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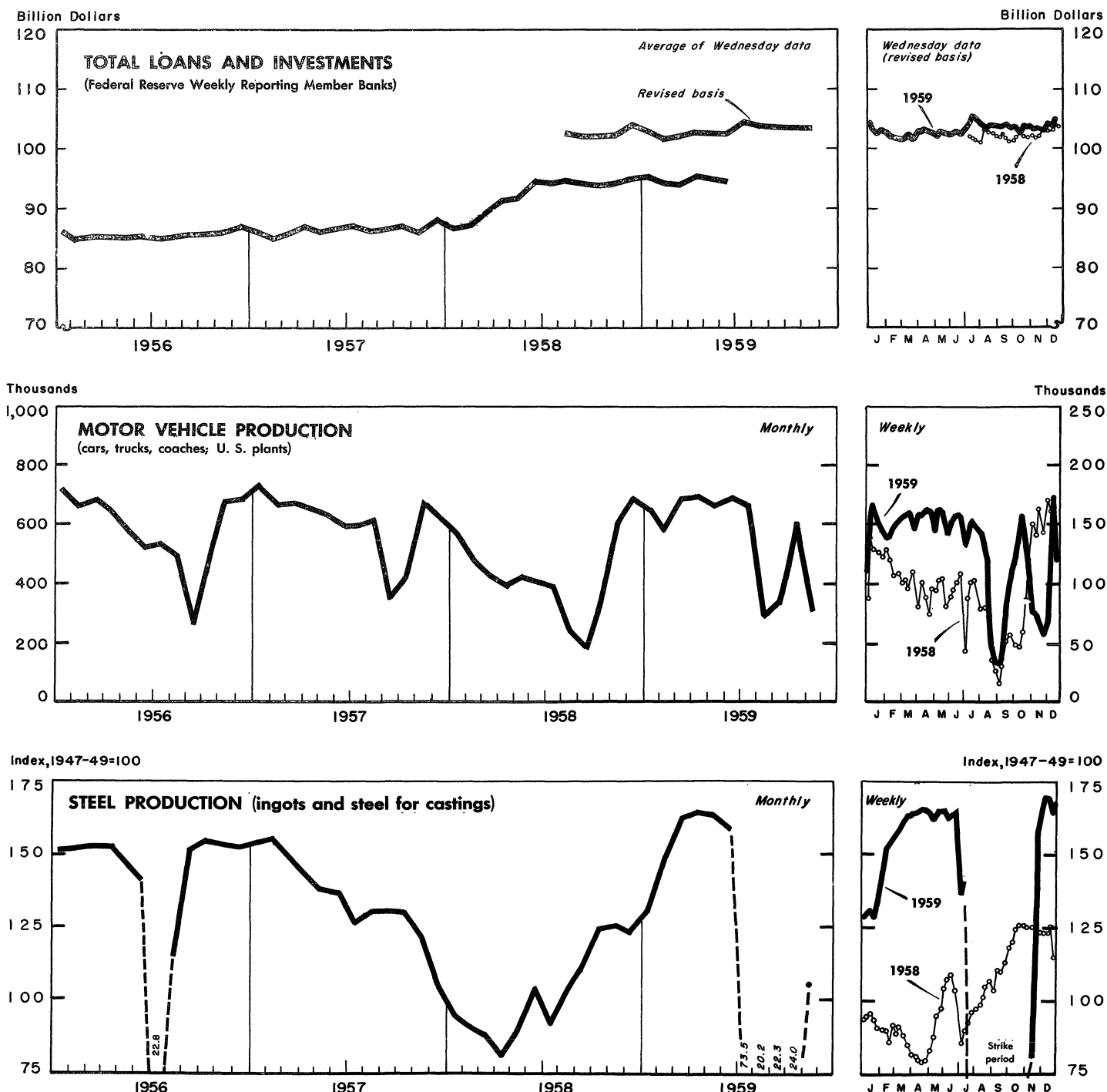


STATISTICS

A WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT TO THE SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

