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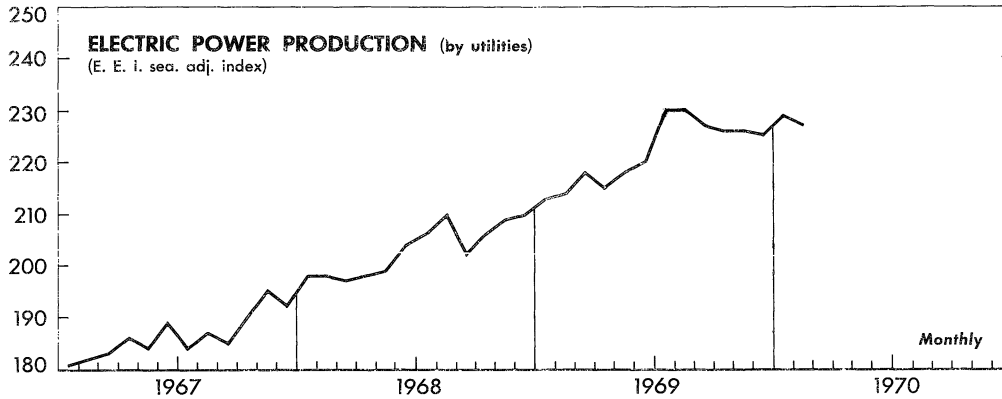


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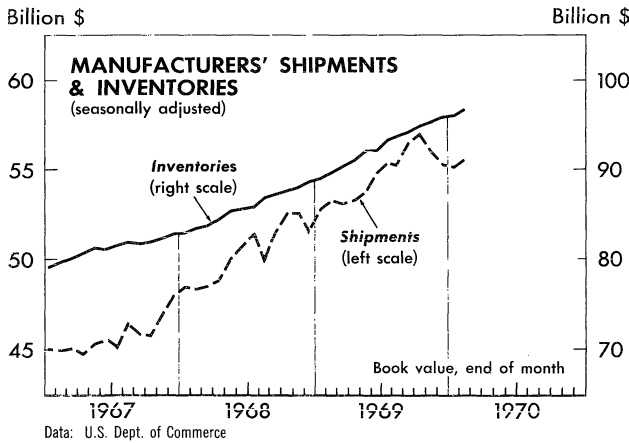
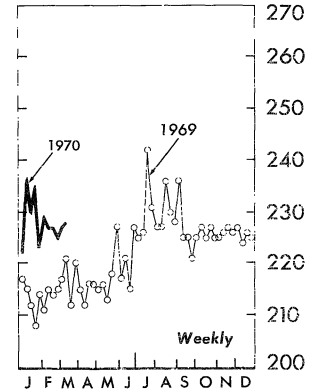
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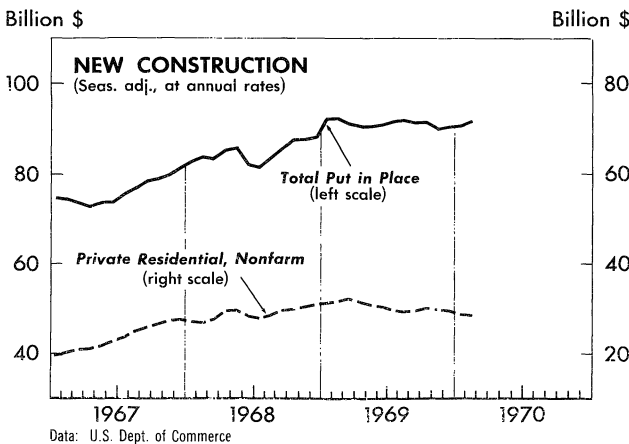
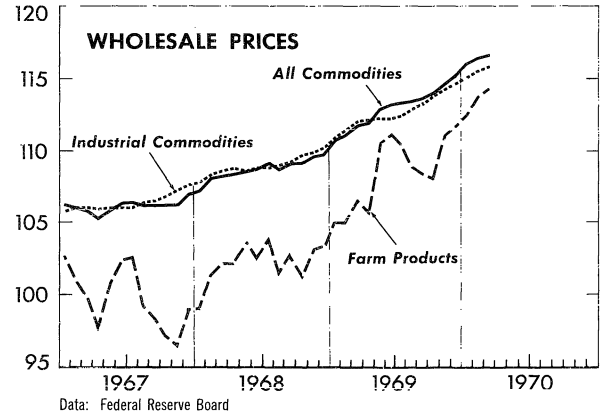
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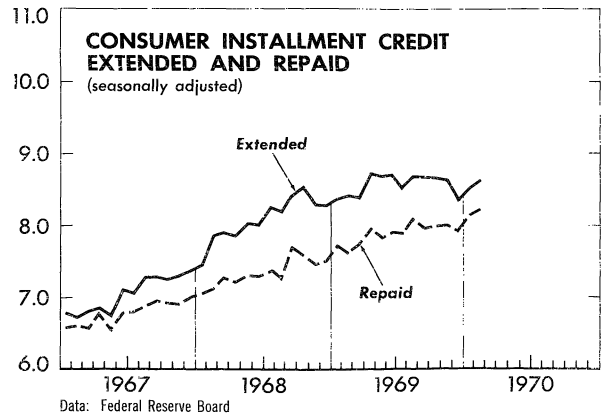
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1969		1970			
	Mar. 29	Apr. 5	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28	Apr. 4
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <sup>2/</sup> .....1957-59=100..	104.4	104.1	115.1	114.9	114.5	113.9
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	6,627	7,007	6,450	6,517	6,920	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	4,361	4,840	4,511	4,573	4,886	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	158	171	239	234	237	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	1,278	1,274	1,927	1,925	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D. C., and Puerto Rico).....do.....	1,200	1,197	1,808	1,789	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	189	168	237	228	192	206
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <sup>3/</sup> .....mil. \$..	49,471	49,514	52,319	52,508	52,459	52,563
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <sup>3/</sup> .....do.....	58,325	58,429	60,832	61,451	61,601	61,985
Member bank reserve balances <sup>3/</sup> .....do.....	26,622	26,743	27,210	27,618	27,450	27,723
Excess reserves, estimated <sup>3/</sup> .....do.....	-138	309	42	-9	71	262
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <sup>4/</sup>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	79,696	.....	78,494	77,370	80,604	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	48,815	.....	45,790	45,948	45,990	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do.....	224,818	.....	226,670	226,786	226,917	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	24,739	.....	22,117	21,916	21,701	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	75,103	75,269	78,541	79,274	78,910	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	32,709	32,627	33,403	33,441	33,447	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <sup>3/</sup> .....percent..	7.23	7.23	8.14	8.20	8.22	8.18
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <sup>4/</sup> .....1941-43=100..	100.39	100.78	88.69	87.54	89.77	90.07
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	109.55	110.06	96.97	95.74	98.22	98.55
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. sh. tons..	1,940	1,857	1,864	1,889	1,900	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	26,144	25,525	28,245	28,488	27,559	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	182,533	142,225	162,554	159,311	127,723	130,695
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. bbl..	9,085	9,185	9,604	9,619	95,526	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,826	2,828	2,658	2,678	2,720	2,695
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	151.7	151.8	142.7	143.8	146.0	144.7
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	15.2	14.4	15.0	14.9	15.0	.....

