



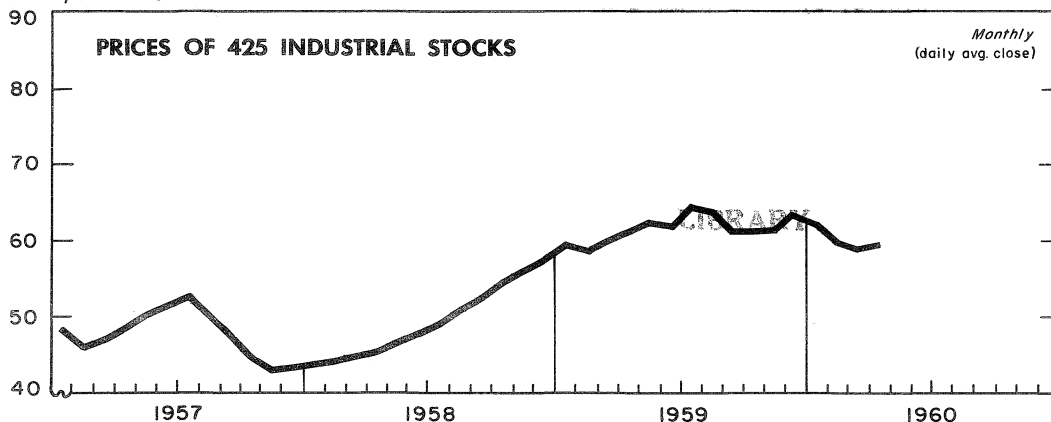
# BUSINESS STATISTICS

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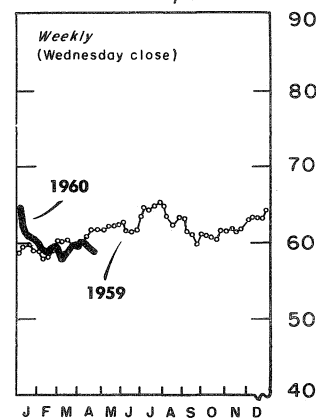
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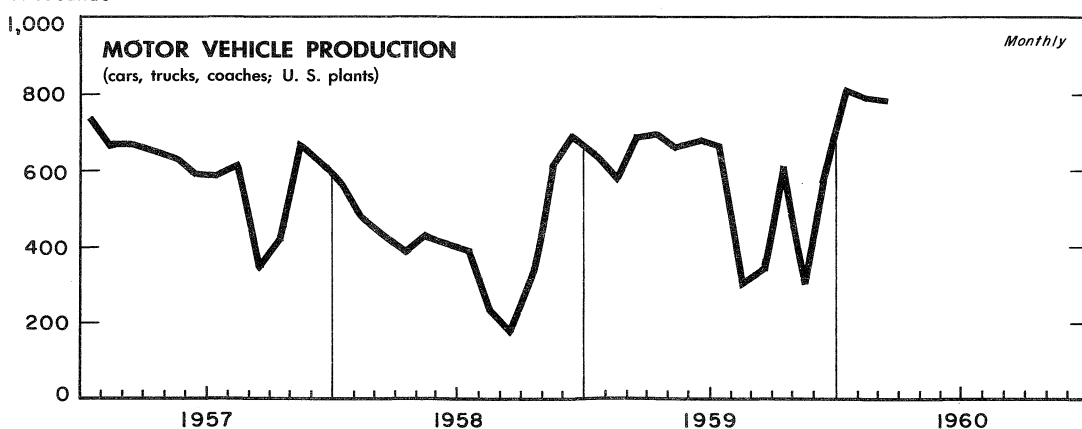
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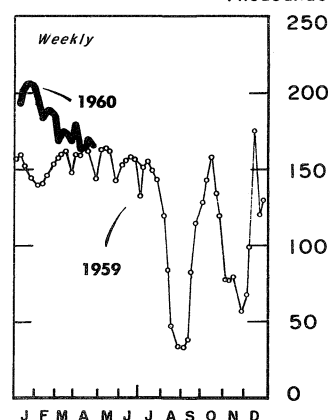
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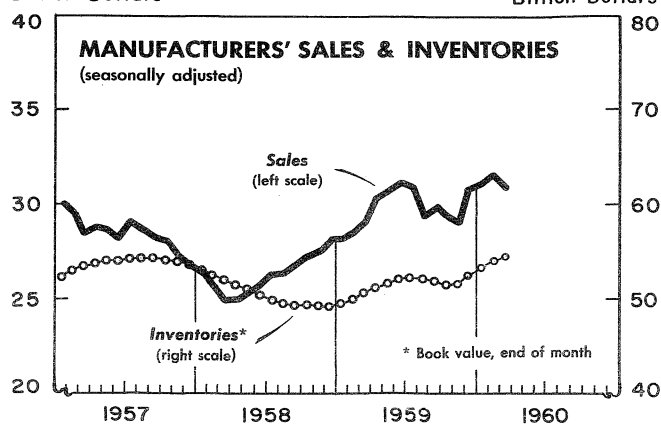
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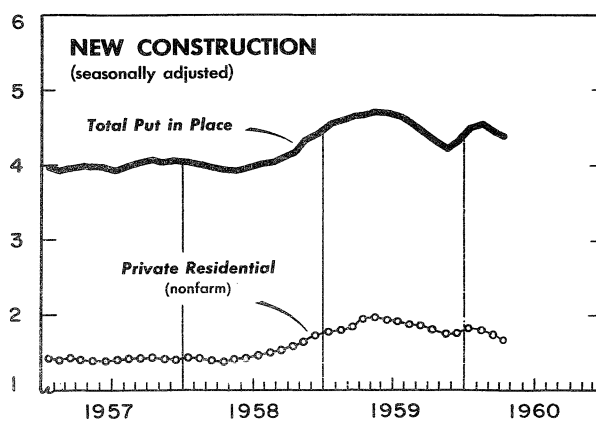
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1959		1960			
	April 25	May 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
<b>Commodity prices, wholesale:</b>						
All commodities.....1947-49=100.....		*120.0	120.2	120.1	120.0	119.8
Farm products.....do.....		*92.4	91.5	91.2	91.2	90.1
Foods, processed.....do.....		*107.2	107.2	106.7	106.8	106.7
All other.....do.....		*128.3	128.8	128.7	128.6	128.6
22 commodities <u>2/</u> .....do.....	87.5	87.5	85.8	86.1	86.1	85.4
Department store sales.....do.....	141	141	153	156	146	.....
Insured unemployment, total <u>3/</u> .....thous..	1,846	1,754	2,170	2,127	.....	.....
State programs (incl. Alaska and Hawaii).....do....	1,701	1,616	2,021	1,980	.....	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	300	275	333	308	283	325
<b>Finance:</b>						
Currency in circulation <u>4/</u> .....mil. of dol..	31,332	31,244	31,653	31,827	31,828	31,582
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>4/</u> ...do....	27,472	27,212	26,950	27,073	27,690	27,234
Member bank reserve balances <u>4/</u> .....do.....	18,817	18,551	17,869	17,870	18,280	18,343
Excess reserves, estimated <u>4/</u> .....do.....	510	368	442	466	364	442
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: <u>5/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	62,080	62,016	58,797	60,138	61,285	.....
Time deposits, except interbank.....do.....	30,287	30,388	30,448	30,421	30,402	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	.....	.....	100,849	101,314	103,605	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	32,229	31,877	24,361	24,504	26,187	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	.....	.....	30,889	30,974	30,986	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	11,795	11,820	12,550	12,564	12,577	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>4/</u> .....percent..	4.49	4.52	4.74	4.75	4.76	4.78
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>5/</u> ..1941-43=10..	57.73	57.69	56.51	56.30	55.44	55.04
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	61.67	61.70	60.38	60.13	59.15	58.63
<b>Production:</b>						
Bituminous coal <u>4/</u> .....thous. of short tons..	1,371	1,394	1,385	1,468	1,426	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	12,538	12,546	13,494	13,263	13,213	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	161,267	144,044	161,242	161,380	171,277	164,482
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>4/</u> .....thous. of bbl..	7,132	7,113	7,028	7,032	6,983	.....
