



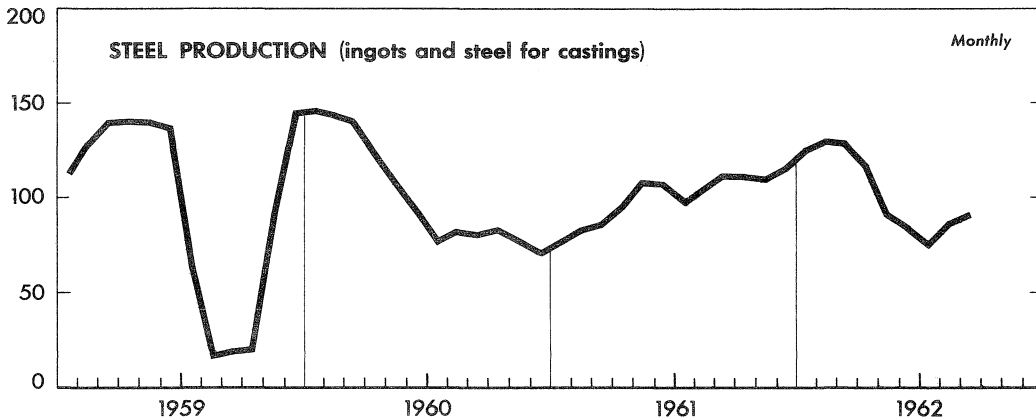
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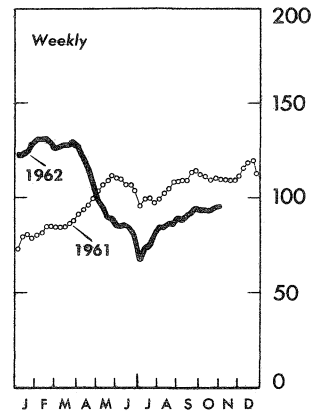
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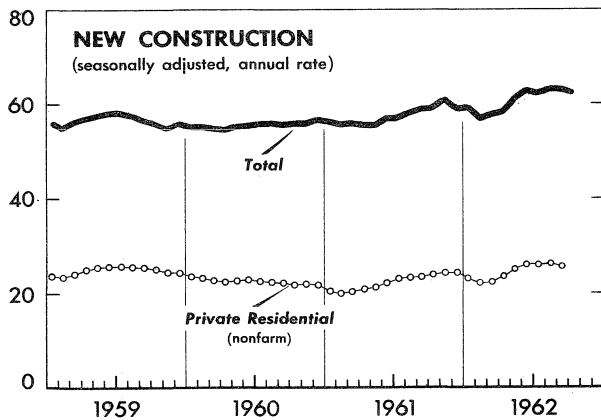
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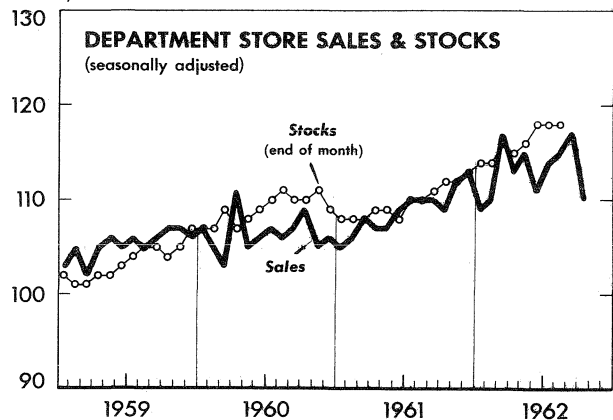
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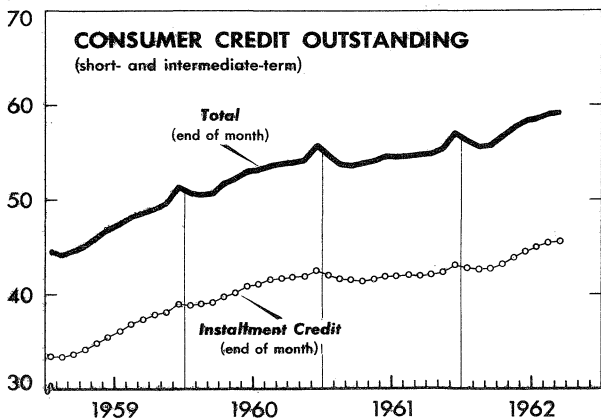
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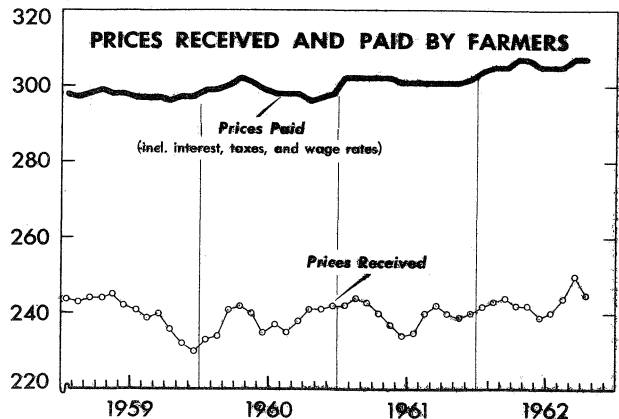
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1961		1962			
	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3
COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:						
All commodities.....1957-59=100..	*100.0	.....	100.6	100.7	100.7	100.8
Farm products.....do....	*95.1	.....	97.9	98.8	98.1	98.8
Foods, processed.....do....	*100.5	.....	101.6	101.7	101.9	102.0
All other.....do....	*100.5	.....	100.7	100.7	100.7	100.8
22 commodities <u>2</u> /.....do....	97.1	95.9	92.3	92.7	93.8	93.7
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$.	.....	.....	4,501	4,551	4,645	.....
DEPARTMENT STORE SALES.....1957-59=100..	110	111	112	117	115	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	270	299	266	272	274	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	2,007	2,031	1,534	1,549	.....	.....
State programs (50 States and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,499	1,526	1,378	1,393	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (DUN & BRADSTREET)..number..	304	344	298	332	290	320
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. \$.	32,849	32,802	34,102	34,256	34,115	34,039
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	29,544	29,404	32,416	32,229	32,116	31,491
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do....	19,825	19,751	20,337	20,303	20,358	19,816
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do....	548	543	481	484	506	426
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$.	63,920	63,423	61,377	61,511	62,311	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	29,565	29,621	34,058	34,126	34,185	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	117,035	117,467	124,344	125,093	124,200	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	34,327	34,087	31,513	31,846	31,444	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	31,877	32,085	34,085	34,221	34,009	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	13,247	13,245	15,008	15,084	15,155	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	4.72	4.71	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /..1941-43=100..	68.34	68.73	57.24	56.89	55.21	56.52
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	71.77	72.20	59.74	59.39	57.76	59.09
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. sh. tons..	1,551	1,482	1,486	1,468	1,448	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	15,263	15,396	16,317	16,178	16,149	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, coaches).....number..	184,130	179,515	180,179	190,361	191,996	190,504
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. bbl..	7,128	7,154	7,327	7,346	7,341	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	2,057	2,044	1,746	1,759	1,768	1,778
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	110.4	109.7	93.7	93.3	94.9	95.4
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..						
Miscellaneous.....do....	340	330	326	326	326	.....

