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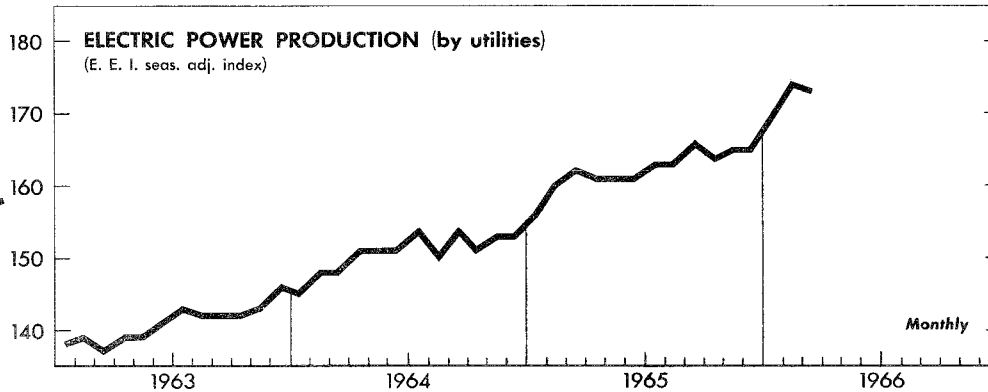


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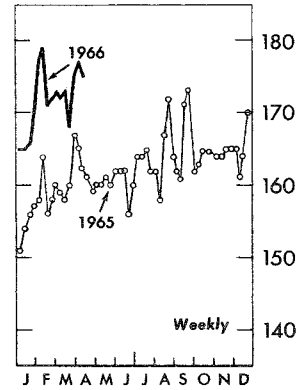
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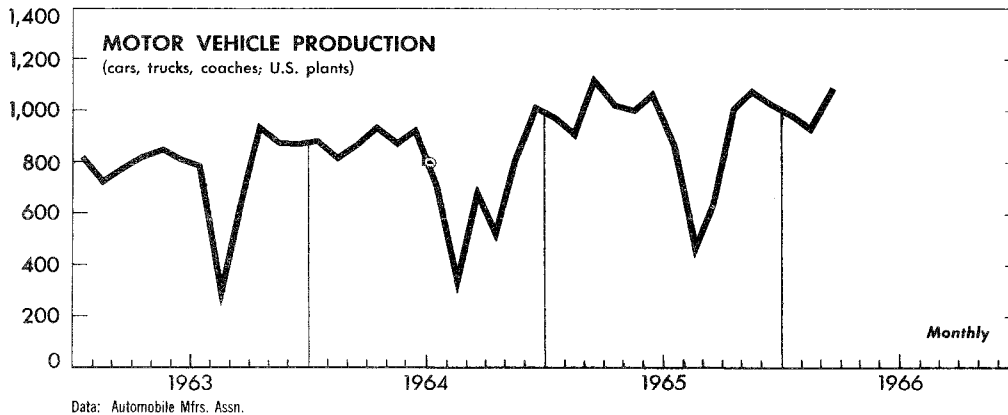
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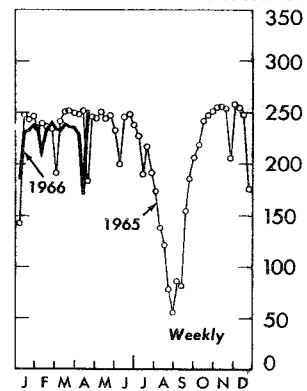
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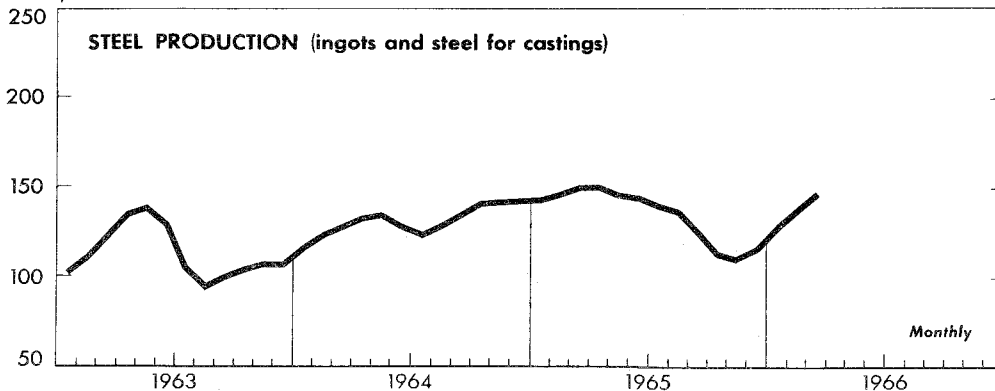
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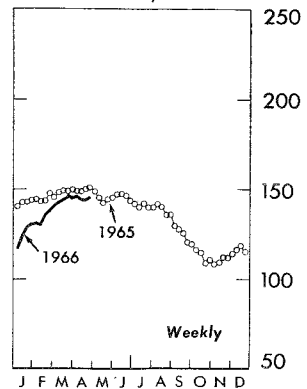
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1965		1966			
	Apr. 17	Apr. 24	Apr. 2	Apr. 9	Apr. 16	Apr. 23
COMMODITY PRICES, WHOLESALE:						
All commodities.....1957-59=100..	.....	*101.7	.....	.....	105.2	105.1
Farm products.....do.....	.....	*97.6	.....	.....	106.5	104.7
Foods, processed.....do.....	.....	*102.3	.....	.....	110.6	110.4
All other.....do.....	.....	*102.1	.....	.....	104.0	104.0
22 commodities <u>2/</u>.....do.....	105.0	105.8	112.7	113.0	112.9	112.5
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$.	5,692	5,253	6,030	6,116	5,580	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	3,484	3,404	3,924	4,241	3,743	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	215	203	161	196	161	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	1,652	1,584	1,224	1,181	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do.....	1,498	1,432	1,153	1,112	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	268	299	263	270	275	252
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$.	39,092	39,058	41,448	41,504	41,864	41,768
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do.....	36,883	40,230	42,916	43,325	43,431	43,293
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do.....	21,289	21,722	22,169	22,373	22,404	22,640
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do.....	278	474	274	332	372	404
Reporting member banks (of F.R.System) in leading cities: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$.	65,031	65,244	66,292	66,682	67,991	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	42,217	42,170	45,111	44,339	43,891	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do.....	151,693	152,866	163,662	164,128	164,123	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	24,513	24,583	21,474	21,779	21,724	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	44,448	44,525	52,640	52,423	52,575	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	20,437	20,440	22,867	22,845	22,942	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	4.56	4.56	5.19	5.17	5.16	5.16
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u>.....1941-43=100..	88.24	88.30	88.78	91.56	91.54	92.08
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	93.37	93.50	94.98	98.15	98.11	98.69
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. sh. tons..	1,600	1,643	1,738	1,714	983	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	18,879	18,719	20,897	20,598	20,556	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	184,465	246,657	230,002	171,411	252,504	.....
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	7,860	7,843	8,316	8,301	8,278	.....
