

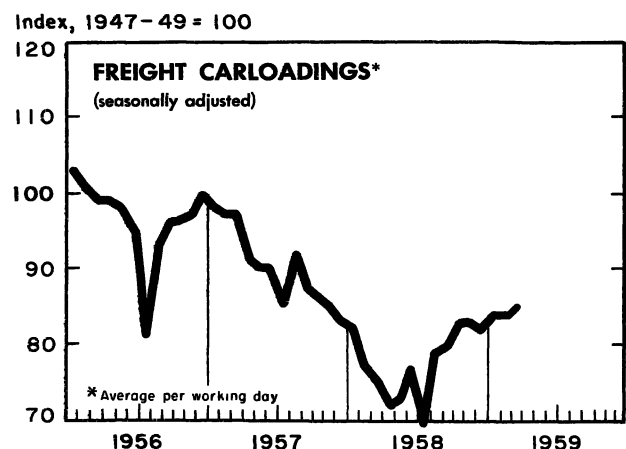
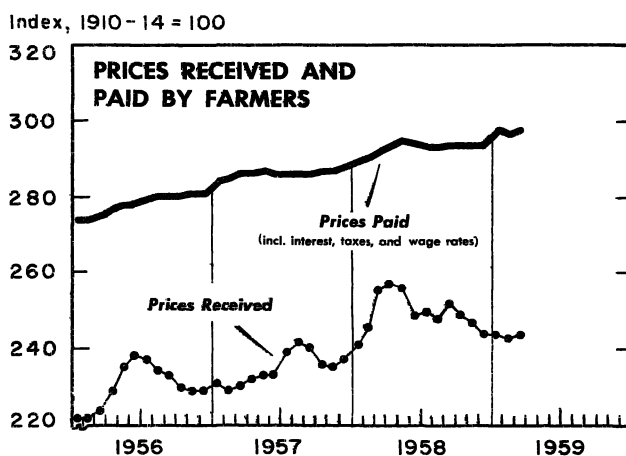
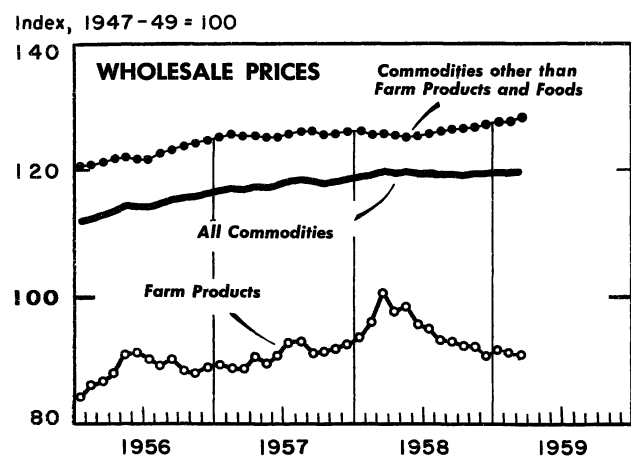
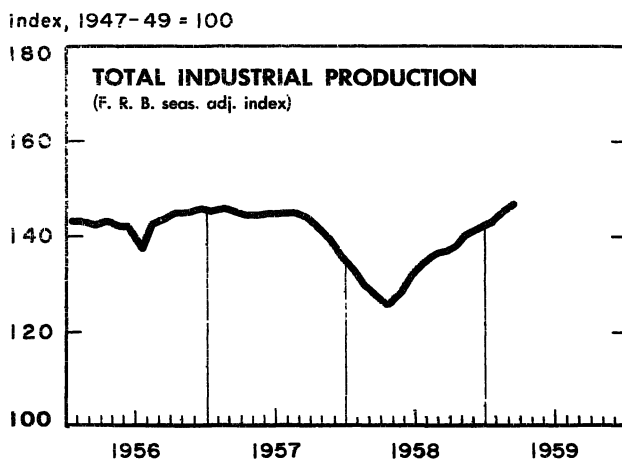
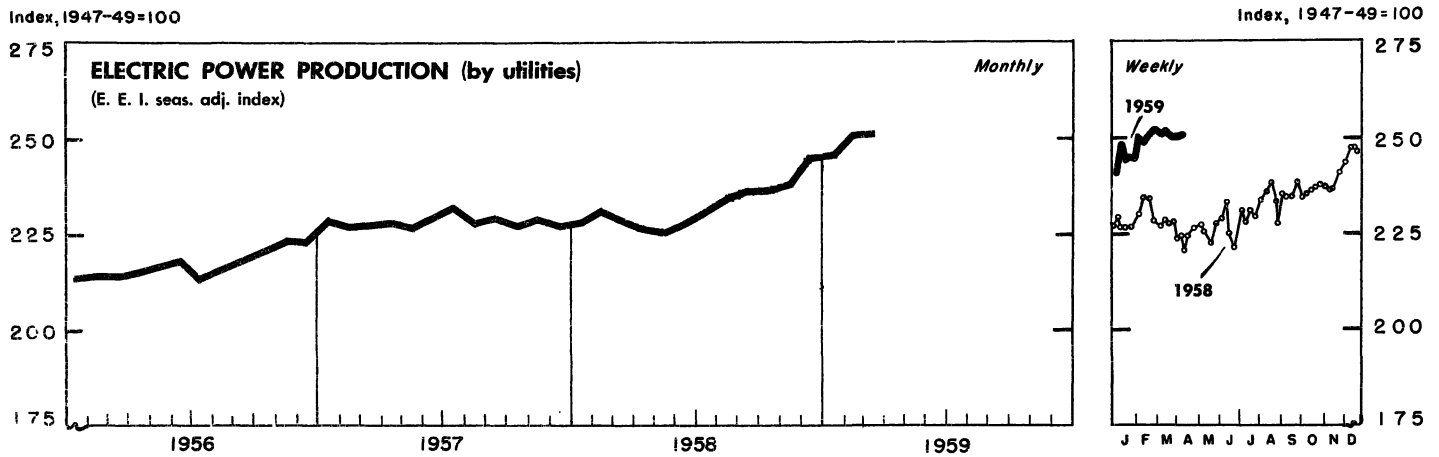


