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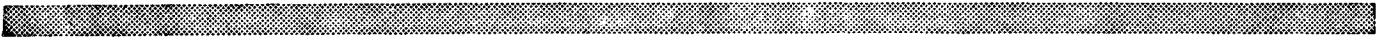
A Review of Economic Changes

during the elapsed period of 1937 is presented in the article on page 12. The improvement this year has been substantial, but the rate of increase has tended to slacken in recent months.

NATIONAL INCOME has been much larger than in 1936 and this further gain in the dollar figures has meant an increase in "real" income. This expansion has reflected the sharp rise in labor income, the gain in income from agriculture and other business enterprises, and the rapid rise in dividend payments.

CASH FARM INCOME from marketings and Government payments for the full year 1937 is estimated by the Department of Agriculture at \$9,000,000,000, an increase of 14 percent over the total for 1936, and the largest income since 1929. Industrial output for the first 8 months was about 15 percent larger than in the corresponding period of 1936. The increase in freight-car loadings was almost as large, while that for retail trade was somewhat less.

OTHER FEATURES of the general business situation are summarized, and a table provides data on the extent of the gains over 1932 and 1936. A special chart on page 4 affords a quick comparison of six principal economic series for the 1929-37 period.



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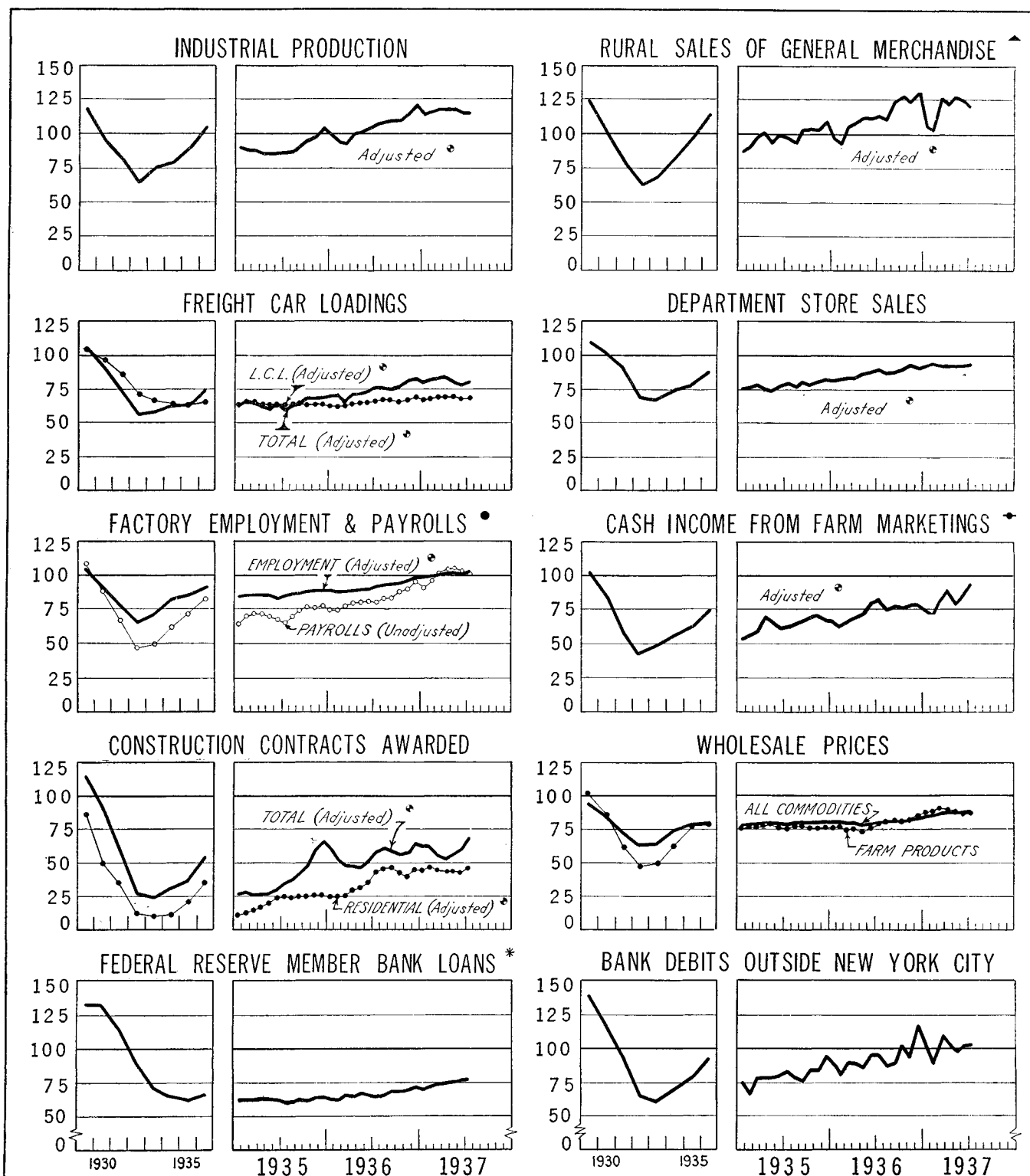
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Business Indicators

1923-25=100, except as noted



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NOTE: Indexes are based on dollar figures, except industrial production freight-car loadings, and factory employment

Business Situation Summarized

INDUSTRIAL output during August has held to a rather even pace, but the weekly data indicate that the seasonally adjusted index for the month may be below the July figure. Scheduled steel-mill activity has decreased slightly from the high summer level attained late in July, following the reopening of the plants closed by strikes, but for the month of August production was higher than in July. Automobile assemblies declined as producers completed their runs of the 1937 models. Mill consumption of cotton continued to decrease as backlogs of orders were reduced and new buying was curtailed by the drop in raw-cotton prices. Bituminous-coal output did not show the expected seasonal increase. Electric-power production and crude-oil output established new high weekly records during August.

Aggregate industrial production in July declined seasonally, the adjusted index of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System remaining unchanged at 114 (1923-25=100). Output of manufactures receded less than usual, owing to the increase in steelingot production, which accompanied the reopening of mills closed by industrial disputes. There was a large drop in wool consumption, a somewhat less severe reduction in mill takings of cotton, and a marked curtailment of activity at meat-packing plants. Automobile production was down by about the usual seasonal

amount, while production in the leather and shoe-manufacturing industry increased as usual for this period. The index of mineral production, seasonally adjusted, dropped from 114 in June to 111 in July.

The slight declines in the number employed and in pay rolls from June to July were the result of seasonal influences. Factory employment advanced contra-seasonally, the adjusted index advancing about 2 points to 103.3 (1923-25=100). Factory pay rolls declined, largely as a result of customary midsummer shut-downs, but were one-fourth larger than in July 1936.

Cash income from the marketings of agricultural products increased in July much more than usual, the seasonally adjusted index advancing 10 points to 94.5 (1924-29=100). Prices of some leading farm products have receded in recent weeks, but on the basis of current price and yield prospects, the Department of Agriculture estimates that cash farm income (including Government payments) for the full year 1937 will be about one-seventh larger than the income of 1936.

Retail trade during July was maintained at approximately the level of June, after adjustment for the normal seasonal decline, but the margin of gain over a year ago was smaller than in June. Freight traffic was higher in July than in June, after seasonal adjustment, but this gain was not maintained during the first 3 weeks of August.

MONTHLY BUSINESS INDEXES

Year and month	Industrial production						Factory employment and pay rolls		Freight-car loadings		Retail sales, value, adjusted ¹		Foreign trade, value, adjusted ¹		New Bank debits, outside New York City	Construction contracts, all types, value, adjusted ¹	Cash farm income ²		Wholesale price index, 784 commodities	
	Unadjusted ¹			Adjusted ²			Number of employees, adjusted ¹	Amount of pay rolls unadjusted	Total	Merchandise, l. c. l.	Department stores	Rural, general merchandise	Exports	Imports			Unadjusted	Adjusted ²		
	Total	Manufactures	Minerals	Total	Manufactures	Minerals														
Monthly average, 1923-25=100												1929-31=100	Monthly average, 1923-25=100						Monthly average, 1924-29=100	Monthly average, 1926=100
1929: July.....	120	120	118	124	125	116	106.9	107.1	108	106	109	126.0	121	119	144.0	124	100.0	111.5	96.5	
1932: July.....	56	55	63	58	57	65	61.1	40.2	49	68	65	60.7	32	27	63.4	27	35.5	40.5	64.5	
1933: July.....	96	97	90	100	102	91	76.1	51.7	66	70	69	71.3	43	48	70.4	21	58.5	78.5	68.9	
1934: July.....	73	71	84	76	74	84	83.4	61.4	62	65	73	75.5	48	43	70.5	27	58.5	72.5	74.8	
1935: July.....	83	83	85	86	87	85	85.0	66.5	59	63	80	97.0	52	59	83.9	35	56.0	63.5	79.4	
1936:																				
July.....	105	105	102	108	109	101	92.8	80.2	76	66	91	114.7	54	65	94.4	59	84.0	88.0	80.5	
August.....	106	106	104	108	110	99	93.4	83.5	76	67	86	111.9	51	62	86.7	62	75.0	74.5	81.6	
September.....	107	107	110	109	110	102	93.8	83.6	75	67	88	123.6	55	70	89.1	59	89.0	77.5	81.6	
October.....	111	110	115	110	111	105	94.4	89.0	77	66	90	127.1	57	64	102.1	57	104.0	76.0	81.5	
November.....	115	115	115	114	115	112	96.2	90.7	82	67	94	122.6	52	61	93.7	58	88.5	77.5	82.4	
December.....	114	114	111	121	121	117	98.6	95.2	83	69	92	131.0	57	76	117.8	66	86.0	78.5	84.2	
1937:																				
January.....	112	113	105	114	115	109	98.8	90.7	80	67	93	106.7	57	74	103.3	63	75.5	75.0	85.9	
February.....	117	118	111	116	116	115	99.7	95.8	82	68	95	103.7	67	87	89.3	62	59.5	70.5	86.3	
March.....	122	122	118	118	117	128	100.9	101.1	83	69	93	126.2	67	86	109.5	56	70.5	81.5	87.8	
April.....	122	124	105	118	118	115	101.6	104.9	84	69	93	121.2	75	82	101.6	53	69.0	89.0	88.0	
May.....	122	123	117	118	118	116	102.2	105.2	80	69	93	127.1	81	86	97.8	56	68.0	78.0	87.4	
June.....	115	114	117	114	114	114	101.4	102.9	78	67	93	124.4	79	93	101.5	61	71.5	84.5	87.2	
July.....	112	111	114	114	115	111	103.3	101.2	80	68	94	119.5	59	89	102.2	68	87.5	94.5	87.9	
Monthly average, January through July:																				
1929.....	122	124	112	-----	-----	-----	104.2	109.6	104	104	98	109.8	114	117	136.7	126	90.9	-----	95.6	
1933.....	74	74	77	-----	-----	-----	65.9	43.2	54	66	56	54.2	31	39	58.7	18	43.1	-----	62.6	
1934.....	83	82	86	-----	-----	-----	83.1	63.6	62	66	66	69.3	45	44	69.6	34	49.7	-----	73.7	
1935.....	88	88	89	-----	-----	-----	84.5	68.8	61	63	68	85.5	45	52	77.8	30	54.1	-----	79.6	
1936.....	101	101	99	-----	-----	-----	88.8	78.1	69	64	75	95.7	50	60	89.2	54	64.8	-----	79.8	
1937.....	117	118	112	-----	-----	-----	100.5	100.3	78	68	82	106.4	68	86	100.7	63	71.6	-----	87.2	

¹ Adjusted for number of working days.² Adjusted for seasonal variations.³ From marketings of farm products.

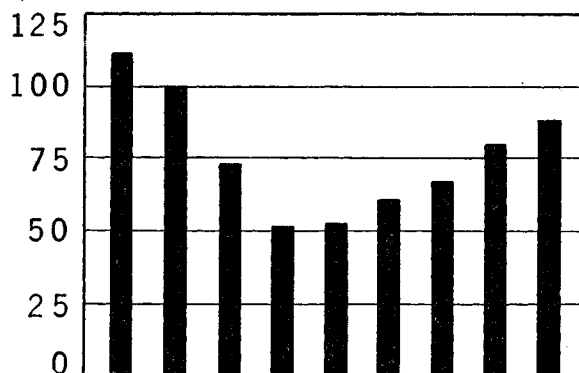
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1929-1937

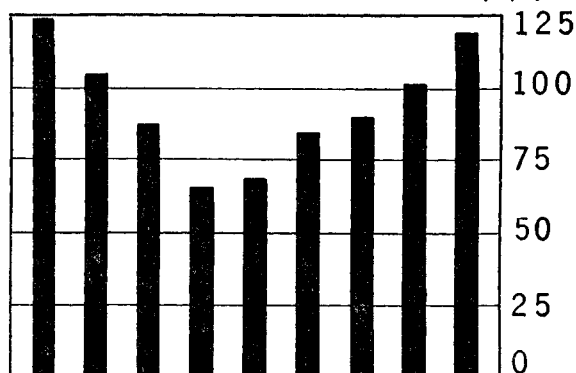
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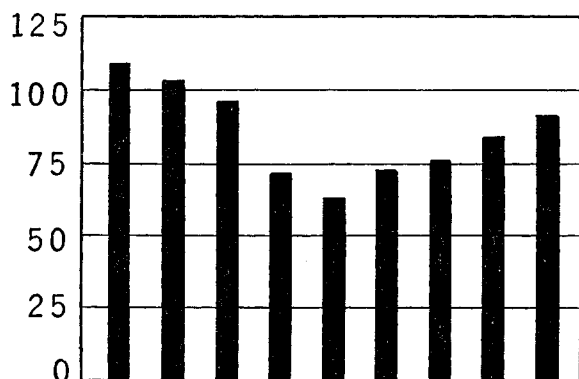


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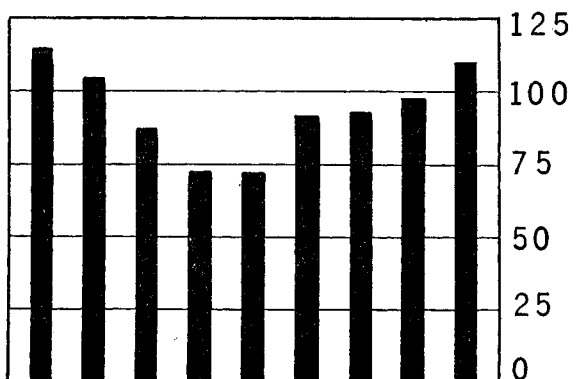
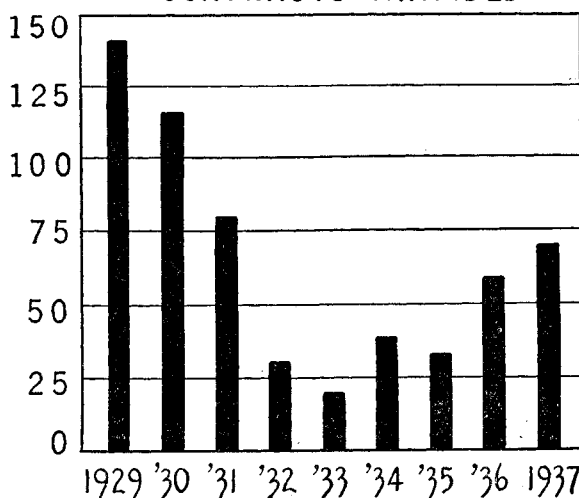
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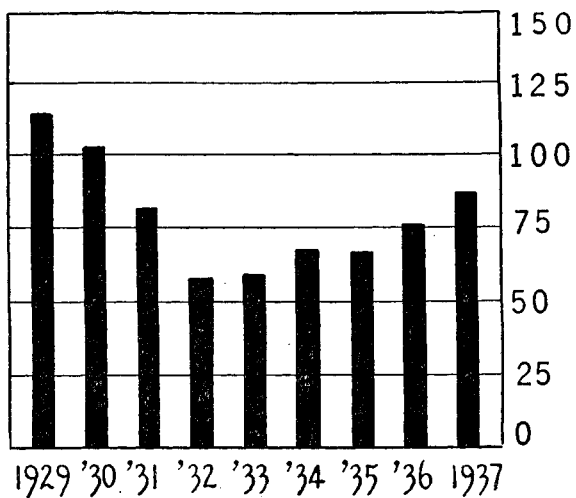
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FREIGHT CAR LOADINGS



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Commodity Prices

THE MOVEMENT of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' wholesale price index continues to be dominated largely by the fluctuation in prices of agricultural products. The main upward trend of the past 15 months has been supported by advances of both semimanufactures and finished products, while the minor downward movements have been checked by the continued rise in prices of finished products. Put in another way, the dominant price factors have been the ground swell of economic recovery and the weather—the drought and poor harvest in 1936, the abundant moisture and bountiful crops in 1937.

The weekly index of wholesale prices advanced with few interruptions from 78 in May 1936 to 88 in April 1937 (1926=100). Since that date it has declined, but the averages of the past 6 months have varied little. For the year to date, prices have averaged about 9 percent higher than that for the corresponding period of 1936. The May 1936–April 1937 advance of the combined index was influenced largely by the raw material constituent index which in turn reflected in important degree the rise in farm products. Since April, the latter index has declined substantially and checked the advance of the combined index, with farm

products again pacing the movement. The index of semimanufactures advanced gradually from June to November 1936, then sharply to April 1937, and subsequently declined substantially. The index of finished products, on the other hand, has advanced almost steadily with only minor interruptions from June 1936 to August 1937.

With large harvests realized or in prospect, prices of agricultural products—particularly of grains, cotton, fruits, and vegetables—have declined sharply in recent weeks. Textile products, chemicals and drugs, crude rubber, building materials, and semimanufactures generally have also declined. Running counter to these recent downward movements have been the sharp advances in prices of livestock, poultry and their products, particularly meats. There have been substantial advances also in prices of steel scrap, tin, lead, house furnishings, and clothing.

The cost of living index of the National Industrial Conference Board was the same for July as for June, this being the first month since October that the index did not advance. The rise in the Fairchild retail price index of department store articles for July was the smallest for any month this year.

INDEXES OF COMMODITY PRICES

Year and month	Wholesale Prices (U. S. Department of Labor)																			Cost of living (National Industrial Conference Board)	Farm prices, combined index, 47 commodities (U. S. Department of Agriculture)	Retail prices	
	Combined Index, 784 commodity quotations	Economic classes			Groups and subgroups																	Foods (U. S. Department of Labor) ¹	Department-store articles (Fairchild) ¹
		Finished products	Raw materials	Semimanufactures	Farm products	Grains	Foods	Meats	Other than farm products and foods	Building materials	Chemicals and drugs	Fuel and lighting	Hides and leather	House-furnishing goods	Metals and metal products	Textile products	Miscellaneous						
Monthly average, 1926=100																				Mo. average, 1923=100	Mo. average, 1909-14=100	Mo. average, 1923-25=100	Dec. 1930 (Jan. 1, 1931)=100
1929: July.....	96.5	95.6	99.1	93.4	107.6	102.2	102.9	116.7	91.7	95.1	93.3	83.3	109.1	94.3	101.0	89.6	82.8	100.3	147	106.5	-----		
1932: July.....	64.5	70.5	54.7	55.5	47.9	36.7	60.9	62.0	69.7	69.7	73.0	72.3	68.6	74.0	79.2	51.5	64.3	77.5	63	68.3	74.0		
1933: July.....	68.9	72.2	61.8	69.1	60.1	73.4	65.5	50.8	72.2	79.5	73.2	65.3	86.3	74.8	80.6	68.0	64.0	75.7	83	71.0	76.1		
1934: July.....	74.8	78.2	68.3	72.7	64.5	74.8	70.6	63.4	78.4	87.0	75.4	73.9	86.3	81.0	86.8	71.5	69.9	79.3	87	73.6	87.9		
1935: July.....	79.4	82.0	75.8	72.8	77.1	78.3	82.1	93.3	78.0	85.2	78.7	74.7	89.3	80.4	86.4	70.2	67.7	82.4	102	80.2	85.2		
1936:																							
July.....	80.5	81.6	79.8	75.2	81.3	88.9	81.4	84.9	79.5	86.7	79.4	76.2	93.4	81.2	86.9	70.5	71.0	85.2	115	84.0	88.1		
August.....	81.6	82.4	81.5	75.6	83.8	102.4	83.1	86.4	79.7	86.9	79.8	76.3	93.6	81.4	87.1	70.9	71.5	85.6	124	84.0	88.5		
September.....	81.6	82.3	81.8	75.9	84.0	102.0	83.3	87.3	79.6	87.1	81.7	76.1	94.6	81.7	86.8	70.9	71.3	85.9	124	84.3	89.3		
October.....	81.5	82.0	82.1	76.2	84.0	102.1	82.6	84.4	80.1	87.3	82.2	76.8	95.6	82.0	86.9	71.6	71.5	85.7	121	82.8	90.0		
November.....	82.4	82.6	83.1	78.6	85.1	102.9	83.9	85.2	81.0	87.7	82.5	76.8	97.0	82.3	87.9	73.5	73.4	85.8	120	82.5	90.8		
December.....	84.2	83.8	85.6	82.3	88.5	109.0	85.5	87.2	82.2	89.5	85.3	76.5	99.7	83.2	89.6	76.3	74.5	86.1	126	82.9	91.7		
1937:																							
January.....	85.9	84.9	88.1	85.4	91.3	113.0	87.1	90.6	83.4	91.3	87.7	76.6	101.7	86.5	90.9	77.5	76.2	86.9	131	84.6	93.0		
February.....	86.3	85.4	88.3	85.5	91.4	111.5	87.0	90.3	84.1	93.3	87.8	76.8	102.7	87.9	91.7	77.5	77.3	87.2	127	84.5	93.7		
March.....	87.8	86.4	90.1	89.6	94.1	113.2	87.5	92.0	85.5	95.9	87.5	76.2	104.2	88.4	96.0	78.3	79.5	87.9	128	85.4	94.5		
April.....	88.0	87.4	88.7	89.5	92.2	119.2	85.5	94.9	86.5	96.7	86.9	76.8	106.3	89.0	96.5	79.5	81.1	88.3	130	85.6	95.2		
May.....	87.4	87.5	87.1	87.5	89.8	113.9	84.2	95.9	86.3	97.2	84.5	77.2	106.7	89.3	95.8	78.7	80.5	88.8	128	86.5	95.6		
June.....	87.2	87.7	86.1	86.8	88.5	105.7	84.7	98.0	86.1	96.9	83.6	77.5	106.4	89.5	95.9	78.2	79.4	88.9	124	86.2	96.0		
July.....	87.9	88.8	86.5	87.0	89.3	105.2	86.2	106.0	86.3	96.7	83.9	78.1	106.7	89.7	96.1	78.3	79.0	88.9	125	85.9	96.3		
Monthly average, January through July:																							
1929.....	95.6	94.9	97.7	94.1	105.2	96.4	99.0	109.7	91.9	95.7	94.6	83.1	108.9	94.1	101.2	91.3	82.4	99.5	145	102.8	-----		
1933.....	62.6	67.5	52.8	60.4	47.8	47.1	58.0	50.9	67.4	72.3	72.2	63.0	74.3	72.7	78.2	55.9	60.1	72.9	64	63.0	71.3		
1934.....	73.7	77.4	66.0	73.5	61.2	65.6	67.4	57.4	78.5	86.9	75.4	72.5	88.3	81.5	87.3	74.7	69.2	78.7	83	72.6	88.8		
1935.....	79.6	81.8	76.8	72.5	78.8	83.6	82.6	91.5	77.6	85.0	80.4	73.3	87.2	80.7	86.2	69.8	69.1	82.2	107	80.2	86.1		
1936.....	79.8	81.5	77.8	74.5	78.0	77.0	89.0	89.0	79.0	85.8	79.1	76.0	94.8	81.4	86.6	70.5	69.0	84.0	107	81.3	88.1		
1937.....	87.2	86.9	87.8	87.3	90.9	111.7	86.0	95.4	85.5	95.4	86.0	77.6	105.0	88.6	94.7	78.3	79.0	88.1	128	85.5	94.4		

¹ Middle of month.² Index is as of the 1st of the following month.

Domestic Trade

RETAIL trade generally has been well maintained during the summer, after allowance for seasonal influences, although sales in some lines of business have been reduced somewhat more than usual. Consumer purchases of general merchandise continue to run ahead of last year. Available data indicate that the gain in sales in July over July of last year for both urban and rural areas was around 5 percent.

Department store sales this year have increased most in the midwestern industrial districts where the average gain for the first 7 months was about 14 percent; in the Far West and in the south the gain ran 10 percent or less, while in the eastern sections of the country the average increase was about 6 percent.

General merchandise sales in rural areas for July, seasonally corrected, were the lowest since February, the decline from June to July being somewhat more than the usual seasonal amount. Automobile sales in July declined less than usual for this period and were slightly larger than in the corresponding month last year, after having dropped below the level of a year ago in June.

Total sales of more than 7,000 independent retail merchants in 14 States located in the midwestern, southwestern, and mountain regions of the country showed an increase of about 9 percent for the first 7 months of the year over the same period of 1936, according to monthly reports received by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The largest

relative gain was recorded for jewelry stores which showed an increase of nearly one-fourth for the 7-month period. This was followed by gains of 19 percent for lumber and building material dealers, 13 percent each for furniture and household appliance dealers and for hardware stores, and 11 percent for department stores. The smallest increases, 5 percent and 7 percent, respectively, were reported by motor-vehicle dealers and drug stores, while restaurants, country general, and apparel stores showed increases of about 9 percent each.

Wholesale sales reported to the Bureau by a sample group of more than 1,100 firms were about 5 percent less in July than in June, while the margin of gain for the month over the corresponding period a year ago was 4 percent. In June, sales of reporting concerns were 15 percent ahead of the corresponding month of 1936. Aggregate dollar sales of more than 500 manufacturers also recorded a smaller gain over a year ago in July than in June. June sales were 12 percent above June last year, while July sales showed a gain of 8 percent.

Favorable industrial and marketing conditions this year have been reflected in a continued decrease in the number of commercial failures. For the first 7 months of the current year the number of failures amounted to 5,260, almost 12 percent below the corresponding period in 1936, while the liabilities involved were more than 35 percent less. Failures of retail trade establishments showed the largest percentage decline.

DOMESTIC TRADE STATISTICS

Year and month	Retail trade										Wholesale trade		Commercial failures		
	Department stores				Chain-store sales		Rural sales of general merchandise		New passenger-car sales		Employment	Pay rolls	Failures	Liabilities	
	Sales		Stocks ³		Combined index (Chain Store Age)	Variety stores		Unad-justed ¹	Ad-justed ²	Unad-justed ¹					Ad-justed ²
	Unad-justed ¹	Ad-justed ²	Unad-justed ¹	Ad-justed ²		Unad-justed ¹	Ad-justed ²								
	Monthly average, 1923-25=100				Avg. same mo. 1929-31=100	Monthly average, 1929-31=100						Monthly average, 1929=100		Number	Thousands of dolls.
1929: July	79	109	92	99		96.0	107.9	97.0	126.0	168.0	152.0	100.4	100.5		
1932: July	46	65	59	64	82.8	70.2	78.9	46.7	60.7	31.0	28.0	75.2	61.9		
1933: July	48	69	56	60	87.1	74.4	85.6	54.9	71.3	57.5	52.5	75.1	55.5	1,375	22,980
1934: July	51	73	59	64	92.5	79.7	89.5	58.2	75.5	73.9	67.0	82.2	63.8	870	16,555
1935: July	55	80	57	61	96.4	82.0	92.1	74.7	97.0	89.1	81.0	82.1	64.6	902	16,523
1936:															
July	63	91	59	64	109.6	97.2	109.2	88.3	114.7	117.3	104.5	85.4	69.0	639	9,904
August	68	86	65	67	109.0	86.5	97.7	96.2	111.9	92.9	92.0	86.3	69.7	655	8,271
September	94	88	71	68	110.0	97.8	102.4	122.3	123.6	71.0	83.0	88.0	70.5	586	9,819
October	100	90	76	69	109.5	100.4	98.9	155.1	127.1	56.5	85.5	89.0	71.5	611	8,266
November	105	94	80	71	111.0	104.5	103.0	150.8	122.6	113.1	151.0	89.7	73.1	688	11,532
December	161	92	67	71	113.0	195.7	106.1	186.1	131.0	130.4	175.0	91.0	72.8	692	12,288
1937:															
January	72	93	66	74	106.4	70.3	94.4	88.6	106.7	90.1	129.5	90.7	72.6	811	8,661
February	76	95	72	76	110.0	81.3	97.4	93.8	103.7	85.5	139.5	92.0	74.1	721	9,771
March	90	93	78	76	108.6	97.1	103.3	117.4	126.2	146.5	123.5	92.1	75.0	820	10,922
April	89	93	79	76	110.0	89.0	96.2	116.4	121.2	141.3	102.5	91.9	75.4	786	8,906
May	95	93	78	76	112.0	98.3	98.3	119.4	127.1	144.6	104.0	90.8	76.1	834	8,364
June	90	93	73	75	114.0	100.7	105.9	117.5	124.4	134.3	99.0	90.3	76.2	670	8,191
July	65	94	69	74	114.5	97.2	109.0	92.0	119.5	123.5	105.0	89.9	76.6	618	7,766
Monthly average, January through July:															
1929	98		97			94.3		109.8		165.7		98.3	98.2		
1933	56		55		80.9	71.6		54.2		45.2		72.9	54.6	1,984	47,605
1934	66		64		91.0	81.3		69.3		65.9		81.9	62.2	1,032	21,516
1935	68		62		94.8	81.2		85.5		90.5		83.2	64.6	996	15,070
1936	75		63		102.8	87.1		95.7		112.9		85.2	68.0	850	13,868
1937	82		74		110.8	90.6		106.4		123.7		89.2	75.1	751	8,940

¹ Adjusted for number of working days.

