**Survey of Current Business**

**The 1920s**

**Business Conditions After the Great War**

### Consumables

Oleomargarine, coffee, cigars, leather shoes, rubber tires, and automobile sales accelerate. Ten-cent store F.W. Woolworth Co. reports monthly sales of $11.6 million in August 1921.

Find more Survey history at [www.bea.gov/scb/centennial/decades/1920s.htm](http://www.bea.gov/scb/centennial/decades/1920s.htm)

### Stock Market

New York Stock Exchange monthly reports range from an “abundance of money to be had at comparatively low rates” in 1922 to “a substantial decline” in brokers’ loans in 1929.

### Factory Wages

Pittsburgh steelworkers earn 36 cents an hour in September 1922. Such factory employment data are collected from 1,428 firms in 1923, then consolidated into 50 manufacturing industries in 1929.

### Farm Prices

Twelve crops are featured in 1921. Crops are reorganized into categories as the list expands. In 1929, farmers earn $31.03 per ton of cottonseed and $1.35 per bushel of potatoes.