

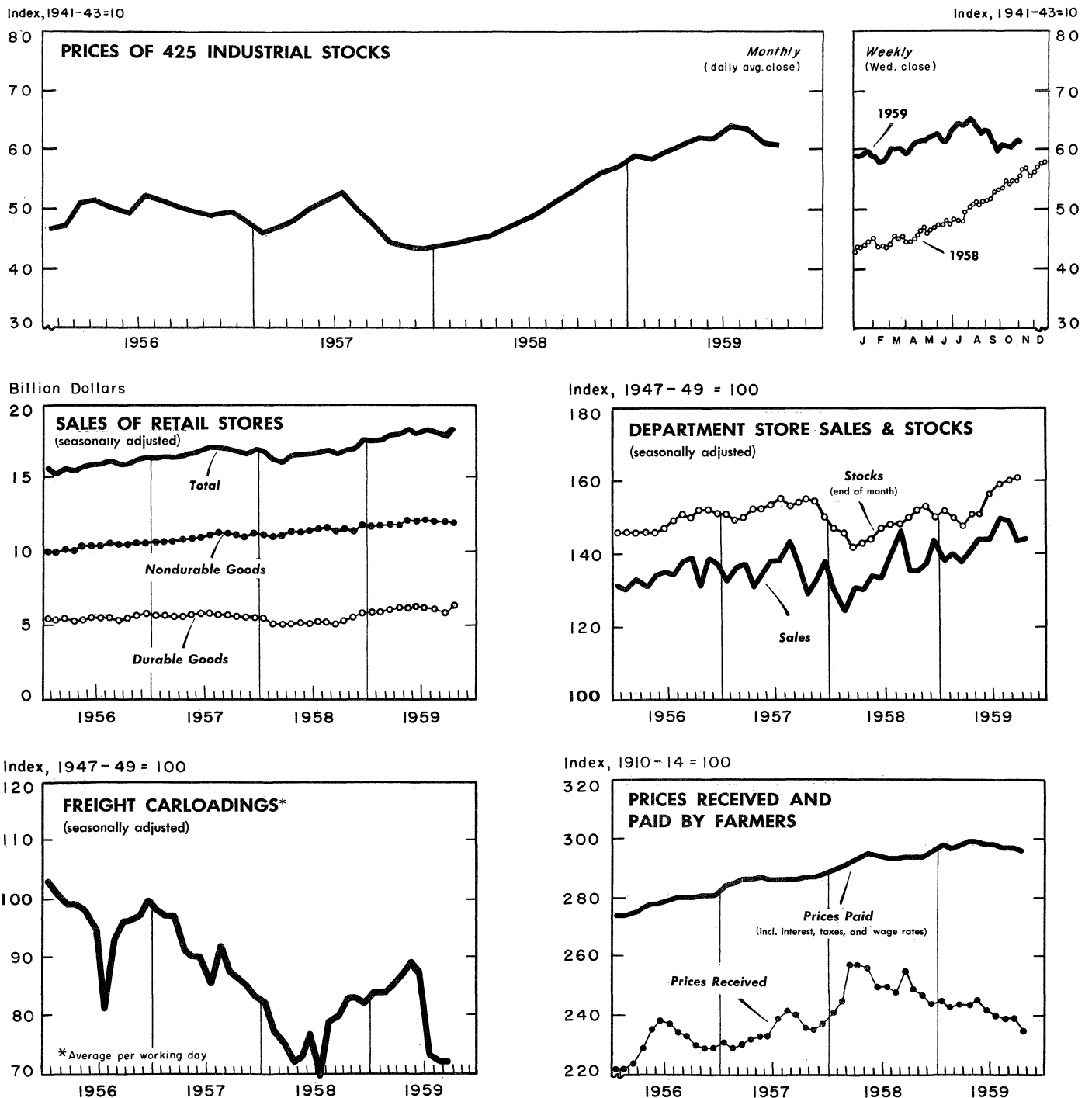
# BUSINESS STATISTICS



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### SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

| ITEM   | 1958     |          | 1959    |         |         |        |
|--|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
|  | Nov. 1   | Nov. 8   | Oct. 17 | Oct. 24 | Oct. 31 | Nov. 7 |
| <b>Commodity prices, wholesale:</b>  |          |          |         |         |         |        |
| All commodities.....1947-49=100.....                                       |          | *119.6   | 119.2   | 119.1   | 119.3   | 119.2  |
| Farm products.....do.....  |          | *88.9    | 86.5    | 86.1    | 86.8    | 86.6   |
| Foods, processed.....do.....   |          | *107.8   | 106.2   | 106.1   | 106.3   | 105.8  |
| All other.....do.....  |          | *128.4   | 128.5   | 128.5   | 128.6   | 128.6  |
| 22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do.....                                      | 86.8     | **87.6   | 85.6    | 85.9    | 86.9    | **86.6 |
| Department store sales.....do.....   | 136      | 148      | 160     | 150     | 145     | .....  |
| Insured unemployment, total <u>3</u> /.....thous..                         | 1,860    | 1,891    | 1,456   | 1,517   | .....   | .....  |
| State programs (incl. Alaska and Hawaii).....do....                        | 1,676    | 1,694    | 1,286   | 1,346   | .....   | .....  |
| Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..                           | 299      | 331      | 252     | 250     | 273     | 265    |
| <b>Finance:</b>  |          |          |         |         |         |        |
| Currency in circulation <u>4</u> /.....mil. of dol..                       | 31,299   | 31,422   | 32,096  | 32,026  | 31,873  | 31,920 |
| Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>4</u> /.....do....       | 26,767   | 26,694   | 28,667  | 28,664  | 28,353  | 28,443 |
| Member bank reserve balances <u>4</u> /.....do....                         | 18,515   | 18,416   | 18,501  | 18,679  | 18,568  | 18,711 |
| Excess reserves, estimated <u>4</u> /.....do....                           | 522      | 408      | 475     | 489     | 289     | 378    |
| <b>Reporting member banks (of F.R. System) in leading cities:<u>5</u>/</b> |          |          |         |         |         |        |
| Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..                                | 61,541   | 60,749   | 60,827  | 60,805  | 61,239  | .....  |
| Time deposits, except interbank.....do....                                 | 30,230   | 30,165   | 30,590  | 30,567  | 30,532  | .....  |
| Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....                         | #101,792 | #101,900 | 102,790 | 103,916 | 103,388 | .....  |
| U. S. Government obligations.....do....                                    | 34,351   | 34,260   | 27,443  | 28,483  | 28,194  | .....  |
| Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....                         | .....    | .....    | 29,704  | 29,548  | 29,516  | .....  |
| Real estate loans (gross).....do....                                       | 11,189   | 11,244   | 12,491  | 12,510  | 12,527  | .....  |
| Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>4</u> /.....percent..         | 4.42     | 4.42     | 4.87    | 4.86    | 4.85    | 4.86   |
| Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>5</u> /.....1941-43=100..    | 51.19    | 52.03    | 56.71   | 56.55   | 57.46   | 57.26  |
| Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....   | 54.73    | 55.65    | 60.69   | 60.49   | 61.62   | 61.47  |
| <b>Production:</b>   |          |          |         |         |         |        |
| Bituminous coal <u>4</u> /.....thous. of short tons..                      | 1,465    | 1,477    | 1,329   | 1,350   | 1,344   | .....  |
| Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..                          | 12,330   | 12,311   | 12,861  | 12,762  | 12,978  | .....  |
| Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..                        | 120,366  | 150,407  | 157,618 | 133,551 | 118,102 | 79,448 |
| Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>4</u> /.....thous. of bbl..            | 6,911    | 7,003    | 6,839   | 6,875   | 6,887   | .....  |
| Steel.....thous. of short tons..   | 2,024    | 2,011    | 368     | 371     | 371     | 368    |
| Percent of capacity.....   | ##75.0   | ##74.5   | 13.0    | 13.1    | 13.1    | 13.0   |
| Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..                           | 675      | 658      | 581     | 607     | 588     | .....  |
| Miscellaneous.....do....   | 337      | 328      | 309     | 319     | 306     | .....  |

<sup>1</sup>/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. <sup>2</sup>/ Tuesday prices. <sup>3</sup>/ Includes data for Alaska and Hawaii, and for the following programs: State; R.R.; Federal employees; veterans; and ex-servicemen. <sup>4</sup>/ Daily average. <sup>5</sup>/ Wednesday data; leaders indicate data not available. \* Monthly index for October 1958. \*\* Wednesday price. # Not strictly comparable with data for 1959. ## 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   |        |           |         |
|--|-----------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|
|  | September | October | July   | August | September | October |
| <b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>   |           |         |        |        |           |         |
| <b>Farm income and marketings:</b>   |           |         |        |        |           |         |
| Cash receipts from farming, including Government payments, total.....mil. of dol.. | 3,604     | 4,031   | 2,676  | 2,605  | p3,270    | .....   |
| Farm marketings and CCC loans, total.....do....                                    | 3,337     | 3,914   | 2,582  | 2,573  | p3,240    | .....   |
| Crops.....do....   | 1,567     | 1,961   | 1,116  | 1,132  | p1,571    | .....   |
| Livestock and products, total.....do....   | 1,770     | 1,953   | 1,466  | 1,441  | p1,669    | .....   |
| Dairy products.....do....  | 357       | 372     | 385    | 376    | p369      | .....   |
| Meat animals.....do....  | 1,105     | 1,250   | 829    | 817    | p1,035    | .....   |
| Poultry and eggs.....do....  | 292       | 313     | 230    | 229    | p248      | .....   |
| <b>Indexes of cash receipts from marketings and CCC loans, unadjusted:</b>         |           |         |        |        |           |         |
| All commodities.....1947-49=100..  | 137       | 161     | 106    | 106    | p133      | .....   |
| Crops.....do....   | 146       | 183     | 104    | 106    | p147      | .....   |
| Livestock and products.....do....  | 130       | 143     | 108    | 106    | p122      | .....   |
| <b>Indexes of volume of farm marketings, unadjusted:</b>                           |           |         |        |        |           |         |
| All commodities.....do....   | 147       | 177     | 121    | 118    | p147      | .....   |
| Crops.....do....   | 160       | 209     | 114    | 110    | p157      | .....   |
| Livestock and products.....do....  | 138       | 153     | 128    | 124    | p139      | .....   |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>  |           |         |        |        |           |         |
| Engineering construction:  |           |         |        |        |           |         |
| Contract awards (ENR) <u>1</u> /.....mil. of dol..                                 | 1,348     | 1,621   | 2,482  | 1,495  | 1,538     | 1,494   |
| <b>Construction cost indexes:</b>  |           |         |        |        |           |         |
| Department of Commerce, composite.....1947-49=100..                                | 139       | 140     | 142    | 142    | 143       | .....   |
| Associated General Contractors (all types).....1913=100..                          | 504       | 504     | 522    | 522    | 525       | 526     |
| Engineering News-Record: Building <u>2</u> /.....1947-49=100..                     | 158.7     | 158.2   | 163.9  | 164.4  | 164.3     | 163.9   |
