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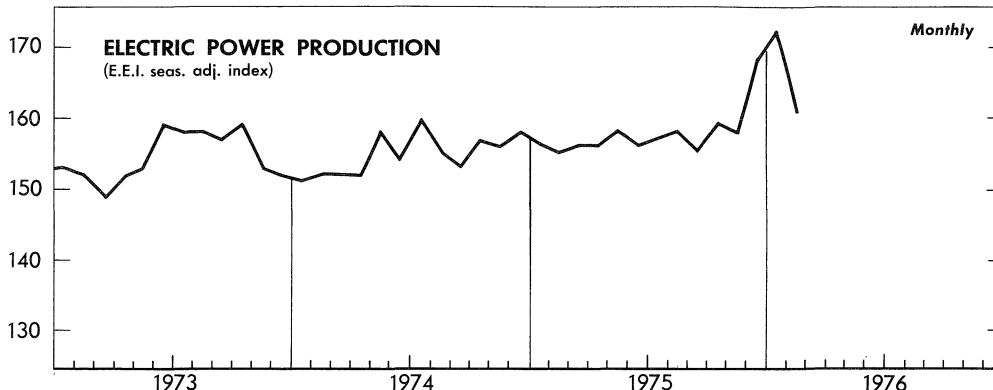


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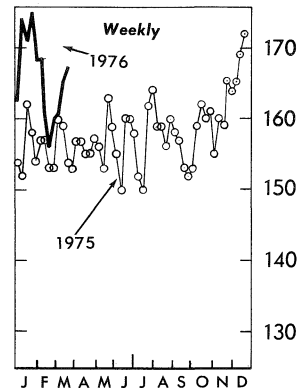
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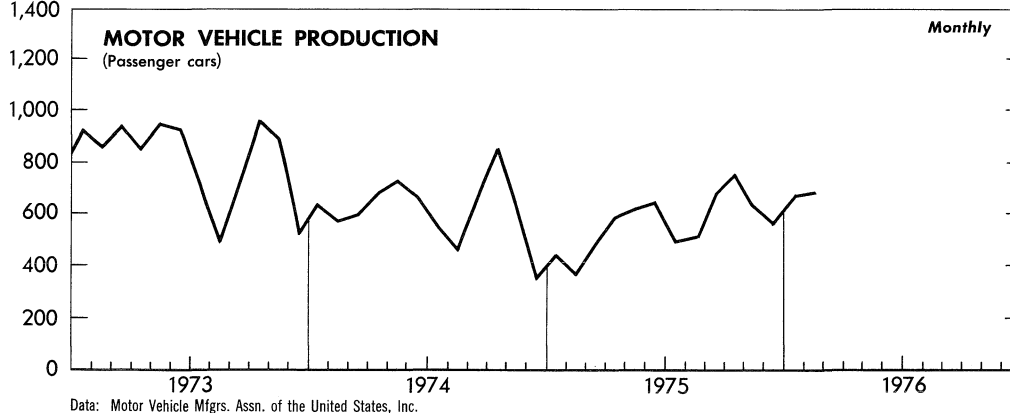
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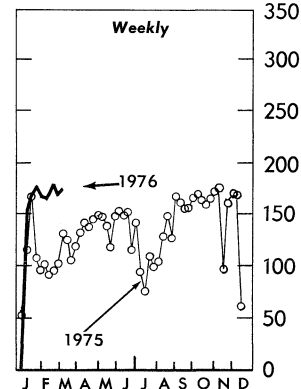
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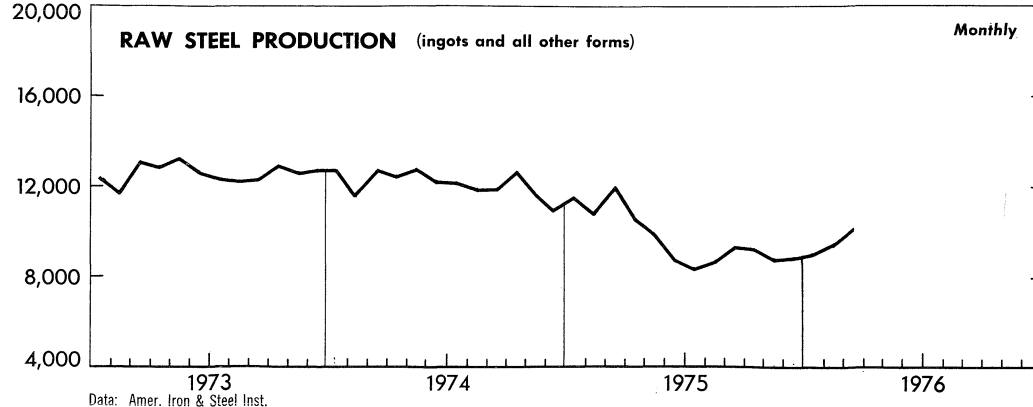
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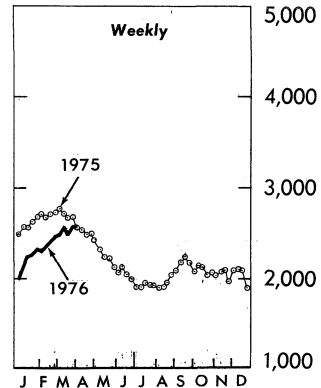
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1975		1976			
	Mar. 29	Apr. 5	Mar. 13	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 3
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u> .....1967=100..	200.8	203.5	195.3	196.9	197.1	197.3
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	229.6	232.8	201.9	199.9	199.9	198.4
13 Raw industrials.....do....	183.0	185.4	190.7	194.8	195.1	196.4
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	10,849	10,394	11,559	11,932	12,040	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	7,635	7,345	7,698	7,917	7,834	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	477	506	343	330	314	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	5,853	5,820	4,461	4,360	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	5,020	4,959	3,492	3,402	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	247	257	208	261	304	194
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. \$..	77,767	78,030	84,787	85,260	85,181	e85,154
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> .....do....	92,719	92,679	99,383	99,776	103,133	101,867
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do....	34,819	35,087	33,396	33,958	33,606	34,244
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do....	144	279	115	252	170	424
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	102,498	104,863	104,131	103,327	103,365	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	62,032	62,238	76,469	76,948	77,394	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	377,127	377,216	381,558	379,940	377,608	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	27,409	27,855	40,265	41,747	41,450	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	125,964	125,970	115,919	115,768	115,733	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	59,968	59,474	59,614	59,660	59,668	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> .....percent..	9.34	9.38	9.20	9.18	9.14	9.10
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ....1941-43=10..	83.59	82.43	100.94	100.86	103.42	102.77
Industrial, 425 stocks.....do....	93.89	92.47	113.57	113.48	116.57	115.66
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	11,920	11,250	13,235	13,340	14,070	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	34,116	34,684	37,511	37,307	36,012	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	105,821	118,645	184,634	177,979	183,850	189,936
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..	8,385	8,399	8,049	8,049	8,049	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,673	2,563	2,538	2,508	2,592	2,588
Rate of capability utilization <u>5/</u> .....percent..	.....	.....	85.0	84.0	86.8	85.7
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	13.7	13.7	15.0	15.1	15.5	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday price. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data. 5/ Capability for a full order book based on current availability of raw materials, fuels, supplies, and industry facilities. e/ Estimated.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1975				1976	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS;						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL..... mil. \$..	74,035	80,210	86,312	82,693	r83,362	91,874
