

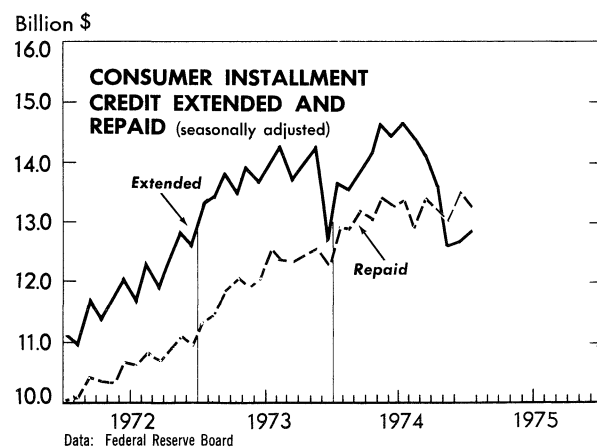
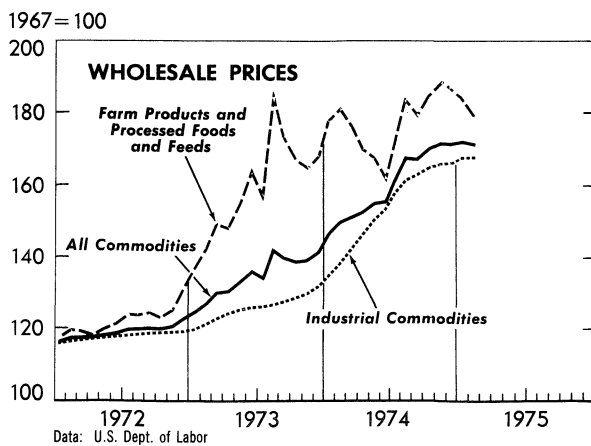
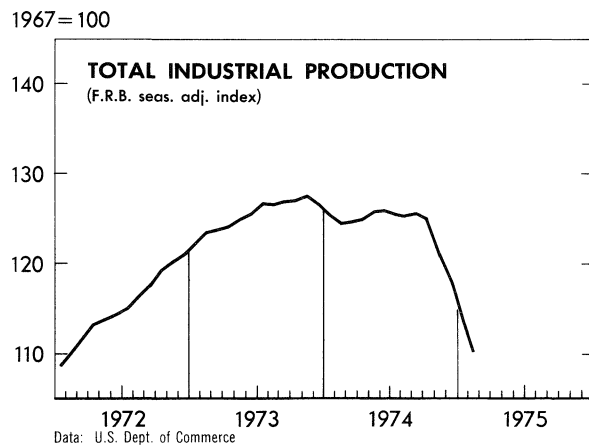
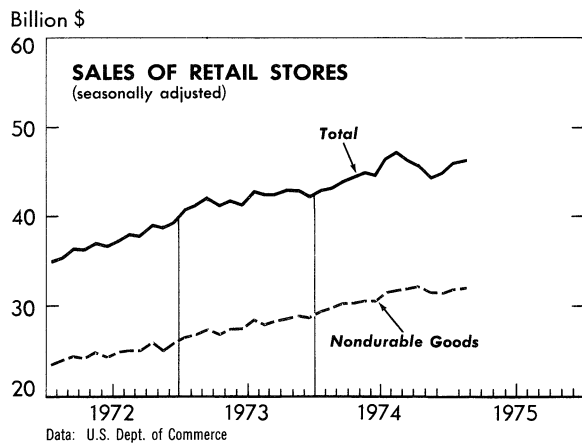
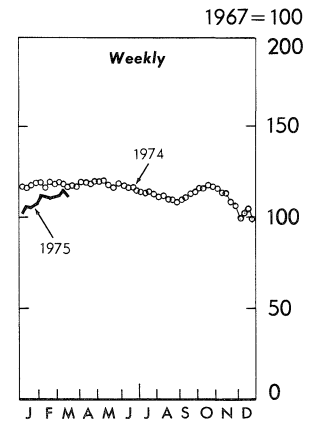
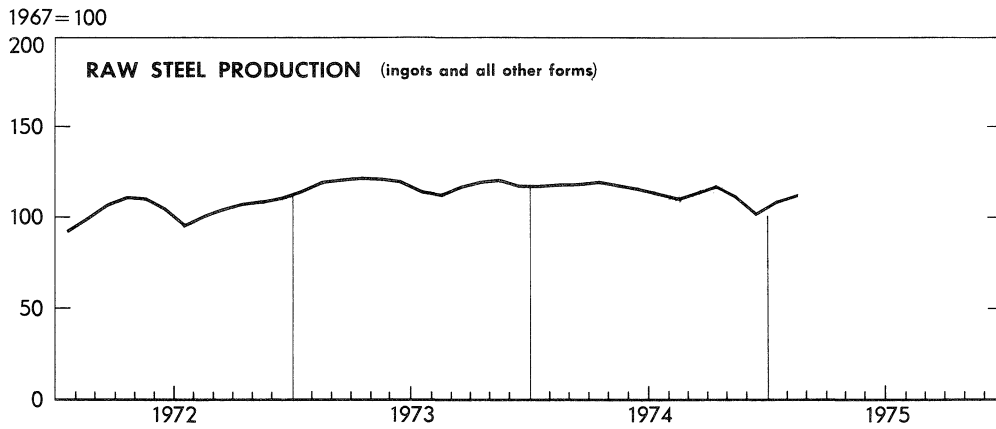


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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1974		1975			
	Mar. 9	Mar. 16	Feb. 22	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 15
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/} 1967=100..	231.5	234.6	203.5	199.0	196.0	199.8
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	226.5	228.7	239.1	228.5	218.6	227.1
13 Raw industrials.....do.....	234.8	238.6	182.0	180.8	181.7	182.7
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	9,416	9,740	9,762	10,230	10,107	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	6,574	6,626	6,799	6,831	7,150	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	310	294	568	569	566	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	2,796	2,757	5,885	5,879	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	2,577	2,533	5,218	5,173	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)....number..	217	265	221	270	266	296
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/} mil. \$..	70,577	71,193	77,319	76,993	77,049	77,757
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do....	84,072	84,248	90,670	91,576	91,193	88,595
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}.....do....	34,633	35,748	35,161	34,634	35,825	35,512
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}.....do....	118	116	203	177	428	258
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	98,526	99,148	98,992	101,220	100,774	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	57,374	57,652	59,474	59,694	60,140	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	355,655	357,208	377,968	374,593	377,927	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	26,059	25,717	24,427	24,095	25,201	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	111,405	112,740	126,083	125,957	126,166	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	55,671	55,948	59,751	59,739	59,550	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/} percent..	8.21	8.25	9.29	9.26	9.25	9.24
