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# BUSINESS STATISTICS

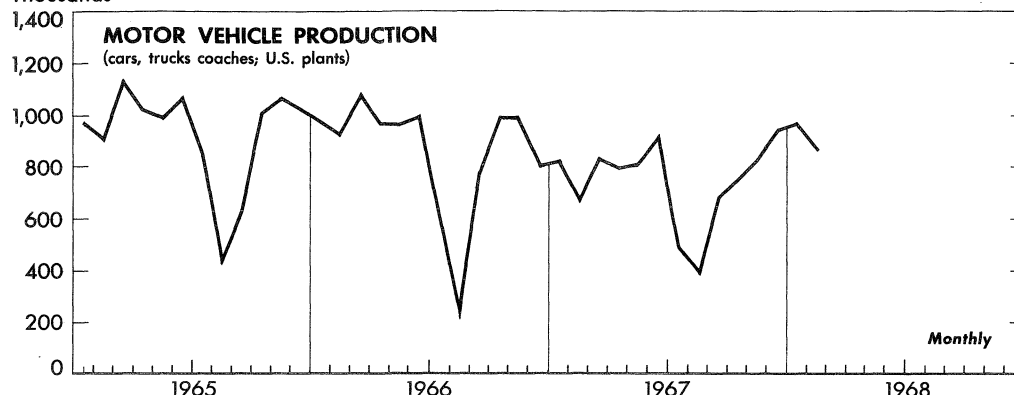


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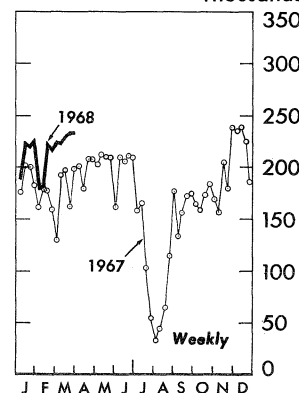
## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

Thousands

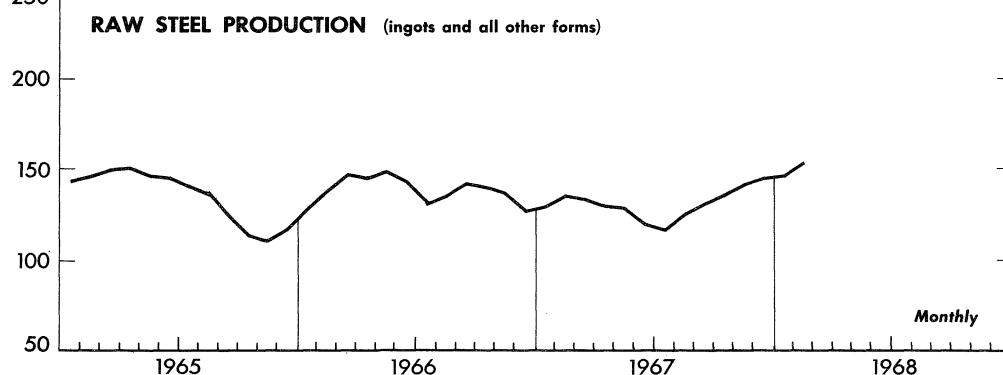


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Thousands

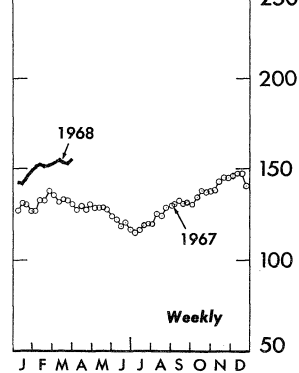


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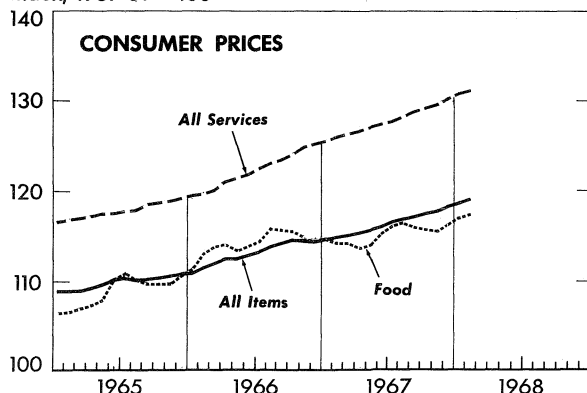


