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## PRODUCTIVITY AND COSTS

### Nonfinancial Corporate Sector Third Quarter 1976

Productivity in nonfinancial corporations increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2.5 percent in the third quarter of 1976, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The increase in productivity reflected a 3.6 percent increase in output and a 1.0 percent increase in all-employee hours. In the second quarter, productivity had risen more than twice as much--up 5.1 percent--as output increased 6.8 percent and hours rose 1.6 percent (at annual rates). Compared with the third quarter of 1975, productivity is up 2.7 percent, output is 6.3 percent higher, and hours are up 3.5 percent.

Revised figures, released today for the private business, nonfarm business, and manufacturing sectors, showed a slower rate of productivity increases as compared with the preliminary data released October 27, due to downward revisions in the output figures. In the private business sector, the revised increase was 3.1 percent; in the nonfarm business sector, 2.9 percent; and, in manufacturing, 4.6 percent; preliminary estimated increases were 3.8 percent, 3.6 percent, and 5.7 percent, respectively. Third quarter measures are summarized in table A; details are given in tables 1-6.

### Nonfinancial Corporate Sector

The nonfinancial corporate sector includes all corporations doing business in the United States with the exception of banks, stock and commodity brokers, finance and insurance companies, and credit agencies. The 2.5 percent increase

Table A. Productivity and Costs: Percent Changes at Annual Rate  
(Seasonally Adjusted)

Sector	Productivity	Hourly Compensation	Unit Labor Cost	Real Hourly Compensation	Output	Hours
Second Quarter 1976 to Third Quarter 1976 <u>PRELIMINARY</u>						
Nonfinancial Corporations	2.5	6.3	3.7	0.2	3.6	1.0
<u>REVISED</u>						
Private Business	3.1	7.3	4.1	1.1	3.4	0.2
Nonfarm Business	2.9	6.9	3.9	0.7	3.4	0.5
Manufacturing	4.6	4.6	0.0	-1.4	5.7	1.0
Durable	6.2	3.1	-2.9	-2.8	9.9	3.5
Nondurable	3.8	6.4	2.5	0.3	1.2	-2.4
Third Quarter 1975 to Third Quarter 1976 <u>PRELIMINARY</u>						
Nonfinancial Corporations	2.7	7.7	4.9	2.1	6.3	3.5
<u>REVISED</u>						
Private Business	3.2	8.5	5.2	2.9	5.6	2.4
Nonfarm Business	2.9	8.0	4.9	2.4	5.9	2.9
Manufacturing	5.3	7.6	2.3	2.1	10.2	4.7
Durable	5.4	7.2	1.7	1.6	11.8	6.1
Nondurable	5.4	8.1	2.6	2.5	8.2	2.7

in output per all-employee hour in the third quarter was the smallest rise since the fourth quarter of 1975. The increase in output--3.6 percent--was the smallest since the first quarter of 1975, and the increase in all-employee hours was the smallest since the second quarter of last year. The rise in hours--despite a shorter workweek--reflects an increase in employment--up 1.9 percent. The third quarter increase in employment, however, was the smallest since employment began to expand in the third quarter of last year.

Hourly compensation increased 6.3 percent in the third quarter in nonfinancial corporations. This rise was the smallest since the third quarter of 1975; compensation includes wages and salaries, fringe benefits, and employer contributions to employee benefit plans. Unit labor cost, which is affected by changes in hourly compensation and productivity, increased 3.7 percent in the third quarter. In 1975, unit labor cost went up 7.4 percent on the average. Real hourly compensation--hourly compensation adjusted for changes in the Consumer Price Index--rose 0.2 percent, the smallest increase since the third quarter of 1975. One quarter earlier, hourly compensation rose 8.4 percent, unit labor cost rose 3.1 percent, and real hourly compensation rose 3.6 percent.

Unit nonlabor payments--which include depreciation, indirect business taxes, and profits--increased 8.9 percent, the largest such rise since the third quarter of 1975. The implicit price deflator, which shows the effects of changes in unit labor cost and unit nonlabor payments, increased at its fastest rate this year--up 5.5 percent. The performance of the implicit price deflator--and its component measures--is illustrated in table B. In the third quarter of 1976, the deflator was 63.7 percent above the 1967 level; total unit cost increased 72.7 percent; and unit profit rose 12.1 percent. Unit profits fell substantially after 1967, but largely recovered in 1975 and continued to grow during 1976.

