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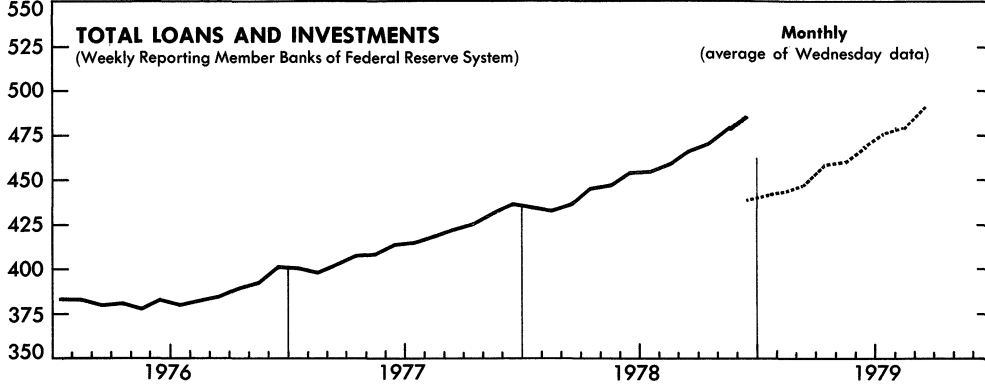


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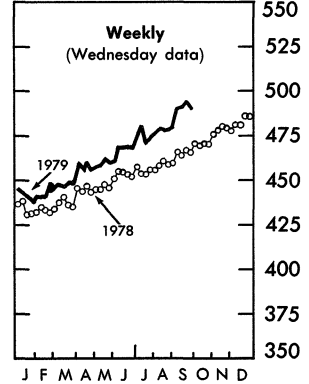
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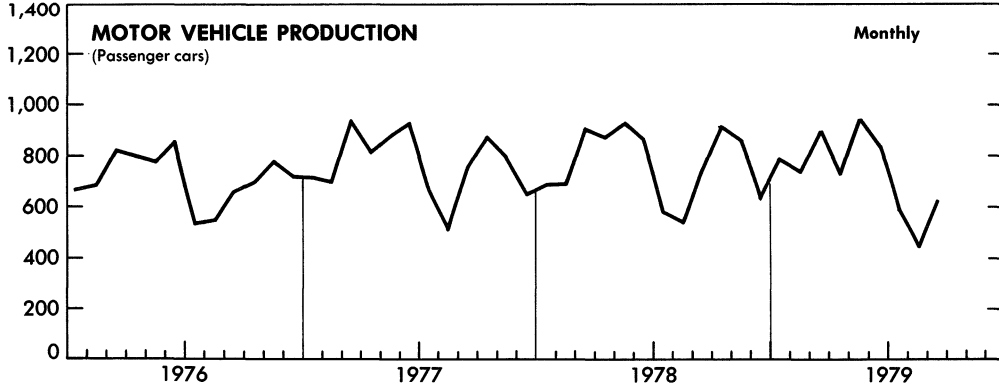


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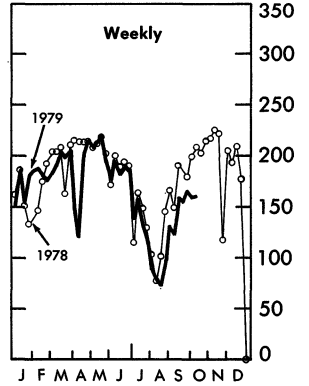


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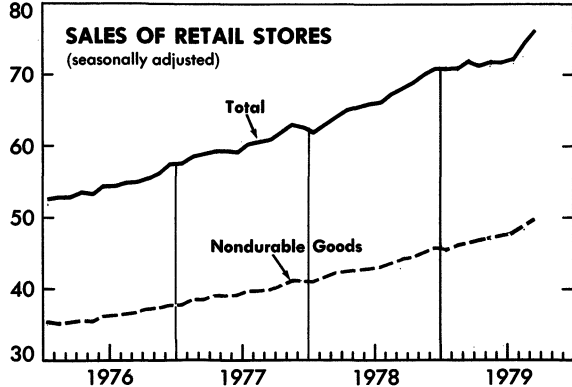


