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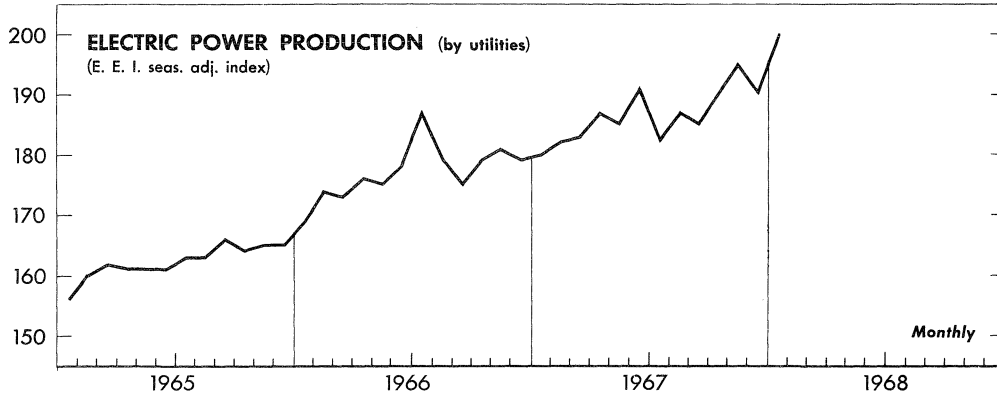


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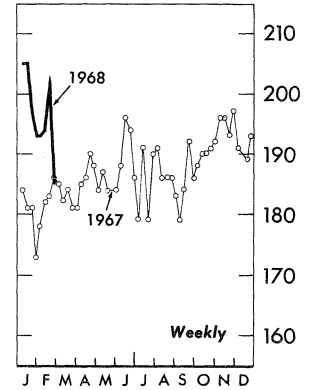
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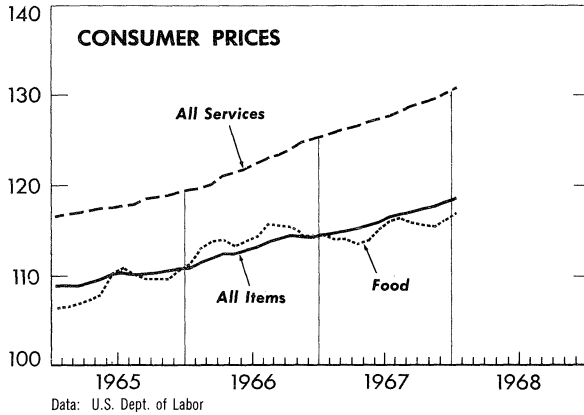
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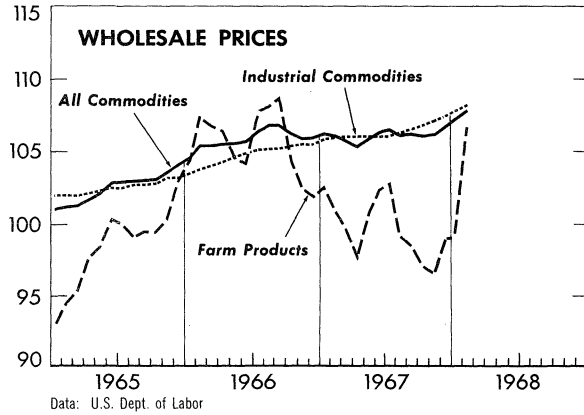
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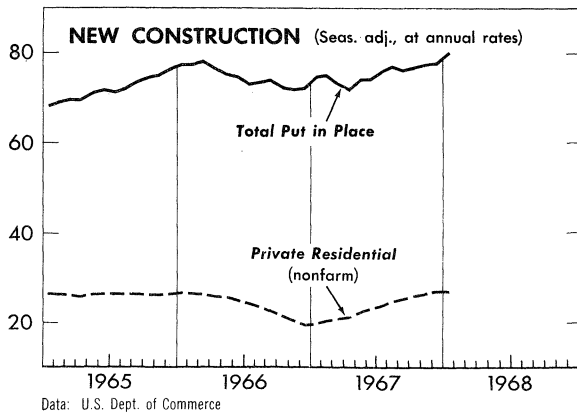
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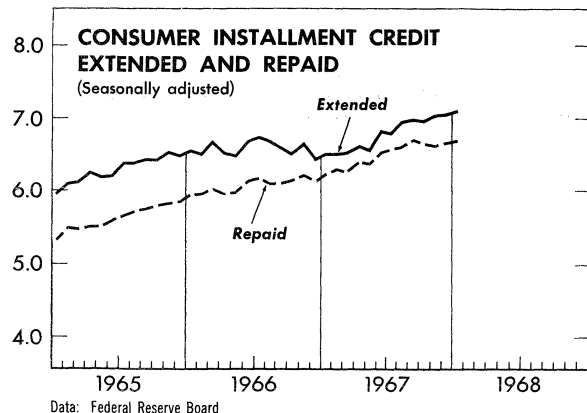
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Feb. 25	Mar. 4	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Mar. 2
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2</u> /.....1957-59=100..	101.7	101.4	96.4	96.1	95.9	96.3
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	5,463	5,566	5,696	5,737	5,739	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	3,711	3,814	3,894	3,933	3,870	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	248	327	257	214	200	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,699	1,693	1,666	1,634	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D. C., and Puerto Rico).....do..	1,625	1,621	1,572	1,541	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	294	289	206	220	197	224
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3</u> /.....mil. \$..	43,568	43,540	45,777	45,942	45,881	45,817
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3</u> /.....do....	46,811	46,183	51,099	50,949	50,643	50,769
Member bank reserve balances <u>3</u> /.....do....	23,813	23,423	25,953	25,529	25,275	25,605
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3</u> /.....do....	583	159	441	491	362	299
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4</u> /						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	69,884	72,600	75,654	75,751	74,005	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	46,708	46,609	48,518	48,554	48,608	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	185,310	186,497	201,901	201,654	203,924	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	25,693	25,629	27,417	27,513	28,981	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	60,455	60,730	64,913	64,884	66,978	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	27,279	27,168	29,027	29,047	29,048	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3</u> /.....percent..	5.38	5.42	6.40	6.39	6.39	6.38
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4</u> /..1941-43=10..	87.34	87.68	92.06	90.14	91.24	90.08
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	93.36	93.84	99.75	97.68	98.93	97.62
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3</u> /.....thous. sh. tons..	1,725	1,734	1,743	1,791	1,738	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	25,493	25,209	25,026	25,783	25,484	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	159,310	131,314	181,059	224,560	216,448	225,281
