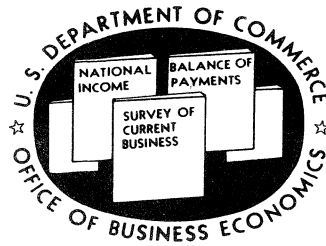


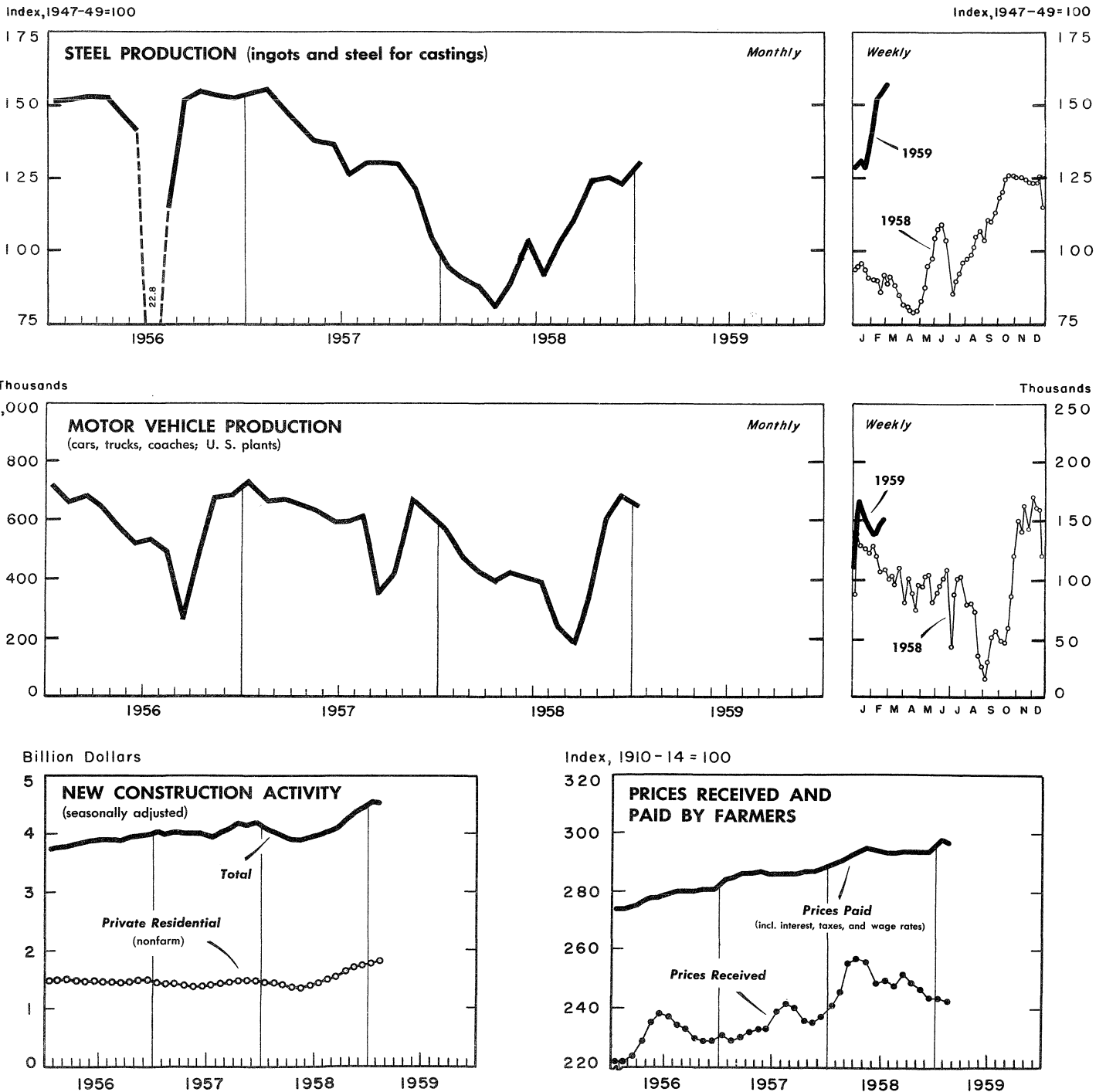
BUSINESS STATISTICS



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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS ¹

