

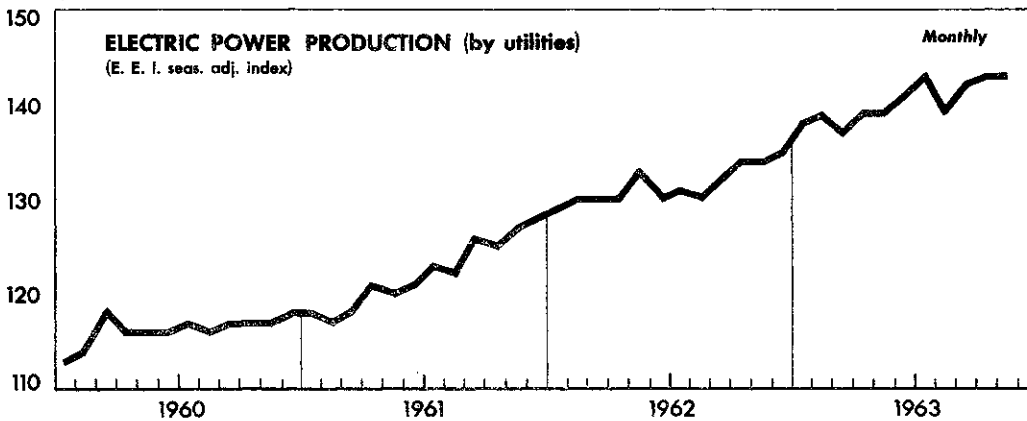
# BUSINESS STATISTICS

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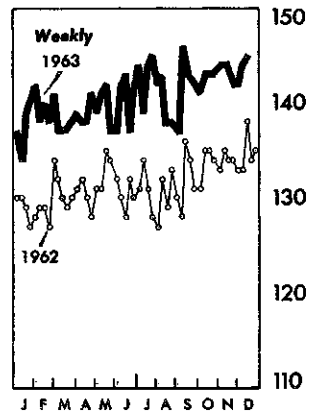
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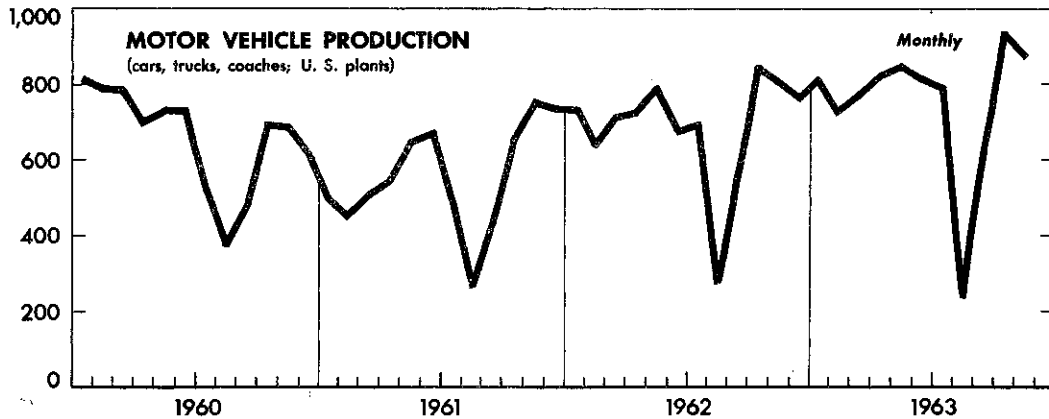
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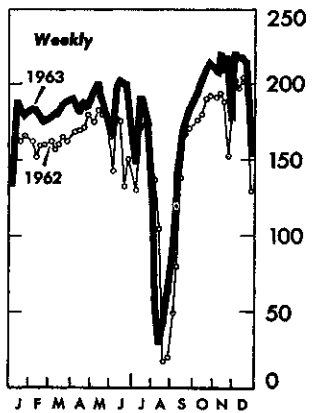
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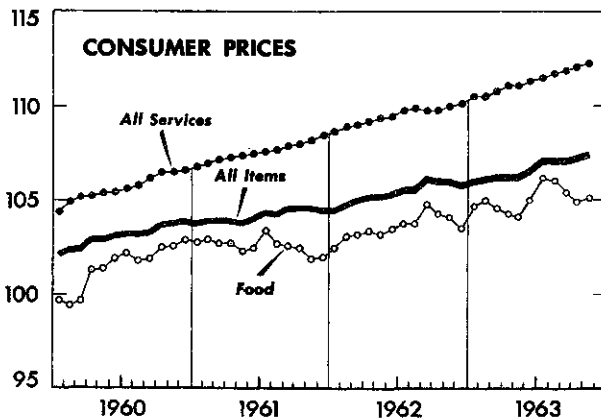
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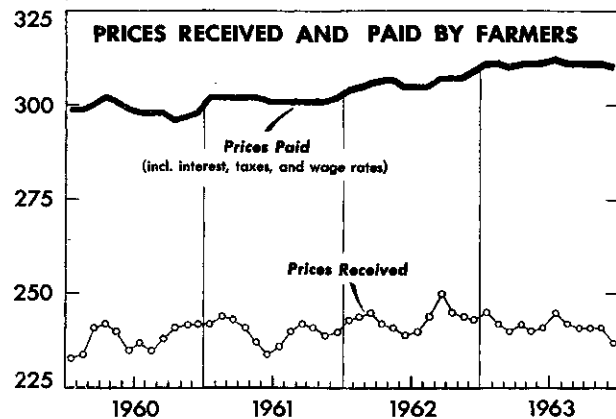
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Index, 1957-59=100



