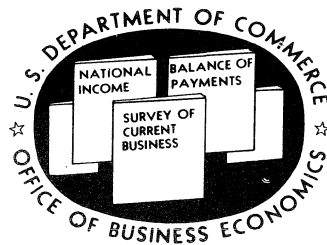


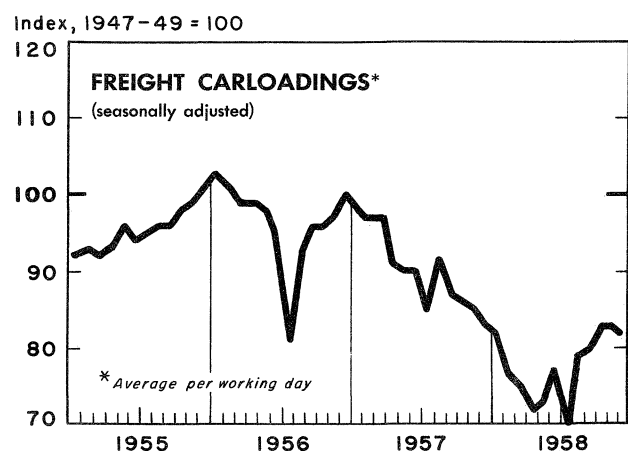
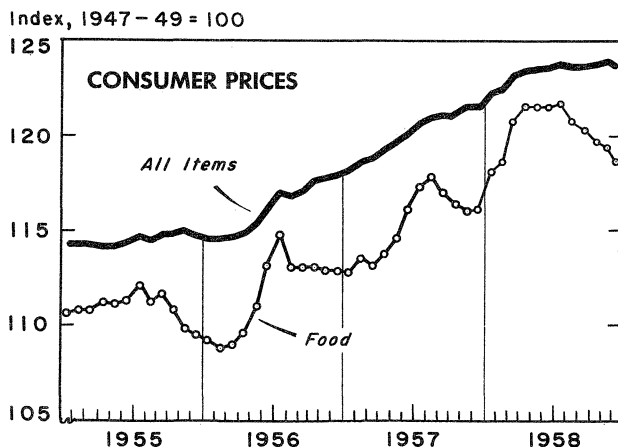
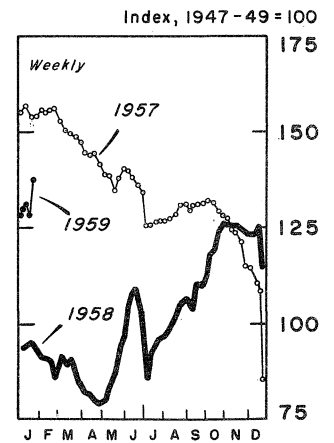
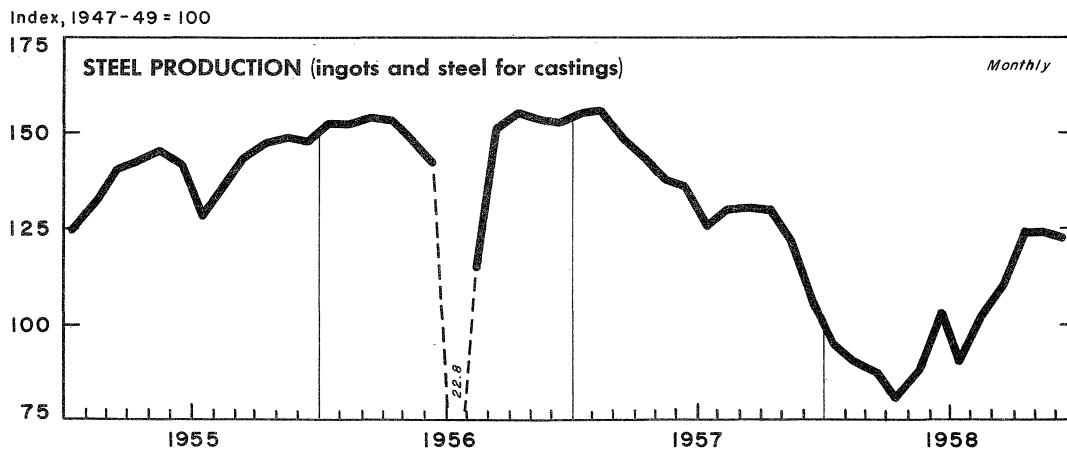
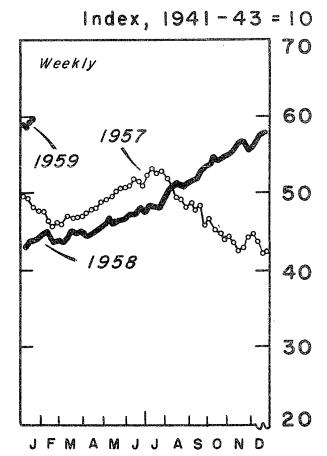
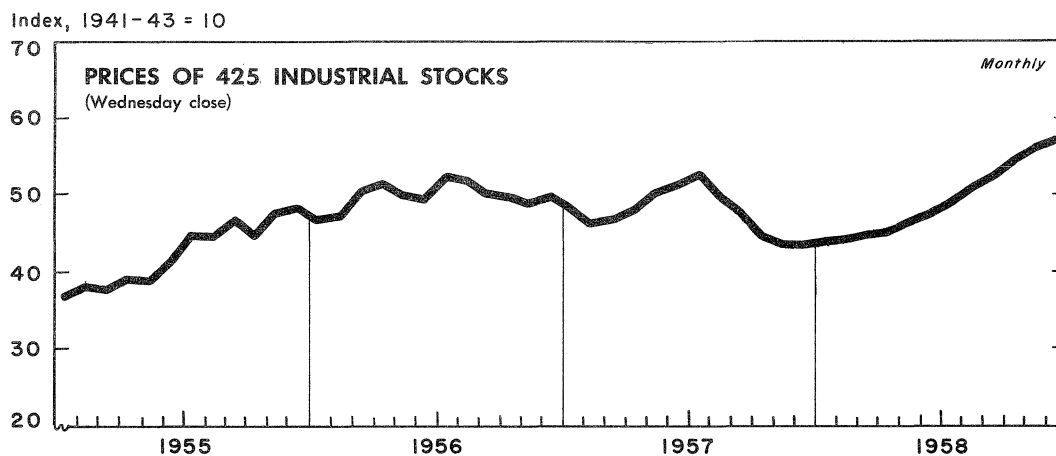
BUSINESS STATISTICS



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ITEM	1958		1959			
	Jan. 18	Jan. 25	Jan. 3	Jan. 10	Jan. 17	Jan. 24
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*118.9		119.3	119.4	119.6
Farm products.....do.....		*93.7		91.6	91.5	92.3
Foods, processed.....do.....		*109.5		108.4	109.0	109.2
All other.....do.....		*126.1		127.3	127.3	127.4
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	84.6	85.4	85.6	85.6	85.2	85.3
Department store sales.....do.....	110	100	104	121	116	
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	3,035	3,084	**3,221	**3,216		
State and UCFE programs.....do.....	2,850	2,895	2,602	2,599		
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	260	333	169	321	294	296
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	31,207	30,878	32,456	32,008	31,710	31,385
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do...	25,390	24,949	28,910	28,275	27,708	27,368
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do.....	19,348	19,216	19,167	19,131	18,901	18,769
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do.....	579	592	672	575	564	506
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,532	56,556	59,045	58,749	58,693	
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do.....	24,500	24,592	28,392	28,253	28,286	
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	87,018	86,521	96,574	95,449	94,694	
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	25,945	25,861	31,894	31,524	31,266	
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do.....	31,361	30,857	31,418	30,825	30,666	
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,747	8,753	9,601	9,610	9,635	
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	4.09	4.02	4.40	4.40	4.41	4.41
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.....1941-43=10..	40.99	41.20	55.21	54.89	55.62	56.04