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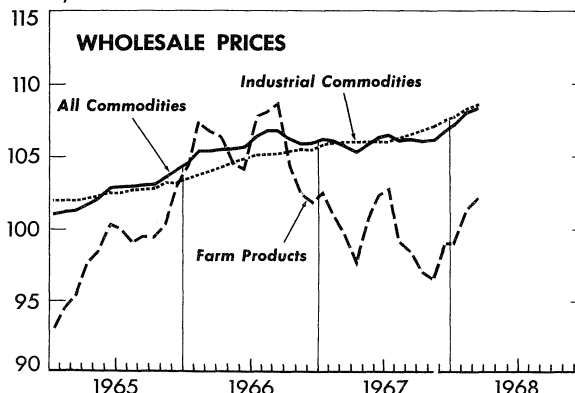


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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

| ITEM   | 1967    |         | 1968    |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | MAR. 25 | APR. 1  | MAR. 9  | MAR. 16 | MAR. 23 | MAR. 30 |
| WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u> .....1957-59=100..        | 99.7    | 98.8    | 96.9    | 97.1    | 97.1    | 96.7    |
| ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES..... mil. \$..                              | 6,023   | 5,887   | 5,973   | 5,965   | 6,103   | .....   |
| Nondurable goods stores .....do....                                  | 4,164   | 3,830   | 4,089   | 4,052   | 4,093   | .....   |
| INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..              | 215     | 224     | 208     | 179     | 176     | .....   |
| INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs .....do....                       | 1,573   | 1,536   | 1,566   | 1,515   | .....   | .....   |
| State programs (50 States, D. C., and Puerto Rico.....do....         | 1,505   | 1,469   | 1,469   | 1,421   | .....   | .....   |
| FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)..number..        | 234     | 280     | 274     | 184     | 278     | 245     |
| FINANCE:   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> ..... mil. \$..                    | 43,718  | 43,674  | 45,832  | 46,205  | 46,233  | 46,153  |
| Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding total <u>3/</u> ....do....   | 46,947  | 46,480  | 51,363  | 51,595  | 52,312  | 51,838  |
| Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do....                   | 23,692  | 23,329  | 25,814  | 25,548  | 25,665  | 25,332  |
| Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do....                     | 567     | 385     | 326     | 468     | 406     | 172     |
| Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>          |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Demand deposits, adjusted ..... mil. \$..                            | 72,292  | 72,841  | 75,024  | 76,302  | 76,048  | .....   |
| Savings deposits .....do....   | 47,041  | 47,098  | 48,741  | 48,838  | 48,928  | .....   |
| Loans and investments (adjusted), total .....do....                  | 189,932 | 189,065 | 203,383 | 203,434 | 204,189 | .....   |
| U. S. Government obligations .....do....                             | 26,776  | 26,770  | 28,168  | 28,155  | 27,596  | .....   |
| Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....                   | 62,177  | 61,962  | 65,274  | 65,394  | 66,417  | .....   |
| Real estate loans (gross) .....do....                                | 27,217  | 27,131  | 29,110  | 29,163  | 29,219  | .....   |
| Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> .....percent..   | 5.42    | 5.41    | 6.38    | 6.38    | 6.43    | 6.49    |
| Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ...1941-43=10.. | 90.25   | 90.73   | 89.26   | 90.03   | 88.98   | 89.66   |
| Industrials, 425 stocks .....do....                                  | 96.87   | 97.35   | 96.82   | 97.77   | 96.72   | 97.61   |
| PRODUCTION:  |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Bituminous coal <u>3/</u> .....thous. sh. tons..                     | 1,823   | 2,000   | 1,860   | 1,788   | 1,842   | .....   |
| Electric power, by utilities .....mil. kw.-hr..                      | 22,216  | 21,583  | 24,513  | 24,294  | 23,938  | .....   |
| Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..                    | 162,094 | 198,655 | 224,117 | 231,149 | 232,773 | 234,153 |
| Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..         | 8,670   | 8,629   | 9,470   | 9,447   | 9,438   | .....   |
| Steel, raw .....thous. sh. tons..                                    | 2,472   | 2,434   | 2,883   | 2,854   | 2,842   | 2,885   |
| Index of production.....1957-59=100..                                | 132.7   | 130.7   | 154.8   | 153.2   | 152.6   | 154.9   |
| RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON MILES .....bil..                           | 13.9    | 13.8    | 14.3    | 14.1    | 14.1    | .....   |

