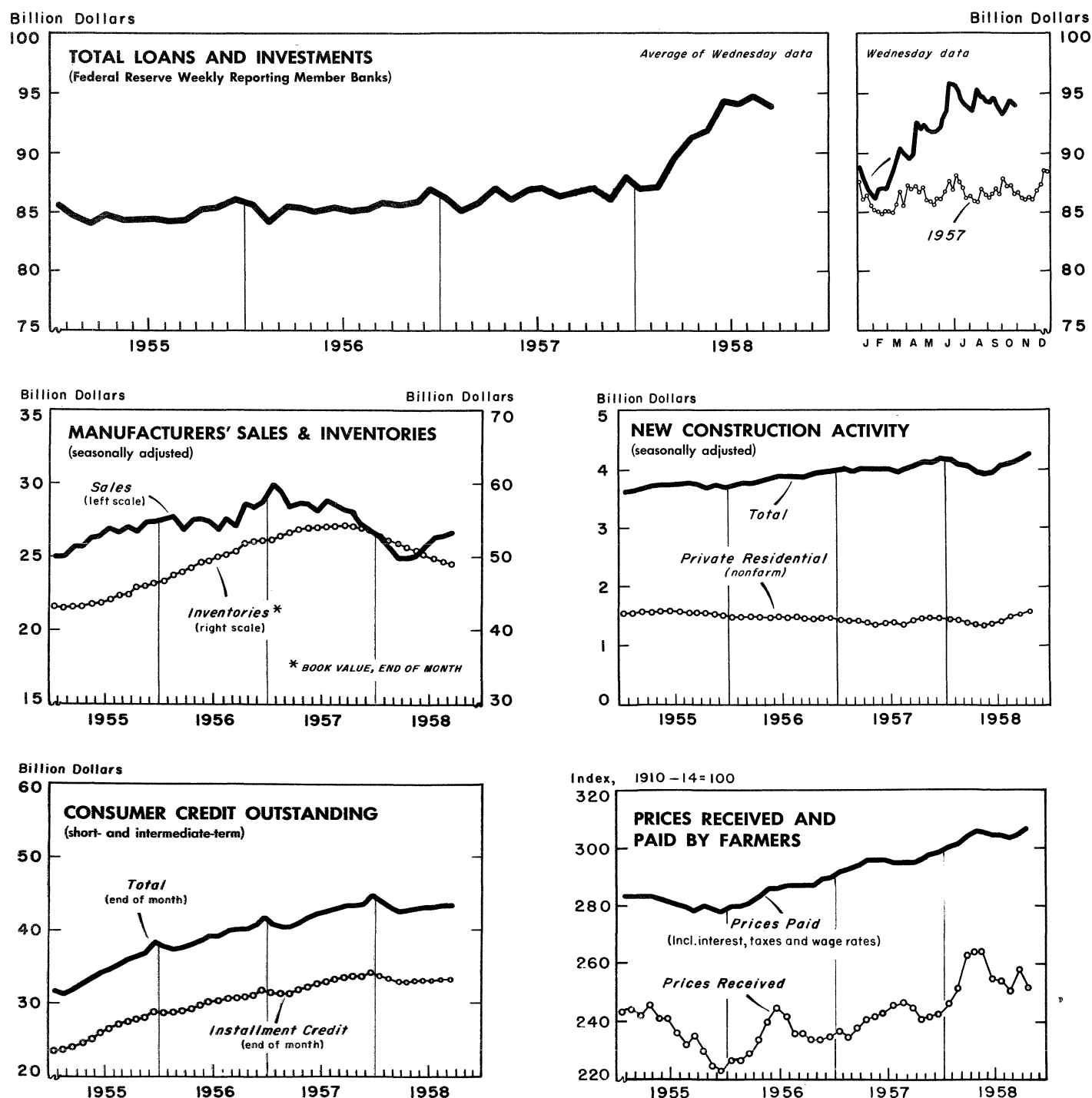


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1957		1958			
	Oct. 26	Nov. 2	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	Nov. 1
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*117.8	118.8	118.8	118.6	118.5
Farm products.....do....		*91.5	92.1	92.1	91.3	91.0
Foods, processed.....do....		*105.5	110.3	110.1	109.9	109.7
All other.....do....		*125.8	126.1	126.1	126.1	126.1
22 commodities 2/.....do....	84.5	84.4	85.9	86.7	87.0	86.8
Department store sales.....do....	136	130	147	146	140	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,339	1,399	**1,865	**1,864	.....	.....
