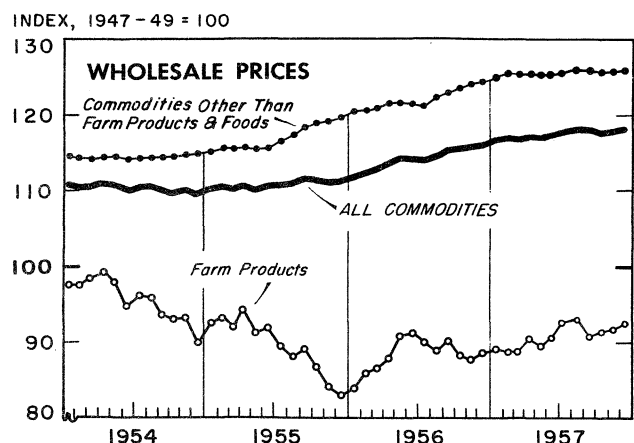
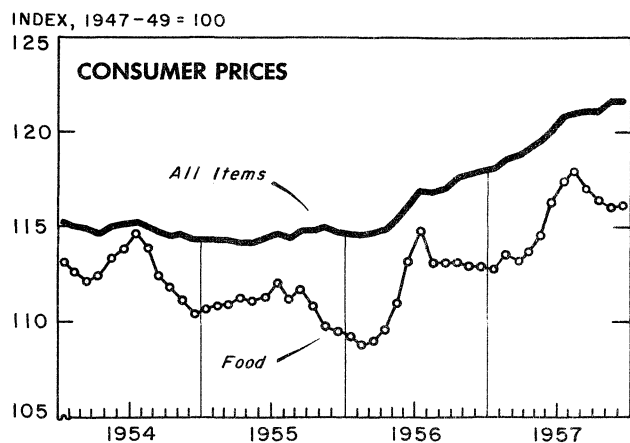
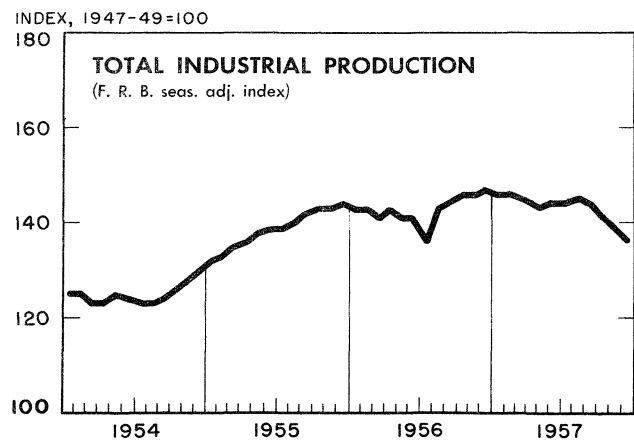
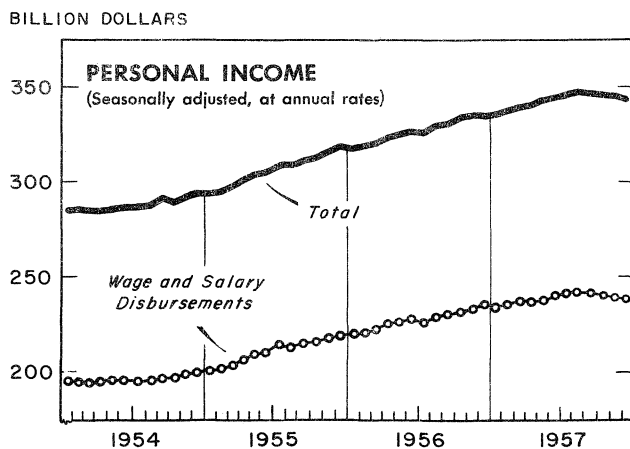
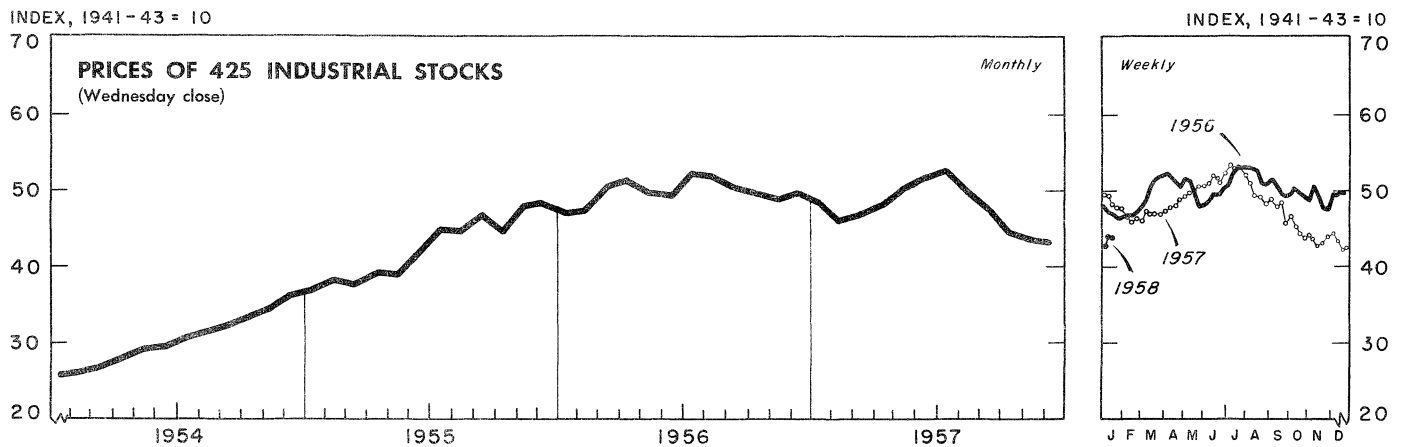


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



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ITEM	1957			1958		
	Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Dec. 28	Jan. 4	Jan. 11	Jan. 18
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*116.9			118.7	118.7
Farm products.....do.....		*89.3			93.5	93.8
Foods, processed.....do.....		*104.3			108.3	109.0
All other.....do.....		*125.2			126.0	125.9
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	92.0	92.3	84.7	84.3	84.8	84.6
Department store sales.....do.....	107	100	148	95	108	
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,838	1,837	2,521	2,977		
State programs.....do.....	1,706	1,705	2,325	2,770		
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. of dol..	31,479	31,108	32,089	31,959	31,553	31,207
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	26,809	25,954	26,687	26,623	26,100	25,390
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do.....	19,701	19,300	19,666	19,707	19,658	19,348
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do.....	730	535	714	730	743	623
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	57,760	58,523	56,169	56,887	56,356	
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	22,204	22,329	24,140	24,342	24,314	
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	86,198	86,503	88,487	88,987	87,744	
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	26,272	26,823	26,087	26,423	26,087	
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross)....do....	30,753	30,595	32,288	32,237	31,651	
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,832	8,831	8,772	8,762	8,750	
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	256	278	166	203	324	260
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	4.06	4.05	**4.23	4.17	4.13	4.09
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /...1941-43=100..	46.16	45.23	39.52	39.99	40.99	40.99
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	49.31	48.18	42.36	42.86	43.93	43.84
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,708	1,654	1,138	1,405	1,450	
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	12,327	12,556	11,218	11,692	12,506	
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	167,451	167,912	92,342	89,357	138,068	128,197
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	7,396	7,431	6,940	6,863	6,850	
Steel <u>5</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	2,519	2,467	1,366	1,501	1,515	1,538
Percent of capacity.....do.....	98.4	96.4	53.4	#55.6	#56.1	#57.0
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	681	657	410	472	569	