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/} ...1941-43=10..	97.98	99.74	81.44	80.37	82.90	83.59
Industrial, 425 stocks.....do....	109.51	111.65	90.86	89.73	92.70	93.60
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	11,350	11,305	12,185	12,875	12,980	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	33,443	34,314	35,585	35,392	36,206	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	143,605	120,098	90,841	96,292	102,125	130,845
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. bbl..	9,140	9,085	8,458	8,444	8,453	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,896	2,839	2,710	2,723	2,785	2,718
Index of production... 1967=100..	118.7	116.4	111.1	111.6	114.2	111.4
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	16.8	16.7	14.3	15.2	14.9	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1974				1975	
	Jan	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb. ^{p/}
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F. R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT):						
SEASONALLY ADJ., TOTAL INDEX (INCL. UTIL.).....1967=100..	125.4	124.6	121.7	r117.7	113.7	110.3
BY MARKET GROUPINGS:						
Products, total.....do....	123.0	122.4	121.4	r118.5	r115.7	113.0
Final products.....do....	121.3	120.6	120.9	r118.1	r115.0	112.5
Consumer goods.....do....	129.2	128.3	r126.3	r123.2	r120.1	117.9
Durable consumer goods.....do....	128.2	126.4	r119.7	r110.5	r105.4	101.0
Automotive products.....do....	108.0	106.6	r102.1	r87.5	r82.8	78.1
Autos.....do....	90.0	86.4	91.0	69.8	r62.6	59.2
Auto parts and allied goods.....do....	142.6	145.5	r123.6	r121.5	r121.6	118.6
Home goods.....do....	139.6	137.5	r129.7	r123.5	r118.2	114.0
Nondurable consumer goods.....do....	129.5	129.1	128.8	r128.1	r125.6	124.4
Clothing.....do....	116.3	114.5	r103.1	101.8	.....	.....