Steel <u>6/</u> .....thous. of short tons..	2,646	2,627	2,417	2,225	2,238	2,210
Percent of capacity.....	#93.5	#92.8	84.8	78.1	78.5	77.6
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	649	674	598	623	625	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	348	359	322	331	322	.....

<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; and ex-servicemen. <sup>4/</sup> Daily average. <sup>5/</sup> Wednesday data. <sup>6/</sup> Week beginning May 2, 1960: Production, 2,132 thous. short tons; operating rate, 74.8 percent. \* Monthly index for April 1959. # Based on Jan. 1, 1959, annual capacity (147,633,670 tons); 1960 rates are based on Jan. 1, 1960, annual capacity (148,570,970 tons).

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1959			1960		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>						
<b>MANUFACTURERS' SALES:</b>						
VALUE (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL.....mil. of dol..	27,502	30,589	30,630	29,740	r30,290	32,440
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	13,501	15,305	15,240	14,720	15,110	16,080
Primary metal.....do.....	2,320	2,792	2,700	2,670	r2,540	2,690
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,390	1,622	1,620	1,540	1,570	1,700
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	4,125	4,595	4,870	4,400	4,690	5,080
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,215	3,491	3,480	3,670	3,760	3,840
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	853	969	840	810	r850	920
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	582	724	650	620	640	690
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	14,001	15,284	15,390	15,010	r15,180	16,360
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,155	4,483	4,590	4,440	4,430	4,820
Tobacco.....do.....	364	404	420	350	370	400
Textile.....do.....	1,156	1,243	1,220	1,200	1,230	1,270
Paper.....do.....	938	1,018	990	990	r1,010	1,090
Chemical.....do.....	1,853	2,132	2,180	2,200	r2,220	2,440
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	2,946	3,107	3,350	3,200	r3,070	3,240
Rubber.....do.....	456	526	480	520	r520	540
VALUE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	28,481	29,130	30,790	31,110	r31,580	30,800
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	13,870	14,400	15,010	15,450	15,670	15,160
Primary metal.....do.....	2,421	2,580	2,800	2,730	r2,690	2,540
Fabricated metal.....do.....	1,526	1,605	1,760	1,700	1,720	1,690
Machinery (including electrical).....do.....	4,131	4,226	4,720	4,800	4,840	4,760
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,168	3,212	2,970	3,470	r3,570	3,440
Lumber and furniture.....do.....	894	918	910	870	r920	890
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.....	677	731	730	750	r770	700
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	14,611	14,730	15,780	15,660	r15,900	15,650
Food and beverage.....do.....	4,479	4,465	4,700	4,780	r4,720	4,700
Tobacco.....do.....	428	416	410	400	430	420
Textile.....do.....	1,140	1,200	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,210
Paper.....do.....	977	988	1,060	1,010	r1,070	1,040
Chemical.....do.....	1,930	1,979	2,380	2,260	r2,380	2,300
Petroleum and coal.....do.....	3,037	3,046	3,100	3,080	r3,130	3,110
Rubber.....do.....	490	506	500	530	r570	530

ITEM	1959			1960		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Continued						
MANUFACTURERS' INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
BOOK VALUE (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL.....mil. of dol..	50,190	50,626	52,880	53,660	r54,200	54,680
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	28,566	29,116	30,260	30,860	r31,450	32,010
Primary metal.....do....	4,286	4,271	4,310	4,300	r4,350	4,410
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,008	3,151	2,960	3,070	r3,230	3,370
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	9,125	9,279	9,880	10,140	r10,360	10,540
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	6,738	6,908	7,380	7,520	r7,620	7,670
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,723	1,750	1,860	1,890	r1,880	1,900
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,249	1,265	1,340	1,380	r1,420	1,480
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	21,624	21,510	22,610	22,810	r22,750	22,670