Index, 1910-14=100



WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1962		1963			
	Dec. 22	Dec. 29	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21	Dec. 28
<b>COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:</b>						
All commodities.....1957-59=100..	.....	*100.4	.....	100.2	100.2	.....
Farm products.....do.....	.....	*97.3	.....	92.7	93.0	.....
Foods, processed.....do.....	.....	*100.9	.....	101.4	100.8	.....
All other.....do.....	.....	*100.7	.....	101.0	101.1	.....
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	92.5	**92.7	95.1	94.5	94.6	95.5
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	6,451	4,721	5,723	6,156	6,683	.....
DEPARTMENT STORE SALES.....1957-59=100..	271	121	232	265	285	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	412	456	377	378	438	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	2,157	2,501	1,895	1,960	.....	.....
State programs (50 States and Puerto Rico).....do.....	2,006	2,333	1,748	1,811	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	249	143	265	257	232	.....
<b>FINANCE:</b>						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. \$..	35,366	35,471	37,273	37,487	37,621	37,752
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do.....	33,163	33,733	36,010	35,945	36,507	37,040
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do.....	19,953	20,325	20,320	19,996	20,660	20,990
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do.....	515	561	585	193	488	498
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	66,326	66,263	63,527	65,412	66,618	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	34,607	34,712	37,729	37,740	37,765	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	129,361	129,940	135,697	136,749	138,933	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	31,619	31,808	28,393	28,485	28,577	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	35,075	35,166	37,326	37,476	38,013	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	15,483	15,504	17,855	17,879	17,915	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	4.52	4.52	4.54	4.54	4.55	.....
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=100..	62.58	63.02	73.80	73.90	74.63	#73.97
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	65.52	65.97	78.04	78.05	78.85	#78.16
<b>PRODUCTION:</b>						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. sh. tons..	1,556	1,263	1,583	1,583	1,508	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr.	17,560	16,435	18,427	18,993	19,814	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	194,326	129,731	218,236	218,145	214,410	151,985
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. bbl..	7,340	7,362	7,597	7,619	7,597	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	1,874	1,715	2,042	2,037	2,003	1,804
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	100.6	92.1	109.6	109.3	107.5	96.8
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..	512	357	558	540	498	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	274	197	305	297	268	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday price. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. \* Monthly index for Dec. 1962.  
\*\* Wednesday price. # Tuesday data.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1962		1963			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
<b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALL ITEMS.....1957-59=100..	106.0	106.0	107.1	107.1	107.2	*107.4
Special group indexes:						
All items less food.....do.....	106.7	106.7	107.6	107.8	108.1	108.4
All items less shelter.....do.....	106.1	106.0	107.2	107.1	107.2	107.4
All commodities.....do.....	104.0	103.9	104.7	104.6	104.7	104.8
Nondurables.....do.....	104.4	104.2	105.5	105.3	105.2	105.4
Durables.....do.....	102.0	102.2	101.4	101.5	102.2	102.5
Services.....do.....	109.8	110.0	111.7	111.9	112.1	112.3
Apparel.....do.....	104.9	104.3	104.0	104.8	105.4	105.6
Food.....do.....	104.3	104.1	106.0	105.4	104.9	105.1
Dairy products.....do.....	104.3	104.2	104.2	104.3	104.6	104.8
Fruits and vegetables.....do.....	102.0	102.1	114.2	108.1	106.3	108.2
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	104.1	103.5	101.4	101.5	100.4	99.7
Housing.....do.....	105.0	105.1	106.0	106.2	106.3	106.6
Gas and electricity.....do.....	108.0	108.1	107.2	108.0	108.1	108.0
Housefurnishings.....do.....	98.8	98.7	98.3	98.6	98.7	98.8
Rent.....do.....	106.1	106.2	106.8	107.0	107.1	107.2
Medical care.....do.....	114.9	115.0	117.1	117.2	117.4	117.5
Personal care.....do.....	106.9	107.1	108.0	108.2	108.4	108.4
Reading and recreation.....do.....	109.5	110.1	112.1	112.3	112.7	112.8
Transportation.....do.....	108.1	108.3	108.3	107.9	109.0	109.1
Private.....do.....	106.9	107.2	106.9	106.5	107.7	107.8
Public.....do.....	116.0	115.4	117.1	117.1	117.6	117.6
Other goods and services.....do.....	105.6	105.6	108.0	108.0	108.2	108.3
<b>PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--</b>						
Consumer prices.....do.....	94.3	94.3	93.4	93.4	93.3	**93.1
<b>FINANCE</b>						
<b>LIFE INSURANCE (Institute of Life Insurance):</b>						
ASSETS, TOTAL, ALL U.S. COMPANIES.....bil. \$..	131.81	132.58	138.36	138.76	139.61	.....
Bonds (book value), domestic and foreign, total.....do.....	63.85	64.06	65.72	65.79	66.08	.....
U.S. Government.....do.....	6.36	6.40	5.81	5.82	5.83	.....
State, county, municipal (U.S.).....do.....	4.06	4.05	3.94	3.89	3.89	.....

\* Index based on 1947-49=100 is 131.8. \*\* Index based on 1947-49=100 is 75.0.