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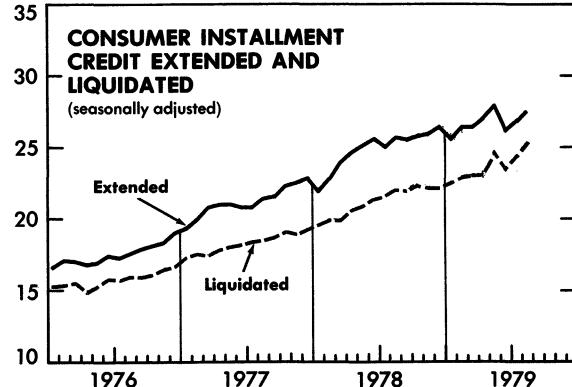


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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1978		1979			
	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13
SPOT MARKET PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <sup>2/</sup> .....1967=100..	247.8	248.6	281.6	279.4	289.4	285.2
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	253.0	253.0	261.8	256.8	259.7	256.2
13 Raw industrials.....do....	244.2	245.5	296.0	296.1	311.7	307.0
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	324	262	310	303	371	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,928	2,075	2,135	2,100	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,735	1,860	1,992	1,958	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST, AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)...number..	110	105	134	162	171	163
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <sup>3/</sup> .....mil. \$..	107,954	108,901	119,236	118,642	118,880	e119,882
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	132,783	131,739	133,949	134,188	135,461	133,231
Member bank reserve balances <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	38,869	37,997	41,124	41,615	42,124	41,533
Excess reserves, estimated <sup>3/</sup> .....do....	123	350	413	93	357	814
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <sup>4/</sup>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	115,159	118,500	100,813	99,829	.....	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	92,091	91,834	76,700	76,141	.....	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	470,749	469,285	494,147	490,378	.....	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	43,046	42,532	35,976	35,742	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	137,784	138,365	151,994	152,256	.....	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	86,233	86,618	93,503	93,712	.....	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <sup>3/</sup> .....percent..	9.10	9.15	9.95	10.02	10.17	10.45
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <sup>4/</sup> ...1941-43=10..	103.06	105.39	108.28	109.96	109.59	105.30
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	114.33	116.96	120.76	122.83	122.53	118.02
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	16,645	15,225	15,900	16,290	16,285	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	40,449	40,042	41,239	41,172	41,357	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	202,010	209,283	154,259	165,099	159,913	160,125
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <sup>3/</sup> .....thous. bbl..	8,806	8,806	8,354	8,354	8,614	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,660	2,739	2,445	2,438	2,404	2,412
Rate of capability utilization <sup>5/</sup> .....percent..	87.4	90.0	82.3	82.1	83.1	83.4
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil.	19.1	18.4	17.9	18.2	18.4	.....

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			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
COMMODITY PRICES						
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, ALL FARM PRODUCTS.....1910-14=100..	528	542	610	611	r592	601
Crops.....do....	459	461	524	539	r528	505
Commercial vegetables.....do....	466	480	526	500	r504	471
Cotton.....do....	485	475	497	514	r500	494
Feed grains and hay.....do....	307	302	380	394	r383	378
Food grains.....do....	337	336	432	442	r432	440
Fruit.....do....	564	634	579	623	r630	492
Tobacco.....do....	1,079	1,147	1,141	1,105	1,155	1,186
Livestock and products.....do....	600	625	700	687	r658	700
Dairy products.....do....	642	667	704	709	r734	752
Meat animals.....do....	769	805	937	916	857	929
Poultry and eggs.....do....	243	247	246	237	226	232
PRICES PAID BY FARMERS:						
All commodities and services.....do....	643	650	722	731	r730	740
Family living items.....do....	624	628	679	687	694	702
Production items.....do....	629	638	718	726	721	733
All commod., services, int., taxes, and wage rates.....do....	750	757	845	853	852	862
PARITY RATIO.....do....	70	72	72	72	69	70
DOMESTIC TRADE						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES:						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL <sup>1/</sup> .....mil. \$..	69,102	66,219	74,813	r72,075	r77,623	72,153
Durable goods stores.....do....	24,898	22,563	26,622	r25,366	r27,493	24,385
Bldg. materials, hardware, garden supply, and mobile home dealers.....do....	4,308	4,034	4,817	r4,610	r4,986	4,682
Automotive dealers.....do....	14,642	12,733	15,049	r14,247	r15,455	13,158
Furn., home furn. and equip.....do....	3,224	3,138	3,559	r3,534	r3,859	3,604

