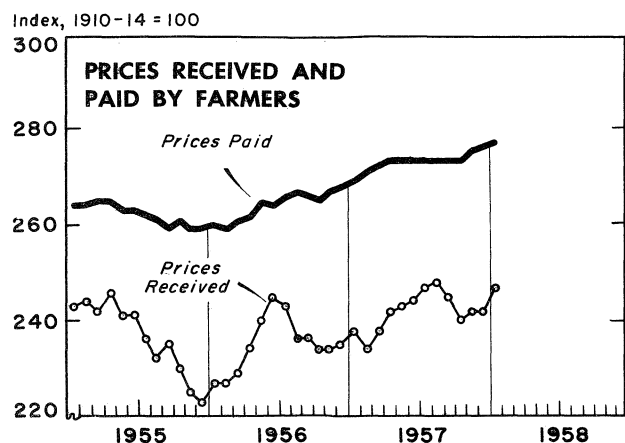
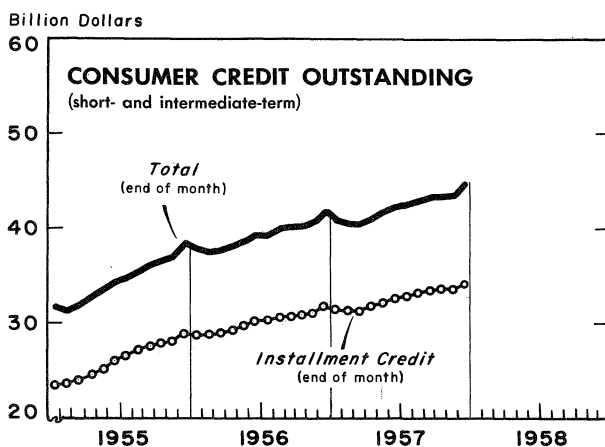
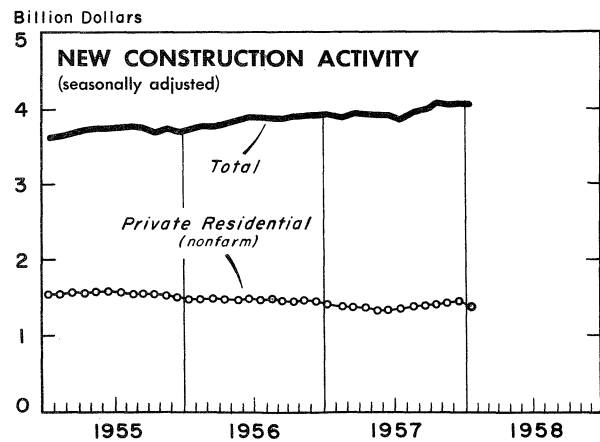
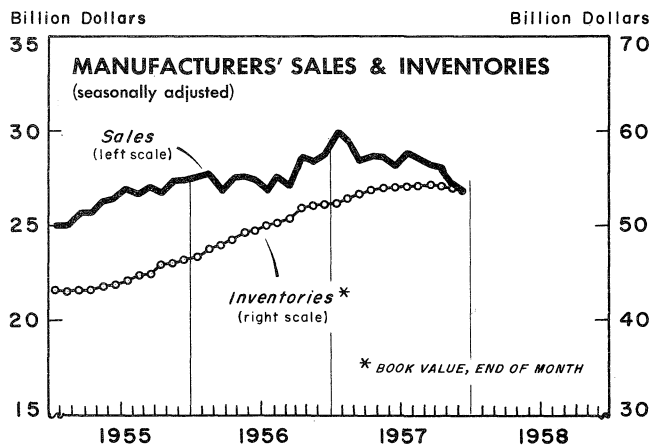
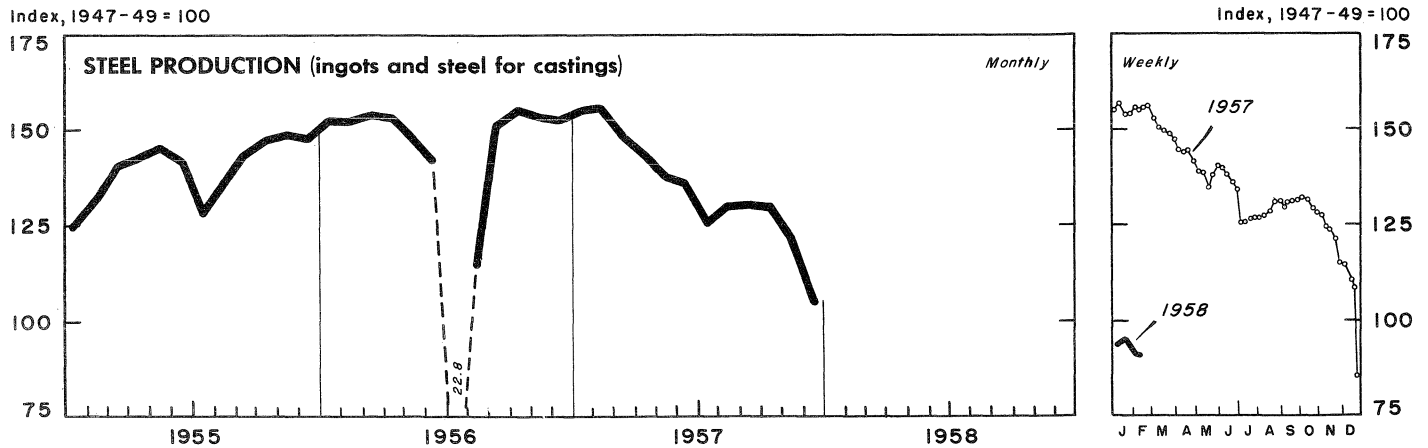


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1957		1958			
	Jan. 26	Feb. 2	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25	Feb. 1
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*116.9	118.7	118.7	118.8	118.8
Farm products.....do....		*89.3	93.5	93.6	94.2	94.3
Foods, processed.....do....		*104.3	108.3	108.9	109.1	108.8
All other.....do....		*125.2	126.0	126.0	126.0	125.9
22 commodities <u>2/</u>.....do....	91.3	90.7	84.8	84.6	85.4	84.5
Department store sales.....do....	96	94	108	102	93	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,864	1,883	3,048	3,038	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,729	1,747	2,823	2,808	.....	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. of dol..	30,827	30,607	31,553	31,207	30,878	30,625
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do....	25,636	25,087	26,100	25,390	24,949	24,632
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do....	19,342	18,918	19,658	19,348	19,216	19,089
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do....	618	368	743	566	525	511
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	58,296	58,076	56,356	56,532	56,556	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	22,362	22,401	24,314	24,500	24,592	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,583	85,297	87,744	87,018	86,521	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	26,330	26,101	26,087	25,945	25,861	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	30,349	30,260	31,651	31,361	30,857	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,807	8,790	8,750	8,747	8,753	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	258	320	324	260	333	326
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	4.03	4.01	4.13	4.09	4.02	4.00
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u>.....1941-43=10..	44.87	44.91	40.99	40.99	41.20	41.88
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	47.75	47.74	43.93	43.84	44.03	44.72
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. of short tons..	1,695	1,463	1,465	1,407	1,381	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	12,410	12,322	12,506	12,400	12,399	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	168,329	163,364	138,068	128,388	125,740	122,637
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. of bbl..	7,396	7,422	6,850	6,925	6,923	.....
Steel <u>5/</u>.....thous. of short tons..	2,472	2,498	1,515	1,538	1,496	1,459
Percent of capacity.....	96.6	97.6	#56.1	#57.0	#55.4	#54.1