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	37,371	40,574	42,329	40,760	41,265	46,111
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	1,857	1,913	2,233	1,966	r2,016	2,191
Primary metals.....do....	7,084	7,133	6,251	5,876	6,554	6,877
Fabricated metal products.....do....	4,579	4,830	5,191	5,152	r5,106	5,663
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	6,927	7,758	7,255	7,413	r7,162	7,994
Electrical machinery.....do....	4,674	5,241	5,684	5,471	r5,298	5,924
Transportation equipment.....do....	7,550	8,560	9,852	9,229	9,695	11,371
Instruments and related products.....do....	1,215	1,290	1,549	1,565	r1,425	1,484
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	36,664	39,636	43,983	41,933	r42,097	45,763
Food and kindred products.....do....	12,846	13,629	14,258	13,867	r13,726	14,292
Tobacco products.....do....	568	586	723	651	r615	603
Textile mill products.....do....	2,060	2,287	3,177	3,026	r2,971	3,239
Paper and allied products.....do....	3,104	3,293	3,650	3,475	r3,602	3,969
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	6,292	7,019	7,427	7,151	r7,385	8,223
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	4,847	4,985	5,916	5,858	r5,839	6,187
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,816	1,923	2,037	1,825	r1,932	2,215
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	79,292	79,354	86,515	87,616	r89,276	90,959
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	40,305	40,132	42,352	43,681	44,570	45,687
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,144	2,072	2,263	2,223	r2,329	2,374
Primary metals.....do....	7,299	6,992	6,415	6,409	6,775	6,749
Fabricated metal products.....do....	5,062	4,902	5,250	5,396	r5,621	5,735
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	7,385	7,415	7,832	7,730	r7,654	7,662
Electrical machinery.....do....	5,114	5,197	5,526	5,434	r5,813	5,875
Transportation equipment.....do....	8,045	8,323	9,103	10,296	10,268	11,076
Instruments and related products.....do....	1,351	1,328	1,520	1,580	r1,585	1,529

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ITEM	1975				1976	
	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. \$..	38,987	39,222	44,163	43,935	r44,706	45,272
Food and kindred products.....do....	13,690	13,656	14,064	14,007	r14,597	14,349
Tobacco products.....do....	603	616	718	667	r652	634
Textile mill products.....do....	2,241	2,309	3,138	3,122	r3,228	3,266
Paper and allied products.....do....	3,215	3,230	3,712	3,686	r3,729	3,892
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	6,775	6,863	7,814	8,016	r7,931	8,040
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	4,835	4,854	5,967	5,784	r5,818	6,024
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,957	1,899	2,113	2,021	r2,084	2,189
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	151,943	152,692	146,101	146,177	r147,458	147,969
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	99,005	100,403	95,429	95,167	r95,625	96,011
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	52,938	52,289	50,672	51,010	r51,833	51,958
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	151,624	151,993	146,671	146,574	r147,030	147,204
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	99,124	100,082	95,953	95,754	r95,664	95,667
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	3,760	3,741	3,585	3,630	r3,632	3,580
Primary metals.....do....	12,446	13,015	13,898	13,924	r13,903	13,926
