

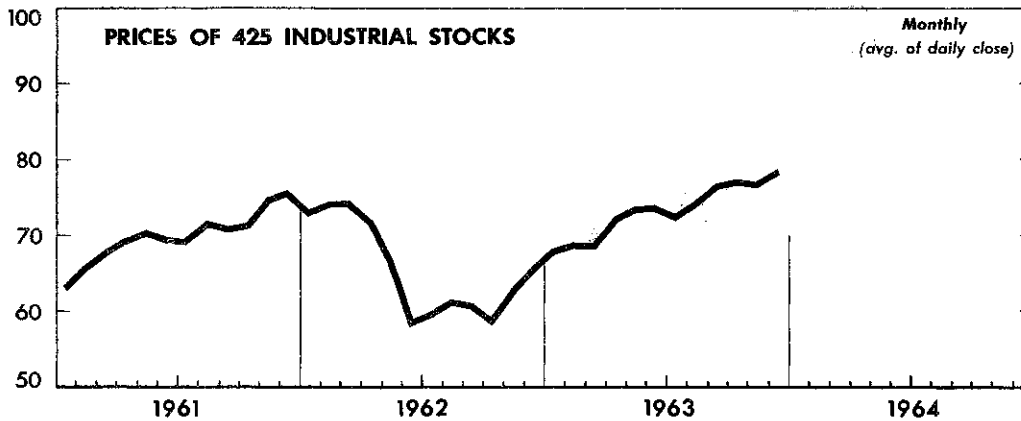
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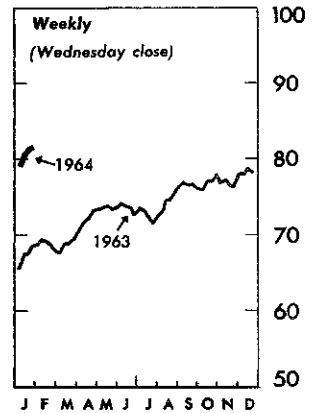
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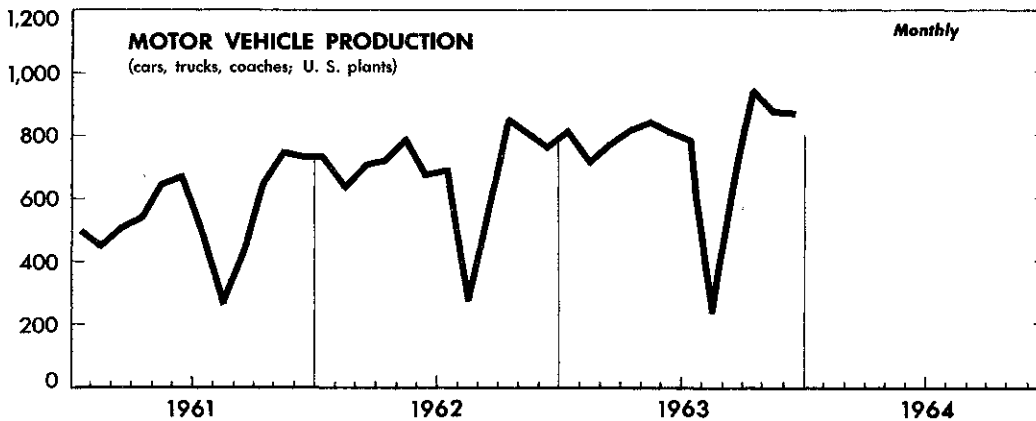
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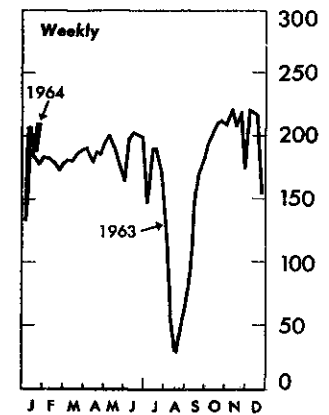
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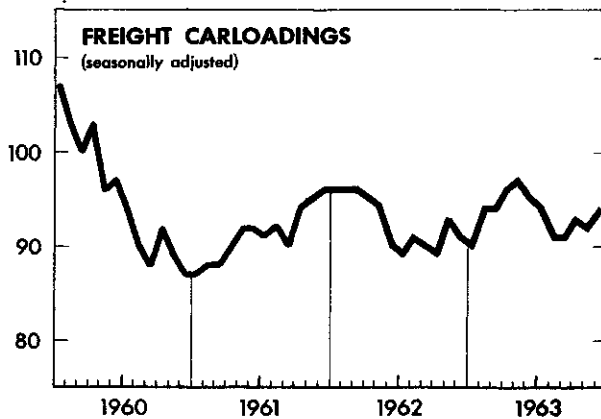
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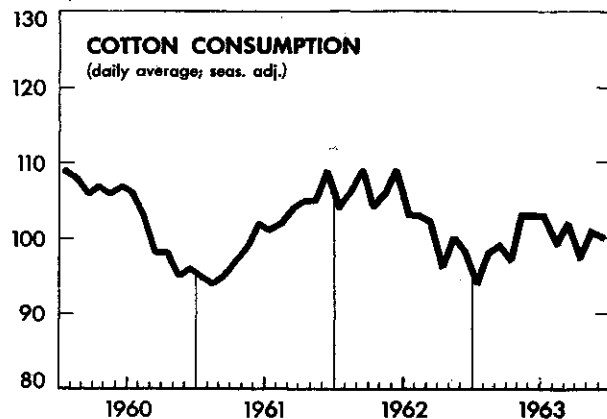
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1963		1964			
	Jan. 19	Jan. 26	Jan. 4	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25
COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:						
All commodities.....1957-59=100.....		*100.5			100.9	100.9
Farm products.....do.....		*98.5			96.4	96.6
Foods, processed.....do.....		*100.8			102.4	102.3
All other.....do.....		*100.7			101.2	101.2
22 commodities 2/.....do.....	93.5	93.7	95.4	95.7	96.1	95.6
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	4,221	4,060	4,543	4,432	4,328	.....
DEPARTMENT STORE SALES.....1957-59=100..	94	82	98	108	95	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	441	384	447	507	414	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	2,749	2,783	2,646	2,568	.....	.....
State programs (50 States and Puerto Rico).....do.....	2,563	2,595	2,484	2,404	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	286	321	204	321	254	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. \$..	34,694	34,361	37,722	37,306	36,983	36,690
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	32,784	32,464	37,153	36,706	36,231	35,623
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do.....	20,100	19,915	21,433	21,182	20,904	20,457
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do.....	521	486	776	473	600	267
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities:4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	65,447	64,401	67,844	65,239	66,836	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	35,042	35,106	38,083	38,043	38,052	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	129,012	127,482	141,305	138,816	138,401	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	32,409	32,116	29,018	28,601	28,269	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	34,612	34,291	38,793	37,818	37,631	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	15,565	15,585	17,880	17,889	17,944	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	4.49	4.49	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/..1941-43=10..	64.67	65.62	#75.02	76.00	76.64	77.03