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	666	648	569	572	551	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	340	344	283	287	274	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday prices. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data. ^{5/} Week beginning February 3, 1958; Production, 1,454 thous. short tons; operating rate, 53.9 percent. * Monthly index for January 1957. # 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						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	28,771	28,070	28,171	29,532	r27,270	26,354
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	14,475	14,372	13,664	14,386	r13,577	13,146
Primary metal.....do....	2,521	2,394	2,200	2,336	r2,102	1,949
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,508	1,332	1,631	1,688	r1,433	1,297
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,085	4,390	4,293	4,406	r4,011	4,172
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,445	3,699	2,750	3,003	r3,463	3,480
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,039	895	995	1,026	r854	791
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	754	626	695	761	r659	541
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	14,296	13,698	14,507	15,146	r13,693	13,208
Food and beverage.....do....	4,264	4,088	4,493	4,660	r4,258	4,154
Tobacco.....do....	356	343	374	377	r358	359
Textile.....do....	1,192	1,072	1,104	1,214	r1,085	961
Paper.....do....	895	816	932	981	r871	802
Chemical.....do....	1,865	1,780	2,013	2,086	r1,856	1,710
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,799	3,037	2,719	2,866	r2,744	2,936
Rubber.....do....	442	461	462	524	414	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	28,480	28,846	28,215	28,064	r27,221	26,684
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	14,294	14,526	14,132	13,932	r13,548	13,076
Primary metal.....do....	2,531	2,462	2,182	2,224	r2,156	2,069
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,487	1,418	1,547	1,535	r1,429	1,389
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,189	4,241	4,314	4,265	r4,175	3,993
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,234	3,530	3,407	3,297	r3,255	3,134
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,019	1,014	940	930	r850	867
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	741	746	668	650	r659	636
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	14,186	14,320	14,083	14,132	r13,673	13,608
Food and beverage.....do....	4,240	4,278	4,278	4,331	r4,257	4,312
Tobacco.....do....	337	372	378	356	r351	370
Textile.....do....	1,109	1,147	1,040	1,029	r1,025	1,008
Paper.....do....	888	868	932	917	r862	853
Chemical.....do....	1,940	1,936	1,951	2,002	r1,941	1,873
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,763	2,786	2,803	2,895	r2,717	2,694
Rubber.....do....	462	474	481	490	431	.....