# BUSINESS STATISTICS

A WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT TO THE SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

Available only with subscription to the SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS, at \$4.00 annually, this Supplement provides selected weekly and monthly data subsequent to those published in the latest monthly SURVEY

## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1958		1959			
	April 12	April 19	Mar. 28	April 4	April 11	April 18
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*119.3			119.7	119.9
Farm products.....do.....		*97.7			90.9	92.7
Foods, processed.....do.....		*111.5			107.1	107.4
All other.....do.....		*125.5			128.2	128.1
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....	84.4	84.8	86.8	87.0	87.1	86.8
Department store sales.....do.....	110	125	141	117	130	
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	3,592	3,558	**2,461	**2,379		
State and UCFE programs.....do.....	3,363	3,333	2,003	1,938		
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	342	346	297	284	337	304
Finance:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. of dol..	30,744	30,733	31,231	31,225	31,280	31,365
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do.....	24,638	24,701	27,123	27,151	27,357	27,357
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do.....	18,300	18,369	18,558	18,323	18,711	18,698
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do.....	627	615	474	473	508	533
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	55,251	56,491	56,628	55,889	56,717	
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do.....	26,889	27,038	28,419	28,423	28,439	
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	89,834	92,713	93,631	95,522	95,168	
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	28,055	30,164	29,365	30,543	30,380	
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do.....	30,589	30,583	31,170	31,172	31,021	
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,712	8,729	9,813	9,834	9,863	
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	4.03	4.02	4.41	4.42	4.43	4.45
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /.....1941-43=10..	41.65	42.10	55.88	55.69	56.21	56.96
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	44.37	44.82	59.48	59.28	59.85	60.73
Production:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,177	1,195	1,320	1,293	1,325	
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,307	11,107	12,709	12,618	12,604	
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	101,551	90,146	147,470	159,872	158,905	161,377
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. of bbl..	6,204	6,251	7,193	7,129	7,127	
Steel <u>5</u> /.....thous. of short tons..	1,308	1,285	2,631	2,638	2,641	2,657
Percent of capacity.....	#48.5	#47.6	92.9	93.2	93.3	93.8
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	521	534	604	590	618	
Miscellaneous.....do.....	276	286	334	334	343	

