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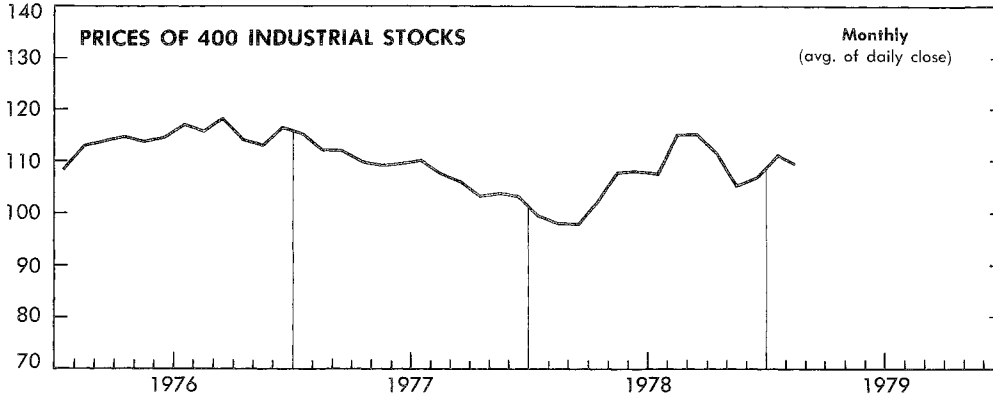


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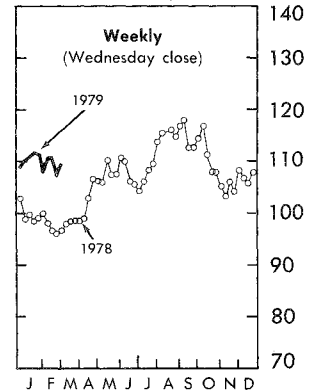
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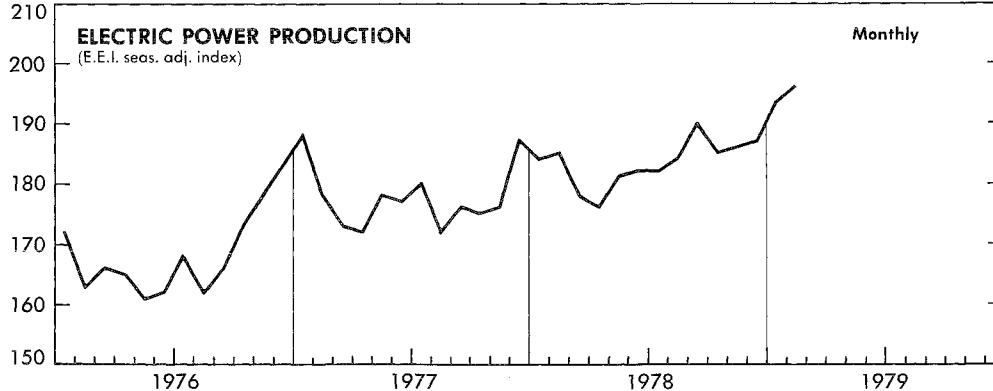


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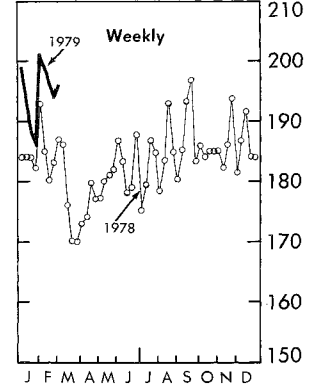


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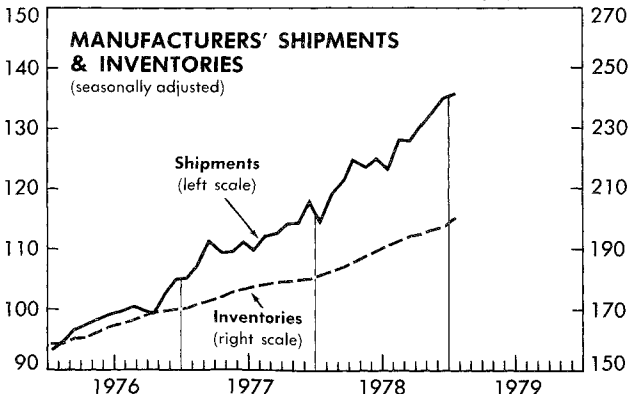