Table B. Indexes of Prices, Costs, and Profits  
Nonfinancial Corporations

(1967=100)

Measure	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975				1976		
					I	II	III	IV	I	II	III
Implicit price deflator	117.2	120.5	125.8	139.7	151.7	153.5	156.0	158.6	160.2	161.5	163.7
Total unit cost	124.3	126.3	132.8	152.0	167.4	165.9	165.4	168.7	169.6	171.0	172.7
Unit labor cost	120.6	123.7	130.7	148.4	161.3	158.5	157.5	160.8	162.5	163.7	165.2
Unit nonlabor cost	135.6	134.6	139.2	163.1	186.5	189.2	190.2	193.4	191.9	193.8	196.1
Unit profit	76.9	87.1	85.6	69.2	61.6	82.4	102.0	100.5	106.0	107.1	112.1

Revised Measures for Private Business, Nonfarm Business, and Manufacturing Sectors,  
Third Quarter 1976

Revised measures were also released today for the private business, nonfarm business, and manufacturing sectors. The new measures, which include revisions to both the output and labor input measures, show that productivity in these sectors was lower in the third quarter than had been reported earlier, based on preliminary measures. The downward revisions mainly reflect revisions in the output measures. Table C contains a comparison of the third quarter measures based on the preliminary and revised data.

Table C. Preliminary and Revised Measures, Third Quarter 1976  
 Percent Change from Previous Quarter at Annual Rate  
 (Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Private Business Sector</u>	<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Output per hour of all persons	3.8	3.1
Compensation per hour	7.4	7.3
Unit labor costs	3.4	4.1
Real compensation per hour	1.2	1.1
Output	4.0	3.4
Aggregate hours	0.2	0.2
<u>Nonfarm Business Sector</u>		
Output per hour of all persons	3.6	2.9
Compensation per hour	7.0	6.9
Unit labor costs	3.2	3.9
Real compensation per hour	0.8	0.7
Output	4.1	3.4
Aggregate hours	0.5	0.5
<u>Manufacturing</u>		
Output per hour of all persons	5.7	4.6
Compensation per hour	4.7	4.6
Unit labor costs	-1.0	0.0
Real compensation per hour	-1.3	-1.4
Output	6.5	5.7
Aggregate hours	0.8	1.0
<u>Durable</u>		
Output per hour of all persons	6.6	6.2
Compensation per hour	3.2	3.1
Unit labor costs	-3.1	-2.9
Real Compensation per hour	-2.7	-2.8
Output	10.1	9.9
Aggregate hours	3.3	3.5
<u>Nondurable</u>		
Output per hour of all persons	5.4	3.8
Compensation per hour	6.5	6.4
Unit labor costs	1.0	2.5
Real compensation per hour	0.3	0.3
Output	2.5	1.2
Aggregate hours	-2.8	-2.4

TABLE 1. PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR: ALL PERSONS: PRODUCTIVITY,  
HOURLY COMPENSATION, UNIT COSTS, AND PRICES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

YEAR AND QUARTER	OUTPUT PER HOUR OF ALL PERSONS	OUTPUT	HOURS OF ALL PERSONS	COMPENSATION PER HOUR(1)	REAL COMPENSATION PER HOUR(2)	UNIT LABOR COSTS	UNIT NON-LABOR PAYMENTS(3)	IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATOR	
INDICES 1967=100									
1975	I	108.1	114.2	105.7	176.0	112.0	162.9	138.6	154.5
	II	111.4	116.7	104.8	179.0	112.2	160.7	146.6	155.9
	III	113.6	120.1	105.7	181.3	111.3	159.5	156.2	158.4
	IV	113.2	121.2	107.0	185.0	111.8	163.4	156.2	160.9
	ANNUAL	111.5	118.1	105.9	180.2	111.8	161.6	149.5	157.5
1976	I	115.3	128.2	107.7	189.8	113.4	164.7	156.1	161.7
	II	116.3	129.6	108.2	193.3	114.2	166.1	159.3	163.8
	III	117.2M	126.9M	108.2	196.7	114.5M	167.8M	160.8M	165.4
PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER AT ANNUAL RATE(5)									
1975	I	1.6	-11.2	-12.7	13.1	4.5	11.3	11.4	11.3
	II	12.7	8.9	-3.3	6.9	0.7	-5.1	25.0	3.5
	III	8.5	12.3	3.5	5.2	-2.9	-3.0	28.8	6.6
	IV	-1.5	3.6	5.2	8.3	1.6	10.0	0.0	6.6
	ANNUAL	2.1	-2.3	-4.2	9.7	0.5	7.5	14.0	9.5
1976	I	7.4	10.2	2.6	10.9	0.1	3.2	-0.2	2.1
	II	3.8	9.5	1.6	7.5	2.8	3.6	8.5	5.2
	III	3.1M	3.4M	0.2	7.3M	1.1M	4.1M	3.7M	3.9M
PERCENT CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR(6)									
1975	I	-2.5	-7.2	-5.1	12.1	1.0	14.6	8.0	12.5
	II	1.7	-6.2	-5.9	10.6	0.8	8.7	13.3	10.1
	III	4.5	-0.4	-4.7	8.8	0.0	4.1	18.4	8.5
	IV	5.2	3.8	-2.1	8.4	0.9	3.0	15.7	7.0
	ANNUAL	2.1	-2.3	-4.2	9.7	0.5	7.5	14.0	9.5
1976	I	6.6	8.7	1.4	7.8	1.3	1.1	16.6	4.7
	II	4.5	7.8	3.2	4.0	1.8	3.3	8.7	5.1
	III	3.2M	5.6M	2.4	6.5	2.9	5.2M	3.0M	4.4