ITEM	1962		1963			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
<b>FINANCE--Continued</b>						
<b>LIFE INSURANCE (Institute of Life Insurance)--Continued</b>						
<b>ASSETS--Continued</b>						
<b>Bonds--Continued</b>						
Public utility (U.S.).....bil. \$..	16.41	16.42	16.49	16.46	16.47	.....
Railroad (U.S.).....do.....	3.58	3.57	3.48	3.47	3.46	.....
Industrial and miscellaneous (U.S.).....do.....	28.63	28.69	30.23	30.21	30.50	.....
Stocks (book value), domestic and foreign, total.....do.....	5.11	5.14	5.50	5.56	5.56	.....
Preferred (U.S.).....do.....	2.23	2.24	2.29	2.30	2.29	.....
Common (U.S.).....do.....	2.79	2.82	3.11	3.17	3.18	.....
Mortgage loans, total.....do.....	46.02	46.35	48.96	49.23	49.54	.....
Nonfarm.....do.....	42.65	42.97	45.29	45.52	45.80	.....
Real estate.....do.....	4.12	4.13	4.31	4.34	4.36	.....
Policy loans and premium notes.....do.....	6.17	6.20	6.55	6.58	6.62	.....
Cash.....do.....	1.30	1.34	1.27	1.34	1.34	.....
Other assets.....do.....	5.25	5.36	6.01	5.92	6.11	.....
<b>PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS AND BENEFICIARIES IN U.S.:</b>						
TOTAL.....mil. \$..	776.5	741.8	780.6	798.5	860.7	.....
Death benefits.....do.....	316.6	318.9	343.3	324.6	368.1	.....
Matured endowments.....do.....	63.4	60.1	64.7	63.8	70.6	.....
Disability payments.....do.....	13.4	11.5	12.7	12.6	13.1	.....
Annuity payments.....do.....	66.7	68.9	62.3	71.9	76.0	.....
Surrender values.....do.....	146.6	133.2	154.1	143.7	149.4	.....
Policy dividends.....do.....	169.8	149.2	143.0	181.9	183.5	.....
<b>DOMESTIC TRADE</b>						
<b>PRINTERS' INK ADVERTISING INDEX, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED:</b>						
COMBINED INDEX.....1957-59=100..	*112	**131	116	121	.....	.....
Business papers.....do.....	*104	**107	110	116	.....	.....
Magazines.....do.....	*117	**121	128	132	.....	.....
Newspapers.....do.....	*103	**102	104	110	.....	.....
Outdoor.....do.....	*r87	**r92	81	79	.....	.....
Radio (network).....do.....	*67	**79	103	93	.....	.....
Television (network).....do.....	*126	**122	127	130	.....	.....
<b>MAGAZINE ADVERTISING:</b>						
Cost, total.....mil. \$..	91.8	96.3	54.5	82.1	99.6	103.2
Apparel and accessories.....do.....	6.8	5.4	5.1	9.1	7.0	5.7
Automotive, including accessories.....do.....	12.8	11.3	3.8	6.1	14.8	12.7
Building materials.....do.....	2.4	1.9	1.4	3.0	2.2	1.8