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	67.55	68.59	#79.25	80.31	81.06	81.47
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. sh. tons..	1,418	1,259	1,570	1,560	1,385	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	18,110	18,321	18,152	18,869	19,383	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	183,409	178,546	146,525	207,381	188,770	210,955
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. bbl..	7,299	7,245	7,574	7,661	7,678	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	1,915	1,863	2,037	2,120	2,130	2,212
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	102.8	100.0	109.3	113.8	114.3	118.7
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..						
Miscellaneous.....do.....	272	254	249	295	282	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday price. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. * Monthly index for Jan. 1963.
Tuesday data.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1962		1963			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	1,216	1,101	1,051	1,262	1,115	998
Commercial service.....do.....	109	100	113	133	129	91
Construction.....do.....	193	219	189	207	198	198
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	200	181	167	217	186	176
Retail trade.....do.....	590	497	467	578	479	433
Wholesale trade.....do.....	124	104	115	127	123	100
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	98,841	81,275	85,918	91,834	262,112	68,427
Commercial service.....do.....	16,184	8,785	6,579	10,758	4,171	3,764
Construction.....do.....	16,095	18,744	21,522	12,981	20,325	13,935
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	34,069	20,671	28,149	32,777	197,942	22,662
Retail trade.....do.....	24,107	22,744	15,644	23,603	26,832	16,849
Wholesale trade.....do.....	8,386	10,331	14,024	11,715	12,842	11,217
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	59.4	56.0	59.4	59.6	55.1	51.2
FINANCE						
AGRICULTURAL LOANS AND DISCOUNTS OUTSTANDING OF AGENCIES SUPERVISED BY THE FARM CREDIT ADM.:						
Total, end of month.....mil. \$..	5,719	5,753	6,430	6,418	6,366	6,403
Farm mortgage loans: Federal land banks.....do.....	3,037	3,052	3,259	3,280	3,291	3,310
Loans to cooperatives.....do.....	746	735	735	848	858	840
Other loans and discounts.....do.....	1,936	1,966	2,436	2,290	2,217	2,253
LIFE INSURANCE (Institute of Life Insurance):						
ASSETS, TOTAL, ALL U.S. COMPANIES.....bil. \$..	132.58	133.29	138.76	139.61	140.21	.....