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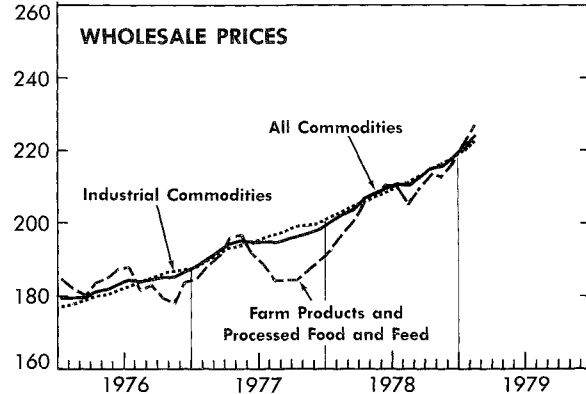


BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



Data: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

1967=100



Data: U.S. Dept. of Labor

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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1978		1979			
	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Mar. 3	Mar. 10
SPOT MARKET PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <sup>2/</sup> .....1967=100..	220.1	223.9	267.3	270.3	270.9	276.0
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	221.3	229.2	259.1	262.1	262.0	263.1
13 Raw industrials.....do.....	219.1	220.1	273.0	275.9	277.1	285.2
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	361	343	384	364	357	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	3,482	3,383	3,161	3,302	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	3,153	3,066	3,008	3,145	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	131	175	151	123	100	138
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <sup>3/</sup> .....mil. \$..	101,166	101,472	111,066	111,153	111,054	e111,381
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	113,276	112,763	125,128	127,262	125,978	126,480
Member bank reserve balances <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	36,132	35,664	40,774	40,944	39,812	40,392
Excess reserves, estimated <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	120	264	174	408	165	165
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <sup>4/</sup>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	112,191	111,201	101,869	101,172	.....	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	92,641	93,087	76,080	76,157	.....	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	433,803	437,969	440,658	447,820	.....	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	44,969	46,786	34,948	36,188	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	126,609	127,137	132,863	133,502	.....	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	75,897	76,061	82,052	82,923	.....	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <sup>3/</sup> .....percent..	8.80	8.81	9.61	9.65	9.73	9.75
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <sup>4/</sup> .....1941-43=10..	87.19	87.84	98.87	99.07	96.28	98.44
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	95.88	96.58	110.22	110.51	107.26	109.67
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	6,885	7,580	11,500	11,870	12,645	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	41,646	40,950	47,149	45,270	43,475	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	204,291	205,021	182,948	175,778	184,666	190,811
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. bbl..	8,717	8,717	8,591	8,591	8,678	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,420	2,470	2,601	2,604	2,692	2,801
Rate of capability utilization <sup>5/</sup> .....percent..	80.4	82.0	86.6	86.7	89.6	93.3
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	15.4	15.3	15.6	15.4	15.9	.....

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

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1977	1978			1979	
	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. <sup>r/</sup>	Jan.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	111,358	105,437	r136,055	r132,130	127,662	124,998
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	58,211	54,426	73,591	71,134	68,946	65,896
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,772	2,692	4,176	3,855	3,389	3,168
Primary metals.....do....	8,347	8,305	10,918	10,467	10,397	10,308
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,815	6,357	8,605	8,436	8,324	7,887
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	10,627	9,285	12,384	11,828	12,741	11,343
Electrical machinery.....do....	7,566	7,135	8,967	8,699	8,710	8,132
Transportation equipment.....do....	13,754	13,140	18,125	17,944	16,039	17,238
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,510	2,182	2,857	2,841	2,741	2,457
Nondurable goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do....	53,147	51,011	r62,464	r60,996	58,720	58,271
Foods and kindred products.....do....	16,494	15,338	r19,291	r18,831	18,733	17,963
Tobacco products.....do....	889	798	1,043	1,014	941	899
Textile mill products.....do....	3,437	3,216	3,990	3,783	3,491	3,563
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,282	4,229	5,157	5,061	4,573	4,690
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	9,161	9,366	10,701	10,432	10,422	10,795
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	8,346	8,005	8,781	8,952	9,335	8,982
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	2,980	2,820	3,642	3,461	3,021	3,048
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	117,938	114,322	r130,637	r132,424	135,035	135,604
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <sup>1/</sup> .....do....	62,130	59,973	70,292	71,635	73,429	73,611
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	3,223	3,136	3,884	3,852	3,943	3,690
Primary metals.....do....	9,166	8,776	10,862	10,868	11,425	10,900
Fabricated metal products.....do....	7,419	7,003	8,152	8,639	9,049	8,678
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	10,670	10,051	12,371	12,320	12,792	12,307
Electrical machinery.....do....	7,640	7,831	8,526	8,519	8,778	8,916
Transportation equipment.....do....	14,906	14,420	16,674	r17,473	17,227	19,049
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,485	2,397	2,715	2,761	2,712	2,705