¹/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ²/ Tuesday price (note shift to 1957-59 reference base). ³/ Daily average. ⁴/ Wednesday data. * Monthly index for Oct. 1961.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1961		1962			
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS...1910-14=100..	242	240	240	244	250	245
Crops.....do....	229	226	231	229	232	226
Commercial vegetables.....do....	202	198	229	201	201	197
Cotton.....do....	277	286	275	275	280	275
Feed grains and hay.....do....	156	154	155	151	154	152
Food grains.....do....	214	217	229	226	226	226
Fruit.....do....	255	225	191	243	266	243
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	242	242	252	245	238	238
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do....	141	135	205	174	153	139
Tobacco.....do....	541	537	542	518	525	519
Livestock and products.....do....	253	252	248	256	266	261
Dairy products.....do....	267	272	239	248	258	265
Meat animals.....do....	303	297	310	318	326	314
Poultry and eggs.....do....	138	141	133	141	153	150
Wool.....do....	230	228	257	253	251	249
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do....	276	276	279	279	r280	281
Family living items.....do....	291	291	294	294	294	294
Production items.....do....	266	265	268	268	271	271
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	301	301	305	305	307	307
PARITY RATIO.....do....	80	80	79	80	81	80
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$.	5,473	5,325	5,743	r5,844	r5,827	5,648
Private, total.....do....	3,740	3,698	4,078	r4,082	r4,069	3,933
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	2,122	2,094	2,388	r2,353	r2,332	2,227
New housing units.....do....	1,602	1,607	1,759	r1,794	r1,790	1,722
Additions and alterations.....do....	417	383	516	r445	r430	394
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	949	954	1,025	1,039	1,037	1,021
Industrial.....do....	218	221	239	241	245	245
Commercial.....do....	421	425	469	471	465	454
Stores, restaurants, and garages.....do....	220	224	252	246	234	217
Farm construction.....do....	147	127	147	r152	r147	135
Public utilities.....do....	503	504	491	r511	r524	522

¹/ Revised. ²/ Excludes farm and public utilities.

