



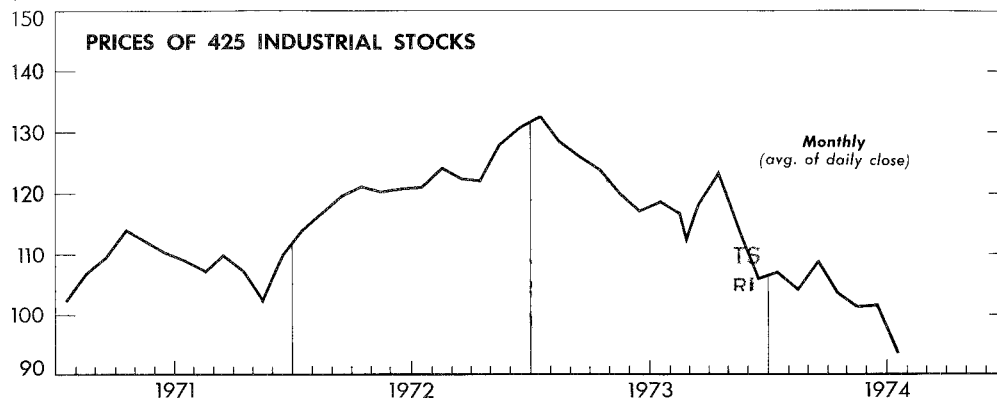
# BUSINESS STATISTICS



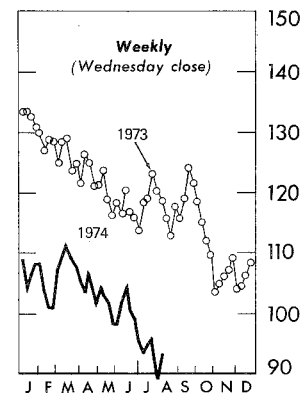
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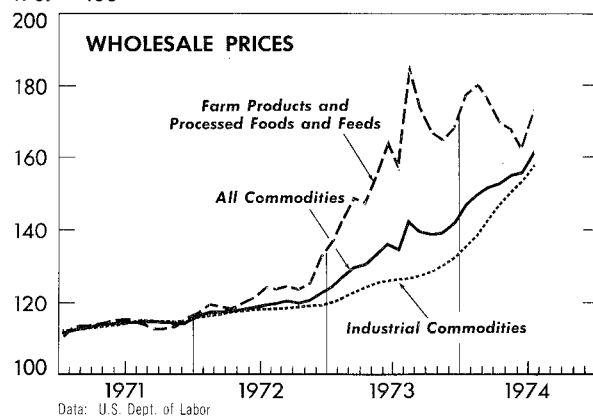
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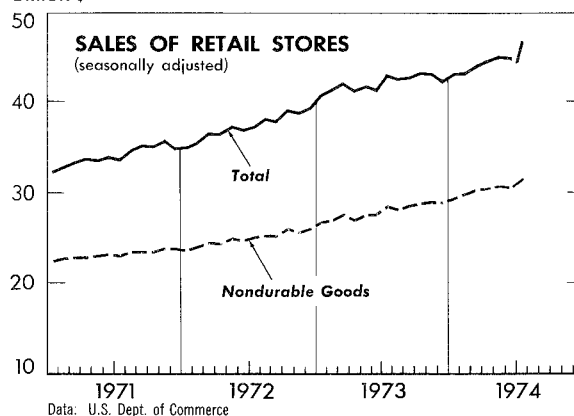
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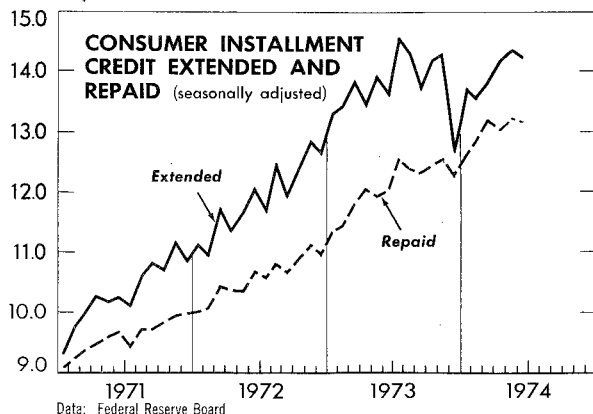
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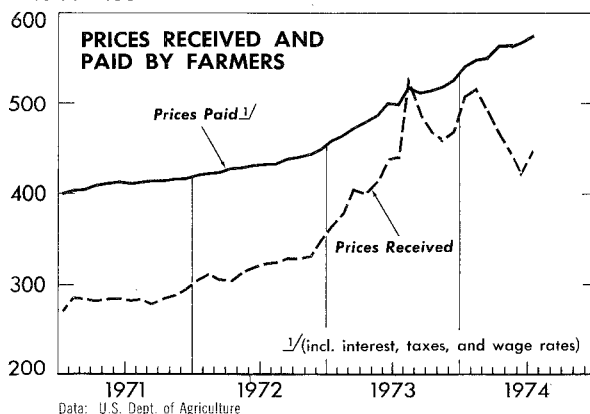
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1973		1974			
	Aug. 4	Aug. 11	July 20	July 27	Aug. 3	Aug. 10
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u> .....1967=100..	195.1	205.2	234.8	239.4	249.9	244.6
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	215.0	236.1	244.7	254.8	274.7	270.1
13 Raw Industrials.....do....	182.3	186.1	228.1	229.1	234.0	228.2
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	9,791	9,520	10,577	10,412	10,859	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	6,443	6,332	7,036	6,881	7,104	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	262	239	325	333	340	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,635	1,654	2,278	2,245	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,500	1,517	1,984	1,943	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)....number..	183	182	170	196	116	155
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. \$..	68,311	68,311	74,849	74,441	74,081	74,374
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> .....do....	82,975	82,945	92,050	91,808	91,409	90,499
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do....	33,456	33,414	37,870	37,503	37,227	36,909
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do....	75	24	21	189	192	221
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	100,262	96,356	100,967	99,585	101,409	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	57,567	57,136	57,989	57,855	57,651	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	335,213	337,333	376,207	374,921	379,772	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	22,431	22,151	20,186	19,944	20,853	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	107,593	108,084	126,553	126,132	126,267	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	51,217	51,152	58,795	58,728	58,892	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> .....percent..	7.88	7.97	9.10	9.16	9.23	9.29
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ...1941-43=10..	106.83	105.55	83.70	84.99	79.31	82.65
Industrial, 425 stocks.....do....	120.12	118.77	94.65	95.92	89.35	93.17
