



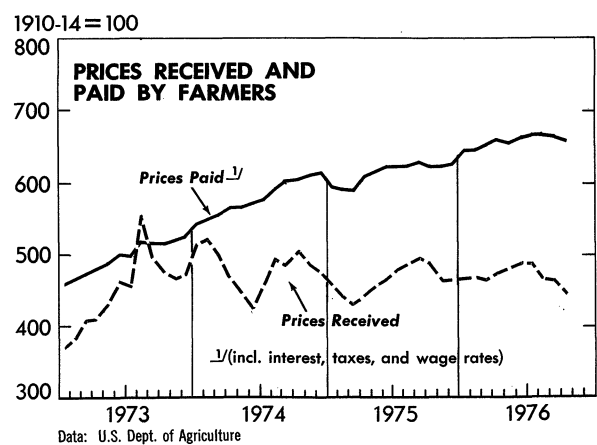
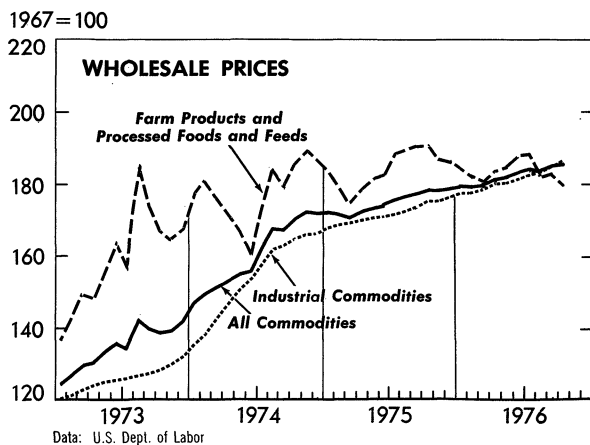
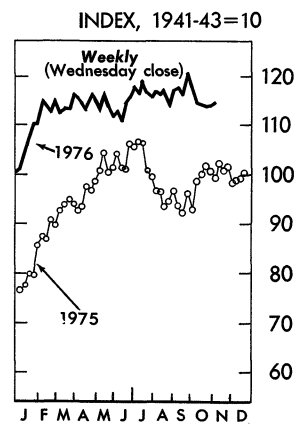
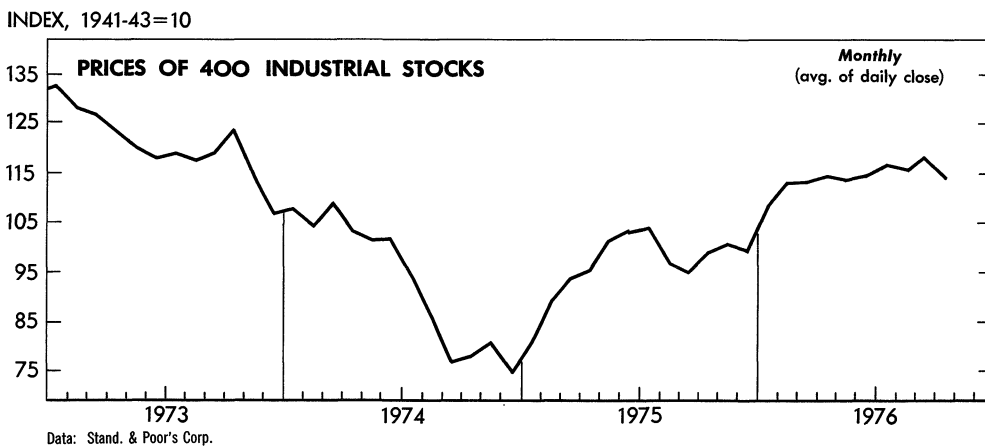
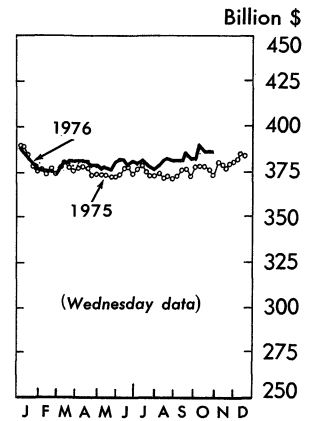
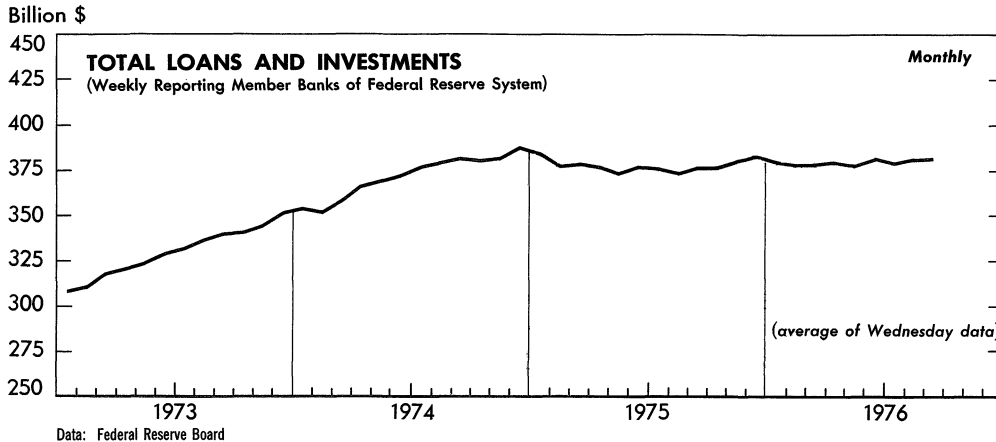
BUSINESS STATISTICS



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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1975		1976			
	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Nov. 6
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/}.....1967=100..	197.3	193.2	197.9	195.7	194.3	195.2
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	224.6	216.4	191.5	188.1	188.5	189.9
13 Raw industrials.....do....	180.4	178.5	202.4	201.1	198.3	198.9
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	11,849	11,864	12,564	12,558	13,037	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	7,849	8,213	8,416	8,427	8,448	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	379	414	326	361	371	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	4,023	3,970	3,264	3,227	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	2,920	2,902	2,493	2,476	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	259	192	134	174	171	241
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}.....mil. \$..	82,075	82,404	90,633	90,510	90,149	e90,515
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do....	98,415	99,245	105,077	107,603	107,096	108,446
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}.....do....	34,715	34,886	33,792	34,710	34,210	34,741
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}.....do....	278	804	192	121	146	417
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	104,587	104,493	105,439	106,223	106,753	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	66,322	66,044	83,259	83,886	84,246	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	374,729	380,775	386,326	388,034	387,256	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	35,209	36,825	44,469	43,918	43,954	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	118,398	118,643	112,497	113,302	113,525	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	59,792	59,485	62,540	62,740	62,822	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}.....percent..	9.46	9.43	8.62	8.62	8.63	8.61
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/}.....1941-43=10..	89.39	89.15	102.12	101.74	101.76	101.92
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	100.19	99.86	114.30	113.80	113.90	114.02
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	12,685	13,775	13,505	13,695	13,020	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	35,011	34,449	36,723	38,128	38,481	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	159,719	163,965	151,924	180,616	183,037	202,510