Bonds (book value), domestic and foreign, total.....do.....	64.06	63.86	65.79	66.08	66.36	.....
U.S. Government.....do.....	6.40	6.17	5.82	5.83	5.79	.....
State, county, municipal (U.S.).....do.....	4.05	4.04	3.89	3.89	3.89	.....
Public utility (U.S.).....do.....	16.42	16.51	16.46	16.47	16.48	.....
Railroad (U.S.).....do.....	3.57	3.56	3.47	3.46	3.45	.....
Industrial and miscellaneous (U.S.).....do.....	28.69	28.65	30.33	30.62	30.86	.....

NOTE.—Oct. 1963 data for imports, published on pp. S-22 and S-23 of Jan. 1964 SURVEY, have since been revised as follows (mil. \$): General imports—unadj, total, 1,589.3; seas. adj. total, 1,466.6; Southern North Amer., 115.6; Latin Amer. Republics (total), 300.9; Mexico, 46.4; imports for consumption—total, 1,576.6; crude materials, 271.6; agricultural prod. (total), 377.5.

ITEM	1962		1963			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
FINANCE--Continued						
LIFE INSURANCE (Institute of Life Insurance)--Continued						
ASSETS--Continued						
Stocks (book value), domestic and foreign, total, bil. \$..	5.14	5.18	5.56	5.56	5.58	.....
Preferred (U.S.).....do.....	2.24	2.25	2.30	2.29	2.31	.....
Common (U.S.).....do.....	2.82	2.84	3.17	3.18	3.18	.....
Mortgage loans, total.....do.....	46.55	46.96	49.23	49.54	49.81	.....
Nonfarm.....do.....	42.97	43.56	45.52	45.80	46.06	.....
Real estate.....do.....	4.13	4.11	4.34	4.36	4.37	.....
Policy loans and premium notes.....do.....	6.20	6.24	6.58	6.62	6.65	.....
Cash.....do.....	1.34	1.46	1.34	1.34	1.32	.....
Other assets.....do.....	5.36	5.50	5.92	6.11	6.11	.....
PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS AND BENEFICIARIES IN U.S.:						
TOTAL.....mil. \$..	741.8	994.1	798.5	860.7	731.3	.....
Death benefits.....do.....	318.9	358.1	324.6	368.1	307.5	.....
Matured endowments.....do.....	60.1	63.3	63.8	70.6	67.4	.....
Disability payments.....do.....	11.5	10.3	12.6	13.1	11.5	.....
Annuity payments.....do.....	68.9	62.7	71.9	76.0	71.9	.....
Surrender values.....do.....	133.2	153.0	143.7	149.4	127.1	.....
Policy dividends.....do.....	149.2	346.7	181.9	183.5	145.9	.....
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
AIRLINES (SCHEDULED DOMESTIC TRUNK):						
Miles flown (revenue).....thous..	57,630	58,677	64,335	66,676	62,455	.....
Express and freight ton-miles flown.....do.....	49,346	47,920	52,766	57,797	51,396	.....
Mail ton-miles flown.....do.....	13,588	17,965	13,043	15,033	13,376	.....
Passengers originated (revenue).....do.....	3,871	3,721	4,639	4,917	4,446	.....
Passenger-miles flown (revenue).....millions..	2,458	2,586	3,119	3,165	2,861	.....
HOTELS:						
Average sale per occupied room.....dollars..	9.82	8.90	9.56	10.24	9.82	8.90
Rooms occupied.....% of total..	59	47	63	68	59	47
Restaurant sales index.....same mo. 1951=100..	106	109	107	109	101	107
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
PLASTICS AND RESIN MATERIALS, PRODUCTION:						
Cellulose plastic materials.....mil. lb..	12.7	12.0	12.8	14.0	13.8	.....
Thermosetting resins:						
Alkyd resins.....do.....	38.4	33.9	43.3	47.2	39.5	.....
Coumarone-indene and petroleum polymer resins.....do.....	27.0	22.7	25.5	30.2	24.9	.....
Polyester resins.....do.....	15.7	14.5	21.2	23.9	21.2	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do.....	58.9	55.3	62.8	r69.6	62.0	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do.....	39.6	38.3	42.2	r48.5	41.1	.....
Thermoplastic resins:						
Styrene-type plastic materials (polystyrene).....do.....	106.1	99.6	130.1	136.5	133.2	.....
Vinyl resins (resin content basis).....do.....	132.1	128.4	156.5	r168.3	160.4	.....
Polyethylene.....do.....	170.3	170.8	183.3	202.4	200.0	.....