² Adjusted for seasonal variations.

³ End of month.

Employment

EMPLOYMENT receded slightly in July in the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries from which reports are received each month by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Pay rolls were also slightly lower, reflecting in large part inventory-taking, repairs, vacations, and July 4th shut-downs. Despite the slight declines, it is estimated on the basis of reports received from about 135,000 establishments that the gain in employment in July over the same month a year ago approximated 1,300,000 workers. Over the same interval, weekly pay rolls increased nearly \$65,000,000.

The small decline in total employment in July in the 89 manufacturing and 16 nonmanufacturing industries was due largely to the seasonal recession in retail trade establishments. In the manufacturing industries, a gain in the number at work was reported, partly because of resumption of operations in the steel plants which had been closed on account of industrial disputes. This gain, plus others reported, lifted the seasonally adjusted index of factory employment nearly 2 points to 103.3 (1923-25=100). This was the highest figure recorded since November 1929.

Gains in employment were registered in both the durable and nondurable goods industries in July as compared with June, the index of the former group advancing 2.7 percent, and of the latter, 1.1 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis. Only 4 of the 14 major groups into which these manufacturing industries are

classified showed employment declines in July, after seasonal adjustment.

Among the more important individual industries, the largest increase (13 percent) recorded in the seasonally adjusted indexes for July was for blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling mills. In the radio and phonograph industry the increase in the number at work amounted to nearly 12 percent. In the textile industries, the decline in employment was less than seasonal, the reduction in the rate of operations in certain lines, particularly in wearing apparel, being reflected in the shortening of hours, and a resultant drop in pay rolls. The major declines, after allowance for the usual seasonal shifts, were in the leather, rubber tire and tube, paper and pulp, and furniture industries.

In the 16 nonmanufacturing industries surveyed the large decline in employment in retail trade establishments reflected the seasonal slackening of business in department, variety, and general merchandising stores and in mail order houses. Other nonmanufacturing industries reporting declines in the number at work in July, as compared with June, included anthracite mines and dyeing and cleaning establishments, and these recessions were also largely on account of seasonal fluctuations. Increases were reported for the building industry and for metal mines, the gain in the latter raising the July employment above that of any month since June 1930.

STATISTICS OF EMPLOYMENT, PAY ROLLS, AND WAGES

Year and month	Factory employment and pay rolls			Nonmanufacturing employment and pay rolls (U. S. Department of Labor)												Trade-union members employed	Wages		
	Employment		Pay rolls	Anthracite mining		Bituminous coal mining		Electric light and power and manu- factured gas		Telephone and tele- graph		Retail trade		Factory (National Industrial Conference Board)	Common labor rates (road build- ing)				
	Unad-justed	Ad-justed ¹	Unad-justed	Em-ploy-ment	Pay rolls	Em-ploy-ment	Pay rolls	Em-ploy-ment	Pay rolls	Em-ploy-ment	Pay rolls	Em-ploy-ment	Pay rolls				Average weekly earnings	Average hourly earnings	
	Monthly average, 1923-25=100			Monthly average, 1929=100													Percent of total members	Dollars	
1929: July.....	105.9	106.9	107.1	83.2	64.7	94.1	85.6	103.2	102.3	102.6	104.1	97.3	98.8	91	28.41	0.587	39		
1932: July.....	60.4	61.1	40.2	44.5	34.5	58.6	24.4	82.3	78.7	79.1	79.6	73.1	59.2	66	15.36	.490	32		
1933: July.....	74.9	76.1	51.7	43.8	38.2	63.2	33.6	77.5	70.0	68.5	66.7	71.0	51.0	69	19.34	.456	34		
1934: July.....	82.5	83.4	61.4	53.6	42.3	77.0	49.7	85.0	81.1	71.0	72.3	79.0	60.1	72	19.90	.588	42		
1935: July.....	83.5	85.0	66.5	49.4	37.5	70.0	35.9	84.8	81.5	70.3	75.7	79.3	60.5	73	21.85	.600	42		
1936:																			
July.....	91.2	92.8	80.2	48.4	37.2	75.5	62.6	91.7	89.8	73.1	79.9	83.2	65.1	83	24.20	.617	42		
August.....	93.5	93.4	83.5	41.1	31.4	76.9	65.4	93.1	89.8	73.5	81.2	82.4	64.4	86	24.76	.619	41		
September.....	95.5	93.8	83.6	47.6	34.9	78.2	71.0	93.5	91.4	73.7	78.8	86.6	66.6	87	25.18	.619	42		
October.....	96.7	94.4	89.0	49.9	48.5	81.1	79.2	94.0	92.7	73.8	83.1	88.7	68.3	88	25.51	.619	42		
November.....	96.9	96.2	90.7	51.5	40.3	82.3	80.7	93.5	91.8	73.7	81.6	90.1	70.1	88	25.98	.624	41		
December.....	98.1	98.6	95.2	54.8	55.4	83.9	85.0	93.2	93.8	73.6	82.4	99.6	75.9	86	26.63	.637	39		
1937:																			
January.....	96.5	98.8	90.7	54.1	42.7	84.6	79.9	92.1	92.3	74.4	83.6	85.4	68.0	85	26.11	.638	39		
February.....	99.0	99.7	95.8	52.7	41.0	84.8	82.4	92.0	93.3	74.8	82.2	85.2	67.9	86	26.68	.642	-----		
March.....	101.1	100.9	101.1	48.9	37.8	85.9	88.4	92.2	94.5	75.4	87.2	88.5	70.5	87	27.50	.659	-----		
April.....	102.1	101.6	104.9	54.0	63.9	72.6	54.4	92.9	95.2	76.6	86.3	88.8	71.9	88	28.03	.685	-----		
May.....	102.3	102.2	105.2	51.0	44.4	77.8	67.8	94.4	97.6	77.7	89.5	89.9	73.5	89	28.36	.689	-----		
June.....	101.1	101.4	102.4	51.1	50.9	78.1	73.0	96.4	100.1	78.5	88.5	90.4	74.4	89	28.39	.707	-----		
July.....	101.7	103.3	101.2	45.0	35.2	77.7	67.9	97.7	101.1	79.7	92.4	87.6	72.7	89	27.84	.710	-----		
Monthly average, January through July:																			
1929.....	104.2	-----	109.6	98.6	92.3	100.9	98.3	96.6	96.3	98.3	98.3	97.5	97.5	88	28.72	.588	-----		
1933.....	65.9	-----	43.2	49.1	41.2	65.2	31.5	77.2	70.8	71.7	69.3	71.6	51.7	67	16.75	.458	-----		
1934.....	83.1	-----	63.6	61.1	61.8	76.0	53.6	82.8	76.7	70.3	70.2	81.1	60.3	74	20.21	.573	-----		
1935.....	84.5	-----	68.8	55.9	51.9	77.2	55.4	83.1	79.4	70.1	74.1	80.9	61.0	77	21.79	.597	-----		
1936.....	88.8	-----	78.1	53.9	48.3	77.9	66.9	88.3	86.6	71.1	77.2	83.0	64.3	81	23.94	.613	-----		
1937.....	100.5	-----	100.4	51.0	45.1	80.2	73.4	94.0	96.3	76.7	87.1	88.0	71.3	88	27.56	.676	-----		

¹ Adjusted for seasonal variations.

Finance

STOCK PRICES fluctuated within narrow limits in a dull market during the first half of August at the level attained in July, and then turned downward. The volume of trading during the month was below the level of July and considerably below that of a year ago. Bond prices remained firm until the middle of August and weakened thereafter, with the volume of sales lower than in either the preceding month or in the corresponding period of 1936. New capital raised through publicly-offered issues was again very small, and money rates were unchanged at prevailing low levels.

On August 20, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System approved reductions in the discount rates of the Reserve Banks of Chicago and Atlanta from 2 to 1½ percent. Similar changes for the Minneapolis, Richmond, Dallas, St. Louis, and Boston banks were subsequently approved, and the New York rate was lowered to 1 percent. The Board based its approval of these changes upon the view that the reduction of discount rates at this time "would assist in carrying out the system's policy of monetary ease and make Federal Reserve Bank credit readily available to member banks for the accommodation of commerce, business, and agriculture, without encouraging member banks to borrow outside of their districts or to liquidate their portfolios in order to be in a position to meet the needs of present or prospective borrowers". These developments grew out of the sustained increase in business loans by banks, the persistent liquidation of Government securities in bank portfolios, and the reduction in the excess reserves of member banks to the

lowest levels in several years. The action by the Board was based also upon the view that reductions in discount rates in agricultural districts should assist member banks in meeting seasonal demands for currency and credit during the crop-moving season.

Gold imports into the United States continued in substantial volume during August. Engagements for American account in London were resumed in late July with the fall in the effective London price for gold to a point which made shipments to this country again profitable. The persistent strength of sterling exchange during August was accompanied by a continued fall in the sterling price of gold, with the result that engagements for American account were possible at narrow profit margins throughout most of the month. Receipts of gold from the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics in the London market were again reported. Japan, from which approximately \$92,000,000 of gold was received during the period March-July, was again a principal source of gold imports in August. Shipments continued to arrive from Canada and India, and sizeable engagements in Belgium were also reported.

The French franc moved within very narrow limits during August following the intervention of the French stabilization fund in the forward market for francs. The reduction in the discount rate of the Bank of France from 5 percent to 4 percent on August 4 signified the easing of the financial and exchange crisis in France.

Quotations for the Chinese yuan and the Japanese yen were strong during the month in spite of the disturbances in the Far Eastern area, although Japanese dollar bonds fell abruptly on the New York market.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Year and month	Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, end of month	Monetary gold stocks	Money in circulation	Excess reserves of member banks, end of month	Reporting member banks, Wednesday, closest to end of month					Bank debits, outside New York City	Stock prices (standard statistics)	Bond prices (domestic)	Security issues (new capital)	Dividend rate, average, per share (600 companies)	Interest rates, commercial paper (4-6 months)
					Loans		Investments	Deposits							
					Total	Com'l, Industrial, and agricultural ¹		Demand, ad-justed	Time						
Millions of dollars											1926=100	Dollars	Thous. of dollars	Dollars	Percent
1929: July	1,347	4,048	4,477	-----	17,058	-----	5,549	-----	6,712	28,416	207.3	96.40	887,803	2.91	6
1932: July	2,439	3,654	5,464	259	10,996	-----	7,700	-----	5,612	12,511	35.2	79.25	105,381	1.31	2½-2¾
1933: July	2,209	4,032	5,388	468	9,064	-----	8,367	-----	4,948	13,878	79.8	88.03	117,693	1.05	1½-1¾
1934: July	2,462	7,893	5,350	1,875	8,355	-----	10,603	-----	5,004	13,910	71.4	92.00	213,608	1.21	¾-1
1935: July	2,465	9,128	5,550	2,513	7,811	-----	12,034	14,850	4,856	16,550	78.8	94.12	127,127	1.30	¾
1936:															
July	2,462	10,629	6,203	3,029	8,294	-----	14,084	14,850	5,015	18,617	109.2	98.19	103,165	1.58	¾
August	2,471	10,674	6,191	1,950	8,454	-----	13,809	14,867	5,032	17,106	113.0	98.81	218,074	1.64	¾
September	2,473	10,764	6,258	1,840	8,753	-----	13,929	15,116	5,063	17,586	114.1	99.27	179,487	1.67	¾
October	2,476	10,983	6,321	2,175	8,721	-----	13,796	15,340	5,065	20,142	118.7	99.41	189,512	1.70	¾
November	2,453	11,116	6,401	2,236	8,812	-----	13,647	15,464	5,037	18,475	124.2	100.55	158,071	1.98	¾
December	2,500	11,220	6,563	1,984	9,189	-----	13,742	15,571	5,067	23,238	122.8	100.76	265,850	2.03	¾
1937:															
January	2,497	11,310	6,400	2,152	8,941	-----	13,638	15,493	5,077	20,383	126.0	100.05	248,526	2.04	¾
February	2,465	11,399	6,369	2,078	9,121	-----	13,597	15,501	5,167	17,620	129.5	99.83	168,188	2.04	¾
March	2,458	11,502	6,391	1,398	9,366	-----	12,907	15,126	5,144	21,605	129.9	96.86	184,594	2.04	¾-1
April	2,565	11,686	6,397	1,594	9,428	-----	12,774	15,388	5,158	20,051	124.5	96.27	151,810	2.05	1
May	2,585	11,901	6,426	918	9,571	4,270	12,587	15,274	5,231	19,292	116.3	96.79	149,747	2.09	1
June	2,562	12,189	6,435	865	9,760	4,331	12,530	15,187	5,235	20,019	113.6	95.84	359,208	2.09	1
July	2,574	12,404	6,475	791	9,784	4,425	12,499	15,033	5,268	20,152	117.8	96.82	250,249	2.12	1

¹ This item was first reported in May. See footnote marked "⊗" on p. 32 of this issue.

Foreign Trade

EXPORTS were fractionally higher in value in July than in June and were almost half again as large as a year ago. General imports declined 7 percent in value and were slightly more than a third greater in value than in July 1936. The net balance of merchandise exports, which amounted to \$1,836,000 in July, compares with an import balance of \$20,555,000 in June 1937 and one of \$14,666,000 in July 1936.

Merchandise imports are customarily more nearly in balance with merchandise exports during the spring and summer months than in the latter part of the year when the seasonal movement of exports becomes large. For several years, owing in part to drought conditions and the relatively high level of industrial activity in the United States, imports were greatly stimulated, and in the first 7 months of 1937 merchandise imports exceeded exports by \$144,819,000.

The July improvement in exports over a year ago continued to reflect the strong demand abroad for our semifinished and finished manufactures, particularly petroleum products, iron and steel products, machinery, and automobiles. In July the value of exports of iron and steel products as a group (including scrap) was greater than in any month since the World War period, not excluding the year 1929.

Exports of wood and paper, chemicals, grains, and a number of other commodities have also increased, but

the gains have been less pronounced than for the commodities mentioned above. Animal and vegetable products, edible and inedible, in the aggregate have shown, so far, little tendency to expand.

Import gains in July over those of a year ago continued to be general throughout the entire list of imported commodities. Large increases in value have occurred in those raw materials which are essential to expanding industrial activity, such as rubber, wool, tin, copper, and hides and skins. A number of agricultural commodities, particularly corn, vegetable oils, and oil seeds have continued to be imported in relatively large quantities, principally as a result of the drought situation which prevailed last year.

A considerable part of the increased values this year as compared with last is attributable to higher prices. The average unit value (price) of exports was approximately 10 percent greater in July than a year ago, while the average unit value of imports rose about 17 percent between these two periods.

The relative gains in import values over a year ago were greater than the gains in export values in each of the first 6 months of 1937. In July, however, the export increase was much larger. The relative improvement in import values over the corresponding months of 1936 has fluctuated considerably from month to month and has not shown the same definite upward trend exhibited by exports.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

Year and month	Indexes		Ex-ports, in-cluding reex-ports	Exports of United States merchandise								Imports ¹				
	Value of total ex-ports, ad-justed ¹	Value of total im-ports, ad-justed ¹		Crude materials			Food-stuffs, total	Semi-man-u-fac-tures	Finished manufactures			Total	Crude ma-terials	Food-stuffs	Semi-man-u-fac-tures	Fin-ished man-u-fac-tures
				Total	Total	Raw cot-ton			Total	Ma-chin-ery	Auto-mo-biles, parts and ac-cess-ories					
Monthly aver- age, 1923-25=100			Millions of dollars													
1929: July.....	121	119	402.9	393.8	50.0	24.4	56.1	60.5	227.2	56.4	47.4	353.0	119.0	75.9	71.8	86.2
1932: July.....	32	27	106.8	104.3	27.6	15.9	15.6	14.1	47.0	9.6	6.2	79.4	19.5	26.3	11.9	21.8
1933: July.....	43	48	144.1	141.6	51.5	36.8	15.4	21.4	53.3	10.1	7.5	143.0	46.5	38.8	31.0	26.8
1934: July.....	48	43	161.7	159.1	37.2	20.3	16.9	28.9	76.1	18.9	18.4	124.0	39.0	29.1	27.5	28.5
1935: July.....	52	59	173.2	167.9	38.3	19.2	15.3	28.1	86.0	23.3	19.1	173.1	53.0	55.4	32.1	32.5
1936:																
July.....	54	65	179.8	176.4	30.4	10.8	15.0	33.3	97.7	29.3	16.9	196.5	56.0	59.3	42.7	38.6
August.....	51	62	178.3	175.6	38.1	12.4	19.7	32.3	85.5	25.2	12.4	200.1	61.7	56.3	40.8	41.4
September.....	55	70	220.1	217.5	72.8	38.2	23.3	31.9	89.5	27.3	12.5	218.4	69.4	64.2	40.8	43.9
October.....	57	64	264.7	262.0	100.4	58.4	24.9	36.7	100.0	31.8	15.8	213.2	62.8	61.3	40.5	48.6
November.....	52	61	225.8	223.3	82.2	47.0	13.7	32.8	94.6	26.4	21.2	200.4	61.2	58.3	40.6	40.2
December.....	57	76	229.7	226.6	67.4	40.2	13.1	34.9	111.2	30.8	28.8	239.8	75.4	73.3	49.0	42.2
1937:																
January.....	57	74	221.6	217.9	60.6	37.5	13.1	34.2	110.1	31.5	27.6	228.7	77.0	68.4	46.5	36.7
February.....	67	87	232.5	229.1	54.4	34.1	22.5	37.9	114.2	31.5	26.0	260.3	90.9	76.3	52.2	40.9
March.....	67	86	256.4	252.3	52.2	34.3	17.5	53.0	129.6	37.0	28.8	295.9	91.6	97.4	57.9	49.0
April.....	75	82	269.2	264.9	50.4	28.6	16.5	56.1	141.9	43.5	30.8	281.7	88.7	91.0	54.5	47.6
May.....	81	86	289.9	285.1	52.0	24.6	16.3	71.8	145.0	42.3	33.2	278.8	91.8	84.5	55.8	46.7
June.....	79	93	265.4	256.5	42.0	16.8	16.0	63.3	135.2	40.8	29.7	278.7	92.5	80.1	58.9	47.2
July.....	80	89	267.2	264.6	34.4	9.4	17.4	68.9	144.0	46.1	29.4	263.4	77.6	77.5	59.6	48.8
Cumulative, January through July:																
1929.....	² 114	³ 117	3,025.9	2,972.3	534.2	344.2	420.6	443.4	1,574.1	358.6	387.6	2,639.4	947.1	597.0	528.5	566.7
1933.....	³ 31	³ 32	813.4	798.5	258.8	177.5	95.5	118.2	326.0	64.4	49.1	735.1	198.7	242.8	135.1	158.5
1934.....	³ 45	³ 44	1,197.7	1,177.3	337.8	205.1	128.8	193.2	517.5	120.9	125.1	955.2	283.7	287.2	185.4	198.9
1935.....	³ 45	³ 52	1,197.3	1,171.0	295.4	164.8	107.8	193.0	574.8	149.5	142.6	1,157.4	325.3	392.8	222.2	217.2
1936.....	³ 50	³ 60	1,332.6	1,309.7	307.1	164.8	107.1	225.3	670.1	193.5	149.7	1,348.6	402.6	418.9	277.6	249.5
1937.....	³ 68	³ 86	1,802.1	1,770.3	345.9	185.1	119.3	385.1	920.0	272.7	205.5	1,887.6	610.2	575.1	385.4	316.9

¹ Adjusted for seasonal variations.² General imports through December 1933; imports for consumption thereafter.³ Monthly average.

Real Estate and Construction

CONSTRUCTION during the summer months has been considerably more active than in 1936, but operations are still subnormal and the expansion in this basic industry so far in 1937 has not measured up to the more optimistic expectations entertained at the beginning of the year. The Dodge statistics on construction contracts awarded have revealed a narrowing rate of increase over a year ago, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics' data for July record a decline of 15 percent in the value of building permits issued in 1,483 cities in comparison with the total for the corresponding month of 1936. The number of family units provided in these cities was less in both June and July than in the same months of 1936.

Publicly-owned construction awards were larger in June and July than in the earlier months of the year, and were slightly larger than in this period a year ago. For the first 7 months of the year, however, they were in smaller volume than in 1936. July contracts for commercial building were valued at slightly more than in July 1936. The volume of industrial construction continues to run well ahead of last year and in July contracts for public-utility work included an unusually large volume of railroad construction. A considerable portion of the industrial contracts were awarded by concerns in the iron and steel industry, where an extensive program of modernization and expansion of existing facilities has been under way for some time in order to

meet existing demands which have placed very unequal loads on existing facilities. The report of the American Iron and Steel Institute on steel produced for sale during the second quarter indicates that about 85 percent of the total finishing capacity of the industry was engaged, but the rate varied from one-half for rails to more than nine-tenths for tin plate.

While production and shipments of most building materials are still much lower than in the predepression period, the available data record a marked gain over last year. The percentage increases in quantity shipments of manufacturers so far in 1937, as compared with the corresponding period of 1936, in some of the important materials were as follows: Common brick, 34; oak flooring, 24; lumber, 11; and cement, 10. The dollar sales of paint manufacturers were up 19 percent.

Increases of the magnitude indicated by the above data in sales of building supply concerns, together with increased prices, have resulted in a large percentage gain in profits this year. Standard Statistics reports that profits of 25 companies in the building equipment, supply, and construction group for the first 6 months were more than double those of the first half of 1936, and that the gain for the second quarter was about two-thirds. While earnings of these companies in the aggregate are still considerably less than in 1929, the volume of profits is substantial, and some well-situated companies have reported larger profits than in that year.

BUILDING MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION, AND REAL ESTATE

Year and month	Construction contracts awarded							Building-material shipments				Construction costs, Eng. News-Record ¹	Loans outstanding			Real-estate foreclosures (non-farm)
	Federal Reserve index adjusted ²	All types of construction		Residential building		Public utilities	Public works	Common brick	Lumber	Oak flooring	Cement		Federal savings and loan associations ³	Home-loan bank	Home Owners' Loan Corp. ³	
		Monthly average, 1923-25=100	Number of projects	Millions of dollars	Millions of square feet	Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars									
1929: July.....	124	16,601	652.4	37.8	199.9	53.1	149.2	-----	-----	42,067	20,319	204.8	-----	-----	-----	-----
1932: July.....	27	7,008	128.8	5.5	19.7	5.5	54.6	-----	-----	7,699	9,218	153.4	-----	-----	-----	-----
1933: July.....	21	8,228	82.6	7.4	23.6	4.1	14.8	-----	-----	13,676	8,697	165.5	-----	53,745	-----	-----
1934: July.....	27	7,179	119.7	4.8	19.8	7.9	31.2	61,101	935	7,713	7,898	199.7	-----	-----	1,274,470	95.1
1935: July.....	35	10,929	159.3	13.1	48.4	13.8	40.1	93,608	1,519	18,374	7,813	195.2	179,011	80,877	2,702,247	97.2
1936:																
July.....	59	13,890	294.7	20.5	72.0	27.5	99.1	170,135	2,056	30,123	11,823	204.4	465,682	122,094	2,920,739	82.7
August.....	62	12,912	275.3	24.4	100.5	17.9	76.4	172,748	2,005	30,408	12,624	208.1	497,852	125,211	2,897,367	78.3
September.....	59	12,056	234.3	21.2	80.7	15.7	68.8	173,723	2,122	33,432	12,619	208.1	507,574	129,752	2,869,660	85.7
October.....	57	12,966	225.8	21.6	79.7	14.2	52.9	189,104	2,327	33,935	13,089	211.5	532,064	134,929	2,883,503	77.8
November.....	58	11,269	208.2	20.0	68.4	18.0	55.8	163,246	1,751	29,988	8,942	212.7	531,078	137,250	2,801,827	75.1
December.....	66	9,605	199.7	19.0	65.5	19.1	42.1	141,080	1,899	35,878	6,246	220.7	544,107	145,394	2,765,098	84.4
1937:																
January.....	63	8,731	242.8	18.4	78.4	21.8	46.7	108,169	1,813	38,847	4,689	223.5	576,299	143,738	2,711,451	69.9
February.....	62	9,746	188.3	18.7	63.0	32.4	27.3	113,598	2,051	34,391	5,163	223.5	611,212	141,198	2,680,230	65.1
March.....	56	13,355	231.2	24.2	90.2	20.3	32.2	163,801	2,298	36,427	7,879	225.3	630,680	142,716	2,661,542	74.0
April.....	53	16,162	269.9	29.5	108.0	21.0	44.8	191,040	2,169	35,253	10,265	230.3	644,068	146,146	2,625,493	73.3
May.....	56	13,756	244.1	23.0	83.9	10.8	56.0	191,275	2,088	30,465	11,890	233.3	703,996	153,488	2,591,115	74.7
June.....	61	13,884	317.8	23.8	93.1	29.9	70.1	185,769	2,138	25,489	12,645	238.2	703,996	167,054	2,556,401	76.3
July.....	68	13,239	321.6	20.6	81.0	50.0	52.5	-----	2,028	28,208	12,237	241.8	722,442	169,568	2,524,129	68.2
Monthly average January through July:																
1929.....	126	15,571	523.5	37.8	183.9	48.9	85.6	-----	-----	41,164	12,938	206.7	-----	-----	-----	-----
1933.....	18	6,865	73.5	5.8	19.5	4.6	17.3	-----	-----	10,501	5,232	161.4	-----	-----	-----	-----
1934.....	34	7,709	139.1	5.4	21.7	11.0	58.0	53,436	1,080	8,847	6,152	196.3	-----	-----	-----	97.3
1935.....	30	9,138	122.3	10.1	36.7	7.8	32.7	68,459	1,176	14,450	5,678	195.4	-----	-----	-----	105.5
1936.....	54	11,214	218.9	16.6	58.1	17.3	59.7	125,681	1,889	27,394	8,435	202.4	-----	-----	-----	81.5
1937.....	63	12,696	259.4	22.6	85.4	26.6	47.1	-----	2,084	32,724	9,253	230.8	-----	-----	-----	71.6

¹ Based on 3-month moving average of values and adjusted for seasonal variations. ² Index is as of 1st of month; index for Aug. 1, 1937, is 243.0. ³ See footnote marked "****" on p. 25.

Transportation

FREIGHT traffic has not experienced the usual seasonal rise since last spring. The seasonally corrected index for July, though higher than in June, was nearly 5 percent under the April figure and the loadings reports for the first 3 weeks of August indicate that the customary small seasonal increase for this period was not realized. The traffic gain over a year ago has narrowed to 6 percent as compared with an increase of 15 percent for the first 6 months of the year.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, daily average loadings in July were higher than in June for all classifications except livestock, ore, and coal. The index of coal loadings was the same as for June. Reflecting the reduction in the number of farm animals as a result of the drought last year, shipments of livestock dropped to the lowest total since 1935. While ore shipments were lower in July than in June on a seasonally adjusted basis, actual daily average loadings were slightly in excess of those of the peak month of 1929 and were only slightly below the all-time record set in 1923.

Gross revenues of the class I railroads were slightly higher in July than in June, as a result of the longer month and the small increase in loadings. The gain over July 1936 amounted to only 4.4 percent, as compared with an increase of nearly 12 percent in the first half of the year over the corresponding period of 1936. Net income for July will probably be considerably below the June figure of \$18,560,000 which, however,

includes for some railroads large nonrecurring credits from the Pension Act of 1935 which cannot be properly allocated to the months in which the payments were actually made. For the first 6 months, net income, after charges and taxes, amounted to \$36,101,000, as compared with a deficit of \$23,072,000 in the first half of 1936, according to the final Interstate Commerce Commission report.