^{r/} Revised. ^{1/} Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

NOTE: Correction for p. S-21 of January 1958 SURVEY -- November 1957 indexes of agricultural exports were incorrectly shown in October column as indexes of imports for consumption.

ITEM	1956		1957			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS -- Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	51,965	52,515	53,581	53,734	r53,746	53,730
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	30,346	30,591	31,306	31,487	r31,306	31,213
Primary metal.....do....	4,031	4,119	4,401	4,488	r4,443	4,453
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,062	3,056	3,061	3,017	r3,002	2,955
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,309	10,316	10,475	10,390	r10,415	10,295
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,659	7,714	7,843	8,115	r8,006	7,949
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,843	1,855	1,832	1,804	r1,794	1,831
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,110	1,159	1,201	1,197	r1,210	1,261
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	21,619	21,924	22,275	22,247	r22,440	22,517
Food and beverage.....do....	5,111	5,061	4,837	4,929	r5,026	4,920
Tobacco.....do....	1,895	1,959	1,940	1,960	r1,965	1,987
Textile.....do....	2,582	2,663	2,561	2,515	r2,562	2,581
Paper.....do....	1,325	1,362	1,396	1,395	r1,403	1,439
Chemical.....do....	3,539	3,633	3,641	3,658	r3,720	3,869
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,252	3,249	3,705	3,732	r3,730	3,613
Rubber.....do....	1,014	1,049	1,031	1,053	1,079	.....
Book value (adjusted), total.....do....	52,210	52,295	54,166	54,103	r53,871	53,573
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	30,647	30,660	31,820	31,754	r31,511	31,222
Primary metal.....do....	3,891	3,975	4,344	4,356	r4,279	4,255
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,157	3,183	3,123	3,143	r3,095	3,078
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,404	10,409	10,658	10,583	r10,517	10,386
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,714	7,630	8,049	7,979	r7,976	7,864
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,895	1,869	1,877	1,880	r1,845	1,844
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,168	1,171	1,251	1,273	r1,274	1,274
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	21,563	21,635	22,346	22,349	r22,360	22,351
Food and beverage.....do....	4,814	4,799	4,684	4,725	r4,732	4,697
Tobacco.....do....	1,895	1,884	2,000	1,980	r1,965	1,949
Textile.....do....	2,674	2,713	2,631	2,625	r2,628	2,632
Paper.....do....	1,338	1,349	1,410	1,423	r1,417	1,439
Chemical.....do....	3,582	3,594	3,741	3,732	r3,763	3,826
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,188	3,249	3,597	3,623	r3,657	3,613
Rubber.....do....	1,035	1,039	1,074	1,097	1,101	.....
