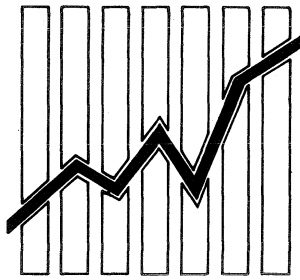




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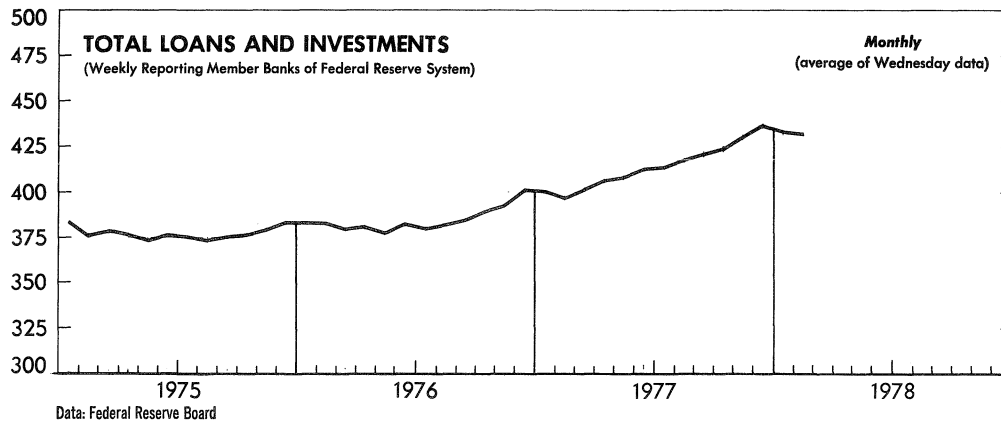


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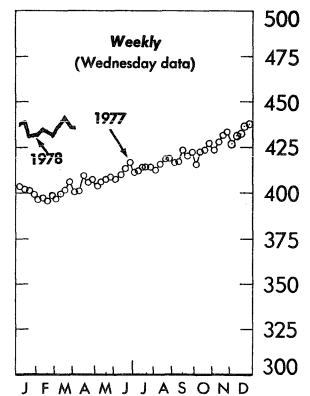
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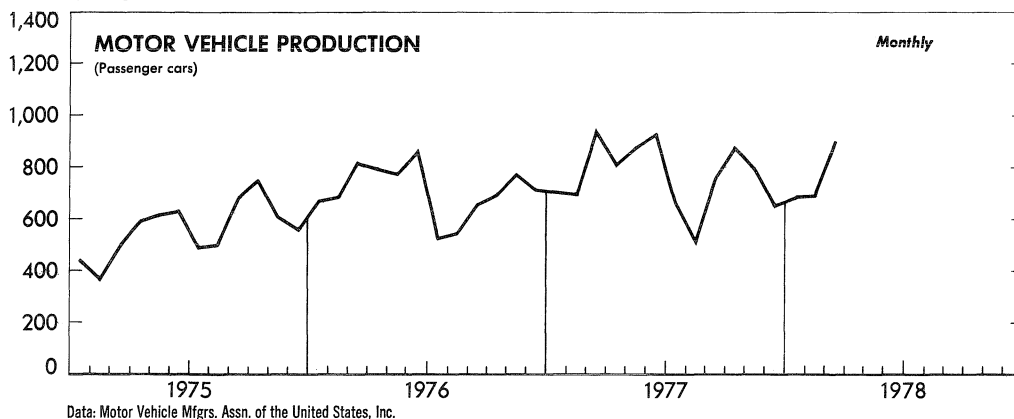
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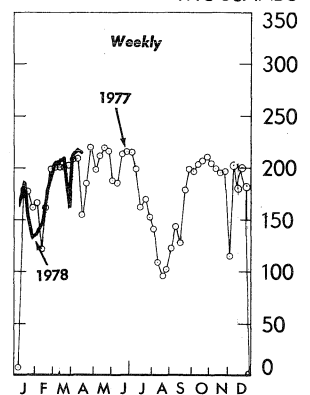
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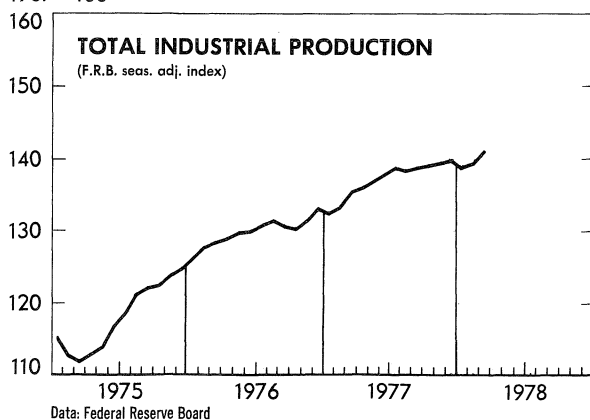
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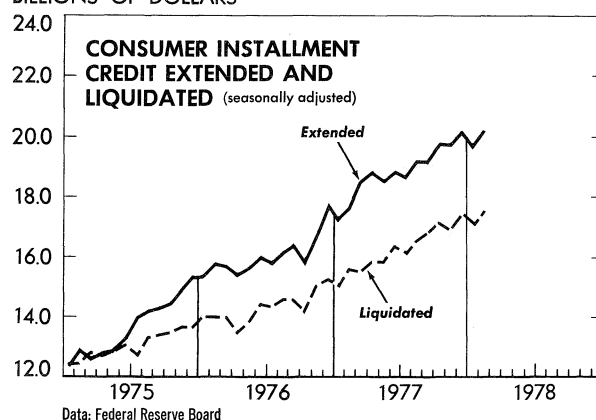
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1967=100



BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



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ITEM	1977		1978			
	Apr. 9	Apr. 16	Mar. 25	Apr. 1	Apr. 8	Apr. 15
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u> .....1967=100..	219.1	221.3	226.0	228.0	228.2	229.2
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	214.4	219.2	236.5	240.1	239.9	241.2
13 Raw industrials.....do....	222.3	222.5	218.8	219.8	220.3	221.2
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	13,743	13,070	14,725	14,292	14,353	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	9,221	8,414	9,945	9,049	9,490	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	367	317	280	279	351	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	3,690	3,547	3,118	3,001	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	2,912	2,792	2,811	2,695	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	167	236	145	144	144	158
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. \$..	93,645	94,753	102,168	102,320	102,669	e103,386
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> .....do....	105,962	105,822	116,483	117,230	116,560	114,342
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do....	34,264	33,988	36,295	36,491	36,630	36,042
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do....	256	274	167	235	307	91
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	111,728	112,819	110,991	112,531	.....	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	95,386	95,033	93,523	93,927	.....	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	409,374	405,654	435,827	435,056	.....	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	51,488	50,241	44,754	44,029	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	117,279	117,416	128,358	128,895	.....	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	65,008	65,151	76,585	76,768	.....	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> .....percent..	8.52	8.50	8.78	8.81	8.85	8.87
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ...1941-43=10..	97.91	100.16	89.47	89.64	89.64	90.11
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	108.72	111.28	98.34	98.49	98.56	99.08
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	11,390	13,645	8,355	11,945	14,220	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	37,206	36,464	36,973	37,070	37,465	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	154,832	184,948	161,716	211,974	216,228	213,455
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..	8,052	8,052	8,717	8,717	8,882	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,584	2,588	2,489	2,550	2,560	2,679
Rate of capability utilization <u>5/</u> .....percent..	82.6	82.7	82.7	83.9	84.2	88.2
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	14.9	16.4	15.5	17.2	17.0	.....

