

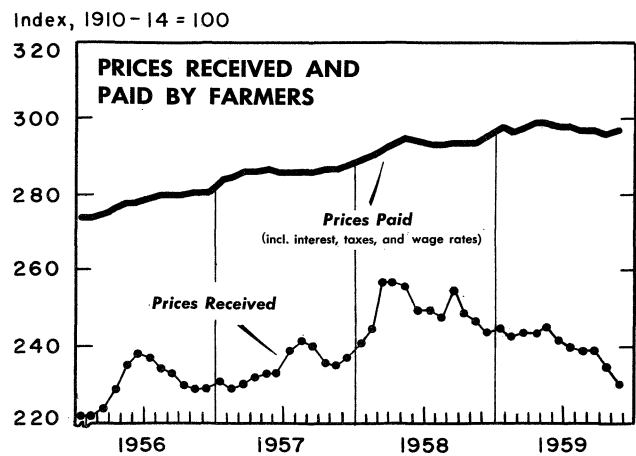
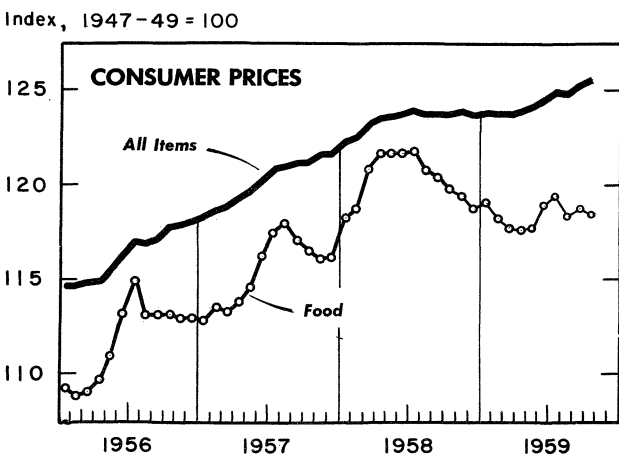
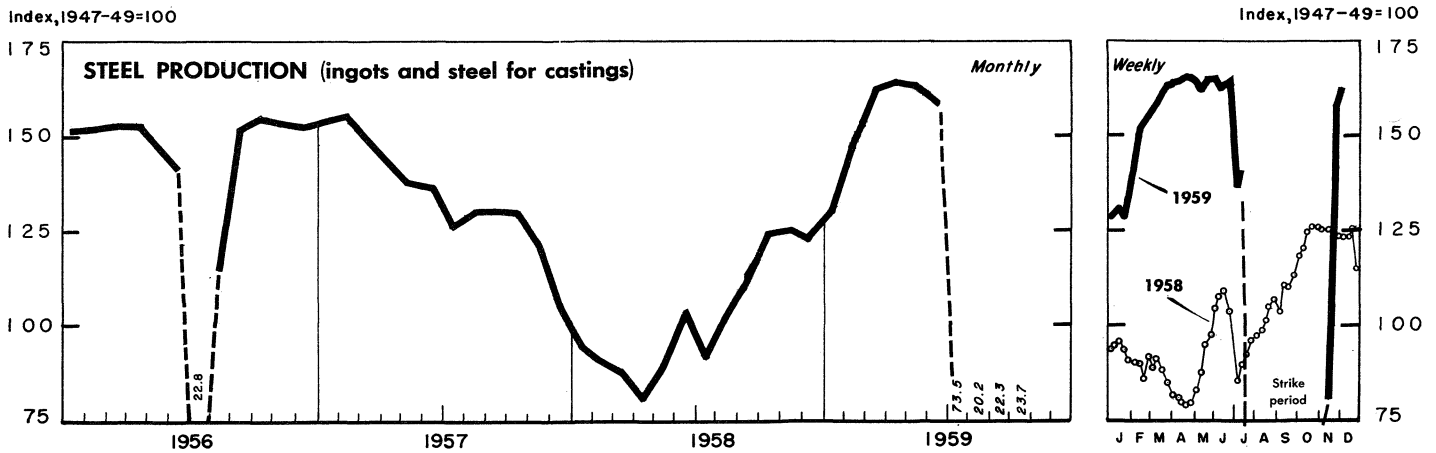
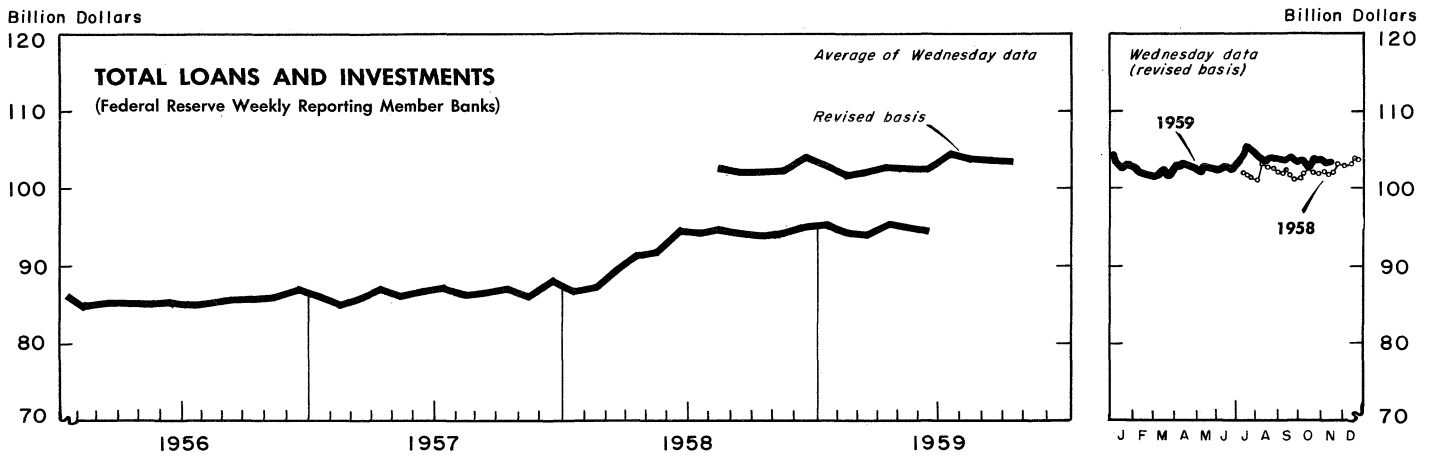
BUSINESS STATISTICS



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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1958		1959			
	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Nov. 21	Nov. 28
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*119.2	119.2	119.2	118.9	119.0
Farm products.....do.....		*92.1	86.4	86.4	85.1	85.3
Foods, processed.....do.....		*109.5	106.0	105.7	104.9	105.1
All other.....do.....		*126.8	128.6	128.7	128.6	128.7
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	87.8	87.9	**86.6	86.1	85.2	84.9
Department store sales.....do.....	169	171	155	167	182	.....
Insured unemployment, total 3/.....thous..	1,942	2,070	1,708	1,858	.....	.....
State programs (incl. Alaska and Hawaii).....do.....	1,733	1,849	1,528	1,675	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	260	244	265	285	287	268
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 4/.....mil. of dol..	31,754	31,825	31,920	32,105	32,235	32,269
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 4/.....do.....	27,087	27,399	28,443	28,651	28,758	28,857
Member bank reserve balances 4/.....do.....	18,340	18,631	18,711	18,724	18,647	18,563
Excess reserves, estimated 4/.....do.....	440	406	378	495	430	399
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities:5/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	61,169	61,589	60,615	60,837	60,790	.....
