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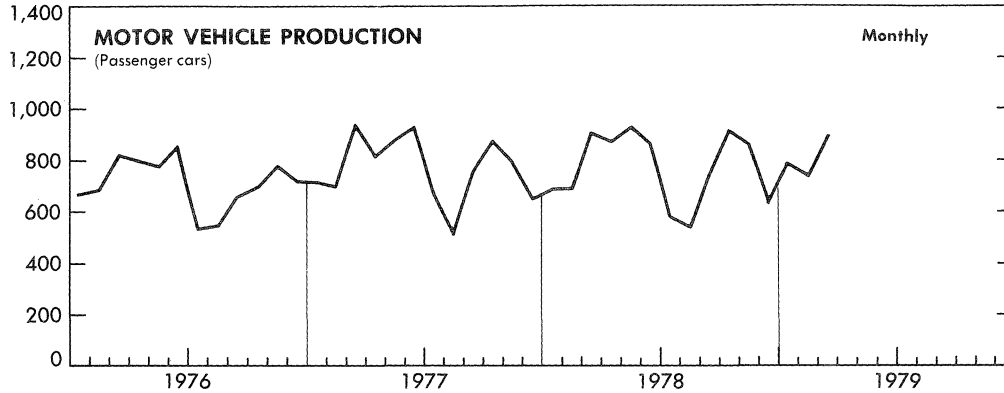


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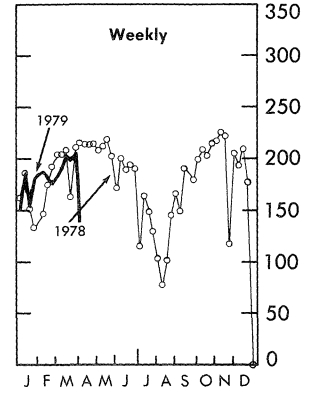
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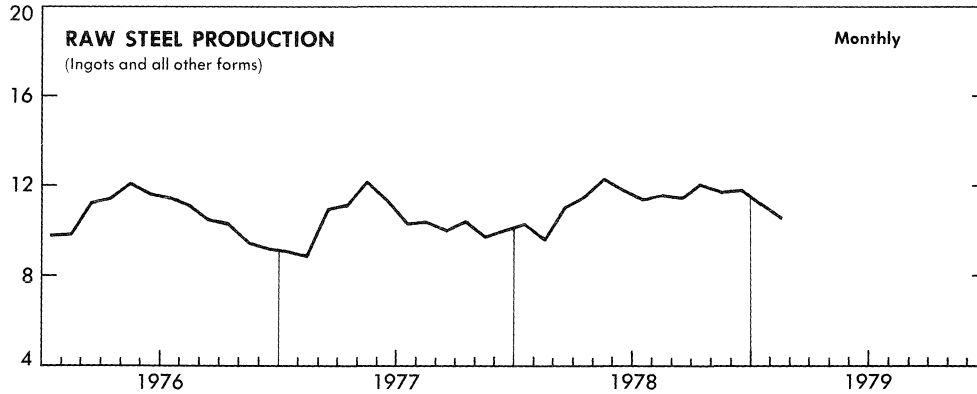


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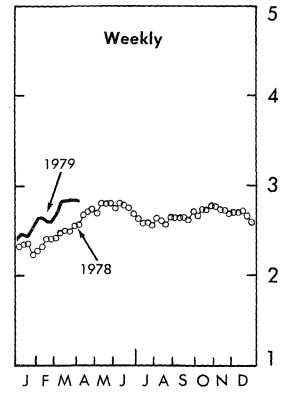


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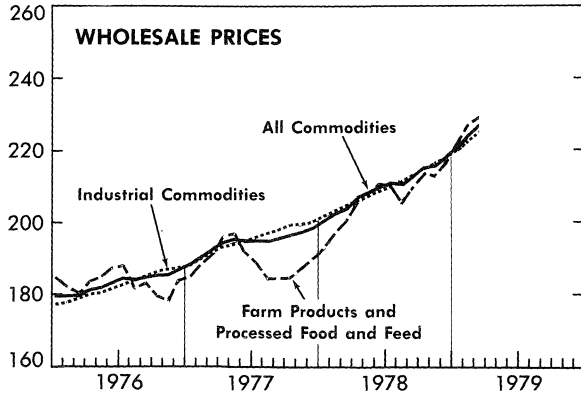


