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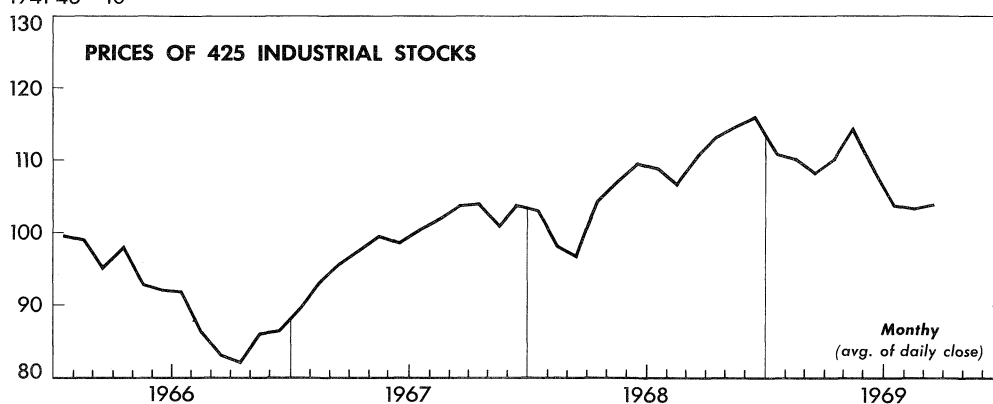
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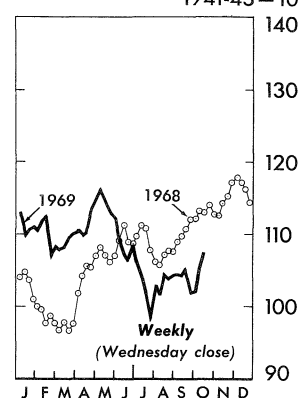
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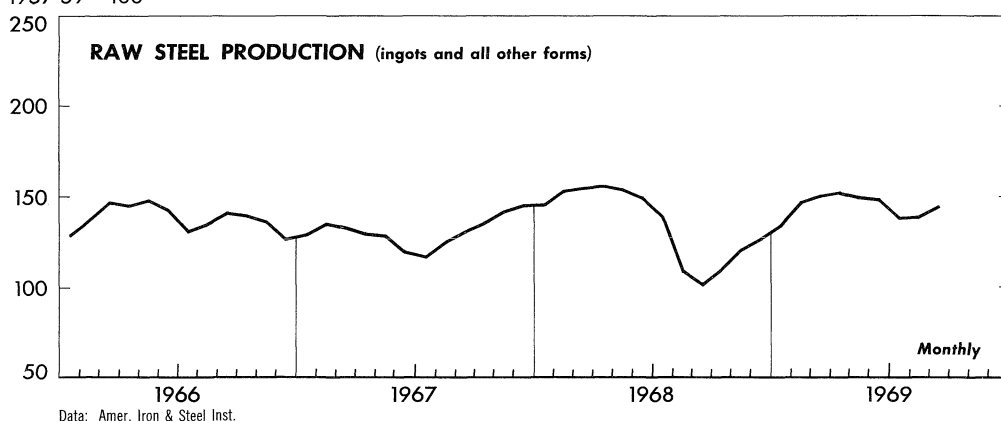
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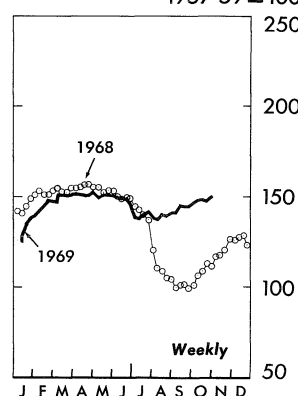
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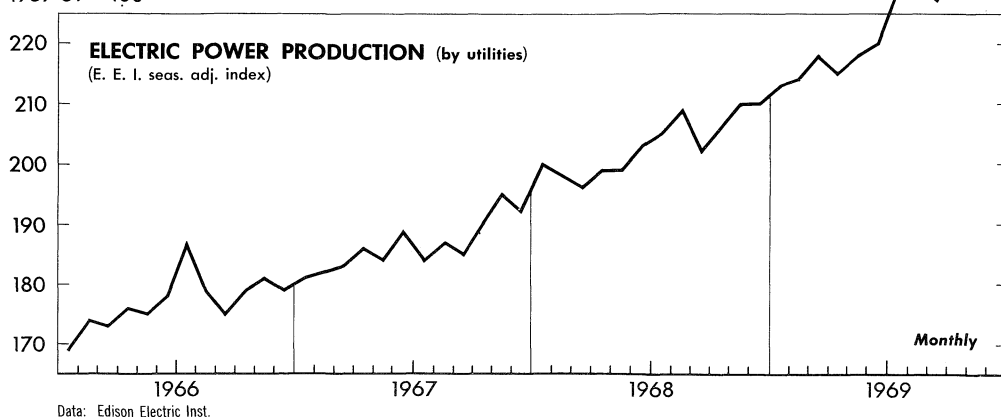
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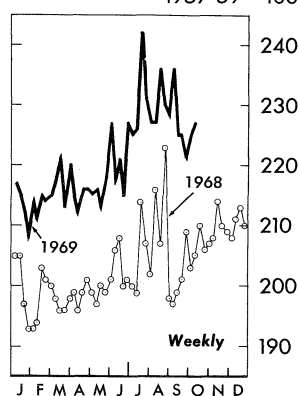
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1968		1969			
	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u>.....1957-59=100..	95.3	95.4	111.8	111.2	111.7	111.0
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	6,658	6,617	6,979	6,708	6,861	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	4,397	4,355	4,687	4,590	4,714	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	152	152	159	169	155	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	860	866	893	895	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)...do....	791	797	830	832	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).number..	184	156	153	193	177	173
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$..	48,764	48,702	51,197	51,454	51,849	51,819
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> ...do....	58,236	58,021	61,076	60,981	61,667	62,070
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do....	26,975	26,493	27,396	27,155	27,366	27,571
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do....	-57	-1	-206	100	174	120
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	77,287	.....	80,553	78,310	79,297	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	48,657	.....	46,712	46,613	46,483	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	222,279	.....	226,911	225,518	226,471	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	28,660	.....	22,191	21,746	22,260	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	70,247	69,830	78,417	78,397	78,702	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	31,505	31,455	33,678	33,701	33,785	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>....percent..	6.44	6.47	7.66	7.74	7.77	7.71
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> .1941-43=10..	*103.53	*104.57	92.52	92.67	95.72	97.83