Time deposits, except interbank.....do.....	29,886	29,849	30,489	30,299	30,108	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	#101,743	#103,196	103,879	103,146	103,251	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	34,004	35,225	28,056	27,693	27,542	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	.....	.....	29,687	29,727	29,921	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	11,336	11,381	12,506	12,540	12,562	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 4/.....percent..	4.39	4.38	4.86	4.85	4.86	4.84
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 5/.....1941-43=100..	53.20	51.90	57.26	57.49	56.99	57.35
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	56.84	55.39	61.47	61.72	61.22	61.63
Production:						
Bituminous coal 4/.....thous. of short tons..	1,530	1,553	1,279	1,528	1,571	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	12,579	12,274	13,019	13,270	13,812	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	163,961	144,070	76,248	76,096	80,460	52,049
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 4/.....thous. of bbl..	6,975	6,983	6,899	6,876	6,935	.....
Steel 6/.....thous. of short tons..	2,000	1,988	368	1,291	2,233	2,540
Percent of capacity.....do.....	#74.1	#73.7	13.0	45.6	78.9	89.7
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	620	539	561	638	629	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	320	285	287	309	313	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday prices. 3/ Includes data for Alaska and Hawaii, and for the following programs: State; R.R.; Federal employees; veterans; and ex-servicemen. 4/ Daily average. 5/ Wednesday data; leaders indicate data not available. 6/ Week beginning November 30, 1959: Production, 2,612 thous. short tons; operating rate, 92.3 percent. *Monthly index for November 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			
	October	November	August	September	October	November
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
Business incorporations:						
New incorporations (49 States) 1/.....number..	r 13,669	r 12,117	r 14,406	r 14,664	r 14,526	.....
COMMODITY PRICES						
Prices received by farmers, all farm products....1910-14=100..	249	247	239	239	235	230
Crops.....do.....	221	218	221	220	219	216
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	205	234	214	214	241	228
Cotton.....do.....	281	273	281	280	274	260
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	149	143	159	156	149	150
Food grains.....do.....	201	201	201	198	203	206
Fruit.....do.....	267	241	211	230	214	199
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	212	210	214	204	208	216
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do.....	111	121	164	146	147	165
Tobacco.....do.....	499	498	504	510	505	504
Livestock and products.....do.....	274	273	254	256	248	243
Dairy products.....do.....	270	272	251	265	273	279
Meat animals.....do.....	333	329	314	307	291	275
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	162	161	139	143	138	139
Wool.....do.....	203	202	249	244	235	230
Prices paid by farmers:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	274	274	275	274	275	275
Family living items.....do.....	287	288	288	288	290	291
Production items.....do.....	265	263	266	265	264	264
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do.....	294	294	297	297	296	297
Parity ratio.....do.....	85	84	80	80	79	77
	September	October	July	August	September	October
Consumer price index, all items.....1947-49=100..	123.7	123.7	124.9	124.8	125.2	*125.5
Special group indexes:						
All items less food.....do.....	125.8	126.0	127.9	128.2	128.7	129.2
All items less shelter.....do.....	121.5	121.5	122.7	122.4	122.9	123.2
All commodities.....do.....	116.4	116.4	117.0	116.6	117.0	117.3
Services.....do.....	143.0	143.1	145.8	146.3	146.9	147.3

ITEM	1958		1959			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
COMMODITY PRICES - Continued						
Consumer price index - Continued:						
Apparel.....1947-49=100..	107.1	107.3	107.5	108.0	109.0	109.4
Food.....do....	120.3	119.7	119.4	118.3	118.7	118.4
Dairy products.....do....	114.1	114.5	113.3	114.1	115.5	116.1
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	120.7	121.0	130.8	125.6	124.1	124.5
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	115.8	114.6	112.0	109.9	110.4	109.0
Housing.....do....	127.9	127.9	129.0	129.3	129.7	130.1