Consumer staples.....do....	133.0	133.0	r135.6	r135.1	r133.9	132.9
Equipment.....do....	109.8	109.9	113.2	110.8	r108.0	105.2
Business.....do....	126.8	127.3	r131.0	r127.2	r122.5	119.4
Defense and space equipment.....do....	81.4	80.9	r83.7	r83.5	83.6	81.6
Intermediate products.....do....	129.2	129.1	r123.0	r120.1	r118.4	115.1
Materials.....do....	129.7	128.3	r122.1	116.3	r110.4	106.2
Durable goods materials.....do....	129.8	127.3	r123.5	r116.7	r110.3	105.0
Nondurable goods materials.....do....	131.1	131.1	r122.1	r116.5	109.0	105.4
Fuel and power, industrial.....do....	121.5	122.5	r112.7	113.1	r119.2	117.8
BY INDUSTRY GROUPINGS:						
MANUFACTURING, TOTAL.....do....	125.3	124.5	r120.9	r116.3	r112.2	108.9
Durable manufactures.....do....	121.0	119.4	117.9	r112.3	108.1	104.1
Primary metals.....do....	129.5	125.0	r121.0	r109.8	r105.0	101.4
Fabricated metal products.....do....	131.4	130.6	r128.2	r124.1	r119.7	113.9
Machinery.....do....	128.6	127.2	128.9	r124.6	r119.4	114.8
Transportation equipment.....do....	95.7	93.9	r93.7	r83.6	r79.6	76.0
Instruments.....do....	143.0	142.8	r142.3	r138.5	r137.9	132.0
Lumber and products.....do....	126.1	127.1	105.2	r101.0	95.6	.....
Clay, glass, and stone products.....do....	131.8	127.6	r118.8	r117.6	114.0
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	124.2	125.4	r120.5	120.4	114.3

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F.R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT)--Con.						
SEASONALLY ADJ., TOTAL INDEX (INCL. UTIL.)--Con.						
BY INDUSTRY GROUPINGS--Con.						
MANUFACTURING--Con.						
Nondurable manufactures.....1967=100..	131.4	131.5	r125.4	r122.0	r118.3	116.0
Textile mill products.....do....	128.4	127.6	r112.8	r105.6	96.2	.....
Apparel products.....do....	116.4	113.6	r100.1	96.0	.....	.....
Leather and products.....do....	77.6	83.7	r74.7	r69.7	64.4	.....
Paper and products.....do....	138.7	137.6	r124.3	r116.3	108.5	.....
Printing and publishing.....do....	110.4	111.9	r110.0	r109.8	r108.5	106.6
Chemicals and products.....do....	154.9	155.3	r148.3	r143.4	r139.4	137.1
Petroleum products.....do....	120.5	116.9	r127.0	126.2	r126.3	123.2
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	164.3	163.5	r155.7	r149.2	141.0	.....
Foods.....do....	126.3	127.2	r125.4	r125.6	r125.1	124.5
Tobacco products.....do....	113.3	112.1	103.8	96.2	.....	.....
MINING.....do....	109.9	111.7	r105.0	r105.1	r108.9	108.0
Metal mining.....do....	135.2	132.2	136.8	r134.7	131.9	.....
Coal.....do....	108.7	112.7	67.6	r81.7	111.5	113.0
Oil and gas extraction.....do....	106.8	109.1	r106.4	r105.2	r105.9	105.2
UTILITIES.....do....	144.9	146.1	152.3	150.7	r145.7	145.8
Electric.....do....	153.0	154.6	r162.9	160.7	.....	.....
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS.....1910-14=100..						
Crops.....do....	470	497	506	479	462	428
Commercial vegetables.....do....	352	407	431	378	460	484
Cotton.....do....	429	439	416	369	355	270
Feed grains and hay.....do....	376	400	485	475	450	419
Food grains.....do....	620	649	552	526	471	458
Fruit.....do....	339	332	348	312	330	321
Tobacco.....do....	762	764	900	926	902	778
Livestock and products.....do....	534	527	423	425	423	419
Dairy products.....do....	523	524	496	492	r488	487
Meat animals.....do....	680	668	486	488	487	483
Poultry and eggs.....do....	255	252	227	233	232	225
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do....	469	r476	537	540	537	535
Family living items.....do....	481	r493	552	557	557	562
Production items.....do....	461	r464	526	528	523	516
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	r542	r549	r613	r616	r617	615
PARITY RATIO.....do....	r93	r93	r75	r73	r71	69
SPOT MARKET PRICES, BASIC COMMODITIES:						
22 Commodities.....1967=100..	213.3	232.0	227.8	213.1	205.1	201.9
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	209.4	231.9	282.0	264.4	247.2	236.1
13 Raw industrials.....do....	215.9	232.0	196.4	183.4	180.1	181.1
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....do....						
