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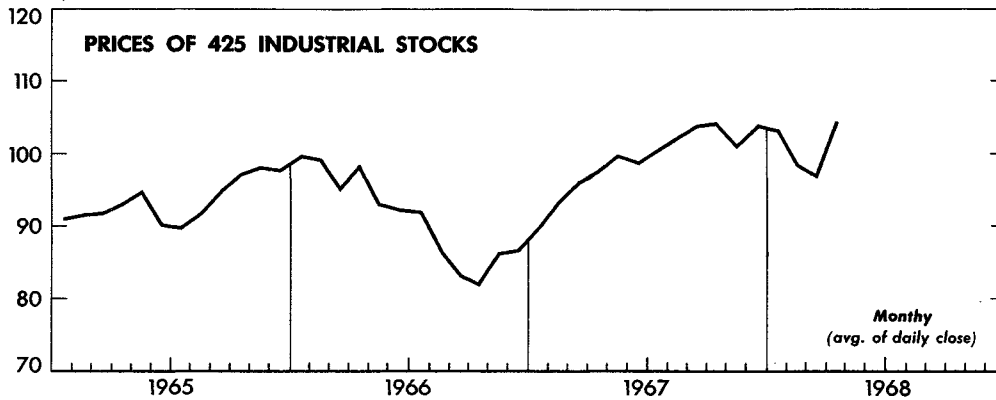


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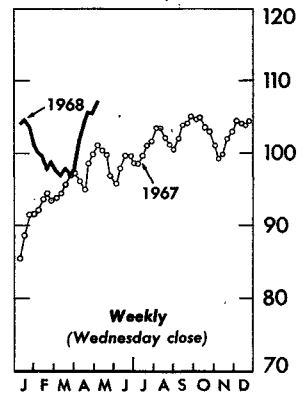
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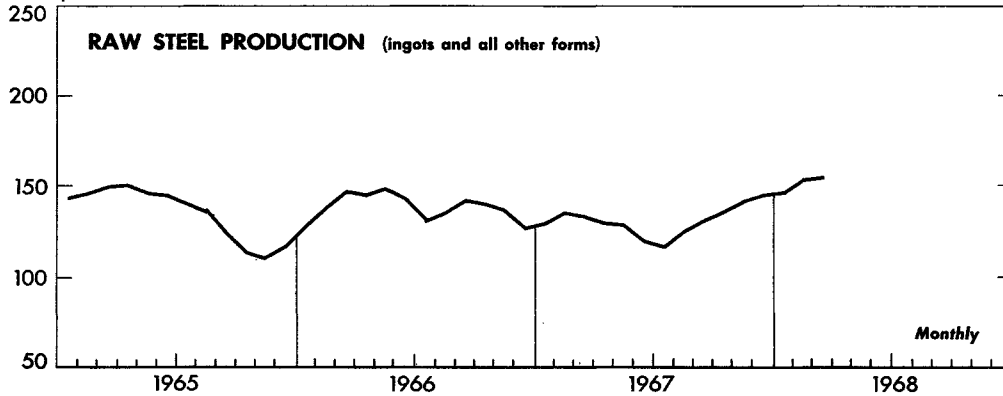
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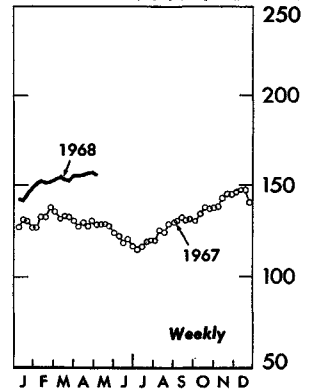
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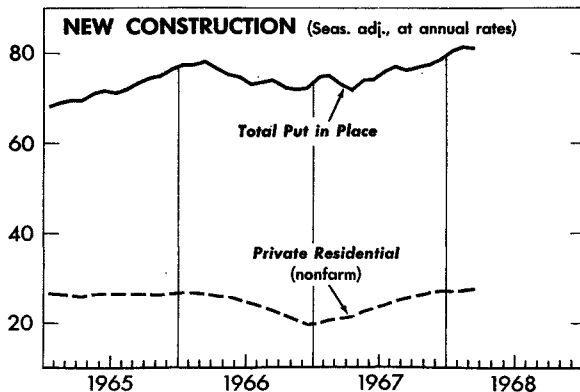
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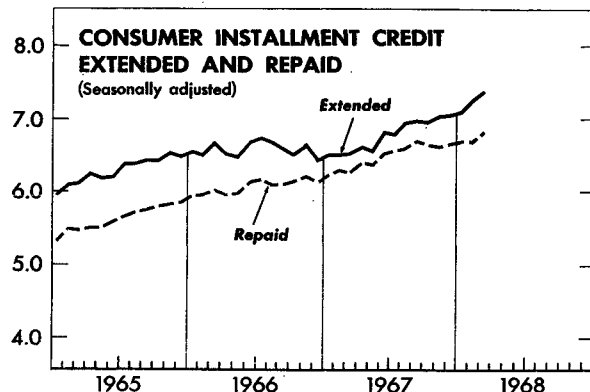
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ITEM	1967		1968			
	Apr. 29	May 6	Apr. 13	Apr. 20	Apr. 27	May 4
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES 2/.....1957-59=100..	98.1	98.5	96.7	96.1	95.6	95.0
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES .....mil. \$..	6,060	5,895	6,557	6,202	6,221	.....
Nondurable goods stores .....do....	3,943	4,006	4,549	4,160	4,143	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs .....thous..	217	222	168	165	216	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs .....do....	1,362	1,300	1,253	1,198	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D. C., and Puerto Rico) ..do....	1,302	1,242	1,174	1,123	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet) .number..	301	228	241	259	182	197
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. \$..	43,754	43,792	46,647	46,901	46,608	46,481
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	46,888	47,369	52,570	52,871	52,490	52,449
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	23,385	23,623	25,468	26,073	25,501	25,533
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	246	405	453	519	116	284
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted .....mil. \$..	72,704	71,484	77,786	78,803	77,113	.....
Savings deposits .....do....	47,002	46,970	48,780	48,485	48,420	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total .....do....	189,983	190,270	204,894	205,880	204,788	.....
U. S. Government obligations .....do....	25,391	25,326	27,089	26,606	26,120	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross) .....do....	62,396	62,643	67,176	67,859	67,669	.....
Real estate loans (gross) .....do....	27,208	27,087	29,328	29,453	29,508	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	5.43	5.47	6.52	6.52	6.54	6.58
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/.....1941-43=100..	93.02	93.91	95.67	96.81	96.62	97.97
Industrials, 425 stocks .....do....	99.95	101.12	104.37	105.62	105.52	107.17
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal 3/.....thous. sh. tons..	1,905	1,868	1,907	1,916	1,938	.....
Electric power, by utilities .....mil. kw.-hr..	22,020	21,505	23,042	23,235	23,587	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses) .....number..	207,601	202,843	153,981	242,791	249,807	259,186
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. bbl..	8,603	8,577	9,281	9,304	9,304	.....
Steel, raw .....thous. sh. tons..	2,447	2,401	2,893	2,915	2,922	2,904
Index of production .....1957-59=100..	131.4	128.9	155.3	156.5	156.8	155.9
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON MILES .....bil..	14.5	14.3	14.1	14.7	14.9	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1967			1968		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL .....mil. \$..	r44,593	r45,839	r45,960	r44,650	r48,054	49,469
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	23,062	23,946	24,595	23,335	r25,061	26,094
Stone, clay, and glass products .....do....	864	928	977	903	938	972
Primary metals .....do....	3,748	3,732	3,506	3,610	r3,907	4,089
Fabricated metal products .....do....	2,121	2,187	2,179	2,123	r2,258	2,321
Machinery, except electrical .....do....	3,626	3,752	3,875	3,493	r3,953	4,168
Electrical machinery .....do....	3,419	3,500	3,653	3,257	r3,554	3,674
Transportation equipment .....do....	6,086	6,505	7,056	6,623	r6,771	6,998
Instruments and related products .....do....	806	851	975	924	r982	1,048
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	r21,531	r21,893	r21,365	r21,315	r22,993	23,375
Food and kindred products.....do....	7,490	7,571	7,937	7,656	r8,072	8,224
Tobacco products .....do....	398	408	427	385	r414	435
Textile mill products .....do....	1,515	1,573	1,634	1,592	r1,790	1,776
Paper and allied products .....do....	1,891	1,928	1,891	1,913	r2,041	2,107
Chemicals and allied products .....do....	r3,337	r3,442	r3,036	r3,254	r3,483	3,587
Petroleum and coal products .....do....	1,745	1,739	1,773	1,736	r1,818	1,817
Rubber and plastics products .....do....	1,086	1,138	1,061	1,068	r1,169	1,199
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL .....do....	r43,766	r44,650	r47,946	r47,785	r47,243	48,155
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	22,622	23,137	25,290	25,227	r24,646	25,169
Stone, clay, and glass products .....do....	1,013	1,020	1,187	1,140	r1,102	1,072
Primary metals .....do....	3,618	3,517	3,826	3,732	r3,771	3,848
Fabricated metal products .....do....	2,214	2,272	2,351	2,385	r2,359	2,415
Machinery, except electrical .....do....	3,485	3,489	3,996	3,852	r3,800	3,897
Electrical machinery .....do....	3,336	3,435	3,596	3,586	r3,471	3,600
Transportation equipment .....do....	5,686	6,061	6,772	6,748	r6,387	6,468
Instruments and related productsdo....	805	845	904	1,043	r979	1,041

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

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	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS—Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)—Con.						
By industry group—Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/..... mil. \$..	r21,144	r21,513	r22,656	r22,558	r22,597	22,986
Food and kindred products .....do....	7,370	7,562	8,295	7,989	r7,940	8,213
Tobacco products .....do....	420	428	437	425	r437	456
Textile mill products .....do....	1,513	1,523	1,734	1,747	r1,792	1,721
Paper and allied products .....do....	1,856	1,878	2,021	2,013	r2,002	2,052
Chemicals and allied products .....do....	r3,320	r3,365	r3,401	r3,410	r3,464	3,507
Petroleum and coal products .....do....	1,722	1,789	1,740	1,727	r1,798	1,871
Rubber and plastics products .....do....	1,075	1,106	1,134	1,142	r1,158	1,165
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total .....do....	79,523	79,866	81,898	82,453	r83,364	83,696
Durable goods industries, total .....do....	51,274	51,580	53,262	53,527	r54,347	54,629
Nondurable goods industries, total .....do....	28,249	28,286	28,636	29,016	r29,017	29,067
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total .....do....	79,105	79,430	82,425	82,571	r82,919	83,239
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	51,079	51,216	53,930	53,724	r54,136	54,244
Stone, clay, and glass products .....do....	1,787	1,794	1,789	1,795	r1,790	1,773
Primary metals .....do....	7,174	7,213	7,519	7,547	r7,543	7,569
Fabricated metal products .....do....	5,295	5,273	5,368	5,313	r5,395	5,387
Machinery, except electrical .....do....	10,117	10,152	10,495	10,338	r10,322	10,286
Electrical machinery .....do....	7,857	7,825	7,869	7,881	r7,897	7,889
Transportation equipment .....do....	11,921	12,004	13,510	13,494	r13,702	13,794
Instruments and related products .....do....	2,222	2,251	2,395	2,375	r2,408	2,430
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	28,026	28,214	28,495	28,829	r28,783	28,995
Food and kindred products .....do....	6,594	6,669	6,561	6,755	r6,743	6,829
Tobacco products .....do....	2,376	2,389	2,392	2,408	r2,383	2,399
Textile mill products .....do....	3,060	3,078	3,169	3,239	r3,281	3,333
Paper and allied products .....do....	2,272	2,286	2,272	2,269	r2,297	2,287
Chemicals and allied products .....do....	5,175	5,203	5,451	5,477	5,469	5,507
Petroleum and coal products .....do....	1,925	1,915	1,980	2,031	r2,007	2,027
Rubber and plastics products .....do....	1,427	1,446	1,409	1,418	r1,418	1,439
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL .....do....	r44,590	r45,029	r46,772	r45,430	r48,621	50,858
Durable goods industries, total .....do....	23,117	23,204	25,394	24,107	r25,587	27,508
Nondurable goods industries, total .....do....	r21,473	r21,825	r21,378	r21,323	r23,034	23,350
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL .....do....	r43,385	r43,503	r49,264	r47,280	r47,432	49,056
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	23,329	22,065	26,492	24,771	r24,829	26,111
Primary metals .....do....	3,427	3,013	4,120	4,013	r4,315	3,786
Fabricated metal products .....do....	2,224	2,247	2,936	2,313	r2,258	2,382
Machinery, except electrical .....do....	3,266	3,351	3,875	3,807	r3,524	3,649
Electrical machinery .....do....	3,362	3,273	3,569	3,335	r3,541	3,424
Transportation equipment .....do....	5,799	5,911	7,101	6,562	r6,402	7,961
Nondurable goods industries, total .....do....	r21,056	r21,438	r22,772	r22,509	r22,603	22,945
Industries with unfilled orders .....do....	5,613	5,640	6,291	6,217	r6,295	6,234
Industries without unfilled orders .....do....	r15,443	r15,798	r16,481	r16,292	r16,308	16,711
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL .....do....	78,600	77,791	81,628	82,405	r82,973	84,361
Durable goods industries, total .....do....	75,536	74,795	78,495	79,265	r79,792	81,204
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders .....do....	3,064	2,996	3,133	3,140	r3,181	3,157
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL .....do....	78,239	77,093	82,872	82,368	r82,552	83,452
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	75,131	74,060	79,597	79,141	r79,321	80,263
Primary metals .....do....	6,274	5,771	6,527	6,808	r7,352	7,290
Fabricated metal products .....do....	6,144	6,119	7,084	7,012	r6,910	6,878
Machinery, except electrical .....do....	12,497	12,359	12,626	12,581	r12,305	12,057
Electrical machinery .....do....	12,394	12,232	12,577	12,326	r12,396	12,220
Transportation equipment .....do....	32,158	32,009	34,884	34,698	r34,712	36,205
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders .....do....	3,108	3,033	3,275	3,227	r3,231	3,189
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL .....mil. \$..	4,591	5,175	6,204	5,420	r5,049	5,734
Private, total .....do....	3,108	3,356	4,353	3,766	r3,557	3,882
Residential (nonfarm) .....do....	1,263	1,422	2,182	1,869	r1,685	1,869
New housing units .....do....	891	1,022	1,742	1,466	r1,307	1,464
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do....	1,327	1,357	1,489	1,340	r1,321	1,409
Industrial .....do....	482	473	522	432	r398	437
Commercial .....do....	490	512	573	525	r542	572
Public, total .....do....	1,483	1,819	1,851	1,654	1,492	1,852
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL .....bil. \$..	75.0	73.1	78.4	80.5	r81.4	81.0
Private, total .....do....	48.0	46.9	52.4	54.5	r55.1	54.6
Residential (nonfarm) .....do....	20.3	20.8	26.9	26.9	r27.0	27.4
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do....	19.8	18.2	17.4	19.6	r19.8	18.9
Industrial .....do....	7.1	6.1	5.9	6.3	5.8	5.6
Commercial .....do....	7.7	7.2	6.7	7.9	r8.5	8.0
Public, total .....do....	27.0	26.2	26.0	26.0	26.3	26.5

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS.....1910-14 100..	250	245	255	258	259	259
Crops	224	223	232	229	231	233
Livestock and products	272	264	274	282	283	282
Dairy products	300	291	316	314	309	304
Meat animals	323	319	324	342	345	348
Poultry and eggs	144	130	132	131	132	127
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services	300	r300	304	306	r307	309
Family living items	319	r319	327	320	330	333
Production items	287	r287	288	290	r291	292
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates	339	340	346	348	350	353
PARITY RATIO	74	72	74	74	74	73
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of month .....mil. \$..	92,519	93,089	98,225	97,672	97,875	.....
Installment credit, total	73,591	73,840	77,467	77,327	77,581	.....
Installment credit, extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total	6,641	6,495	6,363	6,372	7,100	.....
Repaid, total	6,648	6,246	6,842	6,512	6,845	.....
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total	6,510	6,606	7,089	7,245	7,380	.....
Repaid total	6,246	6,393	6,691	6,679	6,814	.....
SECURITY MARKETS:						
STOCKS, PRICES:						
Dow-Jones averages (65 stocks)	307.70	309.45	312.05	299.84	292.86	309.31
Industrial (30 stocks)	858.11	868.66	884.77	847.20	834.76	893.37
Public utility (15 stocks)	135.96	139.29	132.48	128.37	123.66	123.59
Railroad (20 stocks)	231.98	228.77	233.76	224.63	217.94	230.63

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