The operating results during the remainder of the year will reflect the recent agreement reached with the 14 nonoperating railroad unions to increase wage rates. According to an estimate made by the Association of American Railroads, the increase of 5 cents per hour, which has been accepted by the railroads and by the workers, will result in an increase in the railroad wage bill of approximately \$100,000,000 per year, on the basis of the volume of traffic hauled in 1936. In that year the roads net income amounted to about \$170,000,000. Negotiations are proceeding with the operating unions, which have also requested a substantial wage advance. By the close of the month, no agreement had been reached.

Purchases of new equipment by the railroads have been low during the last several months, as is customary at this season, but operations in the plants of equipment manufacturers have been sustained by the orders received earlier in the year.

RAIL AND WATER TRAFFIC

Year and month	Freight-car loadings										Freight-car surplus	Pull-man pas-sen-gers car-ried	Financial sta-tistics, class 1 railroads		Canal traffic		
	F. R. index		Total	Coal and coke	For-est prod-ucts	Grain and prod-ucts	Live-stock	Mer-chan-dise L.c.L.	Ore	Mis-cel-la-neous			Operating reve-nues	Net rail-way op-erating income	Sault Ste. Marie	New York State	Pana-ma ³
	Unad-justed ¹	Ad-justed ²															
	Thousands of cars ⁴																
1929: July.....	112	108	1,053.2	161.1	62.6	64.4	22.7	251.1	75.9	415.3	198	2,939	551,654	121,631	14,120	444	1,335
1932: July.....	50	49	485.9	77.0	14.3	38.3	14.6	162.3	6.2	173.1	764	1,276	235,331	11,287	2,638	376	576
1933: July.....	67	66	623.8	120.2	27.1	41.8	15.0	167.2	26.3	226.2	393	1,224	293,724	64,753	6,047	473	823
1934: July.....	62	62	592.7	99.8	20.9	42.8	23.3	154.6	31.1	220.3	348	1,280	276,010	35,441	7,522	519	770
1935: July.....	59	59	564.0	86.7	27.0	32.3	9.8	150.5	33.4	224.3	296	1,286	275,308	26,919	7,503	519	715
1936:																	
July.....	77	76	714.6	119.8	33.3	53.2	13.5	158.4	52.5	283.9	147	1,516	349,671	61,722	10,951	738	976
August.....	77	76	740.2	129.7	36.1	43.3	15.4	165.6	54.9	295.2	146	1,565	350,585	64,681	10,699	605	1,058
September.....	84	75	765.3	142.4	34.7	31.8	18.2	165.8	56.4	315.9	125	1,519	357,207	70,166	11,041	821	1,054
October.....	86	77	819.1	168.7	35.7	32.2	21.9	171.2	52.8	336.7	112	1,469	391,457	89,851	10,789	722	962
November.....	84	82	753.4	167.4	34.0	32.8	19.2	162.7	28.3	308.9	121	1,351	358,548	72,411	7,094	717	485
December.....	77	83	693.9	167.4	33.0	32.5	14.8	158.1	8.3	279.7	133	1,497	372,265	70,520	373	0	214
1937:																	
January.....	73	80	663.4	163.4	29.7	29.6	13.6	152.7	9.9	264.4	131	1,605	331,685	38,437	0	0	281
February.....	76	82	694.6	169.2	34.9	29.3	11.3	160.1	10.5	279.4	113	1,385	321,927	38,359	0	0	467
March.....	80	83	750.9	179.2	37.7	28.8	11.4	170.5	10.9	312.3	113	1,475	377,813	69,379	0	0	1,255
April.....	79	84	738.8	128.9	37.0	29.9	12.6	172.6	30.2	327.5	134	1,419	351,573	47,807	4,620	305	1,005
May.....	80	80	779.5	129.0	39.7	27.3	13.5	171.2	72.5	326.3	147	1,364	352,613	43,663	14,110	577	1,077
June.....	79	78	744.1	120.6	39.1	30.7	11.0	163.3	73.2	306.3	137	1,478	351,704	58,940	14,161	792	1,018
July.....	82	80	762.4	119.8	40.3	50.3	10.5	161.0	76.8	303.6	137	1,454	365,148	60,558	14,137	-----	956
Monthly average January through July:																	
1929.....	104	-----	996.2	178.9	64.8	45.7	25.4	252.8	41.4	387.1	233	2,715	511,636	96,232	-----	-----	1,215
1933.....	54	-----	531.1	104.5	19.6	33.0	15.6	161.0	8.6	188.2	577	1,018	244,138	31,357	-----	-----	708
1934.....	62	-----	593.6	125.3	22.7	32.0	16.8	159.9	15.4	221.5	368	1,217	272,272	37,473	-----	-----	942
1935.....	61	-----	580.0	122.6	24.8	26.9	11.9	154.0	16.8	222.9	306	1,245	272,977	31,670	-----	-----	832
1936.....	69	-----	650.2	134.3	30.6	35.1	12.2	154.7	24.6	258.7	184	1,380	317,476	42,816	-----	-----	928
1937.....	78	-----	733.6	143.6	36.9	32.6	12.0	164.2	41.8	302.4	130	1,454	350,352	51,020	-----	-----	866

¹ Adjusted for number of working days.
² Adjusted for seasonal variations.

³ American vessels, both directions.
⁴ Average weekly basis.

⁵ 6 months' average, January through June.

Trend of Business

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ECONOMIC conditions have undergone further improvement during 1937. Progress since the first of the year has, however, been less rapid than during 1936, and some important economic series have not moved above the level reached last December, after allowance for normal seasonal fluctuations. Activity has been maintained throughout the first 8 months of this year around the high point of the recovery period, the recession during the summer being of seasonal proportions. A narrowing of the rate of increase over a year ago has been evident during recent months, as the cyclical upswing received an added impetus in the middle of 1936 from the Government funds distributed to World War veterans in settlement of their adjusted compensation certificates. Nevertheless, preliminary data for August indicate that the margin of gain over August of 1936 was still substantial. The chart on page 4, providing a comparison of six important indicators of economic change for the first 7 months of the years 1929 to 1937, inclusive, reveals the extent of the gains for the current year.

The available data indicate an increase of between 10 and 15 percent in the national income distributed during the first 8 months of the year in comparison with the corresponding period of last year. This indicates a further increase in real income, since the rise in living costs, resulting from higher commodity prices and the improvement in the rental situation, has been less than the increase in aggregate income.

The expansion in the national income distributed has reflected the sharp gain in labor payments, the further rise in income derived from agriculture and other business enterprises, and the rapid increase in dividend payments. The further rise in purchasing power is of major significance with reference to both the current and the prospective volume of business. While the increase in factory pay rolls this year has been outstanding (see the accompanying table), it may be noted that total labor income has been estimated at nearly 15 percent higher than last year. Dividend payments, according to Moody's index, which is indicative of the general trend, have increased by more than one-third.

Not only labor and property incomes have been rising; the income of the farmer also has continued to increase. The outlook for the fall harvest is good, according to the Department of Agriculture, with present prospects indicating a yield above average for the principal crops and much above last year's drought-reduced yields. In view of the carry-over situation and the demand factors, the Department of Agriculture does not regard the prospective yield as excessive, although the current prospects have been

reflected in some price declines. The unusually high yield from the acreage planted in cotton has tended to depress the price of this commodity substantially. The rise in cash farm income from the depression low is shown in figure 1.

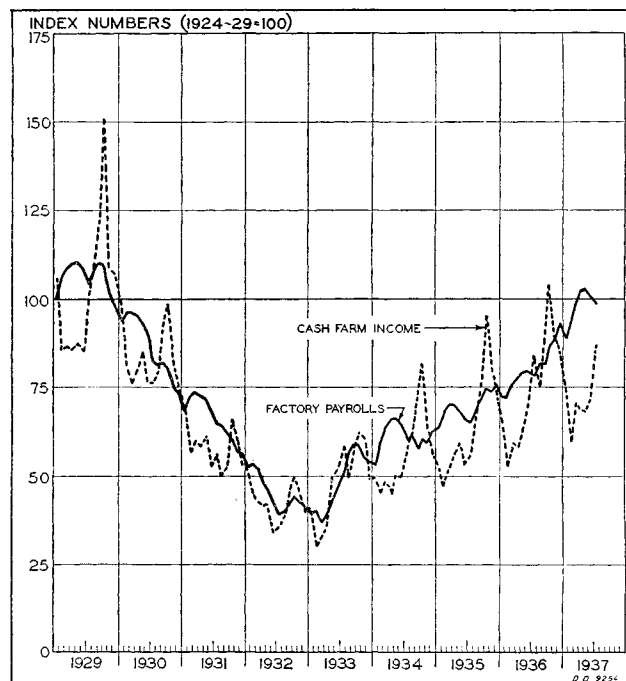


Figure 1.—Cash Income from Marketings of Farm Products, and Factory Pay Rolls. (U. S. Departments of Agriculture and Labor; the Index of Factory Pay Rolls Has Been Shifted to the 1924-29 Base.)

The Department of Agriculture estimates, on the basis of current prospects as to sales and prices, that cash farm income from marketings and Government payments for the year 1937 will be \$9,000,000,000, compared with \$7,865,000,000 in 1936, an increase of 14 percent. This would represent the largest total since 1929, when the income was \$10,479,000,000. In terms of purchasing power, the comparative showing with respect to 1929 is much better because of the lower level of prices of goods which farmers purchase. The Department of Agriculture's index of prices paid by farmers, for example, for the first 7 months of this year was 9 percent below the average for the year 1929. The income will also be more evenly distributed this year than in any other recent period.

Trend of Industrial Output.

Because of the ramifications of the manufacturing industry, the production of manufactured goods provides a guide to the trend of general conditions. The Federal Reserve index of the output of manufactures reveals a rather steady advance from the middle of 1935 to the end of 1936. During the current year the

index has moved approximately sideways but close to the high point of the recovery. Principal influences in the minor fluctuations in the index during this period included the industrial disputes (which tended to retard output for a time, notably in the steel and automobile industries) and the devastating floods in the first quarter. The evenness of the basic movement, however, is evident when a comparison is made of the quarterly average of the Federal Reserve index of manufacturing production. For the final quarter of 1936 and the first half of 1937 the quarterly figure stood at approximately 116 ($1923-25=100$). The index has deviated only slightly from that average for the first 2 months of the current quarter. For the first 8 months of 1937, aggregate output of manufactures was about 15 percent larger than in the corresponding period of 1936.

It is apparent from figure 2 that a major impetus to the forward movement in factory output during the

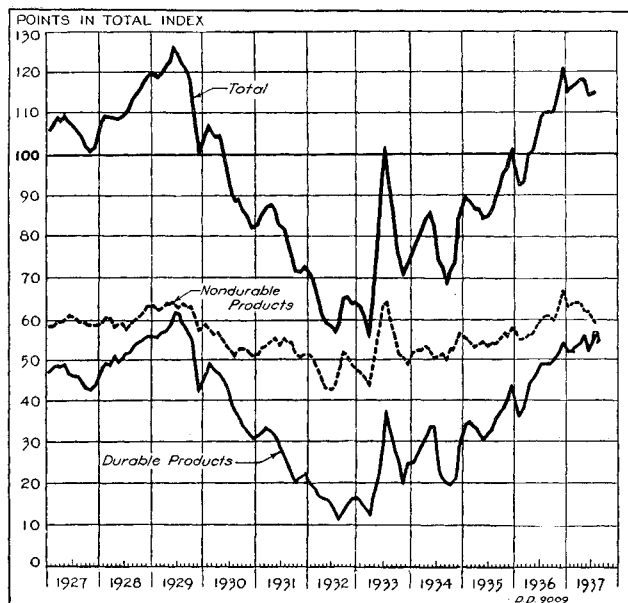


Figure 2.—Indexes of Manufacturing Production, Durable Products, and Nondurable Products, Expressed in Terms of Points in the Total Index. (Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.)

NOTE.—Data are based on daily average physical volume and are adjusted for seasonal variations. The sum of the two components equals the total index, for which the 1923-25 average is taken as 100. Durable goods include iron and steel, automobiles, lumber, shipbuilding, locomotives, nonferrous metals, cement, polished plate glass, and coke; nondurable goods include textiles, leather and products, foods, tobacco products, paper and printing, petroleum refining, and automobile tires and tubes.

past 2 years was derived from the demand for durable goods and that expansion in this direction still persists. As production and distribution have expanded to a point where additional equipment is needed and as renewed confidence has fostered commitments by individuals for housing and other durable products, the output of this type of commodity has experienced a rapid rise, with beneficial effects on purchasing power and on the demand for consumer goods. This development has tended to bring about a better balanced output and is only one evidence of the progress toward the reattainment of balanced economic relationships.

The shifting demand in the industries producing durable goods is indicated by the trend of steel output. Not until the latter part of 1935 were orders for finished steel sufficient to warrant a rate of operations over an extended period which utilized half of the ingot capacity of the industry. From the midsummer of 1935, however, output increased from about 40 percent of capacity to more than 90 percent in May 1937, when strikes were instrumental in curtailing output. By August, production was again above 80 percent of capacity. Actual output of steel in the first 7 months of 1937 (33,321,000 tons) was within 2 percent of the production in the comparable period of 1929.

Among the steel-consuming industries, marked expansion has occurred this year in the machinery, agri-

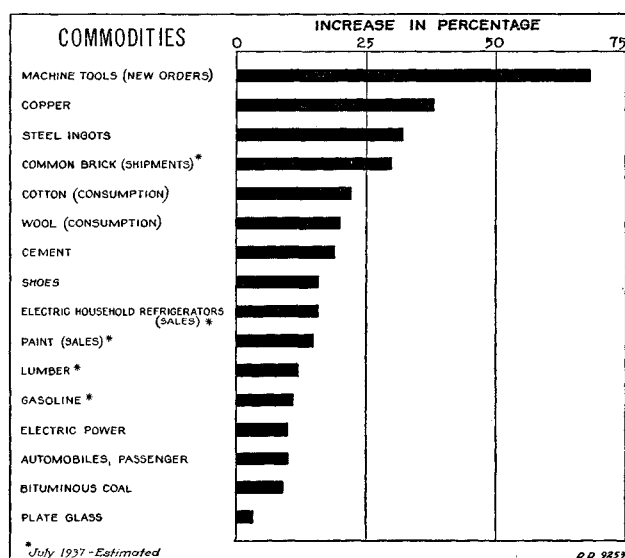


Figure 3.—Increases in Production of Selected Commodities, First 7 Months of 1937 Compared With Corresponding Period of 1936.

NOTE.—For those commodities for which a measure other than production is used, it is so indicated.

cultural implement, railway equipment, and electrical equipment industries. The increase in the steel needs of the automobile and tin-plate industries was less marked. Production (factory sales) of automobiles reached 3,227,683 units in the first 7 months, an increase of 10 percent over a year ago and a record which has been exceeded only in 1929. Increased activity in the building industry has resulted in a marked expansion in sales of all types of building materials and building equipment. The volume of new construction, however, still remains distinctly subnormal (see table, p. 17.)

Certain of the consumer-goods industries have operated at an exceptionally high rate this year. Some products—rayon, gasoline, glass containers, boots and shoes, cigarettes, cotton textiles, hosiery, and various lines of electrical equipment, among others—have established new production peaks during the current year. In some of these lines, notably textiles, production has tended downward in recent months. Figure 3 affords a comparison of the increase in the production of certain

selected commodities during the first 7 months of the current year with the results of the corresponding period of 1936.

Labor Situation.

The rise in labor income has been occasioned by the increase in the number of persons employed, the continued upward movement of wage rates, and some increase in the average hours worked per employee. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the increase in the number at work in July in the industries surveyed monthly, as compared with the corresponding period a year ago, was nearly 1,300,000. Figure 4 shows the relative increase in pay rolls in the principal manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries this year as compared with 1936.

The important place which industrial disputes have occupied in the business news during the current year lends interest to figure 5 showing the number of man-days lost in strikes since 1929. As recovery has progressed, the loss of time because of this factor has in-

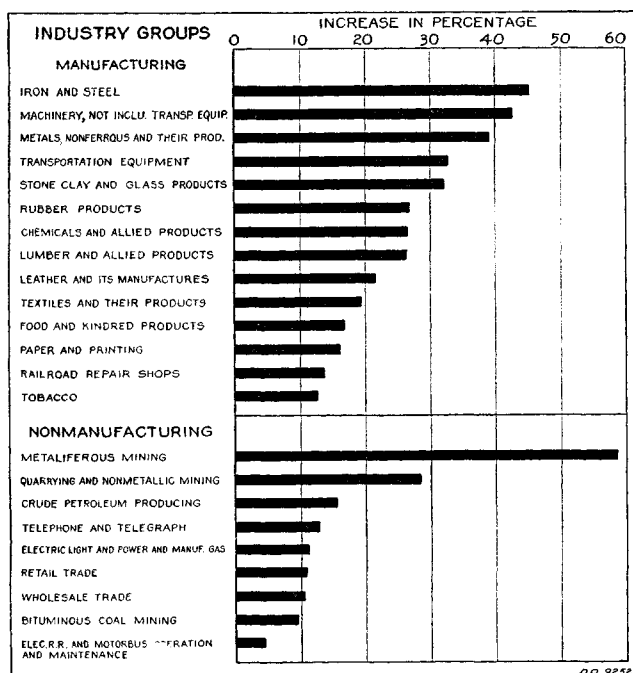


Figure 4.—Increases in Pay Rolls in Manufacturing and Nonmanufacturing Industries, First 7 Months of 1937 Compared with Corresponding Period of 1936. (Basic data from the U. S. Department of Labor.)

creased; more time has been lost so far in 1937 than in all of 1936. The June peak for the current year reflects the heavy loss of time in the steel industry; the January and April peaks were caused by the strikes in the automobile industry.

While these labor disputes have been important, particularly in the lines directly affected, it is possible to overemphasize their effects to date in terms of the total flow of purchasing power and in terms of their influence on general business activity. It is impossible to determine the net effect of such stoppages either with regard to the industries or the individuals affected, but certainly not all of the time lost can be computed as net loss with relation to either production or pur-

chasing power, since there is the possibility of shifting purchases and production from one group or area to another and temporary stoppages may result only in clearing inventories.

The man-days lost should properly be interpreted with regard to the aggregate man-days of all workers, and on this basis they do not seem so imposing. The number at work in nonagricultural employment this year, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics esti-

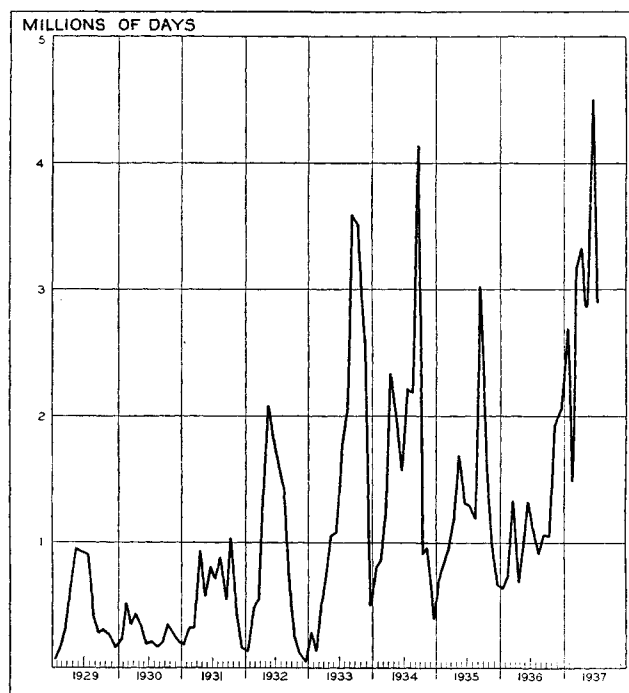


Figure 5.—Man-Days Idle as a Result of Strikes. (U. S. Department of Labor.)

mates, has averaged about 34,000,000. The average monthly number of workers involved in strikes during the first 7 months of the year was 318,000, or less than 1 percent of the foregoing total. Furthermore, workers lost, on an average, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days, or little more than one-third of a month each.

As a result of the reemployment gains and the general improvement in economic conditions, the number of relief cases has declined, continuing the trend established some time earlier. From a peak of 5,316,000 cases in January 1935, the number dropped to 3,640,000 in December 1936, and declined further to approximately 3,200,000 in June 1937. These figures represent the unduplicated number of cases (families and single persons) from relief rolls employed on the Federal Works Program, together with those receiving relief under the general relief program of the States and localities. Not included are persons benefiting from the public-assistance program of the Social Security Board or from special programs such as those for student aid, rural rehabilitation, Civilian Conservation Corps camps, National Youth Administration works projects, and transient assistance.

The number of persons employed on projects of the Works Progress Administration declined to 1,527,000

by the week ended August 14, from a peak in excess of 3,000,000 in the first quarter of 1936. The reduction since the last week in December has been about 665,000.

While the relief and employment data indicate a substantial improvement in the unemployment situation, the number without private employment is still large. The major fields in which employment is still considerably less than in 1929 are construction, mining, and transportation. The other industries and service occupations have not absorbed the employees released from these groups and those that may have been displaced by young men and women entering the labor field. The increase in the number of employables since 1929, although not known, is a figure of considerable size.

Domestic and Foreign Trade.

The improvement in domestic distribution this year has been accompanied by the rise in exports, notwithstanding the many influences which continue to restrict the flow of international trade. Armament programs have tended to increase trade in certain articles, but it is not possible to measure the influence of this as distinguished from other factors. The increase of about one-third in the value of our exports during the first half of the year over the first half of 1936 was the result of an increase of nearly one-fourth in the quantity of goods shipped abroad and of an 8-percent advance in the average price of our export goods. The increase in exports for this period was relatively larger than the advances in domestic distribution series.

This situation has not prevailed for the earlier recovery period, and our export trade is smaller relative to predepression standards than is domestic trade. On a volume basis, exports for the first half of the year were more than one-fourth below the 1929 figure; exports of both crude and manufactured foodstuffs made a particularly poor showing. Imports, on the contrary, have been larger in volume this year than in 1929, partly because of unusually large imports of agricultural commodities as a result of the short harvests of recent years.

The fluctuation in several of the major retail-trade indexes since 1929 is shown in figure 6. Sales of new passenger automobiles and rural sales of general merchandise during this period have fluctuated more widely than have department-store sales. The latter are more indicative of the general sales movement. Department-store sales in 1936 and 1937 show about the same relative decline from the 1929 level as do the estimates of total sales; but at the low point in 1933, department-store sales were 40 percent below those for 1929, while all sales were off about one-half. The increase in aggregate sales so far this year has probably not exceeded 10 percent, the rate of gain having gradually decreased in recent months.

Freight traffic for the first 8 months of the year was about 12 percent higher than in the corresponding period of 1936; but in recent weeks the rate of gain has been reduced to about 6 percent. Although the financial position of the carriers has improved, advancing costs of materials and the recent wage rate increases have caused their operating expenses to rise rapidly. No decision has as yet been announced by the Interstate Commerce Commission on the petition of the carriers for an increase in freight rates.

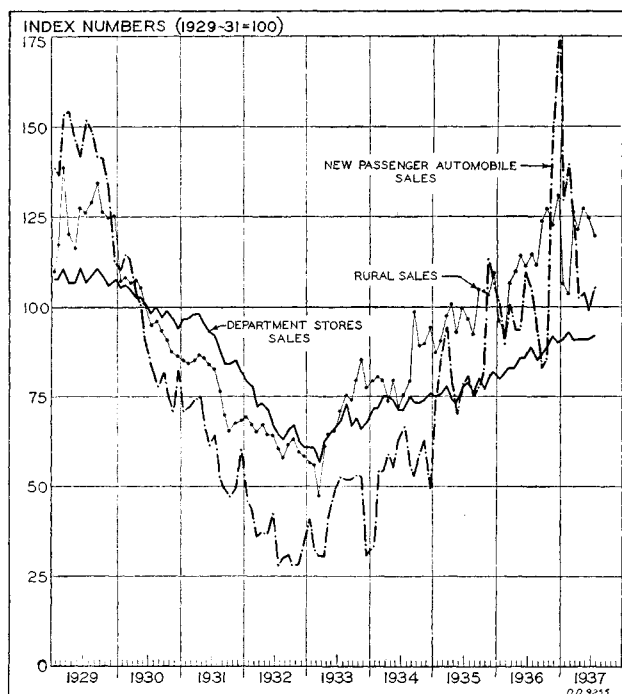


Figure 6.—Selected Indexes of Retail Sales, Adjusted for Seasonal Variations (Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, except for department-store sales which is the index of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shifted to a 1929-31 base).

Price Changes.

The year opened with "sensitive" commodity prices rising rapidly in continuation of the upward movement which was initiated in the final quarter of 1936. This rise, which extended through the first quarter of the current year and which was accompanied by a gradual advance in prices of finished goods, engendered a considerable volume of speculative and forward purchasing and resulted in some increase in inventories in the hands of both manufacturers and retailers. With the break in the commodity markets early in April, purchasing agents became more cautious. The inventory situation has not been such as to cause a slackening in industry, although in such important industries as steel and textiles, recent production has been in excess of incoming business, and unfilled orders have been materially reduced. The extent of the price readjustment since March has not been sufficient to cause important inventory losses, particularly since prices of manufactured products have continued to advance into the summer. The Bureau of Labor Statistics index of finished products in mid-August stood at 88.9 (1926=

100), approximately 2 points above the figure for the week ended April 3, when the more sensitive commodity prices reached their peak.

Rising prices and costs of production have created numerous problems. In the construction industry, sharply advancing costs have undoubtedly exercised a retarding influence on certain types of construction. Residential building has proceeded at a much higher rate than that of a year ago, but since May the value of the permits issued for family dwellings in cities having a population of 10,000 or more, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, has been less than that reported for the corresponding time last year. Data gathered by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board indicate that the rise in the cost of single dwellings has been very considerable, although there are certain possibilities of cost adjustment in such construction by varying the size and/or equipment of the dwelling. For example, the average cost of the single-family dwelling for which permits were granted in June, in all cities of 10,000 population or more, only slightly exceeded that in June 1936. Obviously, if the cost figures are stated on the same basis for both months, the average unit is somewhat different from that started a year ago.

Financial Tendencies.

Financial conditions have remained easy, with interest rates low and capital abundant. On May 1, the last of a series of increases in member-bank reserve requirements went into effect and reduced excess reserves below a billion dollars for the first time since early in 1934; at their peak in December, 1935, excess reserves were about \$3,300,000,000.

The member-bank reports for the current year reveal the following significant tendencies: (1) a moderate decline in the volume of deposits; (2) a decline in the volume of Government securities held; and (3) a continued expansion in the volume of commercial loans. The drop in deposits followed 4 years of rapid rise and has coincided with a decline in the volume of Government securities held by the banks. Gold flowed into the country in large volume throughout the first half of the year, but more recently there has been a decline in imports from Europe, the principal source of shipments. Imports of gold from Japan have been large in recent months.

Stock prices reached a peak for the recovery period in March and subsequently declined. Prices were lower at the end of August than at the end of 1936. Industrial shares, according to the Standard Statistics index, had recovered to the year-end level, but rails and utilities were lower. Profits of industrial and other corporations have continued to increase, although the rate of gain is declining and not all industries have been able to improve upon the 1936 results.

Figure 7 illustrates the extent of recovery in profits in the three major groups. The declines for the railroad and industrial corporations from 1929 to 1932

were closely parallel, but the recovery record has been quite different. Profits of the railroads are still relatively small. Among the industrials the largest relative increases for the first half of 1937, on the basis of preliminary data, were reported for the iron and steel, aircraft, railroad equipment, building, machinery, metals, petroleum, and electrical equipment industries. It will be noted that companies in most of these lines are benefiting from the revival in the durable-goods industries.

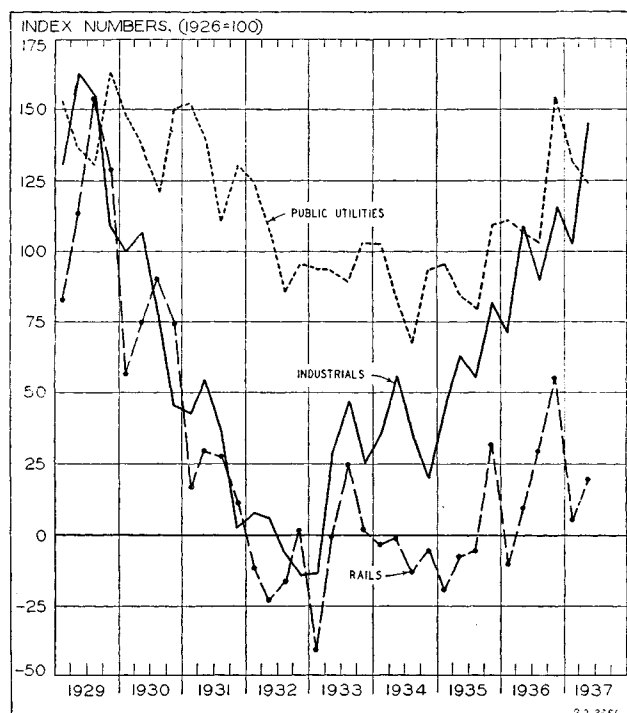


Figure 7.—Quarterly Earnings of 120 Industrial, 26 Railroad, and 15 Utility Corporations. (Standard Statistics Co., Inc.)