Steel.....thous. sh. tons..	2,785	2,806	2,744	2,686	2,686	2,720
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	149.5	150.6	147.3	144.2	144.2	146.0
FREIGHT CARLOADINGS, TOTAL.....thous. cars..	548	579	544	568	543	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	312	323	312	318	327	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday price. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data. * Monthly index for Apr. 1965.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1965			1966		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: <u>1/</u>						
Value (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....bil. \$.	20.7	21.9	21.7	20.8	22.9	23.7
Primary metals.....do.....	3.6	3.9	3.2	3.4	3.8	3.9
Transportation equipment.....do.....	5.8	6.2	6.3	6.0	6.5	6.6
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	20.4	21.3	22.3	22.3	22.4	23.0
Primary metals.....do.....	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7
Transportation equipment.....do.....	5.4	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.2
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: <u>1/</u>						
New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	21.9	22.5	22.4	23.1	24.5	25.4
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	21.1	21.7	23.4	23.6	23.6	24.2
Primary metals.....do.....	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.6	4.0	4.0
Transportation equipment.....do.....	5.7	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.5	6.6
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	55.6	56.2	61.5	63.8	65.4	67.1
Unfilled orders, end of month (seas. adj.):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	55.1	55.5	62.5	63.8	65.0	66.2
Primary metals.....do.....	7.1	7.1	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.4
Transportation equipment.....do.....	21.4	21.8	26.0	26.6	27.0	27.4
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	1,114	1,332	1,090	1,084	946	1,226
Commercial service.....do.....	103	124	119	101	103	130
Construction.....do.....	199	230	210	203	167	209
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	185	218	156	160	139	171
Retail trade.....do.....	525	621	492	515	430	601
Wholesale trade.....do.....	102	139	113	105	107	115
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$.	111,985	146,579	97,575	103,175	95,536	103,471
Commercial service.....do.....	9,111	21,487	7,995	8,021	8,505	11,005
Construction.....do.....	19,881	21,075	22,741	13,877	24,306	16,630
Manufacturing and mining.....do.....	43,269	47,868	24,972	23,029	18,163	29,929
Retail trade.....do.....	28,663	29,913	28,793	42,216	35,165	29,749
Wholesale trade.....do.....	11,061	23,236	13,174	16,032	9,307	19,159
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.).....No. per 10,000 concerns..	51.7	54.8	54.2	50.7	44.1	50.2

ITEM	1965			1966		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:						
Unadjusted indexes:						
All items.....1957-59=100..	108.9	109.0	111.0	111.0	111.6	112.0
Special group indexes:						
All items less shelter.....do....	108.6	108.7	110.8	110.8	111.4	111.9
All items less food.....do....	109.8	109.9	111.3	111.1	111.3	111.6