Fabricated metal products.....do....	11,825	12,045	10,970	10,979	r11,011	10,924
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	21,907	22,168	21,105	20,988	r20,976	20,865
Electrical machinery.....do....	14,801	14,758	13,237	13,196	r13,168	13,106
Transportation equipment.....do....	21,245	21,392	21,368	21,171	r21,113	21,339
Instruments and related products.....do....	4,292	4,223	3,817	3,830	r3,850	3,787
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	52,500	51,911	50,718	50,820	r51,366	51,537
Food and kindred products.....do....	12,145	11,930	11,909	11,738	r11,858	11,693
Tobacco products.....do....	3,069	3,095	3,248	3,255	r3,244	3,373
Textile mill products.....do....	4,694	4,543	4,610	4,589	r4,681	4,712
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,871	4,877	4,573	4,552	r4,684	4,684
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	10,924	10,875	10,836	10,861	r11,037	10,984
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	4,061	4,210	4,301	4,313	r4,321	4,445
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	3,298	3,227	2,925	2,989	r3,053	3,042
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	71,862	78,446	85,649	81,877	r83,037	92,177
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	35,269	38,813	41,446	40,032	40,724	46,259
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	36,592	39,633	44,203	41,845	r42,313	45,918
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	76,115	76,694	86,351	86,754	88,190	90,371
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	37,219	37,578	41,988	42,837	43,284	45,095
Primary metals.....do....	6,118	5,594	6,472	6,657	6,615	6,604
Fabricated metal products.....do....	4,720	4,784	5,302	5,163	r5,405	5,517
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	6,837	6,805	7,629	7,118	r7,363	7,444
Electrical machinery.....do....	4,919	4,931	5,595	4,941	r5,860	6,101
Transportation equipment.....do....	7,363	8,369	8,741	10,477	9,621	10,765
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	38,896	39,116	44,363	43,917	r44,906	45,276
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	8,537	8,641	10,492	10,138	r10,597	10,678
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	30,359	30,475	33,871	33,779	r34,309	34,598
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	134,053	132,289	120,557	119,739	r119,417	119,724
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	130,342	128,581	115,426	114,698	114,158	114,308
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	3,711	3,708	5,131	5,041	r5,259	5,416
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	134,156	131,499	121,530	120,659	r119,576	118,986
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	130,358	127,806	116,342	115,494	114,209	113,614
Primary metals.....do....	19,518	18,120	13,836	14,084	13,920	13,775
Fabricated metal products.....do....	19,369	19,253	17,919	17,686	r17,470	17,251
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	29,046	28,438	25,656	25,044	r24,755	24,536
Electrical machinery.....do....	20,378	20,113	19,057	18,564	r18,612	18,839
Transportation equipment.....do....	33,694	33,742	31,668	31,848	31,201	30,888
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	3,798	3,693	5,188	5,165	r5,367	5,372
COMMODITY PRICES						
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....1967=100..	171.3	170.4	178.7	179.4	179.4	179.8
Farm products.....do....	174.6	171.1	193.8	192.8	191.0	187.2
Food and feeds, processed.....do....	182.6	177.3	181.0	179.4	176.4	175.8
Industrial commodities.....do....	168.4	168.9	176.1	177.3	178.1	179.1