Expanding profits have meant a larger dividend flow this year, particularly from industrial concerns. The average dividend rate per share of 492 industrial concerns, as reported by Moody's, advanced from \$1.26 in December 1935 to \$2.01 in December 1936 and by July 1937 had risen to \$2.12. The rate for 36 rail shares, which had moved up from \$1.21 to \$1.77 in 1936, has been unchanged at that figure through July. The 30 public utility concerns included in the tabulation showed only a moderate rise in 1936, and practically no change so far this year. The rate on the industrial and public utility shares has recovered to within about 80 percent of the average for the last 7 months of 1929, but the railroad rate is less than a third of the 1929 figure. The basic reason for this difference is evident from figure 7.

While bond prices have declined from the peak reached last December, the readjustment of yields has been slight when compared with the rise of the 4 preceding years. The yield on Treasury bonds increased from 2.27 percent in December 1936 to 2.74 percent in April and subsequently receded slightly but has

fluctuated around the average for the years 1935 and 1936. The Standard Statistics Co.'s computed yield on 45 corporate issues rose from 4½ percent to around 4½ percent, the latter figure being less than the average yield on the bonds in 1935.

The decline in listed security prices hampered the flotation of new issues. Difficulties were experienced as early as January in the marketing of new securities, and the volume of flotations declined through May.

In June there was an increase, as several large issues were offered, and the July total was above the average for the first 6 months, but in August the volume was relatively small. The volume of corporate refunding during the first 8 months was much less than that in the corresponding period of 1936, but the amount of new capital raised was larger. The latter amount was still low in relation to the predepression average.

Selected Business Series, Comparative Data for the First 7 Months of 1929, 1932, 1936, and 1937 with Percentage Changes

Item	Unit or base period	First 7 months of—				Percentage change 1937 from—		
		1929	1932	1936	1937	1929	1932	1936
Industrial production, combined index.....	1923-25=100.....	122	64	101	117	-4.1	+32.8	+15.8
Production series:								
Automobiles.....	Thousands of units.....	3,726	980	2,029	3,238	-13.4	+229.4	+10.2
Bituminous coal.....	Thousands of tons.....	290,226	164,592	232,836	253,721	-15.2	+54.2	+9.0
Cotton consumption.....	Thousands of bales.....	4,312	2,675	3,927	4,775	+10.7	+73.5	+21.6
Electric power.....	Millions of kw.-hr.....	55,472	48,463	63,577	69,893	+26.0	+44.2	+9.9
Lumber ¹	Millions of feet b. m.....	5,512	10,910	12,281	12,281	-----	+122.8	+12.6
Petroleum, crude.....	Thousands of barrels.....	579,690	465,550	627,989	727,184	+25.5	+55.2	+15.8
Pig iron.....	Thousands of tons.....	25,426	5,741	16,122	23,305	-8.7	+304.2	+43.9
Steel ingots.....	do.....	33,887	8,594	25,190	33,321	-1.7	+291.8	+32.3
Wool consumption.....	Thousands of pounds.....	216,300	167,100	210,698	252,056	+16.5	+133.3	+19.6
Distribution:								
Car loadings.....	Thousands of units.....	29,777	16,041	20,157	22,749	-23.6	+41.8	+12.8
Retail sales:								
Passenger automobiles.....	1929-31=100.....	165.7	43.1	112.9	123.7	-25.3	+187.0	+9.6
Department stores.....	1923-25=100.....	98.0	65.0	75.0	82.0	-16.3	+26.2	+9.3
Rural.....	1929-31=100.....	109.8	58.8	95.7	105.4	-3.1	+81.0	+11.2
Cash income from farm marketings.....	1924-29=100.....	90.9	41.8	64.8	71.6	-21.2	+71.3	+10.5
Employment and pay rolls:								
Employment:								
Nonagricultural (estimated total) ²	Thousands of workers.....	36,276	27,689	32,761	34,722	-4.3	+25.4	+6.0
Factory.....	1923-25=100.....	104.2	65.2	88.8	100.5	-3.6	+51.8	+13.2
Pay rolls:								
Factory.....	1923-25=100.....	100.6	48.8	78.1	100.3	-8.5	+105.5	+28.4
Construction:								
Contracts awarded, total.....	Millions of dollars.....	3,694	796	1,532	1,816	-50.4	+128.1	+18.5
Residential.....	do.....	1,287	182	407	598	-53.5	+228.6	+46.9
Nonresidential.....	do.....	1,436	312	585	703	-51.0	+125.3	+20.0
Public works and utilities.....	do.....	942	301	539	515	-45.3	+71.1	-4.5
Foreign trade: ³								
Exports:								
Quantity.....	1923-25=100.....	132	70	78	95	-28.0	+35.7	+21.8
Value.....	1923-25=100.....	116	37	51	68	-41.4	+83.8	+33.3
Imports:								
Quantity.....	1923-25=100.....	134	85	114	141	+5.2	+65.9	+23.7
Value.....	1923-25=100.....	118	39	60	85	-28.0	+117.9	+41.7
Finance:								
Corporation profits ⁴	1926=100.....	136.7	18.8	75.1	102.9	-24.7	+447.3	+37.0
Securities issued, total.....	Thousands of dollars.....	7,261,736	1,057,187	3,976,017	2,977,914	-59.0	+181.7	-25.1
New capital.....	do.....	6,321,423	771,998	996,664	1,512,322	-75.1	+95.9	+56.4
Refunding.....	do.....	940,363	285,188	3,069,320	1,465,595	+55.9	+413.9	-51.3
Bond prices (45 corporate issues).....	Dollars.....	94.9	74.1	103.3	102.8	+8.4	+38.7	-1.4
Stock prices (419 issues).....	1926=100.....	190.5	46.7	105.7	122.5	-35.7	+162.3	+15.9
Prices:								
Wholesale prices ⁵	1926=100.....	96.5	64.5	80.5	87.9	-8.9	+36.3	+9.2
Cost of living of wage-earners ⁶	1923=100.....	100.3	77.5	85.2	88.9	-11.4	+14.7	+4.3

¹ Data are for first 6 months of each year.

² May of each year.

³ July of each year.

⁴ Preliminary.

NEW OR REVISED SERIES

Table 36.—SALES OF NEW PAID-FOR ORDINARY LIFE INSURANCE IN THE UNITED STATES, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS¹

[Thousands of dollars]

Year and month	Total	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific
1930										
January.....	873,999	59,646	287,883	195,542	87,032	70,790	36,312	50,896	21,020	64,878
February.....	917,758	68,051	296,901	204,311	88,759	74,948	37,199	51,793	20,815	74,981
March.....	1,087,585	74,685	351,306	247,776	106,907	83,577	44,027	67,641	24,082	87,581
April.....	1,044,492	73,896	321,368	232,613	107,022	86,384	43,107	67,533	27,841	84,725
May.....	998,107	68,392	302,187	218,751	105,852	84,628	43,650	69,008	24,229	80,910
June.....	951,189	64,107	287,506	215,224	98,542	80,025	39,749	62,847	21,977	81,221
July.....	904,103	60,035	277,839	196,613	89,974	78,487	36,969	66,031	21,862	76,293
August.....	796,106	55,841	235,798	174,698	78,596	70,299	33,423	55,210	20,616	71,625
September.....	700,340	48,673	204,385	155,440	72,048	61,907	27,513	48,258	19,188	62,928
October.....	793,262	58,718	244,110	175,827	79,627	67,759	31,287	50,226	20,173	65,535
November.....	756,545	57,563	239,856	168,520	74,645	64,840	27,409	46,118	18,024	59,570
December.....	928,457	69,771	279,132	202,158	94,266	79,497	35,610	63,796	24,022	80,205
Total.....	10,751,943	759,378	3,328,271	2,387,473	1,083,270	903,141	436,246	699,860	263,852	890,452
Monthly average.....	895,995	63,282	277,356	198,956	90,273	75,262	36,354	58,322	21,988	74,204
1931										
January.....	730,253	55,678	243,586	162,211	70,099	58,673	26,692	41,619	16,475	55,820
February.....	754,170	58,077	251,808	171,227	73,801	58,273	25,134	44,264	17,001	54,585
March.....	893,782	70,399	295,941	200,877	87,381	69,056	31,724	50,509	20,930	66,965
April.....	875,313	69,748	278,862	198,249	84,405	74,596	32,382	54,034	19,351	63,686
May.....	843,522	66,427	266,978	187,620	81,800	74,962	31,161	51,979	18,896	63,699
June.....	857,868	63,611	281,697	183,921	86,309	77,041	31,450	50,990	18,091	64,758
July.....	738,268	54,742	229,167	159,386	75,232	65,655	28,792	49,793	17,722	57,719
August.....	687,457	49,055	208,929	153,473	69,671	60,305	28,481	44,746	17,064	55,733
September.....	624,639	48,262	187,933	139,498	61,039	54,678	24,659	41,389	15,283	51,998
October.....	697,804	55,583	220,250	157,522	66,183	57,767	24,971	42,559	16,197	56,772
November.....	734,317	54,451	242,699	163,208	66,312	60,926	25,310	44,884	16,683	59,844
December.....	938,871	67,239	301,734	208,571	94,088	80,611	32,937	58,139	20,478	75,074
Total.....	9,376,254	713,272	3,009,584	2,085,763	916,370	792,543	342,993	574,905	214,171	726,653
Monthly average.....	781,355	59,439	250,799	173,814	76,364	66,045	28,583	47,909	17,848	60,554
1932										
January.....	735,211	55,224	252,994	158,699	66,353	62,164	25,986	39,551	16,745	57,495
February.....	692,910	55,311	230,670	153,911	63,815	56,015	24,342	39,260	15,742	53,844
March.....	746,181	56,131	242,343	170,399	70,393	59,980	25,807	43,396	16,516	61,216
April.....	654,343	52,629	208,430	144,949	60,839	53,443	23,753	44,829	13,546	51,925
May.....	622,683	46,337	199,358	137,292	57,993	52,937	23,729	42,681	13,430	48,923
June.....	630,180	48,320	199,996	141,875	59,172	51,642	22,389	43,041	14,869	48,876
July.....	571,372	41,799	184,617	128,842	54,798	45,523	20,162	38,095	13,587	43,949
August.....	574,282	44,445	182,505	127,358	54,879	45,930	20,954	40,411	12,511	45,289
September.....	516,603	41,079	159,834	114,981	51,575	42,800	19,693	35,060	11,546	40,035
October.....	565,551	43,625	170,199	130,787	55,536	46,609	20,458	38,810	13,763	45,704
November.....	587,458	47,089	189,026	131,832	54,044	49,098	20,652	39,034	12,419	44,264
December.....	635,453	46,653	202,605	139,849	59,700	53,243	22,233	48,151	14,400	48,619
Total.....	7,532,227	578,642	2,422,577	1,680,774	709,097	619,444	270,158	492,319	169,074	590,142
Monthly average.....	627,686	48,220	201,881	140,065	59,091	51,620	22,513	41,027	14,090	49,179
1933										
January.....	545,661	45,833	181,277	125,580	54,065	39,728	18,538	31,061	10,675	38,904
February.....	539,563	43,859	176,535	118,542	51,639	41,228	20,547	35,461	10,578	41,174
March.....	526,631	44,400	174,120	110,763	52,404	39,583	19,306	34,893	10,880	40,282
April.....	529,890	44,042	170,677	109,347	48,731	43,408	21,555	38,009	11,297	42,824
May.....	564,552	43,816	178,529	127,307	55,021	45,081	22,457	37,397	11,945	42,999
June.....	558,578	47,589	170,780	127,754	52,616	45,238	23,675	38,518	12,400	40,008
July.....	552,508	44,341	158,799	132,689	53,547	44,533	25,048	37,725	12,279	43,547
August.....	566,688	47,223	169,230	129,873	58,269	48,587	22,621	36,880	12,630	41,375
September.....	480,444	38,523	136,341	110,996	48,141	43,433	20,292	35,434	11,217	36,067
October.....	533,841	41,813	160,720	120,440	53,796	45,233	20,881	40,761	11,573	38,624
November.....	577,438	47,275	176,857	128,756	53,806	48,826	22,007	41,748	13,062	43,101
December.....	630,428	47,439	178,689	136,113	70,563	54,647	26,584	53,451	15,167	47,775
Total.....	6,606,222	536,153	2,032,554	1,478,160	654,598	539,525	263,511	461,338	143,703	496,680
Monthly average.....	550,519	44,679	169,380	123,180	54,550	44,960	21,959	38,445	11,975	41,390
1934										
January.....	555,950	41,800	170,679	127,524	56,970	45,449	21,664	40,738	11,597	39,529
February.....	555,569	46,337	166,964	125,435	53,451	46,440	21,192	41,537	12,755	41,458
March.....	672,858	53,235	203,321	154,036	67,929	54,957	24,392	49,869	14,761	50,358
April.....	684,905	50,955	209,370	156,252	68,262	58,360	25,528	49,865	15,929	50,364
May.....	692,216	52,109	211,550	156,761	69,353	59,997	25,484	50,129	14,690	52,143
June.....	656,423	50,177	195,034	145,663	64,829	57,151	25,060	48,642	20,694	49,173
July.....	585,757	42,436	180,836	134,137	55,548	53,289	21,883	40,294	13,570	43,764
August.....	569,004	46,362	172,074	125,361	54,363	51,851	21,637	41,044	13,721	42,591
September.....	473,096	34,861	135,825	105,529	49,014	44,998	19,458	35,886	11,762	35,763
October.....	581,158	42,312	180,963	129,817	55,656	51,779	21,261	40,803	14,081	44,486
November.....	559,600	42,608	174,080	125,633	52,279	49,739	21,410	39,042	13,223	41,586
December.....	695,881	50,036	213,320	154,234	63,878	62,211	27,410	55,095	16,829	52,868
Total.....	7,282,417	553,228	2,214,016	1,640,382	711,532	636,221	276,379	532,964	173,612	544,083
Monthly average.....	606,868	46,102	184,501	136,699	59,294	53,018	23,032	44,414	14,468	45,340

¹ See footnote on p. 19.

Table 36.—SALES OF NEW PAID-FOR ORDINARY LIFE INSURANCE IN THE UNITED STATES, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS—Continued

[Thousands of dollars]

Year and month	Total	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific
1935										
January.....	751,329	57,749	263,476	163,756	63,626	60,321	27,471	49,050	14,924	50,956
February.....	625,199	47,094	194,266	144,247	57,246	53,657	23,219	42,217	14,177	49,076
March.....	642,357	51,559	192,286	144,716	61,385	56,114	24,392	47,422	14,535	49,948
April.....	635,251	50,462	185,103	145,814	59,515	57,607	25,301	47,191	14,692	49,566
May.....	593,087	44,301	167,228	135,413	61,329	55,074	24,192	43,908	14,705	46,937
June.....	580,163	42,868	166,785	132,585	57,785	51,946	23,315	43,164	14,852	46,863
July.....	569,097	40,224	166,898	130,658	57,859	51,111	21,428	40,934	14,593	45,392
August.....	540,043	38,220	152,937	119,671	55,606	49,467	21,834	42,961	14,715	44,632
September.....	490,260	34,062	140,428	109,397	49,157	47,085	20,262	36,742	12,246	40,881
October.....	593,356	44,964	176,030	131,063	56,042	55,018	21,975	44,045	14,474	46,745
November.....	582,591	42,513	173,680	133,053	57,524	54,253	21,837	38,963	13,941	46,827
December.....	678,389	46,943	193,502	151,077	69,341	61,514	25,937	54,093	18,966	57,016
Total.....	7,281,122	540,959	2,175,619	1,641,450	706,415	653,167	281,163	530,690	176,820	574,839
Monthly average.....	606,760	45,080	181,302	136,788	58,868	54,431	23,430	44,224	14,735	47,903
1936										
January.....	566,029	46,078	168,494	129,329	56,504	47,716	20,745	38,902	14,714	43,547
February.....	541,613	41,733	165,118	122,463	49,949	46,966	19,166	40,283	14,647	42,288
March.....	619,936	46,453	185,209	138,033	58,809	55,125	23,161	46,324	16,259	50,423
April.....	596,754	42,948	176,267	130,411	57,202	55,781	22,278	45,239	16,616	50,012
May.....	593,797	44,778	174,735	129,710	59,252	54,436	21,556	45,161	16,063	48,466
June.....	631,980	47,193	185,712	136,263	63,068	56,068	23,822	50,685	17,465	51,704
July.....	603,500	44,035	170,932	134,630	61,239	55,340	23,853	44,865	17,005	51,601
August.....	534,077	36,433	144,305	113,160	54,546	50,658	21,307	42,350	16,596	49,722
September.....	507,199	36,114	138,000	112,176	48,372	50,060	22,499	41,838	14,345	43,795
October.....	576,873	42,191	166,538	130,898	55,524	54,305	23,611	41,522	15,533	46,751
November.....	562,465	42,254	169,543	124,703	53,283	52,387	23,379	43,653	15,399	46,864
December.....	608,166	46,534	183,142	154,143	66,325	63,170	28,168	54,258	18,863	53,563
Total.....	7,002,389	516,744	2,018,635	1,560,969	683,163	642,012	273,545	535,080	193,505	578,736
Monthly average.....	583,532	43,062	168,220	130,081	56,930	53,501	22,795	44,590	16,125	48,228
1937										
January.....	547,883	46,525	166,427	124,935	50,432	48,750	19,818	38,287	13,757	38,952
February.....	577,090	48,162	176,959	133,058	51,573	53,975	19,262	39,373	13,801	40,927
March.....	722,631	56,540	211,486	166,677	66,432	63,220	27,966	53,257	18,767	58,286
April.....	692,062	51,148	204,392	155,483	64,861	64,505	26,989	49,886	18,879	55,919
May.....	630,690	46,943	177,762	142,649	60,995	59,823	25,532	49,016	17,192	49,773
June.....	645,995	47,797	181,383	147,103	63,508	59,658	26,222	50,090	17,149	53,085
July.....	583,523	41,360	163,002	132,256	59,885	55,262	24,254	45,260	16,932	50,212

¹ Compiled by the *Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau*. These figures represent the sales of new paid-for ordinary life insurance in the United States, exclusive of group and wholesale business, revivals, increases, dividend additions, annuities, and reinsurance from other companies. The data are compiled from 54 contributing companies which produce approximately 85 percent of the business. The volume has been increased to represent total sales of ordinary life insurance of all companies operating in the United States. A ratio of the sales of the 54 companies to sales of all companies in each State based upon 4 years' aggregate experience is used to raise the volume figures to a 100 percent basis. These ratios are revised each year, dropping the earliest year and adding the latest year for which data are available. Details by States and by the geographic divisions as outlined in the United States Census are given in the regular monthly reports of the *Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau*. The same figures are available as percentages of the 1930 average month.

States comprising the standard sections shown above are: New England—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut; Middle Atlantic—New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania; East North Central—Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin; West North Central—Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas; South Atlantic—Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida; East South Central—Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi; West South Central—Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; Mountain—Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Nevada; Pacific—Washington, Oregon, and California.

Data previously shown in the *Survey of Current Business* represented on an average about 90 percent of the total ordinary life insurance in force in the United States.

Table 37.—SALES OF NEW PAID-FOR ORDINARY LIFE INSURANCE IN CANADA¹

[Thousands of dollars]

Month	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January.....	43,961	40,170	36,474	30,009	26,764	31,933	33,347	27,699
February.....	44,199	40,194	38,173	27,702	28,035	27,480	28,834	30,604
March.....	49,918	47,851	38,211	30,789	31,421	30,651	30,552	31,998
April.....	51,555	45,252	33,504	30,479	32,099	27,935	28,876	32,919
May.....	49,284	41,893	31,413	31,819	31,878	27,320	28,411	31,858
June.....	54,228	46,129	41,106	34,033	31,082	30,251	31,247	37,658
July.....	46,002	39,668	34,517	31,715	32,768	30,870	31,396	-----
August.....	36,115	35,877	28,872	29,783	25,664	25,323	23,547	-----
September.....	39,989	30,939	26,258	27,342	25,221	25,595	26,090	-----
October.....	45,096	36,434	30,708	33,421	30,180	28,849	29,402	-----
November.....	47,491	39,836	34,991	35,632	34,524	32,227	36,710	-----
December.....	49,377	47,478	34,214	39,978	36,334	33,705	34,146	-----
Total.....	557,215	491,721	408,441	382,702	365,970	352,139	362,558	-----
Monthly average.....	46,435	40,977	34,037	31,892	30,498	29,345	30,213	-----

¹ Compiled by the *Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau*. These figures represent the sales of new ordinary life insurance, exclusive of group and wholesale business, annuities, pension bonds without insurance, reinsurance acquired, revivals, increases, dividend additions, and the extra amount at risk under family income and double income policies (the full face amount of each policy is reported when the company becomes liable for the fulfillment of its terms). The data are compiled from the reports of 18 companies, representing 87 percent of the new ordinary life insurance business in the Dominion of Canada and the Colony of Newfoundland. Data shown in the 1936 Supplement represented the reports of 19 companies which had about 90 percent of the total ordinary legal reserve life insurance outstanding in Canada, and in the 1932 Annual Supplement represented the reports of 15 companies which had 85 percent of the legal reserve ordinary business in force. Details by provinces and the Colony of Newfoundland are shown in the Bureau's monthly reports. The same figures are available as percentages of the average 1930 month.

Table 38.—RADIO ADVERTISING ¹

[Thousands of dollars]

Year and Month	Cost of facilities											
	Total	Auto- motive	Cloth- ing	Electric home equip- ment	Finan- cial	Foods	Home furnish- ings, etc.	Soap, cleans- ers, etc.	Office furnish- ings, supplies	Smok- ing materi- als	Drugs and toilet goods	All other
1932												
May.....	3,632	433	100	79	110	1,195	32	92	13	543	808	228
June.....	2,997	366	47	52	96	1,076	15	92	8	414	701	130
July.....	2,417	319	19	32	88	846	14	91	11	378	572	47
August.....	2,286	325	15	33	84	738	6	112	12	385	516	60
September.....	2,493	260	30	35	90	906	0	75	24	366	500	206
October.....	3,036	254	26	51	92	1,026	3	74	30	358	585	536
November.....	3,060	285	31	60	88	1,078	15	84	25	354	658	383
December.....	3,066	406	29	72	99	1,070	0	77	60	395	665	134
Total.....	39,107	2,648	297	414	747	7,935	85	697	183	3,193	5,005	1,724
Monthly average.....	3,259	² 331	² 37	² 52	² 93	² 992	² 11	² 87	² 23	² 399	² 626	² 216
1933												
January.....	2,811	507	30	32	57	876	0	79	13	361	725	131
February.....	2,628	480	39	50	48	807	1	72	11	334	660	124
March.....	3,014	529	47	79	54	962	12	83	7	364	736	141
April.....	2,466	424	52	43	54	849	13	64	6	239	619	104
May.....	2,287	455	53	44	56	728	10	70	0	207	569	96
June.....	2,065	388	22	16	56	629	1	70	0	241	535	107
July.....	1,816	377	9	23	50	557	0	64	0	162	461	113
August.....	1,907	502	5	38	59	590	7	69	0	187	372	80
September.....	2,103	488	24	0	52	719	15	78	0	113	515	99
October.....	3,255	545	46	11	64	1,239	19	73	25	134	936	162
November.....	3,466	550	43	10	60	1,256	15	80	41	185	1,027	198
December.....	3,697	518	43	54	61	1,229	17	99	47	381	1,074	175
Total.....	31,516	5,763	413	401	669	10,439	110	900	151	2,910	8,231	1,530
Monthly average.....	2,626	480	34	33	56	870	9	75	13	242	686	128
1934												
January.....	3,798	506	18	55	65	1,134	22	124	32	437	1,260	145
February.....	3,588	550	28	49	57	1,132	27	117	32	392	1,077	126
March.....	4,033	601	34	74	64	1,143	34	163	40	416	1,319	145
April.....	3,745	579	38	37	63	1,118	47	162	23	326	1,209	145
May.....	3,731	613	30	38	59	1,009	54	181	7	310	1,273	158
June.....	3,104	512	22	7	37	896	35	149	0	187	1,100	160
July.....	2,495	376	27	9	36	733	7	137	0	93	993	83
August.....	2,249	368	25	6	36	748	0	112	0	38	828	88
September.....	2,561	415	39	7	40	679	51	163	0	46	992	127
October.....	4,527	841	42	11	57	1,311	37	174	0	316	1,485	251
November.....	4,366	606	34	11	51	1,339	43	220	9	302	1,453	298
December.....	4,451	644	36	15	46	1,392	35	224	8	319	1,473	260
Total.....	42,647	6,613	373	318	612	12,634	392	1,924	150	3,182	14,462	1,987
Monthly average.....	3,554	551	31	27	51	1,053	33	160	13	265	1,205	166
1935												
January.....	4,664	659	29	15	49	1,462	26	158	5	321	1,687	253
February.....	4,413	589	40	48	44	1,327	46	152	20	293	1,625	229
March.....	4,855	686	62	86	42	1,440	58	160	27	306	1,720	266
April.....	4,298	624	41	52	43	1,239	56	170	0	336	1,450	258
May.....	3,973	583	27	44	25	1,189	63	259	0	280	1,321	182
June.....	3,448	537	31	17	28	960	47	180	0	284	1,204	160
July.....	3,119	526	15	3	30	945	46	157	0	188	1,100	110
August.....	2,900	488	19	1	27	918	45	132	10	183	967	111
September.....	3,250	555	39	1	40	969	36	126	42	184	1,096	163
October.....	4,879	1,053	38	7	34	1,354	79	193	47	370	1,356	350
November.....	4,541	702	38	12	29	1,298	81	183	43	373	1,383	400
December.....	4,944	802	38	9	46	1,402	79	192	91	376	1,500	409
Total.....	49,284	7,805	417	296	435	14,501	³ 656	2,061	285	3,494	16,437	³ 2,896
Monthly average.....	4,107	650	35	25	36	1,208	54	172	24	291	1,370	241
1936												
January.....	4,741	754	29	8	35	1,394	81	194	109	359	1,446	332
February.....	4,786	781	34	8	49	1,322	78	218	103	339	1,478	376
March.....	5,402	876	43	16	53	1,501	89	267	100	380	1,606	471
April.....	4,833	742	29	4	33	1,432	85	265	36	398	1,443	366
May.....	4,441	731	31	0	36	1,257	77	279	33	395	1,263	339
June.....	3,981	626	26	9	37	1,174	70	291	8	373	1,066	251
July.....	3,832	492	5	45	33	1,290	23	285	0	423	982	254
August.....	3,777	468	4	36	38	1,207	33	249	0	397	976	369
September.....	4,894	770	24	27	44	1,333	29	314	6	439	1,273	635
October.....	6,723	1,164	51	1	53	1,559	65	400	17	359	1,475	1,579
November.....	6,126	1,031	56	22	70	1,670	91	410	13	391	1,659	713
December.....	6,185	944	39	16	85	1,821	51	457	6	404	1,752	610
Total.....	59,671	9,378	370	191	567	16,962	772	3,629	431	4,657	16,420	6,294
Monthly average.....	4,973	782	31	16	47	1,414	64	302	36	388	1,368	525

¹ Compiled by the *Publishers' Information Bureau, Inc.*, and supersedes data of the *National Advertising Records, Inc.* Present data for individual classifications are not comparable with series shown in the Survey prior to January 1937, although the monthly totals are a continuation of those previously shown. Figures represent the cost of facilities of the National Broadcasting and the Columbia Broadcasting Systems and include the cost of facilities of the Mutual Broadcasting System (exclusive of supplementary stations) beginning with October 1935. The total cost of facilities of the Mutual Broadcasting System for 1935 was \$1,293,101. Although the present tabulation began in 1932, data representing the individual classifications are not available for the first 4 months of that year. Total cost of facilities for these 4 months, in thousands of dollars, are: January, 3,984; February, 3,891; March, 4,301; and April, 4,004. For 1937 data, see page 26 of this issue.

² 8 months' average, May to December, inclusive.

³ Monthly data differ slightly from totals as a result of reclassifications made in totals but not shown in monthly figures.

Monthly Business Statistics

The following table represents a continuation of the statistical series published in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey of Current Business. That volume contains monthly data for the years 1932 to 1935, inclusive, and monthly averages for earlier years back to 1913 insofar as available; it also provides information as to the sources of the data and sufficient descriptive material for a proper interpretation of each series. These notes also indicate the source from which monthly figures prior to 1932 may be obtained. It is essential that all users of the SURVEY have this base book which may be secured from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for 35 cents per copy.