Farm products.....do....	146.6	149.5	171.9	171.5	171.8	171.3
Food and feeds, processed.....do....	202.6	205.6	187.8	183.7	179.7	174.6
Industrial commodities.....do....	162.1	164.7	189.7	188.2	186.4	182.6
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	135.3	138.2	165.8	166.1	167.5	168.4
Fuels and related products, and power.....do....	118.2	120.2	172.9	174.0	176.0	178.1
Furniture and household durables.....do....	162.5	177.4	227.4	229.0	232.2	232.3
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	119.0	120.2	136.9	137.7	138.8	139.1
Lumber and wood products.....do....	142.6	143.4	144.5	143.2	142.1	141.7
Machinery and equipment.....do....	183.7	184.1	165.8	165.4	164.7	169.3
Metals and metal products.....do....	126.0	127.0	152.7	154.0	156.6	157.7
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do....	145.0	148.0	186.7	184.6	185.5	186.3
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	138.7	142.1	163.4	164.3	168.5	170.3
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	131.8	132.9	166.9	167.2	169.8	169.8
Textile products and apparel.....do....	117.7	119.8	148.5	149.4	149.6	150.0
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	133.8	135.2	139.8	138.4	137.5	136.5
Motor vehicles and equipment.....1967=100..	118.6	118.9	135.1	137.0	137.1	138.2
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--	122.9	123.1	138.9	140.7	140.2	141.5
Wholesale prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.682	\$0.669	\$0.582	\$0.583	\$0.582	\$0.584
DOMESTIC TRADE						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES;						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL 1/ mil. \$..						
Durable goods stores.....do....	37,923	36,668	46,351	r52,253	r41,256	39,215
Automotive group.....do....	11,477	11,293	13,085	r13,353	r12,014	11,924
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	6,470	6,391	6,965	r6,239	r6,720	6,900
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....	1,928	1,803	2,159	r2,533	r1,936	1,781
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	1,453	1,496	1,897	r1,760	1,480	.....
Apparel group.....do....	26,446	25,375	33,266	r38,900	r29,242	27,291
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	1,700	1,518	2,191	r3,358	r1,800	1,588
Eating and drinking places.....do....	1,267	1,255	1,378	r1,914	r1,391	1,333
Food group.....do....	2,995	2,854	3,592	r3,621	r3,437	3,267
Gasoline service stations.....do....	9,145	8,750	10,705	r10,678	r10,531	9,728
General merchandise group with nonstores.....do....	2,793	2,692	3,400	r3,406	r3,266	3,019
	5,511	5,315	8,751	r12,036	r5,612	5,380

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DOMESTIC TRADE--Con.						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES--Con.						
ESTIMATED SALES (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL 1/..... mil. \$..	42,932	43,134	44,469	r44,821	r45,894	46,105
Durable goods stores.....do....	13,525	13,327	12,975	r13,266	r14,026	14,150
Automotive group.....do....	7,474	7,236	6,919	r7,358	7,682	.....
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	2,058	2,032	2,067	r2,004	2,046	.....
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....	1,858	1,961	1,892	r1,843	1,871	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	29,407	29,807	31,494	r31,555	r31,868	31,955
Apparel group.....do....	2,053	2,074	1,982	r2,032	2,153	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	1,323	1,370	1,402	r1,461	1,449	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	3,331	3,326	3,715	r3,721	3,777	.....
Food group.....do....	9,551	9,634	10,455	r10,330	10,635	.....
Gasoline service stations.....do....	2,952	3,059	3,397	r3,399	3,452	.....
General merchandise group with nonstores.....do....	7,234	7,237	7,409	r7,371	7,290	.....
ESTIMATED RETAIL INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Unadjusted, total.....do....	63,234	64,815	77,457	72,751	71,706	.....
Adjusted, total.....do....	65,362	65,669	74,836	74,872	74,024	.....
RETAIL FIRMS WITH 11 OR MORE STORES:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do....	11,656	11,245	15,745	r19,080	12,701	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	13,716	13,762	14,305	r14,166	14,406	.....
FINANCE						
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT - AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. \$..	178,686	177,522	188,084	190,121	187,080	.....
Installment credit, total.....do....	146,575	145,927	155,166	156,124	153,952	.....
Installment credit, extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	12,375	11,227	12,431	14,271	11,561	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	13,237	11,875	12,593	13,313	13,733	.....
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	13,714	13,541	12,609	12,702	12,859
Repaid, total.....do....	12,797	12,870	13,009	13,516	13,260

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