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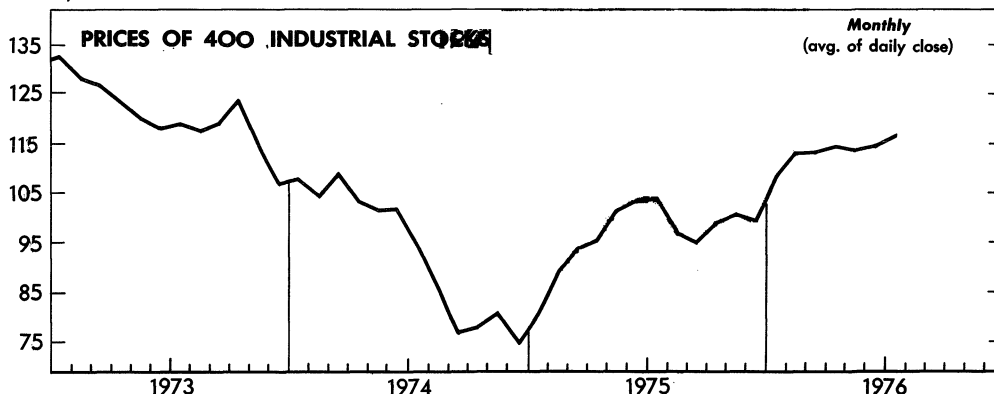


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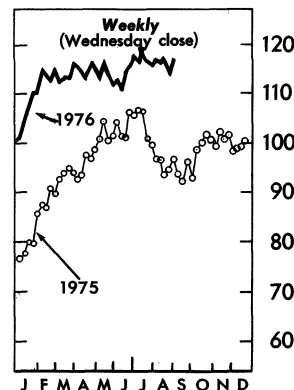
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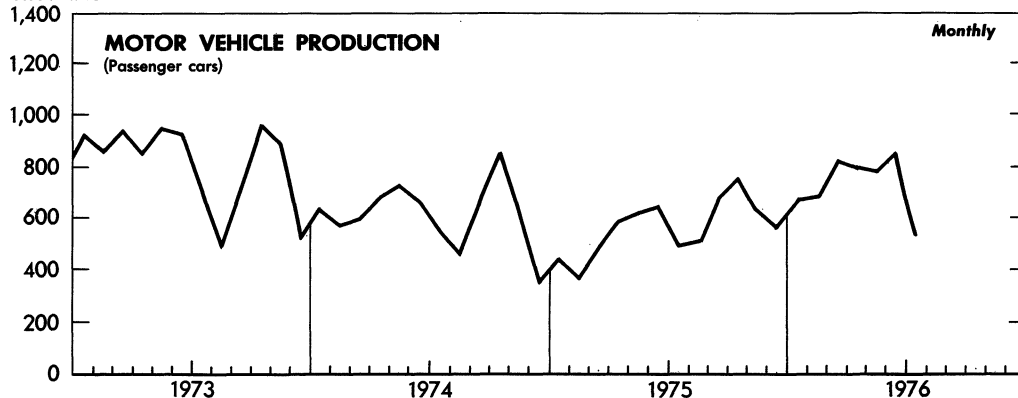
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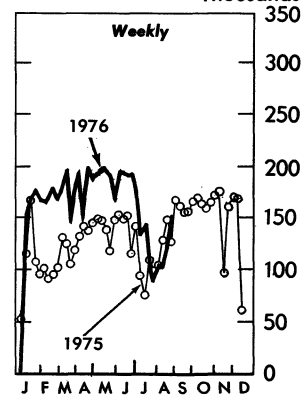
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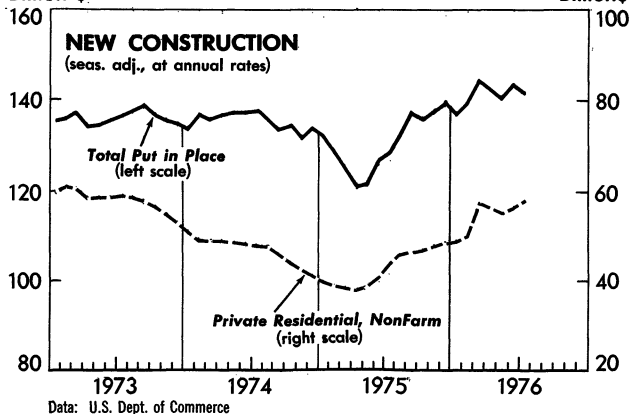
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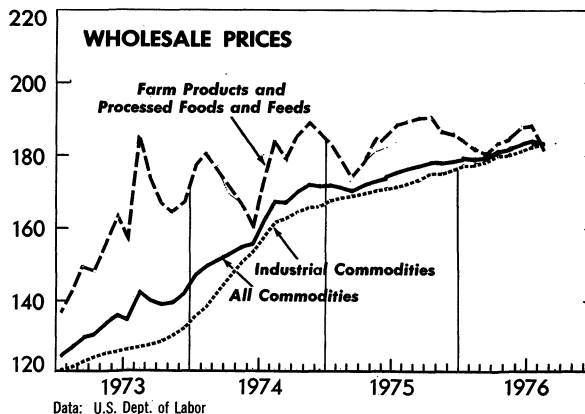
Thousands



