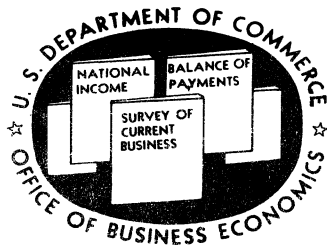


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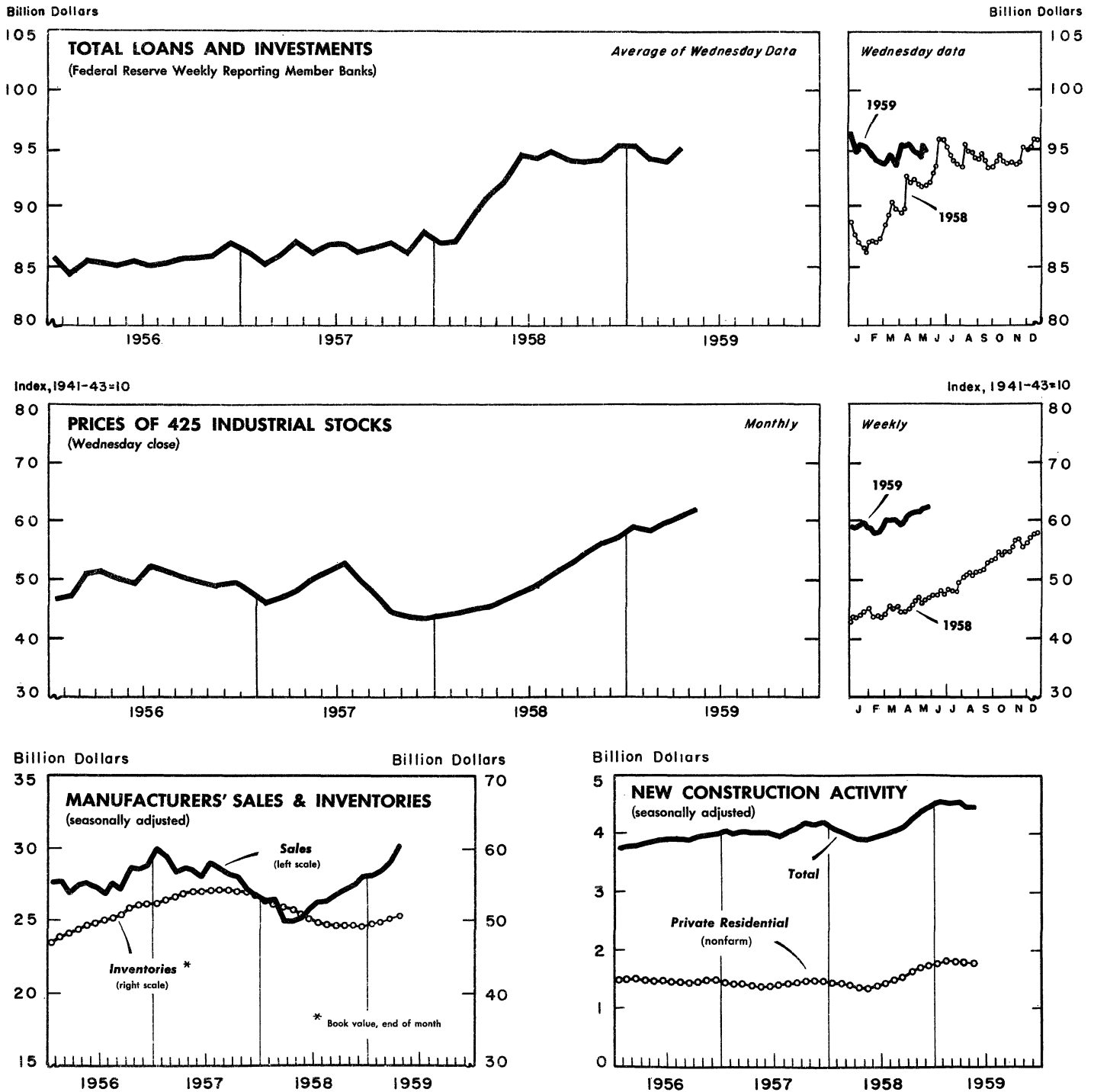


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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