Miscellaneous.....do.....	349	336	210	241	283	

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Daily average. ⁴/ Wednesday data. ⁵/ Week beginning January 20, 1958; Production, 1,500 thous. short tons. * Monthly index for January 1957. ** Revisions for weeks ended December 14 and 21: 4.35 and 4.27. # Based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons); not comparable with 1957 rates which are based on January 1, 1957, annual capacity (133,459,150 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956		1957			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Personal income, by source:						
Seasonally adjusted, at annual rates:						
Total personal income.....bil. of dol..	334.9	334.8	346.6	345.9	345.4	342.8
Wage and salary disbursements, total.....do....	233.1	235.3	241.5	240.1	r239.5	238.8
Commodity-producing industries.....do.....	101.2	102.7	102.2	101.3	r100.9	100.0
Distributive industries.....do.....	61.4	61.6	64.8	64.3	r64.2	64.3
Service industries.....do.....	31.9	32.2	33.9	34.0	34.1	34.2
Government.....do.....	38.6	38.8	40.6	40.5	40.3	40.3
Other labor income.....do.....	7.7	7.7	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Proprietors' and rental income.....do.....	50.7	50.2	51.1	50.8	r50.4	50.4
Personal interest income and dividends.....do....	30.4	28.5	31.6	31.7	31.7	29.7
Transfer payments.....do.....	18.9	19.0	21.2	22.1	22.6	22.7
Less personal contributions for social insurance..do....	5.9	5.9	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
Total nonagricultural income.....do.....	319.3	319.6	331.3	331.0	r330.3	327.3
Farm income and marketings:						
Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol..	3,425	2,789	2,954	3,610	3,267	
Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do.....	3,335	2,749	2,847	3,510	3,205	
Crops.....do.....	1,891	1,441	1,364	1,804	1,687	
Livestock and products, total.....do.....	1,444	1,308	1,483	1,706	1,518	
Dairy products.....do.....	355	367	365	375	363	
Meat animals.....do.....	771	649	831	1,003	826	
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	301	271	267	306	312	
Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..	137	113	117	144	131	
Crops.....do.....	176	134	127	168	157	
Livestock and products.....do.....	106	96	109	125	111	
Indexes of volume of farm marketings, unadjusted:						
All commodities.....do.....	158	127	130	167	151	
Crops.....do.....	182	134	135	190	178	
Livestock and products.....do.....	140	122	126	149	130	

ITEM	1956		1957			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS -- Continued						
Industrial production (FRB):						
Unadjusted, combined index.....1947-49=100..	147	144	145	145	141	p134
Manufactures.....do.....	149	146	147	147	143	p135
Durable manufactures.....do.....	166	166	159	r157	155	p148
Primary metals.....do.....	146	142	128	129	r121	p109