Billion \$



1967=100



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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1975		1976			
	Aug. 30	Sept. 6	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u> .....1967=100..	208.4	206.9	207.6	207.8	206.7	204.9
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	249.4	243.0	203.7	203.9	202.0	201.0
13 Raw industrials.....do....	184.0	185.1	210.3	210.5	209.8	207.6
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	11,870	11,162	12,444	12,464	12,604	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	7,957	7,867	8,307	8,379	8,363	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	333	331	343	320	301	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	4,254	4,390	3,511	3,410	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	3,146	3,203	2,704	2,620	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	208	158	184	266	164	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. \$..	81,615	81,979	89,748	89,882	89,453	e89,256
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> .....do....	92,885	93,814	102,019	104,254	107,866	107,786
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do....	34,470	34,529	33,565	34,435	33,953	34,081
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do....	296	301	-37	372	248	309
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	102,913	102,593	104,761	103,766	102,903	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	65,750	65,246	80,543	80,556	80,640	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	373,424	373,589	381,939	382,650	381,310	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	33,608	34,288	42,376	43,546	43,376	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	119,027	119,084	111,391	110,782	110,688	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	59,371	59,003	61,844	61,960	61,894	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> .....percent..	9.53	9.53	8.87	8.82	8.80	8.78
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ...1941-43=10.....	84.43	86.03	104.06	104.56	102.03	104.06
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	94.76	96.54	116.48	117.04	114.17	116.50
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	9,575	9,375	10,100	14,020	14,400	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr.	40,767	37,797	42,045	41,195	43,758	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	149,120	126,633	103,284	121,045	152,411	.....
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..	8,328	8,255	8,178	8,178	8,178	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,038	2,078	2,529	2,546	2,480	.....
Rate of capability utilization <u>5/</u> .....percent..	.....	.....	83.3	83.9	81.7	.....
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	14.4	12.5	14.6	15.7	15.9	.....

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			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	85,580	76,991	95,287	94,864	r99,510	87,895
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	43,785	37,487	48,766	49,363	r52,042	43,913
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,321	2,216	2,414	2,448	r2,615	2,366
Primary metals.....do....	6,350	5,520	7,467	7,913	r8,206	7,021
Fabricated metal products.....do....	5,248	4,844	6,075	6,256	r6,446	5,516
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	8,122	6,650	8,411	8,331	r8,833	7,662
Electrical machinery.....do....	5,630	4,902	6,009	5,987	r6,379	5,563
Transportation equipment.....do....	10,131	7,927	11,942	11,961	12,725	9,744
Instruments and related products.....do....	1,493	1,319	1,536	1,566	r1,692	1,549
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	41,795	39,504	46,521	45,501	r47,468	43,982
Food and kindred products.....do....	14,059	13,346	14,425	14,337	r15,137	14,203
Tobacco products.....do....	627	621	623	602	657	622
Textile mill products.....do....	2,924	2,482	3,192	3,288	3,496	2,719
Paper and allied products.....do....	3,419	3,185	3,904	3,966	4,116	3,733
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	7,374	6,630	8,952	8,379	r8,376	7,405
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	5,376	5,427	6,045	5,946	r6,305	6,318
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	2,116	1,910	2,341	2,284	r2,520	2,036
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	81,039	83,029	93,848	94,087	r94,244	94,265
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	40,757	41,354	47,741	48,321	48,475	47,871
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,119	2,249	2,374	2,352	r2,389	2,403
Primary metals.....do....	5,961	6,048	7,096	7,595	7,713	7,685
Fabricated metal products.....do....	4,898	5,184	5,994	6,228	r6,021	5,915
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	7,380	7,285	8,077	8,129	r8,028	8,391
Electrical machinery.....do....	5,306	5,368	6,194	6,208	r6,011	6,090
Transportation equipment.....do....	9,456	9,513	11,614	11,387	11,862	11,046
Instruments and related products.....do....	1,402	1,412	1,566	1,571	r1,592	1,661