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS						
WINES AND DISTILLING MATERIALS:						
Effervescent wines:						
Production.....mil. wine gal..	.30	.34	.34	.45	.37	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do.....	.56	.49	.39	.54	.57	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	2.62	2.43	3.21	3.07	2.86	.....
Still wines:						
Production.....do.....	r14.78	5.66	45.43	108.68	21.47	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do.....	15.26	12.95	12.52	15.56	14.07	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	r239.45	224.60	155.87	246.45	249.05	.....
Distilling materials produced at wineries.....do.....	39.81	9.46	118.07	r202.64	70.11	.....
VEGETABLE OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS:						
Coconut oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	43.1	.....	31.3	33.5	39.4	29.8
Corn oil:						
Production, crude.....do.....	30.3	26.3	31.9	34.7	34.6	30.9
Cottonseed cake and meal:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	362.9	300.0	224.1	343.1	351.0	302.5
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do.....	99.2	98.5	159.2	167.4	192.2	184.9
Cottonseed oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	255.4	211.4	156.7	241.3	249.4	211.4
Linseed oil:						
Production, crude (raw).....do.....	39.9	33.8	37.4	41.1	34.9	32.1
Soybean cake and meal:						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	988.2	981.9	736.9	944.4	918.7	912.0
Stocks (at oil mills), end of month.....do.....	64.4	88.8	139.1	142.2	164.2	148.7
Soybean oil:						
Production, crude.....mil. lb..	452.3	450.4	345.9	442.1	426.2	425.4
TOBACCO, MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS:						
Production, total.....thous. lb..	r14,339	11,212	14,759	16,604	13,017	.....
Consumption (withdrawals):						
Cigarettes, small:						
Tax-exempt.....millions..	3,661	3,514	3,173	3,740	3,561	.....
Taxable.....do.....	42,546	34,734	42,399	46,740	41,272	.....
Cigars (large), taxable.....do.....	662	336	555	652	648	.....
Manufactured tobacco, taxable.....thous. lb..	r13,864	11,953	14,382	15,838	12,858

r/ Revised.

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	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
PIG IRON:						
Production (excluding blast furnace production of ferro-alloys).....thous. sh. tons..	5,094	5,337	5,174	5,525	5,565	5,897
Furnaces, industrial, new orders, net:						
Electric processing.....mil. \$..	1.1	.8	.7	.9	.9	1.0
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	5.1	1.7	2.7	4.6	4.3	3.0
Material handling equipment (industrial):						
Orders (new), index.....1957-59=100..	100.6	99.2	120.9	136.8	116.9	.....
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	47.25	51.65	56.55	66.85	r59.10	76.25
Domestic.....do....	40.65	43.30	45.40	53.35	r49.65	63.50
Shipments, total.....do....	48.05	55.15	54.75	54.05	r52.35	70.25
Domestic.....do....	38.85	43.00	42.85	42.95	r41.75	57.60
Estimated backlog.....months..	4.0	3.9	5.4	5.7	r5.6	5.6
Metal forming tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	14.65	15.15	22.35	32.35	r15.95	21.25
Domestic.....do....	12.25	14.10	17.60	29.95	r15.20	20.30
Shipments, total.....do....	12.70	14.15	14.70	16.35	r14.05	13.75
Domestic.....do....	9.40	10.55	12.10	13.00	r11.30	11.90
Estimated backlog.....months..	4.7	4.7	4.6	5.4	r5.6	6.0
PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS						
NEWSPRINT, CANADA (INCLUDING NEWFOUNDLAND):						
Production.....thous. sh. tons..	609	506	551	630	613	535
Shipments from mills.....do....	625	530	580	638	611	578
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	202	178	235	227	229	186
NEWSPRINT, UNITED STATES:						
Production.....do....	183	166	164	194	190	180
Shipments from mills.....do....	184	176	172	193	189	184
Stocks at mills, end of month.....do....	34	25	36	37	38	34
Consumption by publishers.....do....	508	441	490	529	524	522
Stocks at and in transit to publishers, end of mo.....do....	597	604	606	588	559	545
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
COTTON: 1/						
Consumption.....thous. bales..	667	590	663	829	678	605
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....thous..	18,730	18,750	18,696	18,742	18,660	18,625
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	16,395	16,374	15,758	15,753	15,653	15,656
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....millions..	9,253	8,450	9,345	11,788	9,538	8,563
Average per working day.....do....	463	422	467	472	477	428
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	8,035	7,317	7,903	9,903	8,000	7,220
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Truck trailers, production:						
Complete trailers, total.....number..	5,717	5,295	6,170	6,940	6,487	.....
Vans.....do....	3,951	3,689	3,754	4,318	4,311
Chassis, van bodies, for sale separately.....do....	1,835	756	547	632	621

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