<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.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1969				1970	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	49,452	53,933	55,833	53,914	r51,555	56,186
Durable goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do.....	27,331	30,287	30,891	30,067	r27,886	30,633
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	1,198	1,295	1,450	1,335	r1,250	1,358
Primary metals.....do.....	4,329	4,741	4,849	4,651	r4,931	4,971
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	2,657	3,009	3,133	3,142	r2,969	3,088
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	4,745	5,513	5,237	5,319	r5,017	5,776
Electrical machinery.....do.....	3,362	3,728	3,847	3,699	r3,319	3,717
Transportation equipment.....do.....	7,192	7,741	8,236	8,050	r6,668	7,713
Instruments and related products.....do.....	967	1,056	1,204	1,213	1,035	1,144
Nondurable goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do.....	22,121	23,646	24,942	23,847	r23,669	25,553
Food and kindred products.....do.....	7,327	7,644	8,383	8,414	r8,088	8,538
Tobacco products.....do.....	376	399	438	431	r414	405
Textile mill products.....do.....	1,526	1,752	1,847	1,647	r1,626	1,759
Paper and allied products.....do.....	2,070	2,219	2,278	2,187	r2,239	2,396
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	3,749	3,995	4,036	3,670	r3,797	4,269
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	1,855	1,949	2,142	2,128	r2,167	2,156
Rubber and plastics products.....do.....	1,227	1,344	1,405	1,317	r1,390	1,521
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do.....	52,801	53,302	55,988	55,277	r55,099	55,512
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do.....	29,325	29,914	30,944	30,201	r30,042	30,245
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	1,414	1,454	1,459	1,485	r1,475	1,522
Primary metals.....do.....	4,508	4,585	5,013	4,945	r5,138	4,809
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	2,961	3,031	3,180	3,259	r3,310	3,106
Machinery, except electrical.....do.....	5,222	5,352	5,471	5,228	r5,536	5,612
Electrical machinery.....do.....	3,620	3,685	3,739	3,609	r3,574	3,671
Transportation equipment.....do.....	7,284	7,463	7,920	7,593	r6,825	7,441
Instruments and related products.....do.....	1,089	1,083	1,186	1,142	r1,171	1,177

