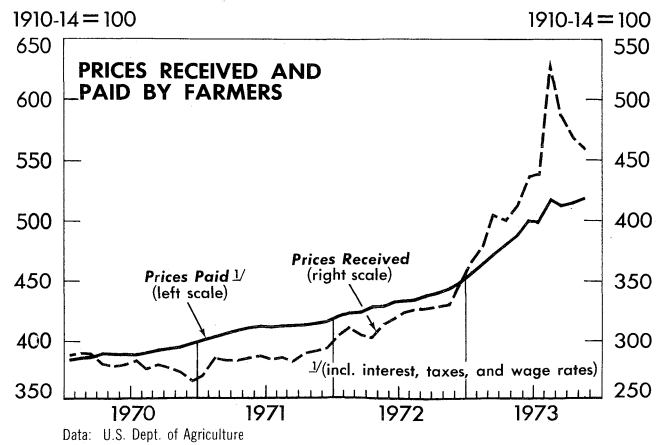
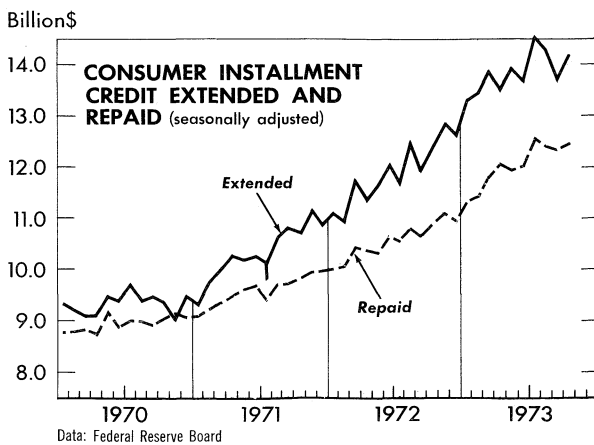
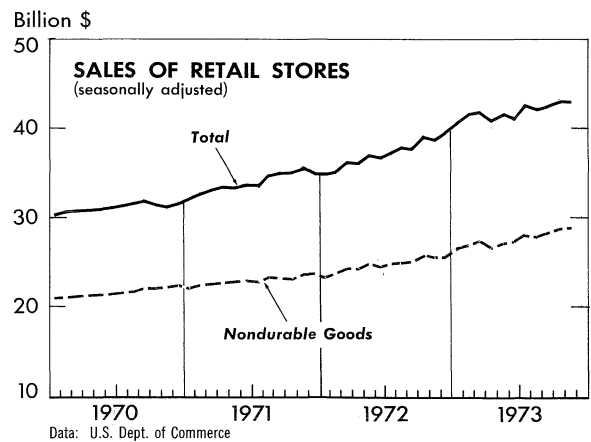
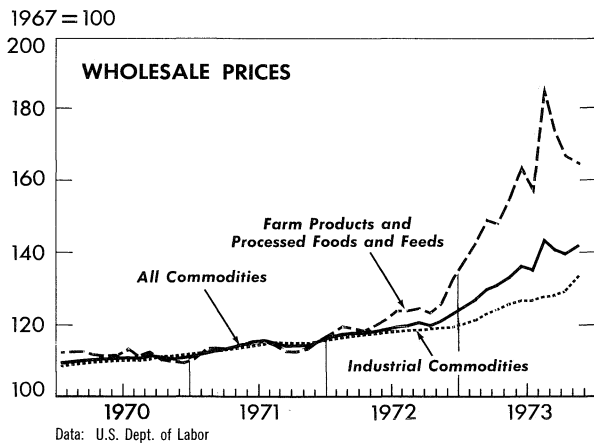
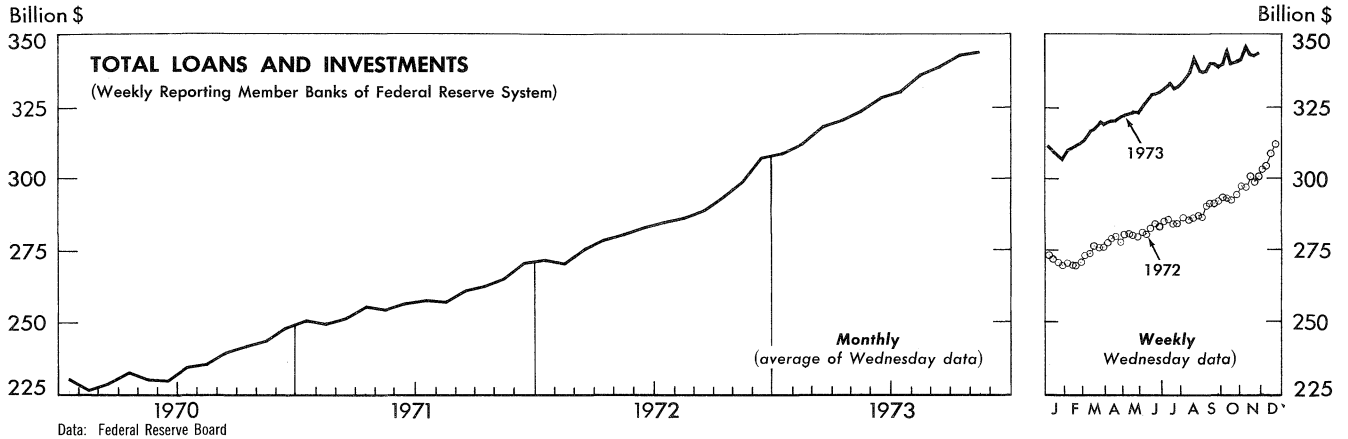