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	43.84	44.03	58.97	58.51	59.25	59.75
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,407	1,381	1,403	1,366	1,382	
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	12,400	12,399	12,364	13,554	13,324	
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	129,064	126,639	111,519	156,051	158,709	159,411
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,925	6,923	7,122	7,052	7,087	
Steel 5/.....thous. of short tons..	1,538	1,496	2,058	2,085	2,111	2,056
Percent of capacity.....do.....	57.0	55.4	76.2	#73.6	#74.6	#72.6
Freight carloadings, total.....thous. of cars..	573	551	468	550	586	
Miscellaneous.....do.....	287	274	244	279	300	

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning January 26, 1959; Production, 2,212 thous. short tons; operating rate, 78.1 percent. * Monthly index for January 1958. ** Includes persons reported under temporary programs (TUC) and under Ex-Servicemen's Unemployment Compensation Act of 1958 (UCX); persons under TUC were excluded prior to this issue of Weekly Business Statistics. # Beginning January 5, 1959, rate is based on January 1, 1959, annual capacity (147,633,670 tons); not comparable with earlier rates which are based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1957		1958			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
COMMODITY PRICES						
Consumer price index:						
All items.....1947-49=100..	121.6	121.6	123.7	123.7	123.9	*123.7
Apparel.....do.....	107.9	107.6	107.1	107.3	107.7	107.5
Food.....do.....	116.0	116.1	120.3	119.7	119.4	118.7
Dairy products.....do.....	114.5	114.6	114.1	114.5	114.5	114.3
Fruits and vegetables.....do.....	114.6	113.9	120.7	121.0	121.1	120.1
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	104.6	106.0	115.8	114.6	113.5	113.0
Housing.....do.....	126.8	127.0	127.9	127.9	128.0	128.2
Gas and electricity.....do.....	114.3	114.3	118.0	118.1	118.1	118.2
Housefurnishings.....do.....	104.5	104.9	103.6	103.4	103.5	103.6
Rent.....do.....	136.3	136.7	138.2	138.3	138.4	138.7
Medical care.....do.....	140.3	140.8	146.1	146.7	147.0	147.3
Personal care.....do.....	126.7	127.0	128.7	128.8	129.1	129.0