<sup>r/</sup> Revised. <sup>1/</sup> Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

ITEM	1977	1978				1979
	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. r/	Jan.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con.						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..	55,808	54,349	r60,345	r60,789	61,606	61,993
Food and kindred products.....do....	16,844	16,100	r18,540	r18,595	19,133	18,828
Tobacco products.....do....	884	856	1,046	988	935	941
Textile mill products.....do....	3,600	3,535	3,752	3,684	3,649	3,912
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,558	4,424	5,051	5,109	4,866	4,905
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	10,104	10,223	10,673	10,942	11,481	11,739
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	8,299	8,080	8,837	8,980	9,298	9,069
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	3,270	3,086	3,483	3,552	3,317	3,319
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	180,118	182,745	193,494	195,912	198,062	203,066
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	114,862	116,835	125,583	127,236	128,448	132,184
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	65,256	65,910	67,911	68,676	69,614	70,882
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	179,714	180,977	194,735	196,587	197,802	201,224
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	115,424	116,278	126,784	128,357	129,141	131,608
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	4,259	4,416	4,699	4,782	4,825	4,892
Primary metals.....do....	17,779	17,555	17,751	18,118	18,035	17,879
Fabricated metal products.....do....	14,760	14,849	16,706	16,598	16,799	16,958
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	26,379	26,731	30,048	30,257	31,037	31,454
Electrical machinery.....do....	15,433	15,539	16,959	17,120	17,025	17,548
Transportation equipment.....do....	21,258	21,443	23,425	24,016	23,908	24,917
Instruments and related products.....do....	5,727	5,820	6,461	6,494	6,550	6,826
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	64,290	64,699	67,951	68,230	68,661	69,616
Food and kindred products.....do....	15,575	15,755	17,104	16,956	17,099	17,300
Tobacco products.....do....	3,524	3,427	3,544	3,653	3,639	3,600
Textile mill products.....do....	5,294	5,432	5,571	5,632	5,620	5,725
Paper and allied products.....do....	5,622	5,588	5,795	5,778	5,868	5,857
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	14,134	14,167	15,246	15,269	15,461	15,600
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	5,992	6,016	5,503	5,625	5,458	5,567
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	4,281	4,356	4,528	4,491	4,580	4,769
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	114,989	109,532	r143,164	136,573	130,608	133,118
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	61,797	58,172	80,752	75,518	73,650	74,983
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	53,192	51,360	62,389	r61,100	58,746	58,135
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	122,128	117,899	r137,185	r137,662	140,356	143,042
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	66,165	63,335	76,984	76,654	78,623	81,344
Primary metals.....do....	9,347	9,857	11,722	11,092	11,806	15,973
Fabricated metal products.....do....	7,447	7,597	8,524	8,804	9,527	9,344
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	11,210	10,563	13,234	13,099	13,273	13,401
Electrical machinery.....do....	8,000	8,434	8,988	8,960	9,285	9,682
Transportation equipment.....do....	17,569	14,749	20,553	20,916	20,167	20,860
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	55,963	54,564	r60,201	r61,008	61,733	61,698
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	12,289	12,002	12,986	13,273	13,184	13,036
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	43,674	42,562	47,215	47,735	48,549	48,662
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	193,029	197,123	231,261	235,753	240,483	248,606
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	184,482	188,227	221,233	225,619	230,324	238,583
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	8,547	8,896	10,028	10,134	10,159	10,023
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	193,659	197,235	230,464	235,704	241,025	248,464
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	184,834	188,194	220,341	225,361	230,554	238,289
Primary metals.....do....	18,513	19,594	25,612	25,834	26,216	29,288
Fabricated metal products.....do....	23,203	23,797	25,361	25,526	26,005	26,671
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	47,221	47,732	51,776	52,558	53,039	54,134
Electrical machinery.....do....	25,833	26,436	29,466	29,910	30,413	31,181
Transportation equipment.....do....	60,527	60,856	77,612	81,052	83,994	85,807
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	8,825	9,041	10,123	10,343	10,471	10,175
1978						
COMMODITY PRICES						
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS...1910-14=100..	466	r482	538	555	r579	601
Crops.....do....	424	r427	452	461	r470	481
Commercial vegetables.....do....	524	r512	457	542	r638	681
Cotton.....do....	404	434	516	490	r473	454
Feed grains and hay.....do....	307	313	309	319	r322	324
Food grains.....do....	314	320	349	347	r346	347
Fruit.....do....	436	443	483	471	r482	516
Tobacco.....do....	1,024	1,021	1,115	1,138	1,134	1,124
Livestock and products.....do....	509	539	627	653	r693	726
Dairy products.....do....	624	624	709	722	r728	728
Meat animals.....do....	613	661	792	829	904	964
Poultry and eggs.....do....	218	235	248	260	264	269
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do....	604	610	658	664	676	688
Family living items.....do....	590	593	638	641	644	650
Production items.....do....	590	597	645	652	668	683
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	711	717	764	770	r796	808
PARITY RATIO.....do....	66	67	71	72	73	74