ITEM	1958		1959			
	Feb. 22	Mar. 1	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*119.0	119.3	119.4	119.4	119.1
Farm products.....do.....		*96.1	90.8	91.1	91.0	89.9
Feeds, processed.....do.....		*109.9	106.3	107.9	107.8	107.2
All other.....do.....		*125.7	127.5	127.6	127.6	127.6
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	86.2	85.7	84.6	84.7	84.2	84.2
Department store sales.....do.....	88	107	108	111	109	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	3,487	3,502	**2,944	**3,011	.....	.....
State and UCFE programs.....do.....	3,268	3,282	2,407	2,465	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	317	331	271	292	310	.....
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,642	30,542	31,121	31,193	31,205	31,111
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do.....	24,830	24,527	27,092	27,136	27,112	26,965
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do.....	19,122	18,909	18,749	18,742	18,562	18,389
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do.....	695	483	353	496	382	330
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	54,882	54,943	57,540	57,510	56,681	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do.....	25,604	25,768	28,310	28,168	28,213	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	87,027	87,361	94,863	94,294	94,058	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	26,452	26,856	31,954	31,555	31,209	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do.....	30,370	30,367	30,154	30,156	30,243	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,737	8,742	9,685	9,719	9,729	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	4.00	4.00	4.44	4.44	4.42	4.41
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1941-43=10..	41.15	40.92	55.21	54.35	54.50	55.24
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	43.88	43.62	58.70	57.86	57.97	58.83
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,132	1,385	1,403	1,363	1,343	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	12,338	11,803	13,292	13,156	13,292	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	107,687	109,139	139,549	140,611	145,959	152,306
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,808	6,841	7,213	7,155	7,208	.....
Steel 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,373	1,475	2,288	2,371	2,449	2,506
Percent of capacity.....do.....	#58.9	#54.6	80.8	83.7	86.5	88.5
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	495	554	565	567	583	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	251	282	295	294	307	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning March 2, 1959: Production, 2,535 thous. short tons; operating rate, 89.5 percent. * Monthly index for February 1958. ** Includes persons reported under temporary programs (TUC) and under Ex-Servicemen's Unemployment Compensation Act of 1958 (UCX). # Based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons); not comparable with 1959 rates which are based on January 1, 1959, annual capacity (147,633,670 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1957	1958		1959		
	December	January	October	November	December	January
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Business incorporations:						
New incorporations (48 States).....number..	10,575	13,080	13,633	12,090	r16,458	18,773
FINANCE						
Agricultural loans and discounts outstanding of agencies supervised by the Farm Credit Adm.:						
Total.....mil. of dol..	3,339	3,363	3,802	3,791	3,812	3,868
Farm mortgage loans: Federal land banks.....do.....	1,919	1,925	2,052	2,065	2,089	2,109
Loans to cooperatives.....do.....	454	456	507	526	510	519
Other loans and discounts.....do.....	966	982	1,243	1,199	1,214	1,240
Life insurance (Institute of Life Insurance):						
Assets, total, all U. S. life insurance companies.....do.....	101,309	101,961	106,053	106,540	107,419	.....
Bonds (book value), domestic and foreign, total.....do.....	51,428	51,885	53,988	54,172	54,302	.....
U. S. Government.....do.....	7,028	7,199	7,319	7,344	7,205	.....
State, county, municipal (U. S.).....do.....	2,377	2,428	2,641	2,672	2,685	.....
Public utility (U. S.).....do.....	14,663	14,706	15,170	15,183	15,247	.....
Railroad (U. S.).....do.....	3,857	3,852	3,829	3,828	3,830	.....
Industrial and miscellaneous (U. S.).....do.....	20,620	20,802	21,931	22,043	22,214	.....
Stocks (book value), domestic and foreign, total.....do.....	3,013	3,013	3,187	3,198	3,359	.....
Preferred (U. S.).....do.....	1,627	1,623	1,654	1,651	1,646	.....
Common (U. S.).....do.....	1,366	1,371	1,504	1,516	1,678	.....
Mortgage loans, total.....do.....	35,271	35,462	36,648	36,794	37,097	.....
Nonfarm.....do.....	32,686	32,873	33,955	34,093	34,388	.....
Real estate.....do.....	3,120	3,143	3,388	3,415	3,349	.....
Policy loans and premium notes.....do.....	3,872	3,905	4,162	4,183	4,204	.....
Cash.....do.....	1,294	1,201	1,190	1,242	1,365	.....
Other assets.....do.....	3,311	3,352	3,490	3,536	3,743	.....
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Operations on scheduled airlines:						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	61,637	61,558	59,373	49,049	46,182	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do.....	21,730	20,599	29,487	24,263	25,380	.....
Mail ton-miles flown.....do.....	11,082	8,275	9,124	8,348	11,835	.....
Passengers originated, revenue.....do.....	3,274	3,341	3,564	2,958	2,741	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	2,031	2,072	2,101	1,777	1,779	.....