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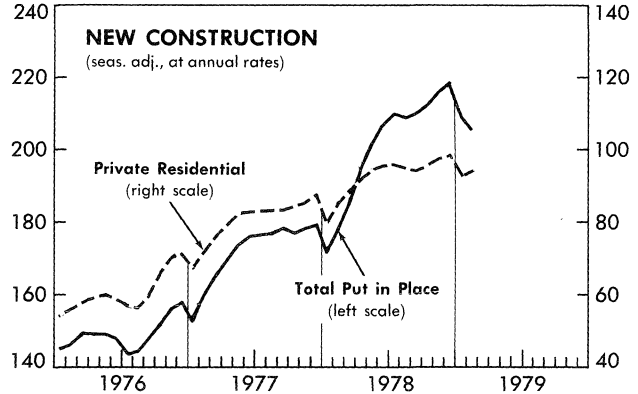


1967=100



Data: U.S. Dept. of Labor

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



Data: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

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ITEM	1978		1979			
	Apr. 1	Apr. 8	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 31	Apr. 7
SPOT MARKET PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <sup>2/</sup> .....1967=100..	228.0	228.2	275.8	279.9	277.7	276.1
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	240.1	239.9	261.4	266.7	256.0	252.6
13 Raw industrials.....do....	219.8	220.3	286.0	289.3	293.6	293.4
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	279	338	316	296	299	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	2,990	2,845	2,945	2,843	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	2,689	2,549	2,772	2,661	.....	.....
FAILURES. INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)..number..	144	144	227	191	179	142
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <sup>3/</sup> .....mil. \$..	102,322	102,655	111,970	111,888	111,757	e112,421
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	117,211	116,520	124,918	127,097	125,968	126,557
Member bank reserve balances <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	36,463	36,566	39,955	40,537	39,934	40,500
Excess reserves, estimated <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	248	275	80	188	78	454
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <sup>4/</sup>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	112,769	114,711	98,654	99,339	.....	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	94,013	94,490	76,248	76,550	.....	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	435,070	445,536	445,198	448,561	.....	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	44,038	46,405	37,132	37,311	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	128,805	129,560	133,930	134,803	.....	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	76,788	76,938	82,945	83,122	.....	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <sup>3/</sup> .....percent..	8.81	8.85	9.76	9.78	9.77	9.76
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <sup>4/</sup> ..1941-43=10..	89.64	89.64	99.71	101.25	102.12	102.65
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	98.49	98.56	111.18	113.03	114.03	114.63
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	11,360	14,075	14,995	15,145	15,445	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	37,070	37,465	42,490	40,576	41,260	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	211,974	216,228	203,718	198,023	204,467	139,968
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. bbl..	8,717	9,012	8,678	8,678	8,678	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,550	2,560	2,840	2,835	2,845	2,833
Rate of capability utilization <sup>5/</sup> .....percent..	83.9	84.2	94.6	94.4	94.7	83.0
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	17.0	16.9	17.1	17.3	17.6	.....

<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	1978			1979		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS...1910-14=100..	482	r501	555	579	r602	615
Crops.....do....	427	r444	461	470	r485	482
Commercial vegetables.....do....	512	r528	542	638	r700	620
Cotton.....do....	434	432	490	473	r458	445
Feed grains and hay.....do....	313	325	319	322	r330	327
Food grains.....do....	320	328	347	346	r344	347
Fruit.....do....	443	459	471	482	r519	546
Tobacco.....do....	1,021	1,006	1,138	1,134	1,124	1,120
Livestock and products.....do....	539	560	653	693	726	754
Dairy products.....do....	624	624	722	728	728	722
Meat animals.....do....	661	700	829	904	964	1,018
Poultry and eggs.....do....	235	238	260	264	269	276
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do....	610	621	664	676	688	705
Family living items.....do....	593	598	641	644	650	657
Production items.....do....	597	611	652	668	683	704
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates...do....	717	728	770	796	808	825
PARITY RATIO.....do....	67	69	72	73	r75	75
PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES:						
SPOT MARKET PRICES, BASIC COMMODITIES:						
22 Commodities.....1967=100..	220.3	226.3	250.8	255.3	268.0	.....
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	220.8	236.0	249.1	250.9	260.2	.....
13 Raw industrials.....do....	219.9	219.8	251.8	258.3	273.5	.....
ALL COMMODITIES.....do....	202.1	203.7	217.4	220.7	223.9	226.4
Farm products.....do....	198.9	204.2	222.4	230.1	240.5	242.5
Food and feeds, processed.....do....	194.9	196.9	211.9	215.3	218.7	220.4
Industrial commodities.....do....	202.9	204.1	217.0	219.9	222.4	225.1
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	195.2	196.1	202.2	204.9	207.0	209.5
Fuels and related products, and power.....do....	312.9	315.3	334.1	338.3	342.4	350.5
Furniture and household durables.....do....	156.7	157.7	163.7	165.8	166.7	167.5
Hides, skins and leather products.....do....	187.2	187.9	216.5	223.8	232.8	254.1