Reading and recreation.....do.....	114.4	114.6	116.6	116.6	117.0	116.9
Transportation.....do.....	140.0	138.9	141.3	142.7	144.5	144.3
Private.....do.....	129.7	128.6	130.4	131.8	133.6	133.3
Public.....do.....	182.8	182.4	189.8	190.4	191.1	191.8
Other goods and services.....do.....	126.8	126.8	127.1	127.2	127.3	127.3
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by--						
Wholesale prices.....do.....	84.7	84.4	84.0	84.0	83.9	**83.9
Consumer prices.....do.....	82.2	82.2	80.8	80.8	80.7	**80.8
FINANCE						
Agricultural loans and discounts outstanding of agencies supervised by the Farm Credit Adm.:						
Total.....mil. of dol..	3,329	3,339	3,784	3,802	3,791	3,812
Farm mortgage loans: Federal land banks.....do.....	1,908	1,919	2,036	2,052	2,065	2,089
Loans to cooperatives.....do.....	452	454	473	507	526	510
Other loans and discounts.....do.....	969	966	1,275	1,243	1,199	1,214

ITEM	1957		1958			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
FINANCE - Continued						
Federal Government finance:						
Receipts, total.....mil. of dol..	5,797	6,611	8,119	3,446	5,979	6,848
Receipts, net.....do.....	4,827	5,956	7,208	2,769	4,962	6,180
Customs.....do.....	67	63	75	82	72	78
Individual income taxes.....do.....	3,512	2,477	3,909	1,387	3,735	2,512
Corporation income and profits taxes.....do.....	367	2,277	2,267	374	319	2,419
Employment taxes.....do.....	740	432	549	386	816	441
Other internal revenue and receipts.....do.....	1,111	1,363	1,320	1,217	1,038	1,397
Expenditures.....do.....	5,806	5,809	6,633	7,144	6,237	7,080
Interest on public debt.....do.....	636	674	578	600	607	647
All other expenditures.....do.....	5,169	5,136	6,056	6,544	5,629	6,433
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Organic chemicals, production:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	47,259	48,829	53,644	r54,087	57,309	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do.....	85,266	86,675	90,452	89,683	79,908	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do.....	1,774	2,034	1,456	1,990	1,745	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	9,936	9,729	8,520	11,152	8,620	.....
