



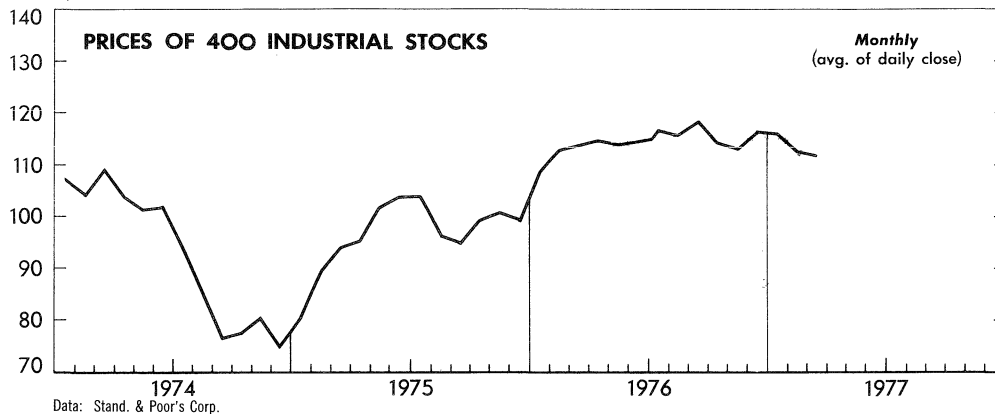
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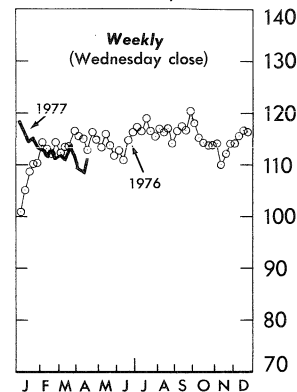
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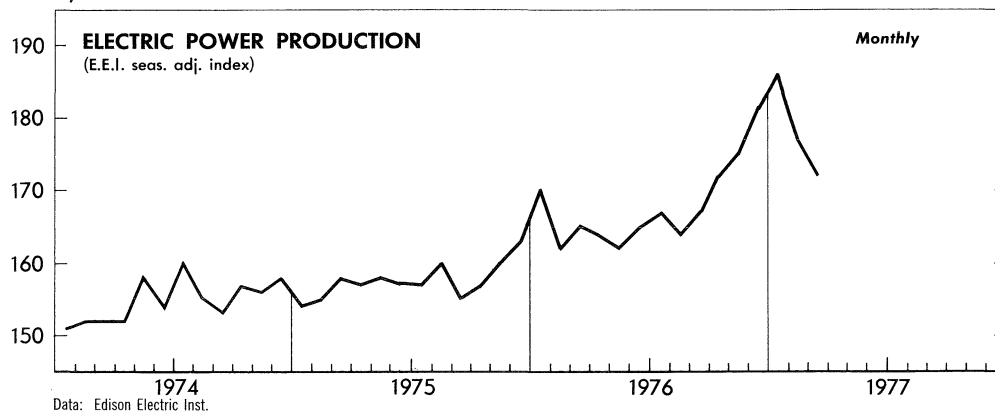
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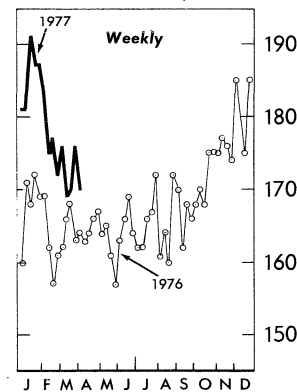
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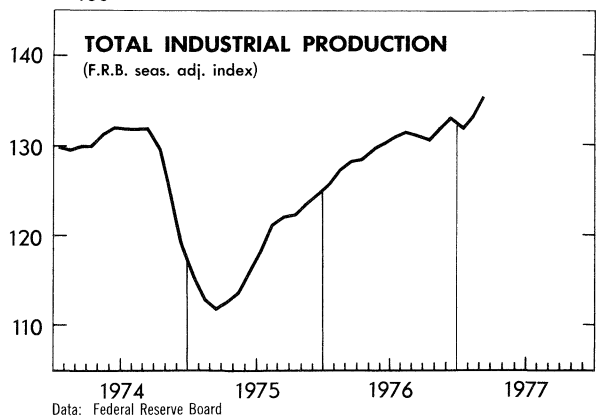
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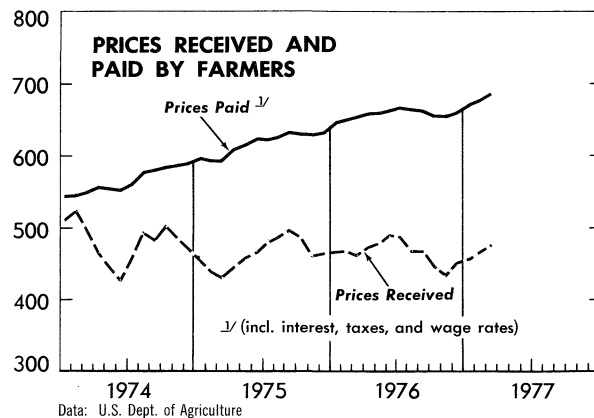
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1976		1977			
	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Mar. 26	Apr. 2	Apr. 9	Apr. 16
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES 2/.....1967=100..	199.6	201.7	221.4	219.2	219.1	221.3
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	201.5	204.7	217.1	213.6	214.4	219.2
13 Raw industrials.....do....	198.2	199.4	224.2	223.0	223.0	222.5
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	12,260	12,702	12,916	13,957	14,127	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	8,208	8,638	8,528	8,854	9,624	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	366	316	299	296	366	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	3,999	3,949	3,855	3,706	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	3,090	3,054	3,060	2,932	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST, AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	176	178	166	205	167	236
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation 3/.....mil. \$..	85,713	86,794	93,086	93,013	93,649	94,706
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total 3/.....do....	98,014	97,002	110,049	109,386	106,011	105,883
Member bank reserve balances 3/.....do....	33,587	33,762	33,955	34,759	34,338	34,405
Excess reserves, estimated 3/.....do....	123	173	112	319	287	292
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: 4/						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	105,731	107,118	106,875	106,895	.....	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	79,061	78,814	94,118	94,631	.....	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	382,401	380,601	400,281	400,405	.....	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	43,949	44,021	49,872	48,890	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	113,938	113,559	117,099	116,774	.....	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	60,527	60,651	64,930	64,948	.....	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) 3/.....percent..	9.08	9.04	8.51	8.53	8.52	8.50
