



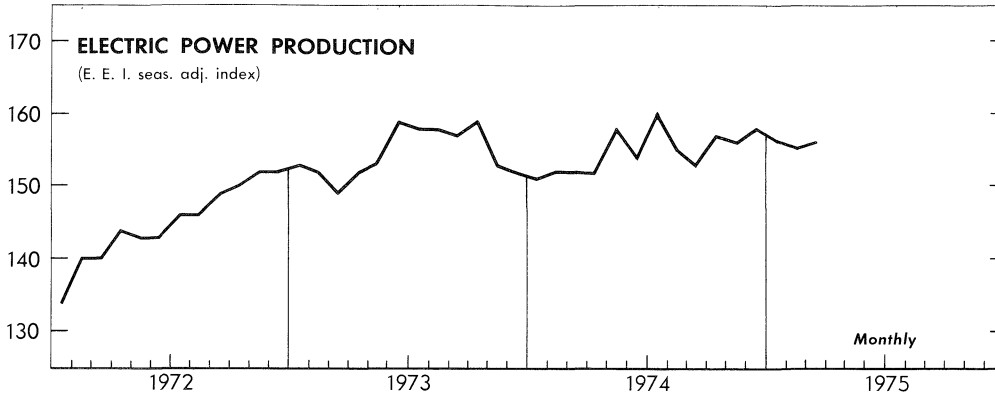
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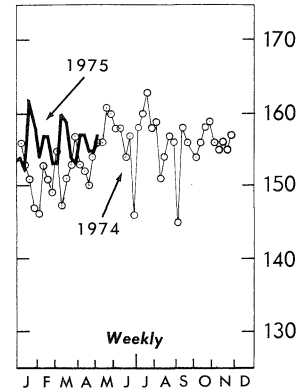
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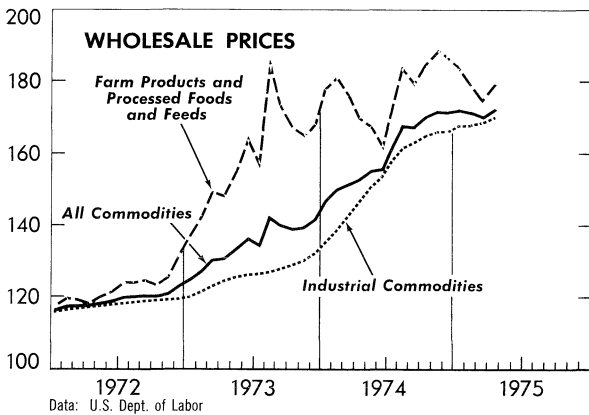
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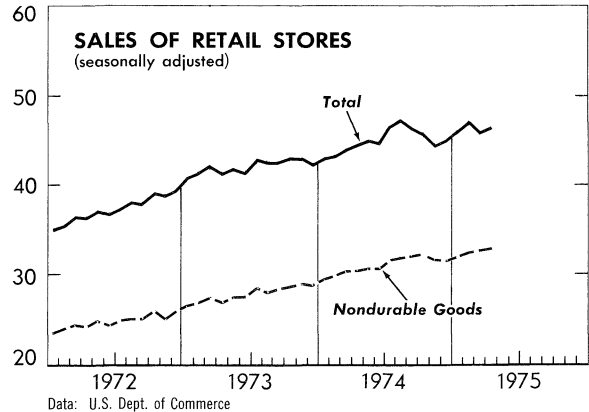
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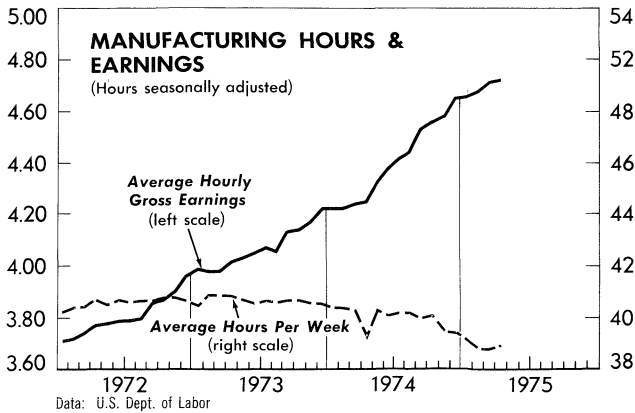
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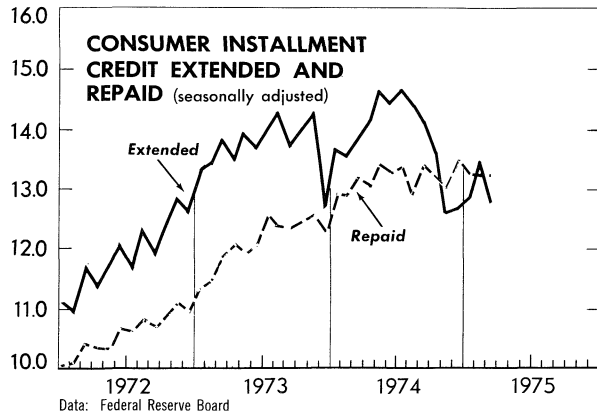
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1974		1975			
	May 4	May 11	Apr. 19	Apr. 26	May 3	May 10
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <sup>2/</sup> .....1967=100..	229.4	224.1	201.6	202.2	198.9	195.4
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	221.9	214.3	225.9	223.8	215.5	210.2
13 Raw industrials.....do.....	234.6	231.0	186.3	188.3	188.1	185.6
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	10,546	10,578	10,862	10,935	11,392	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	7,040	7,167	7,387	7,381	7,675	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	244	249	456	430	421	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	2,392	2,324	5,663	5,565	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	2,038	1,977	4,790	4,676	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	170	240	294	313	315	243
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <sup>3/</sup> .....mil. \$..	72,048	72,463	78,778	78,478	78,123	78,412
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	88,365	88,238	90,719	93,745	97,578	98,456
Member bank reserve balances <sup>3/</sup> .....do.....	36,845	36,336	35,213	35,301	35,512	35,320
Excess reserves, estimated <sup>3/</sup> .....do.....	177	136	136	143	208	386
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <sup>4/</sup>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do.....	102,239	98,142	105,614	102,518	102,825	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	57,783	57,926	62,273	62,327	62,389	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	368,198	367,911	378,117	373,626	375,530	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	23,024	22,847	28,968	27,931	28,481	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	121,012	121,578	125,998	125,291	125,413	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	56,651	56,880	59,489	59,459	59,358	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <sup>3/</sup> .....percent..	8.62	8.64	9.50	9.53	9.57	9.56
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <sup>4/</sup> ...1941-43=100..	92.22	91.64	86.60	86.12	87.30	89.08
Industrial, 425 stocks.....do.....	103.97	103.30	97.50	96.98	98.42	100.45
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	13,085	12,945	13,405	13,205	12,950	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	33,520	33,769	33,502	33,327	33,702	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	155,070	172,049	140,204	137,448	145,045	149,894
