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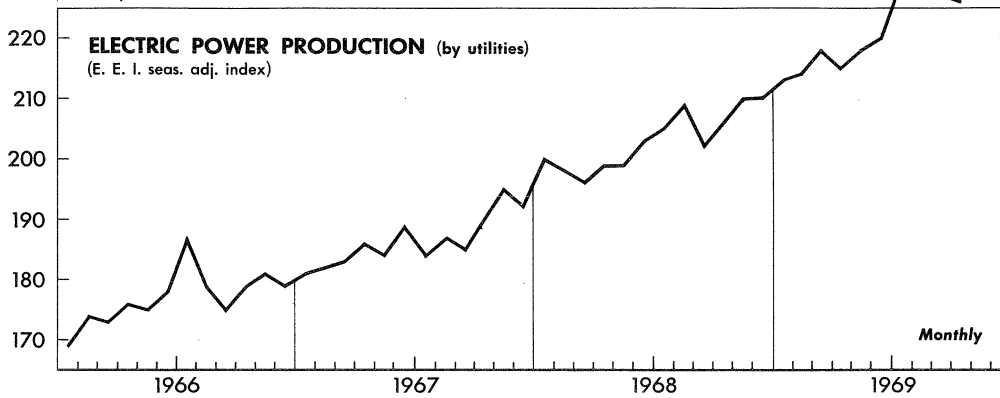
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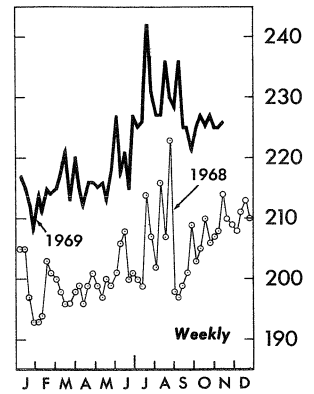
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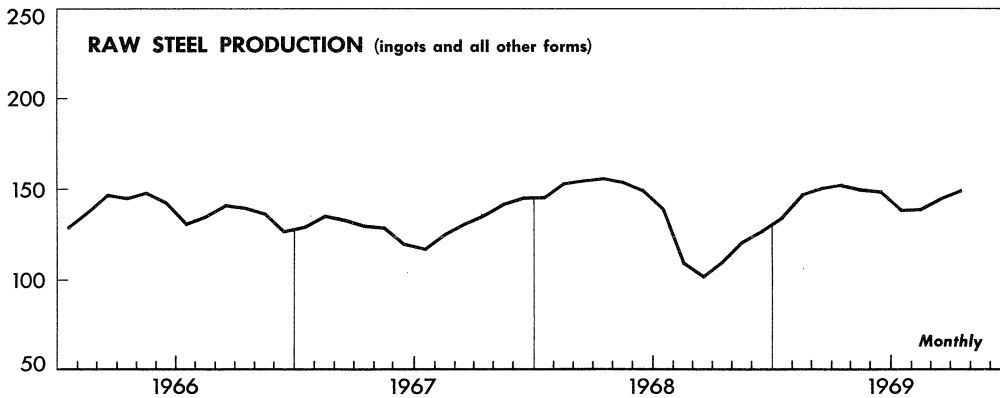


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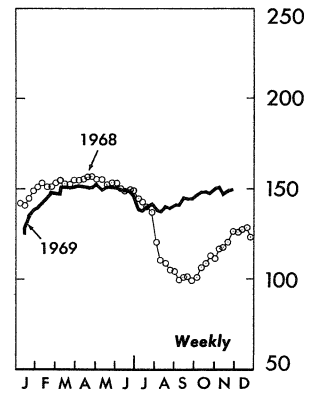


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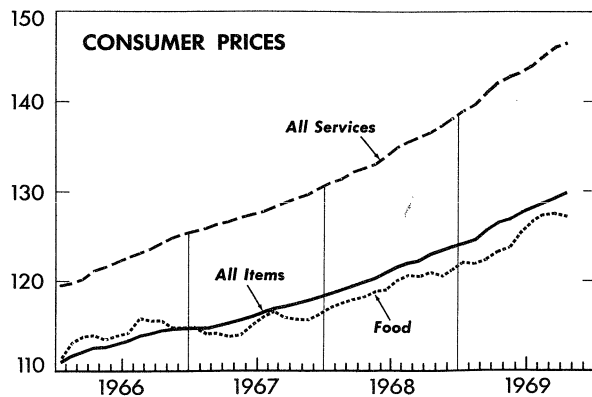


