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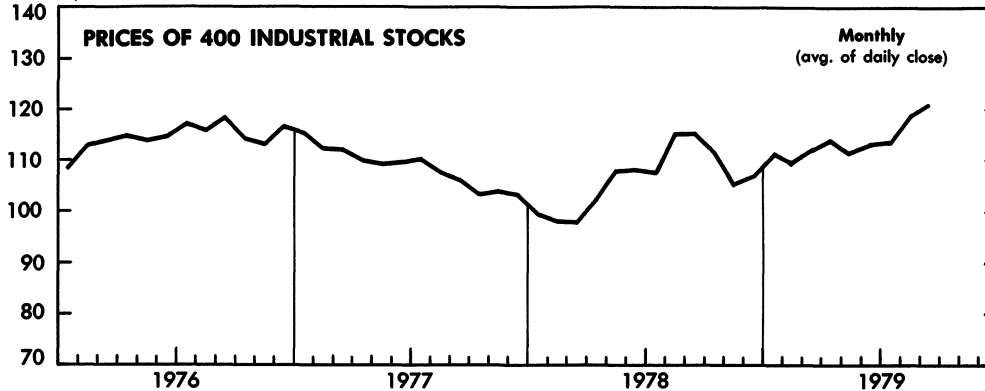


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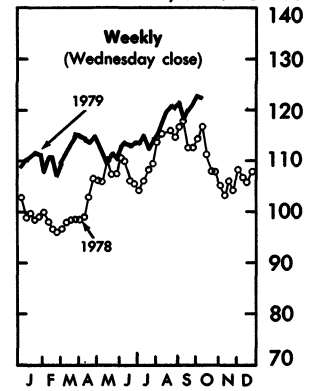
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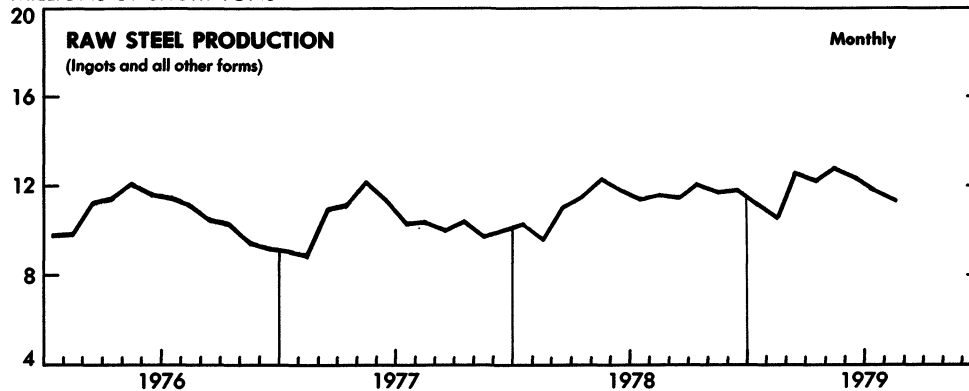


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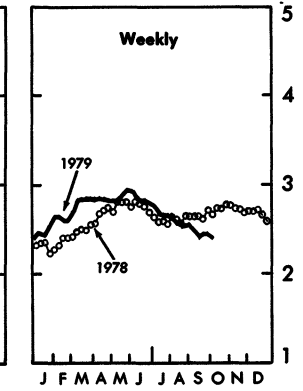


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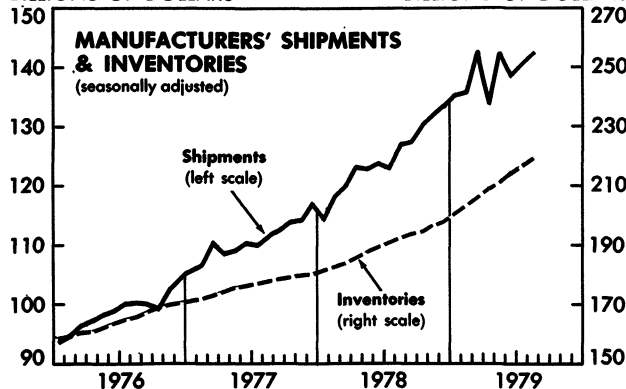