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COMMODITY PRICES--Con.						
PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES--Con.						
ALL COMMODITIES--Con.						
Industrial commodities--Con.						
Lumber and wood products.....1967=100..	263.7	266.2	288.7	290.1	292.3	299.3
Machinery and equipment.....do....	190.3	191.6	203.6	205.0	206.2	207.4
Metals and metal products.....do....	219.1	221.1	236.6	241.6	247.3	251.6
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do....	215.1	215.9	230.9	237.7	240.3	240.5
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	188.6	189.7	204.9	206.8	208.4	211.8
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	170.2	171.4	179.6	180.7	183.1	185.5
Textile products.....do....	157.0	157.4	163.5	164.6	165.0	165.1
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	169.5	169.6	180.2	182.4	183.5	183.5
Motor vehicles and equipment.....1967=100..	171.8	171.9	182.5	184.7	185.9	185.8
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Producer prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.531	\$0.529	\$0.494	\$0.487	\$0.482	\$0.478
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..						
Private, total.....do....	11,395	13,425	r16,847	r13,963	13,245	.....
Residential (incl. farm).....do....	9,153	10,823	r13,345	r11,105	10,700	.....
New housing units.....do....	5,158	6,264	r7,271	r6,003	5,732	.....
Nonresidential buildings, total 1/.....do....	4,295	5,174	r5,973	r4,884	4,696	.....
Industrial.....do....	2,095	2,463	3,354	r2,811	2,783	.....
Commercial.....do....	565	720	1,163	r933	955	.....
Public, total.....do....	1,097	1,242	1,634	r1,397	1,361	.....
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..	2,242	2,603	r3,502	r2,858	2,544	.....
Private, total.....do....	177.6	185.4	r218.5	r208.6	205.5	.....
Residential (incl. farm).....do....	141.9	147.7	r171.0	r162.3	164.3	.....
New housing units.....do....	85.3	88.1	r98.8	r92.2	94.1	.....
Nonresidential buildings, total 1/.....do....	70.9	72.5	r80.5	r74.6	77.0	.....
Industrial.....do....	28.7	31.8	40.2	r38.4	38.1	.....
Commercial.....do....	7.7	9.2	13.3	r12.5	13.0	.....
Public, total.....do....	15.2	16.2	20.1	r19.3	18.8	.....
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN 50 STATES (F.W. DODGE):	35.7	37.7	47.6	r46.3	41.2	.....
TOTAL VALUATION.....mil. \$..	9,695	12,345	10,185	10,716	14,166	.....
Index (seasonally adjusted).....1972=100..	162	153	184	181	231	.....
Building, total.....mil. \$..	6,766	9,568	7,877	8,420	8,044	.....
By type of building:						
Nonresidential.....do....	2,905	3,429	3,096	3,952	3,412	.....
Residential.....do....	3,862	6,139	4,781	4,468	4,632	.....
Non-building construction.....do....	2,929	2,776	2,308	2,296	6,122	.....
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1972=100..	164.5	164.8	r186.8	r187.0	188.1	.....
FINANCE						
SECURITY MARKETS:						
BOND YIELDS:						
Domestic corporate (Moody's).....percent..	8.78	8.80	9.49	9.65	9.63	9.76
By ratings:						
Aaa.....do....	8.47	8.47	9.16	9.25	9.26	9.37
Aa.....do....	8.65	8.66	9.33	9.48	9.50	9.61
A.....do....	8.79	8.83	9.53	9.72	9.68	9.81
Baa.....do....	9.20	9.22	9.94	10.13	10.08	10.26
By group:						
Industrials.....do....	8.65	8.66	9.31	9.44	9.42	9.50
Public utilities.....do....	8.90	8.93	9.67	9.85	9.84	10.02
Railroads.....do....	8.32	8.41	9.15	9.21	9.22	9.30
STOCKS						
Prices:						
Dow-Jones average (65 stocks).....	267.80	265.75	274.87	283.85	280.06	286.50
Industrial (30 stocks).....	763.57	756.24	807.94	857.39	825.18	847.84
Public utility (15 stocks).....	104.32	105.48	99.38	102.24	103.75	103.85
Transportation (20 stocks).....	208.14	204.50	211.12	216.85	210.41	216.44
Standard & Poor's Corporation:						
Combined index (500 stocks).....1941-43=10..	88.98	88.82	96.11	99.71	98.23	100.11
Industrial, total (400 stocks).....do....	97.95	97.65	106.92	111.15	109.49	111.66
Capital goods (111 stocks).....do....	96.25	93.12	105.82	112.08	110.66	114.50
Consumer goods (189 stocks).....do....	79.11	78.68	82.53	84.42	81.80	82.70
Utilities (40 stocks).....do....	51.60	51.72	49.32	50.33	50.74	50.62
Transportation (20 stocks).....1970=10..	12.91	12.70	13.10	13.46	13.08	13.48
Railroad (10 stocks).....1941-43=10..	44.69	43.61	43.37	44.45	44.92	46.64
Financial (40 stocks).....1970=10..	10.33	10.50	11.36	11.68	11.28	11.63
New York City banks (6 stocks).....1941-43=10..	38.74	38.66	43.19	44.12	41.91	42.54
Banks outside N.Y.C. (10 stocks).....do....	89.56	90.36	100.78	102.32	97.54	99.28
Property-Casualty Insurance (6 stocks).....do....	99.37	101.01	105.07	108.73	108.22	116.11