Gas and electricity.....do....	118.0	118.1	119.5	120.1	121.6	121.7
Housefurnishings.....do....	103.6	103.4	104.0	103.6	104.0	104.1
Rent.....do....	138.2	138.3	139.6	139.8	140.0	140.4
Medical care.....do....	146.5	147.1	151.0	151.4	152.2	152.5
Personal care.....do....	128.7	128.8	131.3	131.7	132.1	132.5
Reading and recreation.....do....	116.6	116.6	119.1	119.1	119.6	119.7
Transportation.....do....	141.3	142.7	146.3	146.7	146.4	148.5
Private.....do....	130.4	131.8	135.2	135.5	135.3	137.4
Public.....do....	189.8	190.4	194.2	194.9	194.9	195.9
Other goods and services.....do....	127.1	127.2	130.8	131.1	131.5	131.6
Purchasing power of the dollar as measured by—						
Wholesale prices.....do....	84.0	84.0	83.7	84.0	83.5	*83.9
Consumer prices.....do....	80.8	80.8	80.1	80.1	79.9	*79.7
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Magazine advertising:						
Cost, total.....thous. of dol..	61,224	71,529	46,054	51,025	69,709	90,211
Apparel and accessories.....do....	7,450	5,273	683	4,483	7,482	5,846
Automotive, including accessories.....do....	2,742	6,355	4,870	4,250	3,828	12,806
Building materials.....do....	3,478	2,684	1,674	1,404	4,778	3,603
Drugs and toiletries.....do....	5,826	7,026	5,566	5,157	6,325	7,839
Foods, soft drinks, confectionery.....do....	6,879	9,080	7,926	8,292	7,782	11,036
Beer, wine, liquors.....do....	3,166	4,071	3,587	3,127	4,135	5,523
Household equipment, supplies, furnishings.....do....	4,446	7,099	3,014	3,554	6,002	9,014
Industrial materials.....do....	3,916	3,980	3,675	3,539	4,826	5,977
Soaps, cleansers, etc.....do....	972	1,652	608	479	691	1,075
Smoking materials.....do....	2,561	2,536	1,882	2,448	2,518	2,354
Linage, total.....thous. of lines..	4,990	4,942	3,420	4,603	5,434	5,792
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS						
Dairy products, production:						
Condensed milk (sweetened), case goods.....thous. of lb..	5,128	4,344	6,160	5,430	4,925	4,470
Evaporated milk (unsweetened), case goods.....do....	184,702	161,624	235,200	216,200	184,800	152,200
Dry milk:						
Dry whole milk.....do....	7,990	8,480	7,100	6,600	7,400	8,800
Nonfat dry milk solids (human food).....do....	90,587	99,159	150,400	117,500	96,200	99,300
Meats:						
Production, total.....mil. of lb..	1,913.9	2,125.4	1,991.2	1,840.4	2,038.3	2,237.6
Beef and veal.....do....	948.8	1,019.2	975.7	902.7	962.3	991.5
Lamb and mutton.....do....	47.7	51.8	50.0	45.7	54.3	55.9
Pork, including lard.....do....	917.4	1,054.4	965.4	892.0	1,021.6	1,190.2
Lard.....do....	160.0	190.8	184.0	161.9	181.8	210.0
Vegetable oils, and related products:						
Coconut oil:						
Production, crude.....do....	35.1	37.4	34.0	42.4	38.1	43.9
Corn oil:						
Production, crude.....do....	23.4	25.8	24.4	26.7	25.8	27.3
Cottonseed:						
Consumption (crushings).....thous. of short tons..	306.8	711.2	97.4	149.3	501.1	782.2
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	506.8	1,437.5	100.3	265.5	887.5	1,937.5
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production.....do....	135.1	328.6	45.5	70.1	226.9	361.8
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	71.2	116.1	116.3	87.8	97.0	110.8
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. of lb..	96.3	238.7	35.0	50.3	163.4	263.0
Flaxseed:						
Consumption (crushings).....thous. of short tons..	71.7	72.0	54.8	81.7	83.0	84.7
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	164.3	158.1	70.0	67.7	93.4	98.4
Linseed oil:						
Production, crude (raw).....mil. of lb..	51.5	52.3	39.3	58.9	59.0	60.2
Soybeans:						
Consumption (crushings).....thous. of short tons..	752.0	1,004.1	957.4	888.8	823.8	1,060.2
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	416.1	2,943.4	1,090.8	501.9	750.5	2,367.8
Soybean cake and meal:						
Production.....mil. of lb..	1,182.6	1,570.1	1,491.4	1,395.4	1,270.6	1,618.4
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	96.1	130.1	232.8	193.0	108.2	145.2
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude.....do....	269.8	352.6	344.1	318.6	296.9	391.2
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
Leather production:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins..	600	699	416	515	492	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips..	2,025	2,331	1,598	1,873	1,800	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	1,507	1,829	1,877	1,739	1,792	.....