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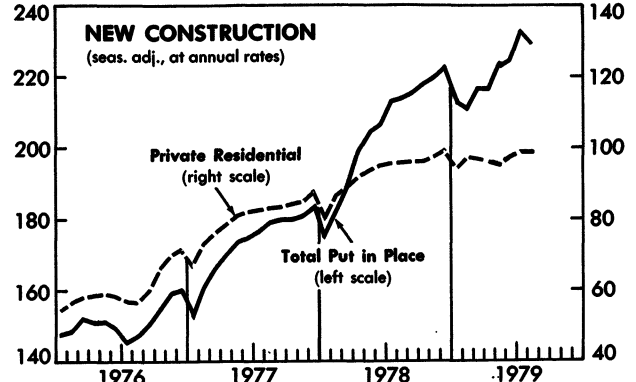


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ITEM	1978		1979			
	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Oct. 6
SPOT MARKET PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES ^{2/}1967=100..	244.1	247.8	281.2	281.6	279.4	289.4
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	250.1	253.0	258.7	261.8	256.8	259.7
13 Raw industrials.....do.....	239.9	244.2	297.8	296.0	296.1	311.7
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	249	324	311	310	304	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	1,953	1,928	2,178	2,133	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,766	1,735	2,038	1,993	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)...number..	100	110	157	134	162	171
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation ^{3/}.....mil. \$..	107,663	107,954	119,683	119,236	118,642	e118,886
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total ^{3/}.....do....	132,392	132,783	131,849	133,949	134,188	135,472
Member bank reserve balances ^{3/}.....do.....	38,441	38,869	40,197	41,124	41,615	42,092
Excess reserves, estimated ^{3/}.....do.....	223	123	134	413	93	325
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: ^{4/}						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do.....	101,455	115,159	104,333	100,813	99,829	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	78,421	92,091	77,248	76,700	76,141	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	420,544	470,749	491,581	494,147	490,378	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	36,855	43,046	37,014	35,976	35,742	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	127,319	137,784	150,288	151,994	152,256	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	76,188	86,233	92,942	93,503	93,712	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) ^{3/}.....percent..	9.08	9.10	9.89	9.95	10.02	10.17
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) ^{4/} ...1941-43=10..	101.66	103.06	107.82	108.28	109.96	109.59
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do.....	112.62	114.33	120.07	120.76	122.83	122.53
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	8,365	16,645	16,555	15,900	16,290	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	40,936	40,449	43,370	41,239	41,172	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	178,750	202,010	158,418	154,259	165,099	158,877
Petroleum (crude) and condensate ^{3/}.....thous. bbl.	8,856	8,806	8,498	8,498	8,498	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,714	2,660	2,431	2,445	2,438	2,404
Rate of capability utilization ^{5/}.....percent..	89.9	87.4	81.8	82.3	82.1	83.1
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	12.3	19.1	17.9	17.9	18.2	.....

^{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	1978		1979			
	July	Aug.	May	June	July ^{r/}	Aug.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL ^{1/}.....mil. \$..	113,813	125,565	144,304	147,053	131,080	140,577
Durable goods industries, total.....do.....	58,902	65,653	77,997	78,976	67,066	71,757
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	3,581	4,081	4,263	4,471	4,016	4,359
Primary metals.....do.....	9,131	10,110	13,055	12,599	10,955	11,486
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	7,168	8,393	9,620	9,787	8,477	9,267
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	10,370	10,992	13,251	14,043	12,039	12,816
Electrical machinery.....do.....	7,271	8,273	8,990	9,851	8,178	9,064
Transportation equipment.....do.....	12,873	13,606	18,190	17,086	13,583	13,466
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,390	2,716	2,943	3,211	2,765	3,033
Nondurable goods industries, total ^{1/}.....do....	54,911	59,912	66,307	68,077	64,014	68,820
Foods and kindred products.....do.....	16,770	17,947	19,268	19,604	18,822	19,370
Tobacco products.....do.....	821	968	1,040	885	1,126	1,106
Textile mill products.....do.....	3,100	3,744	3,973	4,207	3,419	3,966
Paper and allied products.....do.....	4,592	5,007	5,637	5,770	5,337	5,829
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	9,605	10,241	12,898	13,175	11,504	12,253
Petroleum and coal products.....do.....	8,719	8,925	10,388	10,909	10,084	11,959
Rubber and plastics products.....do.....	3,001	3,544	3,893	3,923	3,415	3,857
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do.....	123,079	127,029	142,288	138,960	140,932	142,432
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total ^{1/}.....do....	65,106	67,972	75,698	72,629	73,516	74,503
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	3,662	3,776	4,124	4,072	4,111	4,029
Primary metals.....do.....	9,908	10,370	12,372	11,494	11,887	11,792
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	7,621	8,209	9,338	9,040	9,053	9,054
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	11,376	11,717	13,058	12,902	13,239	13,643
Electrical machinery.....do.....	8,102	8,427	9,157	9,308	9,101	9,256
Transportation equipment.....do.....	15,261	15,840	17,239	15,429	15,527	16,050
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,598	2,705	2,963	3,028	3,009	3,020