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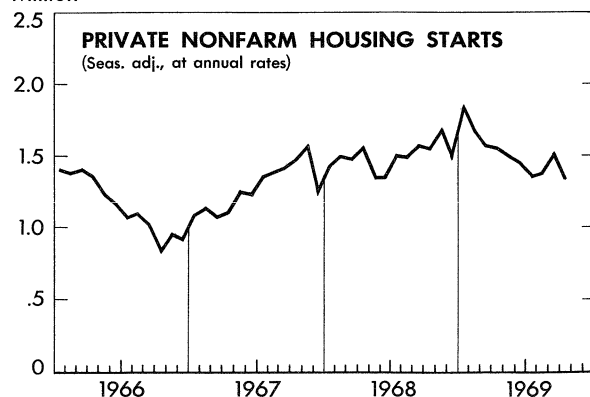


1957-59=100



Data: U.S. Dept. of Labor

Million



Data: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

| ITEM | 1968 | | 1969 | | | |
|--|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Nov. 16 | Nov. 23 | Nov. 1 | Nov. 8 | Nov. 15 | Nov. 22 |
| WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u>.....1957-59=100.. | 98.3 | 98.5 | 111.4 | 111.9 | *112.1 | 112.2 |
| ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$.. | 6,869 | 6,954 | 6,874 | 6,802 | 6,965 | ..... |
| Nondurable goods stores.....do.... | 4,650 | 4,693 | 4,530 | 4,702 | 4,795 | ..... |
| INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous.. | 196 | 212 | 175 | 206 | 197 | ..... |
| INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.... | 982 | 994 | 970 | 1,004 | ..... | ..... |
| State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do.... | 909 | 922 | 902 | 935 | ..... | ..... |
| FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).number.. | 181 | 154 | 197 | 222 | 161 | 183 |
| FINANCE: | | | | | | |
| Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$.. | 49,314 | 49,475 | 51,650 | 51,819 | 52,314 | 52,551 |
| Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> ...do.... | 58,748 | 58,723 | 61,308 | 62,091 | 62,458 | 63,051 |
| Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do.... | 27,070 | 26,960 | 27,212 | 27,635 | 27,696 | 27,898 |
| Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do.... | 537 | -77 | 128 | 310 | -202 | 76 |
| Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u> | | | | | | |
| Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$.. | 78,755 | ..... | 79,650 | 77,953 | 78,494 | ..... |
| Savings deposits.....do.... | 48,734 | ..... | 46,376 | 46,409 | 46,359 | ..... |
| Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do.... | 223,959 | ..... | 226,129 | 227,305 | 227,028 | ..... |
| U.S. Government obligations.....do.... | 29,416 | ..... | 23,350 | 23,428 | 23,004 | ..... |
| Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.... | 70,490 | 70,908 | 77,649 | 78,117 | 78,228 | ..... |
| Real estate loans (gross).....do.... | 31,752 | 31,686 | 33,950 | 33,947 | 33,993 | ..... |
| Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>....percent.. | 6.54 | 6.56 | 7.68 | 7.68 | 7.70 | 7.78 |
| Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> .1941-43=10.. | 105.13 | **106.14 | 96.81 | 97.64 | 97.89 | 95.90 |
| Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.... | 114.43 | **115.43 | 106.35 | 107.31 | 107.62 | 105.58 |
| PRODUCTION: | | | | | | |
| Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. sh. tons.. | 1,868 | 1,899 | 1,893 | 1,868 | 1,942 | ..... |
| Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr.. | 25,750 | 25,948 | 27,028 | 27,059 | 27,357 | ..... |
| Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number.. | 206,390 | 216,153 | 187,800 | 186,904 | 180,736 | 184,161 |
| Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>2/</u>.....thous. bbl.. | 9,009 | 9,006 | 9,307 | 9,280 | 9,254 | ..... |
| Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons.. | 2,194 | 2,244 | 2,812 | 2,730 | 2,769 | 2,784 |
| Index of production.....1957-59=100.. | 117.8 | 120.5 | 150.9 | 146.5 | 148.6 | 149.4 |
| RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil.. | 14.7 | 15.3 | 16.2 | 15.8 | 15.7 | ..... |