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. bbl..	9,001	8,972	8,352	8,387	8,476	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,911	2,915	2,491	2,488	2,436	2,319
Index of production.....1967=100..	119.3	119.5	102.1	102.0	99.8	95.1
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	17.5	17.5	14.9	15.1	15.2	.....

<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	1974		1975			
	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
COMMODITY PRICES						
SPOT MARKET PRICES, BASIC COMMODITIES:						
22 Commodities.....1967=100..	233.0	230.8	205.1	201.9	198.6	201.2
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	226.8	220.1	247.2	236.1	224.5	224.6
13 Raw industrials.....do.....	237.2	238.4	180.1	181.1	182.3	186.4
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....do.....	151.4	152.7	171.8	171.3	170.4	172.1
Farm products.....do.....	197.0	186.2	179.7	174.6	171.1	177.7
Food and feeds, processed.....do.....	163.0	159.1	186.4	182.6	177.3	179.4
Industrial commodities.....do.....	142.4	146.6	167.5	168.4	168.9	169.7
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	127.3	132.3	176.0	178.1	181.8	182.4
Fuels and related products, and power.....do.....	189.0	197.9	232.2	232.3	233.0	236.5
Furniture and household durables.....do.....	121.3	122.9	138.8	139.1	138.5	138.5
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do.....	143.4	145.4	142.1	141.7	143.2	147.5
Lumber and wood products.....do.....	191.3	200.2	164.7	169.3	169.6	174.9
Machinery and equipment.....do.....	129.0	130.8	156.6	157.7	158.8	159.7
Metals and metal products.....do.....	154.7	161.2	185.5	186.3	186.1	185.7
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do.....	144.2	146.7	168.5	170.3	170.8	173.0
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do.....	137.2	144.4	169.8	169.8	170.0	169.7
Rubber and plastics products.....do.....	123.8	129.4	149.6	150.0	149.7	149.4
Textile products and apparel.....do.....	136.1	137.5	137.5	136.5	134.3	134.4
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	119.1	119.4	137.1	138.2	139.5	139.9
Motor vehicles and equipment.....1967=100..	123.2	123.3	140.2	141.5	143.0	143.0
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.661	\$0.655	\$0.582	\$0.584	\$0.587	\$0.581
DOMESTIC TRADE						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES:						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL <sup>1/</sup> .....mil. \$..	42,709	44,200	41,315	r39,802	r44,941	45,728
Durable goods stores.....do.....	13,603	14,445	12,051	r12,279	r13,237	14,164
Automotive dealers.....do.....	7,798	8,272	6,732	r7,258	r7,610	8,094
Furniture, home furn., and equip. stores.....do....	2,077	2,034	1,931	r1,793	r1,975	1,944
Building materials and hardware dealers.....do.....	1,781	2,008	1,498	1,439	1,642	.....