| Construction <u>2</u> /.....do....   | 171.1     | 170.9   | 179.1  | 179.4  | 179.1     | 178.8   |
| <b>DOMESTIC TRADE</b>  |           |         |        |        |           |         |
| <b>All retail stores: <u>3</u>/</b>  |           |         |        |        |           |         |
| Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....mil. of dol..                              | 16,326    | 17,360  | 18,332 | 18,054 | r17,570   | 19,024  |
| Durable goods stores.....do....  | 5,080     | 5,379   | 6,419  | 6,240  | r5,709    | 6,371   |
| Automotive group.....do....  | 2,447     | 2,613   | 3,579  | 3,410  | r2,878    | 3,474   |
| Furniture and appliance group.....do....   | 850       | 932     | 916    | 942    | r921      | 1,003   |
| Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....  | 1,038     | 1,083   | 1,135  | 1,092  | 1,093     | .....   |

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| ITEM   | 1958      |           | 1959    |         |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
|  | September | October   | July    | August  | September | October   |
| <b>DOMESTIC TRADE - Continued</b>                          |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| All retail stores <u>l</u> - Continued                     |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Estimated sales (unadjusted) - Continued                   |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Nondurable goods stores.....mil. of dol..                  | 11,246    | 11,981    | 11,913  | 11,814  | r11,861   | 12,653    |
| Apparel group.....do....                                   | 1,042     | 1,135     | 924     | 958     | r1,120    | 1,200     |
| Drug and proprietary stores.....do....                     | 538       | 556       | 579     | 587     | r591      | 605       |
| Eating and drinking places.....do....                      | 1,276     | 1,280     | 1,458   | 1,458   | r1,378    | 1,368     |
| Food group.....do....                                      | 4,068     | 4,344     | 4,481   | 4,295   | r4,215    | 4,590     |
| Gasoline service stations.....do....                       | 1,346     | 1,384     | 1,516   | 1,504   | r1,419    | 1,445     |
| General merchandise group.....do....                       | 1,781     | 1,932     | 1,701   | 1,843   | r1,917    | 2,109     |
| Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....    | 16,563    | 16,941    | 18,296  | r18,109 | r17,783   | 18,260    |
| Durable goods stores.....do....                            | 5,095     | 5,374     | 6,160   | 6,095   | r5,774    | 6,302     |
| Automotive group.....do....                                | 2,600     | 2,819     | 3,454   | 3,350   | 3,105     | .....     |
| Furniture and appliance group.....do....                   | 858       | 871       | 929     | 952     | 928       | .....     |
| Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....                | 926       | 940       | 1,009   | 988     | 964       | .....     |
| Nondurable goods stores.....do....                         | 11,468    | 11,567    | 12,136  | r12,014 | r12,009   | 11,958    |
| Apparel group.....do....                                   | 1,042     | 1,068     | 1,133   | 1,096   | 1,111     | .....     |
| Drug and proprietary stores.....do....                     | 563       | 568       | 592     | 600     | 618       | .....     |
| Eating and drinking places.....do....                      | 1,221     | 1,244     | 1,325   | r1,295  | 1,319     | .....     |
| Food group.....do....                                      | 4,169     | 4,187     | 4,289   | 4,305   | 4,267     | .....     |
| Gasoline service stations.....do....                       | 1,338     | 1,358     | 1,404   | 1,392   | 1,411     | .....     |
| General merchandise group.....do....                       | 1,817     | 1,805     | 2,030   | 1,989   | 1,958     | .....     |