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	11,870	12,300	12,295	12,320	12,425	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	39,040	40,276	41,466	40,119	40,098	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	113,345	57,462	121,622	124,464	93,440	69,115
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..	9,381	9,400	8,875	8,904	8,860	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,810	2,771	2,786	2,758	2,719	2,733
Index of production.....1967=100..	115.2	113.6	114.2	113.0	111.4	112.0
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	16.3	15.9	16.3	16.4	16.5	.....

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

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1973		1974			
	Apr.	May	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	796	838	797	971	802	925
Commercial service.....do....	94	97	99	143	97	123
Construction.....do....	119	149	153	161	140	169
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	112	106	131	149	112	147
Retail trade.....do....	396	390	333	412	386	397
Wholesale trade.....do....	75	96	81	106	67	89
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	119,343	167,949	213,133	204,587	209,758	375,693
Commercial service.....do....	8,071	9,290	20,508	19,652	65,332	18,349
Construction.....do....	19,202	37,962	47,085	36,391	20,134	28,437
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	38,588	57,965	96,031	60,849	39,928	67,789
Retail trade.....do....	33,528	33,665	27,687	65,383	38,726	233,803
Wholesale trade.....do....	19,954	29,067	21,822	22,312	45,638	27,315
Failures annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	35.2	36.3	37.5	40.8	34.1	39.7
COMMODITY PRICES						
SPOT MARKET PRICES, BASIC COMMODITIES:						
22 Commodities.....1967=100..	171.2	181.9	230.8	221.6	224.4	236.9
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	172.8	187.2	220.1	215.1	219.7	250.0
13 Raw industrials.....do....	170.1	178.1	238.4	226.2	227.5	228.2
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....do....	136.0	134.3	152.7	155.0	155.7	161.7
Farm products.....do....	182.3	173.3	186.2	180.8	168.6	180.8
Food and feeds, processed.....do....	151.8	146.5	159.1	158.9	157.4	167.6
Industrial commodities.....do....	126.0	126.1	146.6	150.5	153.6	157.8
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	110.4	110.8	132.3	137.0	142.8	148.4
Fuels and related products, and power.....do....	133.4	134.7	197.9	204.3	210.5	221.7
Furniture and household durables.....do....	115.2	115.2	122.9	124.5	126.1	128.2