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

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

| ITEM   | 1967   |        |        |        | 1968    |        |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
|  | JAN.   | FEB.   | NOV.   | DEC.   | JAN.    | FEB.   |
| GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS                              |        |        |        |        |         |        |
| MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:                                |        |        |        |        |         |        |
| NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL .....mil. \$..            | 41,455 | 44,598 | 46,302 | 46,288 | r44,977 | 48,283 |
| Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....    | 21,395 | 23,062 | 23,575 | 24,595 | r23,335 | 25,086 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products .....do....              | 835    | 864    | 1,006  | 977    | r903    | 938    |
| Primary metals .....do....                               | 3,632  | 3,748  | 3,538  | 3,506  | r3,610  | 3,911  |
| Fabricated metal products.....do....                     | 1,918  | 2,121  | 2,142  | 2,179  | r2,123  | 2,263  |
| Machinery, except electrical .....do....                 | 3,169  | 3,626  | 3,532  | 3,875  | r3,493  | 3,983  |
| Electrical machinery .....do....                         | 3,149  | 3,419  | 3,641  | 3,653  | r3,257  | 3,553  |
| Transportation equipment .....do....                     | 5,822  | 6,086  | 6,204  | 7,056  | r6,623  | 6,789  |
| Instruments and related products .....do....             | 740    | 806    | 955    | 975    | r924    | 970    |
| Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do.... | 20,060 | 21,536 | 22,727 | 21,693 | r21,642 | 23,197 |
| Food and kindred products .....do....                    | 7,085  | 7,490  | 8,112  | 7,937  | r7,656  | 8,010  |
| Tobacco products .....do....                             | 384    | 398    | 431    | 427    | 385     | 412    |
| Textile mill products .....do....                        | 1,416  | 1,515  | 1,755  | 1,634  | r1,592  | 1,710  |
| Paper and allied products .....do....                    | 1,787  | 1,891  | 1,931  | 1,891  | r1,913  | 2,039  |
| Chemicals and allied products .....do....                | 3,148  | 3,342  | 3,622  | 3,364  | r3,581  | 3,920  |
| Petroleum and coal products .....do....                  | 1,704  | 1,745  | 1,829  | 1,773  | r1,736  | 1,812  |
| Rubber and plastics products .....do....                 | 1,009  | 1,086  | 1,120  | 1,061  | r1,068  | 1,161  |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL .....do....                   | 44,256 | 43,771 | 46,108 | 48,342 | r48,133 | 47,479 |
| By industry group:                                       |        |        |        |        |         |        |
| Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....    | 23,060 | 22,622 | 23,487 | 25,290 | r25,227 | 24,667 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products .....do....              | 1,061  | 1,013  | 1,028  | 1,187  | r1,140  | 1,101  |
| Primary metals .....do....                               | 3,758  | 3,618  | 3,620  | 3,826  | r3,732  | 3,774  |
| Fabricated metal products .....do....                    | 2,135  | 2,214  | 2,180  | 2,351  | r2,385  | 2,363  |
| Machinery, except electrical .....do....                 | 3,492  | 3,485  | 3,737  | 3,996  | r3,852  | 3,831  |
| Electrical machinery .....do....                         | 3,463  | 3,336  | 3,491  | 3,596  | r3,586  | 3,470  |
| Transportation equipment .....do....                     | 5,881  | 5,686  | 5,929  | 6,772  | r6,748  | 6,404  |
| Instruments and related products .....do....             | 834    | 805    | 929    | 904    | r1,043  | 968    |