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	*113.01	*114.22	101.85	102.05	105.30	107.46
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. sh. tons..	1,222	1,827	1,861	1,926	1,870	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	24,837	24,452	27,051	26,896	26,712	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	203,895	203,442	182,837	187,492	183,380	184,529
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	9,027	9,028	9,258	9,283	9,423	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,026	2,111	2,765	2,766	2,746	2,796
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	108.8	113.3	148.4	148.5	147.4	150.1
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	14.9	15.8	16.0	16.0	15.7	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1968		1969			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: <u>1/</u>						
Value (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....bil. \$..	24.7	28.4	32.3	27.2	28.7	32.1
Primary metals.....do....	3.5	3.9	5.0	4.4	r4.6	4.8
Transportation equipment.....do....	5.0	7.1	8.0	6.2	6.3	8.1
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	26.8	28.0	30.1	r30.6	r30.9	31.7
Primary metals.....do....	3.7	4.0	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.9
Transportation equipment.....do....	6.9	7.2	7.2	r7.9	r8.1	8.2
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: <u>1/</u>						
New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	25.3	29.1	31.5	28.4	r28.4	32.8
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	27.3	28.4	29.2	r31.1	r30.5	32.3
Primary metals.....do....	3.5	4.1	4.8	5.2	r5.0	5.3
Transportation equipment.....do....	7.5	7.0	6.3	r7.6	r7.7	7.9
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	80.7	81.3	85.6	86.8	86.4	87.1
Unfilled orders, end of month (seas. adj.):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	80.2	80.6	85.9	86.4	r86.0	86.6
Primary metals.....do....	5.5	5.7	7.1	7.5	7.7	8.1
Transportation equipment.....do....	32.9	32.7	33.5	33.1	r32.7	32.3
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:						
Unadjusted indexes:						
All items.....1957-59=100..	121.9	122.2	127.6	128.2	128.7	129.3
Special group indexes:						
All items less food.....do....	122.6	123.0	128.4	128.8	129.3	130.0
All items less medical care.....do....	120.5	120.8	126.0	126.5	127.0	127.6

1/ Revised. 1/ Data for Sept. 1969 are advance estimates.