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. bbl..	8,343	8,300	8,041	8,041	8,041	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,071	2,038	2,337	2,345	2,322	2,350
Rate of capability utilization ^{5/}.....percent..	.....	.....	76.2	76.4	75.7	76.6
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	15.9	16.1	16.6	16.5	16.2	.....

^{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			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	83,775	90,068	99,510	87,504	r93,483	98,761
Durable goods industries, total ^{1/}.....do....	40,881	45,285	52,042	43,746	r47,084	50,302
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,355	2,424	2,615	2,362	r2,625	2,655
Primary metals.....do....	6,222	7,025	8,206	6,997	r7,457	7,724
Fabricated metal products.....do....	5,307	5,677	6,446	5,577	r6,000	6,123
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	6,848	7,660	8,833	7,590	r7,796	8,593
Electrical machinery.....do....	5,339	5,807	6,379	5,516	r6,090	6,581
Transportation equipment.....do....	8,748	10,251	12,725	9,710	r10,222	11,336
Instruments and related products.....do....	1,443	1,611	1,692	1,530	r1,646	1,758
Nondurable goods industries, total ^{1/}.....do....	42,894	44,783	47,468	43,758	r46,399	48,459
Food and kindred products.....do....	14,059	14,872	15,137	14,184	r14,520	15,513
Tobacco products.....do....	647	582	657	617	r620	646
Textile mill products.....do....	2,986	3,209	3,496	2,684	r3,133	3,343
Paper and allied products.....do....	3,471	3,609	4,116	3,699	r4,042	4,174
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	7,296	7,878	8,376	7,272	r7,767	8,425
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	5,865	5,742	6,305	6,344	r6,438	6,436
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	2,065	2,153	2,320	2,035	r2,200	2,222
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	85,210	86,200	94,244	93,912	r94,524	93,641
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total ^{1/}.....do....	42,444	43,192	48,475	47,779	48,338	47,135
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,203	2,265	2,389	2,399	r2,455	2,482
Primary metals.....do....	6,424	6,977	7,713	7,660	r7,680	7,659
Fabricated metal products.....do....	5,226	5,304	6,021	5,986	r5,914	5,725
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	7,300	7,398	8,028	8,310	r8,314	8,310
Electrical machinery.....do....	5,472	5,453	6,011	6,040	r6,239	6,181
Transportation equipment.....do....	10,037	9,823	11,862	11,093	r11,172	10,014
Instruments and related products.....do....	1,438	1,481	1,592	1,641	r1,640	1,615

^{r/} Revised. ^{1/} Includes data for "other industries" not shown.