Drugs and toiletries.....do.....	8.6	9.9	6.4	8.0	9.9	10.8
Foods, soft drinks, confectionery.....do.....	13.1	14.1	7.8	8.9	12.4	13.6
Beer, wine, liquors.....do.....	5.1	6.2	2.9	4.2	5.5	6.9
Household equipment, supplies, furnishings.....do.....	7.6	7.0	2.8	5.8	8.4	7.7
Industrial materials.....do.....	4.4	4.6	3.0	4.5	5.1	5.5
Soaps, cleansers, etc.....do.....	1.0	1.4	.7	1.0	1.4	1.4
Smoking materials.....do.....	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.3	3.9
All other.....do.....	27.2	31.7	17.9	28.4	29.6	33.2
<b>CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS</b>						
<b>PLASTICS AND RESIN MATERIALS, PRODUCTION:</b>						
Cellulose plastic materials.....mil. lb..	14.2	12.7	12.1	12.8	14.0	.....
<b>Thermosetting resins:</b>						
Alkyd resins.....do.....	42.3	38.4	47.7	43.3	47.2	.....
Coumarone-indene and petroleum polymer resins.....do.....	30.3	27.0	27.0	25.5	30.2	.....
Polyester resins.....do.....	18.6	15.7	21.6	21.2	23.9	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do.....	61.4	58.9	63.0	62.8	69.3	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do.....	44.1	39.6	41.2	42.2	48.4	.....
<b>Thermoplastic resins:</b>						
Styrene-type plastic materials (polystyrene).....mil. lb..	109.0	106.1	126.6	130.1	136.5	.....
Vinyl resins (resin content basis).....do.....	138.9	132.1	153.7	156.5	167.4	.....
Polyethylene.....do.....	176.6	170.3	189.3	183.3	202.4	.....
<b>FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO</b>						
<b>BEER:</b>						
Production.....mil. bbl..	7.41	6.50	9.38	7.42	7.93	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do.....	7.17	6.75	9.26	7.37	7.95	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	10.07	9.38	11.18	10.72	10.19	.....
<b>DISTILLED SPIRITS (TOTAL):</b>						
Production.....mil. tax gal..	14.84	14.40	8.52	9.42	15.99	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do.....	r14.63	12.70	10.02	11.11	14.57	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	r875.84	874.62	874.49	869.81	867.44	.....
<b>Whisky:</b>						
Production.....do.....	8.71	10.13	5.06	5.80	10.13	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do.....	11.06	9.63	6.46	8.02	10.85	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	851.27	849.18	851.80	846.88	843.02	.....
Rectified spirits and wines, prod., total.....mil. proof gal..	r10.76	9.31	6.73	7.74	10.88	.....
Whisky.....do.....	r8.35	7.12	4.62	5.68	8.35	.....