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1978				1979	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES:						
SPOT MARKET PRICES, BASIC COMMODITIES:						
22 Commodities.....1967=100..	218.0	220.3	252.2	250.8	255.3	.....
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	215.4	220.8	248.3	249.1	250.9	.....
13 Raw industrials.....do.....	219.7	219.9	254.8	251.8	258.3	.....
ALL COMMODITIES.....do.....	200.1	202.1	215.7	217.4	220.7	223.9
Farm products.....do.....	192.2	198.9	219.2	222.4	230.1	240.5
Food and feeds, processed.....do.....	191.5	194.9	208.1	211.9	215.3	218.7
Industrial commodities.....do.....	201.6	202.9	216.0	217.0	219.9	222.4
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	194.1	195.2	202.3	202.2	204.9	207.0
Fuels and related products, and power.....do.....	312.8	312.9	329.9	334.1	338.3	342.4
Furniture and household durables.....do.....	156.5	156.7	162.9	163.7	165.8	166.7
Hides, skins and leather products.....do.....	185.8	187.2	216.0	216.5	223.8	232.8
Lumber and wood products.....do.....	256.4	263.7	288.5	288.7	290.1	292.3
Machinery and equipment.....do.....	189.3	190.3	202.5	203.6	205.0	206.2
Metals and metal products.....do.....	215.2	219.1	235.4	236.6	241.6	247.3
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do.....	212.9	215.1	229.8	230.9	237.7	240.3
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do.....	188.0	188.6	203.7	204.9	206.8	208.4
Rubber and plastics products.....do.....	170.2	170.2	179.2	179.6	180.7	183.1
Textile products.....do.....	156.5	157.0	163.0	163.5	164.6	165.0
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	169.1	169.5	179.8	180.2	182.4	183.5
Motor vehicles and equipment.....1967=100..	171.3	171.8	182.1	182.5	184.7	185.9
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Producer prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.535	\$0.531	\$0.499	\$0.494	\$0.487	\$0.482
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Retail sales, new passenger cars:						
Total, not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	687	777	909	769	r784	p840
Domestics.....do.....	545	628	770	646	645	676
Imports.....do.....	142	149	139	123	138	p164
Total, seasonally adjusted at annual rate.....mil..	10.1	10.5	11.0	11.2	11.0	p11.4
Domestics.....do.....	8.0	8.5	9.0	9.4	9.0	9.1
Imports.....do.....	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.0	P2.2
Retail inventories, new cars (domestics), end of month:						
Not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	1,887	1,952	1,728	1,729	1,885	1,957
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....	1,824	1,848	1,777	1,780	1,819	1,851
Inventory-sales ratio, new cars (domestics).....ratio..	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4

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