A few series have been added or revised since the 1936 Supplement went to press. These are indicated by an asterisk (*) for the added series and by a dagger (†) for the revised series. A brief footnote accompanying each of these series provides a reference to the source where the descriptive note may be found.

The terms "unadjusted" and "adjusted" used to designate index numbers refer to the adjustment for seasonal variation. Data subsequent to July will be found in the Weekly Supplement to the SURVEY.

Monthly statistics through December 1935, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may be found in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey.	1937	1936						1937					
	July	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
BUSINESS INDEXES													
BUSINESS ACTIVITY (Annalist)													
Combined index.....computed normal=100..	109.0	102.4	102.5	102.9	103.3	107.1	110.5	104.2	105.7	106.8	107.0	110.0	* 106.7
Automobile production.....do.....	122.8	118.9	107.3	91.7	96.3	100.6	115.7	103.1	116.8	114.1	114.8	125.6	125.6
Boot and shoe production†.....do.....	129.4	129.2	128.1	132.5	148.4	138.1	162.4	154.6	143.7	147.2	133.3	* 130.0	* 130.5
Car loadings, freight.....do.....	104.0	95.1	93.0	94.7	97.2	102.8	101.3	95.1	103.1	100.2	101.7	108.9	100.2
Cement production.....do.....	63.5	64.2	71.8	69.9	75.7	82.3	80.3	80.1	75.1	81.7	75.1	67.9	60.2
Cotton consumption.....do.....	137.2	141.5	133.3	137.2	124.3	129.2	151.0	133.9	139.6	145.8	136.7	135.3	148.5
Electric power production.....do.....	106.9	102.1	104.9	104.9	104.1	104.7	105.3	105.5	105.9	105.0	105.4	106.8	* 106.4
Lead production.....do.....	100.4	87.3	71.3	70.9	78.3	86.1	94.4	85.0	81.4	88.8	97.3	84.7	87.6
Lumber production.....do.....	95.0	84.6	86.6	87.7	86.6	74.5	80.7	68.0	71.0	81.1	85.0	92.1	96.3
Pig iron production.....do.....	127.2	95.5	100.0	107.5	114.1	117.2	121.2	119.8	115.3	116.9	116.0	117.2	110.1
Rayon consumption.....do.....	110.8	145.4	126.7	100.3	107.3	121.9	133.5	106.1	98.7	112.0	119.0	121.6	* 126.5
Silk consumption.....do.....	65.8	77.2	83.2	87.2	79.2	82.8	88.6	78.5	76.0	71.4	84.0	77.2	79.8
Steel ingot production.....do.....	114.4	100.3	108.9	108.9	112.4	121.6	121.9	109.6	102.2	104.0	107.6	113.9	99.8
Wool consumption.....do.....	82.7	112.9	112.1	112.1	98.2	127.2	169.6	110.7	109.3	137.3	123.4	118.0	103.9
Zinc production.....do.....	93.3	89.8	83.4	61.1	84.2	84.2	84.1	71.6	73.3	92.3	94.4	99.6	96.0
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (Federal Reserve)													
Combined index, unadjusted.....1923-25=100..	* 112	105	106	* 107	111	115	114	112	117	122	122	122	115
Manufactures, unadjusted.....do.....	* 111	105	106	107	110	115	114	113	118	122	* 125	123	* 114
Automobiles.....do.....	132	128	82	42	65	127	147	120	120	140	158	163	147
Cement.....do.....	92	91	100	101	99	90	71	52	51	67	85	92	91
Meat packing*.....do.....	67	87	85	94	104	121	117	100	85	84	83	74	76
Glass, plate.....do.....	186	198	226	236	242	164	89	77	244	241	265	234	234
Iron and steel.....do.....	130	110	118	117	123	127	125	134	135	142	144	146	119
Leather and products†.....do.....	* 116	113	128	130	123	112	114	126	136	136	128	* 122	* 113
Petroleum refining.....do.....	182	186	189	192	189	192	192	189	194	190	195	* 200	201
Rubber tires and tubes.....do.....	124	119	122	118	126	123	123	133	132	132	133	132	123
Shipbuilding.....do.....	102	107	112	120	117	125	132	130	134	132	127	123	* 119
Textiles.....do.....	178	167	158	173	157	153	149	156	153	146	145	157	164
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	* 114	102	104	110	115	111	111	105	111	118	105	117	* 117
Minerals, unadjusted†.....do.....	* 39	57	51	58	67	71	72	61	54	67	101	63	65
Anthracite.....do.....	* 71	72	75	77	83	103	103	93	103	112	61	70	* 72
Bituminous coal.....do.....	245	164	177	178	167	93	81	77	72	77	84	75	72
Iron-ore shipments.....do.....	79	68	58	57	73	97	81	77	72	77	84	75	72
Lead.....do.....	* 177	85	88	106	118	106	114	100	102	102	104	98	* 175
Petroleum, crude.....do.....	104	97	92	93	98	100	100	85	89	113	114	117	111
Silver.....do.....	* 114	108	108	109	110	114	121	114	116	118	118	118	* 114
Zinc.....do.....	* 115	109	110	111	115	121	121	115	116	117	118	118	114
Combined index, adjusted.....do.....	129	124	111	107	93	105	122	120	120	121	130	135	130
Manufactures, adjusted.....do.....	75	75	77	81	87	91	91	86	85	93	87	78	74
Automobiles.....do.....	70	92	96	100	105	109	100	87	86	89	93	76	77
Cement.....do.....	206	220	226	236	242	164	89	77	244	229	241	223	260
Meat packing*.....do.....	140	119	120	119	127	137	143	139	129	126	130	134	119
Glass, plate.....do.....	* 118	114	115	112	112	116	134	136	134	132	* 131	* 133	* 118
Iron and steel.....do.....	183	186	189	191	188	191	189	189	194	190	195	200	202
Leather and products†.....do.....	124	119	122	118	126	123	123	133	132	132	133	132	123
Petroleum refining.....do.....	110	116	119	120	114	121	139	124	126	129	124	123	126
Rubber tires and tubes.....do.....	* 111	101	99	102	105	112	117	109	115	128	115	116	* 114
Shipbuilding.....do.....	* 48	60	51	58	62	69	73	56	50	81	97	63	74
Textiles.....do.....	* 78	79	76	82	86	95	97	83	98	112	72	80	80
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	121	81	87	93	98	110	80	76	70	75	85	76	70
Minerals, adjusted†.....do.....	* 173	144	149	146	152	152	161	164	168	173	174	176	* 172
Anthracite.....do.....	101	88	111	119	99	113	99	94	93	103	101	107	107
Bituminous coal.....do.....	112	104	99	97	101	100	98	83	107	110	116	116	115

*New series. The series on meat packing has been substituted here in place of the series on food products which comprised meat packing, sugar meltings, and flour milling. The latter two series are included in the combined index, but are not shown separately.

† Preliminary.

* Revised.

† Data revised for 1936. For revisions of the Annalist index, boot and shoe production, Federal Reserve indexes, leather and leather products, unadjusted and adjusted, combined index of minerals, unadjusted and adjusted, anthracite, unadjusted and adjusted, see p. 22 of the March 1937 issue.

Monthly statistics through December 1935, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may be found in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey.	1937	1936						1937					
	July	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June

BUSINESS INDEXES—Continued

MARKETINGS													
Agricultural products, combined index (quantity).....1923-25=100.....	86	89	80	110	127	106	83	67	56	66	64	66	72
Animal products.....do.....	77	90	81	80	89	95	89	74	62	79	81	87	92
Dairy products.....do.....	125	113	94	90	96	82	80	76	75	87	90	113	149
Livestock.....do.....	56	70	75	80	93	91	82	73	59	69	65	63	65
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	84	89	80	72	73	115	120	81	67	106	123	131	112
Wool.....do.....	273	485	152	99	91	117	46	39	18	58	81	176	311
Crops.....do.....	95	88	78	140	165	116	77	59	51	54	47	45	51
Cotton.....do.....	15	16	71	259	304	200	106	62	54	58	43	28	25
Fruits.....do.....	65	87	78	89	104	78	71	78	68	74	67	79	59
Grains.....do.....	200	172	93	47	58	54	49	42	31	30	31	32	50
Vegetables.....do.....	69	66	57	95	112	77	72	79	80	89	85	103	129
Agricultural products, cash income from farm marketings:													
Crops and livestock, combined index:													
Unadjusted.....1924-29=100.....	87.5	84.0	75.0	89.0	104.0	88.5	86.0	75.5	59.5	70.5	69.0	68.0	71.5
Adjusted.....do.....	94.5	88.0	74.5	77.5	76.0	77.5	78.5	75.0	70.5	81.5	89.0	78.0	84.5
Crops, adjusted.....do.....	108.0	89.5	61.5	65.0	60.0	61.5	64.5	63.5	63.0	74.5	88.5	74.5	85.5
Livestock and products, adjusted.....do.....	80.0	86.0	87.5	90.0	93.0	94.0	92.5	87.0	78.5	88.5	90.0	81.5	83.0
Dairy products, adjusted.....do.....	85.5	81.5	87.0	91.0	94.0	91.5	91.5	89.5	84.5	90.5	88.0	88.5	85.5
Meat animals, adjusted.....do.....	77.5	88.5	89.5	92.5	95.5	99.0	100.5	89.0	83.0	89.5	91.0	75.0	82.0
Poultry and eggs, adjusted.....do.....	78.0	86.5	89.0	81.0	77.5	80.5	77.5	78.5	59.5	85.5	86.0	80.0	78.5
COMMODITY STOCKS													
Domestic stocks, combined index (quantity).....1923-25=100.....	105	104	109	122	131	135	132	127	119	110	101	99	98
Manufactured goods.....do.....	107	101	103	102	102	104	107	111	109	109	106	107	107
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	141	118	122	125	123	121	131	143	153	154	148	144	141
Food products.....do.....	98	85	88	86	90	99	112	114	110	103	99	96	103
Forest products.....do.....	116	113	114	112	112	113	116	116	109	109	110	112	114
Paper, newsprint.....do.....	50	76	79	65	63	61	54	71	61	73	47	48	57
Rubber products.....do.....	105	77	80	91	96	95	94	94	101	102	104	104	104
Raw materials.....do.....	104	106	113	136	153	158	150	139	127	111	98	93	91
Chemicals and allied products.....do.....	72	69	75	95	108	110	104	93	84	78	75	75	74
Foodstuffs.....do.....	120	120	128	128	132	127	118	111	104	85	70	70	78
Metals.....do.....	105	83	93	96	106	103	107	98	83	80	70	93	93
Textile materials.....do.....	103	119	126	181	220	240	232	214	195	174	154	136	121
World stocks of foodstuffs and raw materials combined index (quantity)†.....1923-25=100.....	185	182	186	186	189	185	184	185	182	175	170	166	166
Coffee, adjusted†.....do.....	441	435	422	427	428	428	426	426	434	453	470	499	497
Cotton, adjusted†.....do.....	137	154	155	182	179	180	174	176	174	163	158	150	142
Rubber, adjusted†.....do.....	231	282	272	268	264	256	251	242	242	244	235	225	238
Silk, adjusted†.....do.....	188	194	196	187	183	187	196	188	188	189	188	194	188
Sugar, adjusted†.....do.....	177	166	157	172	183	177	173	182	181	168	164	165	165
Tea, adjusted†.....do.....	139	140	140	136	135	124	116	107	98	91	94	94	94
Tin, unadjusted†.....do.....	100	66	73	65	69	93	100	101	95	97	98	93	87
Wheat, adjusted†.....do.....	131	133	130	122	119	116	120	118	115	101	86	77	77

COMMODITY PRICES

COST OF LIVING													
(National Industrial Conference Board)													
Combined indexes.....1923=100.....	88.9	85.2	85.6	85.9	85.7	85.8	86.1	86.9	87.2	87.9	88.3	88.8	88.9
Clothing.....do.....	76.9	73.0	73.2	73.6	73.8	74.0	74.1	74.3	75.0	75.9	76.2	76.7	76.9
Food.....do.....	87.7	85.8	85.8	86.1	84.6	84.3	84.7	86.4	86.3	87.2	87.4	88.4	88.2
Fuel and light.....do.....	84.1	84.7	85.0	85.6	86.2	86.5	86.4	86.4	86.5	86.1	85.0	83.7	83.7
Housing.....do.....	87.1	78.3	79.3	80.3	80.8	81.4	81.8	82.2	82.8	84.2	85.2	86.1	86.6
Sundries.....do.....	96.9	94.4	94.5	94.5	94.9	95.1	95.3	95.8	96.1	96.4	96.6	96.8	96.8
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS													
(U. S. Department of Agriculture)§													
Combined index.....1909-14=100.....	125	115	124	124	121	120	126	131	127	128	130	128	124
Chickens and eggs.....do.....	102	106	112	119	127	141	133	110	101	102	104	96	95
Cotton and cottonseed.....do.....	106	105	103	106	104	103	105	107	108	116	117	112	107
Dairy products.....do.....	116	116	125	128	125	126	127	128	126	125	120	116	113
Fruits.....do.....	145	117	108	105	104	97	93	105	127	133	142	152	157
Grains.....do.....	139	109	129	130	128	127	134	143	146	145	154	149	139
Meat animals.....do.....	144	119	123	123	120	118	122	128	126	129	130	133	137
Truck crops.....do.....	96	115	134	153	131	104	99	115	143	131	127	139	124
Miscellaneous.....do.....	113	131	152	141	133	133	168	182	147	140	139	133	119
RETAIL PRICES													
U. S. Department of Labor indexes:													
Cost (anthracite)¶.....1923-25=100.....	79.8			82.8			84.2			84.3			76.0
Food†.....1923-25=100.....	85.9	84.0	84.0	84.3	82.8	82.5	82.9	84.6	84.5	85.4	85.6	86.5	86.2
Fairchild's index:													
Combined index.....Dec. 1930=100.....	96.3	88.1	88.5	89.3	90.0	90.8	91.7	93.0	93.7	94.5	95.2	95.6	96.0
Apparel:													
Infants' wear.....do.....	96.4	92.6	94.4	94.5	94.5	94.6	94.9	94.9	95.1	95.3	95.7	95.8	96.0
Men's.....do.....	90.7	87.5	87.6	87.7	87.8	87.9	88.1	88.4	89.0	89.4	89.9	90.1	90.4
Women's.....do.....	94.8	90.4	90.4	90.7	90.9	91.0	91.4	92.2	92.5	93.0	93.4	93.6	94.1
Home furnishings.....do.....	97.4	89.4	89.4	89.9	90.3	90.9	91.8	93.1	94.0	94.7	95.3	96.3	96.8
Piece goods.....do.....	89.2	85.0	85.2	85.4	85.6	85.7	86.1	87.0	87.6	88.2	88.6	88.9	89.2
WHOLESALE PRICES													
U. S. Department of Labor indexes:													
Combined index (784).....1926=100.....	87.9	80.5	81.6	81.6	81.5	82.4	84.2	85.9	86.3	87.8	88.0	87.4	87.2
Economic classes:													
Finished products.....do.....	88.8	81.6	82.4	82.3	82.0	82.6	83.8	84.9	85.4	86.4	87.4	87.5	87.7
Raw materials.....do.....	86.5	79.8	81.5	81.8	82.1	83.1	85.6	88.1	88.3	90.1	88.7	87.1	86.1
Semimanufactures.....do.....	87.0	75.2	75.6	75.9	76.2	78.6	82.3	85.4	85.5	89.6	89.5	87.5	86.8

*Revised.

† Base shifted to 1923-25=100. In computing base, the last quarter of 1922 was substituted for the last quarter of 1925 to eliminate the abnormally high prices which resulted from the 1925-26 strike in the Pennsylvania anthracite mines. Figures beginning 1929 will be shown in a subsequent issue.

§ Data for Aug. 15, 1937: Total 123, chickens and eggs 109, cotton and cottonseed 90, dairy products 119, fruits 123, grains 119, meat animals 151, truck crops 104, miscellaneous 128.

† Revised Series. Retail food prices, for monthly data for period, 1923-36 see table 9, p. 20 of the February 1937 issue. World stocks of foodstuffs and raw materials revised for period 1920-37. For revisions see table 19, pp. 17 and 18, of the May 1937 issue.

Monthly statistics through December 1935, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may be found in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey	1937	1936						1937					
	July	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June

DOMESTIC TRADE—Continued

RETAIL TRADE—Continued													
Restaurant chains (3 chains):													
Sales.....thous. of dol.	3,569	3,510	3,490	3,655	3,800	3,542	3,943	3,581	3,368	3,774	3,677	3,654	3,462
Stores operated.....number	346	349	349	349	346	346	346	346	347	348	347	348	346
Other chains:													
W. T. Grant & Co.:													
Sales.....thous. of dol.	7,706	7,075	6,925	7,443	9,333	8,492	16,867	5,626	5,617	7,616	7,176	8,614	8,463
Stores operated.....number	479	473	472	472	474	477	477	477	477	477	477	477	479
J. C. Penney Co.:													
Sales.....thous. of dol.	20,409	18,475	19,369	22,529	28,952	26,072	37,133	15,928	14,244	19,823	20,230	20,820	22,254
Stores operated.....number	1,508	1,488	1,489	1,491	1,494	1,496	1,496	1,498	1,499	1,500	1,503	1,503	1,508
Department stores:													
Collections:													
Installment account													
percent of accounts receivable.....	15.4	16.2	16.2	16.5	17.8	17.0	17.3	16.4	16.4	18.1	17.3	17.0	16.3
Open account.....do.	45.1	45.6	42.1	42.8	48.4	47.1	47.0	47.4	44.0	46.8	46.9	47.0	46.4
Sales, total U. S., unadjusted, 1923-25=100.....	65	63	68	94	100	105	161	72	76	90	89	95	90
Atlanta.....do.	80	78	96	116	119	120	187	85	95	114	106	116	100
Boston.....do.	53	54	54	82	92	85	138	70	57	74	75	77	79
Chicago.....do.	71	65	75	97	104	101	164	78	78	102	97	101	98
Cleveland.....do.	71	63	72	89	98	100	158	69	82	95	98	105	95
Dallas.....do.	74	71	77	109	120	113	175	78	89	98	100	105	93
Kansas City.....1925=100.....	63	59	70	92	101	90	151	64	68	89	85	88	78
Minneapolis.....1929=100.....	67	61	75	95	112	89	139	71	64	90	87	89	91
New York.....1925-27=100.....	64	62	63	87	97	106	156	69	72	78	81	85	85
Philadelphia.....1923-25=100.....	51	52	56	71	84	91	136	54	57	74	69	80	75
Richmond.....do.	77	79	78	104	137	120	204	79	77	111	100	113	79
St. Louis.....do.	60	55	60	86	103	89	143	62	63	88	86	85	79
San Francisco.....do.	73	77	88	97	98	101	171	80	81	97	90	93	86
Sales, total U. S., adjusted.....do.	94	91	86	88	90	94	92	93	95	93	93	93	93
Atlanta.....do.	114	111	123	123	100	105	110	107	108	116	107	115	111
Chicago.....do.	98	91	91	95	95	93	98	97	97	104	98	100	100
Cleveland.....do.	93	83	85	86	92	95	96	91	101	103	91	98	98
Dallas.....do.	105	102	107	103	104	97	108	93	105	98	106	101	101
Minneapolis.....1929=100.....	89	81	86	88	94	91	94	79	86	90	84	88	94
New York.....1925-27=100.....	85	82	81	84	85	90	88	89	85	85	87	90	88
Philadelphia.....1923-25=100.....	73	70	73	79	74	79	76	75	76	80	68	79	75
San Francisco.....do.	97	94	92	93	95	95	100	98	96	102	96	97	97
Installment sales, New England dept. stores													
percent of total sales.....	8.5	9.5	14.9	10.8	10.9	9.7	6.3	10.6	12.0	9.6	9.7	9.0	6.7
Stocks, total U. S., end of month:													
Unadjusted.....1923-25=100.....	69	59	65	71	76	80	67	66	72	78	79	78	73
Adjusted.....do.	74	64	67	68	69	71	71	74	76	76	76	76	75
Mail-order and store sales:													
Total sales, 2 companies.....thous. of dol.	73,655	65,270	66,325	80,974	103,590	85,993	118,222	54,427	53,831	78,625	89,681	92,627	89,258
Montgomery Ward & Co.....do.	30,439	25,636	27,422	33,357	45,455	36,979	51,789	22,578	22,161	34,931	40,096	39,140	37,060
Sears, Roebuck & Co.....do.	43,216	39,634	38,903	47,617	58,135	49,014	66,433	31,849	31,671	43,694	49,585	53,487	52,198
Rural sales of general merchandise:													
Total U. S., unadjusted, 1929-31=100.....	92.0	88.3	96.2	122.3	155.1	150.8	186.1	88.6	93.8	117.4	116.4	119.4	117.5
Middle West*.....do.	83.2	81.0	88.6	107.0	137.7	136.0	150.5	81.0	85.2	107.1	106.5	109.9	109.6
East*.....do.	89.3	85.5	97.9	112.0	149.6	154.8	195.9	88.4	95.2	120.4	122.0	127.0	132.8
South*.....do.	100.1	97.9	103.3	160.6	225.0	195.4	212.4	107.5	123.1	147.5	138.8	132.0	124.6
Far West*.....do.	115.4	107.7	113.3	147.8	148.4	150.4	208.7	95.6	92.0	119.0	121.2	131.2	134.9
Total U. S., adjusted.....do.	119.5	114.7	111.9	123.6	127.1	122.6	131.0	106.7	103.7	126.2	121.2	127.1	124.4
Middle West*.....do.	106.7	103.9	101.3	107.5	116.2	110.5	108.0	98.7	98.5	119.0	108.1	113.2	112.4
East*.....do.	113.7	108.9	110.6	119.7	126.2	135.2	137.5	105.3	104.1	128.1	122.6	130.3	136.2
South*.....do.	144.0	140.9	136.0	156.7	163.6	146.9	153.9	120.5	123.1	158.6	150.2	148.3	144.9
Far West*.....do.	139.1	129.8	123.1	126.3	126.8	124.8	134.2	128.3	116.4	136.0	131.0	145.8	142.7

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND WAGES

EMPLOYMENT													
Factory, unadj. (B. L. S.)†.....1923-25=100.....	101.7	91.2	93.5	95.5	96.7	96.9	98.1	96.5	99.0	101.1	102.1	102.3	* 101.1
Durable goods group.....do.	99.2	84.6	84.7	85.7	89.2	91.0	92.7	90.4	93.2	96.4	98.6	99.9	* 98.8
Iron and steel products.....do.	107.6	93.0	95.3	97.2	98.9	99.3	100.4	100.0	103.4	106.8	108.9	110.1	* 101.4
Blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling mills.....1923-25=100.....	119.6	102.8	105.7	107.2	107.9	107.7	109.3	111.5	113.6	117.1	120.2	122.0	* 106.2
Structural and ornamental metal work.....1923-25=100.....	80.6	71.0	74.8	75.3	74.9	73.2	70.1	70.8	71.8	74.2	75.7	76.9	* 78.7
Tin cans, etc.....do.	113.7	102.4	109.1	111.6	102.7	95.8	94.4	95.8	98.4	100.2	102.2	104.9	* 109.2
Lumber and products.....do.	72.7	65.6	66.6	68.2	69.2	67.8	67.1	65.0	65.8	69.8	70.6	71.6	* 72.9
Furniture.....do.	87.1	76.9	81.7	85.0	86.9	88.3	87.8	85.9	86.1	87.5	86.9	87.4	* 89.1
Millwork.....do.	57.3	49.5	52.2	52.6	53.4	53.4	54.1	53.8	55.0	56.7	57.7	57.3	* 57.5
Sawmills.....do.	56.3	51.9	50.9	51.9	52.4	49.9	49.0	46.8	47.6	52.3	53.4	54.7	* 55.7
Machinery†.....do.	129.5	104.0	104.4	107.5	109.6	111.4	114.1	114.9	118.6	121.2	124.3	126.1	* 129.2
Agricultural implements.....do.	136.3	110.1	95.7	93.9	97.5	93.2	102.9	111.3	119.0	131.5	137.5	139.7	* 140.6
Electrical machinery, etc.....do.	120.5	91.8	92.4	96.5	99.6	103.0	105.8	104.0	109.3	111.2	114.6	117.8	* 119.9
Foundry and machine-shop products.....1923-25=100.....	112.4	91.2	92.5	94.3	95.6	97.0	99.4	101.3	104.4	106.8	109.7	111.7	* 112.7
Radios and phonographs.....do.	195.2	193.5	210.7	216.3	218.3	210.6	202.7	187.1	170.6	163.0	158.4	139.9	* 182.3
Metals, nonferrous.....do.	111.5	94.5	98.4	102.9	108.3	110.0	111.6	106.9	111.5	114.6	115.5	115.5	* 113.9
Aluminum manufactures.....do.	131.5	110.5	111.0	111.5	117.2	118.8	117.7	118.9	122.2	124.2	124.4	125.8	129.5
Brass, bronze, and copper products.....1923-25=100.....	118.8	100.1	102.7	107.1	111.3	112.9	116.2	118.5	121.7	124.1	127.6	125.7	* 122.3
Stamped and enameled ware.....do.	154.7	135.0	138.4	143.4	154.3	156.0	162.4	154.8	159.1	165.3	162.4	162.8	* 159.2
Railroad repair shops.....do.	64.2	56.9	58.4	59.3	60.4	60.6	61.2	61.2	61.6	62.2	63.3	63.6	* 64.0
Electric railroad.....do.	63.6	62.2	62.4	62.4	63.4	63.3	63.4	63.4	63.3	64.0	63.8	63.4	* 62.7
Steam railroad.....do.	64.2	56.5	58.1	59.1	60.2	60.4	61.0	61.0	61.5	62.1	63.3	63.6	* 64.1

* Revised.

† New series. See pp. 14-17 of the September 1936 issue for figures for period Jan. 1929-July 1936.

† Revised series. For factory employment revisions beginning January 1934, see table 12, p. 19, of the March 1937 issue. Indexes of department store sales in the Chicago Federal Reserve district, both unadjusted and adjusted, were revised for the period 1923-36. See table 23, p. 16 of the July 1937 issue.

† A new series on department store sales in the St. Louis Federal Reserve district is shown in table 22, p. 16 of the July 1937 issue. This will be substituted for the present data in a subsequent issue.