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	1977			1978		
	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..	133.2	135.3	r139.7	r138.6	139.0	141.0
BY MARKET GROUPINGS:						
PRODUCTS, TOTAL.....do....	133.6	135.1	140.3	r138.5	139.8	142.0
Final products.....do....	131.6	133.3	r137.6	r135.0	136.7	139.1
Consumer goods.....do....	140.5	142.9	145.8	r141.5	143.8	146.8
Durable consumer goods.....do....	146.1	152.4	r155.8	r146.4	151.4	159.2
Automotive products.....do....	161.7	178.3	r172.4	r157.6	162.5	179.3
Autos and utility vehicles.....do....	152.7	176.1	r165.5	r145.8	153.0	175.7
Autos.....do....	132.8	155.8	143.6	127.4	131.5	149.7
Auto parts and allied goods.....do....	184.3	184.1	r190.4	r187.8	186.3	188.2
Home goods.....do....	137.3	137.9	r146.6	r140.1	145.1	147.9
Nondurable consumer goods.....do....	138.3	139.1	r141.8	r139.7	140.7	141.8
Clothing.....do....	123.6	123.9	126.9	118.3	.....	.....
Consumer staples.....do....	142.2	143.3	r145.9	r145.6	145.7	146.4
Equipment.....do....	119.2	120.0	r126.2	r125.9	127.0	128.5
Business.....do....	143.5	144.8	r154.0	r152.9	154.8	156.7
Industrial equipment.....do....	133.2	134.4	r143.0	r144.3	144.9	146.9
Commercial, transit, and farm equipment.....do....	155.3	156.9	r166.9	r162.7	166.3	168.2
Defense and space equipment.....do....	78.5	78.5	r79.5	r80.4	80.2	81.2
Intermediate products.....do....	141.6	141.8	r150.4	r151.2	151.4	152.6
Construction supplies.....do....	135.6	136.4	148.3	r149.1	149.5	151.2
Business supplies.....do....	147.6	147.3	r152.6	r153.3	153.4	.....
MATERIALS, TOTAL.....do....	132.7	135.5	r138.8	r138.8	137.8	139.5
Durable goods materials.....do....	128.4	131.9	r138.7	r138.2	137.0	138.8
Nondurable goods materials.....do....	150.4	153.3	r155.3	r154.8	156.6	158.6
Energy materials.....do....	120.8	121.8	r118.7	r120.7	116.2	117.4

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ITEM	1977			1978		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (F.R. INDEX OF QUANTITY OUTPUT)--Con.						
SEASONALLY ADJ., TOTAL INDEX (INCL. UTIL.)--Con.						
BY INDUSTRY GROUPINGS:						
MINING AND UTILITIES.....1967=100..	137.1	136.6	r133.9	r136.3	p135.6	e136.6
MINING.....do....	116.3	120.6	r113.4	r113.8	p114.0	e119.0
Metal mining.....do....	128.5	133.8	104.3	r121.4	p120.2	.....
Coal.....do....	100.8	124.1	74.6	54.8	p56.5	e78.6
Oil and gas extraction.....do....	115.8	117.5	r118.4	r119.3	p119.7	e122.4
UTILITIES.....do....	160.3	154.8	r156.7	r161.3	p159.6	e156.3
Electric.....do....	179.1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MANUFACTURING, TOTAL.....do....	132.6	135.1	140.5	r138.7	p139.5	e141.6
Nondurable manufactures.....do....	145.3	147.0	r150.9	r149.8	p150.6	e152.2
Foods.....do....	136.4	138.7	r140.4	r139.2	p140.3	.....
Tobacco products.....do....	116.8	104.3	r120.6	113.4	.....	.....
Textile mill products.....do....	132.3	134.4	r143.7	r137.1	p136.9	.....
Apparel products.....do....	124.4	122.2	r125.8	118.6	.....	.....
Paper and products.....do....	136.5	135.5	r138.6	r139.9	p141.7	e143.2
Printing and publishing.....do....	122.4	124.8	127.5	r129.1	p128.8	e130.2
Chemicals and products.....do....	174.9	180.0	r183.0	r184.6	p184.0	.....
Petroleum products.....do....	145.2	143.3	139.3	r139.7	p138.9	e140.0
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	220.3	225.6	r240.1	r238.7	p240.5	.....
Leather products.....do....	75.0	73.8	r77.3	r74.5	p74.5	.....
Durable manufactures.....do....	124.0	126.8	r133.4	r130.9	p131.9	e134.3
Ordnance, pvt. and govt.....do....	72.6	72.8	r73.8	r72.6	p72.0	e72.3
Lumber and products.....do....	132.2	132.1	138.1	r137.3	p137.1	.....
Furniture and fixtures.....do....	137.1	135.1	146.6	r146.4	p149.4	.....
Clay, glass, and stone products.....do....	139.0	143.7	r152.1	r150.5	p151.3	.....
Primary metals.....do....	100.2	108.3	111.0	107.4	p105.8	e105.5
Fabricated metal products.....do....	125.8	127.5	136.4	r136.9	p136.8	e137.4
Nonelectrical machinery.....do....	139.8	139.8	151.7	r150.2	p151.0	e152.5
Electrical machinery.....do....	137.6	137.6	147.3	r144.0	p147.3	e149.2
Transportation equipment.....do....	113.4	120.5	122.2	r116.4	p118.9	e127.4
Instruments.....do....	157.0	156.9	164.7	r163.4	p164.2	e166.7
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS....1910-14=100..	466	474	452	465	r482	500
Crops.....do....	454	r474	411	423	r427	442
Commercial vegetables.....do....	r623	641	440	530	r518	520
Cotton.....do....	547	r592	404	404	r425	428
Feed grains and hay.....do....	362	365	299	306	r313	319
Food grains.....do....	287	282	310	314	r320	330
Fruit.....do....	276	297	421	424	r441	460
Tobacco.....do....	954	957	1,015	1,024	1,020	1,006
Livestock and products.....do....	478	471	496	509	539	560
Dairy products.....do....	584	577	630	624	624	624
Meat animals.....do....	546	544	584	613	661	700
Poultry and eggs.....do....	252	240	219	218	235	238
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do....	584	590	595	605	611	621
Family living items.....do....	556	562	588	590	593	598
Production items.....do....	577	583	578	590	598	611
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	680	686	690	710	r717	727
PARITY RATIO.....do....	69	69	66	65	67	69
FINANCE						
SECURITY MARKETS:						
BONDS:						
Domestic corporate (Moody's).....percent..	8.48	8.51	8.54	8.74	8.78	8.80
By ratings:						
Aaa.....do....	8.04	8.10	8.19	8.41	8.47	8.47
Aa.....do....	8.26	8.28	8.40	8.59	8.65	8.66
A.....do....	8.49	8.55	8.57	8.76	8.79	8.83
Baa.....do....	9.12	9.12	8.99	9.17	9.20	9.22
By group:						
Industrials.....do....	8.33	8.36	8.42	8.60	8.65	8.66
Public utilities.....do....	8.63	8.66	8.65	8.87	8.90	8.93
Railroads.....do....	8.26	8.26	8.10	8.20	8.32	8.41
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Passenger cars (new):						
Retail sales, total, not seasonally adj.....thous..	811	1,084	795	687	777	p1,076
Domestics.....do....	666	896	646	545	628	883
Imports.....do....	144	189	149	142	149	p193
Total, seas. adjusted at annual rate.....mil..	11.0	12.2	11.5	9.8	10.5	p11.9
Domestics.....do....	9.1	10.3	9.3	8.0	8.5	9.8
Imports.....do....	1.9	1.9	2.2	1.9	1.9	p2.1