SEE FOOTNOTES FOLLOWING TABLE 6.  
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SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

TABLE 2. NONFARM BUSINESS SECTOR: ALL PERSONS: PRODUCTIVITY,  
HOURLY COMPENSATION, UNIT COSTS, AND PRICES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

YEAR AND QUARTER	OUTPUT PER HOUR OF ALL PERSONS	OUTPUT	HOURS OF ALL PERSONS	COMPENSA- TION PER HOUR (1)	REAL COMPENSA- TION PER HOUR (2)	UNIT LABOR COSTS	UNIT NON- LABOR PAY- MENTS (3)	IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATOR
INDICES 1967=100								
1975	I	106.0	114.4	107.9	173.1	110.1	163.3	136.0
	II	109.2	116.6	106.7	176.4	110.5	161.6	142.2
	III	111.6	119.9	107.4	179.3	110.1	160.6	149.9
	IV	111.0	121.3	109.2	182.2	110.1	164.1	150.1
	ANNUAL	109.4	118.0	107.4	177.7	110.2	162.4	144.7
1976	I	112.6	124.3	110.4	186.4	111.4	165.5	152.4
	II	114.1	126.0	110.4	190.4	112.5	166.9	153.9
	III	116.9H	127.1H	110.6	193.6	112.7H	168.5H	157.7H
PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER AT ANNUAL RATE (5)								
1975	I	1.3	-11.3	-12.4	11.8	3.3	10.4	29.8
	II	12.6	7.9	-4.1	7.9	1.6	4.2	19.6
	III	9.3	12.1	2.5	6.8	-1.4	-2.2	23.5
	IV	-2.2	8.5	6.9	6.6	0.0	9.0	9.5
	ANNUAL	1.8	-2.6	-4.3	9.7	0.5	7.7	15.6
1976	I	5.8	10.5	6.4	9.5	4.8	3.5	6.2
	II	5.4	5.4	0.1	8.9	4.1	3.3	4.2
	III	2.9H	3.4H	0.5	6.9H	0.7H	3.9H	10.0H
PERCENT CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR (6)								
1975	I	-3.0	-7.5	-4.7	11.4	0.4	14.9	13.1
	II	1.5	-4.6	-5.4	10.5	0.7	8.9	14.5
	III	4.0	-0.8	-5.2	9.4	0.6	4.6	18.0
	IV	.1	2.4	-2.1	8.3	0.8	3.1	15.7
	ANNUAL	1.8	-2.6	-4.3	9.7	0.5	7.7	15.6
1976	I	6.2	6.7	2.3	7.7	1.4	1.4	12.0
	II	4.5	6.1	3.4	7.9	1.8	3.3	8.2
	III	2.9H	5.9H	2.4	8.0	2.4	4.9H	5.1H

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TABLE 3. NONFINANCIAL CORPORATIONS: PRODUCTIVITY, HOURLY COMPENSATION  
UNIT LABOR COST, UNIT PROFITS AND PRICES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