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SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1958		1959			
	Dec. 20	Dec. 27	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 19	Dec. 26
Commodity prices, wholesale:						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*119.2		119.0	118.9	
Farm products.....do.....		*90.6		85.7	85.6	
Foods, processed.....do.....		*108.8		105.5	105.0	
All other.....do.....		*127.2		128.5	128.5	
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	86.1	86.1	84.7	84.6	83.8	82.9
Department store sales.....do.....	304	205	249	298	318	
Insured unemployment, total 3/.....thous..	2,145	2,441	1,933	1,905		
State programs (incl. Alaska and Hawaii).....do....	1,925	2,210	1,764	1,735		
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	251	185	261	248	285	195
Finance:						
Currency in circulation 4/.....mil. of dol..	32,394	32,533	32,444	32,601	32,798	32,908
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 4/.....do....	28,311	28,889	28,867	29,153	29,365	30,006
Member bank reserve balances 4/.....do....	18,844	19,160	18,440	18,761	18,809	19,405
Excess reserves, estimated 4/.....do.....	470	612	376	540	473	816
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities:5/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	63,800	62,877	61,017	61,837	63,446	
Time deposits, except interbank.....do.....	29,972	30,153	30,159	30,193	30,230	
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....			104,253	103,980	105,330	
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	34,636	34,618	28,164	27,995	27,783	
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....			30,015	30,034	30,423	
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	11,455	10,370	12,574	12,596	12,651	
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 4/.....percent..	4.38	4.39	4.85	4.85	4.88	4.89
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 5/..1941-43=100..	53.98	54.11	58.60	58.97	58.97	58.96
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	57.64	57.74	63.07	63.45	63.44	63.43
Production:						
Bituminous coal 4/.....thous. of short tons..	1,574	1,305	1,510	1,529	1,516	
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	13,534	12,379	13,907	14,167	14,150	
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	159,765	120,301	67,065	99,431	174,604	119,317
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 4/.....thous. of bbl..	7,097	7,129	7,027	7,123	7,139	
Steel 6/.....thous. of short tons..	2,011	1,840	2,650	2,732	2,726	2,641
Percent of capacity.....do.....	#74.5	#68.2	93.6	96.5	96.3	93.3
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	571	432	650	642	615	
Miscellaneous.....do.....	288	220	330	333	324	

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. 6/ Week beginning December 28, 1959: Production, 2,687 thous. short tons; operating rate, 94.9 percent. * Monthly index for December 1958. # Based on January 1, 1958, annual capacity (140,742,570 tons); 1959 rates based on January 1, 1959, annual capacity (147,633,670 tons).

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1958		1959			
	October	November	August	September	October	November
DOMESTIC TRADE						
TELEVISION ADVERTISING, NETWORK:						
Gross time costs, total.....thous. of dol..	52,526	52,009	46,743	48,176		
Automotive, including accessories.....do....	5,178	3,999	3,271	3,107		
Drugs and toiletries.....do.....	14,537	13,962	13,435	13,525		
Foods, soft drinks, confectionery.....do....	10,783	11,032	8,971	8,679		
Soaps, cleansers, etc.....do.....	5,084	4,816	5,219	5,622		
Smoking materials.....do.....	5,948	6,771	6,352	5,996		
All other.....do.....	10,995	11,430	9,496	11,247		
FINANCE						
LIFE INSURANCE WRITTEN (NEW PAID-FOR INSURANCE):						
Value, estimated total.....mil. of dol..	5,614	5,326	5,475	5,353	5,780	6,078
Group and wholesale.....do.....	765	733	986	863	1,041	1,275
Industrial.....do.....	621	631	541	558	585	579
Ordinary.....do.....	4,228	3,962	3,948	3,867	4,154	4,224
PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS AND BENEFICIARIES, ESTIMATED						
TOTAL.....mil. of dol..	594.0	536.6	567.8	604.5	592.2	
Death benefits.....do.....	244.4	214.8	245.2	259.5	244.9	
Matured endowments.....do.....	60.4	65.4	44.2	46.3	50.3	
Disability payments.....do.....	9.9	9.0	9.3	9.4	10.1	
Annuity payments.....do.....	53.9	46.7	52.3	53.4	54.3	
Surrender values.....do.....	120.2	103.7	112.5	121.1	124.4	
Policy dividends.....do.....	105.2	97.0	104.3	114.8	108.2	
TURNOVER OF DEMAND DEPOSITS EXCEPT INTERBANK AND U. S. GOVERNMENT, ANNUAL RATE:						
New York City.....ratio of debits to deposits..	50.1	47.4	50.0	56.2	56.9	60.9
6 other centers.....do.....	29.8	30.0	30.5	32.2	p31.4	p34.3
337 other reporting centers.....do.....	23.1	23.8	23.5	25.1	p24.0	p26.6
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
HOTELS:						
Average sale per occupied room.....dollars..	9.37	9.07	9.41	9.28	9.65	9.52
Rooms occupied.....percent of total..	75	65	64	70	73	65
Restaurant sales index.....some month 1951=100..	113	106	110	116	114	110