<sup>r/</sup> Revised. <sup>1/</sup> Data for April 1975 are advance estimates.

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DOMESTIC TRADE--Con.						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES--Con.						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED)--Con. 1/						
Nondurable goods stores..... mil. \$..	29,106	29,755	29,264	r27,523	r31,704	31,564
Apparel and accessory stores.....do....	1,848	2,130	1,770	r1,606	r2,092	1,972
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	1,329	1,363	1,379	r1,332	r1,439	1,456
Eating and drinking places.....do....	3,238	3,288	3,443	r3,288	r3,646	3,718
Food stores.....do....	9,734	9,348	10,568	r9,678	r10,818	10,326
Gasoline service stations.....do....	3,088	3,181	3,278	r3,053	r3,360	3,441
General merchandise group with nonstores.....do....	6,735	7,166	5,588	5,524	r7,048	7,163
ESTIMATED SALES (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL 1/.....do....	43,872	44,283	45,955	r46,819	r45,937	46,584
Durable goods stores.....do....	12,660	13,941	14,075	r14,569	r13,326	13,665
Automotive dealers.....do....	7,403	7,644	7,696	r8,325	7,308	.....
Furniture, home furn., and equip. stores.....do....	2,191	2,163	2,040	r2,051	2,049	.....
Building materials and hardware dealers.....do....	2,028	2,012	1,895	r1,892	1,833	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	30,212	30,342	31,880	r32,250	r32,611	32,919
Apparel and accessory stores.....do....	2,149	2,010	2,118	r2,189	2,114	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	1,376	1,408	1,436	r1,449	1,497	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do....	3,318	3,429	3,784	r3,828	3,798	.....
Food stores.....do....	9,594	9,689	10,672	r10,643	10,917	.....
Gasoline service stations.....do....	3,154	3,236	3,465	r3,465	3,432	.....
General merchandise group with nonstores.....do....	7,543	7,438	7,261	r7,533	7,610	.....
ESTIMATED RETAIL INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Unadjusted, total.....do....	67,002	67,759	71,706	72,003	73,169	.....
Adjusted, total.....do....	66,195	66,355	74,024	72,918	72,273	.....
RETAIL FIRMS WITH 11 OR MORE STORES:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do....	13,414	13,648	12,693	r12,047	14,475	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	14,036	14,008	14,390	r14,661	15,017	.....
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLLS OF NONAGRIC. ESTAB., SEAS. ADJ....thous..						
Private sector.....do....	78,089	78,226	77,227	r76,708	r76,346	76,293
Nonmanufacturing industries.....do....	63,986	64,069	62,597	r61,923	r61,545	61,450
Goods-producing.....do....	43,870	43,922	43,879	r43,626	r43,391	43,392
Mining.....do....	24,880	24,899	23,207	r22,595	r22,338	22,220
Contract construction.....do....	662	665	700	r702	r706	700
Manufacturing.....do....	4,102	4,087	3,789	r3,596	r3,478	3,462
Durable goods.....do....	20,116	20,147	18,718	r18,297	r18,154	18,058
Nondurable goods.....do....	11,862	11,913	11,010	r10,722	r10,641	10,534
Service-producing.....do....	8,254	8,234	7,708	r7,575	r7,513	7,524
Transportation, communication, electric, gas, etc.....do....	53,209	53,327	54,020	r54,113	r54,008	54,073
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	4,708	4,704	4,607	r4,561	r4,511	4,499
Wholesale trade.....do....	16,914	16,945	16,863	r16,832	r16,788	16,794
Retail trade.....do....	4,237	4,251	4,242	r4,222	r4,207	4,207
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	12,677	12,694	12,621	r12,610	r12,581	12,587
Services.....do....	4,145	4,154	4,173	r4,164	r4,156	4,164
Government.....do....	13,339	13,367	13,747	r13,771	r13,752	13,773
Federal.....do....	14,103	14,157	14,630	r14,785	r14,801	14,843
State and local.....do....	2,699	2,705	2,733	r2,733	r2,732	2,734
Production or nonsupervisory workers on payrolls of private nonagricultural establishments, seas. adj.:	11,404	11,452	11,897	r12,052	12,069	12,109
Employees, total.....thous..	52,907	52,958	51,445	r50,768	r50,430	50,345
Manufacturing.....do....	14,719	14,744	13,392	r12,996	r12,871	12,804
Durable goods.....do....	8,645	8,693	7,838	r7,567	7,502	7,416