YEAR AND QUARTER	OUTPUT PER ALL- EMPLOYEE HOUR	OUTPUT	HOURS	HOURLY COMPEN- SION (1)	REAL HOURLY COMPEN- SATION(2)	UNIT LABOR COST	UNIT NON- LABOR COST(8)	TOTAL UNIT COST (9)	UNIT PRO- FIT(10)	IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATOR (11)	
INDEXES 1967=100											
1975	I	111.7	119.7	107.1	100.2	114.6	161.3	186.5	167.4	61.6	151.7
	II	115.8	122.4	105.7	183.5	115.0	158.4	189.2H	165.9	82.4	153.5
	III	118.2	126.2	106.8	186.1	114.3	157.5	190.2H	165.4	102.0	156.0
	IV	117.4	127.5	108.3	189.4	114.5	160.8	193.4	168.7	100.5	158.6
	ANNUAL	115.9	124.0	107.0	184.8	114.7	159.4	189.8	166.8	87.0	155.0
1976	I	119.1	138.0	109.8	193.5	115.7	162.5	191.9	169.6	106.0	160.2
	II	120.6	133.0	110.3	197.4	116.7	163.7	193.8	171.0	107.1	161.5
	III	121.4P	134.1P	110.5P	200.5P	116.8P	165.2P	194.1P	172.7P	112.1P	163.7P
PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER AT ANNUAL RATE (5)											
1975	I	3.5	-12.5	-15.5	14.5	5.8	10.7	23.7	14.0	10.1	13.8
	II	15.4	9.5	-5.1	7.5	1.2	-6.9	5.8	-3.6	218.7R	4.8
	III	8.5	13.1	4.2	5.9	-2.2	-2.4	2.1	-1.2	135.3	6.7
	IV	-1.3	4.2	5.6	7.2	0.5	8.6	7.1	8.1	-5.9	6.7
	ANNUAL	2.9	-3.1	-5.9	10.5	1.3	7.4	16.4	9.7	25.7	10.9
1976	I	4.5	10.6	5.9	9.0	4.3	4.3	-3.1	2.2	23.8H	4.1
	II	5.1	6.8	1.6	8.4	3.6	3.1	3.9	3.4	4.2	3.4
	III	2.5P	3.6P	1.0P	6.3P	0.2P	3.7P	4.7P	4.0P	20.2P	5.5P
PERCENT CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR (6)											
1975	I	-2.6	-8.9	-6.5	12.3	1.2	15.3	24.2	17.6	-17.9	14.6
	II	1.9	-5.6	-7.4	11.2	1.4	9.1	19.4	11.8	10.7	11.7
	III	5.6	-1.1	-6.4	9.9	1.0	4.0	13.7	6.6	53.5	9.8
	IV	6.4	3.1	-3.1	8.7	1.3	2.2	9.4	4.1	66.9	7.9
	ANNUAL	2.9	-3.1	-5.9	10.5	1.3	7.4	16.4	9.7	25.7	10.9
1976	I	6.6	9.3	2.5	7.4	0.9	0.7	2.9	1.3	71.9	5.6
	II	4.2	8.6	4.3	7.6	1.5	3.3	2.5	3.1	30.0	5.2
	III	2.7P	6.3P	3.5P	7.7P	2.1P	4.9P	3.1P	4.4P	9.9P	4.9P

SEE FOOTNOTES FOLLOWING TABLE 2.  
H=REVISED  
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TABLE 4. MANUFACTURING SECTOR: OUTPUT PER HOUR OF ALL PERSONS, HOURLY COMPENSATION, UNIT LABOR COST, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

YEAR AND QUARTER	OUTPUT PER HOUR OF ALL PERSONS	OUTPUT (1)	HOURS OF ALL PERSONS	COMPENSATION PER HOUR (1)	REAL COMPENSATION PER HOUR (2)	UNIT LABOR COSTS	
INDEXES, 1967=100							
1975	I	109.0	100.8	92.5	175.9	111.9	161.1
	II	113.1	102.7	90.8	179.1	112.2	158.1
	III	116.6	109.5	92.1	180.7	111.0	152.3
	IV	119.4	112.6	94.3	183.6	111.0	153.7
	ANNUAL	114.4	106.3	92.5	179.8	111.5	156.4
1976	I	120.9	116.5	96.1	187.9	112.3	155.4
	II	123.5	119.0	96.4	192.3	113.7	155.8
	III	124.9H	120.7H	96.6	194.5H	113.3	155.8H
PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER AT ANNUAL RATE (5)							
1975	I	-12.0	-33.1	-24.0	15.5	6.7	31.3
	II	15.8	7.6	-7.1	7.4	1.2	-7.2
	III	21.1	29.4	6.9	3.8	-4.2	-14.3
	IV	2.7	11.9	9.0	6.5	-0.1	3.7
	ANNUAL	0.2	-9.0	-9.2	11.2	1.9	11.0
1976	I	5.1	14.4	8.9	9.7	4.8	4.3
	II	5.7	8.9	0.2	9.9	5.1	1.1
	III	4.6H	5.7H	1.0H	4.6H	-1.4H	0.0H
PERCENT CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR (6)							
1975	I	-5.6	-15.3	-10.9	14.3	3.0	20.3
	II	-2.1	-13.4	-11.5	12.6	2.6	15.0
	III	2.4	-7.6	-10.1	10.5	1.6	7.5
	IV	6.1	1.0	-4.7	8.2	0.8	2.0
	ANNUAL	0.2	-9.0	-9.2	11.2	1.9	11.0
1976	I	10.9	15.6	4.2	6.8	0.4	-3.7
	II	9.2	15.9	6.2	7.4	1.3	-1.6
	III	5.3H	10.2H	4.7H	7.6H	2.1	2.3H

SEE FOOTNOTES FOLLOWING TABLE 6.  
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TABLE 5. DURABLE MANUFACTURING SECTOR: OUTPUT PER HOUR OF ALL PERSONS, HOURLY COMPENSATION, UNIT LABOR COST, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (11)