Food and beverage.....do....	4,777	4,662	5,010	4,940	r4,850	4,740
Tobacco.....do....	1,997	1,951	2,040	2,100	r2,060	2,020
Textile.....do....	2,490	2,502	2,510	2,600	2,670	2,690
Paper.....do....	1,474	1,491	1,510	1,530	r1,560	1,580
Chemical.....do....	3,805	3,793	4,080	4,090	4,140	4,160
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,175	3,187	3,360	3,340	r3,270	3,220
Rubber.....do....	1,053	1,071	1,160	1,170	1,180	1,200
BOOK VALUE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	49,921	50,454	52,430	53,310	53,900	54,320
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	28,408	28,925	30,080	30,760	r31,260	31,720
Primary metal.....do....	4,267	4,341	4,120	4,200	4,320	4,460
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,008	3,120	3,050	3,130	r3,230	3,340
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	9,086	9,215	9,920	10,180	r10,320	10,440
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	6,673	6,854	7,180	7,380	r7,530	7,590
Lumber and furniture.....do....	1,712	1,719	1,870	1,910	r1,870	1,860
Stone, clay, and glass.....do....	1,207	1,216	1,360	1,370	1,380	1,420
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	21,513	21,529	22,340	22,550	22,640	22,600
Food and beverage.....do....	4,752	4,797	4,790	4,810	r4,820	4,850
Tobacco.....do....	1,893	1,876	1,980	1,980	r1,950	1,950
Textile.....do....	2,457	2,463	2,530	2,580	2,650	2,640
Paper.....do....	1,452	1,455	1,510	1,530	1,540	1,540
Chemical.....do....	3,727	3,702	4,030	4,030	4,050	4,060
Petroleum and coal.....do....	3,307	3,320	3,320	3,410	r3,400	3,340
Rubber.....do....	1,022	1,030	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,150
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS:						
New orders, net (unadjusted), total.....do....	28,916	31,868	30,610	29,100	r29,650	31,680
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	14,759	16,452	15,070	14,060	14,560	15,390
Primary metal.....do....	3,450	3,033	2,700	2,290	r2,320	1,870
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,601	1,688	1,610	1,520	r1,540	1,610
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,229	5,193	4,880	4,420	r4,810	4,940
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	2,884	3,614	3,550	3,320	r3,340	4,160
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	14,157	15,416	15,540	15,040	r15,090	16,290
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	29,702	30,229	30,740	29,830	r30,590	30,120
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	14,918	15,323	14,770	14,190	14,800	14,480
Primary metal.....do....	3,236	2,681	2,680	2,230	r2,200	1,770
Fabricated metal.....do....	1,685	1,608	1,670	1,610	r1,610	1,620
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	4,198	4,839	4,870	4,630	r4,840	4,560
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	3,038	3,437	2,800	3,150	r3,500	3,720
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	14,784	14,906	15,970	15,640	r15,790	15,650
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted), total.....do....	49,097	50,376	51,490	50,850	r50,210	49,440
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	46,097	47,244	48,130	47,460	46,910	46,210
Primary metal.....do....	6,121	6,362	6,760	6,390	r6,180	5,360
Fabricated metal.....do....	3,316	3,382	3,330	3,310	r3,270	3,170
Machinery (including electrical).....do....	16,187	16,785	17,790	17,810	r17,920	17,790
Transportation equipment (incl. motor vehicles).....do....	15,955	16,078	15,730	15,380	r14,960	15,280
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	3,000	3,132	3,360	3,390	r3,300	3,230
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
OPERATING RESULTS ON SCHEDULED AIRLINES (DOMESTIC TRUNK):						
Miles flown, revenue.....thousands..	56,659	64,795	63,577	62,564	58,697	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do....	23,478	28,326	32,087	27,274	29,814	.....
Mail ton-miles flown.....do....	8,728	9,993	14,986	9,741	9,729	.....
Passengers originated, revenue.....do....	3,126	3,705	3,745	3,732	3,440	.....
Passenger-miles flown, revenue.....millions..	1,921	2,305	2,377	2,416	2,136	.....
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
Sulfuric acid, production.....thous. of short tons..	1,406.3	1,579.9	1,528.3	1,589.4	c1,501.8	.....