Monthly statistics through December 1935, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may be found in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey	1937	1936						1937					
	July	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND WAGES—Continued													
PAY ROLLS—Continued													
Nonmanufacturing—Continued.													
Trade:													
Retail, total, 1929=100.....	72.7	65.1	64.4	66.6	68.3	70.1	75.9	68.0	67.9	70.5	71.9	73.5	74.4
General merchandising.....do.....	87.1	77.3	76.4	82.8	87.2	91.4	116.2	83.8	82.9	87.6	89.1	91.5	92.5
Other than general merchandising.....do.....	69.7	62.6	61.9	63.3	64.4	65.7	67.6	64.7	64.8	67.0	68.3	69.8	70.6
Wholesale.....do.....	76.6	69.0	69.7	70.5	71.5	73.1	72.8	72.6	74.1	75.0	75.4	76.1	76.3
Miscellaneous:													
Dyeing and cleaning.....do.....	67.1	64.8	63.2	66.1	66.7	60.2	57.3	55.6	54.6	61.7	68.8	73.9	79.2
Laundries.....do.....	86.9	79.0	76.7	76.6	75.3	74.5	76.1	76.4	76.3	77.5	78.5	81.4	85.5
Year round hotels.....do.....	73.8	66.0	66.1	67.5	69.6	69.6	69.8	70.4	72.5	72.7	74.5	73.6	74.0
WAGES—EARNINGS AND RATES													
Factory, weekly earnings (25 industries) (N. I. C. B.):													
All wage earners.....dollars.....	27.84	24.20	24.76	25.18	25.51	25.98	26.63	26.11	26.68	27.50	28.03	28.36	28.39
Male:													
Skilled and semiskilled.....do.....	31.55	26.77	27.65	28.26	28.57	29.24	30.21	29.88	30.02	30.83	31.70	31.96	32.23
Unskilled.....do.....	23.32	19.46	20.07	20.46	20.73	21.28	21.90	21.65	21.94	22.42	23.38	23.63	23.63
Female.....do.....	17.45	15.22	15.92	15.95	16.09	16.50	16.96	16.72	17.00	17.24	17.37	17.49	17.63
All wage earners.....1923=100.....	104.6	90.9	93.0	94.6	95.9	97.6	100.1	98.1	100.3	103.3	105.3	106.6	106.7
Male:													
Skilled and semiskilled.....do.....	102.4	86.9	89.7	91.7	92.7	94.9	98.1	97.0	97.4	100.1	102.9	103.7	104.6
Unskilled.....do.....	104.7	87.3	90.1	91.8	93.0	95.5	98.3	97.2	98.5	100.6	104.9	106.1	106.1
Female.....do.....	101.2	88.3	92.3	92.5	93.3	95.7	98.4	97.0	98.6	100.0	100.8	101.5	102.3
Factory average hourly earnings (25 industries) (N. I. C. B.):													
All wage earners.....dollars.....	.710	.617	.617	.619	.619	.624	.637	.638	.642	.659	.685	.689	.707
Male:													
Skilled and semiskilled.....do.....	.796	.684	.685	.687	.689	.697	.711	.715	.718	.734	.764	.780	.793
Unskilled.....do.....	.584	.497	.496	.497	.498	.505	.518	.515	.518	.535	.564	.574	.582
Female.....do.....	.475	.429	.429	.431	.431	.432	.437	.438	.440	.444	.463	.471	.475
Factory, weekly earnings, by States:													
Delaware.....1923-25=100.....	91.3	84.4	82.3	80.5	86.9	89.0	91.6	90.0	89.6	91.8	95.5	95.2	92.2
Illinois.....1925-27=100.....	95.2	84.1	84.4	83.1	87.2	88.0	89.8	90.9	92.6	94.1	98.6	98.3	98.4
Massachusetts.....do.....	99.7	88.1	89.5	88.0	88.7	90.1	95.4	95.4	96.1	98.3	100.5	100.0	100.1
New Jersey.....1923-25=100.....	109.0	98.5	99.5	96.4	101.9	103.5	107.6	105.3	106.7	109.3	112.7	113.7	112.3
New York.....1925-27=100.....	96.1	87.2	89.1	87.0	88.9	88.7	92.7	92.2	92.9	95.9	96.6	96.4	96.7
Pennsylvania.....1923-25=100.....	104.8	91.5	95.0	93.4	97.5	97.3	101.3	99.4	102.4	104.8	109.9	109.7	108.9
Wisconsin.....1925-27=100.....	97.6	83.2	89.4	86.3	94.0	95.1	95.8	94.1	98.8	100.2	101.9	102.1	101.4
Miscellaneous wage data:													
Construction wage rates (E. N. R.):													
Common labor.....dol. per hour.....	.662	.554	.569	.569	.583	.583	.586	.603	.603	.612	.612	.627	.644
Skilled labor.....do.....	1.35	1.15	1.16	1.16	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.24	1.24	1.25	1.25	1.30	1.33
Farm wages, without board (quarterly).....dol. per month.....	36.14	32.21	32.21	32.21	32.84	32.84	31.37	31.37	31.37	34.16	34.16	34.16	34.16
Railways, wages (average).....dol. per hour.....	.664	.664	.665	.672	.667	.668	.663	.688	.696	.674	.671	.670	.662
Road-building wages, common labor, on public works projects:													
United States.....dol. per hour.....	(b)	.42	.41	.42	.42	.41	.39	.39	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
East North Central.....do.....	(b)	.56	.54	.58	.60	.63	.61	.65	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
East South Central.....do.....	(b)	.30	.30	.31	.33	.30	.30	.30	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Middle Atlantic.....do.....	(b)	.46	.47	.47	.48	.48	.50	.53	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Mountain States.....do.....	(b)	.56	.57	.56	.55	.53	.50	.60	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
New England.....do.....	(b)	.50	.49	.48	.51	.47	.45	.40	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Pacific States.....do.....	(b)	.54	.51	.56	.53	.52	.51	.57	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
South Atlantic.....do.....	(b)	.33	.32	.32	.33	.31	.31	.31	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
West North Central.....do.....	(b)	.49	.50	.50	.50	.51	.50	.50	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
West South Central.....do.....	(b)	.36	.34	.34	.35	.34	.32	.36	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Steel industry wages:													
U. S. Steel Corporation.....do.....	.625	.470	.470	.470	.470	.498	.525	.525	.525	.575	.625	.625	.625
Youngstown district, percent base scale.....	125.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0

FINANCE

BANKING													
Acceptances and com'l paper outstanding:													
Bankers' acceptances, total.....mills. of dol.....	352	316	308	315	330	349	373	387	401	396	395	386	364
Held by Federal Reserve banks:													
For own account.....mills. of dol.....	(*)										1	3	1
For foreign correspondents.....do.....	3										1	2	4
Held by group of accepting banks:													
Total.....mills. of dol.....	265	278	279	276	296	309	315	325	341	317	318	295	273
Own bills.....do.....	144	131	140	139	150	157	151	154	161	150	147	137	130
Purchased bills.....do.....	121	147	139	137	147	152	164	171	180	166	171	159	143
Held by others.....do.....	83	37	29	39	34	40	57	62	61	80	76	86	87
Com'l paper outstanding.....do.....	325	188	205	197	199	191	215	244	268	290	285	287	285
Agricultural loans outstanding:													
Grand total.....do.....	3,400	3,387	3,384	3,382	3,378	3,371	3,362	3,352	3,353	3,374	3,386	3,390	3,395
Farm mortgage loans, total.....do.....	2,879	2,894	2,899	2,902	2,903	2,902	2,901	2,898	2,896	2,892	2,888	2,885	2,883
Federal land banks.....do.....	2,051	2,065	2,067	2,068	2,068	2,066	2,064	2,061	2,060	2,058	2,055	2,054	2,052
Land bank commissioner.....do.....	829	829	832	834	835	836	837	836	836	834	833	832	831
Loans to cooperatives, total.....do.....	99	88	89	105	123	130	125	120	114	110	99	94	93
Federal intermediate credit (direct).....mills. of dol.....	1	(*)	(*)	(*)	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Banks for cooperatives incl. Central Bank.....mills. of dol.....	52	43	44	56	71	73	70	64	60	57	49	45	45
Agricultural Marketing Act revolving fund.....mills. of dol.....	46	44	44	49	51	56	54	54	52	52	49	48	47

* Less than 1 million dollars.

* Revised.

† Basic rate for common labor.

* Data temporarily discontinued by reporting source.

‡ Construction wage rates as of August 1, 1937, common labor, \$0.668; skilled labor, \$1.37.

§ Federal Reserve banks held no bankers' acceptances for the period April 1935-March 1937 inclusive.

* See footnote marked "†" on p. 32.

Monthly statistics through December 1935, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may be found in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey	1937	1936						1937					
	July	July	August	Septem- ber	October	Novem- ber	Decem- ber	Janu- ary	Febru- ary	March	April	May	June

FINANCE—Continued

BANKING—Continued													
Agricultural loans outstanding—Continued.													
Short term credit, total [†]mills. of dol.	421	405	396	375	352	340	336	334	343	373	399	411	419
Federal intermediate credit banks, loans to and discounts for:													
Regional agricultural credit corps., prod. credit ass'ns and banks for coopera- tives.....mills. of dol.	170	146	144	139	136	132	130	126	130	144	154	159	165
Other financing institutions.....do.	48	55	55	50	44	41	41	40	41	42	44	45	47
Production credit ass'ns.....do.	164	141	136	122	111	105	105	106	115	132	144	152	160
Regional agr. credit corp.....do.	22	35	33	31	29	26	25	24	24	24	24	23	23
Emergency crop loans.....do.	129	111	110	109	107	105	104	104	103	115	128	130	130
Drought relief loans.....do.	59	62	62	62	61	61	60	60	60	60	59	59	59
Joint stock land banks in liquidation.....do.	115	147	145	142	139	136	133	130	129	126	123	120	118
Bank debits, total.....do.	36,903	34,816	31,469	33,242	37,313	35,869	45,896	39,479	34,526	42,003	37,133	34,406	36,453
New York City.....do.	16,751	16,199	14,363	15,656	17,171	17,394	22,658	19,096	16,907	20,398	17,082	15,114	16,434
Outside New York City.....do.	20,152	18,617	17,106	17,586	20,142	18,475	23,238	20,383	17,620	21,605	20,051	19,292	20,019
Brokers' loans:													
To N. Y. S. E. members.....do.	1,174	967	974	972	975	984	1,051	1,026	1,075	1,159	1,187	1,152	1,186
By reporting member banks. (See Federal Reserve reporting member banks, below.)													
Federal Reserve banks, condition, end of mo.:													
Assets (resources) total.....mills. of dol.	12,462	11,629	11,621	11,862	12,057	12,208	12,525	12,297	12,330	12,339	12,449	12,448	12,496
Reserve bank, credit outstanding, total mills. of dol.	2,574	2,462	2,471	2,473	2,476	2,453	2,500	2,497	2,465	2,458	2,565	2,585	2,562
Bills bought.....do.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	6	4
Bills discounted.....do.	15	4	8	9	6	7	3	3	5	12	12	17	10
United States securities.....do.	2,526	2,430	2,430	2,430	2,430	2,430	2,430	2,430	2,430	2,430	2,525	2,526	2,526
Reserves, total.....do.	9,160	8,503	8,579	8,659	8,914	9,048	9,121	9,156	9,134	9,141	9,135	9,135	9,159
Gold.....do.	8,843	8,210	8,312	8,397	8,662	8,810	8,865	8,862	8,859	8,856	8,853	8,850	8,846
Liabilities, total.....do.	12,462	11,629	11,621	11,862	12,057	12,208	12,525	12,297	12,330	12,339	12,449	12,448	12,496
Deposits, total.....do.	7,288	6,758	6,800	6,844	7,035	7,068	7,109	7,257	7,177	7,186	7,257	7,261	7,278
Member bank reserve balances, total mills. of dol.	6,753	6,005	6,410	6,357	6,753	6,788	6,606	6,781	6,695	6,639	6,881	6,915	6,900
Excess reserves (estimated).....do.	791	3,029	1,950	1,840	2,175	2,236	1,984	2,152	2,078	1,398	1,594	918	865
Notes in circulation.....do.	4,221	3,978	4,018	4,049	4,116	4,199	4,284	4,160	4,190	4,174	4,205	4,223	4,206
Reserve ratio.....percent.	79.6	79.2	79.3	79.5	79.9	80.3	80.1	80.2	80.4	80.5	79.7	79.5	79.7
Federal Reserve reporting member banks, condition, end of month:													
Deposits:													
Demand, adjusted.....mills. of dol.	15,033	14,850	14,867	15,116	15,340	15,464	15,571	15,493	15,501	15,126	15,388	15,274	15,187
Time.....do.	5,268	5,015	5,032	5,063	5,065	5,037	5,067	5,077	5,167	5,144	5,158	5,231	5,235
Investments, total.....do.	12,499	14,084	13,809	13,929	13,796	13,647	13,742	13,638	13,597	12,907	12,774	12,587	12,530
U. S. Government direct obligations.....do.	8,283	9,456	9,263	9,336	9,274	9,173	9,241	9,149	9,067	8,396	8,370	8,287	8,301
U. S. Government guaranteed issues.....do.	1,188	1,272	1,236	1,256	1,257	1,246	1,238	1,214	1,208	1,199	1,175	1,156	1,152
Other securities.....do.	3,028	3,356	3,310	3,337	3,265	3,228	3,233	3,275	3,322	3,312	3,229	3,144	3,077
Loans, total.....do.	9,784	8,294	8,454	8,753	8,721	8,812	9,189	8,941	9,121	9,366	9,428	9,571	9,760
Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans:													
On securities.....mills. of dol.	581	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	570	566
Otherwise secured and unsecured.....do.	3,844	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3,700	3,765
Open market paper.....do.	464	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	483	467
Loans to brokers and dealers in securi- ties.....mills. of dol.	1,363	1,127	1,163	1,194	1,153	1,181	1,289	1,204	1,263	1,305	1,297	1,333	1,447
Other loans for purchasing or carrying securities.....mills. of dol.	701	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	720	714
Real estate loans.....do.	1,163	1,144	1,145	1,139	1,143	1,152	1,156	1,151	1,149	1,157	1,156	1,161	1,169
Loans to banks.....do.	150	58	65	112	53	63	66	60	86	81	84	123	98
Other loans.....do.	1,518	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,481	1,534
Interest rates:													
Acceptances, bankers' prime.....percent.	7½	¾-¾	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾-¾	¾	¾-¾	¾	¾-¾	¾-¾
Bank rates to customers:													
In New York City.....do.	2.36	2.44	2.42	2.40	2.46	2.43	2.43	2.50	2.41	2.50	2.53	2.44	2.34
In eight other northern and eastern cities percent.....do.	3.32	3.61	3.47	3.45	3.50	3.47	3.46	3.36	3.43	3.34	3.36	3.45	3.32
In twenty-seven southern and western cities.....percent.....do.	4.19	4.35	4.25	4.29	4.23	4.24	4.14	4.16	4.15	4.15	4.21	4.17	4.18
Call loans, renewal (N. Y. S. E.).....do.	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Com'l paper, prime (4-6 mos.).....do.	1	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾-1	1	1	1
Discount rate, N. Y. F. R. Bank.....do.	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Federal Land Bank loans.....do.	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Intermediate credit bank loans.....do.	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Time loans, 90 days (N. Y. S. E.).....do.	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼
Savings deposits:													
N. Y. State savings banks.....mills. of dol.	5,267	5,197	5,197	5,223	5,210	5,201	5,246	5,244	5,248	5,278	5,250	5,245	5,275
U. S. Postal Savings:													
Balance to credit of depositors.....do.	1,271	1,244	1,249	1,251	1,255	1,257	1,260	1,266	1,270	1,272	1,270	1,268	1,268
Balance on deposit in banks.....do.	120	172	166	162	158	145	145	136	133	132	134	134	121
FAILURES													
Commercial failures:													
Grand total.....number.....do.	618	639	655	586	611	688	692	811	721	820	786	834	670
Commercial service, total.....do.	25	34	37	39	35	29	32	42	52	51	28	27	24
Construction, total.....do.	31	42	36	43	34	46	43	45	43	72	62	50	42
Manufacturing, total.....do.	131	131	104	107	105	139	141	136	120	126	135	153	134
Chemicals and drugs.....do.	4	4	6	2	6	2	5	8	7	4	7	3	4
Foods.....do.	33	37	30	33	23	43	36	34	33	40	41	37	33
Forest products.....do.	10	6	6	14	9	11	15	9	3	8	15	16	10
Fuels.....do.	1	6	1	2	3	4	4	0	6	1	1	5	3
Iron and steel.....do.	5	6	6	8	3	4	6	8	5	6	10	6	13
Leather and leather products.....do.	3	8	2	3	3	2	10	7	4	5	6	5	6
Machinery.....do.	6	5	7	6	4	8	9	9	8	8	4	5	2
Paper, printing, and publishing.....do.	12	7	10	7	14	11	11	10	20	10	8	14	5
Stone, clay, and glass.....do.	4	6	2	1	6	5	3	3	5	5	5	7	3
Textiles.....do.	36	22	18	20	17	30	27	25	16	22	22	39	40
Transportation equipment.....do.	4	2	3	2	4	6	2	1	3	1	1	3	2
Miscellaneous.....do.	13	22	13	10	14	14	13	22	10	16	15	13	13
Retail trade, total.....do.	379	365	408	328	382	409	398	498	438	451	470	518	404
Wholesale trade, total.....do.	52	67	70	60	55	65	78	90	68	90	91	86	66

* Revised.

† Data revised beginning March 1936. For revisions see p. 32 of the July 1937 issue.

* Form of reporting member bank loans revised beginning May 1937; the new items, which are self-explanatory, are not available prior to that date. For a more detailed discussion of the significance of the new series, see the Federal Reserve Bulletin for May 1937, p. 440 and for June 1937, p. 530.

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	July	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June

FINANCE—Continued

MONETARY STATISTICS—Continued													
Silver:													
Exports.....thous. of dol.	214	138	143	204	268	411	236	612	611	346	468	341	244
Imports.....do.	4,476	6,574	16,637	8,363	26,931	4,451	2,267	2,846	14,080	5,589	2,821	3,165	6,025
Price at New York.....dol. per fine oz.	.448	.448	.448	.448	.448	.454	.454	.449	.448	.451	.455	.450	.448
Production, world.....thous. of fine oz.		20,008	21,504	21,846	21,614	21,339	19,594	23,223	20,849	22,612	20,505	21,545	21,228
Canada.....do.		1,662	1,543	1,726	2,083	1,357	1,619	1,252	1,539	1,661	1,346	1,467	1,228
Mexico.....do.		6,457	7,850	7,078	5,417	6,400	3,748	8,765	6,684	7,509	5,731	6,543	5,487
United States.....do.		4,616	4,733	5,524	6,391	5,561	6,165	5,409	4,965	5,488	5,431	5,280	5,487
Storages, end of month:													
United States.....do.		1,101	1,535	779	1,247	985	1,050	1,347	970	821	766	1,303	862
Canada.....do.		345	317	545	510	403	1,023	1,512	754	507	929	808	735
CORPORATION PROFITS													
(Quarterly)													
Federal Reserve Bank of New York:													
Industrial corporations, total (168 cos.)													
Autos, parts, and accessories (28 cos.)				217.2			283.5			250.6			
Chemicals (13 cos.)				54.7			97.2			69.1			
Food products and beverages (19 cos.)				42.6			50.9			37.0			
Machinery and machine manufactures (17 cos.)				24.3			22.4			16.5			
Metals and mining (12 cos.)				10.8			11.3			14.2			
Oil (13 cos.)				3.5			6.3			7.2			
Steel (11 cos.)				18.4			13.0			14.5			
Miscellaneous (55 cos.)				28.5			39.2			51.6			
Telephones (net op. income)				34.4			43.2			40.5			
Other public utilities (net income)				56.4			69.2			59.9			
Railways, class I (net income)				44.4			55.2			53.6			
Standard Statistics Co., Inc.				66.5			126.0			14.1			21.2
Combined index, unadjusted (161 cos.)				80.0			109.3			88.3			117.5
1926=100				80.9			115.1			103.0			145.0
Industrials (120 cos.)				29.6			55.0			5.5			20.0
Railroads (26 cos.)				103.3			154.5			131.1			123.9
Utilities (15 cos.)				75.6			112.7			95.4			112.4
Combined index, adjusted (161 cos.)				83.7			127.0			108.5			133.8
Industrials (120 cos.)				7.9			41.8			31.8			28.6
Railroads (26 cos.)				117.2			146.1			123.3			126.2
Utilities (15 cos.)													
PUBLIC FINANCE (FEDERAL)													
Debt, gross, end of month.....mills. of dol.	36,716	33,444	33,370	33,831	33,830	33,791	34,405	34,503	34,601	34,732	34,941	35,213	36,425
Obligations fully guaranteed by the U. S. Government:													
Amount outstanding by agencies, total													
Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation	4,703	4,724	4,669	4,667	4,667	4,662	4,662	4,662	4,662	4,662	4,662	4,659	4,665
Home Owners' Loan Corporation	1,122	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422
Reconstruction Finance Corporation	3,012	3,050	2,995	2,993	2,993	2,988	2,988	2,988	2,988	2,988	2,987	2,987	2,987
Expenditures, total (incl. emergency)	265	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	251	250	250	255
Revenues, total.....thous. of dol.	675,811	457,656	657,703	712,560	739,979	591,016	684,821	607,418	645,053	971,663	784,813	624,015	1,386,931
Customs.....do.	464,057	322,726	376,426	528,129	301,968	259,963	552,607	320,034	330,310	1,120,513	423,886	392,509	960,905
Internal revenue, total.....do.	40,649	31,580	34,763	35,554	41,342	35,432	38,698	40,518	41,726	52,503	46,252	46,252	41,716
Income tax.....do.	376,074	288,327	254,026	467,642	199,248	176,526	478,633	207,483	237,826	984,555	300,380	281,038	827,483
Taxes from:	42,464	40,118	29,656	284,421	31,634	28,034	281,178	45,246	64,035	689,003	55,444	42,949	556,946
Admissions to theaters, etc.	1,633	1,568	1,384	1,670	1,797	1,606	2,195	1,606	1,473	1,539	1,590	1,537	1,875
Capital stock transfers, etc.	1,232	1,654	2,346	1,932	2,182	2,954	3,178	3,367	3,743	3,045	3,226	2,169	1,556
Sales of produce (future delivery)	571	293	511	457	809	271	325	423	506	392	528	639	454
Sales of radio sets, etc.	433	596	496	683	869	640	906	684	465	361	332	329	395
Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans outstanding end of month:													
Grand total.....thous. of dol.	2,048,344	2,226,026	2,215,165	2,205,564	2,201,209	2,181,322	2,168,160	2,174,006	2,145,957	2,064,942	2,045,756	2,028,897	2,033,375
Section 5 as amended, total.....do.	662,165	769,261	763,294	748,411	739,643	718,680	712,982	699,545	690,932	668,585	664,670	656,445	662,594
Bank and trust companies including receivers.....thous. of dol.	166,915	246,523	236,860	226,451	218,889	203,669	201,432	191,524	184,530	178,316	173,093	167,388	163,800
Building and loan associations.....do.	1,953	3,814	3,653	3,378	2,902	2,714	2,483	2,369	2,214	2,096	2,248	2,072	2,076
Insurance companies.....do.	3,681	4,972	4,890	4,429	4,284	4,147	4,030	4,015	3,935	3,863	3,844	3,820	3,703
Mortgage loan companies.....do.	120,422	124,864	129,632	129,108	128,368	127,439	131,181	130,345	129,710	126,330	122,057	120,467	121,177
Railroads incl. receivers.....do.	351,936	350,841	350,948	349,261	353,810	345,190	345,980	345,447	340,367	345,084	344,823	344,823	354,320
All other under section 5.....do.	17,258	38,247	37,311	35,784	31,390	30,521	27,876	25,790	25,096	17,613	18,344	17,875	17,518
Total Emergency Relief Construction Act, as amended.....thous. of dol.	568,928	564,487	570,670	577,607	584,069	587,863	588,997	630,045	630,918	576,983	559,248	551,431	551,725
Self-liquidating projects.....do.	223,374	174,249	180,045	184,418	189,068	192,516	193,252	198,339	204,839	206,607	213,067	216,576	219,903
Financing of exports of agricultural surpluses.....thous. of dol.	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47
Financing of agricultural commodities and livestock.....thous. of dol.	62,427	93,777	94,355	97,147	99,195	99,643	100,043	136,305	130,678	81,101	56,906	51,726	48,695
Amounts made available for relief and work relief.....thous. of dol.	253,030	296,414	296,223	295,995	295,759	295,657	295,655	295,354	295,354	289,228	289,228	283,082	283,080
Total, Bank Conservation Act, as amended.....thous. of dol.	608,468	722,910	706,395	702,151	695,987	691,987	684,046	663,171	640,363	629,522	624,077	619,840	613,943
Other loans and authorizations.....do.	208,783	169,368	174,806	177,395	181,510	182,792	182,135	181,245	183,744	189,852	197,761	201,181	205,113

*Number varies.

* Preliminary.

* Revised.

†Figures shown on p. 54 of the 1936 Supplement are in thousands of dollars instead of in millions as the box head indicates.
†Data revised for 1935 and 1936. Revisions not shown on p. 34 of the May 1937 Survey will appear in a subsequent issue.

Monthly statistics through December 1935, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may be found in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey	1937	1936						1937					
	July	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FINANCE—Continued													
SECURITY MARKETS—Continued													
Bonds—Continued													
Value, issues listed on N. Y. S. E.:													
Par, all issues.....mills. of dol.	47,159	43,981	44,279	45,211	45,018	45,026	46,280	46,592	46,572	46,994	47,058	47,045	47,321
Domestic issues.....do.	42,116	38,947	39,241	40,178	39,988	40,038	41,301	41,630	41,593	42,045	42,095	42,086	42,368
Foreign issues.....do.	5,043	5,034	5,038	5,033	5,031	4,988	4,979	4,961	4,979	4,949	4,963	4,959	5,054
Market value, all issues.....do.	44,296	41,685	42,236	43,305	43,180	43,680	45,054	45,113	45,007	44,116	43,920	44,171	44,001
Domestic issues.....do.	40,776	38,242	38,776	39,883	39,751	40,257	41,613	41,651	41,521	40,726	40,525	40,734	40,509
Foreign issues.....do.	3,520	3,443	3,460	3,422	3,429	3,423	3,441	3,462	3,486	3,389	3,395	3,436	3,492
Yields:													
Standard statistics:													
Corporate issues (45 bonds).....percent.	4.45	4.35	4.32	4.24	4.21	4.18	4.18	4.13	4.19	4.30	4.44	4.40	4.43
Industrials (15 bonds).....do.	4.48	4.45	4.42	4.40	4.40	4.33	4.30	4.29	4.36	4.48	4.61	4.52	4.51
Public utilities (15 bonds).....do.	4.28	4.02	4.02	4.00	4.01	4.00	4.00	4.02	4.09	4.17	4.25	4.23	4.28
Railroads (15 bonds).....do.	4.57	4.58	4.52	4.33	4.24	4.22	4.24	4.09	4.13	4.25	4.46	4.44	4.51
Municipals (15 bonds).....do.	2.63	2.70	2.68	2.62	2.58	2.45	2.31	2.38	2.57	2.72	2.84	2.76	2.67
Bond Buyer domestic municipals (20 bonds) percent.	2.94	2.95	2.91	2.86	2.85	2.69	2.62	2.74	2.90	3.15	3.09	3.04	3.06
U. S. Treasury bonds.....do.	2.59	2.50	2.43	2.41	2.42	2.29	2.27	2.29	2.31	2.50	2.74	2.67	2.64
Cash Dividend Payments and Rates													
Dividend payments (N. Y. Times):													
Total.....thous. of dol.	253,111	236,196	331,918	231,730	233,697	880,262	437,541	233,330	358,909	249,402	222,278	521,083	342,749
Industrials and misc.....do.	244,116	215,093	317,088	226,642	226,269	814,406	407,957	212,837	332,406	244,059	216,137	495,091	312,101
Railroads.....do.	8,995	21,193	14,830	5,088	7,428	65,856	29,584	20,493	26,503	5,313	6,141	26,482	30,648
Dividend payments and rates (Moody's):													
Annual payments at current rates (600 companies).....mills. of dol.	1,959.7	1,457.2	1,517.4	1,539.6	1,568.2	1,825.6	1,876.2	1,884.0	1,886.9	1,885.7	1,892.2	1,926.8	1,933.7
Number of shares, adjusted.....millions.	923.50	923.94	923.94	923.99	923.99	923.99	923.50	923.50	923.50	923.50	923.50	923.50	923.50
Dividend rate per share (weighted average) (600 cos.).....dollars.	2.12	1.58	1.64	1.67	1.70	1.98	2.03	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.05	2.09	2.09
Banks (21).....do.	3.07	3.00	3.00	3.04	3.04	3.04	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07
Industrials (492 cos.).....do.	2.12	1.48	1.56	1.58	1.62	1.96	2.01	2.02	2.02	2.02	2.03	2.05	2.08
Insurance (21 cos.).....do.	2.38	2.09	2.09	2.13	2.14	2.14	2.21	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.42	2.42	2.37
Public utilities (30 cos.).....do.	2.10	1.95	1.96	1.99	2.01	2.04	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.08	2.07	2.08	2.10
Railroads (36 cos.).....do.	1.77	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.55	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.77
Stocks													
Prices:													
Dow-Jones:													
Industrials (30 stocks).....dol. per share.	180.3	162.3	165.9	167.8	175.0	182.1	180.1	183.5	188.0	188.4	179.3	173.1	170.1
Public utilities (20 stocks).....do.	28.8	34.6	34.7	34.5	35.1	34.9	34.9	36.4	35.0	33.1	30.7	28.3	26.7
Railroads (20 stocks).....do.	63.9	51.5	54.0	55.8	58.7	56.7	53.9	55.1	57.4	61.7	59.5	58.4	54.3
New York Times (50 stocks).....do.	131.44	130.74	131.55	133.45	138.39	141.46	136.46	139.48	138.67	137.19	130.89	129.41	125.13
Industrials (25 stocks).....do.	221.04	221.15	220.56	222.54	230.40	238.88	231.11	235.41	231.77	225.73	215.23	212.92	208.46
Railroads (25 stocks).....do.	41.84	40.33	42.55	44.42	46.38	44.04	41.81	43.56	45.58	48.70	40.56	45.90	41.81
Standard Statistics:													
Combined index (419 stocks).....1926=100.	117.8	109.2	113.0	114.1	118.7	124.2	122.8	126.0	129.5	129.9	124.5	116.3	113.6
Industrials (347 stocks).....do.	139.4	124.3	128.4	130.2	136.0	144.3	142.6	146.3	151.7	152.6	146.5	136.7	134.0
Public utilities (40 stocks).....do.	95.9	105.8	108.8	107.7	109.1	108.9	110.6	113.2	110.7	105.7	100.7	94.1	91.3
Railroads (32 stocks).....do.	52.1	50.7	53.9	55.4	58.4	57.9	54.4	55.6	57.9	62.8	60.1	57.1	53.9
Banks N. Y. (19 stocks).....do.	76.5	72.1	76.5	75.1	75.3	70.4	70.6	78.9	90.5	88.0	81.4	76.8	73.2
Fire Insurance (18 stocks).....do.	93.6	96.1	96.5	94.1	93.8	96.1	98.3	98.7	98.4	97.1	91.7	88.8	88.7
Sales:													
Market value of shares sold (S. E. C.):													
On all registered exchanges, total													
thous. of dol.	1,242,858	765,391	1,435,776	1,594,411	2,241,462	2,530,464	2,358,956	2,663,064	2,701,226	2,977,570	2,052,318	1,267,543	993,772
On New York Stock Exchange.....do.	1,096,390	1,526,176	1,248,924	1,387,439	1,948,171	2,188,579	2,025,678	2,246,887	2,332,408	2,628,767	1,803,427	1,113,925	809,953
Number of shares sold:													
On all registered exchanges, total (S. E. C.)													
thous. of shares	41,864	64,728	50,937	59,627	79,992	94,299	99,756	117,097	107,061	117,436	72,140	43,992	38,099
On N. Y. S. E., total (S. E. C.).....do.	30,045	48,272	37,109	44,535	60,019	68,306	71,123	81,687	72,004	83,720	52,533	31,336	27,554
Exclusive of odd lot and stopped sales (N. Y. Times).....thous. of shares	20,715	34,787	26,564	30,872	43,998	50,470	48,605	58,676	50,255	50,344	34,613	18,565	16,443
Shares listed, N. Y. S. E.:													
Market value all listed shares.....mills. of dol.	59,394	54,067	54,532	55,105	58,507	60,020	59,878	61,912	62,618	62,468	57,963	57,324	54,882
Number of shares listed.....millions.	1,404	1,341	1,344	1,348	1,349	1,356	1,360	1,367	1,374	1,380	1,387	1,389	1,400
Yields (Moody's):													
Common stocks (200)*.....percent.	4.2	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.5
Industrials (125 stocks)*.....do.	4.2	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.5
Rails (25 stocks)*.....do.	3.8	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.2	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.9
Utilities (25 stocks)*.....do.	5.1	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.5
Banks (15 stocks)*.....do.	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.5
Insurance (10 stocks)*.....do.	3.6	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.9	3.9	3.8
Preferred stocks, Standard Statistics:													
Industrials, high grade (20).....do.	5.16	5.03	5.02	5.03	5.06	5.04	4.99	4.94	4.96	5.07	5.15	5.17	5.18
Stockholders (Common Stock)													
American Tel. & Tel. Co., total.....number.				645,457			641,168			639,227			638,627
Foreign.....do.				7,540			7,382			7,265			7,194
Pennsylvania Railroad Co., total.....do.				221,327			218,720			217,016			215,498
Foreign.....do.				3,076			3,055			3,020			2,954
U. S. Steel Corporation, total.....do.				173,633			170,448			164,271			161,487
Foreign.....do.				3,866			3,781			3,130			3,205
Shares held by brokers.....percent of total.				23.51			23.92			24.81			25.33

*New series. For data for period June 1929-July 1936, and a description of the series on yields of 200 common stocks, see p. 18 of the Sept. 1936 issue.