State programs.....do....	1,234	1,286	1,695	1,694	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	281	250	271	288	275	299
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	31,129	31,008	31,352	31,498	31,435	31,299
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,407	24,972	26,519	26,925	27,046	26,767
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	19,137	18,837	18,318	18,475	18,652	18,515
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	563	363	604	515	614	571
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,383	55,805	55,593	56,136	56,703	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	23,972	23,974	28,235	28,243	28,230	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	86,539	86,743	94,080	94,584	94,062	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	25,270	25,191	31,983	32,123	31,854	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	31,807	31,756	30,223	30,446	30,315	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do....	8,769	8,758	9,220	9,295	9,321	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	4.47	4.48	4.44	4.42	4.41	4.42
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1941-43=10..	40.73	41.02	51.06	50.58	51.07	51.19
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	43.93	44.21	54.71	54.18	54.70	54.73
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,652	1,644	1,453	1,411	1,410	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,787	11,860	12,067	12,048	12,174	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	126,530	147,365	46,712	59,596	87,228	121,801
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,766	6,712	6,874	6,893	6,919	.....
Steel 3/.....thous. of short tons..	2,052	2,041	1,933	2,003	2,026	2,024
Percent of capacity.....	#80.2	#79.7	71.6	74.2	75.1	75.0
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	704	714	686	696	674	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	347	353	335	343	336	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning November 3, 1958: Production, 2,011 thous. short tons; operating rate, 74.5 percent. * Monthly index for October 1957. ** Excludes 510,000 and 469,000 insured unemployed reported under temporary programs (TUC) for October 11 and 18, respectively. # Based on January 1, 1957, annual capacity (133,459,150 tons); not comparable with 1958 rates which are based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1957		1958			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	29,063	28,171	26,122	24,845	r26,143	27,138
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,231	13,664	12,584	11,317	r11,880	12,500
Primary metal.....do....	2,262	2,200	2,052	1,632	r1,900	2,037
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,632	1,631	1,452	1,433	r1,592	1,611
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,134	4,293	3,967	3,455	r3,615	3,979
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,256	2,750	2,637	2,436	r2,103	2,098
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,031	995	803	757	r894	929
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	793	695	677	662	r710	745
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,832	14,507	13,538	13,528	r14,263	14,638
Food and beverage.....do....	4,499	4,493	4,441	4,414	r4,452	4,608
Tobacco.....do....	386	374	401	410	387	400
Textile.....do....	1,137	1,104	1,006	936	r1,098	1,158
Paper.....do....	952	932	921	871	r960	967
Chemical.....do....	1,988	2,013	1,949	1,865	r1,983	2,112
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,920	2,719	2,628	2,750	r2,787	2,772
Rubber.....do....	519	462	467	473	442	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do....	28,638	28,215	25,747	26,284	r26,388	26,639
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,297	14,132	12,086	12,256	r12,385	12,561
Primary metal.....do....	2,362	2,182	1,854	1,917	r1,984	2,020
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,520	1,547	1,397	1,454	r1,482	1,528
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,281	4,314	3,780	3,808	r3,817	3,984
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,448	3,407	2,610	2,550	r2,582	2,457
Lumber and furniture.....do....	925	940	822	836	r832	848
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	708	668	645	676	r657	690
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	14,341	14,083	13,661	14,028	r14,003	14,078
Food and beverage.....do....	4,357	4,278	4,357	4,371	r4,373	4,346
Tobacco.....do....	354	378	382	390	372	388
Textile.....do....	1,072	1,040	1,025	1,061	r1,077	1,053
Paper.....do....	915	932	903	937	r941	957
Chemical.....do....	2,008	1,951	1,899	1,979	r2,003	2,046
Petroleum and coal.....do....	2,920	2,803	2,682	2,806	r2,787	2,858
Rubber.....do....	514	481	445	478	438	.....