Average weekly hours per worker, seasonally adjusted:						
Total private.....hours..	36.7	36.6	36.2	r36.0	35.9	36.0
Contract construction.....do....	36.7	36.3	37.1	36.6	r34.9	36.9
Manufacturing.....do....	40.3	39.3	39.2	38.8	r38.8	39.0
Overtime hours.....do....	3.6	2.8	2.3	r2.3	r2.3	2.2
Durable goods.....do....	40.9	39.7	40.0	r39.6	r39.4	39.6
Overtime hours.....do....	3.7	2.9	2.5	r2.4	r2.3	2.3
Hourly earnings, average, seasonally adjusted:						
Total private nonfarm payrolls.....dollars..	4.10	4.11	4.39	r4.42	r4.44	4.45
Mining.....do....	5.03	5.08	5.61	r5.71	r5.77	5.75
Contract construction.....do....	6.57	6.60	7.03	r6.97	7.15	7.16
Manufacturing.....do....	4.24	4.25	4.62	4.67	r4.71	4.72
Transportation, communication, elec., gas, etc.....do....	5.28	5.29	5.63	r5.68	r5.73	5.72
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	3.36	3.37	3.63	3.67	3.67	3.68
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	3.70	3.71	3.96	r4.02	r4.07	4.03
Services.....do....	3.65	3.68	3.90	r3.95	3.96	3.96
Indexes of average hourly earnings, seasonally adjusted:						
Private nonfarm economy (prod. or nonsupervisory workers):						
Current dollars..... 1967=100..	153.6	154.3	165.9	r167.2	r168.8	168.8
Mining.....do....	157.4	158.8	174.9	r177.9	r178.8	178.7
Contract construction.....do....	159.0	159.7	170.2	r168.9	r172.9	173.6
Manufacturing.....do....	150.6	151.7	164.6	165.9	r167.6	168.3
Transportation, communication, elec., gas, etc.....do....	163.3	163.5	173.8	r175.2	r176.9	176.7
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	150.2	150.6	162.6	r164.0	r164.6	164.6
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	143.9	144.4	155.0	r157.2	r159.3	157.5
Services.....do....	158.4	159.3	169.1	r171.0	r171.8	171.1

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FINANCE						
AGRICULTURAL LOANS AND DISCOUNTS OUTSTANDING OF AGENCIES SUPERVISED BY THE FARM CREDIT ADM.:						
Total, end of month..... mil. \$..	23,171	23,641	27,964	28,304	28,808	.....
Farm mortgage loans: Federal land banks.....do....	11,467	11,878	14,086	14,326	14,641	.....
Loans to cooperatives.....do....	3,143	2,891	3,910	3,821	3,741	.....
Other loans and discounts.....do....	8,561	8,872	9,968	10,157	10,426	.....
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT - AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Total outstanding, end of month.....mil. \$..	177,572	179,495	187,080	185,381	184,253	.....
Installment credit, total.....do....	145,768	147,047	153,952	152,712	151,477	.....
Installment credit, extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	13,246	14,856	11,561	11,031	12,411	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	13,405	13,577	13,733	12,271	13,646	.....
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	13,823	14,179	12,859	13,465	12,797	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	13,206	13,026	13,260	13,228	13,234	.....
SECURITY MARKETS:						
STOCKS:						
Prices:						
Dow-Jones average (65 stocks).....	277.49	264.53	215.31	231.85	240.18	244.32
Industrial (30 stocks).....	874.00	847.79	659.09	724.89	765.06	790.93
Public utility (15 stocks).....	92.79	85.48	77.46	81.02	78.90	75.77
Transportation (20 stocks).....	193.83	181.13	153.06	159.91	162.28	166.35
Standard & Poor's Corporation:						
Industrial, public utility, and railroad:						
Combined index (500 stocks).....1941-43=10..	97.44	92.46	72.56	80.10	83.78	84.72
Industrial, total (425 stocks).....do....	108.98	103.66	80.50	89.29	93.90	95.27
Capital goods (116 stocks).....do....	109.22	104.19	77.10	88.50	92.78	96.76
Consumers' goods (184 stocks).....do....	92.24	87.73	67.91	75.06	80.42	80.75
Public utility (55 stocks).....do....	47.90	44.03	38.19	40.37	39.55	38.19
Railroad (20 stocks).....do....	42.80	40.26	37.31	37.80	38.35	38.55
Banks:						
New York City (9 stocks).....do....	67.63	63.93	50.58	53.46	52.58	54.75
Outside New York City (16 stocks).....do....	110.38	103.39	73.52	76.33	76.76	79.64
Property liability insurance (16 stocks).....do....	103.67	96.25	81.68	84.98	86.29	84.76

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