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

| ITEM | 1968 | | 1969 | | | |
|---|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| | Sept. | Oct. | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. |
| GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: <u>1/</u> | | | | | | |
| Value (not seasonally adjusted): | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total.....bil. \$.. | 28.4 | 29.5 | 27.2 | 28.7 | 32.2 | 32.5 |
| Primary metals.....do.... | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.1 |
| Transportation equipment.....do.... | 7.1 | 7.8 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 8.1 | 8.6 |
| Value (seasonally adjusted): | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total.....do.... | 28.0 | 29.0 | 30.6 | 30.9 | 31.7 | 31.9 |
| Primary metals.....do.... | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| Transportation equipment.....do.... | 7.2 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 |
| MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: <u>1/</u> | | | | | | |
| New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted): | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total.....do.... | 29.1 | 30.5 | 28.4 | 28.4 | 32.7 | 31.9 |
| New orders, net (seasonally adjusted): | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total.....do.... | 28.4 | 30.3 | 31.1 | 30.5 | r32.1 | 31.7 |
| Primary metals.....do.... | 4.1 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| Transportation equipment.....do.... | 7.0 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.7 |
| Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted): | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total.....do.... | 81.3 | 82.3 | 86.8 | 86.4 | r86.9 | 86.4 |
| Unfilled orders, end of month (seas. adj): | | | | | | |
| Durable goods industries, total.....do.... | 80.6 | 81.9 | 86.4 | 86.0 | r86.4 | 86.3 |
| Primary metals.....do.... | 5.7 | 5.8 | 7.5 | 7.7 | r8.0 | 8.2 |
| Transportation equipment.....do.... | 32.7 | 32.9 | 33.1 | 32.7 | 32.3 | 31.6 |
| NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.): | | | | | | |
| Unadjusted.....number.. | 19,015 | 21,636 | r24,015 | p21,140 | p21,723 | ..... |
| Seasonally adjusted.....do.... | 20,986 | 21,394 | 23,770 | 23,155 | 23,383 | ..... |
| COMMODITY PRICES | | | | | | |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: | | | | | | |
| Unadjusted indexes: | | | | | | |
| All items.....1957-59=100.. | 122.2 | 122.9 | 128.2 | 128.7 | 129.3 | 129.0 |
| Special group indexes: | | | | | | |
| All items less food.....do.... | 123.0 | 123.8 | 128.8 | 129.3 | 130.0 | 130.8 |
| All items less medical care.....do.... | 120.8 | 121.5 | 126.5 | 127.0 | 127.6 | 128.2 |