Commodities.....do....	105.5	105.6	107.4	107.4	108.0	108.4
Nondurables.....do....	106.3	106.4	109.4	109.6	110.6	111.1
Durables.....do....	103.3	103.2	102.4	101.9	101.8	102.0
New cars.....do....	101.0	100.8	98.7	97.4	97.2	97.1
Used cars.....do....	121.7	121.7	118.2	114.8	114.0	115.4
Commodities less food.....do....	104.7	104.8	105.7	105.3	105.4	105.6
Services.....do....	116.9	117.0	119.3	119.5	119.7	120.1
Services less rent.....do....	118.9	119.1	121.6	121.8	122.0	122.5
Food.....do....	106.6	106.9	110.6	111.4	113.1	113.9
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	99.5	99.6	110.1	112.9	115.7	116.9
Dairy products.....do....	105.2	105.0	106.1	106.6	107.0	108.1
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	113.3	115.3	111.0	111.3	116.5	117.4
Housing.....do....	108.2	108.2	109.4	109.2	109.4	109.6
Shelter.....do....	110.2	110.1	111.8	112.0	112.1	112.3
Rent.....do....	108.5	108.7	109.5	109.7	109.8	109.9
Homeownership.....do....	110.9	110.8	112.9	113.1	113.3	113.5
Fuel and utilities.....do....	107.4	107.4	108.1	106.4	106.5	106.6
Fuel oil and coal.....do....	106.7	106.5	108.6	108.9	109.0	108.9
Gas and electricity.....do....	107.8	107.7	108.0	107.9	108.2	108.2
Household furnishings and operation.....do....	102.8	103.1	103.6	103.6	103.8	104.0
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	105.8	106.0	108.1	107.3	107.6	108.2
Transportation.....do....	110.6	110.6	111.6	111.2	111.1	111.4
Private.....do....	109.1	109.0	110.1	109.6	109.6	109.9
Public.....do....	121.2	121.3	122.0	122.0	122.0	122.1
Health and recreation.....do....	114.7	114.9	116.6	116.9	117.1	117.6
Medical care.....do....	121.0	121.4	123.7	124.2	124.5	125.3
Personal care.....do....	110.1	110.4	110.0	110.4	110.8	111.0
Reading and recreation.....do....	115.2	115.4	115.4	115.7	115.9	116.6
Seasonally adjusted indexes:						
Food.....do....	.....	.....	110.8	111.6	113.1	114.2
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	.....	.....	107.6	107.8	108.0	108.5
Transportation.....do....	.....	.....	111.3	110.8	111.4	111.8
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Consumer prices.....1957-59=\$1.00..	\$0.918	\$0.917	\$0.901	\$0.901	\$0.896	\$0.893
FINANCE						
SECURITIES ISSUED:						
Securities and Exchange Commission:						
Estimated gross proceeds, total.....mil. \$..	3,997	3,003	2,948	3,084	2,995	.....
By types of security:						
Bonds and notes, total.....do....	3,842	2,860	2,789	2,894	2,862	.....
Corporate.....do....	637	1,215	1,487	1,220	1,168	.....
Common stock.....do....	130	82	72	70	59	.....
Preferred stock.....do....	24	60	86	119	75	.....
By type of issuer:						
Corporate, total.....do....	791	1,358	1,646	1,410	1,301	.....
Manufacturing.....do....	212	555	492	428	556	.....
Extractive (mining).....do....	7	14	64	21	20	.....
Public utility.....do....	230	289	307	407	257	.....
Railroad.....do....	39	47	14	46	42	.....
Communication.....do....	45	30	60	127	148	.....
Financial and real estate.....do....	220	248	437	152	152	.....
Noncorporate, total.....do....	3,205	1,646	1,302	1,674	1,694	.....
U.S. Government.....do....	2,129	413	331	475	345	.....
State and municipal.....do....	933	1,003	768	1,176	804	.....