<sup>1</sup>/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning April 20, 1959: Production, 2,683 thous. short tons; operating rate, 94.8 percent. \* Monthly index for April 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	1958			1959		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
COMMODITY PRICES						
Wholesale price index, all commodities.....1947-49=100..	119.0	119.7	119.2	119.5	119.5	119.6
By stage of processing:						
Crude materials for further processing.....do.....	99.5	101.5	97.0	98.1	98.0	98.9
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components.....do.....	125.0	125.0	126.3	126.3	126.5	126.7
Finished goods.....do.....	120.6	121.4	120.5	120.8	120.7	120.5
Farm products.....do.....	96.1	100.5	90.6	91.5	91.1	90.9
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and dried.....do.....	127.0	142.5	99.2	102.5	105.9	93.6
Grains.....do.....	79.9	82.2	76.1	76.1	77.0	77.7
Livestock and live poultry.....do.....	91.9	95.8	87.6	90.3	88.4	91.1
Foods, processed.....do.....	109.9	110.7	108.8	108.7	107.6	107.2
Cereal and bakery products.....do.....	118.1	117.8	117.4	117.5	117.7	119.0
Dairy products and ice cream.....do.....	114.2	113.4	113.5	113.0	113.0	113.0
Fruits and vegetables, canned and frozen.....do.....	105.7	106.8	113.0	110.8	110.6	111.1
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	102.7	105.9	101.4	103.3	100.9	99.6
Commodities other than farm products and foods.....do.....	125.7	125.7	127.2	127.5	r127.8	128.1
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	110.6	110.7	110.0	110.2	109.9	109.8
Chemicals, industrial.....do.....	123.6	123.7	123.7	124.0	123.7	123.6
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....do.....	93.6	94.0	93.2	93.0	r93.0	92.8
Fats and oils, inedible.....do.....	62.9	64.2	61.5	59.9	58.9	60.3
Fertilizer materials.....do.....	110.4	110.3	105.3	107.6	107.5	107.5
Prepared paint.....do.....	128.4	128.4	128.2	128.2	128.4	128.4
Fuel, power, and lighting materials.....do.....	113.6	112.4	112.9	113.9	114.8	115.0
Coal.....do.....	126.2	126.2	123.7	125.3	126.2	124.6
Electric power.....do.....January 1958=100..	100.1	100.1	100.7	100.7	100.8	100.9
Gas fuels.....do.....	101.5	101.1	107.8	112.7	r112.0	113.1
Petroleum and products.....do.....1947-49=100..	118.9	117.0	117.2	118.2	119.5	119.9
Furniture, other household durables.....do.....	123.6	123.5	122.8	123.3	r123.3	123.4
Appliances, household.....do.....	105.3	105.3	103.8	105.0	r104.8	104.8
Furniture, household.....do.....	123.3	122.8	123.9	124.1	r124.1	124.1
Radio receivers and phonographs.....do.....	92.5	92.6	89.6	89.1	89.1	89.2
Television receivers.....do.....	70.7	70.7	69.3	70.2	70.2	70.2

r/ Revised.