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DOMESTIC TRADE--Con.						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES--Con.						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL 1/--Con.						
Nondurable goods stores.....mil. \$..	44,204	43,656	48,191	r46,709	r50,130	47,768
General merch. group stores.....do....	8,165	8,024	8,503	r7,984	r8,985	8,555
Department stores.....do....	6,520	6,468	6,810	6,396	r7,177	6,871
Food stores.....do....	14,858	14,942	17,051	r16,256	r16,878	16,060
Grocery stores.....do....	13,781	13,892	15,745	r14,963	r15,584	14,841
Gasoline service stations.....do....	5,387	5,191	6,294	r6,377	r6,846	6,608
Apparel and accessory stores.....do....	3,194	3,236	3,174	r3,015	r3,622	3,362
Eating and drinking places.....do....	6,527	6,134	6,655	r6,681	r6,977	6,521
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	2,109	2,041	2,282	r2,267	r2,363	2,234
ESTIMATED SALES (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL 1/.....do....	67,303	68,085	71,803	r72,370	r74,621	76,263
Durable goods stores.....do....	23,617	23,872	24,316	r24,471	r25,830	26,441
Bldg. mat., hdwre, garden supply, etc. dealers.....do....	3,809	3,798	4,175	r4,196	r4,408	4,468
Automotive dealers.....do....	13,895	14,033	13,363	r13,396	r14,476	15,003
Furn., home furn. and equip.....do....	3,170	3,228	3,545	r3,610	r3,769	3,766
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	43,686	44,213	47,487	r47,899	r48,791	49,822
General merch. group stores.....do....	8,361	8,379	8,655	r8,854	r9,104	9,244
Department stores.....do....	6,701	6,696	6,921	7,162	r7,294	7,364
Food stores.....do....	14,629	14,775	16,274	r16,262	r16,104	16,566
Grocery stores.....do....	13,577	13,687	15,024	r14,993	r14,842	15,284
Gasoline service stations.....do....	5,082	5,191	6,040	r5,910	r6,452	6,668
Apparel and accessory stores.....do....	3,221	3,261	3,341	r3,479	r3,596	3,498
Eating and drinking places.....do....	5,923	5,996	6,139	r6,232	r6,257	6,425
Drug and proprietary stores.....do....	2,135	2,158	2,296	r2,364	r2,370	2,418
FINANCE						
CONSUMER INSTALLMENT CREDIT						
Total extended and liquidated:						
Unadjusted:						
Extended.....mil. \$..	28,313	24,859	28,023	27,702	30,508	.....
Liquidated.....do....	22,596	21,086	23,482	24,506	25,747	.....
Seasonally adjusted:						
Extended, total 2/.....do....	25,669	25,537	26,139	26,848	27,583	.....
By major holder:						
Commercial banks.....do....	12,255	12,123	12,278	12,292	12,700	.....
Finance companies.....do....	4,348	4,372	4,641	5,353	5,133	.....
Credit unions.....do....	3,379	3,360	2,986	3,282	3,361	.....
Retailers.....do....	3,725	3,718	3,853	3,687	3,921	.....
By major credit type:						
Automobile.....do....	7,744	7,542	7,178	7,447	7,667	.....
Revolving.....do....	9,028	9,006	10,136	9,856	10,371	.....
Mobile home.....do....	531	494	547	519	655	.....
Liquidated, total 2/.....do....	22,037	21,857	23,581	24,405	25,137	.....
By major holder:						
Commercial banks.....do....	10,470	10,409	11,294	11,630	11,834	.....
Finance companies.....do....	3,612	3,525	3,728	4,168	4,584	.....
Credit unions.....do....	2,766	2,721	2,842	2,940	2,970	.....
Retailers.....do....	3,383	3,390	3,565	3,507	3,589	.....
By type of credit:						
Automobile.....do....	6,140	6,010	6,488	6,831	7,073	.....
Revolving.....do....	8,291	8,384	9,340	9,427	9,584	.....
Mobile home.....do....	452	422	445	447	473	.....
Total outstanding, end of year or month.....do....	259,614	263,387	291,856	295,052	299,813	.....
By major holder: 2/						
Commercial banks.....do....	129,622	131,403	144,035	145,169	147,312	.....
Finance companies.....do....	50,558	51,280	60,996	62,463	63,362	.....
Credit unions.....do....	43,499	44,325	47,478	47,772	48,631	.....
Retailers.....do....	22,093	22,302	23,672	23,713	24,114	.....
By type of credit: 2/						
Automobile.....do....	97,687	99,062	110,930	111,952	113,351	.....
Revolving.....do....	41,629	42,420	47,458	47,894	49,270	.....
Mobile home.....do....	15,799	15,910	16,607	16,719	16,972	.....
SECURITY MARKETS						
BOND YIELDS:						
Domestic corporate (Moody's).....percent..	9.08	9.04	9.81	9.69	9.74	9.93
By ratings:						
Aaa.....do....	8.69	8.69	9.29	9.20	9.23	9.44
Aa.....do....	8.96	8.92	9.66	9.49	9.53	9.70
A.....do....	9.18	9.11	9.89	9.75	9.85	10.03
Baa.....do....	9.48	9.42	10.38	10.29	10.35	10.54
By group:						
Industrials.....do....	8.95	8.90	9.57	9.47	9.52	9.66
Public utilities.....do....	9.21	9.17	10.04	9.90	9.97	10.19
Railroads.....do....	8.72	8.68	9.44	9.45	9.48	9.50