ITEM	1973		1974			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July
COMMODITY PRICES--Con.						
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES--Con.						
Industrial commodities--Con.						
Hides, skins, and leather products.....1967=100..	140.9	141.4	145.4	146.3	146.0	146.6
Lumber and wood products.....do.....	183.1	177.8	200.2	198.0	192.2	188.6
Machinery and equipment.....do.....	121.9	122.0	130.8	134.1	137.2	140.3
Metals and metal products.....do.....	132.5	132.8	161.2	168.7	174.0	180.3
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do.....	131.1	130.0	146.7	150.7	152.3	156.4
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do.....	122.0	122.3	144.4	146.6	147.5	153.3
Rubber and plastics products.....do.....	112.6	112.9	129.4	133.7	135.6	139.5
Textile products and apparel.....do.....	123.7	124.2	137.5	139.1	141.7	142.1
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	115.0	115.0	119.4	121.4	122.8	125.1
Motor vehicles and equipment.....1967=100..	118.9	119.0	123.3	124.9	126.1	128.5
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.735	\$0.745	\$0.655	\$0.645	\$0.642	\$0.618
DOMESTIC TRADE						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES:						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL <u>1</u> /.....mil. \$..	43,586	41,665	44,200	r47,033	r45,501	45,958
Durable goods stores.....do.....	15,410	14,518	14,445	r15,457	r15,113	15,408
Automotive group.....do.....	9,242	8,707	8,272	r8,787	r8,624	8,998
Furniture and appliance group.....do.....	2,032	1,940	2,034	r2,175	r2,128	2,145
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	2,185	2,080	2,008	r2,210	2,170	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	28,176	27,147	29,755	r31,576	r30,388	30,550
Apparel group.....do.....	1,975	1,740	2,130	r2,044	r1,987	1,866
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	1,300	1,240	1,363	r1,393	r1,369	1,341
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	3,353	3,359	3,288	r3,606	r3,683	3,739
Food group.....do.....	9,135	8,976	9,348	r10,217	r9,945	10,057
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	3,008	3,088	3,181	r3,408	r3,498	3,713
General merchandise group with nonstores.....do.....	6,771	6,269	7,166	r7,439	r7,082	6,944
ESTIMATED SALES (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL <u>1</u> /.....do.....	41,167	42,767	44,283	r44,894	r44,491	46,266
Durable goods stores.....do.....	13,731	14,409	13,941	r14,289	r14,018	14,901
Automotive group.....do.....	7,943	8,654	7,644	r7,854	7,807	.....
Furniture and appliance group.....do.....	2,006	2,000	2,163	r2,215	2,145	.....
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	1,946	1,894	2,012	r2,040	1,975	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	27,436	28,358	30,342	r30,605	r30,473	31,365
Apparel group.....do.....	1,997	2,028	2,010	r2,075	2,078	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	1,314	1,305	1,408	r1,389	1,407	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	3,085	3,122	3,429	r3,402	3,423	.....
Food group.....do.....	8,598	9,128	9,689	r9,795	9,785	.....
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	2,843	2,908	3,236	r3,312	3,383	.....
General merchandise group with nonstores.....do.....	6,939	7,051	7,438	r7,558	7,466	.....
ESTIMATED RETAIL INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Unadjusted, total.....do.....	60,395	60,008	66,299	66,818	67,156	.....
Adjusted, total.....do.....	59,788	60,213	64,855	65,615	66,580	.....
RETAIL FIRMS WITH 11 OR MORE STORES:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do.....	12,945	12,214	13,648	r14,393	13,742	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	12,634	13,161	14,008	r14,091	14,012	.....
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
LABOR FORCE, total, persons 16 years of age and over,						
not seasonally adjusted.....do.....	92,729	93,227	91,736	92,158	94,758	95,496
Civilian labor force.....do.....	90,414	90,917	89,493	89,929	92,546	93,276
Employed, total.....do.....	85,567	86,367	85,192	85,785	87,167	88,015
Agriculture.....do.....	4,053	4,165	3,437	3,604	3,895	4,024
Nonagricultural industries.....do.....	81,514	82,201	81,756	82,181	83,272	83,991
Unemployed.....do.....	4,847	4,550	4,301	4,144	5,380	5,260
Civilian labor force, seasonally adjusted.....do.....	88,818	88,828	90,313	90,679	90,919	91,167
Employed, total.....do.....	84,518	84,621	85,775	85,971	86,165	86,312
Agriculture.....do.....	3,430	3,512	3,511	3,457	3,293	3,405
Nonagricultural industries.....do.....	81,088	81,109	82,264	82,514	82,872	82,907
Unemployed.....do.....	4,300	4,207	4,538	4,708	4,754	4,855
Long-term, 15 weeks and over.....do.....	789	755	857	877	939	928
Rates (unemployed in each group as percent of total in the group):						
All civilian workers.....do.....	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.3
Men, 20 years and over.....do.....	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5
Women, 20 years and over.....do.....	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.2
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....do.....	14.0	14.4	13.8	15.8	15.6	16.2
White.....do.....	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8
Negro and other races.....do.....	8.8	9.2	8.7	9.5	8.8	9.4
Married men, wife present.....do.....	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.6
Occupation: White-collar workers.....do.....	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.3
Blue-collar workers.....do.....	5.3	5.2	6.4	5.7	6.2	6.1
Industry: Private nonfarm wage and salary workers.....do.....	4.7	4.7	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.4
Construction.....do.....	8.2	9.4	10.3	9.6	10.2	10.6
Manufacturing.....do.....	4.4	3.8	5.0	4.7	5.2	5.1
Durable goods.....do.....	3.7	3.3	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.4

