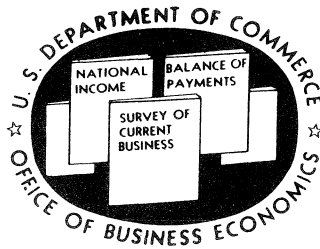


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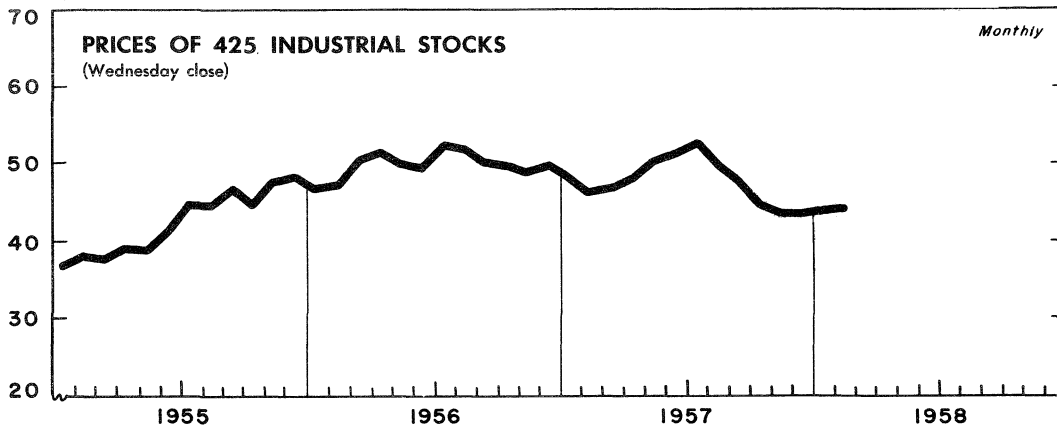
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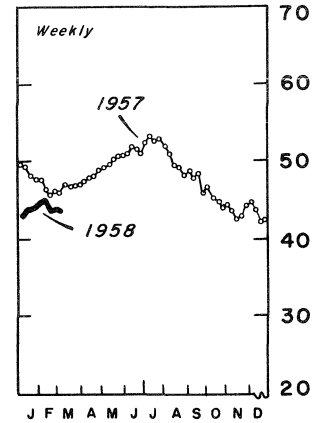
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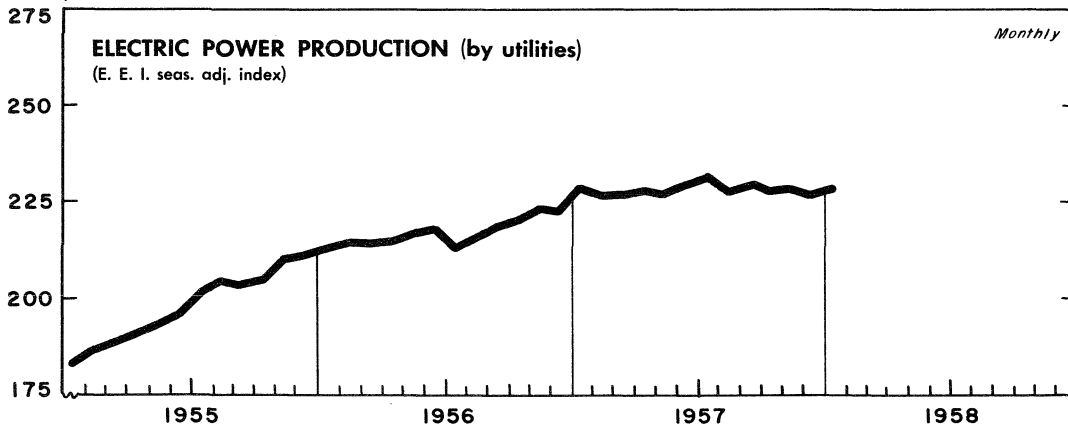
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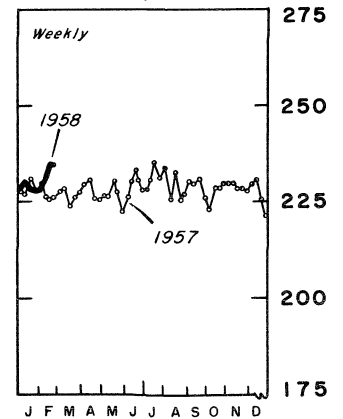
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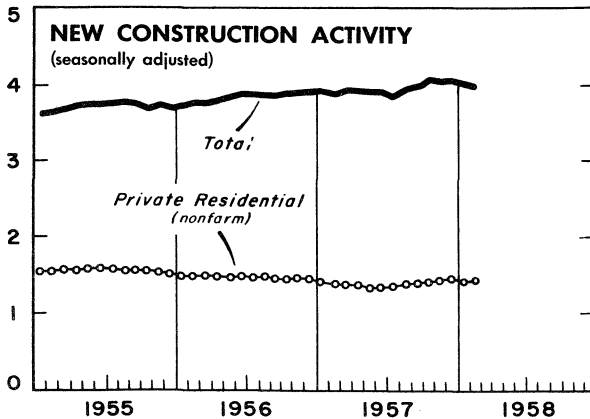
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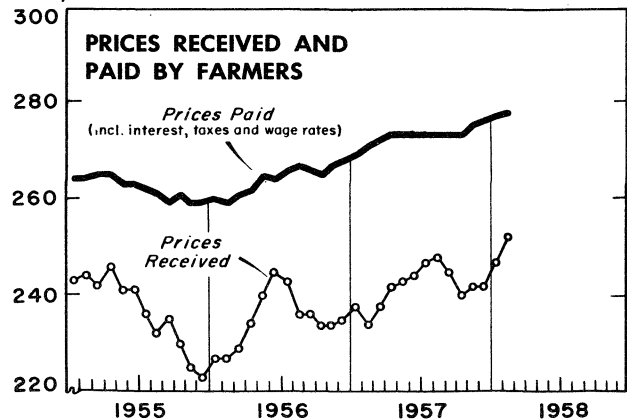
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Billion Dollars