r/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.  
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| ITEM   | 1967    |         |         |         | 1968    |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | JAN.    | FEB.    | NOV.    | DEC.    | JAN.    | FEB.    |
| GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS - Con.                           |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.) - Con.                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| By industry group—Con.                                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..          | 21,196  | 21,149  | 22,621  | 23,052  | r22,906 | 22,812  |
| Food and kindred products .....do....                        | 7,381   | 7,370   | 8,090   | 8,295   | r7,989  | 7,875   |
| Tobacco products .....do....                                 | 424     | 420     | 414     | r437    | 425     | 436     |
| Textile mill products .....do....                            | 1,547   | 1,513   | 1,690   | 1,734   | r1,747  | 1,712   |
| Paper and allied products .....do....                        | 1,880   | 1,856   | 1,949   | 2,021   | r2,013  | 2,000   |
| Chemicals and allied products .....do....                    | 3,297   | 3,325   | 3,773   | 3,797   | r3,758  | 3,909   |
| Petroleum and coal products .....do....                      | 1,688   | 1,722   | 1,835   | 1,740   | r1,727  | 1,792   |
| Rubber and plastics products .....do....                     | 1,079   | 1,075   | 1,149   | 1,134   | r1,142  | 1,149   |
| INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:                                   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Book value (unadjusted), total .....do....                   | 78,591  | 79,523  | 81,232  | 81,898  | r82,543 | 83,302  |
| Durable goods industries, total .....do....                  | 50,433  | 51,274  | 52,925  | 53,262  | r53,527 | 54,280  |
| Nondurable goods industries, total .....do....               | 28,158  | 28,249  | 28,307  | 28,636  | r29,016 | 29,022  |
| Book value (seasonally adjusted), total .....do....          | 78,600  | 79,105  | 81,796  | 82,425  | r82,571 | 82,862  |
| By industry group:   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....                | 50,620  | 51,079  | 53,506  | 53,930  | r53,742 | 54,070  |
| Stone, clay, and glass products .....do....                  | 1,772   | 1,787   | 1,785   | 1,789   | 1,795   | 1,775   |
| Primary metals .....do....                                   | 7,140   | 7,174   | 7,476   | 7,519   | r7,547  | 7,529   |
| Fabricated metal products.....do....                         | 5,272   | 5,295   | 5,326   | 5,368   | r5,313  | 5,366   |
| Machinery, except electrical .....do....                     | 10,029  | 10,117  | 10,540  | 10,495  | r10,338 | 10,352  |
| Electrical machinery.....do....                              | 7,799   | 7,857   | 7,880   | 7,869   | r7,881  | 7,861   |
| Transportation equipment .....do....                         | 11,717  | 11,921  | 13,232  | 13,510  | r13,494 | 13,689  |
| Instruments and related products .....do....                 | 2,211   | 2,222   | 2,359   | 2,395   | r2,375  | 2,402   |
| Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....             | 27,980  | 28,026  | 28,290  | 28,495  | r28,829 | 28,792  |
| Food and kindred products .....do....                        | 6,593   | 6,594   | 6,489   | 6,561   | r6,755  | 6,781   |
| Tobacco products .....do....                                 | 2,336   | 2,376   | 2,326   | 2,392   | r2,408  | 2,397   |
| Textile mill products .....do....                            | 3,039   | 3,060   | 3,123   | 3,169   | r3,239  | 3,264   |
| Paper and allied products .....do....                        | 2,265   | 2,272   | 2,285   | 2,272   | r2,269  | 2,302   |
| Chemicals and allied products .....do....                    | 5,145   | 5,175   | 5,454   | 5,451   | r5,477  | 5,469   |
| Petroleum and coal products .....do....                      | 1,930   | 1,925   | 1,930   | 1,980   | r2,031  | 1,995   |
| Rubber and plastics products .....do....                     | 1,444   | 1,427   | 1,419   | 1,409   | r1,418  | 1,420   |
| NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL .....do.... |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Durable goods industries, total .....do....                  | 41,609  | 44,595  | 45,875  | 47,100  | r45,757 | 48,902  |
| Nondurable goods industries, total .....do....               | 21,562  | 23,117  | 23,096  | 25,394  | r24,107 | 25,583  |
| NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL .....do....     |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....                | 22,072  | 22,329  | 23,545  | 26,492  | r24,771 | 24,817  |
| Primary metals .....do....                                   | 3,315   | 3,427   | 3,783   | 4,120   | r4,013  | 4,314   |
| Fabricated metal products .....do....                        | 2,049   | 2,224   | 2,334   | 2,936   | r2,313  | 2,238   |