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	178.1	181.8	183.4	184.2	184.9	185.6
Fuels and related products, and power.....do....	232.3	235.0	258.0	257.3	255.7	255.7
Furniture and household durables.....do....	139.1	138.5	142.0	143.1	143.4	143.9
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	141.7	143.2	154.6	157.5	159.9	162.0
Lumber and wood products.....do....	169.3	169.6	183.1	190.5	196.0	202.3
Machinery and equipment.....do....	157.7	158.8	165.8	167.0	167.7	168.2
Metals and metal products.....do....	186.3	186.1	187.1	188.1	189.8	191.7
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do....	170.3	170.8	178.0	181.1	181.3	182.5
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	169.8	170.0	173.1	174.8	175.8	176.9
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	150.0	149.7	151.9	152.4	154.2	155.5
Textile products and apparel.....do....	136.5	134.3	144.0	145.1	146.3	146.7
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	138.2	139.5	147.5	148.7	148.8	149.1
Motor vehicles and equipment.....1967=100..	141.5	143.0	150.9	151.3	151.3	151.7
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.584	\$0.587	\$0.560	\$0.557	\$0.557	\$0.556

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ITEM	1975			1976		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<b>LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS</b>						
LABOR FORCE, total, persons 16 years of age and over, not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	93,111	93,593	94,888	94,805	94,944	95,260
Civilian labor force.....do....	90,913	91,395	92,731	92,665	92,798	93,112
Employed, total.....do....	82,604	83,036	85,536	84,491	84,764	85,588
Agriculture.....do....	2,890	2,988	2,856	2,853	2,802	2,897
Nonagricultural industries.....do....	79,714	80,048	82,680	81,638	81,963	82,691
Unemployed.....do....	8,309	8,359	7,195	8,174	8,033	7,525
Civilian labor force, seasonally adjusted.....do....	91,523	91,880	93,129	93,484	93,455	93,719
Employed, total.....do....	84,163	84,110	85,394	86,194	86,319	86,692
Agriculture.....do....	3,252	3,268	3,236	3,343	3,170	3,179
Nonagricultural industries.....do....	80,911	80,842	82,158	82,851	83,149	83,513
Unemployed.....do....	7,360	7,770	7,735	7,290	7,136	7,027
Long-term, 15 weeks and over.....do....	1,828	1,978	3,080	2,785	2,515	2,294
Rates (unemployed in each group as percent of total in the group):						
All civilian workers.....	8.0	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.6	7.5
Men, 20 years and over.....	6.2	6.6	6.6	5.8	5.7	5.6
Women, 20 years and over.....	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.3
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	19.4	20.1	19.6	19.9	19.2	19.1
White.....	7.3	7.8	7.6	7.1	6.8	6.8
Negro and other races.....	13.3	13.8	13.8	13.2	13.7	12.5
Married men, wife present.....	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.1	4.1	4.1
Occupation: White-collar workers.....	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6
Blue-collar workers.....	10.6	12.0	10.7	9.4	9.3	9.1
Industry: Private nonfarm wage and salary workers.....	8.6	9.1	8.9	8.1	8.0	7.7
Construction.....	16.3	18.0	16.6	15.4	15.5	16.0
Manufacturing.....	10.7	11.0	9.6	8.1	8.0	7.3
Durable goods.....	10.6	10.8	9.9	8.2	8.0	7.4
<b>FINANCE</b>						
<b>STOCKS:</b>						
Prices:						
Dow-Jones average (65 stocks).....	231.85	240.18	256.42	285.28	297.84	301.60
Industrial (30 stocks).....	724.89	765.06	840.80	929.34	971.70	988.55
Public utility (15 stocks).....	81.02	78.90	81.60	89.17	89.27	86.88
Transportation (20 stocks).....	159.91	162.28	166.84	190.80	203.17	207.80

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