ITEM	1958		1959			
	May 24	May 31	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*119.5		119.7	119.6	119.5
Farm products.....do.....		*98.5		90.7	90.6	91.1
Foods, processed.....do.....		*112.9		107.8	107.7	107.6
All other.....do.....		*125.3		128.1	128.0	127.8
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	85.7	86.3	87.8	88.1	88.1	88.2
Department store sales.....do.....	128	116	158	137	140	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	3,089	3,017	**1,824	**1,744	.....	.....
State and UCFE programs.....do.....	2,893	2,828	1,567	1,505	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	337	278	265	311	259	264
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. of dol..	30,822	30,813	31,369	31,505	31,515	31,473
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	25,016	24,994	27,424	27,563	27,989	27,548
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do.....	18,248	18,194	18,571	18,550	18,829	18,393
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do.....	703	681	399	444	605	336
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	54,671	55,434	56,231	56,184	56,222	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	27,634	27,765	28,524	28,506	28,501	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	91,803	92,100	94,283	95,384	94,856	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	30,856	31,093	28,892	29,675	28,972	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	29,851	29,718	31,369	31,587	31,674	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,800	8,821	9,975	10,038	10,066	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	4.00	3.99	4.55	4.58	4.65	4.66
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.....1941-43=10..	43.55	43.85	57.61	57.97	58.09	58.19
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	46.32	46.64	61.66	62.11	62.23	62.39
Production:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,212	1,284	1,392	1,376	1,393	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	11,316	11,155	12,659	12,684	12,931	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	104,630	81,765	162,448	163,340	161,178	142,299
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. of bbl..	6,256	6,242	7,200	7,178	7,216	.....
Steel 3/.....thous. of short tons..	1,523	1,567	2,604	2,631	2,644	2,650
Percent of capacity.....	#56.4	#58.1	92.0	92.9	93.4	93.6
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	570	530	677	694	686	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	296	270	352	355	351	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Week beginning June 1, 1959: Production, 2,674 thous. short tons; operating rate, 94.4 percent. * Monthly index for May 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			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Manufacturers' sales:						
Value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	25,780	25,248	27,329	27,502	r30,564	30,836
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	12,161	11,921	13,066	13,501	r15,280	15,770
Primary metal.....do.....	1,770	1,740	2,195	2,320	r2,792	2,948
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,334	1,316	1,417	1,390	r1,622	1,717
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,982	3,867	3,797	4,125	r4,595	4,591
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	2,768	2,632	3,275	3,215	r3,466	3,634
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	786	788	829	853	r969	985
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	568	617	561	582	r724	774
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,619	13,327	14,263	14,001	r15,284	15,066
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,312	4,227	4,251	4,155	r4,483	4,419
Tobacco.....do.....	356	362	377	364	r404	405
Textile.....do.....	1,015	965	1,083	1,156	r1,243	1,206
Paper.....do.....	912	883	942	938	r1,018	1,046
Chemical.....do.....	1,882	1,944	1,947	1,853	r2,132	2,240
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,649	2,516	3,195	2,946	r3,107	2,967
Rubber.....do.....	412	438	503	456	526	.....
Value (adjusted), total.....do.....	24,931	24,945	28,143	28,481	r29,106	30,232
Durable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	11,670	11,532	13,541	13,870	r14,376	15,123
Primary metal.....do.....	1,635	1,657	2,230	2,421	r2,580	2,792
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,332	1,302	1,537	1,526	r1,605	1,667
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,685	3,748	4,017	4,131	r4,226	4,400
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	2,708	2,466	3,167	3,168	r3,188	3,383
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	759	791	879	894	r918	991
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	586	605	668	677	r731	759
Nondurable-goods industries, total 1/.....do....	13,261	13,413	14,602	14,611	r14,730	15,109
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,333	4,348	4,522	4,479	r4,465	4,546
Tobacco.....do.....	387	373	428	428	r416	418
Textile.....do.....	999	1,016	1,102	1,140	r1,200	1,241
Paper.....do.....	885	874	942	977	r988	1,036
Chemical.....do.....	1,745	1,832	1,932	1,930	r1,979	2,083
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,597	2,594	3,043	3,037	r3,046	3,059
Rubber.....do.....	396	429	508	490	506	.....