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

<sup>2/</sup> CORRECTION: FOR 1969 ANNUAL TOTAL AS SHOWN IN THE MARCH 1970 SURVEY, p.s-36: Pulpwood Consumption should read 62,813.

ITEM	1969				1970	
	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. \$..	23,476	23,388	25,044	25,076	r25,057	25,267
Food and kindred products.....do....	7,669	7,624	8,390	8,624	r8,452	8,505
Tobacco products.....do....	414	415	436	438	r456	422
Textile mill products.....do....	1,790	1,740	1,774	1,745	r1,779	1,740
Paper and allied products.....do....	2,172	2,201	2,292	2,283	r2,351	2,373
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	3,935	3,980	4,255	4,110	r3,986	4,252
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	1,894	1,949	2,155	2,140	r2,206	2,149
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,301	1,328	1,449	1,365	r1,474	1,499
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	89,179	90,158	94,755	95,475	r96,271	97,284
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	57,789	58,568	62,570	63,406	r63,702	64,379
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	31,390	31,590	32,185	32,069	r32,569	32,905
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	88,905	89,556	95,416	95,905	r96,062	96,703
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	57,879	58,282	63,076	63,550	r63,835	64,104
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,289	2,372	2,471	2,483	r2,506	2,540
Primary metals.....do....	7,528	7,554	8,009	8,052	r8,104	8,159
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,289	6,129	6,550	6,613	r6,660	6,667
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	11,528	11,738	13,080	13,180	r13,211	13,402
Electrical machinery.....do....	8,551	8,592	9,327	9,346	r9,407	9,486
Transportation equipment.....do....	14,076	14,186	15,388	15,561	r15,636	15,540
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,240	2,275	2,434	2,476	r2,484	2,528
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	31,026	31,274	32,340	32,355	r32,227	32,599
Food and kindred products.....do....	7,264	7,248	7,302	7,230	r7,200	7,467
Tobacco products.....do....	2,219	2,203	2,233	2,200	r2,165	2,143
Textile mill products.....do....	3,507	3,534	3,447	3,501	r3,455	3,469
Paper and allied products.....do....	2,403	2,419	2,614	2,632	r2,661	2,660
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	5,977	6,088	6,566	6,634	r6,551	6,587
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	2,068	2,076	2,197	2,274	r2,320	2,302
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,811	1,831	1,871	1,888	r1,914	1,932
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	50,638	54,850	55,274	53,424	r51,285	55,775
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	28,531	31,125	30,334	29,612	r27,695	30,133
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	22,107	23,725	24,940	23,812	r23,590	25,642
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....						
By industry group:	53,119	53,901	56,242	55,362	r53,868	54,749
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	29,684	30,482	31,188	30,295	r28,909	29,433
Primary metals.....do....	4,675	4,666	4,751	4,760	r4,787	4,455
Fabricated metal products.....do....	2,755	2,811	3,276	3,384	r3,024	2,956
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	5,350	5,626	5,453	5,548	r5,390	5,540
Electrical machinery.....do....	3,581	3,767	3,619	4,110	r3,667	3,737
Transportation equipment.....do....	7,487	7,842	8,429	6,995	r6,414	7,234
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	23,435	23,449	25,054	25,067	r24,959	25,316
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	6,494	6,504	6,853	6,804	r6,799	6,945
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	16,941	16,945	18,201	18,263	r18,160	18,371
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	87,126	88,041	88,859	88,412	r88,146	87,735
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	84,150	84,988	85,854	85,445	r85,258	84,758
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	2,976	3,053	3,005	2,967	r2,888	2,977
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....						
By industry group:	87,469	88,064	89,583	89,714	r88,488	87,727
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	84,431	84,994	86,530	86,668	r85,539	84,729
Primary metals.....do....	6,494	6,575	7,909	7,726	r7,375	7,022
Fabricated metal products.....do....	9,908	9,716	10,684	10,854	r10,569	10,418
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	14,919	15,193	16,926	17,243	r17,099	17,025
Electrical machinery.....do....	13,170	13,251	13,013	13,512	r13,606	13,672
Transportation equipment.....do....	33,873	34,251	32,200	31,605	r31,192	30,986
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	3,038	3,070	3,053	3,046	r2,949	2,998
1969						
1970						
COMMODITY PRICES						
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....1957-59=100..	111.1	111.7	115.1	116.0	116.4	116.6
Farm products.....do....	105.0	106.5	111.7	112.5	113.7	114.3
Food and feeds, processed.....do....	116.3	116.4	122.6	125.1	125.2	124.9
Industrial commodities.....do....	111.4	112.0	114.6	115.1	115.5	115.8
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	97.8	98.0	98.8	99.1	99.5	100.0
Fuels and related products, and power.....do....	102.7	104.2	106.1	105.6	106.4	106.3
Furniture and household durables.....do....	105.4	105.7	107.2	107.5	107.9	108.1
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	123.4	123.4	126.5	126.6	126.7	126.8
Lumber and wood products.....do....	144.5	149.5	122.5	121.6	120.2	119.5
Machinery and equipment.....do....	117.3	117.8	121.9	122.5	122.8	123.1
Metals and metal products.....do....	115.2	115.8	123.8	124.9	126.1	127.0
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do....	111.2	111.9	114.5	116.5	116.9	117.3
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	106.8	107.4	109.5	111.1	111.8	112.1
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	100.5	100.9	104.5	104.7	104.6	104.4
Textile products and apparel.....do....	107.2	107.1	109.2	109.5	109.4	109.5
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	100.1	100.0	102.7	102.9	102.9	103.2
Miscellaneous products.....1957-59=100..	112.5	112.5	117.0	117.4	117.5	117.8
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....1957-59=\$1.00..	\$0.900	\$0.895	\$0.869	\$0.862	\$0.859	\$0.858