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) 4/...1941-43=10..	102.21	100.31	100.20	98.54	97.91	100.16
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	114.99	112.82	111.40	109.46	108.72	111.28
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	13,720	13,410	14,825	13,350	11,015	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	35,434	35,287	38,688	37,254	37,206	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	195,545	145,888	208,414	208,722	154,832	184,948
Petroleum (crude) and condensate 3/.....thous. bbl..	8,264	8,146	8,067	8,058	8,057	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,655	2,660	2,572	2,569	2,584	2,588
Rate of capability utilization 5/.....percent..	87.9	88.1	83.8	82.1	82.6	82.7
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	15.4	14.9	17.1	16.7	14.7	.....

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	1976			1977		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb. p/	Mar. e/
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F.R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT):						
SEASONALLY ADJ., TOTAL INDEX (INCL. UTIL.)..... 1967=100..	127.3	128.1	r133.1	132.0	133.3	135.1
BY MARKET GROUPINGS:						
PRODUCTS, TOTAL.....do....	127.4	128.1	133.8	133.0	133.7	135.7
Final products.....do....	125.3	126.4	r132.1	r130.8	131.5	133.7
Consumer goods.....do....	134.9	136.1	r142.0	r140.1	140.9	143.4
Durable consumer goods.....do....	137.9	140.4	r151.2	r145.1	145.5	153.8
Automotive products.....do....	148.9	155.1	r180.4	r163.4	160.5	181.9
Autos and utility vehicles.....do....	142.0	149.5	r180.1	r156.6	154.3	182.6
Autos.....do....	125.8	133.6	159.8	136.9	132.8	159.8
Auto parts and allied goods.....do....	166.5	169.5	r181.7	r180.7	176.3	179.8
Home goods.....do....	131.7	132.0	r135.9	r135.0	137.0	137.9
Nondurable consumer goods.....do....	133.9	134.4	138.4	r138.1	139.0	139.2
Clothing.....do....	127.6	130.1	126.4	124.2	.....	.....
Consumer staples.....do....	135.7	135.5	r141.7	r141.9	143.0	142.7
Equipment.....do....	112.1	112.9	r118.6	117.9	118.7	120.5
Business.....do....	132.6	134.0	r143.2	r142.0	142.9	145.1
Industrial equipment.....do....	124.0	125.6	133.5	r131.5	132.8	135.3
Commercial, transit, and farm equipment.....do....	142.4	143.7	r154.4	r153.9	154.5	156.4
Defense and space equipment.....do....	77.6	77.4	77.4	r77.4	78.1	79.1
Intermediate products.....do....	135.3	134.9	r139.8	r141.3	141.9	142.8
Construction supplies.....do....	129.6	128.7	r135.5	r135.4	135.6	137.2
Business supplies.....do....	140.9	141.2	r144.2	r147.2	148.3	.....