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CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
ORGANIC CHEMICALS, PRODUCTION:						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	54,087	57,311	58,971	61,095	64,432
Acetic anhydride.....do....	89,683	79,908	93,860	90,649	95,311	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	1,990	1,745	1,361	1,262	1,690	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	11,152	8,620	5,587	6,236	4,819	.....
DDT.....thous. of lb..	12,745	12,387	12,717	13,328	13,199	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do....	8,681	9,121	7,923	7,935	8,381	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do....	99,042	85,493	96,410	96,623	103,150	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do....	148,011	135,867	148,129	155,724	159,393	.....
Methanol:						
Natural.....thous. of gal..	135	113	179	164	184	.....
Synthetic.....do....	21,698	21,295	22,699	22,591	23,239	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	27,570	28,844	30,970	27,091	23,274	.....
SYNTHETIC PLASTICS AND RESIN MATERIALS, PRODUCTION:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	3,717	3,475	4,086	4,187	4,706	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	10,035	8,542	8,690	8,877	9,519	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	271	227	238	247	243	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	46,205	43,786	46,522	49,988	49,932	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	58,823	62,560	69,210	75,829	78,938	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	30,108	27,692	28,368	31,051	33,004	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	88,551	85,649	98,766	98,924	105,558	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	32,558	26,262	32,200	33,167	31,888	.....
Rosin modifications.....do....	11,327	10,382	11,428	12,419	12,041	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	12,433	9,246	11,394	11,053	11,012	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	79,309	78,666	103,097	104,616	109,338	.....
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO						
RICE, CALIFORNIA:						
Receipts, domestic, rough.....thous. of lb..	168,809	92,469	48,000	29,510	185,610	78,034
Shipments from mills, milled rice.....do....	57,019	45,755	42,687	37,521	75,389	46,481
Stocks, rough and cleaned (cleaned basis), end of month.....do....	73,452	78,735	45,664	26,875	72,678	77,295
LIVESTOCK:						
Cattle and calves:						
Slaughter (federally inspected):						
Calves.....thous. of animals..	541	441	359	415	471	438
Cattle.....do....	1,647	1,302	1,450	1,539	1,586	1,462
Receipts, principal markets.....do....	2,670	1,907	1,855	2,197	2,401	2,243
Hogs:						
Slaughter (federally inspected).....do....	5,911	5,258	4,977	5,767	6,646	6,337
Receipts, principal markets.....do....	2,897	2,509	2,539	2,881	3,216	3,299
Sheep and lambs:						
Slaughter (federally inspected).....do....	1,131	883	1,010	1,177	1,200	1,070
Receipts, principal markets.....do....	1,273	817	1,061	1,474	1,527	1,089
MEATS:						
Production, total.....mil. of lb..	2,125.4	1,831.9	1,840.4	2,038.3	2,237.6	2,127.5
Beef and veal.....do....	1,019.2	816.4	902.7	962.3	991.5	913.4
Lamb and mutton.....do....	51.8	41.8	45.7	54.3	55.9	50.8
Pork, including lard.....do....	1,054.4	973.7	892.0	1,021.6	1,190.2	1,163.4
Lard.....do....	190.8	177.6	161.9	181.8	210.0	208.5
VEGETABLE OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS:						
Coconut oil:						
Production, crude.....do....	37.4	30.5	42.4	38.1	43.9	44.3
Corn oil:						
Production, crude.....do....	25.8	22.3	26.7	25.8	27.3	23.8
Cottonseed:						
Consumption (crushings).....thous. of short tons..	711.2	590.2	149.3	501.1	782.2	733.2
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	1,437.5	1,951.1	265.5	887.5	1,937.5	2,609.0
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production.....do....	328.6	280.4	70.1	226.9	361.8	341.1
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	116.1	106.7	87.8	97.0	110.8	113.1
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. of lb..	238.7	202.4	50.3	163.4	263.0	246.3
Flaxseed:						
Consumption (crushings).....thous. of short tons..	72.0	62.9	81.7	83.0	84.7	48.5
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	158.1	147.5	67.7	93.4	98.4	82.3
Linseed oil:						
Production, crude (raw).....mil. of lb..	52.3	45.5	58.9	59.0	60.2	34.8
Soybeans:						
Consumption (crushings).....thous. of short tons..	1,004.1	1,005.9	888.8	823.8	1,060.2	1,073.8
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	2,943.4	3,231.1	501.9	750.5	2,367.8	3,202.7
Soybean cake and meal:						
Production.....mil. of lb..	1,570.1	1,577.9	1,395.4	1,270.6	1,618.4	1,642.4
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do....	130.1	162.6	193.0	108.2	145.2	151.2
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude.....do....	352.6	351.2	318.6	296.9	391.2	389.9
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
LEATHER PRODUCTION:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. of skins..	699	644	515	492	497	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. of hides and kips..	2,331	2,044	1,873	1,795	1,912	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. of skins..	1,829	1,525	1,739	1,792	1,894
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,581	2,419	3,123	2,674	2,601