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ITEM	1975		1976			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con.						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..	42,766	43,008	45,769	46,133	r46,186	46,506
Food and kindred products.....do....	14,165	14,073	14,724	14,776	r14,626	14,663
Tobacco products.....do....	625	562	610	604	r598	624
Textile mill products.....do....	2,933	3,053	3,293	3,134	r3,092	3,183
Paper and allied products.....do....	3,432	3,516	3,938	3,928	r3,996	4,064
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	7,496	7,618	7,893	7,896	r7,935	8,112
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	5,890	5,731	6,186	6,406	r6,465	6,431
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	2,063	2,106	2,170	2,204	r2,198	2,178
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	145,976	145,037	150,953	151,014	r152,061	152,607
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	97,017	95,927	97,666	97,459	r97,896	98,062
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	48,959	49,110	53,287	53,555	r54,165	54,545
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	146,583	146,413	150,911	151,824	r152,773	154,129
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	97,199	96,640	97,616	97,826	r98,109	98,804
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	3,661	3,613	3,654	3,711	r3,794	3,779
Primary metals.....do....	14,090	13,789	14,674	14,847	r14,936	15,085
Fabricated metal products.....do....	11,091	11,028	10,564	10,618	r10,606	10,900
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	21,894	21,713	20,955	20,870	r20,997	21,089
Electrical machinery.....do....	13,325	13,212	13,493	13,597	r13,720	13,724
Transportation equipment.....do....	21,116	21,357	22,030	21,860	r21,612	21,612
Instruments and related products.....do....	3,947	3,835	3,786	3,825	r3,867	3,895
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	49,384	49,773	53,295	53,998	r54,664	55,325
Food and kindred products.....do....	10,992	11,362	11,968	12,313	r12,628	12,728
Tobacco products.....do....	3,149	3,113	3,419	3,445	r3,511	3,556
Textile mill products.....do....	4,314	4,384	4,750	4,814	r4,912	4,953
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,582	4,573	4,866	4,882	r4,989	4,993
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	10,821	10,783	11,365	11,599	r11,768	11,949
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	4,158	4,212	4,558	4,582	r4,560	4,687
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	2,956	2,941	3,009	2,975	2,954	3,000
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	83,716	88,835	100,246	r89,073	r93,126	98,017
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	40,707	r43,907	52,935	r45,377	46,909	49,541
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	43,009	44,928	47,311	43,696	r46,217	48,476
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	85,137	85,482	95,596	r94,204	r94,143	93,460
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	42,175	42,256	49,926	r48,122	48,051	46,849
Primary metals.....do....	6,397	6,294	8,075	7,662	7,264	7,475
Fabricated metal products.....do....	5,179	5,196	6,075	6,250	r5,909	5,826
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	6,929	7,120	7,992	8,639	r8,155	8,232
Electrical machinery.....do....	5,809	5,144	6,657	r5,936	r6,311	5,891
Transportation equipment.....do....	9,758	8,982	11,918	r10,884	11,305	10,146
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	42,961	43,226	45,670	46,082	r46,092	46,611
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	9,806	10,166	10,691	10,698	r10,711	11,159
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	33,155	33,060	34,979	35,384	r35,381	35,452
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	123,749	122,519	120,907	r122,480	r122,125	121,376
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	119,243	117,868	115,329	r116,961	116,788	116,022
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	4,506	4,651	5,578	5,519	r5,337	5,354
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	123,477	122,761	121,974	r122,271	r121,885	121,700
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	118,940	118,004	116,465	r116,811	116,522	116,233
Primary metals.....do....	14,424	13,740	15,785	15,787	15,372	15,186
Fabricated metal products.....do....	18,206	18,097	16,642	16,906	r16,901	17,002
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	26,485	26,209	23,908	24,237	r24,078	24,000
Electrical machinery.....do....	19,422	19,112	20,131	20,028	r20,098	19,806
Transportation equipment.....do....	32,237	32,396	31,354	31,147	31,280	31,412
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	4,537	4,757	5,509	5,460	r5,363	5,467
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS.....1910=100..						