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do.....	181	183	172	171	171	p166
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	138	139	144	141	r138	p133
Machinery.....do.....	178	178	171	168	r163	p158
Transportation equipment.....do.....	218	225	190	r194	r207	p201
Instruments and related products.....do.....	174	175	174	172	r173	p168
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	122	125	125	124	r119	p119
Lumber and products.....do.....	117	104	121	119	106
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	161	156	162	r161	r153	p145
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	150	145	150	148	142	p135
Nondurable manufactures.....do.....	132	125	135	136	131	p123
Printing and publishing.....do.....	144	142	144	r146	r145	p142
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	143	145	144	r139	r135	p136
Minerals.....do.....	130	129	130	r129	r123	p120
Coal.....do.....	90	83	86	87	80	p73
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	149	155	147	r146	r144	p146
Adjusted, combined index.....do.....	146	147	144	141	139	p136
Manufactures.....do.....	147	149	146	142	r140	p138
Durable manufactures.....do.....	165	167	159	154	153	p148
Primary metals.....do.....	146	145	131	r128	r121	p111
Metal fabricating (including ordnance).....do.....	180	183	174	r168	r169	p164
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	139	141	140	136	r139	p136
Machinery.....do.....	175	177	170	162	r161	p157
Transportation equipment.....do.....	216	223	205	r200	r201	p195
Instruments and related products.....do.....	172	173	174	170	r171	p167
Furniture and fixtures.....do.....	119	120	121	119	115	p114
Lumber and products.....do.....	119	117	114	110	108
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	157	158	159	r153	r150	p147
Miscellaneous manufactures.....do.....	144	144	146	r139	r137	p133
Nondurable manufactures.....do.....	129	130	132	130	128	p127
Printing and publishing.....do.....	139	140	142	142	r140	p140
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	143	145	143	r139	r135	p136
Minerals.....do.....	130	130	129	r128	r123	p121
Coal.....do.....	87	80	82	80	77	p70
Crude oil and natural gas.....do.....	149	153	151	r151	r144	p145
Consumer durables output (FRB):						
Unadjusted index, total.....do.....	139	141	119	119	r141	p128
Major consumer durables.....do.....	151	154	118	119	r153	p137
Autos.....do.....	164	177	84	88	171	p151
Major household goods.....do.....	141	137	150	r147	138
Other consumer durables.....do.....	112	110	121	r120	r114	p107
Adjusted index, total.....do.....	132	141	129	121	r133	p127
Major consumer durables.....do.....	143	154	134	r125	r143	p135
Autos.....do.....	152	168	129	118	154	p140
Major household goods.....do.....	136	143	140	134	134
Other consumer durables.....do.....	109	113	116	r112	r111	p110