ITEM	1968		1969			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
COMMODITY PRICES--Con.						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--Con.						
Unadjusted indexes--Con.						
Special group indexes--Con.						
Commodities.....1957-59=100..	115.9	116.1	120.5	121.0	121.4	121.7
Nondurables.....do....	119.2	119.6	124.1	124.7	125.2	125.8
Nondurables less food.....do....	118.1	118.9	123.0	123.1	123.3	124.4
Durables.....do....	107.7	107.6	111.7	111.9	111.9	111.6
Services.....do....	135.5	136.0	143.3	144.0	145.0	146.0
Services less rent.....do....	140.0	140.5	148.8	149.6	150.7	151.7
Food.....do....	120.5	120.4	125.5	126.7	127.4	127.5
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do....	115.3	115.5	125.3	127.6	127.9	129.0
Dairy products.....do....	121.5	121.6	124.0	124.4	125.0	125.5
Fruits and vegetables.....do....	128.2	122.9	130.8	132.3	130.2	126.8
Housing.....do....	120.1	120.4	126.3	127.0	127.8	128.6
Shelter.....do....	125.0	125.3	133.0	134.0	135.1	136.1
Rent.....do....	115.4	115.7	118.5	118.8	119.3	119.7
Homeownership.....do....	128.8	129.1	138.7	140.0	141.3	142.6
Fuel and utilities.....do....	110.7	110.5	112.7	112.6	113.0	113.3
Fuel oil and coal.....do....	115.7	115.8	117.5	117.4	117.7	118.1
Gas and electricity.....do....	109.7	109.3	111.3	110.9	111.5	112.0
Household furnishings and operation.....do....	113.3	113.9	117.9	118.2	118.5	119.0
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	120.3	122.2	127.0	126.8	126.6	128.7
Transportation.....do....	120.0	119.5	124.6	124.3	124.2	123.6
Private.....do....	117.7	117.2	121.8	121.4	121.3	120.5
New cars.....do....	99.1	98.4	101.8	101.6	101.0	99.5
Used cars.....do....	126.7	126.7	128.2	127.0	125.4	121.4
Public.....do....	138.6	138.7	149.1	149.5	149.7	150.3
Health and recreation.....do....	130.5	131.1	136.3	137.0	137.7	138.4
Medical care.....do....	145.5	146.4	155.2	155.9	156.8	157.6
Personal care.....do....	120.9	121.5	126.2	126.6	126.8	127.3
Reading and recreation.....do....	126.3	126.7	130.4	130.7	131.2	131.6
Seasonally adjusted indexes:						
Food.....do....	119.5	120.0	125.5	125.8	126.4	127.1
Apparel and upkeep.....do....	121.0	122.0	126.9	127.6	127.4	128.4
Transportation.....do....	120.0	119.9	124.7	124.1	124.2	124.0
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Consumer prices.....1957-59=\$1.00..	\$0.820	\$0.818	\$0.784	\$0.780	\$0.777	\$0.774
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
SPENDABLE WEEKLY EARNINGS:						
Spendable average weekly earnings per worker (with three dependents) in manufacturing industries:						
Current dollars.....	105.91	108.66	111.54	111.20	111.75	113.43
Constant dollars.....1957-59 dollars..	86.88	88.92	87.41	86.74	86.83	87.73
HELP-WANTED ADVERTISING, SEAS. ADJUSTED INDEX...1957-59=100..	208	218	228	227	224	p236
FINANCE						
AGRICULTURAL LOANS AND DISCOUNTS OUTSTANDING OF AGENCIES SUPERVISED BY THE FARM CREDIT ADM.:						
Total, end of month.....mil. \$..	11,809	11,722	12,941	*12,854	*12,841	12,996
Farm mortgage loans: Federal land banks.....do....	6,033	6,064	6,557	6,605	6,645	6,676
Loans to cooperatives.....do....	1,450	1,479	1,594	1,594	1,573	1,585
Other loans and discounts.....do....	4,326	4,179	4,790	*4,655	*4,624	4,736
Money and interest rates:						
Federal intermediate credit bank loans.....percent..	6.61	6.61	7.02	7.26	7.51	7.69
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
IRON ORE (U.S. and foreign ores and ore agglomerates):						
Receipts at iron and steel plants.....thous. lg. tons..	13,915	12,904	12,519	15,335	14,510	.....