ITEM	1957	1958				1959
	December	January	October	November	December	January
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Vegetable oils, oilseeds, and byproducts:						
Copra:						
Consumption.....short tons..	32,554	31,469	28,942	23,593	23,724	27,400
Stocks.....do.....	.....	16,721	8,348	11,170	9,071	10,400
Coconut or copra oil:						
Production, crude.....thous. of lb..	41,574	40,167	37,404	30,475	30,446	35,100
Cottonseed:						
Receipts at mills.....thous. of short tons..	929	273	1,643	1,112	542	147
Consumption (crush).....do.....	544	522	712	599	563	570
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do.....	1,626	1,367	1,437	1,951	1,930	1,507
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production.....short tons..	247,536	238,031	329,102	283,913	267,204	262,100
Stocks.....do.....	247,186	241,455	116,105	106,724	78,464	79,600
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude.....thous. of lb..	181,195	174,440	239,110	205,160	189,981	195,800
Flaxseed:						
Oilmills: Consumption.....thous. of bu..	2,069	1,854	2,571	2,245	2,164	2,279
Stocks.....do.....	4,414	4,719	5,646	5,266	3,879	2,832
Soybeans:						
Consumption.....do.....	28,417	31,091	33,470	33,530	34,443	36,687
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	78,863	70,010	98,112	107,704	98,610	94,310
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude.....thous. of lb..	299,940	328,321	352,574	351,240	359,893	385,500
FOODSTUFFS						
Meats, production, total.....mil. of lb..						
Beef and veal.....do.....	1,932.3	2,050.6	2,125.4	1,831.9	2,047.8	2,083.5
Lamb and mutton.....do.....	884.7	998.1	1,019.2	816.4	919.7	929.7
Pork, including lard.....do.....	46.8	52.3	51.8	41.8	51.9	66.8
Lard.....do.....	1,000.8	1,000.2	1,054.4	973.7	1,076.2	1,087.0
	189.3	193.4	190.8	177.6	201.3	200.8
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins..	785	786	699	644	727	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips..	1,953	2,109	2,324	r2,040	2,156	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	1,668	1,931	1,823	1,517	1,763	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do.....	1,757	1,922	2,504	r2,345	2,315	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Castings, gray iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....thous. of short tons..	676	638	620	602	608	.....
Shipments, total.....do.....	864	868	993	958	998	.....
For sale.....do.....	444	436	587	505	509	.....
Castings, malleable iron:						
Orders, unfilled, for sale.....short tons..	74,863	67,292	63,425	66,725	65,904	.....
Shipments, total.....do.....	60,425	62,734	60,981	63,356	68,385	.....
For sale.....do.....	34,343	34,920	40,014	39,221	40,041	.....
Castings, steel:						
Shipments, total.....do.....	120,787	120,722	95,389	85,267	103,800	.....
For sale, total.....do.....	92,125	94,717	73,367	65,788	81,360	.....
Railway specialties.....do.....	23,403	22,545	12,254	9,648	13,187	.....
Barrels and drums, steel, heavy types (for sale):						
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....thousands..	1,820	1,767	1,613	1,502	1,491	.....
Shipments.....do.....	1,649	1,846	1,913	1,666	1,889	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	70	79	89	104	130	.....
Oil burners:						
Shipments.....number..	29,276	40,193	79,000	51,765	40,695	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	39,054	38,308	30,413	30,788	32,434	.....
Stoves and ranges, domestic cooking, excluding electrical:						
Shipments, total <u>1</u> /.....number..	126,521	138,951	224,902	181,527	189,567	.....
Coal and wood.....do.....	2,350	3,674	5,616	3,985	4,159	.....
Gas (including bungalow and combination) <u>1</u> /.....do.....	119,189	128,391	211,904	171,096	180,963	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do.....	4,982	6,886	7,382	6,446	4,445	.....
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total.....do.....						
Coal and wood.....do.....	78,066	75,764	367,117	r200,988	144,405	.....
Gas.....do.....	6,832	6,592	61,183	29,482	17,110	.....
Gas.....do.....	59,094	48,412	243,032	r141,479	101,825	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do.....	12,140	20,760	62,902	r30,027	25,470	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do.....						
Gas.....do.....	62,542	70,961	145,350	r114,726	91,783	.....
Oil.....do.....	41,570	47,928	100,103	81,070	65,948	.....
Solid fuel.....do.....	15,804	21,160	40,100	r30,179	23,604	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do.....	1,645	1,873	5,147	3,477	2,231	.....
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:	168,719	232,784	254,743	193,146	.....	.....
Electric precessing.....thous. of dol..	1,593	701	908	777	1,578	891
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do.....	2,180	1,593	854	3,874	1,887	2,178
Machine tools (metal-cutting and metal-forming):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	24.85	26.85	37.00	30.70	43.90	p40.15
Domestic.....do.....	20.05	22.00	32.00	26.85	r34.75	p34.00
Shipments, total.....do.....	70.10	57.80	41.40	33.65	r43.95	p31.80
Domestic.....do.....	63.25	50.80	35.90	27.45	r37.80	p26.15
Estimated backlog.....months..	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.0	r3.1	p3.5
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	237.5	265.5	339.1	293.6	317.0	242.5
Washers, sales billed (domestic and export) <u>2</u> /.....do.....	213.5	244.8	404.1	333.0	330.5	288.5