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index, all items.....1947-49=100..	117.8	118.0	121.1	121.1	121.6	<u>1</u> /121.6
Apparel.....do.....	107.0	107.0	107.3	107.7	107.9	107.6
Food.....do.....	112.9	112.9	117.0	116.4	116.0	116.1
Dairy products.....do.....	111.1	111.3	113.1	114.2	114.5	114.6
Fruits and vegetables.....do.....	115.8	117.4	114.8	114.5	114.6	113.9
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	98.8	98.0	110.3	106.3	104.6	106.0
Housing.....do.....	123.0	123.5	126.3	126.6	126.8	127.0
Gas and electricity.....do.....	111.8	112.0	113.7	113.8	114.3	114.3
Housefurnishings.....do.....	103.8	104.1	104.8	104.8	104.5	104.9
Rent.....do.....	133.8	134.2	135.7	136.0	136.3	136.7
Medical care.....do.....	134.5	134.7	139.0	139.7	140.3	140.8
Personal care.....do.....	121.4	121.8	125.1	126.2	126.7	127.0
Reading and recreation.....do.....	109.0	109.3	113.3	113.4	114.4	114.6
Transportation.....do.....	133.2	133.1	135.9	135.8	140.0	138.9
Private.....do.....	123.5	123.3	125.5	125.4	129.7	128.6
Public.....do.....	173.4	174.1	181.1	181.6	182.8	182.4
Other goods and services.....do.....	123.2	123.3	126.7	126.8	126.8	126.8
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....do.....	86.3	86.0	84.7	84.9	84.7	<u>2</u> /84.5
Consumer prices.....do.....	84.9	84.7	82.6	82.6	82.2	<u>2</u> /82.2
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....do.....	115.9	116.3	118.0	117.8	r118.1	118.4
Farm products.....do.....	87.9	88.9	91.0	91.5	91.9	92.6
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do.....	104.3	102.6	98.9	107.7	106.3	108.3
Grains.....do.....	87.9	88.8	81.2	80.6	80.9	80.5
Livestock and live poultry.....do.....	68.6	71.7	81.5	78.4	79.3	82.7
Foods, processed.....do.....	103.6	103.1	106.5	105.5	106.5	107.4
Cereal and bakery products.....do.....	115.8	115.4	116.7	117.3	117.6	118.3
Dairy products and ice cream.....do.....	113.6	112.6	112.4	113.7	114.5	114.7
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do.....	106.4	105.6	102.5	103.6	103.8	104.6
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	82.7	81.5	95.7	91.6	93.6	95.5

r/ Revised, p/ Preliminary, 1/ Index based on 1935-39=100 is 203.3, 2/ Indexes based on 1935-39=100 are as follows: Measured by-- wholesale prices, 44.2; consumer prices, 49.2.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1956		1957			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
COMMODITY PRICES -- Continued						
Wholesale price index -- Continued						
Commodities other than farm prod. and foods....1947-49=100..	124.2	124.7	126.0	125.8	r125.9	126.0
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	108.2	108.3	110.2	110.4	r110.3	110.5
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do....	111.2	114.0	116.1	115.8	r115.7	115.7
Furniture, other household durables.....do....	121.1	121.2	122.3	122.6	r122.7	123.3