| Estimated inventories:                                     |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Unadjusted, total.....do....                               | 23,680    | 24,180    | 24,640  | r24,520 | 24,300    | .....     |
| Durable goods stores.....do....                            | 10,110    | 10,110    | 11,870  | r11,370 | 10,660    | .....     |
| Nondurable goods stores.....do....                         | 13,570    | 14,070    | 12,770  | r13,150 | 13,640    | .....     |
| Adjusted, total.....do....                                 | 23,680    | 23,490    | r25,090 | r24,800 | 24,800    | .....     |
| Durable goods stores.....do....                            | 10,480    | 10,250    | r11,900 | r11,620 | 11,500    | .....     |
| Nondurable goods stores.....do....                         | 13,200    | 13,240    | 13,190  | r13,180 | 13,300    | .....     |
| Retail firms with 4 or more stores:                        |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do....             | 4,128     | 4,533     | 4,316   | 4,298   | 4,371     | .....     |
| Retail firms with 11 or more stores:                       |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do....             | 3,566     | 3,907     | 3,778   | 3,777   | 3,833     | .....     |
| Apparel group.....do....                                   | 239       | 251       | 207     | 215     | 267       | .....     |
| Drug and proprietary stores.....do....                     | 90        | 93        | 100     | 98      | 99        | .....     |
| Eating and drinking places.....do....                      | 74        | 76        | 88      | 87      | 84        | .....     |
| Furniture, homefurnishings stores.....do....               | 41        | 47        | 36      | 39      | 38        | .....     |
| General merchandise group.....do....                       | 1,112     | 1,216     | 1,063   | 1,164   | 1,199     | .....     |
| Grocery stores.....do....                                  | 1,461     | 1,648     | 1,679   | 1,580   | 1,562     | .....     |
| Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do....              | 75        | 78        | 82      | 81      | 80        | .....     |
| Tire, battery, accessory stores.....do....                 | 69        | 76        | 88      | 86      | 78        | .....     |
| Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....    | 3,685     | 3,695     | 3,984   | 3,972   | 3,929     | .....     |
| Apparel group.....do....                                   | 237       | 235       | 266     | 254     | 259       | .....     |
| Drug and proprietary stores.....do....                     | 94        | 94        | 102     | 103     | 103       | .....     |
| Eating and drinking places.....do....                      | 71        | 73        | 83      | 81      | 81        | .....     |
| Furniture, homefurnishings stores.....do....               | 43        | 40        | 39      | 39      | 39        | .....     |
| General merchandise group.....do....                       | 1,134     | 1,134     | 1,289   | 1,273   | 1,211     | .....     |
| Grocery stores.....do....                                  | 1,555     | 1,570     | 1,619   | 1,635   | 1,649     | .....     |
| Lumber, building-materials dealers.....do....              | 64        | 67        | 72      | 71      | 68        | .....     |
| Tire, battery, accessory stores.....do....                 | 73        | 74        | 80      | 82      | 82        | .....     |
| Department store sales, United States total:               |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Unadjusted index.....1947-49=100..                         | 137       | 141       | 121     | 132     | rp144     | p151      |
| Seasonally adjusted index.....do....                       | 135       | 135       | 150     | 149     | rp143     | p144      |
| Wholesale trade:   |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Sales, estimated (unadjusted), total.....bil. of dol..     | 11.9      | 12.8      | 12.7    | 12.2    | 13.0      | .....     |