MATERIALS, TOTAL.....do....	127.3	128.2	r131.9	r130.5	132.5	134.0
Durable goods materials.....do....	121.6	122.4	r128.3	r126.6	128.5	130.3
Nondurable goods materials.....do....	145.5	146.7	r146.2	r144.2	148.5	149.9
Energy materials.....do....	118.8	119.6	r123.1	r122.7	122.2	123.5
BY INDUSTRY GROUPINGS:						
MINING AND UTILITIES.....do....	131.5	131.6	r134.8	r136.0	136.5	136.9
MINING.....do....	112.7	113.9	r116.2	r114.3	115.2	119.5
Metal mining.....do....	124.2	122.3	r130.4	r136.6	136.3	.....
Coal.....do....	109.6	114.4	r125.9	r95.3	100.8	123.9
Oil and gas extraction.....do....	110.1	111.9	r112.8	r113.5	114.1	117.0
UTILITIES.....do....	152.5	151.4	r155.5	r160.2	160.5	156.3
Electric.....do....	168.7	167.3

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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, TOTAL.....1967=100..	127.0	127.9	r132.8	r131.1	p132.6	e135.0
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	140.2	140.7	r143.7	r143.1	p145.1	e146.3
Foods.....do....	130.8	128.3	r134.3	r134.6	p136.0	.....
Tobacco products.....do....	118.8	122.4	119.1	115.0	.....	.....
Textile mill products.....do....	138.7	136.4	133.3	r131.8	p133.7	.....
Apparel products.....do....	128.0	126.3	128.0	123.6	.....	.....
Paper and products.....do....	135.0	132.2	131.8	r130.6	p134.9	e135.9
Printing and publishing.....do....	121.0	121.0	123.1	124.7	p124.5	e125.1
Chemicals and products.....do....	167.6	170.6	r173.5	r172.0	p174.6	.....
Petroleum products.....do....	129.1	131.8	r138.9	r141.3	p145.1	e145.6
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	196.7	203.5	r212.3	r211.9	p214.7	.....
Leather products.....do....	86.1	86.0	73.4	r74.8	p75.2	.....
Durable manufactures.....do....	117.9	119.0	r125.2	122.9	p124.0	e127.3
Ordnance, pvt. and govt.....do....	69.5	69.5	71.8	r71.4	p71.0	e72.2
Lumber and products.....do....	123.9	121.1	127.5	r132.7	p132.2	.....
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	134.1	130.6	r135.7	r134.1	p134.8	.....
Clay, glass, and stone products.....do....	128.5	133.7	r142.0	r137.2	p140.1	.....
Primary metals.....do....	103.9	101.4	102.7	r99.2	p100.4	e102.8
Fabricated metal products.....do....	120.9	120.2	128.2	r125.3	p125.5	e127.9
Nonelectrical machinery.....do....	131.5	132.9	r141.2	r139.6	p139.5	e140.9
Electrical machinery.....do....	126.5	127.8	135.6	r134.0	p138.6	e140.2
Transportation equipment.....do....	109.0	111.2	118.2	r113.5	p113.7	e124.1
Instruments.....do....	141.8	144.4	r155.7	r153.7	p156.8	e156.8
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS....1910-14=100..	468	464	448	457	r468	473
Crops.....do....	434	436	431	445	457	472
Commercial vegetables.....do....	444	472	464	574	r637	652
Cotton.....do....	437	r446	533	526	540	559
Feed grains and hay.....do....	375	378	347	361	r362	362
Food grains.....do....	410	399	277	282	r287	284
Fruit.....do....	295	313	286	271	276	299
Tobacco.....do....	875	875	964	959	954	957
Livestock and products.....do....	503	489	463	467	478	471
Dairy products.....do....	599	594	596	590	584	576
Meat animals.....do....	595	579	520	530	546	544
Poultry and eggs.....do....	244	229	241	240	252	240
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do....	559	r562	569	578	584	590
Family living items.....do....	550	555	578	583	...	...
Production items.....do....	558	r560	559	569	r578	583
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	648	651	657	673	679	685
PARITY RATIO.....do....	72	71	68	68	69	69
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN 50 STATES, (F.W. DODGE):						
TOTAL VALUATION.....mil. \$..	6,149	8,907	7,196	6,748	7,523	.....
Index (seasonally adjusted).....1967=100..	181	192	183	203	207	.....
Building, total.....mil. \$..	4,541	6,179	5,368	5,090	5,306	.....