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ITEM	1975		1976			
	June	July	Apr.	May	June	July
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con.						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..	40,282	41,675	46,107	45,766	r45,769	46,394
Food and kindred products.....do....	13,675	13,893	14,763	14,532	r14,724	14,801
Tobacco products.....do....	582	607	644	595	r610	609
Textile mill products.....do....	2,751	2,884	3,238	3,362	3,293	3,179
Paper and allied products.....do....	3,270	3,382	3,882	3,995	r3,938	3,964
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	6,944	7,232	8,183	7,867	r7,893	8,050
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	5,272	5,477	6,084	6,037	6,186	6,377
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	1,976	2,070	2,214	2,215	r2,170	2,207
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	148,160	146,494	149,358	150,159	r150,953	150,974
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	98,910	97,869	97,093	97,401	r97,666	97,472
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	49,250	48,625	52,265	52,758	r53,287	53,502
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	148,059	147,189	148,121	149,039	r150,911	151,778
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	98,796	98,189	96,133	96,579	r97,616	97,839
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	3,692	3,651	3,568	3,610	r3,654	3,729
Primary metals.....do....	14,295	14,282	14,227	14,442	r14,674	14,854
Fabricated metal products.....do....	11,407	11,285	10,692	10,638	r10,564	10,631
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	22,116	21,984	20,851	20,797	r20,955	20,846
Electrical machinery.....do....	13,580	13,444	13,258	13,330	r13,493	13,610
Transportation equipment.....do....	21,494	21,481	21,498	21,648	r22,030	21,870
Instruments and related products.....do....	3,966	3,922	3,732	3,767	r3,786	3,787
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	49,263	49,000	51,988	52,460	r53,295	53,939
Food and kindred products.....do....	10,702	10,679	11,845	11,839	r11,968	12,201
Tobacco products.....do....	3,095	3,121	3,331	3,396	r3,419	3,448
Textile mill products.....do....	4,200	4,243	4,678	4,728	r4,750	4,761
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,597	4,489	4,747	4,799	r4,866	4,881
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	10,921	10,683	11,088	11,214	r11,365	11,636
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	4,107	4,144	4,290	4,361	r4,558	4,553
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	83,716	78,524	r95,623	r94,457	r100,246	90,054
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	41,737	38,839	r48,896	r48,896	r52,935	46,191
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	41,989	39,685	46,727	45,561	r47,311	43,863
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	79,789	83,304	r94,090	r95,378	r95,596	95,146
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	39,282	41,435	r47,790	r49,565	49,926	48,863
Primary metals.....do....	5,439	5,943	7,238	8,805	8,075	7,644
Fabricated metal products.....do....	4,700	5,111	5,788	6,094	r6,075	6,157
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	6,984	7,368	8,064	8,033	r7,992	8,718
Electrical machinery.....do....	5,153	5,279	6,396	6,618	r6,657	5,989
Transportation equipment.....do....	9,194	9,793	r11,521	r11,284	11,918	11,564
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	40,507	41,869	46,300	45,813	r45,670	46,283
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	9,346	9,740	10,958	10,954	r10,691	10,733
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	31,161	32,129	35,342	34,859	r34,979	35,550
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	122,274	123,807	r120,578	r120,175	r120,907	123,068
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	118,065	119,417	r114,902	r114,436	r115,329	117,609
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	4,209	4,390	5,676	5,739	r5,578	5,459
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	123,271	123,545	r119,340	r120,624	r121,974	122,857
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	119,123	119,203	r113,778	r115,015	116,465	117,459
Primary metals.....do....	14,556	14,452	14,216	15,424	15,785	15,745
Fabricated metal products.....do....	18,326	18,253	16,722	16,587	r16,642	16,883
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	26,776	26,855	24,039	23,942	r23,908	24,237
Electrical machinery.....do....	19,173	19,084	19,076	19,486	r20,131	20,029
Transportation equipment.....do....	32,236	32,514	r31,404	r31,300	31,354	31,871
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	4,148	4,342	5,562	5,609	r5,509	5,398
	1975		1976			
	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug.
COMMODITY PRICES						
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....1967=100..	175.7	176.7	181.8	183.1	184.3	187.3
Farm products.....do....	193.7	193.2	192.6	196.5	196.9	189.3
Food and feeds, processed.....do....	181.4	186.3	179.9	181.8	182.6	176.8
Industrial commodities.....do....	171.2	172.2	180.4	181.3	182.6	183.6
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	181.4	182.1	186.9	187.1	187.0	187.7
Fuels and related products, and power.....do....	246.6	252.4	257.2	260.3	265.0	269.1
Furniture and household durables.....do....	139.2	139.8	144.8	145.3	145.7	146.1
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	149.3	149.3	169.6	167.4	169.8	171.3
Lumber and wood products.....do....	179.6	179.7	202.3	199.8	203.7	207.5
Machinery and equipment.....do....	161.7	162.2	169.4	170.2	r171.0	171.4
Metals and metal products.....do....	183.4	184.3	194.0	196.4	198.7	199.0
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do....	174.7	175.8	185.6	186.0	186.9	187.7
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	170.0	170.0	179.2	179.5	180.5	181.0
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	150.1	150.0	157.1	157.2	158.2	161.0
Textile products and apparel.....do....	136.8	137.6	147.0	148.1	149.0	149.2
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	140.1	140.5	149.0	149.1	149.2	150.2
Motor vehicles and equipment.....1967=100..	143.1	143.5	151.6	151.6	151.7	152.8
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.569	\$0.566	\$0.550	\$0.546	\$0.542	\$0.544