# BUSINESS STATISTICS



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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1972		1973			
	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Dec. 8
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u> .....1967=100..	127.9	129.4	190.8	193.4	192.1	198.1
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	10,222	10,511	10,499	9,962	10,955	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	6,759	7,282	7,070	6,942	7,473	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	269	318	261	238	304	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	1,794	1,866	1,576	1,794	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do.....	1,609	1,679	1,423	1,623	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).number..	198	204	189	180	180	203
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. \$..	65,142	65,175	69,835	70,181	70,502	70,493
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> ...do....	75,241	75,582	82,533	84,990	84,370	84,448
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do.....	30,745	31,009	34,728	35,054	34,366	37,784
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do.....	340	336	21	336	17	309
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do.....	97,245	98,261	98,279	97,967	100,027	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	58,194	58,259	56,262	56,315	56,276	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do.....	300,431	303,359	342,461	342,713	343,042	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	27,930	28,357	24,129	24,872	24,338	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	88,550	88,796	107,089	107,381	107,425	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	45,603	45,560	54,208	54,416	54,502	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> .....percent..	7.47	7.46	8.02	8.02	8.01	8.02
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> .1941-43=10..	116.52	118.01	102.45	99.76	97.65	92.16
Industrial, 425 stocks.....do.....	129.78	131.58	115.16	112.14	109.72	103.37
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	11,325	10,950	11,700	10,575	11,730	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	34,618	35,692	34,712	32,884	33,968	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	215,444	215,368	208,673	162,187	213,127	202,156
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..	9,538	9,544	9,053	9,092	9,045	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,698	2,730	2,907	2,959	2,961	2,907
Index of production.....1967=100..	110.6	111.9	119.2	121.3	121.4	119.2
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	16.1	15.7	17.1	15.0	16.9	.....

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

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1972		1973			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS..1910-14=100..	329	332	527	486	468	459
Crops.....do.....	264	272	440	414	411	408
Commercial vegetables.....do.....	300	354	360	325	318	337
Cotton.....do.....	216	229	310	377	370	350
Feed grains and hay.....do.....	188	192	363	325	331	330
Food grains.....do.....	228	239	506	528	501	518
Fruit.....do.....	325	277	322	325	351	314
Tobacco.....do.....	702	704	709	729	724	735
Livestock and products.....do.....	385	383	602	548	518	503
Dairy products.....do.....	383	391	411	456	482	505
Meat animals.....do.....	513	497	849	731	670	635
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	136	151	310	282	254	240
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do.....	377	381	451	447	447	452
Family living items.....do.....	404	408	453	456	458	470
Production items.....do.....	358	361	451	441	r439	439
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do.....	440	443	516	512	514	518
PARITY RATIO.....do.....	75	75	102	95	91	89
SPOT MARKET PRICES, BASIC COMMODITIES:						
22 Commodities.....1967=100..	124.5	126.2	207.8	194.9	r192.0	192.1
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	119.4	118.7	236.6	208.0	197.7	191.5
13 Raw industrials.....do.....	128.1	131.6	189.8	186.3	r188.1	192.4
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....do.....	120.0	120.7	142.7	140.2	139.5	141.8
Farm products.....do.....	125.5	128.8	213.3	200.4	188.4	184.0
Food and feeds, processed.....do.....	121.8	123.1	166.2	156.3	153.1	151.9
Industrial commodities.....do.....	118.8	119.1	127.4	128.1	129.6	133.5
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	104.4	104.7	111.0	111.5	112.7	113.5
Fuels and related products, and power.....do.....	120.6	121.3	142.9	144.8	150.5	179.2
Furniture and household durables.....do.....	112.0	112.3	115.9	116.0	116.6	117.2
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do.....	139.8	144.0	143.0	143.8	143.8	143.0
Lumber and wood products.....do.....	149.2	149.4	178.8	181.9	180.3	184.7
Machinery and equipment.....do.....	118.4	118.5	122.3	122.6	123.1	123.8
Metals and metal products.....do.....	124.1	124.1	133.7	134.4	135.9	138.5