| Durable goods establishments.....do....                    | 4.4       | 4.7       | 4.9     | 4.7     | 4.9       | .....     |
| Nondurable goods establishments.....do....                 | 7.5       | 8.1       | 7.8     | 7.5     | 8.1       | .....     |
| Inventories, estimated (unadjusted), total.....do....      | 11.7      | 11.9      | 12.4    | 12.4    | 12.5      | .....     |
| Durable goods establishments.....do....                    | 6.1       | 6.1       | 6.7     | 6.6     | 6.5       | .....     |
| Nondurable goods establishments.....do....                 | 5.6       | 5.8       | 5.7     | 5.9     | 6.0       | .....     |
|  | August    | September | June    | July    | August    | September |
| <b>FINANCE</b>   |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Bonds:   |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Average price of all listed bonds (N.Y.S.E.).....dollars.. | 92.32     | 91.74     | 89.17   | 89.32   | 88.22     | 87.71     |
| Domestic.....do....  | 92.47     | 91.90     | 89.19   | 89.36   | 88.22     | 87.79     |
| Foreign.....do....   | 81.46     | 80.72     | 87.88   | 87.08   | 87.24     | 81.80     |
| Value, issues listed on New York Stock Exchange:           |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Market value, total, all issues.....mil. of dol..          | 110,165   | 107,711   | 105,872 | 106,135 | r103,924  | 103,473   |
| Domestic.....do....  | 107,683   | 105,251   | 102,219 | 102,511 | 101,253   | 100,826   |
| Foreign.....do....   | 1,462     | 1,448     | 2,569   | 2,538   | r1,585    | 1,573     |
| Face value, total, all issues.....do....                   | 119,336   | 117,407   | 118,725 | 118,822 | r117,895  | 117,967   |
| Domestic.....do....  | 116,455   | 114,527   | 114,607 | 114,711 | 114,776   | 114,846   |
| Foreign.....do....   | 1,795     | 1,794     | 2,923   | 2,914   | r1,922    | 1,923     |
| Stocks:  |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Shares listed, New York Stock Exchange:                    |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Market value, all listed shares.....mil. of dol..          | 237,509   | 248,388   | 298,785 | 309,520 | 304,569   | 290,564   |
| Number of shares listed.....millions..                     | 4,906     | 4,916     | 5,463   | 5,502   | 5,510     | 5,629     |
| <b>ELECTRIC POWER</b>                                      |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Electric power:  |           |           |         |         |           |           |
| Production, total.....mil. of kw.-hr..                     | 63,280    | 60,689    | 67,390  | 68,539  | 69,562    | 64,846    |
| Electric utilities.....do....                              | 56,645    | 53,993    | 59,840  | 61,695  | 63,084    | 58,585    |
| Industrial establishments.....do....                       | 6,634     | 6,696     | 7,550   | 6,844   | 6,478     | 6,261     |

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|--|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
|  | August  | September | June    | July    | August  | September |
| ELECTRIC POWER - Continued   |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Electric power - Continued   |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Sales to ultimate customers, total (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. of kw.-hr..    | 48,997  | 49,233    | 52,120  | 52,661  | 53,658  | .....     |
| Commercial and industrial:   |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Small light and power.....do....   | 9,494   | 9,366     | 9,433   | 10,114  | 10,611  | .....     |
| Large light and power.....do....   | 23,445  | 23,878    | 26,550  | 25,531  | 25,297  | .....     |
| Railways and railroads.....do....  | 293     | 289       | 282     | 277     | 363     | .....     |
| Residential or domestic.....do....   | 12,893  | 12,943    | 13,008  | 13,681  | 14,190  | .....     |
| Rural (district rural rates).....do....  | 1,313   | 1,170     | 1,191   | 1,408   | 1,499   | .....     |