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METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
OIL BURNERS:						
Shipments.....thousands..	79.0	51.8	65.4	79.3	77.6
Stocks, end of month.....do....	30.4	30.8	50.8	42.7	39.9	.....
STOVES AND RANGES, DOMESTIC COOKING, INCLUDING BUILT-INS:						
Shipments, total <u>l</u> /.....thousands..	224.9	181.5	186.9	222.4	208.8	.....
Gas (including bungalow and combination) <u>l</u> /.....do....	211.9	171.1	176.6	210.3	194.5	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	7.4	6.4	6.5	6.9	8.7	.....
STOVES, DOMESTIC HEATING, SHIPMENTS, TOTAL.....do....						
Coal and wood.....do....	379.6	208.2	303.8	344.5	332.7	.....
Gas.....do....	61.2	29.5	42.2	55.5	50.2	.....
Gas.....do....	255.5	148.7	196.5	225.5	224.9	.....
Kerosene, gasoline, and fuel oil.....do....	62.9	30.0	65.0	63.5	57.6	.....
WARM-AIR FURNACES, SHIPMENTS, TOTAL.....do....						
Gas.....do....	153.1	120.8	151.2	170.7	172.3	.....
Oil.....do....	100.1	81.1	110.8	120.9	125.5	.....
Oil.....do....	40.1	30.2	35.4	43.9	41.2	.....
Solid fuel.....do....	5.1	3.5	4.9	6.0	5.6	.....
WATER HEATERS, GAS, SHIPMENTS.....do....	254.7	193.1	241.2	231.5	262.7	.....
PAPER AND PRINTING						
PAPER, EXCLUDING BUILDING PAPER, NEWSPRINT, AND PAPERBOARD:						
Orders, new.....thous. of short tons..	906.2	852.4	r897.4	r897.9	*916.0	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	686.5	697.4	r707.3	r708.6	*657.0	.....
Production.....do....	1,102.0	1,007.1	r1,102.8	r1,068.5	*908.0	.....
Shipments.....do....	901.1	813.5	r915.4	r899.6	*901.0	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	541.6	531.6	r560.4	r566.3	*498.0	.....
Fine paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	130.2	126.6	r131.5	r130.2	147.0	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	70.1	73.0	r88.4	r79.8	73.0	.....
Production.....do....	144.3	133.9	r145.0	r142.0	154.0	.....
Shipments.....do....	128.7	125.4	r139.8	r140.1	148.0	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	130.7	136.0	r120.9	r124.4	132.0	.....
Printing paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	357.0	361.8	r374.7	r377.8	411.0	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	414.4	441.2	r411.8	407.0	410.0	.....
Production.....do....	358.3	325.7	r386.3	r375.7	406.0	.....
Shipments.....do....	356.0	326.4	r383.2	373.0	404.0	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	227.3	226.7	253.2	r255.8	258.0	.....
Coarse paper:						
Orders, new.....do....	359.2	312.0	r329.5	r333.9	358.0	.....
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....do....	152.8	143.1	r157.4	r173.6	174.0	.....
Production.....do....	350.5	326.5	r334.6	r323.6	348.0	.....
Shipments.....do....	354.8	309.0	r328.6	r327.1	349.0	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	105.3	103.5	r111.1	r109.8	108.0	.....
NEWSPRINT, CANADA (INCLUDING NEWFOUNDLAND):						
Production.....thous. of short tons..	544.1	518.1	541.5	532.8	593.2	563.3
Shipments from mills.....do....	555.1	527.7	531.1	560.6	602.6	594.5
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	212.3	202.7	235.2	207.5	198.2	166.9
NEWSPRINT, UNITED STATES:						
Production.....do....	154.8	152.6	173.8	149.2	177.3	169.0
Shipments from mills.....do....	158.7	150.6	167.7	155.6	179.5	169.9
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	18.6	20.6	27.8	21.3	19.2	18.3
Consumption by publishers.....do....	470.0	465.2	423.0	449.0	492.4	487.5
Stocks at and in transit to publishers, end of month.....do....	655.3	632.8	642.8	660.4	646.2	644.7

r/ Revised. * October data exclude estimates for tissue and miscellaneous papers. l/ Excludes shipments of cooking tops (for use with built-in ovens); such shipments totaled 34,100 units (4-burner equivalent) in October 1959.
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