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ITEM	1973		1974			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July p/
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS--Con.						
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLLS of nonagric. estab., total.....thous..	75,526	75,478	76,941	r77,136	r77,073	76,951
Private sector.....do....	61,867	61,883	62,834	r63,000	r62,947	62,820
Nonmanufacturing industries.....do....	42,011	42,079	42,913	r43,058	r42,996	42,953
Goods-producing.....do....	24,139	24,115	24,239	r24,268	r24,219	24,041
Mining.....do....	629	631	659	664	r666	674
Contract construction.....do....	3,654	3,680	3,659	r3,662	r3,602	3,500
Manufacturing.....do....	19,856	19,804	19,921	r19,942	r19,951	19,867
Durable goods.....do....	11,654	11,646	11,733	r11,746	r11,778	11,730
Nondurable goods.....do....	8,202	8,158	8,188	8,196	r8,173	8,137
Service-producing.....do....	51,387	51,363	52,702	r52,868	r52,854	52,910
Transportation, communication, elec., gas, etc.....do....	4,597	4,598	4,668	r4,664	r4,648	4,637
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	16,262	16,294	16,549	r16,594	r16,575	16,612
Wholesale trade.....do....	4,072	4,071	4,202	r4,211	r4,197	4,187
Retail trade.....do....	12,190	12,223	12,347	r12,383	r12,378	12,425
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	4,049	4,048	4,130	r4,145	r4,142	4,133
Services.....do....	12,820	12,828	13,248	r13,329	r13,363	13,397
Government.....do....	13,659	13,595	14,107	r14,136	r14,126	14,131
Federal.....do....	2,613	2,588	2,681	2,698	r2,684	2,664
State and local.....do....	11,046	11,007	11,426	r11,438	r11,442	11,467
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. \$..	167,083	169,148	179,495	181,680	183,425	.....
Installment credit, total.....do....	136,018	138,212	147,047	148,852	150,615	.....
Installment credit, extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	14,608	14,812	14,856	15,605	14,641	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	12,121	12,618	13,577	13,800	12,878	.....
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	13,646	14,542	14,179	14,669	14,387	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	12,034	12,544	13,026	13,407	13,301	.....

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