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Data (except for December 1957) include shipments of built-in gas-fired ranges. 2/ Data exclude sales of combination washer-dryer units; sales of such types totaled 16,900 units in January 1959.

ITEM	1958				1959	
	January	February	November	December	January	February
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received by farmers, all farm products....1910-14=100..	241	246	247	244	244	243
Crops.....	215	219	217	213	215	218
Commercial vegetables, fresh market.....do....	r273	r306	r234	r220	266	264
Cotton.....do....	r231	211	r273	256	238	239
Feed grains and hay.....do....	r143	r145	r143	r151	r152	154
Food grains.....do....	r219	r221	r201	r199	199	203
Fruit.....do....	r184	r199	r241	r217	211	225
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	r228	r225	r210	r214	218	221
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do....	r172	204	r121	r126	129	123
Tobacco.....do....	r476	475	485	505	500	505
Livestock and products.....do....	263	269	272	269	270	265
Dairy products.....do....	r268	r263	r273	270	264	259
Meat animals.....do....	r306	r321	r329	r327	328	322
Poultry and eggs.....do....	r172	169	r160	r154	160	158
Wool.....do....	r265	r244	203	203	201	197
Prices paid by farmers:						
All commodities and services.....do....	270	271	274	274	276	275
Family living items.....do....	285	286	288	287	288	288
Production items.....do....	259	260	263	265	268	267
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	290	291	294	295	298	297
Parity ratio.....do....	83	85	84	83	82	82
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,326	3,106	4,448	4,024	r3,674	3,475
Private, total.....do....	2,408	2,270	3,119	2,887	r2,618	2,500
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,165	1,078	1,741	1,605	r1,448	1,369
New dwelling units.....do....	895	810	1,330	1,260	r1,150	1,070
Additions and alterations.....do....	220	219	354	288	r243	245
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	746	705	760	722	660	638
Industrial.....do....	274	252	178	176	173	167
Commercial.....do....	270	258	327	305	268	262
Farm construction.....do....	100	104	114	100	98	101
Public utilities.....do....	385	372	487	444	398	380
Public, total.....do....	918	836	1,329	1,137	r1,056	975
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	343	312	379	361	356	322
Military facilities.....do....	87	73	125	110	105	98
Highway.....do....	230	220	485	350	285	265
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	4,068	4,004	4,378	4,473	r4,549	4,537
Private, total.....do....	2,830	2,796	3,015	3,049	r3,105	3,120
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	1,445	1,435	1,682	1,715	r1,787	1,817
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	769	748	717	716	688	684
Industrial.....do....	269	252	175	173	170	167
Commercial.....do....	288	281	302	305	288	287
Farm construction.....do....	134	134	134	134	130	129
Public utility.....do....	469	466	464	467	485	476
Public, total.....do....	1,238	1,208	1,363	1,424	r1,444	1,417
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	382	360	395	408	399	373
Military facilities.....do....	107	96	120	125	130	129
Highway.....do....	451	458	505	538	559	552

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