Index, 1910-14 = 100



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1957		1958			
	Feb. 23	Mar. 2	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 22	Mar. 1
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100.....		*117.0	118.6	118.8	119.1	119.2
Farm products.....do.....		*88.8	94.2	95.4	96.9	97.3
Foods, processed.....do.....		*103.9	108.4	108.9	109.5	109.7
All other.....do.....		*125.5	125.8	125.8	125.8	125.8
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	88.5	88.0	84.9	85.9	86.2	85.7
Department store sales.....do.....	100	99	93	96	82	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,823	1,822	**3,173	3,336	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,679	1,684	2,982	3,086	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	300	284	342	319	317	331
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. of dol..	30,605	30,544	30,579	30,675	30,642	30,542
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	24,764	24,813	24,397	24,543	24,830	24,527
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do.....	18,895	18,683	18,997	19,054	19,122	18,909
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do.....	586	465	410	520	625	408
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,214	56,370	55,880	55,548	54,882	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do.....	22,568	22,621	25,115	25,433	25,604	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	85,069	85,038	87,066	87,156	87,027	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	25,809	25,723	26,290	26,313	26,452	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	30,347	30,314	30,434	30,330	30,451	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,766	8,762	8,732	8,738	8,737	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	3.98	3.98	4.01	4.01	4.00	4.00
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /...1941-43=100..	43.63	43.41	42.19	40.93	41.15	40.92
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	46.34	46.05	45.09	43.66	43.88	43.62
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,642	1,610	1,243	1,328	1,132	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,920	11,791	12,289	12,417	12,338	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	162,280	162,105	128,509	120,365	107,460	109,611
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	7,567	7,519	6,858	6,852	6,808	.....
Steel <u>5</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	2,504	2,456	1,457	1,445	1,373	1,475
Percent of capacity.....do.....	97.8	96.0	#54.0	#53.5	#50.9	#54.6
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	627	704	532	533	492	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	326	365	272	266	250	.....