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3</u> /.....thous. bbl..	8,751	8,680	9,378	9,372	9,561	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,582	2,528	2,857	2,826	2,828	2,862
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	138.6	135.7	153.4	151.7	151.8	153.6
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON MILES.....bil....	13.3	14.1	13.5	13.9	13.4	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday price. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1966	1967				1968
	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	43,355	41,455	r46,067	r46,302	r46,288	44,909
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	22,982	21,395	23,019	r23,575	r24,595	23,330
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	877	835	1,067	1,006	r977	919
Primary metals.....do....	3,575	3,632	3,485	3,538	r3,506	3,596
Fabricated metal products.....do....	2,094	1,918	2,227	2,142	r2,179	2,200
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	3,449	3,169	3,537	3,532	r3,875	3,539
Electrical machinery.....do....	3,449	3,149	3,590	3,641	r3,653	3,258
Transportation equipment.....do....	6,477	5,822	5,509	6,204	r7,056	6,523
Instruments and related products.....do....	917	740	967	955	r975	933
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	20,373	20,060	r23,048	r22,727	r21,693	21,579
Food and kindred products.....do....	7,348	7,085	r8,161	r8,112	r7,937	7,689
Tobacco products.....do....	417	384	415	431	r427	385
Textile mill products.....do....	1,482	1,416	1,824	1,755	r1,634	1,558
Paper and allied products.....do....	1,782	1,787	1,945	1,931	r1,891	1,882
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	2,933	3,148	3,762	3,622	r3,364	3,660
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,753	1,704	1,791	1,829	r1,773	1,713
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,039	1,009	1,195	1,120	r1,061	1,075
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	45,326	44,256	r44,233	r46,108	r48,342	48,058
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	23,715	23,060	22,311	23,487	r25,290	25,219
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1,068	1,061	966	1,028	r1,187	1,160
Primary metals.....do....	3,893	3,758	3,475	3,620	r3,826	3,718
Fabricated metal products.....do....	2,267	2,135	2,094	2,180	r2,351	2,463
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	3,583	3,492	3,631	3,737	r3,996	3,902
Electrical machinery.....do....	3,389	3,463	3,394	3,491	r3,596	3,584
Transportation equipment.....do....	6,268	5,881	5,366	5,929	r6,772	6,642
Instruments and related products.....do....	845	834	938	929	r904	1,052

1/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

ITEM	1966		1967			1968	
	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS --Con.							