Consumption at iron and steel plants.....do....	8,519	7,343	10,751	10,385	10,404	.....
Stocks, end of mo.: At furnace yards.....do....	47,573	53,135	33,410	38,397	42,515	.....
At U.S. docks.....do....	2,040	2,424	925	1,267	1,536	.....
FIG IRON:						
Production (excl. ferroalloys).....thous. sh. tons..	6,333	5,481	8,055	7,836	7,699	7,739
STEEL (RAW): Production.....do....	8,956	8,086	11,810	11,365	11,421	11,523
Index.....daily average 1957-59=100..	108.6	101.3	147.9	137.8	138.4	144.3
Aluminum shipments:						
Ingot and mill products (net).....mil. lb..	750.2	779.9	928.8	r873.6	852.9	.....
Mill products, total.....do....	550.0	564.0	656.6	r626.9	611.6	.....
Plate and sheet (excluding foil).....do....	252.7	255.4	321.5	r302.4	298.2	.....
Radiators and convectors, shipments:						
Cast-iron.....mil. sq. ft. radiation..	.5	.8	.4	.3	.4	.....
Nonferrous.....do....	8.6	.....	6.6	5.8	7.0	.....
Oil burners: Shipments.....thous..	63.7	73.7	52.2	r40.3	63.1	.....
Stocks, end of month.....do....	35.1	28.4	27.9	r30.5	28.3	.....

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. *Excludes loans by Federal Intermediate Credit Banks outside the Farm Credit Adm. system.

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	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
METALS AND MANUFACTURES--Con.						
Ranges, gas, domestic cooking, shipments.....thous..	191.5	211.2	213.3	r169.0	221.2
Top burner sections (4-burner equiv.), shipments.....do....	17.8	19.5	17.8	15.6	15.8	.....
Stoves, domestic heating, shipments, total.....do....	139.4	174.9	98.2	128.5	176.4	.....
Gas.....do....	105.4	125.1	68.6	95.7	133.5	.....
Warm-air furnaces, shipments, total.....do....	149.6	183.1	147.8	r154.1	172.4	.....
Gas.....do....	113.3	137.2	120.3	124.7	136.3	.....
Water heaters, gas, shipments.....do....	218.1	209.4	210.8	r208.2	.....	.....
Furnaces and ovens (indust.), dom. new orders, net...mil. \$..	9.7	8.2	10.4	8.4	6.4	5.9
Electric processing.....do....	.7	.8	.8	1.2	.3	1.6
Fuel-fired (except for hot rolling steel).....do....	2.8	4.3	6.9	4.7	4.0	2.2
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	79.75	71.05	112.70	87.35	r66.70	81.70
Domestic.....do....	74.95	62.30	99.90	70.00	r56.45	57.85
Shipments, total.....do....	88.95	115.55	122.20	83.85	r74.05	107.70
Domestic.....do....	82.40	109.15	112.40	75.05	r63.15	95.85
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	90.92	864.7	906.9	910.4	r903.0	87.70
Metal forming type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....do....	26.75	22.75	49.70	40.65	r38.60	24.30
Domestic.....do....	23.40	20.90	45.60	37.10	r33.30	20.65
Shipments, total.....do....	32.90	26.90	40.00	27.90	r30.70	36.05
Domestic.....do....	30.40	24.95	35.85	26.25	r28.05	33.90
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	179.9	175.7	382.2	394.9	r402.8	391.1
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
COTTON (exclusive of linters): 1/						
Consumption.....thous. bales..	665	643	644	649	r629	639
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....millions..	20.2	20.2	19.9	19.9	19.8	19.8
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	13.5	13.3	13.0	12.9	12.8	12.7
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total....billions..	10.1	9.9	9.8	10.2	r9.6	9.6
Average per working day.....do....	.504	.495	.490	.406	r.480	.482
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do....	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.4	r6.2	6.2

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