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| ITEM | 1968 | | 1969 | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Sept. | Oct. | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. |
| COMMODITY PRICES--Con. | | | | | | |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--Con. | | | | | | |
| Unadjusted indexes--Con. | | | | | | |
| Special group indexes--Con. | | | | | | |
| Commodities.....1957-59=100.. | 116.1 | 116.8 | 121.0 | 121.4 | 121.7 | 122.4 |
| Nondurables.....do..... | 119.6 | 120.2 | 124.7 | 125.2 | 125.8 | 126.1 |
| Nondurables less food.....do.... | 118.9 | 119.7 | 123.1 | 123.3 | 124.4 | 125.1 |
| Durables.....do..... | 107.6 | 108.5 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 111.6 | 113.2 |
| Services.....do..... | 136.0 | 136.6 | 144.0 | 145.0 | 146.0 | 146.5 |
| Services less rent.....do..... | 140.5 | 141.2 | 149.6 | 150.7 | 151.7 | 152.3 |
| Food.....do..... | 120.4 | 120.9 | 126.7 | 127.4 | 127.5 | 127.2 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish.....do.... | 115.5 | 115.4 | 127.6 | 127.9 | 129.0 | 127.6 |
| Dairy products.....do..... | 121.6 | 122.3 | 124.4 | 125.0 | 125.5 | 125.8 |
| Fruits and vegetables.....do..... | 122.9 | 123.4 | 132.3 | 130.2 | 126.8 | 124.0 |
| Housing.....do..... | 120.4 | 120.9 | 127.0 | 127.8 | 128.6 | 129.2 |
| Shelter.....do..... | 125.3 | 126.0 | 134.0 | 135.1 | 136.1 | 137.0 |
| Rent.....do..... | 115.7 | 116.0 | 118.8 | 119.3 | 119.7 | 120.1 |
| Homeownership.....do..... | 129.1 | 130.0 | 140.0 | 141.3 | 142.6 | 143.6 |
| Fuel and utilities.....do..... | 110.5 | 110.4 | 112.6 | 113.0 | 113.3 | 113.5 |
| Fuel oil and coal.....do..... | 115.8 | 115.9 | 117.4 | 117.7 | 118.1 | 118.4 |
| Gas and electricity.....do..... | 109.3 | 109.1 | 110.9 | 111.5 | 112.0 | 112.2 |
| Household furnishings and operation.....do.... | 113.9 | 114.2 | 118.2 | 118.5 | 119.0 | 119.3 |
| Apparel and upkeep.....do..... | 122.2 | 123.3 | 126.8 | 126.6 | 128.7 | 129.8 |
| Transportation.....do..... | 119.5 | 120.6 | 124.3 | 124.2 | 123.6 | 125.7 |
| Private.....do..... | 117.2 | 118.4 | 121.4 | 121.3 | 120.5 | 122.8 |
| New cars.....do..... | 98.4 | 102.8 | 101.6 | 101.0 | 99.5 | 104.2 |
| Used cars.....do..... | 126.7 | ..... | 127.0 | 125.4 | 121.4 | 125.8 |
| Public.....do..... | 138.7 | 138.7 | 149.5 | 149.7 | 150.3 | 150.3 |
| Health and recreation.....do..... | 131.1 | 131.9 | 137.0 | 137.7 | 138.4 | 138.6 |
| Medical care.....do..... | 146.4 | 147.4 | 155.9 | 156.8 | 157.6 | 156.9 |
| Personal care.....do..... | 121.5 | 122.1 | 126.6 | 126.8 | 127.3 | 127.3 |
| Reading and recreation.....do..... | 126.7 | 127.5 | 130.7 | 131.2 | 131.6 | 132.0 |
| Seasonally adjusted indexes: | | | | | | |
| Food.....do..... | 120.0 | 120.8 | 125.8 | 126.4 | 127.1 | 127.1 |
| Apparel and upkeep.....do..... | 122.0 | 122.6 | 127.6 | 127.4 | 128.4 | 129.0 |
| Transportation.....do..... | 119.9 | 120.4 | 124.1 | 124.2 | 124.0 | 125.4 |
| PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY-- | | | | | | |
| Consumer prices.....1957-59=\$1.00.. | \$0.818 | \$0.814 | \$0.780 | \$0.777 | \$0.774 | \$0.770 |
| CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE | | | | | | |
| NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED: | | | | | | |
| Unadjusted: | | | | | | |
| Total, incl. farm (private and public).....thous.. | 139.8 | 143.3 | 126.5 | 127.6 | r132.1 | 121.1 |
| Privately owned.....do..... | 134.3 | 140.8 | 125.2 | 124.9 | r128.6 | 118.7 |
| Total nonfarm (private and public).....do..... | 138.0 | 140.6 | 124.3 | 126.2 | r130.4 | 119.8 |
| Privately owned.....do..... | 132.4 | 138.1 | 122.9 | r123.5 | r126.9 | 117.4 |
| Seasonally adjusted at annual rates: | | | | | | |
| Total, inc. farm (private only).....do..... | 1,592 | 1,570 | 1,371 | r1,384 | r1,533 | 1,342 |
| Total nonfarm (private only).....do..... | 1,570 | 1,541 | 1,349 | r1,370 | r1,513 | 1,329 |
| NEW PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS | | | | | | |
| (13,000 permit-issuing places): | | | | | | |
| Seasonally adjusted at annual rates: | | | | | | |
| Total.....thous.. | 1,393 | 1,378 | 1,228 | 1,245 | 1,201 | 1,119 |
| One-family structures.....do..... | 706 | 694 | 570 | 570 | 565 | 563 |
| CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES: | | | | | | |
| American Appraisal Co., The: | | | | | | |
| Average, 30 cities.....1913=100.. | 992 | 994 | 1,059 | 1,061 | 1,065 | 1,069 |
| Atlanta.....do..... | 1,087 | 1,110 | 1,161 | 1,176 | 1,179 | 1,177 |
| New York.....do..... | 1,092 | 1,092 | 1,106 | 1,105 | 1,106 | 1,133 |
| San Francisco.....do..... | 980 | 980 | 1,062 | 1,062 | 1,063 | 1,063 |
| St. Louis.....do..... | 969 | 969 | 1,019 | 1,035 | 1,054 | 1,053 |
| New mortgage loans of all savings and loan associations, estimated total.....mil. \$.. | 1,840 | 1,949 | 1,974 | 1,918 | r1,728 | 1,686 |
| By purpose of loan: | | | | | | |
| Home construction.....do..... | 396 | 466 | 421 | 393 | r377 | 368 |
| Home purchase.....do..... | 984 | 995 | 1,091 | 1,089 | r936 | 863 |
| All other purposes.....do..... | 460 | 488 | 462 | 436 | r415 | 455 |
| LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS | | | | | | |
| SPENDABLE WEEKLY EARNINGS: | | | | | | |
| Spendable average weekly earnings per worker (with three dependents) in manufacturing industries: | | | | | | |
| Current dollars.....do..... | 108.66 | 109.06 | 111.20 | r111.44 | 114.01 | p113.25 |
| Constant dollars.....1957-59 dollars.. | 88.92 | 88.74 | 86.74 | r86.59 | 88.17 | p87.25 |
| HELP-WANTED ADVERTISING, SEAS. ADJUSTED INDEX.....1957-59=100.. | 218 | 223 | 227 | 224 | 235 | p227 |