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS, ADJ.)--Con.							
By industry group--Con.							
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....mil. \$..	21,611	21,196	r21,922	r22,621	r23,052	22,839	
Food and kindred products.....do....	7,672	7,381	r7,809	r8,090	r8,295	8,029	
Tobacco products.....do....	426	424	415	414	r437	425	
Textile mill products.....do....	1,567	1,547	1,685	1,690	r1,734	1,712	
Paper and allied products.....do....	1,903	1,880	1,876	1,949	r2,021	1,981	
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	3,286	3,297	3,666	3,773	r3,797	3,843	
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,719	1,688	1,776	1,835	r1,740	1,700	
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,111	1,079	1,110	1,149	r1,134	1,150	
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:							
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	77,108	78,591	80,662	81,232	r81,898	82,831	
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	49,432	50,433	52,541	52,925	r53,262	53,826	
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	27,676	28,158	28,121	28,307	r28,636	29,005	
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	77,581	78,600	81,106	81,796	r82,425	82,858	
By industry group:							
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	50,037	50,620	52,918	53,506	r53,930	54,041	
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1,746	1,772	1,792	1,785	r1,789	1,795	
Primary metals.....do....	7,109	7,140	7,464	7,476	r7,519	7,576	
Fabricated metal products.....do....	5,314	5,272	5,268	5,326	r5,368	5,256	
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	9,942	10,029	10,425	10,540	r10,495	10,435	
Electrical machinery.....do....	7,653	7,799	7,830	7,880	r7,869	7,908	
Transportation equipment.....do....	11,369	11,717	12,941	13,232	r13,510	13,696	
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,214	2,211	2,357	2,359	r2,395	2,354	
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	27,544	27,980	28,188	28,290	r28,495	28,817	
Food and kindred products.....do....	6,394	6,593	6,425	6,489	r6,361	6,783	
Tobacco products.....do....	2,343	2,336	2,338	2,326	r2,392	2,366	
Textile mill products.....do....	3,017	3,039	3,128	3,123	r3,169	3,231	
Paper and allied products.....do....	2,271	2,265	2,279	2,285	r2,272	2,264	
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	5,039	5,145	5,407	5,454	r5,451	5,479	
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,869	1,930	1,925	1,930	r1,980	2,038	
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,402	1,444	1,398	1,419	r1,409	1,424	
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....							
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	43,259	41,609	r46,705	r45,875	r47,100	45,514	
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	22,949	21,562	23,660	23,096	r25,394	23,957	
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	20,310	20,047	r23,045	r22,779	r21,706	21,557	
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....							
By industry group:	45,610	43,205	r45,296	r46,208	r49,660	47,376	
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	23,960	22,072	23,381	23,545	r26,492	24,614	
Primary metals.....do....	3,677	3,315	3,467	3,783	r4,120	3,911	
Fabricated metal products.....do....	2,403	2,049	2,246	2,334	r2,936	2,282	
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	3,582	3,391	3,588	3,840	r3,875	3,818	
Electrical machinery.....do....	3,358	3,552	3,473	3,315	r3,569	3,447	
Transportation equipment.....do....	6,540	5,577	6,241	5,673	r7,101	6,522	
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	21,650	21,133	r21,915	r22,663	r23,168	22,762	
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	5,856	5,731	5,848	6,033	r6,291	5,951	
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	15,794	15,402	r16,067	r16,630	r16,877	16,811	
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....							
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	78,449	78,607	81,217	80,795	r81,628	82,232	
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	75,315	75,485	78,150	77,676	r78,495	79,120	
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	3,134	3,122	3,067	3,119	r3,133	3,112	
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....							