NOTE—REVISIONS for July 1962 for housing starts, public and private (thous.): Total, incl. farm, 139.3; total nonfarm, 137.4.

ITEM	1961		1962			
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE--Continued						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.)--Continued						
Public, total.....mil. \$..	1,733	1,627	1,665	r1,762	r1,758	1,715
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	463	459	461	464	r460	454
Military facilities.....do....	138	78	94	117	.....	.....
Highways.....do....	685	651	643	700	700	.....
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	58,896	59,037	62,084	r62,829	r62,760	62,646
Private, total.....do....	41,709	41,767	44,908	r45,244	r45,332	44,404
Residential (nonfarm).....do....	23,782	24,026	25,987	r25,957	r26,063	25,515
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	10,711	10,656	11,661	11,830	11,723	11,419
Industrial.....do....	2,610	2,608	2,962	2,936	2,930	2,885
Commercial.....do....	4,718	4,681	5,110	5,273	5,214	5,018
Stores, restaurants, and garages.....do....	2,398	2,388	2,588	2,688	2,549	2,316
Farm construction.....do....	1,590	1,472	1,533	r1,533	r1,577	1,561
Public utilities.....do....	5,422	5,404	5,444	r5,626	r5,652	5,599
Public, total.....do....	17,187	17,270	17,176	r17,585	r17,428	18,242
Nonresidential buildings.....do....	5,101	5,132	5,043	r5,083	r5,069	5,073
Military facilities.....do....	1,364	900	1,170	1,244	.....	.....
Highways.....do....	5,960	6,340	5,876	6,195	6,140	.....
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1947-49=100..	145	145	148	r149	r149	148
DOMESTIC TRADE						
DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, UNITED STATES TOTAL:						
Unadjusted index.....1957-59=100..	109	r113	96	104	rp117	p114
Seasonally adjusted index.....do....	110	109	114	115	p117	p110
EMPLOYMENT						
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL, UNADJUSTED.....thous..						
EMPLOYED.....do....	71,123	71,759	73,582	73,695	72,179	72,187
Agricultural employment.....do....	67,038	67,824	69,564	69,762	68,668	68,893
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	5,666	5,964	6,064	5,770	5,564	5,475
UNEMPLOYED.....do....	61,372	61,860	63,500	63,993	63,103	63,418
Percent of civilian labor force.....do....	4,085	3,934	4,018	3,932	3,512	3,294
.....	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.3	4.9	4.6
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL, SEAS. ADJUSTED.....thous..						
EMPLOYED.....do....	70,981	71,473	71,578	72,392	72,035	71,899
Agricultural employment.....do....	66,243	66,822	67,735	68,194	67,854	67,875
Nonagricultural employment.....do....	5,156	5,472	5,143	5,166	5,063	5,023
UNEMPLOYED.....do....	61,188	61,369	62,809	63,172	62,914	62,915
Percent of civilian labor force.....do....	4,867	4,762	3,828	4,218	4,167	3,977
.....	6.8	6.7	5.3	5.8	5.8	5.5
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. \$..	54,757	54,902	58,521	59,146	59,236	.....
Installment credit, total.....do....	42,039	42,181	44,967	45,514	45,621	.....
Installment credit extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	3,789	4,244	4,641	4,792	4,040	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	3,839	4,102	4,233	4,245	3,933	.....
Adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	3,942	4,209	4,580	4,580	4,397	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	3,956	4,028	4,239	4,194	4,232	.....
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE:						
Receipts, total.....do....	10,285	3,811	4,540	9,445	11,414	.....
Receipts, net <u>2/</u>.....do....	8,945	3,141	3,566	7,089	10,053	.....
Customs.....do....	90	105	103	107	102	.....
Individual income taxes.....do....	4,679	1,614	1,497	5,467	5,072	.....
Corporation income taxes.....do....	3,251	408	525	431	3,533	.....
Employment taxes.....do....	884	241	450	1,786	962	.....
Other internal revenue and receipts.....do....	1,380	1,443	1,965	1,654	1,745	.....
Expenditures, total <u>2/</u>.....do....	6,771	7,796	7,252	8,541	7,327	.....
Interest on public debt.....do....	727	713	828	794	807	.....
Veterans' services and benefits.....do....	418	438	442	492	401	.....
National defense.....do....	3,852	4,067	3,954	r4,448	4,031	.....
All other expenditures.....do....	1,777	2,587	2,107	r2,852	2,088	.....
LIFE INSURANCE WRITTEN, NEW PAID-FOR (LIAMA):						
Value, estimated total.....do....	5,924	6,898	6,222	6,273	5,957	.....
Ordinary.....do....	4,206	4,777	4,528	4,505	4,116	.....
Group and wholesale.....do....	1,145	1,511	1,146	1,214	1,269	.....
Industrial.....do....	573	610	548	554	572	.....
SILVER, PRICE AT NEW YORK.....dol. per fine oz..	.914	.914	1.035	*1.083	1.155	1.206
STOCK PRICES: Dow-Jones averages (65 stocks).....						
Industrial (30 stocks).....	237.88	241.67	203.10	208.94	207.82	202.73
Public utility (15 stocks).....	711.02	703.01	581.78	602.51	597.02	580.65
Railroad (20 stocks).....	121.20	127.69	113.91	118.93	120.53	117.77
.....	143.23	149.67	122.75	121.89	119.76	117.58