^{r/} Revised. ^{1/} Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

ITEM	1978		1979			
	July	Aug.	May	June	July <u>r/</u>	Aug.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con.						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....mil. \$..	57,972	59,057	66,590	66,331	67,416	67,929
Food and kindred products.....do....	17,540	17,909	19,418	19,296	19,725	19,346
Tobacco products.....do....	831	941	1,027	843	1,142	1,076
Textile mill products.....do....	3,673	3,707	3,914	3,984	4,060	3,921
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,868	4,863	5,613	5,479	5,659	5,668
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	10,441	10,351	12,419	12,552	12,504	12,432
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	8,635	8,852	10,622	10,757	10,820	11,876
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	3,279	3,515	3,809	3,704	3,739	3,826
MANUFACTURERS' INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	189,434	191,265	212,123	213,818	215,361	218,112
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	123,155	124,414	140,697	142,041	142,752	144,469
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	66,279	66,851	71,426	71,777	72,609	73,643
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	190,783	192,412	211,085	214,339	216,940	219,360
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	123,624	124,952	139,502	141,700	143,369	145,065
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	4,614	4,684	5,322	5,372	5,429	5,474
Primary metals.....do....	17,333	17,496	18,191	18,578	18,795	19,194
Fabricated metal products.....do....	16,279	16,380	18,195	18,584	18,533	18,632
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	29,034	29,378	33,573	34,120	34,607	35,143
Electrical machinery.....do....	16,714	16,839	18,479	18,714	19,015	19,205
Transportation equipment.....do....	22,936	23,286	27,125	27,390	27,994	28,257
Instruments and related products.....do....	6,157	6,220	7,212	7,336	7,445	7,500
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	67,158	67,460	71,583	72,639	73,571	74,295
Food and kindred products.....do....	16,502	16,619	18,524	19,106	19,220	19,206
Tobacco products.....do....	3,389	3,362	3,581	3,716	3,607	3,808
Textile mill products.....do....	5,519	5,538	5,666	5,645	5,665	5,699
Paper and allied products.....do....	5,897	5,802	6,294	6,344	6,464	6,352
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	15,023	15,107	15,964	15,901	16,122	16,329
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	5,519	5,508	5,063	5,347	5,597	6,018
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	4,524	4,580	4,868	4,870	4,985	4,950
MANUFACTURERS' NEW ORDERS, NET:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	116,544	128,293	144,733	r149,983	131,905	140,865
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	61,397	68,396	78,568	r81,410	67,926	72,063
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	55,148	59,897	66,165	68,073	63,979	68,802
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	124,076	129,870	143,594	142,269	139,934	142,745
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	65,935	70,593	77,027	r75,820	72,476	74,574
Primary metals.....do....	10,263	11,089	11,270	11,658	10,937	10,745
Fabricated metal products.....do....	7,696	8,351	9,477	8,878	8,994	9,174
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	11,644	11,859	13,140	13,502	13,105	13,915
Electrical machinery.....do....	7,988	8,759	9,587	9,690	8,867	9,654
Transportation equipment.....do....	15,466	17,176	18,966	r17,586	15,805	16,484
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	58,141	59,277	66,567	66,449	67,458	68,171
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	13,055	13,175	15,262	15,216	14,475	14,479
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	45,086	46,103	51,305	51,233	52,983	53,692
MANUFACTURERS' UNFILED ORDERS, END OF MONTH:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	216,339	219,067	265,506	r267,941	268,764	269,048
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	206,315	209,057	254,745	r257,179	258,040	258,342
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	10,024	10,010	10,761	10,762	10,724	10,706
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	215,403	218,244	265,782	r269,086	267,930	268,246
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	205,557	208,178	255,273	r258,457	257,417	257,491
Primary metals.....do....	23,153	23,871	31,738	31,902	30,953	29,905
Fabricated metal products.....do....	24,952	25,094	28,132	27,970	27,911	28,031
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	50,029	50,171	56,698	57,296	57,163	57,431
Electrical machinery.....do....	28,361	28,692	33,527	33,906	33,671	34,072
Transportation equipment.....do....	68,490	69,826	93,177	r95,333	95,610	94,829
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	9,845	10,066	10,509	10,629	10,513	10,755
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES:						
SPOT MARKET PRICES, BASIC COMMODITIES:						
22 Commodities.....1967=100..	236.2	243.0	278.1	281.2	279.5	.....
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	241.4	248.7	256.5	259.3	254.3	.....
13 Raw industrials.....do....	232.6	239.1	293.9	297.3	298.1	.....
ALL COMMODITIES.....do....	210.6	212.4	233.1	236.6	238.1	241.7
Farm products.....do....	210.3	215.1	242.8	246.8	238.5	241.0
Industrial commodities.....do....	211.4	212.5	233.5	237.2	240.3	243.8
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	199.5	200.3	218.9	224.3	227.3	230.3
Fuels and related products, and power.....do....	324.9	326.7	393.2	411.7	432.5	454.4
Furniture and household durables.....do....	161.8	162.0	169.3	170.1	170.7	171.7
Hides, skins and leather products.....do....	205.1	210.7	267.2	262.2	258.0	250.7
Lumber and wood products.....do....	281.6	282.8	299.7	300.2	304.4	309.7
Machinery and equipment.....do....	197.5	198.8	211.7	214.2	215.7	217.6
Metals and metal products.....do....	231.0	231.4	257.6	260.6	261.6	263.6
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do....	227.2	228.2	246.8	249.2	249.6	252.2
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	195.8	199.0	216.6	218.1	221.9	222.8
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	175.7	176.7	192.8	195.5	197.9	200.3
Textile products.....do....	160.5	161.3	168.1	169.2	170.4	171.3
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	173.1	173.6	187.1	188.0	187.2	186.2
Motor vehicles and equipment.....1967=100..	175.8	175.9	189.7	190.4	189.2	188.1
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Producer prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.511	\$0.507	\$0.469	\$0.463	\$0.460	\$0.454