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ITEM	1978		1979			
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FINANCE--Con.						
STOCKS:						
Prices:						
Dow-Jones average (65 stocks).....	306.73	305.26	293.01	297.04	310.60	309.44
Industrial (30 stocks).....	887.93	878.64	838.65	836.95	873.55	878.50
Public utility (15 stocks).....	108.51	106.67	104.59	107.43	108.80	107.03
Transportation (20 stocks).....	248.96	250.25	239.68	248.42	265.75	262.04
Standard & Poor's Corporation:						
Combined index (500 stocks).....1941-43=10..	103.92	103.86	101.73	102.71	107.36	108.60
Industrial, total (400 stocks).....do....	114.99	115.11	112.98	113.63	118.93	121.06
Capital goods (111 stocks).....do....	115.19	113.94	114.76	114.08	119.82	119.95
Consumer goods (189 stocks).....do....	92.45	91.30	83.30	82.40	87.54	88.06
Utilities (40 stocks).....do....	53.35	52.54	50.57	51.73	52.52	51.16
Transportation (20 stocks).....1970=10..	15.41	15.46	14.65	15.20	16.18	15.72
Railroad (10 stocks).....1941-43=10..	47.26	48.19	52.60	54.73	57.62	56.00
Financial (40 stocks).....1970=10..	12.85	12.76	12.51	13.01	13.69	13.39
New York City banks (6 stocks).....1941-43=10..	48.02	48.01	44.93	46.61	49.26	47.44
Banks outside N.Y.C. (10 stocks).....do....	113.19	114.25	104.76	109.29	117.81	113.53
Property-Casualty Insurance (6 stocks).....do....	117.48	115.64	120.67	122.13	125.91	125.33
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Retail sales, new passenger cars:						
Total, not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	958	828	905	886	916	p775
Domestics.....do....	753	662	701	689	706	601
Imports.....do....	205	166	204	197	211	174
Total, seasonally adjusted at annual rate.....mil..	11.8	11.1	9.4	10.5	11.0	p10.8
Domestics.....do....	9.8	9.1	7.2	8.3	8.9	8.7
Imports.....do....	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.1	p2.1
Retail inventories, new cars (domestics), end of month:						
Not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	1,510	1,606	2,153	r2,026	1,757	1,752
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	1,662	1,652	r1,905	r1,932	p1,770	p1,761
Inventory-sales ratio, new cars (domestics).....ratio..	2.0	2.2	3.2	2.8	p2.4	p2.3

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