YEAR AND QUARTER	OUTPUT PER HOUR OF ALL PERSONS	OUTPUT (7)	HOURS OF ALL PERSONS	COMPENSATION PER HOUR (1)	REAL COMPENSATION PER HOUR (2)	UNIT LABOR COSTS	
INDEXES 1967=100							
1975	I	104.2	96.9	93.0	175.9	111.9	168.9
	II	108.8	97.9	89.4	180.4	113.0	165.7
	III	115.2	104.2	90.5	182.8	112.1	158.7
	IV	115.5	106.4	92.1	185.8	112.1	160.4
	ANNUAL	110.9	101.3	91.1	181.1	112.4	163.5
1976	I	116.6	110.2	94.6	189.6	113.1	162.7
	II	119.6	113.8	95.2	194.3	114.9	162.5
	III	121.6 <sup>M</sup>	116.5 <sup>M</sup>	96.0 <sup>M</sup>	195.9	114.9 <sup>M</sup>	161.3 <sup>M</sup>
PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER AT ANNUAL RATE (5)							
1975	I	-12.4	-35.1	-26.0	15.8	6.9	32.1
	II	19.1	4.3	-12.5	10.6	4.2	-7.2
	III	29.5	28.5	7.3	5.4	-2.8	-16.1
	IV	1.1	8.7	7.6	6.7	0.0	5.5
	ANNUAL	1.8	-9.6	-11.2	12.1	2.7	10.2
1976	I	3.7	15.1	11.0	8.7	3.9	4.8
	II	10.8	13.0	7.5	10.3	5.5	-0.4
	III	6.2 <sup>M</sup>	9.9 <sup>M</sup>	3.5 <sup>M</sup>	3.1 <sup>M</sup>	-2.8 <sup>M</sup>	-2.9 <sup>M</sup>
PERCENT CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR (6)							
1975	I	-4.1	-14.6	-11.0	18.4	3.0	19.2
	II	-0.3	-13.5	-13.1	13.5	3.4	13.8
	III	5.1	-0.5	-13.0	11.8	2.8	6.4
	IV	7.3	-1.4	-8.1	9.5	2.0	2.1
	ANNUAL	1.8	-9.6	-11.2	12.1	2.7	10.2
1976	I	1.9	13.8	1.7	7.8	1.3	-1.7
	II	9.9	16.2	5.8	7.7	1.6	-2.0
	III	5.8 <sup>M</sup>	11.8 <sup>M</sup>	6.1	7.2	1.6	1.7 <sup>M</sup>

SEE FOOTNOTES FOLLOWING TABLE 5.  
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TABLE 6. NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING SECTOR: HOURLY PER HOUR OF ALL PERSONS, HOURLY COMPENSATION, UNIT LABOR COST, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (12)

YEAR AND QUARTER	UNIT PER HOUR OF ALL PERSONS	UNIT COST	HOURS OF ALL PERSONS	COMPENSA-TION PER HOUR (1)	REAL COMPENSA-TION PER HOUR (2)	UNIT LABOR COSTS	
INDEXES 1967=100							
1975	I	117.2	107.5	91.7	175.5	111.6	149.0
	II	119.9	110.4	92.3	177.2	111.0	147.7
	III	124.3	110.1	95.0	178.2	109.6	143.4
	IV	125.6	122.5	97.5	181.1	109.6	144.2
	ANNUAL	121.5	119.5	94.2	177.8	110.3	146.3
1976	I	127.0	126.3	99.3	185.0	111.0	145.5
	II	129.7	127.4	98.2	189.5	112.1	146.2
	III	130.98	127.88	97.68	192.6	112.18	147.18
PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER AT ANNUAL RATE (S)							
1975	I	-11.0	-30.0	-20.4	15.9	7.0	31.0
	II	9.7	11.3	1.4	3.8	-2.2	-5.3
	III	15.3	31.0	13.7	2.3	-5.5	-11.2
	IV	6.9	19.9	11.0	6.6	0.0	2.1
	ANNUAL	-2.1	-8.1	-6.1	10.3	1.0	12.7
1976	I	6.7	13.0	5.5	10.8	6.08	3.8
	II	6.7	3.5	-3.0	8.5	3.78	1.7
	III	3.88	1.28	-2.48	6.48	0.3	2.58
PERCENT CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR (A)							
1975	I	-5.8	-15.8	-10.5	14.3	2.9	21.3
	II	-8.0	-13.3	-4.0	11.6	1.7	17.1
	III	-0.7	-6.3	-5.5	9.2	0.4	10.0
	IV	4.0	4.3	0.3	7.0	-0.3	3.0
	ANNUAL	-2.1	-8.1	-6.1	10.3	1.0	12.7
1976	I	1.9	17.6	7.9	5.8	-0.5	-2.8
	II	6.2	15.4	6.7	7.0	0.9	-1.1
	III	5.48	8.28	2.78	8.18	2.5	2.68