By type of building:						
Nonresidential.....do....	1,996	2,561	2,133	2,163	1,879	.....
Residential.....do....	2,546	3,618	3,236	2,927	3,427	.....
Non-building construction.....do....	1,608	2,729	1,828	1,658	2,217	.....
New mortgage loans of all savings and loan associations, estimated total.....mil. \$..	4,160	5,810	7,287	r5,448	5,626	.....
By purpose of loan:						
Home construction.....do....	811	1,155	1,421	r1,005	1,065	.....
Home purchase.....do....	2,425	3,371	4,178	r3,310	3,375	.....
All other purposes.....do....	924	1,284	1,688	r1,133	1,186	.....
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
EMPLOYEE-HOURS of wage and salary workers, noagric. estab., for 1 week in the month, seas. adj. at annual rate.....bil. hours..						
Total private sector.....do....	150.19	150.50	153.61	152.15	r154.67	p155.21
Mining.....do....	121.29	121.21	123.80	122.96	r124.74	p125.63
Contract construction.....do....	1.72	1.72	1.84	1.82	r1.88	p1.91
Manufacturing.....do....	7.00	6.70	6.99	6.56	r7.13	p7.16
Transportation, communic., elec., gas, etc.....do....	39.09	39.32	39.56	39.42	r39.96	p40.40
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	9.32	9.35	9.59	9.42	r9.54	p9.55
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	30.82	30.82	31.40	31.14	r31.46	p31.74
Services.....do....	8.12	8.12	8.40	8.46	r8.45	p8.53
Government.....do....	25.23	25.19	26.02	26.15	r26.33	p26.35
Government.....do....	28.90	29.28	29.81	29.19	r29.93	p29.58
Indexes of aggregate weekly employee-hours (prod. workers):						
Private nonagric. payrolls, total, (seas. adj.)....1967=100..	111.1	111.1	113.3	r112.3	r114.0	p115.0
Goods-producing.....do....	96.1	96.0	96.9	r95.2	r98.0	p99.8
Mining.....do....	125.0	125.7	134.0	r130.7	r134.8	p138.1
Contract construction.....do....	104.1	99.6	104.3	r96.4	r105.3	p106.5
Manufacturing.....do....	93.6	94.3	94.4	r93.8	r95.4	p97.2
Durable goods.....do....	91.4	92.4	93.6	r93.2	r94.6	p97.0

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Indexes of aggregate weekly employee-hours (prod. workers)--Con.						
Private nonagric. payrolls, total, (seas. adj.)--Con.						
Service-producing.....1967=100..	121.6	121.6	124.6	r124.1	r125.1	p125.6
Transportation, communication, electricity, gas.....do....	102.3	102.5	105.0	r102.7	r104.2	p103.9
Wholesale and retail trade.....do....	118.0	118.0	120.0	r119.1	r120.3	p121.3
Retail trade.....do....	119.8	119.8	122.0	r120.4	r121.6	p122.9
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do....	125.4	125.5	129.8	r130.6	r130.2	p131.4
Services.....do....	134.2	134.0	138.4	138.8	r139.8	p139.8
FINANCE						
FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS, CONDITION, END OF MONTH:						
Assets, total.....mil. \$..	122,130	124,018	133,540	125,517	p126,928	.....
Reserve bank credit outstanding, total.....do....	98,419	99,361	107,718	103,644	105,494	.....
Time loans.....do....	52	54	25	47	24	.....
U.S. Government securities.....do....	88,990	89,753	97,021	94,134	95,837	.....
Gold certificate account.....do....	11,599	11,599	11,598	11,658	11,651	.....
Liabilities, total.....do....	122,130	124,018	133,540	125,517	p126,928	.....
Deposits, total.....do....	36,172	36,395	38,016	35,833	36,185	.....
Member-bank reserve balances.....do....	24,585	28,150	25,158	23,411	22,788	.....
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....do....	76,648	77,686	85,590	81,198	81,709	.....
MONEY AND INTEREST RATES:						
Home mortgage rates (conventional 1st mortgages):						
New home purchase (U.S. average).....percent..	8.67	8.67	8.87	8.82	r8.78	p8.75
Existing home purchase (U.S. average).....do....	9.03	8.92	8.90	8.84	8.80	p8.76
CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM):						
Installment credit, extended and repaid:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total.....mil. \$..	12,576	15,339	18,309	14,085	14,278	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	12,997	15,014	14,867	14,884	14,001	.....
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total.....do....	15,045	15,521	16,702	16,870	17,186	.....
Repaid, total.....do....	13,923	14,048	14,879	14,952	15,164	.....
Installment credit, total, outstanding.....do....	160,402	160,729	178,775	177,975	178,252

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