r/ Revised. \* Data are for Aug. 1962. \*\* Data are for Sept. 1962.

ITEM	1962		1963			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
<b>PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS</b>						
<b>NEWSPRINT, CANADA (INCLUDING NEWFOUNDLAND):</b>						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	618	609	586	551	630	613
Shipments from mills.....do....	646	625	576	580	638	611
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	218	202	265	235	227	229
<b>NEWSPRINT, UNITED STATES:</b>						
Production.....do....	188	183	191	164	194	190
Shipments from mills.....do....	192	184	178	172	193	189
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	35	34	44	36	37	38
Consumption by publishers.....do....	511	508	443	490	529	524
Stocks at and in transit to publishers, end of mo.....do....	609	597	632	606	588	559
Shipping containers, corrugated and solid fiber, shipments.....mil. sq. ft. surf. area..	11,533	10,562	11,804	10,797	12,457	10,598
<b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS</b>						
<b>MANMADE FIBERS (RAYON AND ACETATE):</b>						
<b>Production:</b>						
Filament yarn.....mil. lb..	62.6	60.3	r59.3	r59.2	63.9	62.9
Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do....	45.9	46.4	r48.4	r48.7	52.6	47.4
<b>Stocks, producers', end of month:</b>						
Filament yarn.....do....	58.4	59.6	58.5	56.9	53.1	50.4
Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do....	48.4	41.8	32.1	33.9	38.5	35.6
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>COMMODITY PRICES</b>						
<b>PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS.....1910-14=100..</b>						
Crops.....do....	244	243	241	241	241	237
Commercial vegetables.....do....	224	224	232	234	241	241
Cotton.....do....	215	238	189	201	255	241
Feed grains and hay.....do....	268	261	276	278	274	264
Food grains.....do....	147	153	171	162	158	164
Fruit.....do....	230	231	213	223	224	226
Oil-bearing crops.....do....	224	199	260	275	294	309
Potatoes (including dry edible beans).....do....	244	247	253	264	271	265
Tobacco.....do....	147	147	163	140	144	144
Livestock and products.....do....	510	505	498	496	483	488
Dairy products.....do....	260	259	249	247	242	234
Meat animals.....do....	268	263	260	268	271	268
Poultry and eggs.....do....	311	309	293	286	272	259
Wool.....do....	151	153	148	146	150	144
	252	249	258	258	262	266
<b>PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:</b>						
All commodities and services.....do....	281	282	283	282	282	282
Family living items.....do....	296	296	297	297	298	297
Production items.....do....	271	273	273	272	271	271
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	308	309	311	311	311	310
<b>PARITY RATIO.....do....</b>	79	79	77	77	77	76

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