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| ITEM | 1968 | | 1969 | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| | Sept. | Oct. | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. |
| LUMBER AND PRODUCTS | | | | | | |
| National Forest Products Association: | | | | | | |
| Production, total.....mil. bd. ft.. | 3,193 | 3,381 | 3,055 | 3,113 | 3,197 | ..... |
| Hardwoods.....do.... | 592 | 622 | 673 | 710 | 690 | ..... |
| Softwoods.....do.... | 2,601 | 2,759 | 2,382 | 2,403 | 2,507 | ..... |
| Shipments, total.....do.... | 3,205 | 3,454 | 2,982 | 3,040 | 3,104 | ..... |
| Hardwoods.....do.... | 648 | 657 | 686 | 726 | 684 | ..... |
| Softwoods.....do.... | 2,557 | 2,797 | 2,296 | 2,314 | 2,420 | ..... |
| Stocks (gross), mill, end of period, total.....do.... | 5,196 | 5,094 | 5,354 | 5,430 | 5,444 | ..... |
| Hardwoods.....do.... | 995 | 975 | 641 | 636 | 667 | ..... |
| Softwoods.....do.... | 4,201 | 4,119 | 4,713 | 4,794 | 4,777 | ..... |
| METALS AND MANUFACTURES | | | | | | |
| MACHINE TOOLS: | | | | | | |
| Metal cutting type tools: | | | | | | |
| Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$.. | 71.05 | 78.55 | 87.35 | 66.70 | r82.00 | 86.40 |
| Domestic.....do.... | 62.30 | 70.45 | 70.00 | 56.45 | r58.50 | 76.45 |
| Shipments, total.....do.... | 115.55 | 107.75 | 83.85 | 74.05 | r108.40 | 101.40 |
| Domestic.....do.... | 109.15 | 100.90 | 75.05 | 63.15 | r96.65 | 91.70 |
| Order backlog, end of month.....do.... | 864.7 | 835.5 | 910.4 | 903.0 | r876.6 | 861.6 |
| Metal forming type tools: | | | | | | |
| Orders, new (net), total.....do.... | 22.75 | 56.35 | 40.65 | 38.60 | r27.70 | 39.50 |
| Domestic.....do.... | 20.90 | 54.10 | 37.10 | 33.30 | r23.95 | 35.60 |
| Shipments, total.....do.... | 26.90 | 32.90 | 27.90 | 30.70 | r34.85 | 40.80 |
| Domestic.....do.... | 24.95 | 29.15 | 26.25 | 28.05 | r32.80 | 39.30 |
| Order backlog, end of month.....do.... | 175.7 | 199.2 | 394.9 | 402.8 | r395.7 | 394.4 |
| Washers, sales (domestic and export).....thous.. | 445.1 | 455.9 | 395.4 | 417.9 | 433.5 | 462.8 |
| Driers (elec., gas), sales (domestic and export).....do.... | 318.7 | 375.7 | 220.9 | 276.1 | 350.4 | 394.6 |
| TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT | | | | | | |
| Truck trailers, shipments: | | | | | | |
| Complete trailers and chassis.....number.. | 9,544 | 9,980 | 11,370 | r10,702 | 11,998 | ..... |
| Vans.....do.... | 6,475 | 7,036 | 7,941 | r7,554 | 8,830 | |
| Trailer bodies, chassis, sold separately.....do.... | 3,703 | 3,769 | 2,368 | r2,827 | 3,654 | |

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