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	July	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS—Continued													
OILS, FATS, AND BYPRODUCTS—Con.													
Vegetable Oils and Products—Continued													
Copra:													
Consumption, factory (quarterly) short tons				49,164	24,933		41,739			47,588			44,380
Imports.....do	20,141	17,416	14,789	24,933	22,185	5,085	4,540	8,900	41,966	15,192	4,669	17,899	25,822
Stocks, end of quarter.....do				14,865			10,671			12,517			10,294
Coconut or copra oil:													
Consumption, factory:													
Crude (quarterly).....thous. of lb.				169,416			143,565			128,644			112,883
Refined (quarterly).....do				93,648			80,676			57,599			55,460
In oleomargarine.....do	6,568	9,554	11,749	13,064	13,619	10,271	10,916	5,713	6,587	5,197	4,096	4,094	5,614
Imports.....do	26,178	33,835	14,273	15,689	23,500	32,712	29,186	39,345	21,463	17,651	36,110	24,280	32,677
Production (quarterly):													
Crude.....do				63,004			53,142			61,945			56,353
Refined.....do				95,678			73,900			66,228			69,448
Stocks, end of quarter:													
Crude.....do				77,121			59,551			62,719			94,831
Refined.....do				14,241			15,468			12,170			13,337
Cottonseed:													
Consumption (crush).....short tons	37,549	36,455	102,451	592,820	748,126	686,254	656,240	582,373	417,753	319,882	179,005	111,306	70,211
Receipts at mills.....do	31,492	22,332	252,834	1,258,890	1,178,322	791,036	535,511	209,533	102,577	64,086	22,439	38,851	30,893
Stocks at mills, end of mo.....do	39,783	21,926	168,145	838,379	1,274,173	1,378,955	1,258,226	885,386	570,210	314,179	157,613	85,158	45,840
Cottonseed cake and meal:													
Exports.....do	67	115	506	549	999	827	160	488	321	181	185	146	1
Production.....do	20,154	18,506	46,774	264,173	331,248	310,738	296,173	251,586	191,874	144,532	84,682	54,249	34,515
Stocks at mills, end of mo.....do	41,084	65,053	45,561	126,014	190,068	209,660	214,731	224,460	198,768	138,668	101,199	84,223	73,169
Cottonseed oil, crude:													
Production.....thous. of lb.	13,698	11,057	29,787	176,256	222,294	203,416	195,763	175,942	129,311	99,701	59,428	35,871	22,894
Stocks, end of month.....do	9,684	19,192	26,547	92,667	121,398	143,182	142,021	146,396	128,164	100,950	68,186	49,139	21,373
Cottonseed oil, refined:													
Consumption, factory (quarterly).....do				332,216			333,099			322,390			336,375
In oleomargarine.....do	9,282	7,612	7,608	9,081	10,042	10,373	12,689	13,752	12,911	14,643	14,789	12,557	10,961
Price, summer, yellow, prime (N. Y.) dol. per lb.	.092	.098	.101	.102	.099	.100	.110	.114	.110	.111	.106	.105	.100
Production.....thous. of lb.	22,386	29,637	22,725	92,306	179,721	183,558	168,381	167,362	141,777	134,254	92,139	54,025	50,105
Stocks, end of month.....do	440,947	318,873	237,220	228,764	307,369	385,250	418,087	460,448	529,781	579,427	586,597	566,704	517,334
Flaxseed:													
Imports.....thous. of bu.	2,063	117	671	1,813	1,747	2,707	1,489	1,139	3,727	4,084	2,280	3,662	2,661
Minneapolis and Duluth:													
Receipts.....do	98	255	1,539	336	703	746	484	368	178	740	99	1,346	1,125
Shipments.....do	211	291	665	318	3,466	264	310	11	11	11	9	827	516
Stocks, end of month.....do	528	285	668	783	742	709	470	501	488	541	558	773	630
Oil mills (quarterly):													
Consumption.....do				4,817			6,931			8,175			10,371
Stocks, end of quarter.....do				2,083			2,864			3,048			2,483
Price, wholesale, No. 1 (Mpls.) dol. per bu.	2.03	2.06	2.15	2.14	2.13	2.16	2.21	2.29	2.23	2.20	2.21	2.11	1.92
Production (crop est.).....thous. of bu.	8,014						5,908						
Stocks, Argentina, end of mo.....do	6,693	6,299	5,906	5,512	3,937	2,756	4,331	6,496	6,299	7,874	7,480	6,299	6,693
Linseed cake and meal:													
Exports.....thous. of lb.	67,032	20,469	24,140	32,581	37,625	40,403	56,569	35,468	40,766	61,741	61,781	74,209	70,715
Shipments from Minneapolis.....do	14,151	12,891	11,365	3,205	11,313	12,229	10,068	9,163	7,256	12,289	11,880	9,586	6,772
Linseed oil:													
Consumption, factory (quarterly).....thous. of lb.				79,705			78,114			94,981			118,260
Price, wholesale (N. Y.) dol. per lb.	.111	.100	.103	.101	.096	.093	.096	.101	.099	.104	.113	.113	.111
Production (quarterly).....thous. of lb.				91,098			131,899			156,877			206,512
Shipments from Minneapolis.....do	8,567	7,273	5,106	3,538	3,686	5,839	4,784	5,319	5,693	7,954	8,428	8,343	8,314
Stocks at factory, end of quarter.....do				98,411			117,268			137,472			142,411
Oleomargarine:													
Consumption (tax-paid withdrawals).....thous. of lb.	27,724	26,796	31,805	34,426	35,144	34,365	38,806	34,025	28,169	35,739	32,407	29,726	26,245
Price, standard, uncolored (Chicago) dol. per lb.	.135	.125	.134	.138	.140	.140	.142	.150	.150	.150	.150	.149	.140
Production.....thous. of lb.	26,215	27,695	30,351	33,711	35,586	34,209	38,773	30,956	30,638	35,994	34,349	28,741	27,945
Vegetable shortenings:													
Price, tierces (Chicago) dol. per lb.	.129	.117	.124	.125	.120	.120	.130	.137	.135	.136	.133	.129	.130
PAINTS													
Paint, varnish, lacquer, and fillers:													
Total sales of manufacturers.....thous. of dol.	34,495	33,919	33,380	33,450	34,049	28,503	29,465	30,202	29,749	37,866	44,562	43,355	39,838
Classified.....do	24,452	23,393	22,338	22,338	23,192	20,037	19,759	20,726	20,257	26,203	31,043	30,346	28,213
Industrial.....do	11,217	10,287	9,095	9,564	10,628	10,018	10,223	9,080	9,518	12,214	12,462	12,734	12,253
Trade.....do	13,234	13,106	13,243	12,774	12,564	10,019	9,536	11,646	10,739	13,989	18,581	17,612	15,960
Unclassified.....do	10,043	10,526	11,041	11,112	10,857	8,466	9,705	9,476	9,492	11,664	13,519	13,010	11,624
Plastic, cold-water paints, and calcimines:													
Sales of manufacturers:													
Calcimines.....dollars	261,462	297,878	292,071	279,193	222,965	251,068	295,405	302,414	332,591	366,049	357,143	330,144	330,144
Plastic paints.....do	49,389	50,267	47,268	41,672	35,902	33,895	32,091	34,768	51,533	65,321	63,104	62,092	62,092
Cold-water paints.....do	139,565	133,825	149,333	138,903	95,783	98,048	119,937	135,676	180,436	221,917	321,731	303,474	303,474
CELLULOSE PLASTIC PRODUCTS													
Nitro-cellulose, sheets, rods, and tubes:													
Production.....thous. of lb.	1,281	1,225	1,463	1,787	1,806	1,594	1,398	1,715	1,976	1,795	1,692	1,627	1,536
Shipments.....do	1,396	1,198	1,502	1,532	1,648	1,420	1,479	1,561	1,687	1,639	1,628	1,450	1,600
Cellulose-acetate, sheets, rods, and tubes:													
Production.....thous. of lb.	831	1,002	1,162	1,204	1,462	1,438	1,255	853	1,270	1,621	1,411	1,170	1,113
Shipments.....do	888	746	1,468	1,027	1,316	1,313	1,112	742	1,397	1,764	1,313	1,099	1,043
ROOFING													
Dry roofing felt:													
Production.....short tons	22,377	20,209	21,833	23,083	25,907	25,628	21,361	24,547	27,031	31,015	30,909	27,160	21,988
Stocks, end of month.....do	10,323	10,583	9,550	7,523	8,553	5,753	6,381	9,546	6,228	6,324	8,240	9,711	10,811
Prepared roofing shipments:													
Total.....thous. of squares	2,152	2,509	2,994	4,306	3,899	2,592	1,462	2,386	3,589	2,329	2,423	2,517	2,280
Grit roll.....do	583	637	733	1,151	998	633	327	516	774	540	521	610	619
Shingles (all types).....do	717	784	908	1,119	1,140	626	335	549	785	687	929	984	783
Smooth roll.....do	847	1,088	1,303	2,005	1,760	1,333	750	1,321	2,030	1,202	974	924	878

* Dec. 1 estimate.

* August 1 estimate.

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	July	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
ELECTRIC POWER AND GAS													
ELECTRIC POWER													
Production, total †.....mills. of kw.-hr.	10,354	9,682	9,814	9,722	10,176	9,785	10,528	10,151	9,247	10,228	9,868	9,975	10,070
By source:													
Fuels †.....do.	6,968	6,537	6,748	6,695	6,775	6,424	6,879	6,315	5,762	6,382	5,753	5,624	6,335
Water power †.....do.	3,386	3,144	3,066	3,027	3,401	3,362	3,649	3,835	3,485	3,846	4,115	4,352	3,735
By type of producer:													
Central stations †.....do.	9,838	9,121	9,254	9,178	9,641	9,182	9,910	9,556	8,690	9,626	9,293	9,442	9,543
Other producers.....do.	516	561	560	544	536	603	618	595	557	602	575	534	526
Sales to ultimate consumers, total (Edison Electric Institute).....mills. of kw.-hr.		7,519	7,723	7,910	8,093	8,000	8,154	8,359	7,973	8,217	8,270	8,114	8,327
Domestic service.....do.		1,159	1,180	1,261	1,324	1,419	1,482	1,668	1,573	1,425	1,418	1,323	1,342
Commercial—retail.....do.		1,317	1,361	1,402	1,421	1,459	1,501	1,616	1,534	1,451	1,466	1,399	1,463
Commercial—wholesale.....do.		4,362	4,487	4,540	4,574	4,315	4,298	4,258	4,115	4,553	4,672	4,727	4,889
Municipal street lighting.....do.		171	188	197	214	225	235	218	184	181	162	147	136
Railroads, electrified steam.....do.		99	97	99	110	112	124	118	95	120	111	104	98
Railroads, street and interurban.....do.		342	340	338	374	392	433	410	401	414	367	346	327
Revenues from sales to ultimate consumers (Edison Electric Institute).....thous. of dol.		167,672	169,636	175,597	179,972	183,066	187,094	194,554	183,586	177,579	177,861	174,287	178,539
GAS													
Manufactured gas: †													
Customers, total.....thousands		9,641	9,654	9,730	9,762	9,737	9,754	9,769	9,802	9,809	9,858	9,937	9,976
Domestic.....do.		9,041	9,056	9,121	9,142	9,103	9,110	9,131	9,162	9,168	9,212	9,288	9,332
House heating.....do.		125	127	139	155	165	172	161	166	158	164	166	160
Industrial and commercial.....do.		464	463	462	453	460	462	468	464	470	471	470	472
Sales to consumers.....mills. of cu. ft.		25,163	23,743	25,753	28,863	30,824	33,853	32,470	31,860	32,787	33,051	30,758	29,179
Domestic.....do.		15,967	14,939	16,682	18,156	16,335	16,502	17,373	16,443	16,993	17,191	16,858	17,522
House heating.....do.		629	484	541	1,580	4,965	7,458	6,134	6,173	5,843	5,244	3,561	1,299
Industrial and commercial.....do.		8,390	8,183	8,378	8,934	9,323	9,660	8,750	9,046	9,740	10,439	10,169	10,209
Revenue from sales to consumers.....thous. of dol.		27,121	25,748	27,824	30,213	30,700	32,425	31,967	30,724	31,379	35,502	30,766	29,908
Domestic.....do.		20,956	19,772	21,583	22,946	21,639	21,579	21,834	20,396	20,919	21,639	22,303	22,559
House heating.....do.		493	398	497	1,184	2,683	4,157	3,799	4,029	3,860	3,188	1,910	945
Industrial and commercial.....do.		5,569	5,467	5,640	5,959	6,236	6,547	6,197	6,172	6,458	6,585	6,426	6,299
Natural gas: †													
Customers, total.....thousands		6,536	6,565	6,610	6,690	6,784	6,805	6,754	6,764	6,816	6,790	6,911	6,769
Domestic.....do.		6,093	6,120	6,162	6,208	6,268	6,282	6,236	6,251	6,295	6,278	6,410	6,296
Industrial and commercial.....do.		442	444	446	480	514	521	514	512	519	510	499	472
Sales to consumers.....mills. of cu. ft.		82,166	84,735	87,869	95,107	112,410	125,409	129,312	135,179	127,633	125,832	105,168	95,285
Domestic.....do.		14,348	13,256	13,980	19,105	30,403	40,983	47,159	48,152	42,249	39,563	26,459	18,848
Industrial and commercial.....do.		67,007	70,271	72,637	74,956	80,938	83,016	80,892	85,627	83,791	84,903	77,242	75,080
Revenues from sales to consumers.....thous. of dol.		23,857	23,722	24,667	28,645	36,827	43,926	47,847	48,975	45,234	42,671	34,138	28,738
Domestic.....do.		11,597	10,992	11,456	14,330	20,501	26,328	30,088	30,525	27,162	25,194	18,702	14,536
Industrial and commercial.....do.		12,132	12,570	13,047	14,172	16,165	17,389	17,558	18,162	17,841	17,247	15,192	14,018

FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO

BEVERAGES													
Fermented malt liquors:													
Consumption (tax-paid withdrawals).....thous. of bbl.		6,450	6,671	5,938	4,985	4,249	3,640	3,831	3,056	3,140	4,507	5,155	6,004
Production.....do.		6,361	6,793	5,771	5,133	4,097	3,399	3,665	3,657	3,537	5,054	5,482	6,437
Stocks, end of month.....do.		9,244	8,507	8,122	8,082	7,722	7,819	6,945	7,407	7,660	8,345	9,098	9,570
Distilled spirits:													
Consumption, total (tax-paid withdrawals).....thous. of proof gal.		5,298	5,814	5,200	6,931	9,724	11,567	10,609	5,314	6,804	7,045	6,642	5,921
Whisky.....do.		4,121	4,559	4,279	5,952	8,202	9,643	8,907	4,528	5,779	5,835	5,450	4,519
Production, total.....do.		9,285	21,733	19,763	23,698	27,625	22,973	25,185	21,109	14,203	22,385	21,734	18,486
Whisky.....do.		7,522	19,941	17,824	19,063	20,299	18,568	22,289	19,174	12,836	20,255	19,119	15,975
Stocks, total, end of month.....do.		465,871	326,300	339,820	352,151	364,023	373,330	387,322	402,099	408,598	422,883	437,159	450,752
Whisky.....do.		447,983	315,866	328,808	341,264	352,639	361,318	374,629	388,416	394,947	408,510	421,546	445,286
Rectified spirits:													
Consumption (tax-paid withdrawals).....thous. of proof gal.		1,891	2,159	1,936	2,783	4,074	4,858	5,044	2,123	2,497	2,907	3,238	2,437
DAIRY PRODUCTS													
Butter:													
Consumption, apparent.....thous. of lb.		126,410	131,579	135,667	139,245	131,760	137,441	124,680	125,851	136,034	131,000	162,645	133,162
Price, wholesale (N. Y.), (92 score).....dol. per lb.		.32	.34	.36	.35	.33	.34	.34	.34	.36	.33	.32	.31
Production creamery (factory).....thous. of lb.		170,669	155,606	139,363	131,862	135,140	113,985	108,703	103,900	100,970	119,604	129,636	178,811
Receipts, 5 markets.....do.		61,636	54,676	44,792	44,637	47,202	39,587	39,310	37,067	36,236	42,896	44,402	57,352
Stocks, cold storage, creamery, end of month.....thous. of lb.		124,030	103,259	112,106	108,835	105,368	88,866	61,234	42,734	20,678	6,700	6,406	22,904
Cheese:													
Consumption, apparent.....do.		57,296	53,897	53,331	59,392	56,953	53,092	54,839	53,205	61,682	61,849	68,471	66,921
Imports.....do.		3,490	5,463	6,452	5,796	5,675	5,881	6,220	5,022	4,697	6,347	5,365	4,808
Price, No. 1 Amer. (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.		.18	.20	.21	.20	.19	.18	.18	.18	.18	.17	.17	.17
Production (factory).....thous. of lb.		63,922	57,693	55,399	57,738	46,786	42,629	41,599	39,622	47,553	54,448	58,297	64,707
American whole milk.....do.		50,033	44,451	43,307	44,965	33,150	29,610	27,425	27,174	32,780	38,297	51,138	64,707
Receipts, 5 markets.....do.		17,220	18,479	15,981	12,098	13,386	12,524	11,311	11,548	11,545	11,790	11,939	11,401
Stocks, cold storage, end of mo.....do.		118,302	97,403	107,542	114,990	118,907	114,706	110,400	102,112	93,114	85,216	83,096	85,008
American whole milk.....do.		100,520	80,735	90,471	98,206	102,847	98,975	95,418	88,091	80,713	73,822	70,584	71,603

† Revised.

† Revised series. Manufactured and natural gas revised for period 1929-36. For revisions see tables 20 and 21, pp. 19 and 20 of the May 1937 issue. For 1936 revisions on production of electric power, see p. 41 of the May 1937 issue.

Monthly statistics through December 1935, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may be found in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey	1937	1936						1937					
	July	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
METALS AND MANUFACTURES—Continued													
IRON AND STEEL—Continued													
Steel, Crude and Semimanufactured—Continued													
Prices, wholesale:													
Composite, finished steel.....dol. per lb.	0.0290	0.0242	0.0242	0.0241	0.0246	0.0246	0.0252	0.0257	0.0258	0.0283	0.0290	0.290	0.0290
Steel billets, rerolling (Pittsburgh).....dol. per long ton	37.00	30.00	30.00	30.40	32.00	32.00	32.40	34.00	34.00	36.40	37.00	37.00	37.00
Structural steel (Pittsburgh).....dol. per lb.	.0225	.0190	.0190	.0190	.0190	.0190	.0190	.0205	.0205	.0221	.0225	.0225	.0225
Steel scrap (Chicago).....dol. per gross ton	17.63	13.38	15.19	16.15	16.25	16.50	17.15	18.06	19.44	20.85	20.56	17.38	15.95
U. S. Steel Corporation:													
Earnings, net.....thous. of dol.				28,967			35,365			44,010			52,394
Shipments, finished products.....long tons	1,180,752	950,851	923,703	961,803	1,007,417	882,643	1,067,365	1,149,918	1,133,724	1,414,399	1,343,644	1,304,039	1,268,550
Steel, Manufactured Products													
Barrels, steel:													
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....number	767,021	499,838	427,583	456,682	343,347	351,888	800,546	826,510	623,803	722,659	516,975	419,786	836,618
Production.....do.	636,890	677,462	615,380	607,783	835,177	653,971	804,526	824,073	622,338	855,889	851,681	684,356	828,300
Percent of capacity.....do.	47.0	50.6	38.4	51.9	62.1	18.6	59.9	61.2	46.3	63.6	63.2	50.9	61.6
Shipments.....number	637,810	672,974	618,795	604,531	836,983	658,103	793,670	825,406	627,755	853,625	851,112	686,144	832,076
Stocks, end of month.....do.	18,099	23,621	20,206	23,658	21,852	17,720	28,500	27,167	21,750	24,014	24,553	22,795	19,019
Boilers, steel, new orders:													
Area.....thous. of sq. ft.	979	1,110	1,081	892	969	937	1,872	651	855	1,549	674	1,006	719
Quantity.....number	1,181	1,091	1,140	1,233	1,201	837	915	682	757	1,343	722	755	832
Furniture, steel:													
Office furniture:													
Orders:													
New.....thous. of dol.	2,008	1,511	1,517	1,587	1,841	1,734	2,227	2,444	2,079	2,601	2,788	1,916	2,325
Unfilled, end of month.....do.	1,871	918	996	1,033	1,097	1,186	1,363	1,727	1,734	1,820	2,146	1,759	1,935
Shipments.....do.	2,971	1,511	1,439	1,550	1,777	1,646	2,113	2,175	2,072	2,515	2,463	2,302	2,183
Shelving:													
Orders:													
New.....do.	564	394	448	433	436	459	670	574	599	697	728	503	570
Unfilled, end of month.....do.	533	358	386	394	395	418	426	434	404	467	552	503	534
Shipments.....do.	565	393	420	425	435	436	571	567	628	633	643	552	513
Safes:													
Orders:													
New.....do.	(*)	204	205	195	250	238	287	192	197	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Unfilled, end of month.....do.	(*)	208	204	178	194	192	228	217	186	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Shipments.....do.	(*)	205	209	220	234	240	240	203	222	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Spring washers, shipments.....do.	249	267	199	201	242	247	299	309	289	420	430	268	281
Plate, fabricated steel, new orders, total short tons	26,854	60,324	31,999	35,033	33,791	40,465	51,017	41,419	32,375	71,250	42,455	28,913	34,833
Oil storage tanks.....do.	7,726	9,968	8,604	9,446	6,632	6,368	9,320	10,665	9,041	31,239	13,186	7,271	13,628
Sheets, black, blue, galvanized, and full finished:													
Orders:													
New.....short tons	(1)	192,873	207,781	255,557	223,195	294,080	336,758	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Unfilled, end of month.....do.	(1)	263,531	237,029	287,746	281,226	372,407	456,811	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Production, total.....do.	(1)	217,651	202,456	213,706	235,057	224,031	230,581	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Percent of capacity.....do.	(1)	71.5	66.5	70.2	82.6	78.7	84.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Shipments.....short tons	(1)	213,372	197,156	204,285	223,874	212,130	244,409	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Stocks end of month, total.....do.	(1)	138,884	141,328	137,556	133,370	128,906	132,432	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Unsold stocks.....do.	(1)	72,693	79,451	71,367	69,355	62,938	59,325	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Track work, shipments.....do.	8,252	6,216	6,401	5,722	5,547	4,756	5,579	7,246	8,153	10,720	9,888	8,807	9,194
MACHINERY AND APPARATUS													
Air-conditioning equipment:													
Orders, new:													
Fan group.....thous. of dol.	1,621	1,336	1,154	983	1,078	1,044	960	1,137	1,204	1,683	1,631	1,872	1,898
Unit-heater group.....do.	812	763	871	1,013	1,624	1,279	1,141	871	711	1,023	895	758	963
Electric overhead cranes:													
Orders:													
New.....do.	638	404	539	479	416	529	1,136	883	921	1,079	1,415	751	534
Unfilled, end of month.....do.	4,469	2,085	2,208	2,275	1,908	1,999	2,472	2,893	3,427	3,994	4,674	4,666	4,507
Shipments.....do.	676	566	416	412	783	436	664	462	387	578	728	749	692
Electrical equipment. (See Nonferrous metals.)													
Exports, machinery. (See Foreign trade.)													
Foundry equipment:													
Orders:													
New.....1922-24=100.....	204.0	159.6	145.4	161.0	174.4	200.4	283.3	190.9	249.5	294.2	208.3	242.0	228.2
Unfilled, end of month.....do.	360.3	144.5	152.1	162.8	174.0	223.4	319.6	333.3	380.0	408.5	365.4	376.8	372.8
Shipments.....do.	216.5	145.7	137.2	150.5	162.9	150.9	187.1	177.2	201.8	285.6	232.5	226.2	232.1
Fuel equipment:													
Oil burners:													
Orders:													
New.....number	16,274	16,413	22,347	35,252	33,355	15,437	11,135	10,333	9,401	14,242	15,361	15,233	14,498
Unfilled, end of month.....do.	3,988	3,041	4,224	4,071	3,467	2,557	2,392	3,451	3,024	2,838	3,517	4,344	4,118
Shipments.....do.	16,404	17,450	21,164	35,405	33,959	16,347	11,300	9,274	9,828	14,428	14,682	14,406	14,724
Stocks, end of month.....do.	23,736	21,577	23,608	16,538	14,102	15,174	16,082	16,335	16,000	16,016	17,098	20,866	22,276
Pulverizers, orders, new.....do.	12	23	34	22	23	38	133	59	17	79	32	25	19
Mechanical stokers, sales: \$													
Classes 1, 2, and 3.....do.	7,249	5,952	9,123	16,139	17,909	8,687	5,513	2,899	3,121	5,326	5,868	6,580	8,482
Classes 4 and 5:													
Number.....do.	330	336	434	499	462	324	309	203	165	259	226	202	235
Horsepower.....do.	63,460	67,218	80,268	75,106	89,130	62,680	79,226	46,914	37,241	62,783	60,249	47,770	46,414
Machine tools, orders, new													
av. mo. shipments 1926=100.....	171.1	150.1	127.5	118.5	136.5	147.1	257.7	200.3	165.2	211.6	282.5	208.5	191.8
Pumps:													
Domestic, water, shipments:													
Pitcher, other hand, and windmill.....units	37,657	60,054	55,762	47,454	47,548	33,022	32,602	66,089	59,201	53,577	56,534	41,869	46,039
Power, horizontal type.....do.	1,721	1,326	1,412	826	1,306	1,330	1,134	1,242	1,349	1,382	1,478	1,721	1,689
Measuring and dispensing, shipments:†													
Gasoline:													
Hand-operated.....units	863	786	729	886	836	748	767	393	658	1,313	1,216	1,136	734
Power.....do.	16,322	9,347	8,971	9,320	8,630	8,306	9,035	8,487	8,316	10,961	13,989	14,363	18,080
Oil, grease, and other:													
Hand-operated.....do.	14,695	14,341	10,511	10,563	14,785	15,841	15,609	12,884	13,513	17,139	20,462	16,052	20,491
Power.....do.	4,011	3,282	3,704	3,331	4,620	3,242	1,956	5,672	4,729	5,346	6,824	5,252	6,574
Steam, power, centrifugal, and rotary:†													
Orders, new.....thous. of dol.	1,899	1,379	1,542	1,183	1,198	1,046	1,535	1,271	1,286	1,983	1,721	1,533	1,448

* Entire series now being revised by the National Association of Flat Rolled Steel Manufacturers. The data will be shown in the Survey when available.