| Machinery, except electrical .....do....                     | 3,391   | 3,266   | 3,840   | 3,875   | r3,807  | 3,574   |
| Electrical machinery .....do....                             | 3,552   | 3,362   | 3,315   | 3,569   | r3,335  | 3,530   |
| Transportation equipment .....do....                         | 5,577   | 5,799   | 5,673   | 7,101   | r6,562  | 6,406   |
| Nondurable goods industries, total .....do....               | 21,133  | 21,061  | 22,663  | 23,168  | r22,857 | 22,897  |
| Industries with unfilled orders .....do....                  | 5,731   | 5,613   | 6,033   | 6,291   | r6,217  | 6,265   |
| Industries without unfilled orders .....do....               | 15,402  | 15,448  | 16,630  | 16,877  | r16,640 | 16,632  |
| UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL .....do....    |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Durable goods industries, total .....do....                  | 78,607  | 78,600  | 80,795  | 81,628  | r82,405 | 83,026  |
| Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders .....do.... | 75,485  | 75,536  | 77,676  | 78,495  | r79,265 | 79,763  |
| UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do.... |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....                | 78,623  | 78,239  | 81,555  | 82,872  | r82,368 | 82,602  |
| Primary metals .....do....                                   | 75,427  | 75,131  | 78,396  | 79,597  | r79,141 | 79,291  |
| Fabricated metal products.....do....                         | 6,466   | 6,274   | 6,233   | 6,527   | r6,808  | 7,347   |
| Machinery, except electrical.....do....                      | 6,135   | 6,144   | 6,499   | 7,084   | r7,012  | 6,887   |
| Electrical machinery .....do....                             | 12,716  | 12,497  | 12,747  | 12,626  | r12,581 | 12,324  |
| Transportation equipment .....do....                         | 12,368  | 12,394  | 12,604  | 12,577  | r12,326 | 12,386  |
| Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....  | 32,046  | 32,158  | 34,555  | 34,884  | r34,698 | 34,699  |
|  | 3,196   | 3,108   | 3,159   | 3,275   | r3,227  | 3,311   |
| COMMODITY PRICES   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:  |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Unadjusted indexes:  |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| All items .....1957-59=100..                                 | 114.7   | 114.8   | 117.8   | 118.2   | 118.6   | 119.0   |
| Special group indexes:                                       |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Commodities .....do....                                      | 109.9   | 109.9   | 112.6   | 112.9   | 113.2   | 113.5   |
| Nondurables .....do....                                      | 112.7   | 112.7   | 115.3   | 115.6   | 116.0   | 116.4   |
| Durables .....do....   | 102.7   | 102.8   | 106.0   | 106.1   | 106.3   | 106.4   |
| New cars .....do....   | 97.6    | 97.3    | 101.4   | 101.3   | 101.0   | 100.8   |
| Used cars .....do....  | 113.0   | 114.0   | 125.6   | 124.8   | 125.8   | 123.6   |
| Commodities less food .....do....                            | 107.3   | 107.6   | 111.1   | 111.1   | 111.2   | 111.5   |
| Services .....do....   | 125.5   | 125.9   | 129.6   | 130.1   | 130.8   | 131.3   |
| Food .....do....   | 114.7   | 114.2   | 115.6   | 116.2   | 117.0   | 117.4   |
| Housing .....do....  | 113.1   | 113.3   | 115.5   | 116.0   | 116.4   | 116.9   |
| Apparel and upkeep .....do....                               | 111.3   | 111.9   | 116.6   | 116.8   | 115.9   | 116.6   |
| Transportation .....do....                                   | 113.4   | 113.8   | 118.3   | 117.9   | 118.7   | 118.6   |
| Health and recreation .....do....                            | 121.4   | 121.8   | 126.2   | 126.6   | 127.1   | 127.5   |
| Seasonally adjusted indexes:                                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Food .....do....   | 114.9   | 114.0   | 116.1   | 116.4   | 117.2   | 117.4   |
| Apparel and upkeep .....do....                               | 111.9   | 112.3   | 115.9   | 116.2   | 116.6   | 117.1   |
| Transportation.....do....                                    | 113.2   | 114.3   | 117.8   | 117.7   | 118.5   | 119.1   |
| FOREIGN TRADE  |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL .....mil. \$..       |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Excl. Department of Defense shipments .....do....            | 2,525.3 | 2,469.3 | 2,797.0 | 2,872.0 | 2,726.8 | 2,726.0 |
| Seasonally adjusted .....do....                              | 2,469.9 | 2,417.9 | 2,760.8 | 2,812.9 | 2,674.0 | 2,666.7 |
| GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL .....do....                           | 2,615.9 | 2,607.3 | 2,692.2 | 2,603.9 | 2,784.7 | 2,773.1 |
| Seasonally adjusted .....do....                              | 2,261.4 | 2,003.7 | 2,435.4 | 2,431.1 | 2,735.2 | 2,448.1 |
|  | 2,255.5 | 2,229.2 | 2,375.7 | 2,524.8 | 2,615.4 | 2,601.9 |

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|  | FEB.    | MAR.    | DEC.    | JAN.    | FEB.     | MAR.    |
| COMMODITY PRICES   |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS....1910-14=100.. | 252     | 250     | 253     | 255     | 258      | 259     |
| Crops.....do....   | 223     | 224     | 231     | 232     | 229      | 231     |
| Livestock and products.....do....                              | 276     | 272     | 272     | 274     | 282      | 283     |
| Dairy products.....do....                                      | 306     | 300     | 321     | 316     | 314      | 309     |
| Meat animals.....do....  | 328     | 323     | 318     | 324     | 342      | 345     |
| Poultry and eggs.....do....                                    | 142     | 144     | 129     | 132     | 131      | 132     |
| PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:  |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| All commodities and services.....do....                        | 300     | r300    | 303     | 304     | 306      | 308     |
| Family living items.....do....                                 | 319     | r319    | 325     | 327     | 329      | 330     |
| Production items.....do....                                    | 286     | r287    | 287     | 288     | 290      | 292     |
| All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates....do....   | 338     | r339    | 344     | 346     | 348      | 350     |
| PARITY RATIO.....do....  | 75      | 74      | 74      | 74      | 74       | 74      |
| WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX:   |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| ALL COMMODITIES.....1957-59=100..                              | 106.0   | 105.7   | 106.8   | 107.2   | r108.0   | p108.3  |
| Farm products.....do....                                       | 101.0   | 99.6    | 98.9    | 99.0    | r101.3   | p102.2  |
| Foods and feeds, processed.....do....                          | 111.7   | 110.6   | 111.5   | 112.4   | r113.3   | p113.1  |
| Industrial commodities.....do....                              | 106.0   | 106.0   | 107.4   | 107.8   | r108.3   | p108.6  |
| PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY --               |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| Wholesale prices.....1957-59=\$1.00..                          | \$0.943 | \$0.946 | \$0.936 | \$0.933 | r\$0.926 | \$0.923 |
| Consumer prices.....do....                                     | .871    | .870    | .846    | .843    | .840     | .....   |
| FINANCE  |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| SECURITY MARKETS:  |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| STOCKS:  |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| PRICES:  |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| New York Stock Exchange common stock indexes:                  |         |         |         |         |          |         |
| Composite.....12/31/65=50..                                    | 47.80   | 49.02   | 53.06   | 53.24   | 50.68    | 49.48   |
| Industrial.....do....  | 47.72   | 49.02   | 55.80   | 55.45   | 52.63    | 51.54   |
| Transportation.....do....                                      | 52.56   | 55.19   | 48.73   | 47.90   | 45.15    | 43.29   |
| Utility.....do....   | 47.03   | 47.88   | 42.75   | 44.87   | 43.36    | 41.78   |
| Finance.....do....   | 48.71   | 48.17   | 52.37   | 55.89   | 53.88    | 52.98   |

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