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,353	2,581	2,262	3,123	2,674	.....

Revised. * Indexes based on 1935-39=100 are as follows: Measured by—wholesale prices, 43.9; consumer prices, 47.7.

ITEM	1958		1959			
	September	October	July	August	September	October
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Fabricated structural steel:						
Orders, new (net).....thous. of short tons..	256	259	259	197	284	244
Shipments.....do.....	314	307	239	220	183	195
Backlog, end of month.....do.....	2,047	1,913	1,679	1,772	1,871	1,891
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:						
Electric processing.....mil. of dol..	1.1	.9	2.2	1.6	1.8	3.0
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	.8	.9	6.2	5.7	1.6	5.9
Machine tools (metal-cutting and metal-forming):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	28.10	37.00	63.40	52.20	r58.85	p67.15
Domestic.....do.....	24.65	32.00	53.25	47.05	r50.10	p51.55
Shipments, total.....do.....	34.90	41.40	40.60	40.30	r46.15	p52.25
Domestic.....do.....	29.65	35.90	37.00	35.35	r42.25	p46.75
Estimated backlog.....months..	2.9	3.0	4.6	4.8	r4.9	p5.1
Radio sets, production <u>1</u> /.....thousands..	1,572.0	1,322.2	829.0	1,009.4	1,981.2	r1,795.7
Television sets (incl. combination), production <u>1</u> /.....do....	621.7	495.6	350.4	547.4	808.3	r706.6
PAPER AND PRINTING						
Paper, excluding building paper, newsprint, and paperboard:						
Orders, new.....thous. of short tons..	805.9	906.2	r899.0	r900.3	*834.0	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	657.4	686.5	r785.2	r750.1	*653.0	.....
Production.....do.....	984.6	1,102.0	r1,022.5	r1,100.1	*837.0	.....
Shipments.....do.....	796.1	901.1	r853.4	r918.3	*834.0	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	504.6	541.6	r541.2	r564.5	*492.0	.....
Fine paper:						
Orders, new.....do.....	108.2	130.2	r134.4	r136.4	135.0	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	65.5	70.1	r104.8	r91.7	79.0	.....
Production.....do.....	133.2	144.3	r129.3	r145.1	149.0	.....
Shipments.....do.....	111.0	128.7	r129.3	r145.0	146.0	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	116.9	130.7	r120.3	r125.4	130.0	.....
Printing paper:						
Orders, new.....do.....	320.8	357.0	r395.0	r373.3	377.0	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	398.7	414.4	r476.4	r451.7	407.0	.....
Production.....do.....	328.1	358.3	r361.1	r384.8	376.0	.....
Shipments.....do.....	324.3	356.0	r358.9	r381.7	373.0	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	225.1	227.3	r250.2	r253.2	256.0	.....
Coarse paper:						
Orders, new.....do.....	323.5	359.2	r318.3	r328.8	322.0	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	139.6	152.8	r160.9	r157.1	167.0	.....
Production.....do.....	309.2	350.5	r315.4	r333.7	312.0	.....
Shipments.....do.....	307.2	354.8	r313.1	r328.0	315.0	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	96.7	105.3	r108.9	r110.9	106.0	.....
Folding paper boxes, index of physical volume:						
Consumption of box board.....1947-49=100..	135.6	139.7	r134.7	137.2	r138.2	134.0
Shipments of boxes.....do.....	133.1	139.1	121.4	127.7	r136.5	134.7
RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	44,743	48,875	47,545	46,914	49,252	49,049
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	82,622	77,859	80,059	80,106	78,208	74,172
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do.....	90,979	100,981	114,316	119,031	119,847	128,532
Consumption.....do.....	79,166	88,818	93,734	91,037	96,859	98,594
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	182,840	178,534	176,604	183,516	178,306	190,607

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