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	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
COMMODITY PRICES--Con.						
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES--Con.						
Industrial commodities - Con.						
Nonmetallic mineral products.....1967=100..	127.3	127.3	130.0	129.9	130.9	131.5
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do.....	114.7	115.0	123.3	124.4	125.8	127.6
Rubber and plastics products.....do.....	109.5	109.8	113.1	112.8	114.0	114.8
Textile products and apparel.....do.....	114.8	115.1	125.2	126.8	128.5	130.0
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	112.9	113.0	115.1	114.5	115.9	116.1
Miscellaneous products.....1967=100..	115.0	115.0	121.0	121.1	121.0	121.3
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.833	\$0.829	\$0.701	\$0.713	\$0.717	\$0.705
DOMESTIC TRADE						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES:						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL <u>1</u> /.....mil. \$..	39,014	39,790	43,143	r40,906	r43,709	44,681
Durable goods stores.....do.....	13,569	13,229	14,654	r13,718	r15,190	14,320
Automotive group.....do.....	8,043	7,775	8,519	r7,843	r8,998	8,281
Furniture and appliance group.....do.....	1,863	1,959	2,047	r1,972	r2,057	2,142
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	1,924	1,759	2,180	r1,937	2,066	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	25,445	26,561	28,489	r27,188	r28,519	30,361
Apparel group.....do.....	1,923	2,055	1,939	r1,974	r2,024	2,257
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	1,189	1,201	1,303	r1,226	r1,304	1,304
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	2,902	2,782	3,556	r3,339	r3,343	3,203
Food group.....do.....	7,862	7,991	9,344	r8,859	r8,945	9,272
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	2,686	2,668	3,023	r2,827	r2,948	3,013
General merchandise group with nonstores.....do.....	6,540	7,487	6,915	r6,594	r7,159	8,380
ESTIMATED SALES (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL <u>1</u> /.....do.....	39,106	38,713	42,363	r42,525	r43,081	43,127
Durable goods stores.....do.....	13,168	13,173	14,481	r14,267	r14,346	14,310
Automotive group.....do.....	7,853	7,825	8,645	r8,457	8,497	.....
Furniture and appliance group.....do.....	1,846	1,846	2,025	r2,063	2,013	.....
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	1,780	1,747	1,894	r1,836	1,864	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	25,938	25,540	27,882	r28,258	r28,735	28,817
Apparel group.....do.....	1,947	1,891	1,975	r2,042	2,041	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	1,226	1,250	1,298	r1,278	1,336	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	2,873	2,913	3,158	r3,261	3,310	.....
Food group.....do.....	8,209	8,134	8,964	r8,992	9,210	.....
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	2,686	2,681	2,836	r2,876	3,017	.....
General merchandise group with nonstores.....do.....	6,548	6,354	6,923	r6,989	6,982	.....
ESTIMATED RETAIL INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Unadjusted, total.....do.....	55,075	56,816	57,152	58,530	60,873	.....
Adjusted, total.....do.....	53,934	54,658	58,797	58,811	59,785	.....
RETAIL FIRMS WITH 11 OR MORE STORES:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do.....	11,826	12,814	13,016	r12,437	13,131	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	12,202	11,944	12,820	r13,013	13,277	.....
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
LABOR FORCE, total, persons 16 years of age and over,						
not seasonally adjusted.....do.....	89,591	89,400	92,436	91,298	92,046	92,168
Civilian labor force.....do.....	87,176	86,969	90,129	89,006	89,757	89,884
Employed, total.....do.....	82,707	82,703	85,921	84,841	85,994	85,828
Agriculture.....do.....	3,721	3,363	3,826	3,436	3,525	3,419
Nonagricultural industries.....do.....	78,986	79,340	82,095	81,406	82,469	82,409
Unemployed.....do.....	4,470	4,266	4,208	4,165	3,763	4,056
Civilian labor force, seasonally adjusted.....do.....	87,236	87,023	88,651	89,403	89,764	89,952
Employed, total.....do.....	82,397	82,525	84,434	85,127	85,695	85,688
Agriculture.....do.....	3,658	3,556	3,443	3,370	3,471	3,636
Nonagricultural industries.....do.....	78,739	78,969	80,991	81,757	82,224	82,052
Unemployed.....do.....	4,839	4,498	4,217	4,276	4,069	4,264
Long-term, 15 weeks and over.....do.....	1,117	1,068	796	778	776	855
Rates (unemployed in each group as percent of total in the group):						
All civilian workers.....do.....	5.5	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.7
Men, 20 years and over.....do.....	3.9	3.5	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.0
Women, 20 years and over.....do.....	5.5	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....do.....	15.4	15.6	14.3	14.4	13.9	14.6
White.....do.....	5.0	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2
Negro and other races.....do.....	10.0	10.1	8.7	9.4	8.3	9.1
Married men.....do.....	2.8	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
Occupation: White-collar workers.....do.....	3.5	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.7
Blue-collar workers.....do.....	6.0	5.8	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.5
Industry: Private nonfarm wage and salary workers.....do.....	5.6	5.3	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.9
Construction.....do.....	10.3	10.5	8.2	9.9	9.1	9.6
Manufacturing.....do.....	5.1	4.6	4.1	4.2	3.7	4.2
Durable goods.....do.....	4.5	4.2	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLLS of nonagric. estab., total.....do.....	73,584	73,835	75,747	r75,961	r76,275	p76,476
Private sector.....do.....	60,178	60,382	62,110	r62,305	r62,601	p62,765
Nonmanufacturing industries.....do.....	40,968	41,070	42,249	r42,423	r42,594	p42,712
Goods-producing.....do.....	23,379	23,444	24,171	r24,215	r24,335	p24,401
Mining.....do.....	608	608	634	633	r639	p640
Contract construction.....do.....	3,561	3,524	3,676	r3,700	3,689	p3,708
Manufacturing.....do.....	19,210	19,312	19,861	r19,882	r20,007	p20,053
Durable goods.....do.....	11,112	11,194	11,692	r11,708	r11,800	p11,825
Nondurable goods.....do.....	8,098	8,118	8,169	r8,174	r8,207	p8,228