Crops.....do....	497	487	488	468	r468	446
Commercial vegetables.....do....	472	456	483	453	r460	439
Cotton.....do....	440	440	439	440	r468	514
Feed grains and hay.....do....	399	420	603	510	r545	528
Food grains.....do....	409	392	421	394	394	360
Fruit.....do....	464	453	375	356	r326	297
Tobacco.....do....	351	318	271	310	r296	348
Livestock and products.....do....	918	r917	850	923	981	948
Dairy products.....do....	521	519	492	482	r474	453
Meat animals.....do....	564	593	576	596	r604	612
Poultry and eggs.....do....	636	628	588	557	538	501
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:	256	246	235	241	239	228
All commodities and services.....do....	549	543	577	574	574	571
Family living items.....do....	542	543	565	567	569	572
Production items.....do....	548	538	578	573	571	566
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	631	629	665	663	662	659
PARITY RATIO.....do....	79	r77	73	71	r71	68

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ITEM	1975			1976		
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
COMMODITY PRICES--Con.						
SPOT MARKET PRICES, BASIC COMMODITIES:						
22 Commodities.....1967=100..	206.3	201.4	216.0	206.9	203.1	196.5
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	242.8	233.2	218.8	202.9	198.5	189.2
13 Raw industrials.....do.....	184.2	181.9	214.1	209.6	206.2	201.6
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....do.....	177.7	178.9	184.3	183.7	184.7	185.2
Farm products.....do.....	197.1	197.3	196.9	189.3	191.8	186.6
Food and feeds, processed.....do.....	186.1	186.2	182.6	176.8	177.1	174.9
Industrial commodities.....do.....	173.1	174.7	182.6	183.6	184.7	186.3
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	182.2	182.3	187.0	187.7	188.5	188.4
Fuels and related products, and power.....do.....	254.9	256.5	265.0	269.1	270.9	277.0
Furniture and household durables.....do.....	140.1	141.1	145.7	146.1	146.5	147.0
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do.....	151.3	152.4	169.8	171.3	173.6	170.8
Lumber and wood products.....do.....	179.9	179.1	203.7	207.5	212.7	213.6
Machinery and equipment.....do.....	163.1	164.1	171.0	171.4	172.9	174.2
Metals and metal products.....do.....	185.5	187.2	198.7	199.0	200.0	199.9
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do.....	176.1	177.1	186.9	187.7	188.2	189.1
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do.....	170.3	170.9	180.5	181.0	181.6	181.4
Rubber and plastics products.....do.....	150.8	151.5	158.2	161.0	163.6	164.5
Textile products and apparel.....do.....	138.4	141.3	149.0	149.2	149.0	149.3
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	141.1	146.6	149.2	150.2	151.0	156.0
Motor vehicles and equipment.....1967=100..	143.9	150.0	151.7	152.8	153.5	159.0
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.563	\$0.559	\$0.543	\$0.544	\$0.541	\$0.540
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Retail sales, new passenger cars:						
Total, not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	726	889	865	762	792	p869
Domestics.....do.....	591	774	737	616	645	p731
Imports.....do.....	136	115	128	146	147	p138
Total, seasonally adjusted at annual rate.....mil..	9.0	9.1	10.1	10.5	9.9	p9.4
Domestics.....do.....	7.5	7.6	8.7	8.9	8.2	p7.6
Imports.....do.....	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.7	p1.9
Retail inventories, new cars (domestics), end of month:						
Not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	1,513	1,484	1,455	1,394	1,415	p1,364
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....	1,608	1,589	1,436	1,547	1,509	p1,468
Inventory-sales ratio, new cars (domestics).....ratio..	2.6	2.5	2.0	2.1	2.2	p2.3

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