ITEM	1958			1959		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
COMMODITY PRICES - Continued						
Wholesale price index - Continued						
Commodities other than farm products and foods - Continued						
Hides, skins, and leather products.....1947-49=100..	99.6	99.5	103.6	104.1	105.4	108.5
Footwear.....do.....	122.0	121.9	123.1	123.2	123.3	123.6
Hides and skins.....do.....	51.2	51.2	66.6	68.7	73.0	87.7
Leather.....do.....	90.6	91.0	99.2	99.3	101.0	103.6
Lumber and wood products.....do.....	115.8	115.5	119.8	120.5	r122.5	124.1
Lumber.....do.....	116.2	115.9	120.1	121.0	r123.1	125.4
Machinery and motive products.....do.....	149.3	149.2	151.5	151.8	152.0	152.1
Agricultural machinery and equipment.....do.....	138.3	138.3	142.7	142.9	143.0	143.3
Construction machinery and equipment.....do.....	165.6	165.4	170.3	170.9	r171.4	171.6
Electrical machinery and equipment.....do.....	151.3	151.3	152.4	152.6	r152.5	152.6
Motor vehicles.....do.....	139.1	139.1	143.1	143.1	r143.2	143.2
Metals and metal products.....do.....	150.1	149.8	153.0	152.9	153.4	153.7
Heating equipment.....do.....	121.3	120.7	121.8	121.8	122.0	121.9
Iron and steel.....do.....	167.6	167.3	171.7	172.0	172.5	171.9
Nonferrous metals.....do.....	127.8	127.0	133.2	133.2	r134.1	136.3
Nonmetallic minerals, structural.....do.....	136.5	135.3	136.9	137.2	137.5	137.7
Clay products.....do.....	155.5	155.5	158.8	159.3	159.6	159.9
Concrete products.....do.....	127.8	127.9	128.4	128.6	r129.0	129.1
Gypsum products.....do.....	127.1	133.1	133.1	133.1	133.1	133.1
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do.....	130.8	130.5	131.3	131.5	131.7	132.0
Paper.....do.....	143.1	143.0	142.1	142.1	142.1	142.1
Rubber and products.....do.....	144.6	144.6	146.3	146.0	146.1	146.7
Tires and tubes.....do.....	152.1	152.1	152.8	151.9	151.9	151.9
Textile products and apparel.....do.....	94.1	94.0	93.3	93.3	93.7	93.8
Apparel.....do.....	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3
Cotton products.....do.....	89.3	89.0	88.6	88.7	89.6	90.2
Silk products.....do.....	117.5	116.1	105.1	104.7	109.3	112.1
Manmade fiber textile products.....do.....	81.2	81.0	79.4	79.3	79.8	80.0
Wool products.....do.....	103.8	102.8	97.5	97.4	r97.7	97.6
Tobacco manufactures and bottled beverages.....do.....	128.1	128.0	128.6	128.6	128.9	132.1
Beverages, alcoholic.....do.....	120.1	120.1	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7
Cigarettes.....do.....	134.8	134.8	134.8	134.8	134.8	134.8
Miscellaneous.....do.....	89.3	94.3	100.9	100.8	98.5	97.0
Toys, sporting goods.....do.....	119.5	119.1	118.6	117.8	117.9	117.1
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE *						
Engineering construction:						
Contract awards (ENR) 1/.....mil. of dol..	1,175	1,398	1,352	1,641	r1,314	1,644
Highway concrete pavement contract awards: 2/						
Total.....thous. of sq. yd..	4,554	7,553	10,261	8,964	6,756	7,255
Airports.....do.....	209	470	794	2,076	996	981
Roads.....do.....	2,640	5,500	6,775	4,775	4,531	4,333
Streets and alleys.....do.....	1,705	1,584	2,692	2,114	1,229	1,941
Construction cost indexes:						
American Appraisal Co., The, average, 30 cities...1913=100..	673	674	692	693	693	694
Atlanta.....do.....	732	737	756	756	765	768
New York.....do.....	730	730	741	753	753	753
San Francisco.....do.....	620	619	641	641	641	641
St. Louis.....do.....	667	667	671	672	672	672
Engineering News-Record: Building 3/.....1947-49=100..	152.6	152.8	158.6	158.9	159.8	160.6
Construction 3/.....do.....	164.3	164.6	171.8	171.9	172.5	173.2
FINANCE						
Agricultural loans and discounts outstanding of agencies supervised by the Farm Credit Adm.:						
Total.....mil. of dol..	3,404	3,464	3,812	3,868	3,959	4,073
Farm mortgage loans: Federal land banks.....do.....	1,934	1,947	2,089	2,109	2,138	2,175
Loans to cooperatives.....do.....	442	428	510	519	518	518
Other loans and discounts.....do.....	1,028	1,089	1,214	1,240	1,303	1,381
Bank debts, total (344 centers).....do.....	181,729	203,870	238,975	r221,927	195,770	223,419
New York City.....do.....	72,803	84,409	92,711	86,507	74,366	84,710
6 other centers.....do.....	36,188	40,363	r48,690	44,505	39,635	47,485
Stocks, cash dividend payments publicly reported:						
Total dividend payments.....mil. of dol..	376.4	1,762.7	2,139.0	873.7	387.1	1,798.6
Finance.....do.....	125.7	116.0	268.9	192.3	134.4	123.7
Manufacturing.....do.....	123.2	1,177.8	1,337.5	269.6	118.0	1,184.6
Mining.....do.....	2.4	119.0	141.0	7.8	2.5	105.4
Public utilities:						
Communications.....do.....	1.2	66.7	73.4	175.1	1.4	72.1
Electric and gas.....do.....	88.4	147.2	161.7	100.5	93.4	156.6
Railroad.....do.....	6.5	61.8	73.8	29.8	6.1	81.2
Trade.....do.....	22.5	43.6	50.8	88.2	23.1	45.0
FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO						
Tobacco, manufactured products:						
Production, total.....thous. of lb..	13,640	14,638	13,465	14,951	13,855	.....
Chewing, plug, and twist.....do.....	5,198	5,349	5,255	5,919	5,433	.....
Smoking.....do.....	5,594	6,590	5,274	6,083	5,647	.....
Snuff.....do.....	2,848	2,699	2,936	2,949	2,775	.....

r/ Revised. 1/ Data for January 1959 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 2/ Data for December 1958 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 3/ Data reported at the beginning of each month are shown here for the previous month.