By industry group:	79,675	78,623	81,455	81,555	r82,872	82,188	
Durable goods industries, total <u>1</u> /.....do....	76,415	75,427	78,340	78,396	r79,597	78,990	
Primary metals.....do....	6,909	6,466	6,070	6,233	r6,527	6,720	
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,221	6,135	6,345	6,499	r7,084	6,902	
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	12,816	12,716	12,645	12,747	r12,626	12,541	
Electrical machinery.....do....	12,279	12,368	12,779	12,604	r12,577	12,441	
Transportation equipment.....do....	32,350	32,046	34,811	34,555	r34,884	34,764	
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	3,260	3,196	3,115	3,159	r3,275	3,198	
COMMODITY PRICES							
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:							
Unadjusted indexes:							
All items.....1957-59=100..	114.7	114.7	117.5	117.8	118.2	118.6	
Special group indexes:							
Commodities.....do....	110.1	109.9	112.4	112.6	112.9	113.2	
Nondurables.....do....	113.0	112.7	115.1	115.3	115.6	116.0	
Durables.....do....	103.1	102.7	105.7	106.0	106.1	106.3	
New cars.....do....	98.6	97.6	101.1	101.4	101.3	101.0	
Used cars.....do....	114.2	113.0	126.0	125.6	124.8	125.8	
Commodities less food.....do....	107.7	107.3	110.6	111.1	111.1	111.2	
Services.....do....	125.2	125.5	129.1	219.6	130.1	130.8	
Food.....do....	114.8	114.7	115.7	115.6	116.2	117.0	
Housing.....do....	113.0	113.1	115.3	115.5	116.0	116.4	
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	112.3	111.3	116.0	116.6	116.8	115.9	
Transportation.....do....	113.8	113.4	117.7	118.3	117.9	118.7	
Health and recreation.....do....	121.0	121.4	125.5	126.2	126.6	127.1	
Seasonally adjusted indexes:							
Food.....do....	115.3	114.9	115.8	116.1	r116.4	117.2	
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	111.7	111.9	115.4	115.9	116.2	116.6	
Transportation.....do....	113.3	113.2	117.3	117.8	117.7	118.5	

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ITEM	1967				1968	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS...1910-14=100..	255	252	250	253	255	258
Crops.....do.....	225	223	227	231	232	229
Livestock and products.....do.....	281	276	269	272	274	282
Dairy products.....do.....	311	305	321	321	316	314
Meat animals.....do.....	330	328	316	318	324	342
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	152	142	122	129	132	131
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	300	r300	302	303	304	306
Family living items.....do.....	319	r319	325	325	327	329
Production items.....do.....	287	r286	286	287	288	290
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do.....	339	338	343	344	346	348
PARITY RATIO.....do.....	75	75	73	74	74	74
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....1957-59=100..	106.2	106.0	106.2	106.8	r107.2	p107.8
Farm products.....do.....	102.6	101.0	96.4	98.9	r99.0	p101.0
Foods and feeds, processed.....do.....	112.8	111.7	110.9	111.5	r112.4	p113.1
Industrial commodities.....do.....	105.8	106.0	107.1	107.4	r107.8	p108.2
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....1957-59=\$1.00..	\$0.942	\$0.943	\$0.942	\$0.936	\$0.933	\$0.928
Consumer prices.....do.....	.872	.871	.849	.846	.844	.....
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	4,991	4,591	6,796	r6,169	5,385	.....
Private, total.....do.....	3,329	3,108	4,662	r4,353	3,762	.....
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	1,381	1,263	2,325	r2,182	1,868	.....
New housing units.....do.....	980	891	1,857	r1,742	1,465	.....
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	1,414	1,327	1,616	r1,489	1,330	.....
Industrial.....do.....	492	482	494	r522	425	.....
Commerical.....do.....	529	490	677	r573	507	.....
Public, total.....do.....	1,662	1,483	2,134	r1,816	1,623	.....
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..	74.8	75.0	77.8	r77.9	80.0	.....
Private, total.....do.....	48.3	48.0	52.6	r52.4	54.5	.....
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	19.9	20.3	26.6	r26.9	26.9	.....
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1</u> /.....do.....	20.5	19.8	18.0	r17.4	19.4	.....
Industrial.....do.....	7.1	7.1	5.6	r5.9	6.2	.....
Commerical.....do.....	7.9	7.7	7.2	r6.7	7.6	.....
Public, total.....do.....	26.5	27.0	25.2	r25.6	25.6	.....
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1957-59=100..	123	123	129	124	130	.....
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. \$..	93,479	92,517	96,802	99,228	98,225	.....
Installment credit, total.....do.....	74,015	73,598	76,680	77,946	77,467	.....
Installment credit, extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do.....	5,674	5,488	7,032	7,829	6,363	.....
Repaid, total.....do.....	6,315	5,905	6,575	6,563	6,842	.....
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do.....	6,501	6,497	7,032	7,035	7,089
Repaid, total.....do.....	6,221	6,281	6,614	6,652	6,691

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