† See note marked "†", on p. 50.

† Revised series. Measuring and dispensing pumps revised beginning January 1936; see p. 49 of the April 1937 issue. For steam, power, centrifugal, and rotary pumps revisions for period 1919-36, see table 15, p. 19, of the April 1937 issue.

* Data compiled on a new basis starting March 1937; revised series will be shown in a subsequent issue.

* Revised.

SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS

Monthly statistics through December 1935, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may be found in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey	1937	1936						1937					
	July	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS													
BRICK													
Common brick:													
Price, wholesale, composite, f. o. b. plant.....dol. per thous.	12, 125	11, 779	11, 775	11, 813	11, 788	11, 777	11, 818	11, 889	11, 941	11, 915	12, 030	12, 103	12, 110
Shipments.....thous. of brick	170, 135	172, 748	173, 723	189, 104	163, 246	141, 080	108, 169	113, 598	163, 801	191, 040	191, 275	185, 769	185, 769
Stocks, end of month.....do	398, 870	417, 660	419, 872	433, 730	450, 194	456, 543	444, 247	414, 723	386, 919	385, 276	401, 852	434, 942	434, 942
Face brick:*													
Shipments.....do	63, 049	58, 946	58, 797	60, 877	46, 991	36, 970	30, 042	29, 094	46, 667	58, 214	62, 086	61, 248	61, 248
Stocks, end of month.....do	264, 335	270, 048	269, 206	269, 685	276, 793	289, 657	299, 122	296, 411	297, 654	297, 426	298, 114	298, 916	298, 916
Vitrified paving brick:													
Shipments.....do	10, 920	8, 724	10, 800	11, 614	9, 738	5, 099	3, 146	3, 257	4, 038	6, 716	6, 877	9, 431	9, 431
Stocks, end of month.....do	68, 380	70, 683	71, 400	68, 319	64, 034	62, 554	61, 369	59, 133	57, 691	56, 727	60, 271	61, 114	61, 114
PORTLAND CEMENT													
Price, wholesale, composite.....dol. per bbl.	1, 667	1, 667	1, 667	1, 667	1, 667	1, 667	1, 667	1, 667	1, 667	1, 667	1, 667	1, 667	1, 667
Production.....thous. of bbl.	11, 597	11, 503	12, 599	12, 347	12, 470	10, 977	8, 971	6, 616	5, 837	8, 443	10, 402	11, 634	11, 163
Percent of capacity.....	53.1	51.3	56.2	57.1	56.0	50.9	40.3	30.4	29.6	38.6	48.8	53.2	52.8
Shipments.....thous. of bbl.	12, 237	11, 823	12, 624	12, 619	13, 089	8, 942	6, 246	4, 689	5, 163	7, 879	10, 272	11, 890	12, 645
Stocks, finished, end of month.....do	23, 371	18, 975	18, 920	18, 738	18, 079	20, 117	22, 441	24, 394	25, 059	25, 622	25, 751	25, 493	24, 011
Stocks, clinker, end of month.....do	6, 895	5, 079	4, 931	4, 838	4, 980	5, 180	5, 564	6, 160	6, 788	7, 554	7, 544	7, 540	7, 370
CLAY PRODUCTS													
Bathroom accessories:													
Production.....number of pieces	1, 195, 972	722, 763	677, 152	792, 220	938, 135	973, 750	726, 183	793, 568	652, 251	1, 077, 319	956, 547	1, 161, 382	1, 071, 120
Shipments.....do	1, 153, 450	716, 715	650, 883	747, 459	908, 603	964, 479	679, 623	768, 774	633, 059	1, 092, 424	885, 696	1, 117, 265	1, 005, 581
Stocks, end of month.....do	374, 334	431, 774	428, 162	441, 989	434, 296	427, 509	442, 507	416, 742	415, 321	397, 351	422, 837	395, 303	414, 774
GLASS PRODUCTS													
Glass containers:													
Production.....thous. of gross	4, 978	3, 544	4, 403	3, 994	4, 250	3, 880	4, 033	4, 039	3, 880	4, 198	4, 543	4, 844	4, 989
Percent of capacity.....	86.9	67.2	77.0	72.8	72.2	74.2	71.2	71.3	73.8	71.0	79.7	88.4	87.1
Shipments.....do	4, 647	4, 179	4, 346	4, 345	4, 310	3, 611	3, 675	3, 881	3, 767	4, 461	4, 375	4, 795	5, 152
Stocks, end of month.....thous. of gross	7, 259	7, 488	7, 422	7, 015	6, 828	7, 006	7, 291	7, 393	7, 459	7, 145	7, 243	7, 215	6, 991
Illuminating glassware:													
Orders:													
New and contract.....number of turns	2, 266	2, 356	2, 594	2, 899	3, 433	3, 150	2, 926	3, 515	2, 473	2, 711	2, 885	2, 907	2, 681
Unfilled, end of month.....do	2, 692	2, 474	2, 620	2, 783	3, 057	3, 102	2, 953	3, 518	2, 894	2, 503	2, 621	2, 848	2, 870
Production.....do	2, 031	2, 138	2, 154	2, 591	3, 106	3, 087	3, 354	3, 193	2, 849	3, 369	3, 278	3, 152	2, 947
Shipments.....do	2, 289	1, 996	2, 374	2, 684	3, 095	2, 980	3, 075	2, 830	2, 688	3, 119	2, 864	2, 658	2, 652
Stocks, end of month.....do	5, 038	4, 135	3, 123	3, 056	3, 103	3, 236	3, 421	3, 739	3, 935	4, 140	4, 564	4, 965	5, 260
Plate glass, production.....thous. of sq. ft.	15, 345	16, 428	18, 710	19, 553	20, 843	13, 084	7, 371	6, 373	18, 676	20, 743	21, 956	19, 437	19, 392
GYPSUM (QUARTERLY)													
Crude:													
Imports.....short tons				251, 668			248, 109			26, 542			299, 655
Production.....do				863, 234			723, 819			606, 523			897, 114
Shipments.....do				265, 849			206, 586			148, 756			256, 804
Calcined, production.....do				617, 487			523, 389			540, 500			664, 616
Calcined products, shipments:													
Board, plaster, and lath.....thous. of sq. ft.				147, 818			134, 962			149, 337			187, 896
Board, wall.....do				83, 810			82, 363			88, 382			107, 330
Cement, Keene's.....short tons				9, 776			7, 948			9, 181			10, 563
Plasters, neat, wood fiber, sanded gauging finish, etc.....short tons				421, 740			340, 463			355, 199			446, 885
For pottery, terra cotta, plate glass, mixing plants, etc.....short tons				52, 692			47, 733			51, 974			63, 427
Tile, partition.....thous. of sq. ft.				4, 946			4, 413			4, 964			4, 273
TERRA COTTA													
Orders, new:													
Quantity.....short tons	1, 105	975	1, 507	1, 120	982	1, 492	1, 372	819	3, 645	1, 060	1, 750	1, 077	916
Value.....thous. of dol.	125	110	189	134	120	128	171	103	248	127	223	140	128
TILE													
Hollow building tile:													
Shipments.....short tons	90, 521	95, 106	89, 264	92, 643	71, 919	62, 418	51, 338	51, 082	79, 793	100, 381	96, 246	85, 060	85, 060
Stocks, end of month.....do	306, 998	303, 043	309, 960	315, 242	333, 108	344, 131	354, 608	354, 210	353, 256	351, 509	359, 881	368, 866	368, 866

TEXTILE PRODUCTS

CLOTHING													
Hosiery:													
Production.....thous. of dozen pairs	9, 302	9, 983	10, 111	10, 828	11, 566	10, 716	11, 280	11, 364	11, 311	12, 116	11, 547	10, 920	11, 254
Shipments.....do	9, 381	9, 322	11, 156	12, 117	12, 235	10, 846	11, 054	9, 845	11, 474	12, 555	11, 376	9, 759	9, 936
Stocks, end of month.....do	23, 659	21, 182	20, 344	19, 263	18, 801	18, 879	19, 312	20, 974	20, 954	20, 659	20, 972	22, 277	23, 738
COTTON													
Consumption.....thous. of bales	583	607	574	630	646	627	693	678	664	779	719	669	681
Exports (excluding linters).....do	124	156	182	570	861	690	594	538	463	468	373	324	230
Ginnings (total crop to end of month indicated).....thous. of bales	143	41	1, 374	6, 031	9, 880	11, 494	11, 705	11, 957	12, 130	12, 130	12, 130	12, 130	12, 130
Imports (excluding linters).....do	19	20	13	9	10	9	16	15	23	45	28	31	36
Prices:													
To producer.....dol. per lb.	.124	.126	.122	.125	.122	.120	.123	.124	.124	.135	.137	.129	.124
Wholesale, middling (New York).....do	.124	.132	.123	.123	.123	.122	.120	.130	.131	.145	.143	.133	.128
Production (crop estimate).....thous. of bales													
Receipts into sight.....do	175	201	800	2, 950	3, 451	2, 245	12, 399	1, 190	695	622	697	519	327
Stocks, end of month:													
Domestic, total.....do	4, 098	4, 834	5, 089	7, 655	9, 431	10, 211	9, 790	8, 846	8, 022	7, 117	6, 201	5, 403	4, 642
Mills.....do	1, 290	897	752	849	1, 023	1, 792	2, 001	2, 066	2, 056	2, 080	1, 987	1, 815	1, 551
Warehouses.....do	2, 808	3, 938	4, 337	6, 806	8, 408	8, 418	7, 788	6, 779	5, 966	5, 037	4, 214	3, 588	3, 092
World visible supply, total.....do	4, 361	4, 899	4, 748	6, 378	7, 679	8, 151	8, 002	7, 812	7, 457	6, 787	6, 294	5, 596	4, 904
American cotton.....do	2, 549	3, 091	2, 986	4, 578	5, 845	6, 371	6, 038	5, 525	4, 984	4, 348	3, 858	3, 361	2, 837

* Revised.

* New series. Data on face brick shipments and stocks, compiled by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, supersede those shown in the Survey prior to the January 1937 issue. Data beginning January 1934 are shown in table 34 p. 20 of the August 1937 issue.

* Total crop.

Monthly statistics through December 1935, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey	1937	1936						1937					
	July	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
TEXTILE PRODUCTS—Continued													
COTTON MANUFACTURES													
Cotton cloth:													
Exports.....thous. of sq. yd.	14,418	18,527	24,412	14,387	15,359	12,843	13,750	14,502	15,892	20,339	16,320	17,386	15,554
Imports.....do.	10,576	4,705	5,802	7,098	8,034	9,648	15,123	15,591	19,278	22,257	23,931	15,090	10,743
Prices, wholesale:													
Print cloth, 64 x 60.....dol. per yd.	.063	.050	.059	.060	.068	.077	.080	.081	.076	.079	.076	.069	.065
Sheeting, brown, 4 x 4.....do.	.081	.072	.075	.075	.077	.080	.086	.086	.086	.089	.089	.090	.085
Finished cotton cloth: †													
Production:													
Bleached, plain.....thous. of yd.	118,956	143,808	145,397	148,115	167,411	148,811	169,520	158,507	151,363	166,600	155,279	140,063	119,672
Dyed, colors.....do.	88,355	123,516	132,642	139,298	147,464	124,446	140,508	136,493	122,232	135,560	125,154	108,888	92,190
Dyed, black.....do.	6,959	9,135	11,082	7,740	10,437	7,107	8,416	7,595	6,415	6,677	7,172	7,729	6,555
Printed.....do.	86,089	106,182	109,283	111,118	128,227	122,237	134,003	135,817	120,758	130,393	120,262	104,410	88,294
Stocks, end of month:													
Bleached, dyed colors and dyed black													
Printed.....thous. of yd.	278,425	184,649	208,818	237,240	231,751	243,369	253,413	248,338	250,148	260,013	262,864	276,273	280,983
Spindle activity:													
Active spindles.....thousands.	24,392	23,252	23,434	23,514	23,638	23,806	24,090	24,365	24,536	24,639	24,728	24,659	24,556
Active spindle hrs., total.....mills. of hrs.	7,665	7,855	7,573	8,088	8,328	7,997	8,679	8,587	8,353	9,698	9,165	8,548	8,595
Average per spindle in place.....hours.	284	279	270	289	298	288	313	315	308	359	340	317	319
Operations.....pct. of capacity.	121.9	119.8	115.8	125.8	123.3	129.9	134.5	137.7	144.8	148.3	146.7	137.7	137.0
Cotton yarn:													
Prices, wholesale:													
22/1, cones (Boston).....dol. per lb.	.293	.295	.301	.303	.304	.311	.341	.347	.344	.364	.363	.336	.311
40/1, southern spinning.....do.	.439	.426	.430	.444	.448	.452	.483	.513	.482	.482	.490	.479	.452
RAYON AND SILK													
Rayon:													
Deliveries, index:													
Unadjusted.....1923-25=100.	505	614	633	537	504	538	562	536	543	517	520	530	518
Adjusted.....do.	664	808	588	387	475	611	662	547	476	488	500	552	648
3-mo. moving average.....do.		672	594	483	494	553	607	561	500	488	513	566	621
Imports.....thous. of lb.	1,788	1,242	2,441	2,072	1,113	1,513	1,540	1,494	2,095	2,467	4,240	2,917	2,389
Price, wholesale, 150 denier, "A" grade (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.	.63	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.63	.63	.63
Stocks, producers, end of mo.													
no. of months' supply.....	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Silk:													
Deliveries (consumption).....bales.	31,399	38,658	42,016	45,709	43,093	40,401	41,627	44,198	38,484	39,034	40,561	35,278	35,783
Imports, raw.....thous. of lb.	4,015	4,763	6,315	6,900	6,953	7,214	7,275	7,413	6,472	5,026	5,742	5,148	5,521
Price, wholesale, raw, Japanese, 13-15 (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.	1.940	1.714	1.791	1.698	1.756	1.935	1.968	2.051	1.993	2.012	1.975	1.848	1.827
Stocks, end of month:													
Total visible supply.....bales.	141,094	145,439	156,125	155,253	157,500	165,713	180,114	160,944	152,808	146,331	142,382	140,802	130,256
United States (warehouses).....do.	41,494	30,139	29,825	29,553	30,300	40,713	44,414	50,544	49,408	41,731	40,882	41,302	45,556
WOOL													
Consumption of scoured wool: †													
Apparel class.....thous. of lb.	20,510	24,785	23,030	21,477	25,861	23,927	27,851	28,814	25,722	26,328	28,982	22,862	20,045
Carpet class.....do.	7,903	9,058	8,539	9,207	11,880	9,937	11,355	12,802	12,814	12,511	12,842	10,350	9,571
Imports, unmanufactured.....do.	19,302	16,079	17,546	19,639	23,550	25,548	29,037	46,890	46,292	48,528	38,201	29,990	28,518
Operations, machinery activity:													
Combs													
percent of active hours to total reported.....	84	93	106	95	97	109	123	116	123	124	122	113	101
Looms:													
Carpet and rug.....do.	50	47	56	61	66	64	67	64	72	74	70	68	65
Narrow.....do.	32	38	43	41	46	42	52	56	59	58	54	52	45
Broad.....do.	73	69	73	66	72	82	94	97	100	97	92	93	89
Spinning spindles:													
Woolen.....do.	79	91	97	88	90	96	100	105	111	104	98	100	93
Worsted.....do.	57	61	68	65	74	83	92	88	89	87	82	82	73
Prices, wholesale:													
Raw, territory, fine, scoured.....dol. per lb.	1.00	.89	.89	.89	.90	.98	1.06	1.11	1.07	1.05	1.08	1.04	1.00
Raw, Ohio and Penn., fleeces.....do.	.43	.39	.38	.38	.39	.43	.49	.52	.50	.45	.46	.42	.43
Suiting, unfinished worsted, 13 oz. (at factory).....dol. per yd.	2.079	1.745	1.634	1.634	1.652	1.782	1.955	1.955	2.005	2.030	2.079	2.079	2.079
Women's dress goods, French serge, 54" (at mill).....dol. per yd.	1.213	1.114	1.114	1.074	1.064	1.101	1.139	1.151	1.188	1.188	1.207	1.213	1.213
Worsted yarn, 32's, crossbred stock (Boston).....dol. per lb.	1.41	1.29	1.28	1.26	1.25	1.34	1.47	1.49	1.50	1.46	1.45	1.45	1.43
Receipts at Boston, total.....thous. of lb.	38,904	66,708	21,694	16,156	15,478	20,280	18,911	28,062	38,618	34,730	25,322	37,978	53,149
Domestic.....do.	36,186	64,300	20,101	13,153	12,060	15,515	6,139	5,126	2,407	7,745	10,697	23,340	41,315
Foreign.....do.	2,718	2,408	1,592	3,004	3,418	4,766	12,772	23,476	36,212	26,985	14,625	14,638	11,833
Stocks, scoured basis, end of quarter, total													
thous. of lb.				126,846			129,204			120,526			141,850
Woolen, total.....do.				44,574			45,763			46,315			48,234
Domestic.....do.				35,350			35,223			31,751			33,039
Foreign.....do.				9,224			10,540			14,564			15,195
Worsted, total.....do.				82,272			83,441			74,211			93,616
Domestic.....do.				65,161			44,484			26,940			64,840
Foreign.....do.				17,111			38,957			47,271			28,776
MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS													
Buttons, fresh-water pearl:													
Production.....pct. of capacity.	30.5	42.6	55.2	56.0	61.0	62.2	66.3	58.4	64.7	64.1	63.2	60.4	49.0
Stocks, end of month.....thous. of gross.	7,002	7,690	7,660	7,550	7,461	7,395	7,349	6,725	6,612	6,465	6,505	6,746	7,002
Fur, sales by dealers.....thous. of dol.	3,007	3,433	3,575	2,808	2,297	2,850	3,941	3,983	4,444	5,228	4,839	4,855	3,223
Pyroxylin-coated textiles (artificial leather):													
Orders, unfilled, end of mo. thous. linear yd.	3,024	2,460	2,612	2,668	2,410	2,684	3,633	4,110	4,731	5,167	4,414	2,876	2,886
Pyroxylin spread.....thous. of lb.	4,317	4,656	5,375	6,087	6,081	5,321	5,648	5,965	6,498	7,803	7,156	5,555	4,958
Shipments, billed.....thous. linear yd.	4,121	4,501	4,972	5,232	5,408	5,094	5,495	5,618	5,806	7,412	6,706	5,727	5,018

† Preliminary.

* Revised.

† Revised series. For revised data on total visible supply of silk for period July 1930-December 1936, see table 11, p. 20, of the February 1937 issue. Data on finished cotton cloth, revised beginning 1934; see table 31, p. 19 of the August 1937 issue.

‡ Data for July and October 1936, January, April, and July, 1937 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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	July	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT—Continued													
RAILWAY EQUIPMENT—Continued (U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)													
Exports of locomotives, total.....number.....	5	8	3	2	7	3	9	4	3	2	11	3	3
Electric.....do.....	1	0	2	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
Steam.....do.....	4	8	1	2	6	2	6	4	3	2	11	3	2
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC TRUCKS AND TRACTORS													
Shipments, total.....number.....	164	113	125	112	124	111	129	152	142	141	162	162	153
Domestic.....do.....	158	110	115	101	113	103	122	146	131	135	156	158	149
Exports.....do.....	6	3	10	11	11	8	7	6	11	6	6	4	4
SHIPBUILDING													
United States:													
Vessels under construction, all types.....thous. gross tons.....		213	221	210	201	223	248	237	281	323	342	380	366
Steam and motor.....do.....		132	109	159	151	153	180	163	190	225	243	276	266
Unrigged.....do.....		81	52	51	50	70	68	73	91	98	99	103	99
Vessels launched, all types.....gross tons.....		3,911	9,999	23,282	24,007	12,298	24,048	22,100	4,060	18,018	7,178	8,675	15,014
Powered:													
Steam.....do.....		0	0	9,300	7,451	9,874	16,614	17,571	0	0	0	725	0
Motor.....do.....		475	1,441	0	810	250	297	0	0	10,017	140	0	10,146
Unrigged.....do.....		3,436	8,558	13,982	15,746	2,174	7,137	4,529	4,060	8,001	7,038	7,950	4,868
Steel.....do.....		3,436	9,758	23,282	24,007	12,095	24,048	22,100	4,060	17,793	7,178	8,675	15,014
Vessels officially numbered, all types.....gross tons.....	23,738	15,949	14,118	5,953	44,091	31,871	44,737	36,591	66,628	186,673	54,020	17,308	54,693
Steel.....do.....	14,306	11,407	3,992	2,857	33,423	22,607	14,879	20,791	17,557	24,765	10,022	6,876	20,798
World (quarterly):													
Launched:													
Number.....ships.....				258			253			195			269
Tonnage.....thous. gross tons.....				516			684			479			720
Under construction:													
Number.....ships.....				581			618			703			815
Tonnage.....thous. gross tons.....				2,111			2,251			2,452			2,883

CANADIAN STATISTICS

Physical volume of business:†													
Combined index.....1926=100.....	126.5	110.8	113.5	120.0	121.5	118.0	118.4	116.9	115.0	118.7	124.0	122.0	126.0
Industrial production:													
Combined index.....do.....	130.9	112.0	115.8	123.9	125.5	121.7	121.1	119.4	117.7	122.4	128.8	126.1	130.6
Construction.....do.....	48.7	43.7	37.9	44.5	44.0	42.7	40.8	37.7	45.5	53.0	85.7	56.4	64.0
Electric power.....do.....	233.7	215.8	212.4	211.0	216.3	215.6	219.3	223.5	225.3	237.7	239.3	232.3	239.6
Manufacturing.....do.....	127.2	109.5	114.8	126.5	129.0	125.5	123.1	122.8	116.4	115.4	120.3	122.3	125.1
Forestry.....do.....	139.2	124.2	121.9	128.2	132.4	133.0	150.4	149.9	138.1	138.0	138.0	133.6	142.5
Mining.....do.....	215.3	169.0	180.8	171.7	163.0	157.2	168.5	156.8	170.1	161.1	185.2	191.4	201.3
Distribution:													
Combined index.....do.....	113.6	107.3	106.9	108.5	109.9	107.4	110.6	109.8	107.2	107.9	110.2	110.4	112.5
Carloadings.....do.....	85.8	79.3	79.5	81.6	78.0	74.4	85.0	79.4	77.7	80.6	80.2	79.5	78.5
Exports (volume).....do.....	108.1	107.9	117.5	108.7	115.8	109.1	107.6	107.4	97.9	89.0	106.3	108.0	121.3
Imports (volume).....do.....	97.5	85.7	79.0	85.3	96.6	93.7	93.5	93.3	84.4	85.0	99.0	90.8	99.6
Trade employment.....do.....	133.8	127.8	127.2	129.1	130.2	129.0	129.5	131.1	130.5	131.3	130.4	132.8	133.5
Agricultural marketings:													
Combined index.....do.....	45.7	77.5	117.6	116.6	90.3	72.7	51.0	42.0	31.4	37.3	62.3	53.1	29.3
Grain.....do.....	26.6	74.8	124.5	120.1	89.9	67.9	40.1	29.6	17.9	24.5	56.5	46.7	10.7
Livestock.....do.....	131.0	89.2	86.9	100.9	92.2	94.0	99.6	97.2	91.7	94.7	88.6	81.5	123.6
Commodity prices:													
Cost of living.....do.....	83.0	80.4	81.0	81.1	81.1	81.4	81.7	81.6	81.7	82.0	82.2	82.8	82.7
Wholesale prices.....do.....	87.5	74.3	76.2	76.4	77.1	77.2	79.7	81.3	82.9	85.5	86.1	85.1	84.6
Employment (first of month):													
Combined index.....do.....	119.1	104.6	105.6	107.1	110.1	111.0	110.1	103.8	104.1	102.8	103.0	106.3	114.3
Construction and maintenance.....do.....	128.5	97.4	102.9	109.0	103.9	99.6	80.1	61.2	57.2	52.8	53.7	71.4	105.2
Manufacturing.....do.....	119.0	104.7	104.9	105.9	109.0	107.7	107.0	102.4	105.3	107.6	110.8	113.8	117.9
Mining.....do.....	153.6	134.1	137.9	140.2	147.9	151.8	150.3	145.6	147.6	145.8	146.0	147.4	151.9
Service.....do.....	137.5	131.7	135.8	137.5	127.4	124.9	122.4	124.8	119.1	118.9	122.7	125.2	129.0
Trade.....do.....	133.4	127.3	126.3	126.3	129.6	132.0	136.0	136.9	128.4	126.1	127.5	128.4	131.5
Transportation.....do.....	89.4	87.1	98.7	89.4	88.3	87.1	86.5	81.4	80.7	79.6	79.5	85.1	86.7
Finance:													
Banking:													
Bank debits.....mills. of dol.....	2,721	2,894	2,619	3,134	3,328	3,303	3,405	3,228	2,732	3,190	3,376	2,769	2,892
Interest rates.....1926=100.....	73.1	72.0	71.2	69.9	72.2	71.8	69.7	70.4	74.3	78.5	77.9	74.5	72.9
Commercial failures.....number.....		104	87	88	94	94	102	82	92	85	83		
Life insurance, new paid for ordinary.....thous. of dol.....	32,364	31,396	23,547	26,090	29,402	36,710	34,146	27,699	30,604	31,998	32,919	31,858	37,658
Security issues and prices:													
New bond issues, total.....do.....	109,763	70,692	26,791	177,870	124,665	51,018	94,279	207,282	100,539	81,355	46,292	158,364	105,033
Bond yields.....percent.....	3.50	3.45	3.41	3.35	3.46	3.44	3.34	3.37	3.56	3.76	3.73	3.57	3.49
Common stock prices.....1926=100.....	133.0	114.3	114.7	119.5	126.9	131.8	129.2	137.4	142.4	147.2	136.2	132.2	129.4
Foreign trade:													
Exports, total.....thous. of dol.....	100,142	84,968	93,530	89,582	113,003	122,866	99,407	83,416	75,691	89,359	66,907	101,577	108,857
Imports.....do.....	71,996	53,821	50,258	52,983	65,159	66,169	52,996	51,883	48,681	70,990	56,886	76,707	75,669
Exports:													
Wheat.....thous. of bu.....	8,603	25,913	21,157	20,720	26,917	33,309	20,428	9,789	5,362	4,749	3,618	8,027	12,180
Wheat flour.....thous. of bbl.....	335	445	388	378	404	409	475	314	348	390	286	349	390
Railways:													
Carloading.....thous. of cars.....	219	203	222	251	263	220	206	192	186	214	208	210	214
Financial results:													
Operating revenues.....thous. of dol.....	27,301	28,637	33,103	33,840	29,034	30,108	25,140	24,710	23,691	29,458	29,257	28,253	25,649
Operating expenses.....do.....	25,335	26,026	25,574	24,700	22,160	22,579	22,890	22,199	24,352	24,479	25,199	25,649	25,649
Operating income.....do.....	890	1,615	6,609	8,255	5,884	6,355	1,146	1,451	1,451	3,106	3,857	2,901	1,466
Operating results:													
Freight carried 1 mile.....mills. of tons.....	2,242	2,684	3,055	3,266	2,376	2,161	2,053	1,936	2,209	2,362	2,104	1,832	1,655
Passengers carried 1 mile.....mills. of pass.....	195	183	165	127	107	169	131	132	161	131	144	165	165
Production:													
Electrical energy, central stations:													
Pig iron.....mills. of kw.-hr.....	2,188	2,021	2,020	2,042	2,380	2,262	2,326	2,319	2,147	2,412	2,323	2,301	2,253
Steel ingots and castings.....thous. of long tons.....	80	35	39	52	70	74	68	66	62	71	68	78	78
Wheat flour.....do.....	123	69	80	86	98	99	104	115	112	125	121	121	119
Wheat flour.....thous. of bbl.....	1,087	1,301	1,363	1,516	1,701	1,459	1,090	1,009	1,000	1,099	1,052	900	1,001

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