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday prices. ³/ Daily average. ⁴/ Wednesday data. ⁵/ Week beginning March 3, 1958: Production, 1,419 thous. short tons; operating rate, 52.6 percent. * Monthly index for February 1957. ** Revised data for preceding week: 3,137. # 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	1957				1958	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received and paid by farmers:						
Prices received, all farm products.....1910-14=100..	238	234	242	242	247	252
Crops.....do.....	238	234	224	218	225	229
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	237	236	241	240	334	376
Cotton.....do.....	256	255	263	239	232	211
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	187	181	152	152	146	148
Food grains.....do.....	236	235	221	221	217	219
Fruit.....do.....	227	221	187	180	183	200
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	266	260	235	237	233	229
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do....	162	153	164	171	178	204
Tobacco.....do.....	457	458	473	466	474	475
Livestock and products.....do.....	238	234	258	264	267	273
Dairy products.....do.....	270	266	279	275	269	266
Meat animals.....do.....	254	249	278	294	308	324
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	155	157	188	185	174	169
Wool.....do.....	265	267	267	261	254	249
Prices paid:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	269	271	275	276	277	278
Family living items.....do.....	283	284	289	289	289	290
Production items.....do.....	255	256	260	263	264	265
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do...	292	r293	298	299	301	302
Parity ratio.....do.....	82	80	81	81	82	83
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,198	3,007	4,112	3,667	r3,270	3,077
Private, total.....do.....	2,324	2,226	2,942	2,705	r2,364	2,262
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,137	1,043	1,484	1,345	r1,131	1,065
New dwelling units.....do.....	885	790	1,090	1,005	r865	805
Additions and alterations.....do.....	214	217	343	290	r217	212
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	722	704	802	764	704	675
Industrial.....do.....	269	270	251	248	240	231
Commercial.....do.....	269	257	332	305	267	254
Farm construction.....do.....	97	102	114	100	101	105
Public utilities.....do.....	357	365	528	483	r416	407

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ITEM	1957				1958	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE - Continued						
New construction (unadjusted) - Continued						
Public, total.....mil. of dol..	874	781	1,170	962	r906	815
Nonresidential buildings.....do...	339	302	364	342	r338	306
Military facilities.....do.....	93	80	107	88	80	70
Highway.....do.....	225	195	410	275	r235	205
Other types.....do.....	217	204	289	257	253	234
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....						
Private, total.....do.....	3,922	3,861	4,043	4,051	r4,013	3,958
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	2,736	2,740	2,843	2,854	r2,785	2,789
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1/</u>.....do.....	1,411	1,391	1,434	1,444	r1,403	1,416
Industrial.....do.....	749	748	758	755	727	716
Commercial.....do.....	264	270	246	243	235	231
Farm construction.....do.....	292	283	306	303	285	276
Public utility.....do.....	129	131	134	133	135	135
Public, total.....do.....	435	456	503	508	r507	510
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	1,186	1,121	1,200	1,197	r1,228	1,169
Military facilities.....do.....	375	347	377	385	r376	353
Highway.....do.....	115	105	103	100	99	92
Construction contracts awarded, 48 States (F. W. Dodge Corp.):						
Total valuation.....mil. of dol..	2,300	2,161	2,371	1,982	2,066	.....
Building, total.....do.....	1,731	1,696	1,808	1,457	1,536	.....
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: <u>2/</u>						
Total.....thous. of sq. yd..	7,163	7,229	3,950	11,386	5,488	.....
Airports.....do.....	1,499	1,489	65	779	196	.....
Roads.....do.....	3,990	4,425	2,355	7,817	3,972	.....
Streets and alleys.....do.....	1,674	1,316	1,530	2,790	1,320	.....
Construction cost indexes:						
Department of Commerce composite.....1947-49=100..	134	135	138	138	138	.....
E. H. Boeckh and Associates:						
Average, 20 cities:						
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....U. S. avg. 1926-29=100..	282.7	283.1	290.7	291.1	291.5	.....
Brick and steel.....do.....	278.3	278.5	284.3	284.4	284.4	.....
Brick and wood.....do.....	277.9	278.3	282.1	282.3	282.4	.....
Commercial and factory buildings:						
Brick and concrete.....do.....	291.3	291.8	300.5	301.0	301.7	.....
Brick and steel.....do.....	290.3	291.3	300.5	300.8	301.2	.....
Brick and wood.....do.....	277.4	278.1	282.2	282.3	282.5	.....
Frame.....do.....	275.4	275.3	278.4	278.5	278.7	.....
Steel.....do.....	276.8	278.4	288.3	288.4	288.6	.....
Residences:						
Brick.....do.....	278.3	278.6	282.5	282.6	282.9	.....
Frame.....do.....	270.7	270.8	273.7	273.8	273.9	.....
FINANCE						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	5,279	7,486	5,845	6,611	5,243	.....
Receipts, net.....do.....	4,809	6,188	4,827	5,956	4,786	.....
Customs.....do.....	64	53	67	63	69	.....
Individual income taxes.....do.....	3,126	4,708	3,512	2,477	3,034	.....
Corporation income and profits taxes.....do.....	461	445	367	2,277	486	.....
Employment taxes.....do.....	316	1,160	740	432	385	.....
Other internal revenue and receipts.....do.....	1,311	1,120	1,158	1,363	1,270	.....
Expenditures.....do.....	6,095	5,743	5,806	5,809	6,011	.....
Interest on public debt.....do.....	651	585	636	674	693	.....
All other expenditures.....do.....	5,444	5,158	5,169	5,136	5,318	.....
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	*51,671	**54,232	57,523	61,638	.....	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do.....	*22,803	**23,344	20,686	21,730	.....	.....
Mail ton-miles flown.....do.....	*7,522	**10,482	7,762	11,083	.....	.....
Passengers originated, revenue.....do.....	*3,040	**2,916	3,114	3,274	.....	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	*1,656	**1,765	1,790	2,031	.....	.....
Freight carloadings (A.A.R.): <u>3/</u>						
Total cars.....thousands..	2,565	2,616	3,223	2,221	2,164	2,108
Coal.....do.....	528	521	635	461	457	427
Coke.....do.....	52	55	47	33	28	28
Forest products.....do.....	155	154	175	132	136	139
Grain and grain products.....do.....	201	202	254	213	208	196
Livestock.....do.....	24	21	47	21	21	17
Ore.....do.....	81	83	191	64	63	54
Merchandise, l.c.l.....do.....	200	217	249	173	166	179
Miscellaneous.....do.....	1,324	1,364	1,626	1,123	1,086	1,067
Freight-car surplus and shortage, daily average:						
Car surplus, total.....number..	13,331	8,329	19,965	54,072	105,263	112,229
Box cars.....do.....	5,776	3,274	9,275	18,237	35,032	34,259
Gondolas and open hoppers.....do.....	326	374	2,376	23,057	52,482	57,700
Car shortage, total.....do.....	1,646	2,406	245	29	46	67
Box cars.....do.....	535	1,272	127	23	18	4
Gondolas and open hoppers.....do.....	992	989	92	0	1	17