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

NOTE: Correction for p. S-10 of the May 1959 SURVEY—April 1959 index for department-store sales, total United States, seasonally

adjusted, should read 139 instead of 165.

ITEM	1958		1959			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
Manufacturers' inventories, end of month:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	52,318	51,595	49,776	50,190	r50,626	51,003
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	30,163	29,683	28,178	28,566	r29,116	29,408
Primary metal.....do....	4,246	4,185	4,293	4,286	r4,271	4,185
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,947	2,983	2,903	3,008	r3,151	3,285
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	10,054	9,885	8,967	9,125	r9,279	9,453
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,226	6,956	6,695	6,738	r6,908	6,948
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,824	1,814	1,713	1,723	r1,750	1,736
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,295	1,282	1,219	1,249	r1,265	1,275
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	22,155	21,912	21,598	21,624	r21,510	21,595
Food and beverage.....do....	4,574	4,520	4,831	4,777	r4,662	4,640
Tobacco.....do....	1,960	1,915	1,994	1,997	r1,951	1,910
Textile.....do....	2,682	2,675	2,462	2,490	r2,502	2,522
Paper.....do....	1,483	1,483	1,451	1,474	r1,491	1,494
Chemical.....do....	3,929	3,858	3,787	3,805	r3,793	3,783
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,405	3,372	3,199	3,175	r3,187	3,246
Rubber.....do....	1,112	1,078	1,023	1,053	r1,071	.....
Book value (adjusted), total.....do....	52,009	51,486	49,503	49,861	r50,323	50,825
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	29,864	29,424	28,117	28,373	r28,846	29,159
Primary metal.....do....	4,342	4,362	4,180	4,280	r4,372	4,364
Fabricated metal.....do....	2,918	2,925	2,993	3,069	r3,120	3,189
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	9,920	9,744	9,030	9,063	r9,155	9,317
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	7,113	6,863	6,578	6,608	r6,806	6,893
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,794	1,783	1,702	1,702	r1,722	1,706
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,233	1,233	1,207	1,201	r1,205	1,226
Nondurable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	22,145	22,062	21,386	21,488	r21,477	21,666
Food and beverage.....do....	4,685	4,765	4,669	4,740	r4,752	4,824
Tobacco.....do....	1,885	1,896	1,881	1,902	r1,876	1,891
Textile.....do....	2,627	2,606	2,487	2,476	r2,451	2,457
Paper.....do....	1,454	1,468	1,451	1,459	r1,462	1,479
Chemical.....do....	3,877	3,839	3,764	3,744	r3,742	3,763
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,510	3,441	3,264	3,273	r3,286	3,312
Rubber.....do....	1,069	1,047	1,013	1,032	r1,030	.....
Manufacturers' orders:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....do....	25,448	24,254	28,215	28,916	r31,843	30,706
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	11,848	10,879	13,897	14,759	r16,427	15,590
Primary metal.....do....	1,547	1,457	2,835	3,450	r3,033	2,672
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,234	1,255	1,462	1,601	r1,688	1,597
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,761	3,724	3,868	4,229	r5,193	4,625
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,065	2,072	3,057	2,884	r3,589	3,706
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,600	13,375	14,318	14,157	r15,416	15,116
New orders, net (adjusted), total.....do....	24,758	24,498	28,502	29,702	r30,214	30,995
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	11,488	10,833	13,900	14,918	r15,308	15,582
Primary metal.....do....	1,571	1,543	2,727	3,236	r2,681	2,827
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,175	1,230	1,523	1,685	r1,608	1,566
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	3,511	3,596	3,937	4,198	r4,839	4,585
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,317	2,093	3,038	3,038	r3,422	3,614
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	13,270	13,665	14,602	14,784	r14,906	15,413
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	47,504	46,510	47,683	49,097	r50,376	50,246
Durable-goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	45,059	44,017	44,839	46,097	r47,244	47,064
Primary metal.....do....	4,040	3,757	4,991	6,121	r6,362	6,086
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,099	3,038	3,105	3,121	r3,382	3,262
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	16,327	16,184	16,083	16,187	r16,785	16,819
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	17,763	17,203	16,286	15,955	r16,078	16,150
Nondurable-goods industries, total.....do....	2,445	2,493	2,844	3,000	r3,132	3,182
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Magazine advertising:						
Cost, total.....thous. of dol..	67,587	69,727	41,070	56,400	70,080	73,862
Apparel and accessories.....do....	5,572	5,424	1,767	2,935	4,888	5,244
Automotive, including accessories.....do....	6,636	6,505	4,950	4,644	7,428	7,973
Building materials.....do....	3,276	3,372	1,005	2,783	3,317	4,635
Drugs and toiletries.....do....	6,214	6,241	3,740	5,827	6,723	6,038
Foods, soft drinks, confectionery.....do....	8,301	7,517	5,578	9,071	9,145	8,042
Beer, wine, liquors.....do....	3,477	3,475	1,713	2,965	4,326	3,931
Household equip., supplies, furnishings.....do....	5,409	7,711	2,271	3,681	5,306	7,674
Industrial materials.....do....	4,562	4,914	2,455	2,894	3,816	4,409
Soaps, cleansers, etc.....do....	1,168	1,226	394	880	1,322	1,392
Smoking materials.....do....	1,866	2,051	1,777	2,290	2,426	2,082
LIFE INSURANCE						
Life insurance written (new paid-for insurance):						
Value, estimated total.....do....	5,788	5,568	*4,724	5,053	5,788	5,594
Group and wholesale.....do....	1,337	1,024	779	893	791	810
Industrial.....do....	550	544	459	531	596	539
Ordinary.....do....	3,901	4,000	*3,486	3,629	4,401	4,245