SEE FOOTNOTES FOLLOWING TABLE 6.  
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SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

FOOTNOTES, TABLES 1 TO 6

SOURCE: Output data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce and the Federal Reserve Board. Compensation and hours data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor and the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

- (1) Wages and salaries of employees plus employers' contributions for social insurance and private benefit plans. Except for nonfinancial corporations, where there are no self-employed, data also includes an estimate of wages, salaries, and supplemental payments for the self-employed.
- (2) Compensation per hour adjusted for changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- (3) Nonlabor payments include profits, depreciation, interest, rental income and indirect taxes.
- (4) Current dollar gross product divided by constant dollar gross product.
- (5) Percent change compounded at annual rate from original data rather than index numbers.
- (6) Current quarter divided by comparable quarter a year ago.
- (7) Quarterly measures adjusted to annual estimates of output (gross product originating) from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.
- (8) Unit nonlabor costs include depreciation, interest, and indirect taxes.
- (9) Total unit costs is the sum of labor and non-labor costs.
- (10) Unit profits include corporate profits and inventory valuation adjustment.
- (11) The durable sector includes the following 2-digit SIC industries: primary metal; fabricated metal products; nonelectrical machinery; electrical machinery; transportation equipment; instruments; lumber and lumber products; clay, glass, and stone products; furniture and fixtures; and miscellaneous manufactures.
- (12) The nondurable sector includes the following 2-digit SIC industries: textile mill products; apparel products; leather and leather products; paper and paper products; printing and publishing; chemicals and chemical products; petroleum products; rubber and plastic products; foods; and tobacco products.

CHART 1. PRODUCTIVITY, HOURLY  
 COMPENSATION, UNIT COSTS AND PRICES  
 PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR  
 (PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING  
 QUARTER AT ANNUAL RATE)

