5,413 | 5,146 | 5,302 | 5,037 | 5,860 | 5,169 |
| TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | | | | | | |
| Hotels: | | | | | | |
| Average sale per occupied room.....dollars.. | 8.58 | 8.39 | 8.79 | 8.58 | 9.01 | 8.81 |
| Rooms occupied.....percent of total.. | 81 | 69 | 68 | 71 | 77 | 67 |
| Restaurant sales index.....same month 1929=100.. | 278 | 257 | 270 | 271 | 272 | 267 |
| CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS | | | | | | |
| Organic chemicals, production: | | | | | | |
| Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb.. | 49,343 | 46,853 | 51,726 | 50,725 | 46,770 | ..... |
| Acetic anhydride.....do.....do..... | 70,277 | 75,122 | 76,886 | 81,027 | 84,238 | ..... |
| Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do.....do..... | 1,356 | 1,488 | 1,240 | 1,569 | 1,907 | ..... |
| Creosote oil.....thous. of gal.. | 11,699 | 12,172 | 10,895 | 9,812 | 10,244 | ..... |
| DDT.....thous. of lb.. | 10,949 | 10,641 | 9,306 | 9,193 | 8,932 | ..... |
| Ethyl acetate (85%).....do.....do..... | 10,171 | 8,285 | 7,416 | 6,938 | 9,801 | ..... |
| Ethylene glycol.....do.....do..... | 95,494 | 90,119 | 109,117 | 105,236 | 104,543 | ..... |
| Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do.....do..... | 119,056 | 116,914 | 103,324 | 105,068 | 123,410 | ..... |
| Methanol: | | | | | | |
| Natural (100%).....thous. of gal.. | 189 | 156 | 165 | 101 | 107 | ..... |
| Synthetic (100%).....do.....do..... | 20,004 | 19,408 | 18,000 | 16,489 | 18,665 | ..... |
| Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb.. | 27,002 | 25,041 | 24,240 | 29,653 | 30,317 | ..... |
| Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production: | | | | | | |
| Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics: | | | | | | |
| Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb.. | 3,837 | 3,374 | 3,580 | 4,186 | 3,813 | ..... |
| Molding and extrusion materials.....do..... | 9,390 | 9,291 | 7,200 | 9,098 | 9,663 | ..... |
| Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do..... | 396 | 365 | 318 | 281 | 330 | ..... |
| Other cellulose plastics.....do.....do..... | 564 | 551 | 511 | 495 | 546 | ..... |
| Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do..... | 43,493 | 40,145 | 37,043 | 37,406 | 45,317 | ..... |
| Polystyrene.....do.....do..... | 48,789 | 44,467 | 46,520 | 48,496 | 53,417 | ..... |
| Urea and melamine resins.....do.....do..... | 25,691 | 24,269 | 23,597 | 23,486 | 25,933 | ..... |
| Vinyl resins.....do.....do..... | 67,176 | 65,900 | 72,263 | 72,238 | 77,088 | ..... |
| Alkyd resins.....do.....do..... | 35,383 | 34,509 | 29,228 | 29,993 | 32,979 | ..... |
| Rosin modifications.....do.....do..... | 10,908 | 11,553 | 10,048 | 10,442 | 10,991 | ..... |
| Polyester resins.....do.....do..... | 6,473 | 6,542 | 7,336 | 6,664 | 7,976 | ..... |
| Polyethylene resins.....do.....do..... | 49,110 | 51,421 | 58,349 | 60,184 | 62,552 | ..... |
| Miscellaneous.....do.....do..... | 13,363 | 13,977 | 15,313 | 15,874 | 17,681 | ..... |
| METALS AND MANUFACTURES | | | | | | |
| Pig iron, production.....thous. of short tons.. | | | | | | |
| | 7,316 | 7,037 | 6,782 | 6,628 | 6,519 | 5,780 |
| Steel forgings (for sale): | | | | | | |
| Orders, unfilled, total.....thous. of short tons.. | 538.7 | 553.4 | 417.5 | 396.9 | 400.6 | ..... |
| Shipments, total.....do.....do..... | 148.3 | 134.5 | 115.4 | 116.9 | 125.6 | ..... |
| Drop and upset.....do.....do..... | 110.8 | 100.3 | 88.4 | 86.3 | 93.6 | ..... |
| Press and open hammer.....do.....do..... | 37.5 | 34.2 | 27.0 | 30.6 | 31.9 | ..... |
| Industrial trucks (electric), shipments: | | | | | | |
| Hand (motorized).....number.. | 682 | 565 | 354 | 476 | 600 | ..... |
| Ridor-type.....do.....do..... | 491 | 501 | 242 | 302 | 373 | ..... |
| Industrial trucks and tractors (gasoline-powered), shipments.....number.. | | | | | | |
| | 2,191 | 2,206 | 1,926 | 1,661 | 1,639 | ..... |
| PAPER AND PRINTING | | | | | | |
| Newsprint, Canada (including Newfoundland): | | | | | | |
| Production.....thous. of short tons.. | 582.1 | 559.5 | 560.3 | 486.6 | 548.7 | 504.9 |
| Shipments from mills.....do.....do..... | 578.4 | 543.5 | 524.0 | 512.9 | 544.4 | 520.5 |
| Stocks, at mills, end of month.....do..... | 122.2 | 138.2 | 206.2 | 179.9 | 184.1 | 168.6 |