| Street and highway lighting.....do....   | 419     | 448       | 404     | 415     | 446     | .....     |
| Other public authorities.....do....  | 1,078   | 1,083     | 1,193   | 1,170   | 1,193   | .....     |
| Interdepartmental.....do....   | 61      | 56        | 59      | 65      | 60      | .....     |
| Revenue from sales to ultimate customers (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. of dol.. | 836.9   | 840.9     | 867.2   | 886.2   | 906.9   | .....     |
| FOODS AND KINDRED PRODUCTS   |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Vegetable oils, and related products:  |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Coconut oil:   |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Production, crude.....mil. of lb..   | 38.9    | 35.1      | 41.4    | 34.0    | 42.4    | 38.1      |
| Corn oil:  |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Production, crude.....do....   | 23.8    | 23.4      | 26.9    | 24.4    | 26.7    | 25.8      |
| Cottonseed:  |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Consumption (crushings).....thous. of short tons..                                     | 147.6   | 306.8     | 116.6   | 97.4    | 149.3   | 501.1     |
| Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....   | 331.4   | 506.8     | 130.0   | 100.3   | 265.5   | 887.5     |
| Cottonseed cake and meal:  |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Production.....do....  | 69.4    | 135.1     | 55.1    | 45.5    | 70.1    | 226.9     |
| Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....   | 78.4    | 71.2      | 153.7   | 116.3   | 87.8    | 97.0      |
| Cottonseed oil:  |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Production, crude.....mil. of lb..   | 48.1    | 96.3      | 41.5    | 35.0    | 50.3    | 163.4     |
| Flaxseed:  |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Consumption (crushings).....thous. of short tons..                                     | 52.4    | 71.7      | 37.9    | 54.8    | 81.7    | 83.0      |
| Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....   | 83.1    | 164.3     | 48.7    | 70.0    | 67.7    | 93.4      |
| Linseed oil:   |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Production, crude (raw).....mil. of lb..   | 37.2    | 51.5      | 26.8    | 39.3    | 58.9    | 59.0      |
| Soybeans:  |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Consumption (crushings).....thous. of short tons..                                     | 948.6   | 752.0     | 994.7   | 957.4   | 888.8   | 823.8     |
| Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....   | 419.7   | 416.1     | 1,346.5 | 1,090.8 | 501.9   | 750.5     |
| Soybean cake and meal:   |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Production.....mil. of lb..  | 1,481.1 | 1,182.6   | 1,540.4 | 1,491.4 | 1,395.4 | 1,270.6   |
| Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....   | 169.2   | 96.1      | 306.4   | 232.8   | 193.0   | 108.2     |
| Soybean oil:   |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Production, crude.....do....   | 340.9   | 269.8     | 355.2   | 344.1   | 318.6   | 296.9     |
| LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES  |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Lumber (National Lumber Manufacturers Association):                                    |         |           |         |         |         |           |
| Production, total.....mil. of bd. ft..   | 3,056   | 3,143     | 3,216   | 3,136   | 3,171   | 3,324     |
| Softwoods.....do....   | 2,461   | 2,524     | 2,617   | 2,513   | 2,528   | 2,689     |
| Shipments, total.....do....  | 3,103   | 3,195     | 3,217   | 3,146   | 3,137   | 3,119     |
| Softwoods.....do....   | 2,533   | 2,621     | 2,659   | 2,608   | 2,530   | 2,553     |
| Stocks (gross), mill, end of month, total.....do....                                   | 9,070   | 9,018     | 8,778   | 8,782   | 8,816   | 9,022     |
| Softwoods.....do....   | 5,568   | 5,471     | 5,181   | 5,100   | 5,099   | 5,235     |

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