DDT.....thous. of lb..	9,017	8,870	12,291	12,745	12,085	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do.....	9,002	9,074	9,654	8,681	9,121	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do.....	106,358	103,997	89,410	99,042	83,686	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do.....	117,081	104,466	134,494	148,011	135,867	.....
Methanol:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	134	148	149	135	113	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do.....	17,747	19,588	20,151	21,698	21,295	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	31,231	31,913	25,300	27,570	28,844	.....
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	3,653	3,885	*3,947	*3,717	*3,475	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do.....	7,624	7,778	*8,215	*10,035	*8,542	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do.....	344	259	*	*	*	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do.....	339	360	223	271	227	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do.....						
Polystyrene.....do.....	37,769	34,379	39,900	46,205	43,786	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do.....	47,811	45,903	55,257	r58,823	62,560	.....
Vinyl resins.....do.....	22,926	23,094	28,302	r30,108	27,692	.....
Alkyd resins.....do.....	71,535	66,458	82,133	88,551	85,649	.....
Rosin modifications.....do.....	24,937	24,059	30,375	r32,558	26,262	.....
Polyester resins.....do.....	9,097	7,590	10,665	11,327	10,382	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do.....	6,589	6,546	8,730	12,433	9,246	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do.....	62,936	68,510	75,252	79,309	78,666	.....
FOODSTUFFS						
Wines and distilling materials:						
Effervescent wines:						
Production.....thous. of wine gal..	178	218	113	201	185	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do.....	329	308	212	306	353	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	1,722	r1,608	2,124	1,986	1,795	.....
Still wines:						
Production.....do.....	r12,806	r3,730	47,185	78,613	15,228	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do.....	12,476	r12,333	12,668	13,945	12,631	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	r203,972	r190,763	145,116	209,363	212,516	.....
Distilling materials produced at wineries.....do.....	r25,226	r5,549	115,853	154,877	35,661	.....
Sugar, U. S., deliveries and supply (raw value):						
Production.....short tons..	726,744	617,197	104,141	664,528	884,734	.....
Entries from off-shore.....do.....	411,510	114,576	593,578	402,904	297,890	185,854
Hawaii and Puerto Rico.....do.....	147,394	72,428	229,523	135,314	120,859	70,256
Deliveries, total.....do.....	627,447	786,372	876,505	786,725	624,045	.....
For domestic consumption.....do.....	623,570	782,586	868,846	778,259	624,110	p822,414
Stocks, raw and refined, end of mo.....thous. of short tons..	1,757	1,880	691	1,040	1,695	p1,873
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins..	786	785	600	699	644	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips..	2,059	1,953	2,020	r2,324	2,039	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	1,609	1,668	1,499	1,823	1,517	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do.....	1,954	1,757	2,243	r2,504	2,352	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Pig iron, production (excl. blast furnace production of ferro-alloys).....thous. of short tons..	5,711	5,213	5,041	5,836	5,907	6,025
Castings, shipments:						
Gray iron.....do.....	940	864	917	993	p950	.....
Malleable iron.....short tons..	67,904	60,425	56,836	60,981	p63,384	.....