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

ITEM	1957		1958			
	August	September	June	July	August	September
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	53,576	53,581	50,278	49,357	r48,887	48,873
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	31,225	31,306	28,698	28,116	r27,658	27,736
Primary metal.....do....	4,314	4,401	3,999	4,050	4,100	4,133
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,151	3,061	2,987	2,898	r2,777	2,711
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,481	10,475	9,542	9,290	r9,110	8,932
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,713	7,843	6,579	6,384	r6,302	6,740
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,853	1,832	1,807	1,786	r1,725	1,691
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,186	1,201	1,246	1,228	r1,196	1,159
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	22,351	22,275	21,580	21,241	r21,229	21,137
Food and beverage.....do....	4,830	4,837	4,416	4,468	r4,644	4,744
Tobacco.....do....	1,923	1,940	1,785	1,726	r1,746	1,787
Textile.....do....	2,623	2,561	2,635	2,584	r2,499	2,423
Paper.....do....	1,415	1,396	1,435	1,413	r1,404	1,384
Chemical.....do....	3,679	3,641	3,776	3,708	r3,674	3,621
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,587	3,705	3,348	3,314	r3,340	3,381
Rubber.....do....	1,010	1,031	1,015	960	963	.....
Book value (adjusted), total.....do....	54,203	54,166	50,246	49,777	r49,425	49,250
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	31,742	31,820	28,528	28,311	r28,066	28,051
Primary metal.....do....	4,326	4,344	4,169	4,122	r4,110	4,078
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,151	3,123	2,844	2,814	r2,777	2,766
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,609	10,658	9,446	9,323	r9,221	9,089
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	8,035	8,049	6,595	6,584	r6,536	6,774
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,872	1,877	1,776	1,773	r1,742	1,733
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,210	1,251	1,234	1,228	r1,220	1,207
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	8.4	8.5	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.5
Goods in process.....do....	13.6	13.4	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.3
Finished goods.....do....	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.5	r9.3	9.2
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....mil. of dol..	22,461	22,346	21,718	21,466	r21,359	21,199
Food and beverage.....do....	4,805	4,684	4,761	4,706	r4,638	4,596
Tobacco.....do....	2,024	2,000	1,859	1,836	r1,838	1,842
Textile.....do....	2,649	2,631	2,572	2,550	r2,524	2,489
Paper.....do....	1,429	1,410	1,435	1,413	r1,418	1,398
Chemical.....do....	3,737	3,741	3,747	3,722	r3,734	3,721
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,517	3,597	3,348	3,314	r3,274	3,283
Rubber.....do....	1,074	1,074	986	980	1,024	.....
By stages of fabrication:						
Purchased materials.....bil. of dol..	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.8	r8.7	8.6
Goods in process.....do....	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	r3.0	2.9
Finished goods.....do....	10.5	10.5	10.0	9.8	r9.7	9.7
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	27,568	26,371	26,359	25,239	r26,096	26,533
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	12,881	12,047	12,727	11,667	r11,807	12,028
Primary metal.....do....	2,063	2,039	1,872	1,768	r2,006	2,110
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,468	1,571	1,436	1,501	r1,599	1,601
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,905	3,812	3,958	3,601	r3,666	4,003
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	2,554	1,979	2,808	2,366	r1,866	1,545
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,687	14,324	13,632	13,572	r14,289	14,505
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	27,325	26,565	25,785	26,450	r26,096	26,734
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	13,160	12,519	12,245	12,512	r12,177	12,597
Primary metal.....do....	2,078	2,202	1,952	2,044	r2,063	2,306
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,372	1,496	1,496	1,501	r1,523	1,510
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,124	3,952	3,592	3,770	r3,851	4,223
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	2,884	2,300	2,678	2,691	r2,245	1,870
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	14,165	14,046	13,540	13,938	r13,919	14,137
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	57,793	55,993	46,353	46,747	r46,700	46,095