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ITEM	1978			1979		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
FOREIGN TRADE						
EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	9,518.5	12,079.4	13,532.9	12,561.3	12,932.5	.....
Excl. Department of Defense Shipments.....do....	9,514.6	12,074.2	13,531.0	12,558.1	12,928.5	.....
Seasonally adjusted.....do.....	9,945.0	11,146.5	13,282.5	r13,131.8	13,506.8	.....
By commodity groups and principal commodities:						
Food and live animals.....do....	1,271.5	1,465.7	1,555.2	1,313.3	1,314.3	.....
Beverages and tobacco.....do....	168.0	213.6	259.7	135.4	171.2	.....
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels.....do....	1,063.4	1,337.5	1,556.5	1,550.4	1,513.5	.....
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.....do....	141.0	165.2	417.9	350.2	292.0	.....
Oils and fats, animal and vegetable.....do....	97.2	141.5	147.0	145.8	173.2	.....
Chemicals.....do.....	883.2	1,031.1	1,137.0	1,235.6	1,155.6	.....
Manufactured goods.....do....	848.4	1,067.6	r1,186.6	1,121.5	1,135.3	.....
Machinery and transport equipment, total.....do....	3,939.6	5,140.1	r5,713.5	r5,040.1	5,394.3	.....
GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL.....do....	13,286.4	14,547.3	14,956.3	15,846.3	13,776.3	.....
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	14,259.5	14,004.1	15,031.8	16,231.1	14,806.3	.....
By commodity groups and principal commodities:						
Food and live animals.....do....	1,111.4	1,257.5	1,254.1	1,278.3	1,102.5	.....
Beverages and tobacco.....do....	162.4	174.7	205.9	204.8	156.2	.....
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels.....do....	675.2	768.5	806.9	812.7	738.0	.....
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.....do....	3,502.3	3,431.2	3,746.3	4,228.0	3,524.9	.....
Oils and fats, animal and vegetable.....do....	46.6	46.0	33.0	89.5	50.6	.....
Chemicals.....do.....	472.7	604.2	535.3	532.2	440.5	.....
Manufactured goods.....do....	2,195.4	2,334.1	2,111.5	2,255.8	2,120.7	.....
Machinery and transport equipment.....do....	3,573.2	4,050.7	4,318.7	4,515.9	3,932.6	.....
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Retail sales, new passenger cars:						
Total, not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	777	1,078	769	784	840	p1,116
Domestics.....do.....	628	883	646	645	676	865
Imports.....do.....	149	195	123	138	164	p251
Total, seasonally adjusted at annual rate.....mil..	10.5	11.8	11.2	11.0	11.4	p12.6
Domestics.....do.....	8.5	9.8	9.4	9.0	9.1	9.8
Imports.....do.....	2.0	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.2	p2.7
Retail inventories, new cars (domestics), end of month:						
Not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	1,952	1,991	1,729	1,885	1,957	1,974
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	1,848	1,866	1,780	1,819	1,851	1,846
Inventory-sales ratio, new cars (domestics).....ratio..	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3

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