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ITEM	1978		1979			
	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug.
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	19,608	20,540	r19,274	r20,674	r21,476	21,875
Private, total.....do....	15,023	15,561	r15,115	r16,218	r16,640	16,886
Residential (incl. farm).....do....	9,153	9,321	r8,460	r9,163	r9,473	9,581
New housing units.....do....	7,384	7,560	6,453	r7,133	r7,408	7,476
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1/</u>.....mil. \$..	3,299	3,458	3,715	3,986	r4,172	4,243
Industrial.....do....	1,006	1,079	1,209	1,247	r1,344	1,269
Commercial.....do....	1,691	1,752	1,918	2,116	r2,187	2,298
Public, total.....do....	4,585	4,979	r4,159	r4,456	r4,836	4,989
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..	212.8	213.7	223.2	r224.7	r232.7	229.2
Private, total.....do....	164.6	165.1	174.8	178.7	r181.7	180.3
Residential (incl. farm).....do....	95.6	95.8	95.0	r97.3	r98.8	98.7
New housing units.....do....	77.6	77.7	r75.7	77.7	r77.8	77.1
Nonresidential buildings, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	37.9	38.1	45.2	46.8	r47.8	46.8
Industrial.....do....	11.6	12.0	14.5	14.7	r15.5	14.1
Commercial.....do....	19.2	19.2	23.6	24.8	r24.8	25.2
Public, total.....do....	48.2	48.6	48.4	r46.0	r51.0	48.9
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN 50 STATES (F.W. DODGE):						
TOTAL VALUATION.....mil. \$..	14,791	r16,022	16,425	15,645	14,715	14,472
Index (seasonally adjusted).....1972=100..	173	177	178	177	165	163
Buildings, total.....mil. \$..	11,285	r11,220	12,629	12,332	11,517	11,584
By type of building:						
Nonresidential.....do....	4,461	r4,100	4,553	5,056	4,510	4,515
Residential.....do....	6,823	r7,120	8,076	7,277	7,008	7,069
Non-building construction.....do....	3,506	r4,802	3,796	3,313	3,198	2,889
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1972=100..	176.2	178.8	r196.4	r197.8	r198.7	201.5

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