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ITEM	1975		1976			
	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug.
<b>LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS</b>						
LABOR FORCE, total, persons 16 years of age and over, not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	97,046	96,493	95,724	98,251	99,325	98,837
Civilian labor force.....do....	94,859	94,308	93,582	96,114	97,185	96,690
Employed, total.....do....	86,650	86,612	87,278	88,460	89,608	89,367
Agriculture.....do....	4,090	3,886	3,415	3,780	3,931	3,842
Nonagricultural industries.....do....	82,560	82,726	83,863	84,680	85,677	85,525
Unemployed.....do....	8,209	7,696	6,304	7,655	7,577	7,323
Civilian labor force, seasonally adjusted.....do....	93,063	93,212	94,557	94,643	95,333	95,487
Employed, total.....do....	84,967	85,288	87,697	87,500	87,907	87,981
Agriculture.....do....	3,439	3,464	3,329	3,294	3,341	3,424
Nonagricultural industries.....do....	81,528	81,824	84,368	84,206	84,566	84,557
Unemployed.....do....	8,096	7,924	6,860	7,143	7,426	7,506
Long-term, 15 weeks and over.....do....	2,954	2,878	1,998	2,215	2,317	2,387
Rates (unemployed in each group as percent of total in the group):						
All civilian workers.....	8.7	8.5	7.3	7.5	7.8	7.9
Men, 20 years and over.....	7.1	6.8	5.6	6.0	6.1	5.9
Women, 20 years and over.....	8.0	7.9	6.8	7.1	7.6	7.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	20.5	20.7	18.5	18.4	18.1	19.7
White.....	8.1	7.8	6.6	6.8	7.1	7.1
Negro and other races.....	13.4	14.3	12.2	13.3	12.9	13.6
Married men, wife present.....	5.5	5.2	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.2
Occupation: White-collar workers.....	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.8	5.0
Blue-collar workers.....	12.3	11.9	9.0	9.3	9.6	9.8
Industry: Private nonfarm wage and salary workers.....	9.4	9.3	7.6	7.8	8.0	8.2
Construction.....	20.4	19.7	14.1	17.0	17.7	17.1
Manufacturing.....	11.5	11.1	7.3	7.6	7.8	8.2
Durable goods.....	12.1	12.0	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.7
Indexes of aggregate weekly employee-hours, seas. adj..						
Private nonagricultural payrolls, total.....1967=100..	106.2	107.4	111.2	r110.6	r110.9	p111.0
Goods-producing industries.....do....	89.3	91.2	96.0	r95.5	r95.4	p94.9
Service-producing industries.....do....	118.0	118.7	121.7	r121.1	r121.6	p122.2

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