| Newsprint, United States: | | | | | | |
| Consumption by publishers.....do.....do..... | 476.9 | 467.7 | 386.4 | 434.3 | 465.4 | 453.0 |
| Production.....do.....do..... | 154.0 | 142.5 | 156.5 | 133.8 | 146.8 | 140.4 |
| Shipments from mills.....do.....do..... | 153.4 | 142.4 | 153.7 | 132.7 | 145.3 | 143.1 |

| ITEM | 1956 | | 1957 | | | |
|--|---------|----------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|
| | October | November | August | September | October | November |
| PAPER AND PRINTING -- Continued | | | | | | |
| Newsprint, United States -- Continued | | | | | | |
| Stocks, end of month: | | | | | | |
| At mills.....thous. of short tons.. | 8.7 | 8.8 | 15.9 | 17.0 | 18.5 | 15.7 |
| At publishers.....do.... | 516.5 | 510.0 | 704.9 | 673.4 | 665.2 | 628.0 |
| In transit to publishers.....do.... | 114.8 | 112.3 | 100.6 | 107.7 | 87.3 | 94.8 |
| RUBBER AND PRODUCTS | | | | | | |
| Tires and tubes: | | | | | | |
| Pneumatic casings: | | | | | | |
| Production.....thousands.. | 8,799 | 7,641 | 8,917 | 8,641 | 9,708 | ..... |
| Shipments, total.....do.... | r7,765 | 7,518 | 9,833 | 7,723 | 8,154 | ..... |
| Original equipment.....do.... | 2,908 | 3,516 | 3,214 | 1,688 | 2,620 | ..... |
| Stocks, end of month.....do.... | 18,775 | 18,803 | 18,477 | 19,393 | 20,985 | ..... |
| Inner tubes: | | | | | | |
| Production.....do.... | 3,025 | 2,585 | 3,134 | 3,365 | 3,764 | ..... |
| Shipments.....do.... | 2,877 | 2,792 | 3,683 | 3,483 | 3,172 | ..... |
| Stocks, end of month.....do.... | 6,469 | 6,250 | 5,966 | 6,174 | 6,909 | ..... |
| TEXTILE PRODUCTS | | | | | | |
| Cotton: 1/ | | | | | | |
| Consumption.....bales.. | 726,669 | r870,069 | 666,549 | 659,651 | 819,816 | 656,205 |
| Manufactures: | | | | | | |
| Spindle activity (cotton system spindles): | | | | | | |
| Active spindles, last working day.....thousands.. | 20,351 | r20,294 | 19,704 | 19,769 | 19,753 | 19,747 |
| Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.... | 18,839 | 18,786 | 18,079 | 18,147 | 18,130 | 18,133 |
| Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total...mil. of hr.. | 9,909 | r11,987 | 9,123 | 9,171 | 11,401 | 8,963 |
| Average per working day.....do.... | 496 | r480 | 456 | 459 | 456 | 448 |
| Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.... | 9,162 | 11,145 | 8,368 | 8,441 | 10,475 | 8,231 |
| TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT | | | | | | |
| Truck trailers, production, total.....number.. | | | | | | |
| Complete trailers.....do.... | 5,448 | 4,758 | 5,258 | 4,667 | 4,598 | ..... |
| Vans.....do.... | 5,093 | 4,567 | 4,322 | 4,184 | 4,369 | ..... |
| Trailer chassis.....do.... | 2,918 | 2,524 | 2,529 | 2,522 | 2,512 | ..... |
| Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute: | 355 | 191 | 936 | 483 | 229 | ..... |
| Freight cars: | | | | | | |
| Shipments, total.....do.... | 5,666 | 6,740 | 8,887 | 8,500 | 8,328 | 7,260 |
| Equipment manufacturers, total.....do.... | 3,728 | 4,367 | 4,716 | 4,947 | 4,850 | 4,033 |
| Domestic.....do.... | 3,728 | 4,322 | 4,587 | 4,897 | 4,817 | 3,915 |
| Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do.... | 1,938 | 2,373 | 4,171 | 3,553 | 3,478 | 3,227 |
| New orders, total.....do.... | 6,642 | 4,042 | r3,102 | r3,212 | 2,212 | 1,090 |
| Equipment manufacturers, total.....do.... | 4,527 | 1,592 | 1,082 | r1,708 | 532 | 977 |
| Domestic.....do.... | 4,407 | 1,592 | 1,068 | r1,708 | 526 | 957 |
| Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do.... | 2,115 | 2,450 | r2,020 | 1,504 | 1,680 | 113 |
| Unfilled orders, end of month.....do.... | 122,522 | 119,853 | 80,477 | 73,150 | 66,860 | 60,238 |
| Equipment manufacturers, total.....do.... | 61,431 | 58,636 | 36,203 | 32,954 | 28,602 | 25,442 |
| Domestic.....do.... | 61,159 | 58,409 | 34,984 | 31,785 | 27,460 | 24,398 |
| Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do.... | 61,091 | 61,217 | 44,274 | 40,196 | 38,258 | 34,796 |
| Passenger cars (equipment manufacturers): | | | | | | |
| Shipments, total.....do.... | 26 | 5 | 43 | 187 | 387 | 5 |
| Domestic.....do.... | 25 | 5 | 40 | 185 | 376 | 5 |
| Unfilled orders, end of month, total.....do.... | 706 | 791 | 678 | 507 | 143 | 134 |
| Domestic.....do.... | 684 | 679 | 677 | 492 | 139 | 134 |

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