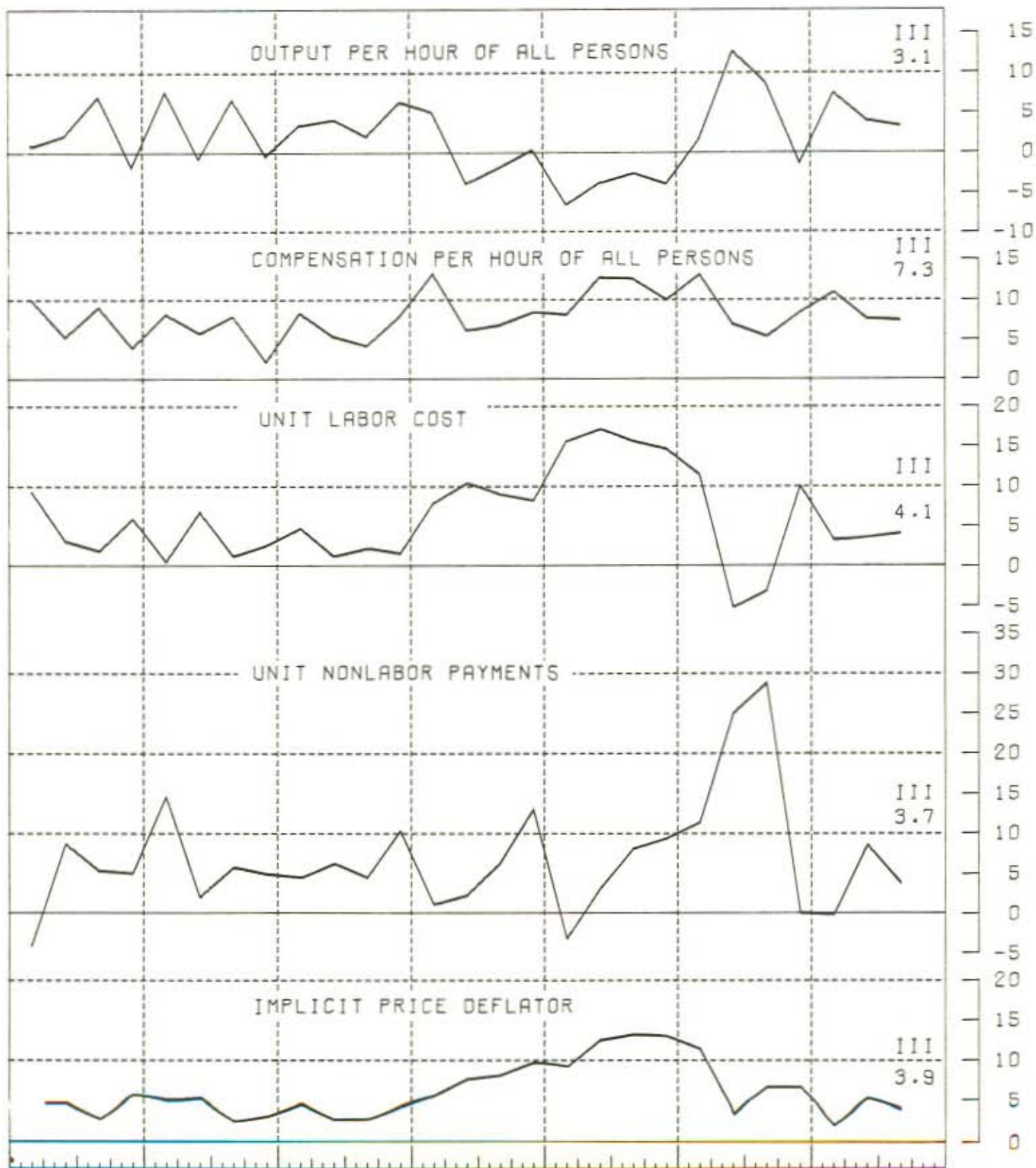


CHART 2. PRODUCTIVITY, HOURLY  
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 NONFARM BUSINESS SECTOR  
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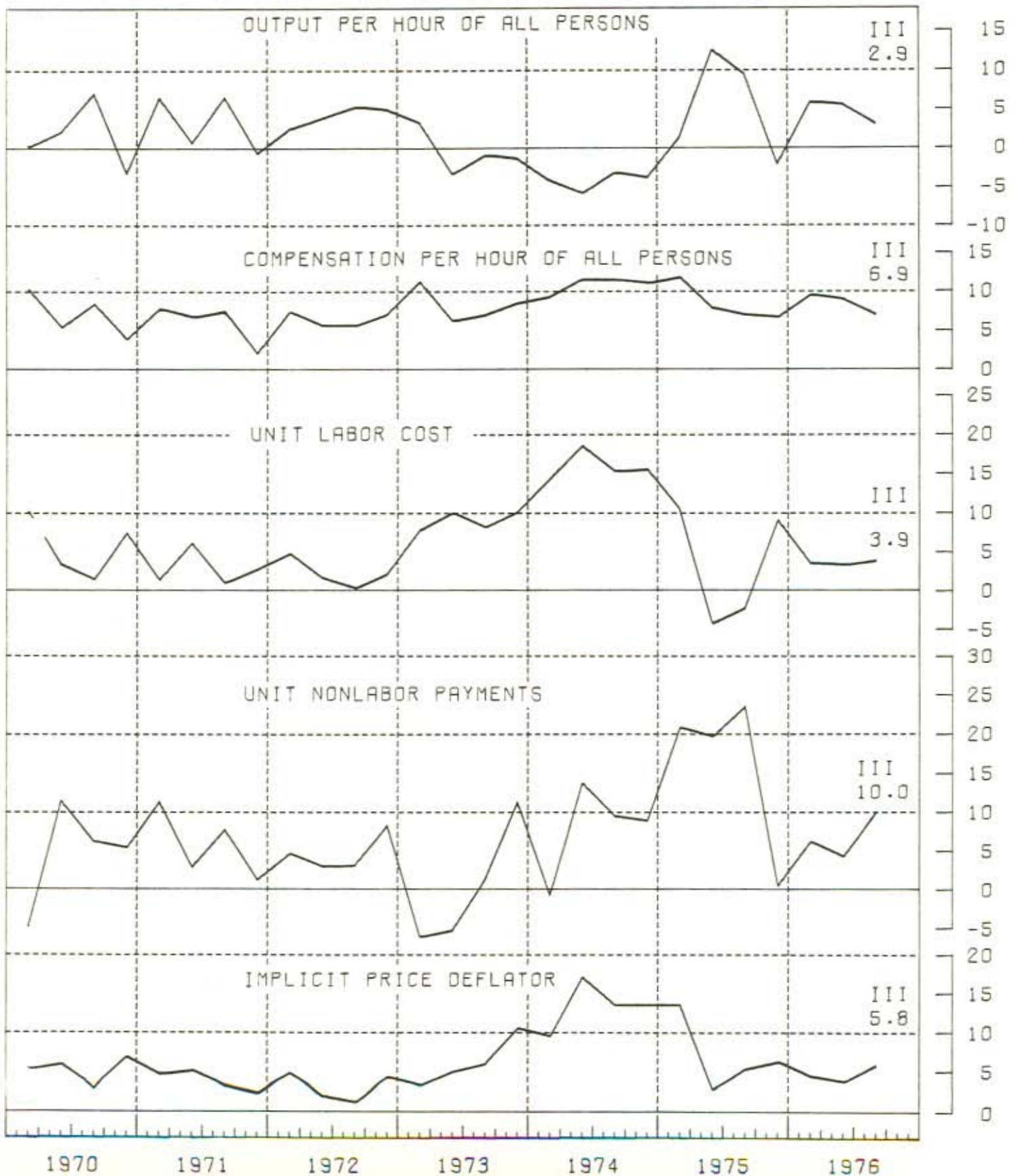
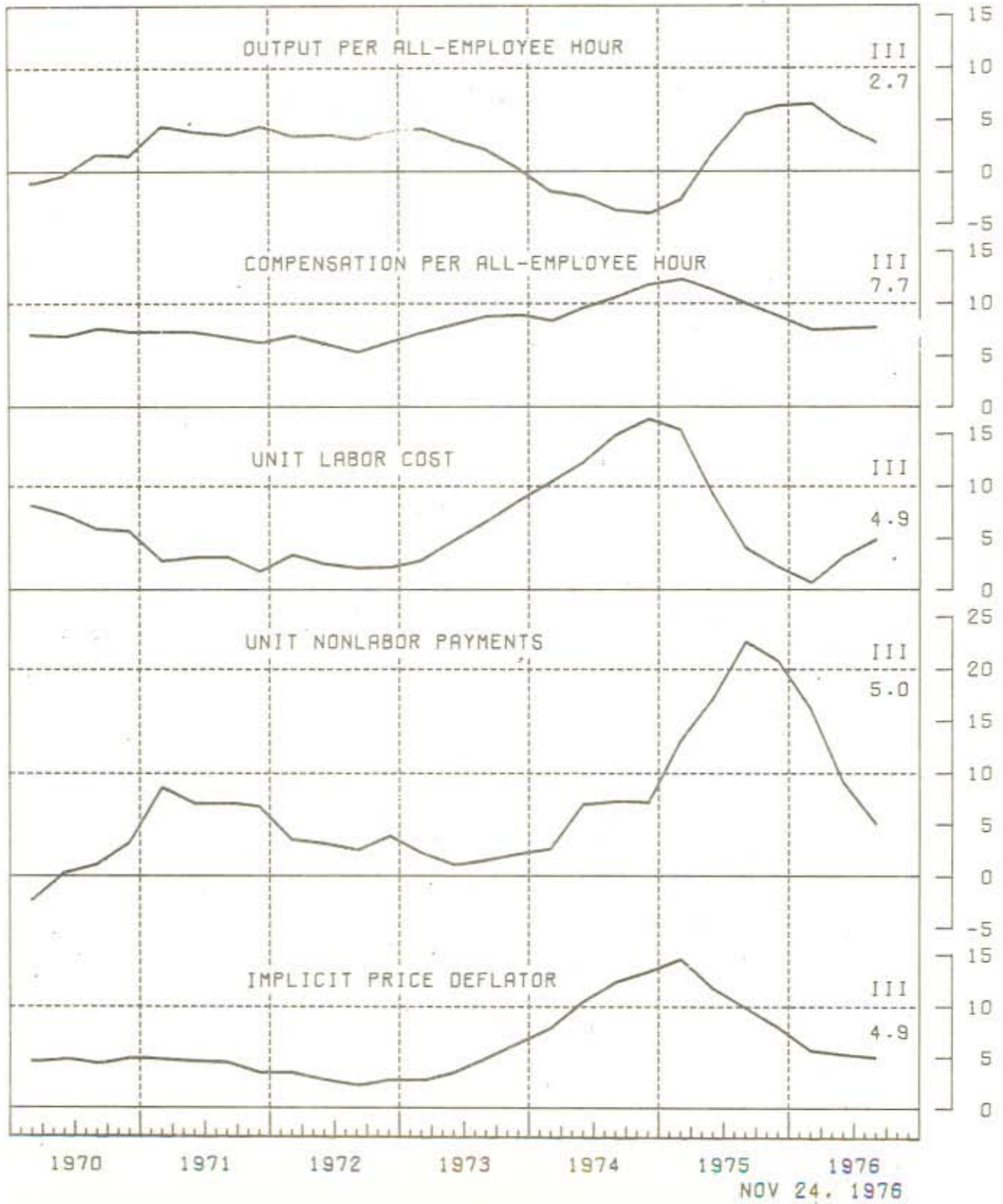


CHART 3. PRODUCTIVITY, HOURLY  
 COMPENSATION, UNIT COSTS AND PRICES  
 NONFINANCIAL CORPORATIONS  
 (PERCENT CHANGE FROM SAME  
 QUARTER A YEAR AGO)



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CHART 4.  
 UNIT COSTS, UNIT PROFITS, AND PRICES  
 NONFINANCIAL CORPORATIONS  
 (PERCENT CHANGE FROM SAME  
 QUARTER A YEAR AGO)