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ITEM	1969				1970	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
<b>CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	6,201	5,884	7,947	r7,004	r6,086	5,683
Private, total.....do.....	4,325	4,028	5,563	r5,152	r4,312	4,115
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	2,133	1,940	2,562	r2,329	r1,956	1,734
New housing units.....do.....	1,723	1,562	1,984	r1,797	r1,495	1,293
Nonresidential buildings, total 1/.....do.....	1,519	1,453	2,076	1,942	r1,623	1,663
Industrial.....do.....	463	437	569	575	r438	426
Commercial.....do.....	678	647	982	889	r750	779
Public, total.....do.....	1,876	1,856	2,384	1,852	r1,774	1,568
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..	92.0	92.1	89.8	r90.2	r90.6	91.7
Private, total.....do.....	62.9	62.6	62.8	r62.4	r62.6	63.3
Residential (nonfarm).....do.....	31.1	31.4	29.8	r29.5	r28.6	28.1
Nonresidential buildings, total 1/.....do.....	21.9	21.5	22.8	22.6	r23.3	24.5
Industrial.....do.....	6.8	6.3	6.6	6.4	r6.4	6.2
Commercial.....do.....	10.0	9.9	10.2	10.3	r11.0	12.0
Public, total.....do.....	29.1	29.5	r27.0	r27.8	r27.9	28.4
<b>CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:</b>						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1957-59=100..	137	137	144	145	145	146
<b>FINANCE</b>						
<b>CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):</b>						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. \$..	112,117	111,569	119,378	122,469	121,074	120,077
Installment credit, total.....do.....	89,492	89,380	96,478	98,169	97,402	96,892
Installment credit, extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do.....	7,557	6,971	8,173	10,096	7,490	7,106
Repaid, total.....do.....	7,955	7,083	7,545	8,405	8,257	7,616
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do.....	8,371	8,414	8,632	8,344	8,521	8,625
Repaid, total.....do.....	7,730	7,616	8,012	7,929	8,141	8,207
<b>SECURITY MARKETS:</b>						
<b>STOCKS:</b>						
<b>Prices:</b>						
Dow-Jones averages (65 stocks).....	337.64	337.85	281.02	259.88	258.36	*251.63
Industrial (30 stocks).....	934.99	931.29	841.09	789.22	782.96	*756.21
Public utility (15 stocks).....	135.62	136.89	116.04	108.36	109.42	*108.87
Transportation (20 stocks).....	268.78	269.75	195.47	175.32	173.64	*169.83

r/ Revised. 1/ Except farm and public utilities. \* Stock price averages for March 1970: 65 stocks, 260.36; industrial, 777.62; public utility, 116.45; transportation, 174.32.  
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