New corporate security issues:						
Estimated net proceeds, total.....do....	779	1,343	1,632	1,395	1,287	.....
Proposed uses of proceeds:						
New money, total.....do....	687	1,039	1,279	1,211	1,086	.....
Plant and equipment.....do....	443	667	699	911	802	.....
Working capital.....do....	244	372	580	300	283	.....
Retirement of securities.....do....	33	146	136	50	36	.....
Other purposes.....do....	59	157	217	135	165	.....
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS						
Waterway traffic:						
Panama Canal, total.....thous. lg. tons..	5,160	7,670	6,442	7,123	6,340	7,193
In United States vessels.....do....	652	822	789	780	762	895
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
LEATHER PRODUCTION:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. skins..	565	588	523	500	445	.....
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. hides and kips..	1,884	2,033	2,064	1,965	1,927	.....
Goat and kid.....thous. skins..	1,085	1,235	1,523	1,371	1,255
Sheep and lamb.....do....	2,450	2,508	2,657	2,550	2,654

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METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
PIG IRON:						
Production (excluding production of ferroalloys)						
thous. sh. tons..	7,312	8,204	6,327	6,910	6,834	7,937
STEEL INGOTS AND STEEL FOR CASTINGS:						
PRODUCTION.....do....	10,866	12,347	9,627	10,577	10,249	12,083
Index.....daily average 1957-59=100..	145.8	149.7	116.7	128.2	137.5	146.5
Industrial trucks (electric), shipments:						
Hand (motorized).....number..	572	629	883	722	749	.....
Rider-type.....do....	627	808	1,228	965	776	.....
Ind. trucks, tractors (combustion engines), shipments, do....	3,176	3,445	4,052	3,531	3,619	.....
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	91.40	97.80	128.50	126.50	r135.45	159.15
Domestic.....do....	78.00	86.65	116.50	115.50	r121.10	140.05
Shipments, total.....do....	70.35	90.30	109.10	79.30	r83.00	106.30
Domestic.....do....	60.45	77.75	98.15	70.20	r73.55	95.35
Estimated backlog, end of month.....months..	6.7	6.6	7.6	8.2	8.7	9.3
Metal forming tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	22.50	24.95	27.60	29.75	r30.50	25.15
Domestic.....do....	20.55	23.30	23.95	26.10	r29.40	22.50
Shipments, total.....do....	24.55	27.65	30.30	23.35	r28.70	30.00
Domestic.....do....	22.80	25.10	27.55	22.25	r26.15	28.35
Estimated backlog, end of month.....months..	10.2	9.7	9.9	10.0	r10.2	10.2
PETROLEUM, COAL, AND PRODUCTS						
BITUMINOUS COAL:						
Indust. cons. and retail del., total.....thous. sh. tons..	r38,711	41,394	42,851	r45,157	40,563	.....
Electric power utilities.....do....	19,608	21,134	22,646	24,063	21,263	.....
Manufacturing and mining industries, total.....do....	r16,360	17,887	17,556	r17,904	16,353	.....
Coke plants (oven and beehive).....do....	7,554	8,445	7,397	r7,538	7,199	.....
Retail deliveries to other consumers.....do....	2,743	2,370	2,625	3,189	2,947	.....
Stocks, industrial and retail dealers', end of month,						
total.....thous. sh. tons..	67,141	64,923	77,393	71,889	69,162	.....
Electric power utilities.....do....	46,589	44,670	53,437	49,779	47,197	.....
Manufacturing and mining industries, total.....do....	20,296	20,070	23,603	21,833	21,726	.....
Oven-coke plants.....do....	9,225	9,424	10,506	10,137	9,966	.....
Retail dealers.....do....	256	183	353	277	239	.....
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
COTTON: 1/						
Consumption.....thous. bales..	741	914	831	753	753	947
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....millions..	18.8	18.7	18.9	18.9	18.8	19.2
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	15.3	15.2	14.7	14.7	14.6	14.7
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....billions..	10.0	12.3	11.8	10.4	10.5	13.0
Average per working day.....do....	.502	.494	.470	.522	.525	.518
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	8.2	10.1	9.3	8.2	8.2	10.0
Manmade fibers:						
Production:						
Filament yarn (rayon and acetate).....mil. lb..	63.0	74.2	69.5	67.6	r62.9	70.9
Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do....	52.4	60.0	54.2	56.3	52.2	58.0
Stocks, producers', end of month:						
Filament yarn (rayon and acetate).....do....	32.4	32.1	59.8	61.6	61.1	60.0
Staple, incl. tow (rayon).....do....	49.0	51.8	55.8	58.7	56.7	53.9

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