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ITEM	1958		1959			
	April	May	February	March	April	May
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received by farmers, all farm products....1910-14=100..	257	256	243	244	244	245
Crops.....do.....	239	232	218	r220	223	230
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	r295	r251	r268	r264	r261	254
Cotton.....do.....	236	246	r238	r254	264	269
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	159	161	154	155	161	163
Food grains.....do.....	225	222	203	205	205	205
Fruit.....do.....	262	264	225	218	210	223
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	234	233	221	223	225	230
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do.....	256	200	123	117	135	217
Tobacco.....do.....	474	r474	505	505	r508	508
Livestock and products.....do.....	272	r276	265	r264	261	258
Dairy products.....do.....	239	231	r258	249	r240	232
Meat animals.....do.....	339	r352	322	327	336	338
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	r175	r173	r159	r154	135	126
Wool.....do.....	r207	r201	197	197	220	240
Prices paid by farmers:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	274	275	275	276	276	276
Family living items.....do.....	288	288	288	287	287	288
Production items.....do.....	265	266	267	267	269	268
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates....do.....	294	295	297	298	299	299
Parity ratio.....do.....	87	87	82	82	82	82
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New construction (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..	3,636	4,000	3,475	3,792	r4,172	4,595
Private, total.....do.....	2,551	2,752	2,500	2,698	2,918	3,160
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,289	1,421	1,369	1,530	1,714	1,867
New dwelling units.....do.....	945	1,015	1,070	1,215	1,340	1,430
Additions and alterations.....do.....	296	355	245	261	318	376
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	677	698	638	628	629	687
Industrial.....do.....	218	204	167	161	156	154
Commercial.....do.....	263	285	262	265	272	320
Farm construction.....do.....	126	146	101	111	124	143
Public utilities.....do.....	446	470	380	416	438	448
Public, total.....do.....	1,085	1,248	975	1,094	r1,254	1,435
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	374	386	322	366	383	386
Military facilities.....do.....	80	88	98	105	118	132
Highway.....do.....	335	455	265	295	r405	545
New construction (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	3,881	3,879	4,537	4,544	r4,464	4,460
Private, total.....do.....	2,699	2,696	3,120	3,106	3,095	3,099
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,351	1,348	1,817	1,811	1,803	1,787
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	733	733	684	682	687	724
Industrial.....do.....	222	210	167	164	159	159
Commercial.....do.....	294	302	287	293	305	339
Farm construction.....do.....	133	133	129	130	130	130
Public utility.....do.....	468	466	476	468	461	444
Public, total.....do.....	1,182	1,183	1,417	1,438	r1,369	1,361
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	380	375	375	391	389	274
Military facilities.....do.....	88	90	129	130	130	135
Highway.....do.....	414	410	552	557	r500	491

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