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. * Effective Aug. 1962 for silver in commercial bar form (priced one-quarter cent higher than on former basis). 2/ Except farm and public utilities. 2/ Data reflect exclusion of certain interfund transactions.

ITEM	1961		1962			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
ORGANIC CHEMICALS, PRODUCTION:						
Acetic anhydride.....mil. lb..	93.3	105.0	107.4	101.5	103.9	108.8
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.1
Alcohol, ethyl:						
Production.....mil. proof gal..	r50.5	53.4	50.4	49.3	45.5	.....
Stocks, end of month, total.....do....	r138.8	140.9	154.1	158.1	157.6	.....
Used for denaturation.....do....	41.5	37.6	42.7	39.1	41.5	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	5.0	5.5	5.4	4.4	5.1	.....
Alcohol, denatured:						
Production.....mil. wine gal..	22.9	20.3	22.9	21.1	22.4	.....
Consumption (withdrawals).....do....	24.2	19.0	23.9	21.3	24.0	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	5.1	6.4	4.1	3.8	2.2	.....
Creosote oil.....mil. gal..	10.3	8.1	7.7	7.2	8.1	7.8
DDT.....mil. lb..	14.7	13.7	13.4	16.1	15.7	14.0
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do....	4.6	7.7	12.4	5.2	9.0	6.6
Ethylene glycol.....do....	99.3	87.7	103.6	119.1	122.0	106.4
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do....	154.9	155.5	164.1	150.2	169.0	166.9
Methanol, synthetic.....mil. gal..	25.5	22.8	26.5	29.8	28.3	28.7
Phthalic anhydride.....mil. lb..	33.3	31.6	33.3	33.6	33.2	35.1
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
STEEL PRODUCTS, NET SHIPMENTS:						
Total (all grades).....thous. sh. tons..	6,139	6,058	5,360	4,505	5,402	5,125
Structural shapes (heavy), steel piling.....do....	424	437	402	351	409	351
Plates.....do....	495	544	453	381	438	430
Bars and tool steel, total.....do....	942	931	830	701	854	824
Pipe and tubing.....do....	781	694	676	600	723	623
Tin mill products.....do....	605	485	587	506	571	453
Sheets and strip (incl. electrical), total.....do....	2,336	2,387	1,862	1,509	1,897	1,947
Fabricated structural steel:						
Orders, new (net).....do....	385	408	292	239	289	326
Shipments.....do....	359	326	349	308	367	314
Backlog, end of month.....do....	2,378	2,729	2,406	2,357	2,301	2,316
Aluminum shipments:						
Mill products and pig and ingot (net).....mil. lb..	426.7	416.5	506.6	r449.2	442.1	.....
Mill products, total.....do....	303.6	286.8	347.5	r320.4	317.9	.....
Plate and sheet (excl. foil).....do....	135.0	126.8	158.8	r144.3	137.9	.....
Castings.....do....	65.1	62.6	77.4	r60.7	73.8	.....
Material handling equipment (industrial):						
New orders index.....1957=100..	93.0	95.3	129.4	110.2	104.7	.....
Shipments index.....do....	98.3	86.5	118.7	111.2	119.2	.....
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
MANMADE FIBERS (RAYON AND ACETATE):						
Production:						
Filament yarn.....mil. lb..	56.5	52.2	57.0	58.4	63.2	58.5
Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do....	35.6	35.5	40.6	40.5	41.4	38.1
Stocks, producers', end of mo.:						
Filament yarn.....do....	59.1	52.3	47.9	51.1	r54.0	57.2
Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do....	55.3	51.2	51.2	54.5	r54.4	52.9

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