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ITEM	1972		1973			
	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov. p/
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS--Con.						
EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLLS (NONAG. ESTAB.), Seas. adj.--Con.						
Service-producing.....thous..	50,205	50,391	51,576	r51,746	r51,940	52,075
Transportation, communication, elec., gas, etc.....do....	4,540	4,549	4,617	r4,629	r4,670	4,647
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	15,839	15,911	16,352	r16,388	r16,472	16,540
Wholesale trade.....do....	3,958	3,963	4,099	r4,111	r4,137	4,162
Retail trade.....do....	11,881	11,948	12,253	r12,277	r12,335	12,378
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	3,969	3,981	4,064	r4,078	r4,089	4,090
Services.....do....	12,451	12,497	12,906	r12,995	r13,035	13,087
Government.....do....	13,406	13,453	13,637	r13,656	r13,674	13,711
Federal.....do....	2,639	2,644	2,599	r2,613	r2,626	2,629
State and local.....do....	10,767	10,809	11,038	r11,043	r11,048	11,082
Indexes of aggregate weekly man-hours, production or nonsuper-						
visory workers, seasonally adjusted:						
Private sector payrolls.....1967=100..	108.1	108.4	110.9	r111.4	r111.6	112.2
Mining.....do....	97.8	97.4	102.9	r103.7	r103.5	104.2
Contract construction.....do....	107.9	105.0	110.6	r110.2	r110.2	115.9
Manufacturing.....do....	98.8	97.8	101.8	102.6	103.0	103.1
Durable goods.....do....	97.8	99.2	102.6	r103.5	r104.2	104.0
Nondurable goods.....do....	100.4	100.7	100.7	r101.2	r101.3	101.9
Transportation, communication, elec., gas, etc.....do....	105.6	105.6	107.9	r107.2	r108.2	107.7
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	111.2	111.7	113.0	r113.8	r113.8	114.6
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	121.2	120.9	122.7	123.7	r122.4	122.8
Services.....do....	118.3	118.4	122.8	123.3	r123.3	123.7
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. \$..	150,576	152,968	171,978	173,035	174,840	.....
Installment credit, total.....do....	122,505	124,325	140,810	142,093	143,610	.....
Installment credit, extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	12,337	12,806	15,099	12,624	14,454	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	11,025	10,986	12,501	11,341	12,937	.....
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	12,404	12,846	14,294	13,691	14,149	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	10,908	11,128	12,399	12,332	12,449	.....

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