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	54,796	53,179	43,686	44,036	r43,963	43,491
Primary metal.....do....	6,001	5,840	3,558	3,694	r3,800	3,873
Fabricated metal.....do....	4,150	4,090	3,034	3,102	r3,109	3,099
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	19,400	18,919	16,084	16,230	r16,281	16,305
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	20,421	19,650	16,954	16,884	r16,647	16,094
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	2,997	2,814	2,667	2,711	r2,737	2,604
FINANCE						
Consumer credit (short- and intermediate-term):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. of dol..	43,101	43,270	43,122	43,026	43,217	43,238
Installment credit, total.....do....	33,303	33,415	33,054	33,133	33,232	33,158
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,704	3,388	3,484	3,494	3,402	3,314
Repaid, total.....do....	3,369	3,276	3,387	3,415	3,303	3,388
Adjusted: Extended, total.....do....	3,591	3,546	3,265	3,342	3,431	3,341
Repaid, total.....do....	3,343	3,418	3,392	3,374	3,401	3,401
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received by farmers, all farm products...1910-14=100..	245	241	254	251	258	252
Crops.....do....	227	225	228	225	232	227
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	211	226	209	181	183	210
Cotton.....do....	279	273	260	281	292	281
Feed grains and hay.....do....	163	156	165	163	160	153
Food grains.....do....	217	219	190	190	195	199
Fruit.....do....	194	188	253	239	280	245
	September	October	July	August	September	October

ITEM	1957		1958			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
COMMODITY PRICES - Continued						
Prices received by farmers - Continued						
Crops - Continued						
Oil-bearing crops.....1910-14=100..	244	231	227	232	220	214
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do....	159	153	185	142	129	118
Tobacco.....do....	484	483	473	483	482	501
Livestock and products.....do....	260	255	277	275	280	275
Dairy products.....do....	272	278	246	255	264	271
Meat animals.....do....	291	275	347	338	339	330
Poultry and eggs.....do....	175	181	166	166	174	164
Wool.....do....	288	280	210	210	207	202
Prices paid by farmers:						
All commodities and services.....do....	273	273	282	281	r281	282
Family living items.....do....	287	286	293	291	r290	291
Production items.....do....	258	258	270	269	r272	271
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	295	296	305	304	305	307
Parity ratio.....do....	83	81	83	83	85	82
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	4,682	4,609	4,642	4,803	4,835	4,763
Private, total.....do....	3,185	3,143	3,128	3,215	3,229	3,196
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,611	1,586	1,641	1,718	1,742	1,724
New dwelling units.....do....	1,190	1,180	1,200	1,280	1,320	1,325
Additions and alterations.....do....	374	357	389	387	371	345
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	840	844	754	743	742	754
Industrial.....do....	293	289	185	179	174	175
Commercial.....do....	322	330	326	316	316	323
Farm construction.....do....	159	133	171	175	162	135
Public utilities.....do....	556	564	542	562	565	566
Public, total.....do....	1,497	1,466	1,514	1,588	1,606	1,567
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	416	409	417	422	425	420
Military facilities.....do....	138	132	105	120	125	130
Highway.....do....	607	604	635	675	685	660
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	4,078	4,166	4,058	4,120	4,185	4,290
Private, total.....do....	2,870	2,912	2,804	2,856	2,896	2,952
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,432	1,461	1,431	1,506	1,548	1,586
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	795	798	724	702	696	709
Industrial.....do....	290	283	187	179	172	172
Commercial.....do....	298	306	308	294	292	299
Farm construction.....do....	133	133	135	135	135	135
Public utility.....do....	492	504	498	498	500	505
Public, total.....do....	1,208	1,254	1,254	1,264	1,289	1,338
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	380	391	380	379	387	401
Military facilities.....do....	114	111	94	102	103	109
Highway.....do....	410	451	460	459	463	493
EMPLOYMENT						
Labor force, civilian, total.....thousands..	68,225	68,513	70,473	70,067	68,740	69,111
Employed.....do....	65,674	66,005	65,179	65,367	64,629	65,306
Agricultural employment.....do....	6,518	6,837	6,718	6,621	6,191	6,404
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	59,156	59,168	58,461	58,746	58,438	58,902
Unemployed.....do....	2,552	2,508	5,294	4,699	4,111	3,805

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