Superphosphate and other phosphatic fertilizers (100% A.P.A.) Production.....short tons..	236,354	265,920	240,221	r241,784	242,495	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	383,647	299,965	367,598	r377,896	365,844	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
Fabricated structural steel:						
Orders, new (net).....thous. of short tons..	294	255	366	221	289	343
Shipments.....do....	216	260	236	209	241	277
Backlog, end of month.....do....	1,864	1,873	2,195	2,116	2,189	2,364
MACHINE TOOLS (METAL-CUTTING AND METAL-FORMING):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	45.40	51.55	58.30	56.45	r60.60	p61.00
Domestic.....do....	40.05	46.70	48.15	45.05	r46.50	p47.30
Shipments, total.....do....	36.05	45.75	63.85	46.40	r51.95	p64.25
Domestic.....do....	29.85	39.40	55.35	40.65	r44.65	p54.40
Estimated backlog (metal-cutting only).....months..	3.8	3.9	4.8	5.0	4.5	p4.8

ITEM	1959		1960			
	March	April	January	February	March	April
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS...1910-14=100..	244	244	231	233	240	242
Crops.....do.....	220	223	219	219	222	224
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	264	261	264	250	251	251
Cotton.....do.....	254	264	248	237	238	244
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	155	161	151	153	153	158
Food grains.....do.....	205	205	206	208	210	209
Fruit.....do.....	218	210	202	222	228	211
Oil-bearing crops.....do.....	223	225	216	216	215	216
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do.....	117	135	188	189	223	257
Tobacco.....do.....	505	508	486	493	493	493
Livestock and products.....do.....	264	261	242	244	256	257
Dairy products.....do.....	249	240	266	260	254	246
Meat animals.....do.....	327	336	278	286	307	310
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	154	135	144	142	153	163
Wool.....do.....	197	220	239	240	243	250
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	275	276	275	276	276	278
Family living items.....do.....	287	287	290	289	r289	291
Production items.....do.....	267	269	265	266	267	268
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do.....	297	r298	299	299	300	302
PARITY RATIO <u>1</u> /.....do.....	82	82	77	78	80	80
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL...mil. of dol..	3,840	4,284	3,686	r3,482	r3,696	4,009
Private, total.....do.....	2,714	2,999	2,712	r2,596	r2,734	2,854
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,562	1,799	1,476	r1,348	r1,460	1,536
New dwelling units.....do.....	1,230	1,370	1,140	r1,023	r1,114	1,176
Additions and alterations.....do.....	276	372	266	r257	r278	291
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>2</u> /.....do.....	625	627	757	763	745	736
Industrial.....do.....	154	150	209	218	213	207
Commercial.....do.....	270	276	310	314	305	300
Farm construction.....do.....	115	131	101	103	113	125
Public utility.....do.....	399	429	356	r363	r397	438
Public, total.....do.....	1,126	1,285	974	r886	r962	1,155
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	366	385	326	305	r331	363
Military facilities.....do.....	100	119	80	r56	r60	75
Highway.....do.....	328	419	280	250	265	390
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJ.), TOTAL...do....	4,659	4,667	4,489	r4,521	r4,437	4,363
Private, total.....do.....	3,158	3,243	3,211	3,230	r3,166	3,087
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,867	1,952	1,804	r1,779	r1,747	1,669
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>2</u> /.....do.....	685	688	797	833	813	804
Industrial.....do.....	156	153	203	218	215	211
Commercial.....do.....	305	311	345	363	344	339
Farm construction.....do.....	136	138	137	133	133	132
Public utility.....do.....	454	451	445	r460	r450	462
Public, total.....do.....	1,501	1,424	1,278	r1,291	r1,271	1,276
Nonresidential buildings.....do.....	394	388	359	371	r357	365
Military facilities.....do.....	133	143	95	r77	r80	90
Highway.....do.....	596	517	483	481	482	481
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMPOSITE.....1947-49=100..	140	140	r142	r143	143	.....

r/ Revised. 1/ Ratio of prices received to prices paid. 2/ Except farm and public utility.  
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