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....do....	29,428	28,839	26,371	26,730	r26,056	25,344
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	15,145	15,068	12,047	11,788	r12,385	12,211
Primary metal.....do....	2,614	2,452	2,039	2,027	r1,758	1,594
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,354	1,458	1,571	1,517	r1,144	1,093
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,366	4,304	3,812	3,798	r3,431	3,653
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,919	4,575	1,979	1,776	r3,616	3,924
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,283	13,771	14,324	14,942	r13,671	13,133
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	29,972	29,005	26,565	26,226	r26,102	25,196
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	15,776	14,543	12,519	12,154	r12,434	11,588
Primary metal.....do....	2,508	2,372	2,202	2,081	r1,686	1,542
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,472	1,488	1,496	1,459	r1,243	1,115
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,720	4,127	3,952	3,943	r3,724	3,497
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	4,184	3,843	2,300	2,079	r3,345	3,116
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,196	14,462	14,046	14,072	r13,668	13,608
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	63,441	64,210	55,993	53,191	r51,977	50,967
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	60,319	61,015	53,179	50,581	r49,389	48,454
Primary metal.....do....	7,086	7,144	5,840	5,531	r5,187	4,832
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,400	4,526	4,090	3,919	r3,630	3,426
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	20,169	20,083	18,919	18,311	r17,731	17,212
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	23,708	24,584	19,650	18,423	r18,576	19,020
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	3,122	3,195	2,814	2,610	r2,588	2,513
EMPLOYMENT						
Labor turnover in manufacturing establishments:						
Accession rate.....monthly rate per 100 employees..	3.0	2.2	3.3	2.9	r2.2	p1.6
Separation rate, total.....do....	3.3	2.8	4.4	4.0	r4.0	p3.6
Discharge.....do....	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	p.2
Lay-off.....do....	1.5	1.4	1.8	2.3	r2.7	p2.6
Quit.....do....	1.3	1.0	2.2	1.3	.9	p.6
Military and miscellaneous.....do....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	p.2
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	40,831	42,097	43,270	43,274	43,530	44,798
Installment credit, total.....do....	31,240	31,827	33,415	33,504	33,596	34,127
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,449	3,824	3,388	3,545	3,439	4,091
Repaid, total.....do....	3,194	3,237	3,276	3,456	3,347	3,560
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,512	3,451	r3,546	3,541	r3,559	3,637
Repaid, total.....do....	3,191	3,241	r3,418	3,358	r3,394	3,498
Life insurance written (new paid-for insurance):						
Value, estimated total.....do....	4,805	7,138	4,602	5,732	5,469	6,727
Group and wholesale.....do....	866	2,736	672	1,244	1,181	2,109
Industrial.....do....	531	556	517	510	465	454
Ordinary.....do....	3,408	3,846	3,413	3,978	3,823	4,164

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ITEM	1956	1957				1958
	December	January	October	November	December	January
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	235	238	240	242	242	247
Crops.....do.....	237	238	224	224	218	225
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do.....	263	237	221	241	240	334
Cotton.....do.....	262	256	273	263	239	232
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	185	187	156	152	152	146
Food grains.....do.....	234	236	219	221	221	217
Fruit.....do.....	205	227	187	187	180	183
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	264	266	231	235	237	233
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do.....	155	162	154	164	171	178
Tobacco.....do.....	461	457	483	473	466	474
Livestock and products.....do.....	233	238	254	258	264	267
Dairy products.....do.....	274	270	277	279	275	269
Meat animals.....do.....	239	254	274	278	294	308
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	165	155	180	188	185	174
Wool.....do.....	260	265	279	267	261	254
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	268	269	273	275	276	277
Family living items.....do.....	283	283	286	289	r289	289
Production items.....do.....	252	255	258	260	r263	264
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do.....	290	292	296	298	299	301
Parity ratio.....do.....	81	82	81	81	81	82
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,544	3,198	4,495	4,112	3,667	3,285
Private, total.....do.....	2,654	2,324	3,059	2,942	2,705	2,361
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,362	1,137	1,535	1,484	1,345	1,116
New dwelling units.....do.....	1,045	885	1,130	1,090	1,005	860
Additions and alterations.....do.....	277	214	357	343	290	207
Nonresidential building, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	772	722	806	802	764	704
Industrial.....do.....	274	269	256	251	248	240
Commercial.....do.....	305	269	332	332	305	267
Farm construction.....do.....	97	97	135	114	100	101
Public utilities.....do.....	413	357	570	528	483	428
Public, total.....do.....	890	874	1,436	1,170	962	924
Nonresidential building.....do.....	324	339	406	364	342	341
Military facilities.....do.....	98	93	132	107	88	80
Highway.....do.....	239	225	575	410	275	250
Other types.....do.....	229	217	323	289	257	253
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	3,904	3,922	4,064	4,043	4,051	4,039
Private, total.....do.....	2,799	2,736	2,833	2,843	2,854	2,779
Residential building.....do.....	1,460	1,411	1,414	1,434	1,444	1,382
Nonresidential building, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	764	749	761	758	755	727
Farm construction.....do.....	129	129	133	134	133	135
Public utility.....do.....	435	435	510	503	508	522
Public, total.....do.....	1,105	1,186	1,231	1,200	1,197	1,260
Nonresidential building.....do.....	365	375	388	377	385	379
Highway.....do.....	369	441	429	427	423	490
Construction cost index:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	134	134	138	138	138

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