Steel.....do.....	127,115	120,787	85,277	95,389	p84,122	.....
Machine tools (metal-cutting and metal-forming):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	35.15	24.85	28.10	37.00	r30.70	p42.95
Domestic.....do.....	30.80	20.05	24.65	32.00	r26.85	p33.80
Shipments, total.....do.....	59.75	70.10	34.90	41.40	r33.65	p42.85
Domestic.....do.....	51.60	63.25	29.65	35.90	r27.45	p36.90
Estimated backlog.....months..	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0	p3.2

r/ Revised, p/ Preliminary. * Effective May 1958, data for "other cellulose plastics" are combined with sheets, etc., and molding and extrusion materials.

ITEM	1957		1958			
	November	December	September	October	November	December
PAPER AND PRINTING						
Newsprint, Canada (including Newfoundland):						
Production.....thous. of short tons..	504.9	435.3	490.8	544.1	518.1	476.2
Shipments from mills.....do....	520.5	471.4	495.3	555.1	527.7	494.3
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	168.6	132.5	223.3	212.3	202.7	184.7
Newsprint, United States:						
Production.....do....	140.4	138.7	137.2	154.8	152.6	144.7
Shipments from mills.....do....	143.1	135.1	139.7	158.7	150.6	148.8
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	15.7	19.3	22.6	18.6	20.6	16.5
Consumption by publishers.....do....	453.0	436.3	413.0	470.0	465.2	394.3
Stocks at and in transit to publishers, end of month.....do....	722.9	675.0	697.2	655.3	632.8	651.7
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Men's apparel, cuttings: <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>						
Tailored garments:						
Suits.....thous. of units..	1,336	1,392	1,328	1,750	1,560	p1,710
Coats (separate), dress and sport.....do....	780	624	704	775	824	p820
Trousers (separate), dress and sport.....do....	5,616	4,944	4,720	5,455	4,884	p4,145
Work clothing:						
Dungarees and waistband overalls.....thous. of doz..	200	136	256	310	256	p185
Shirts.....do....	336	264	320	385	296	p320
Cotton: <u>1/</u>						
Consumption.....bales..	651,599	569,873	647,894	833,366	672,838	727,410
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day.....thousands..	19,767	r19,727	19,251	19,279	19,269	19,276
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	18,133	18,144	17,641	17,650	17,611	17,616
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....mil. of hr..	8,984	r7,960	8,870	11,447	9,180	10,427
Average per working day.....do....	449	398	444	458	459	417
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	8,231	7,309	8,190	10,496	8,389	9,453
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:						
Freight cars:						
Shipments, total.....number..	7,260	6,507	r2,296	r1,811	r2,256	2,763
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	4,033	3,802	r1,153	r759	r1,319	1,584
Domestic.....do....	3,915	3,469	r1,055	r606	r905	1,442
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	3,227	2,705	1,143	1,052	937	1,179
New orders, total.....do....	1,088	3,467	r1,670	r666	6,525	3,830
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	975	3,088	r1,628	r606	4,628	2,028
Domestic.....do....	955	3,064	r1,543	r606	4,398	2,028
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	113	379	42	60	1,897	1,802
Unfilled orders, end of month.....do....	60,238	56,676	25,524	24,059	28,167	27,659
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	25,442	24,496	5,221	4,648	7,996	8,467
Domestic.....do....	24,398	23,761	4,679	4,259	7,791	8,404
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	34,796	32,180	20,303	19,411	20,171	19,192
Passenger cars (equipment manufacturers):						
Shipments, total.....do....	5	37	3	10	4	8
Domestic.....do....	5	37	3	10	4	2
Unfilled orders, end of month, total.....do....	134	97	52	43	44	36
Domestic.....do....	134	97	46	37	38	36

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Data for October and December 1958 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 2/ See note in January 1959 SURVEY regarding comparability of November 1957 data with data for subsequent months.

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