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ITEM	1956	1957				1958	
	December	January	October	November	December	January	
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS							
Organic chemicals, production:							
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	49,737	53,628	48,168	47,259	48,829	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do....	90,378	85,428	84,238	85,266	86,675	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	1,618	1,491	1,907	1,774	2,034	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	14,267	7,978	10,244	9,936	9,729	.....
DDT.....thous. of lb..	11,201	10,878	8,932	9,017	8,870	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do....	8,306	8,748	9,801	9,002	9,074	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do....	95,181	93,089	104,543	106,358	103,997	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do....	107,918	109,149	123,410	117,081	104,466	.....
Methanol:							
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	172	171	107	134	148	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do....	21,312	20,503	18,665	17,747	19,588	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	27,093	25,561	30,317	31,231	31,913	.....
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:							
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:							
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	3,724	3,491	3,813	3,653	3,885	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	8,452	7,456	9,663	7,624	7,778	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	317	377	330	339	360	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do....	472	525	546	344	259	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	35,206	41,373	45,317	37,769	34,379	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	41,794	43,507	52,759	r47,811	45,903	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	21,370	23,097	25,933	22,926	23,094	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	67,870	67,096	77,088	71,535	66,458	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	27,874	34,948	32,979	24,937	24,059	.....
Rosin modifications.....do....	10,024	10,848	10,991	9,097	7,590	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	6,139	7,265	7,976	6,589	6,546	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	51,413	52,394	62,552	62,936	68,510	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	13,679	14,829	17,681	16,046	14,741	.....
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT							
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:							
Freight cars:							
Shipments, total.....number..	7,260	8,403	8,328	7,260	6,507	7,371	
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	4,272	4,686	4,850	4,033	3,802	4,988	
Domestic.....do....	4,272	4,686	4,817	3,915	3,469	4,836	
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	2,988	3,717	3,478	3,227	2,705	2,383	
New orders, total.....do....	r4,704	r6,754	r2,208	1,090	3,506	401	
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	r4,387	r2,182	r528	977	3,127	375	
Domestic.....do....	r4,214	r1,637	r522	957	3,103	375	
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	317	4,572	1,680	113	379	26	
Unfilled orders, end of month.....do....	117,657	115,601	66,860	60,238	56,676	49,370	
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	58,971	56,493	28,602	25,442	24,496	19,797	
Domestic.....do....	58,571	55,548	27,460	24,398	23,761	19,214	
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	58,686	59,108	38,258	34,796	32,180	29,573	
Passenger cars (equipment manufacturers):							
Shipments, total.....do....	9	9	387	5	37	39	
Domestic.....do....	5	3	376	5	37	39	
Unfilled orders, end of month, total.....do....	842	840	143	134	97	80	
Domestic.....do....	724	728	139	134	97	80	

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