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ITEM	1977				1978	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
<b>FINANCE</b>						
<b>CONSUMER CREDIT (SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERMS)</b>						
Installment credit extended and liquidated:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended, total 1/.....mil. \$..	14,051	14,571	19,721	21,432	16,718	16,688
Automobile paper.....do....	4,297	4,949	5,924	5,635	5,031	5,469
Mobile home.....do....	272	322	442	379	329	343
Home improvement.....do....	410	461	701	595	452	558
Liquidated, total 1/.....do....	14,813	14,532	16,788	16,932	17,365	16,321
Automobile paper.....do....	4,483	4,407	5,013	5,040	5,006	4,860
Mobile home.....do....	366	380	372	365	365	348
Home improvement.....do....	443	438	526	521	501	494
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total 1/.....do....	17,241	17,594	19,680	20,138	19,586	20,179
Automobile paper.....do....	5,511	5,819	6,330	6,721	6,263	6,400
Mobile home.....do....	372	383	464	460	449	406
Home improvement.....do....	571	577	761	722	618	710
Liquidated, total 1/.....do....	15,084	15,610	16,826	17,402	17,162	17,518
Automobile paper.....do....	4,712	4,801	5,089	5,424	5,078	5,296
Mobile home.....do....	393	412	390	384	398	383
Home improvement.....do....	463	478	550	549	514	539
Total installment credit outstanding, end of year or month 1/.....do....	184,728	184,766	212,074	216,572	215,925	216,297
By credit type:						
Automobile.....do....	65,930	66,473	78,757	79,352	79,376	79,984
Mobile home.....do....	14,479	14,421	14,999	15,014	14,978	14,973
Home improvement.....do....	10,956	10,978	12,879	12,952	12,904	12,968
By holder:						
Commercial.....do....	89,393	89,484	103,469	105,291	105,466	105,663
Finance companies.....do....	38,790	38,868	43,322	44,015	43,970	44,107
Credit unions.....do....	30,410	30,701	36,488	37,036	36,851	37,217
Retailers.....do....	18,378	17,860	19,629	21,082	20,525	20,060
Others.....do....	7,757	7,852	9,166	9,149	9,114	9,250

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