\* CORRECTION for p. 3 of weekly BUSINESS STATISTICS supplement, April 17, 1959: New dwelling units started (privately owned, seasonally adjusted at annual rate) for March 1959 should read 1,390.0 thousand instead of 1,319.0 thousand.

ITEM	1958			1959		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO - Continued						
Tobacco, manufactured products - Continued						
Consumption (withdrawals):						
Cigarettes, small:						
Tax-free.....millions..	2,522	2,624	2,711	2,636	2,674	.....
Tax-paid.....do....	31,369	32,968	33,953	36,242	34,614	.....
Cigars, tax-paid.....thousands..	394,236	439,638	402,108	441,969	453,356	.....
Manufactured tobacco and snuff, tax-paid....thous. of lb..	13,161	14,366	13,472	14,526	13,518	.....
PULP, PAPER, AND PRINTING						
Wood pulp:						
Production, total, all grades.....thous. of short tons..						
Dissolving and special alpha.....do....	1,677.8	1,809.7	1,754.3	r 1,961.0	1,842.5	.....
Sulfate.....do....	73.9	76.3	77.7	93.8	91.4	.....
Sulfite.....do....	934.2	1,019.8	981.6	r 1,111.3	1,020.8	.....
Groundwood.....do....	188.4	210.4	194.0	r 207.1	216.0	.....
Defibrated or exploded.....do....	234.1	244.4	235.0	r 265.5	243.4	.....
Soda, semichemical, screenings, damaged, etc.....do....	89.4	94.8	93.1	98.0	91.8	.....
Stocks, end of month, total, all mills.....do....	157.7	164.0	172.8	185.3	179.1	.....
Pulp mills.....do....	894.7	920.2	886.7	r 906.6	901.6	.....
Paper and board mills.....do....	261.9	266.1	254.8	r 271.1	273.0	.....
Nonpaper mills.....do....	536.4	558.9	546.0	r 552.7	549.0	.....
All paper and board mills, production:	96.3	95.1	85.9	82.6	79.6	.....
Paper and board, total.....do....	r 2,370	2,536	2,513	r 2,707	2,613	.....
Paper.....do....	r 1,057	1,127	1,125	r 1,213	1,146	.....
Paperboard.....do....	r 1,089	1,170	1,151	r 1,239	1,221	.....
Wet-machine board.....do....	12	13	11	12	11	.....
Construction paper and board.....do....	213	227	225	243	235	.....
Newsprint, Canada (including Newfoundland):						
Production.....do....	473.8	521.8	476.2	491.1	466.0	511.9
Shipments from mills.....do....	435.2	471.1	494.3	465.9	416.2	453.2
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	194.6	245.2	184.7	209.9	259.6	318.3
Newsprint, United States:						
Production.....do....	140.4	148.4	144.7	165.7	149.5	161.8
Shipments from mills.....do....	138.7	151.0	148.8	155.1	155.0	159.2
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	19.3	16.7	16.5	27.1	21.7	24.3
Consumption by publishers.....do....	364.7	434.4	394.3	394.9	384.5	457.7
Stocks at and in transit to publishers, end of month.....do....	719.7	689.8	651.7	651.8	636.3	578.5
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Railway equipment, American Railway Car Institute:						
Freight cars:						
Shipments, total.....number..	5,511	6,150	2,763	1,972	2,506	2,808
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	3,721	4,670	1,584	1,014	1,677	1,777
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	1,790	1,480	1,179	958	829	1,031
New orders, total.....do....	287	204	3,706	4,328	1,925	10,795
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	208	203	2,004	1,390	1,414	7,370
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	79	1	1,702	2,938	511	3,425
Unfilled orders, end of month.....do....	44,138	38,249	27,659	29,822	29,240	35,927
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	16,276	11,854	8,467	8,800	8,536	14,129
Railroad and private-line shops, domestic.....do....	27,862	26,395	19,192	21,022	20,704	21,798

r/ Revised.  
USCOMM-DC-9357

UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

FIRST CLASS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS