

# BUSINESS STATISTICS

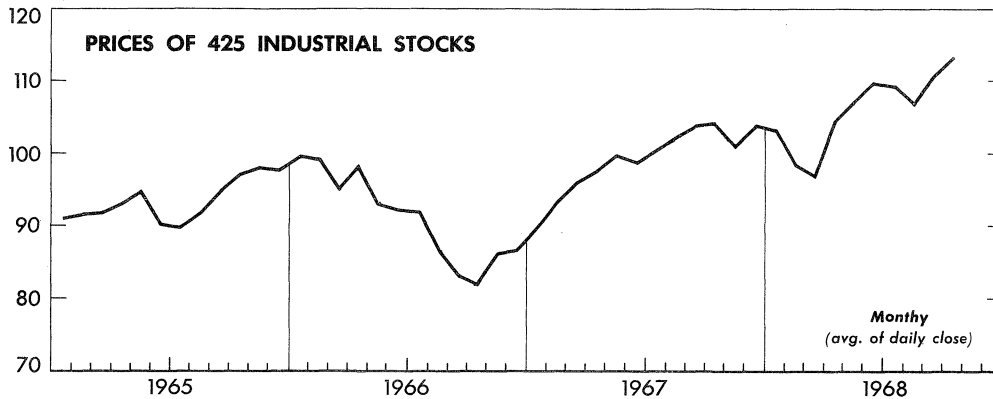


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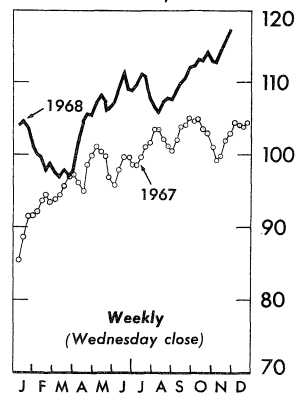
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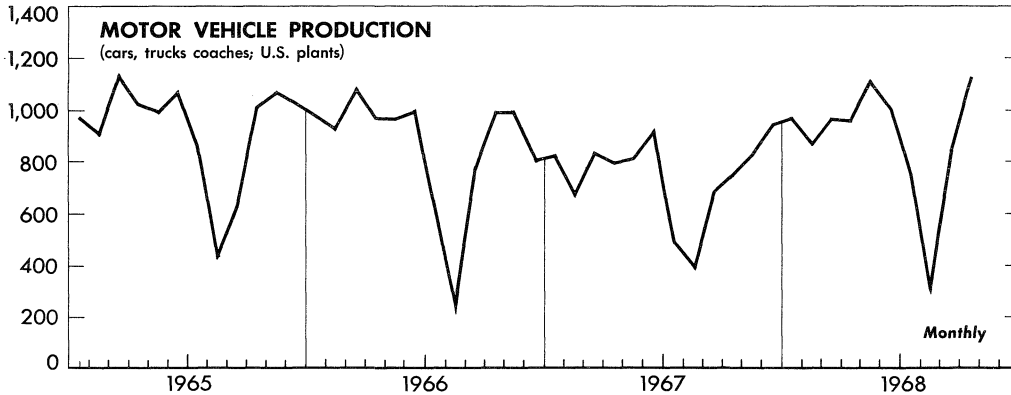
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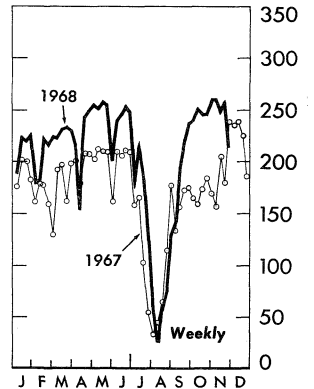
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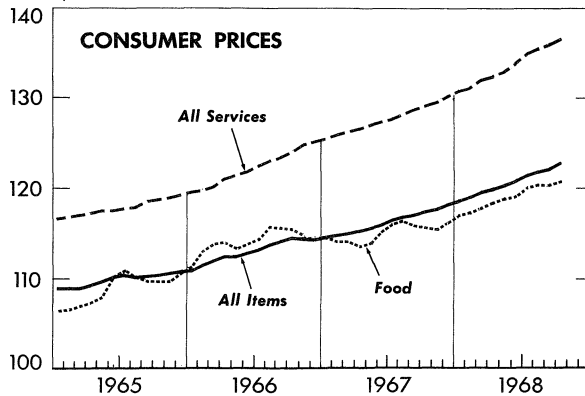
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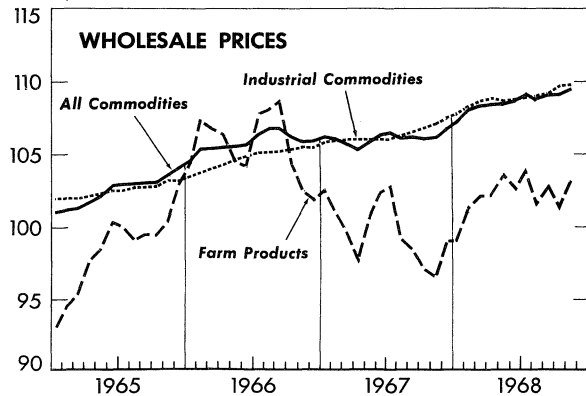
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Nov. 25	Dec. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 23	Nov. 30
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <sup>2/</sup> .....1957-59=100..	95.1	95.6	**97.8	98.3	98.5	97.9
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	6,147	6,937	6,796	6,972	7,062	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	4,285	4,753	4,643	4,760	4,802	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	201	228	175	196	212	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,133	1,162	908	982	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,060	1,089	839	909	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)....number..	182	199	163	181	154	137
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <sup>3/</sup> .....mil. \$..	46,089	46,347	48,806	49,314	49,475	49,638
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	49,796	50,117	55,491	56,503	56,711	55,806
Member bank reserve balances <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	24,622	24,658	26,348	27,051	26,924	26,517
Excess reserves, estimated <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	221	384	183	483	182	111
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <sup>4/</sup>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	74,510	76,649	76,460	78,583	78,381	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	48,661	48,533	48,593	48,589	48,627	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	199,821	199,698	221,438	220,815	221,187	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	28,283	28,400	29,874	29,272	28,500	.....
Commercial and industrial loans gross.....do....	63,936	63,733	70,131	70,477	70,910	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	28,800	28,754	31,494	31,612	31,687	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <sup>3/</sup> .....percent..	6.40	6.44	6.52	6.54	6.56	6.63
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <sup>4/</sup> .....1941-43=100..	93.65	94.47	103.27	105.13	*106.14	107.76
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	101.99	102.89	112.65	114.43	*115.43	117.33
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. sh. tons..	1,914	1,825	1,843	1,874	1,849	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	22,799	24,397	24,965	25,750	25,948	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	180,614	239,368	260,177	248,039	258,986	214,851
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. bbl..	8,994	9,030	9,023	9,009	9,006	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,707	2,703	2,175	2,194	2,244	2,356
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	145.3	145.1	116.8	117.8	120.5	126.5
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	12.6	14.4	15.3	14.7	15.3	.....

<sup>1/</sup> Data do not always cover calendar weeks. <sup>2/</sup> Tuesday price. <sup>3/</sup> Daily average. <sup>4/</sup> Wednesday data. \* Tuesday average. \*\* Wednesday price.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS...1910-14=100..	252	251	261	267	262	262
Crops.....do....	225	228	226	230	228	227
Commercial vegetables.....do....	260	284	270	272	275	318
Cotton.....do....	230	257	219	222	224	204
Feed grains and hay.....do....	160	154	147	151	148	156
Food grains.....do....	173	168	149	150	155	159
Fruit.....do....	264	249	308	347	326	279
Tobacco.....do....	539	557	576	577	570	570
Livestock and products.....do....	276	270	291	299	291	292
Dairy products.....do....	320	322	315	329	335	340
Meat animals.....do....	331	317	353	352	340	337
Poultry and eggs.....do....	122	123	144	165	148	154
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do....	303	302	310	311	312	314
Family living items.....do....	325	325	337	338	339	341
Production items.....do....	287	286	291	292	292	294
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates....do....	344	343	354	355	358	359
PARITY RATIO.....do....	73	73	74	75	73	73
	1967		1968			
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:						
Unadjusted indexes:						
All items.....1957-59=100..	117.1	117.5	121.5	121.9	122.2	122.9
Special group indexes:						
All items less shelter.....do....	116.7	117.1	120.8	121.2	121.5	122.2
All items less food.....do....	117.7	118.2	122.1	122.6	123.0	123.8
Commodities.....do....	112.0	112.4	115.5	115.9	116.1	116.8
Nondurables.....do....	114.9	115.1	118.7	119.2	119.6	120.2
Durables.....do....	104.8	105.7	107.6	107.7	107.6	108.5
New cars.....do....	96.1	101.1	99.8	99.1	98.4	102.8
Used cars.....do....	126.2	126.0	.....	.....	126.7	.....

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
COMMODITY PRICES--Continued						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, UNADJ.--Con.						
Special group indexes--Con.						
Commodities less food.....1957-59=100..	100.0	110.6	113.2	113.5	113.9	114.7
Services.....do.....	128.7	129.1	134.9	135.5	136.0	136.6
Services less rent.....do.....	132.3	132.7	139.3	140.0	140.5	141.2
Food.....do.....	115.9	115.7	120.0	120.5	120.4	120.9
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.....	113.4	112.3	114.0	115.3	115.5	115.4
Dairy products.....do.....	117.3	117.9	121.0	121.5	121.6	122.3
Fruits and vegetables.....do.....	115.6	115.3	132.2	128.2	122.9	123.4
Housing.....do.....	115.0	115.3	119.5	120.1	120.4	120.9
Shelter.....do.....	118.7	119.0	124.2	125.0	125.3	126.0
Rent.....do.....	112.8	113.0	115.1	115.4	115.7	116.0
Homeownership.....do.....	121.1	121.5	127.8	128.8	129.1	130.0
Fuel and utilities.....do.....	109.4	109.4	110.6	110.7	110.5	110.4
Fuel oil and coal.....do.....	112.3	112.5	115.7	115.7	115.8	115.9
Gas and electricity.....do.....	108.9	108.9	109.5	109.7	109.3	109.1
Household furnishings and operation.....do.....	108.8	109.1	113.1	113.3	113.9	114.2
Apparel and upkeep.....do.....	115.1	116.0	119.7	120.3	122.2	123.3
Transportation.....do.....	116.8	117.7	119.8	120.0	119.5	120.6
Private.....do.....	114.8	115.7	117.6	117.7	117.2	118.4
Public.....do.....	133.0	133.0	138.5	138.6	138.7	138.7
Health and recreation.....do.....	124.9	125.5	130.2	130.5	131.1	131.9
Medical care.....do.....	138.5	139.0	145.1	145.5	146.4	147.4
Personal care.....do.....	116.4	116.5	120.4	120.9	121.5	122.1
Reading and recreation.....do.....	120.5	121.4	125.9	126.3	126.7	127.5
Seasonally adjusted indexes:						
Food.....do.....	115.6	115.8	119.0	119.7	120.0	120.9
Apparel and upkeep.....do.....	114.9	115.4	120.3	121.0	122.1	122.7
Transportation.....do.....	117.0	117.3	119.6	120.0	119.7	120.4
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....do.....	106.2	106.1	109.1	108.7	109.1	*109.1
Farm products.....do.....	98.4	97.1	103.9	101.4	102.8	r*101.2
Food and feeds, processed.....do.....	112.7	111.7	115.9	114.9	115.3	r*114.4
Industrial commodities.....do.....	106.5	106.8	108.8	108.9	109.2	r*109.7
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	97.9	98.2	98.2	98.1	97.9	97.8
Fuels and related products, and power.....do.....	104.5	103.0	103.3	102.6	102.5	101.9
Furniture and household durables.....do.....	101.2	101.7	104.1	104.2	104.4	104.5
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do.....	114.4	114.8	119.5	119.5	120.7	122.3
Lumber and wood products.....do.....	108.7	107.3	119.2	120.5	122.6	124.9
Machinery and equipment.....do.....	111.9	112.2	115.2	115.4	115.8	116.1
Metals and metal products.....do.....	109.5	109.9	111.4	111.3	112.2	112.5
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do.....	104.7	104.9	108.4	108.7	108.7	108.9
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do.....	104.1	104.3	104.9	104.9	105.1	105.2
Rubber and products.....do.....	98.2	98.8	100.7	100.6	100.7	101.0
Textile products and apparel.....do.....	102.0	102.2	105.8	106.0	106.5	107.0
Miscellaneous products.....do.....	110.2	110.5	111.5	111.6	111.9	112.0
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....1957-59=\$1.00..	\$0.942	\$0.943	\$0.917	\$0.920	\$0.917	*\$0.917
Consumer prices.....do.....	.854	.851	.823	.820	.818	.814
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN 48 STATES (F.W. Dodge Co.):						
TOTAL VALUATION.....mil. \$..	4,695	5,053	5,956	6,318	5,170	6,171
Index (seasonally adjusted).....1957-59=100..	168	171	187	192	183	200
Building, total.....mil. \$..	3,526	3,761	4,700	4,423	3,940	4,778
FOREIGN TRADE						
EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	2,545.5	2,486.9	2,699.5	2,840.5	2,984.7	2,763.4
Excl. Department of Defense shipments.....do.....	2,500.3	2,441.7	2,640.5	2,786.8	2,941.5	2,714.9
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....	2,638.3	2,393.9	2,803.0	2,915.8	3,245.9	2,594.2
GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL.....do.....	2,111.8	2,338.5	2,812.0	2,739.1	2,869.3	2,924.1
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....	2,208.5	2,198.1	2,664.4	2,827.3	2,963.7	2,657.4
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO						
DISTILLED SPIRITS (TOTAL):						
Production.....mil. tax gal..	16.80	20.58	18.24	14.72	19.36	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do.....	12.77	16.07	10.53	12.53	14.29	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	898.03	897.34	939.76	938.82	940.45	.....
Whisky:						
Production.....do.....	12.10	14.58	13.85	9.60	13.28	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do.....	8.73	11.69	6.28	7.63	9.45	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	854.33	853.34	893.66	892.77	893.39	.....
Rectified spirits and wines, prod., total.....mil. proof gal..	9.84	11.82	8.30	8.66	10.43	.....
Whisky.....do.....	6.45	7.78	4.92	4.99	6.37	.....

r/ Revised. \* Preliminary Nov. 1968 data: All commodities, 109.5; farm products, 103.1; processed foods and feeds, 114.7; industrial commodities, 109.8; purchasing power of the dollar, \$0.913.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1967		1968			
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO--Con.						
WINES AND DISTILLING MATERIALS:						
Effervescent wines:						
Production.....mil. wine gal..	.80	.85	.60	1.06	.95	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	.76	1.11	.55	.77	1.06	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	5.09	4.75	5.86	6.08	5.85	.....
Still wines:						
Production.....do....	31.43	106.20	2.21	8.88	72.54	.....
Taxable withdrawals.....do....	14.69	16.69	11.22	14.76	14.76	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	r177.91	263.56	175.28	166.67	221.09	.....
Distilling materials produced at wineries.....do....	r63.46	161.94	4.66	35.96	125.32	.....
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	78.80	77.25	105.65	79.75	r71.05	76.05
Domestic.....do....	74.40	71.75	94.95	74.95	r62.30	68.15
Shipments, total.....do....	122.40	106.20	100.05	88.95	r115.55	103.15
Domestic.....do....	108.85	95.80	91.35	82.40	r109.15	96.35
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	1,203.3	1,174.3	918.4	909.2	r864.7	837.6
Metal forming type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....do....	21.60	24.10	29.75	26.75	r22.75	59.65
Domestic.....do....	19.20	21.75	27.30	23.40	20.90	57.50
Shipments, total.....do....	31.90	41.15	26.95	32.90	r26.90	34.65
Domestic.....do....	29.40	37.30	23.50	30.40	r24.95	30.60
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	262.5	245.4	186.0	179.9	r175.7	200.7
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
RAILROAD EQUIPMENT:						
Freight cars (American Railway Car Institute):						
Shipments.....number..	6,262	6,039	3,499	3,760	4,448	4,533
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	4,344	4,291	2,476	2,488	3,062	3,319
Railroad shops, domestic.....do....	1,918	1,748	1,023	1,272	1,386	1,214
New orders.....do....	4,608	2,378	r2,789	3,156	r4,328	9,800
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	3,948	2,352	r2,586	3,033	r4,228	6,782
Railroad shops, domestic.....do....	660	26	203	123	100	3,018
Unfilled orders, end of month.....do....	24,819	21,082	16,948	16,261	16,229	21,400
Equipment manufacturers, total.....do....	16,306	14,311	10,977	11,439	12,693	16,060
Railroad shops, domestic.....do....	8,513	6,771	5,971	4,822	3,536	5,340

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