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	99.8	99.2	100.3	100.4	r100.3	99.8
Lumber and wood products.....do....	121.5	121.0	117.8	117.3	r116.9	116.4
Machinery and motive products.....do....	143.4	143.6	146.9	147.7	r149.2	149.3
Metals and metal products.....do....	152.1	152.3	152.2	150.8	150.4	150.3
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do....	131.2	131.3	135.2	135.3	r135.4	135.7
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	127.8	128.0	130.1	130.9	r130.9	131.0
Rubber and products.....do....	146.9	147.9	146.5	146.2	144.7	145.7
Textile products and apparel.....do....	95.4	95.6	95.4	95.1	95.0	94.9
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do....	123.5	123.6	127.7	127.7	127.8	128.0
FINANCE						
Bonds:						
Yields, domestic corporate (Moody's).....percent..	3.90	3.99	4.44	4.46	4.49	4.33
By ratings: Aaa.....do....	3.69	3.75	4.12	4.10	4.08	3.81
Aa.....do....	3.76	3.85	4.26	4.28	4.29	4.08
A.....do....	3.90	3.98	4.43	4.46	4.50	4.38
Baa.....do....	4.24	4.37	4.93	4.99	5.09	5.03
By groups: Industrial.....do....	3.82	3.95	4.31	4.32	4.34	4.11
Public utility.....do....	3.86	3.93	4.45	4.48	4.49	4.34
Railroad.....do....	4.01	4.08	4.56	4.57	4.65	4.53
Stocks:						
Cash dividend payments publicly reported:						
Total dividend payments.....mil. of dol..	314.4	2,217.4	1,671.8	738.2	325.0	2,131.9
Finance.....do....	79.7	267.7	105.0	138.8	75.6	224.7
Manufacturing.....do....	127.6	1,372.9	1,126.8	263.5	134.6	1,375.2
Mining.....do....	6.4	217.0	134.6	8.0	2.4	172.9
Public utilities:						
Communications.....do....	1.2	45.3	41.2	141.1	1.3	45.9
Electric and gas.....do....	78.0	130.3	134.5	92.9	85.2	143.4
Railroad.....do....	3.4	91.5	61.5	22.1	4.3	81.6
Trade.....do....	10.7	55.8	42.5	64.1	14.1	53.6
Dividend yields (200 stocks), Moody's.....percent..	4.25	4.13	4.50	4.68	4.58	4.77
Industrial (125 stocks).....do....	4.05	3.90	4.27	4.45	4.36	4.58
Public utility (24 stocks).....do....	4.86	4.84	5.12	5.17	5.04	4.89
Railroad (25 stocks).....do....	6.02	6.01	7.34	7.82	7.71	8.31
Banks (15 stocks).....do....	4.37	4.41	4.81	5.08	4.84	5.09
Insurance (10 stocks).....do....	3.30	3.28	3.49	3.74	3.56	3.46
Cotton: 1/ TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Consumption.....bales..	870,069	630,339	659,651	819,816	656,205	571,287
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day.....thousands..	20,294	r20,241	19,769	19,753	19,747	19,730
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	18,786	18,786	18,147	18,130	18,133	18,144
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total...mil. of hr..	11,987	r8,618	9,171	11,401	8,963	7,951
Average per working day.....do....	480	r431	459	456	448	398
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	11,145	8,062	8,441	10,475	8,231	7,309

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