# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WASHINGTON <br> SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS 

## OCTOBER, 1926

No. 62


## COMPILED BY

## BUREAU OF THE CENSUS BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE BUREAU OF STANDARDS

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

In addition to figures given from Government sources, there are also incorporated for completeness of service figures from other sources generally accepted by the trades, the authority and responsibility for which are noted in the "Sources of Data" on pages 152-155 of the A ugust semiannual issue

Subscription price of the Survey of Current Business is $\$ 1.50$ a year; single copies (monthly), 10 cents; semia nual issues, 25 cents. Foreign subscriptions, $\$ 2.25$; single copies (monthly issues), including postage, 14 cents; semi innuat issues, 36 cents. Subscription price of Commerce Reports is $\$ 4$ a year; with the SURvey, $\$ 5.50$ a year Make remittances only to Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., by postal money order, express order, or New York draft. Currency at sender's risk. Postage stamps or foreign money not accepted

## INTRODUCTION

The Survey of Current Business is designed to present each month a picture of the business situation by setting forth the principal facts regarding the various lines of trade and industry. At semiannual intervals detailed tables are published giving, for each item, monthly figures for the past two years and yearly comparisons, where available, back to 1913; also blank lines sufficient for six months have been left at the bottom of each table enabling those who care to do so to enter new figures as soon as they appear (see issue for August, 1926, No. 60). In the intervening months the more important comparisons only are given in the table entitled "Trend of business movements."

## ADVANCE SHEETS

Realizing that current statistics are highly perishable and that to be of use they must reach the business man at the earliest possible moment, the department has arranged to distribute advance leaflets every week to subscribers in the United States. The leaflets are usually mailed on Tuesdays and give such information as has been received during the preceding week. The information contained in these leaflets is also reprinted in "Commerce Reports," issued weekly by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The monthly bulletin is distributed as quickly as it can be completed and printed.

## BASIC DATA

The figures reported in the accompanying tables are very largely those already in existence. The chief function of the department is to bring together these data which, if available at all, are scattered in hundreds of different publications. A portion of these data are collected by Government departments, other figures are compiled by technical journals, and still others are reported by trade associations.

## RELATIVE NUMBERS

To facilitate comparison between different items and render the trend of a movement more apparent, relative numbers (often called "index numbers," a term referring more particularly to a special kind of number described below) have been calculated. The relative numbers enable the reader to see at a glance the general upward or downward tendency of a movement which can not so easily be grasped from the actual figures.

In computing these relative numbers the last prewar year, 1913, or in some instances a five-year average, 1909-1913, has been used as a base equal to 100 wherever possible.

The relative numbers are computed by allowing the monthly average for the base year or period to equal 100. If the movement for a current month is greater than the base, the relative number will be greater than 100 , and vice versa. The difference between 100 and the relative number will give at once the per cent increase or decrease compared with the bise period. Thus a relative number of 115 means an increase of 15
per cent over the base period, while a relative number of 80 means a decrease of 20 per cent from the base.

Relative numbers may also be used to calculate the approximate percentage increase or decrease in a movement from one period to the next. Thus, if a relative number at one month is 120 and for a later month it is 144 there has been an increase of 20 per cent.

In many instances comparable figures for the prewar years are not available, and in such cases the year 1919 has usually been taken as the base. For some industries 1919 can not be regarded as a proper base, due to extraordinary conditions in the industry, and some more representative period has been chosen. In many cases relative numbers of less importance have been temporarily omitted.

Most of the relative numbers appear in a special section of the semiannual issues, as in Tables 111 to 131 of the August, 1926, number, thus allowing easy comparison on a pre-war base for all items for which relatives could be computed.

## INDEX NUMBERS

When two or more series of relative numbers are combined by a system of weightings the resulting series is denominated an index number. The index number, by combining many relative numbers, is designed to show the trend of an entire group of industries or for the country as a whole, instead of for the single commodity or industry which the relative number covers. Comparisons with the base year or with other periods are made in the same manner as in the case of relative numbers.

## RATIO CHARTS

In many instances the charts used in the SURvey of Current Business are of the type termed "Ratio Charts" (logarithmic scale), notably the Business Indicator charts on page 2. These charts show the percentage increase and allow direct comparisons between the slope of one curve and that of any other curve regardless of its location on the diagram; that is, a 10 per cent increase in an item is given the same vertical movement whether its curve is near the bottom or near the top of the chart.

The difference between this and the ordinary form of a chart can be made clear by an example. If a certain item, having a relative number of 400 in one month, increases 10 per cent in the following month, its relative number will be 440 , and on an ordinary chart would be plotted 40 equidistant scale points higher than the preceding month, Another movement with a relative number of, say, 50 also increases 10 per cent, making its relative number 55 . On the ordinary (arithmetic) scale this item would rise only 5 equidistant points, whereas the previous item rose 40 points, yet each showed the same percentage increase. The ratio charts avoid this difficulty and give to each of the two movements exactly the same vertical rise and hence the slopes of the two lines are directly comparable. The ratio charts compare percentage changes, while the arithmetic charts compare absolute changes.

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WASHINGTON <br> SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS 

Compiled by
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS : : BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE : : BUREAU OF STANDARDS

No. 62
OCTOBER
1926

## CONTENTS



## PRELIMINARY SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Business activity in September continued to register gains over the corresponding period of last year, according to preliminary figures covering the first three weeks of the month. Larger production of bituminous coal, beehive coke and petroleum was recorded than a year ago, while lumber output showed a decline. New contracts awarded for building construction showed little change from the level of a year ago.

Receipts of wheat were on about the same level as last year, while cotton receipts were running smaller. Receipts of cattle were larger than in August, 1925, while hog receipts showed a decline. Wool receipts at Boston were running lower than last year.

Wholesale prices were stronger than in July, but were still below the levels of a year ago, with cotton 11529-26 $\dagger$ - 1
prices showing a decline from both periods and iron and steel prices, an increase.

Check payments, indicative of the general volume of trade, were larger in September than a year ago. Distribution of goods, as seen from figures on carloadings, was higher than at any time on record. Interest rates, both on call loans and time funds, averaged higher than in either the previous month or September, 1925. The Federal reserve ratio averaged lower than in August, but was on about the same level as a year ago. Loans and discounts of Federal reserve member banks reached their highest since these figures became available. Stock prices showed little change from the previous month but were higher than a year ago. Business failures were less numerous than in either the previous month or September, 1925.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS: 1920-1926

[ Ratio charts-see explanations on inside front cover. The curve on bank debits has been adjusted for normal se asonal variations and that on manafacturing produetion for the varying number of working days in the month|


## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS

The following table gives comparative relative numbers for a selected list of important business movements. It is believed that this table will prove useful, because it segregates from the large mass of material a comparatively small number of items which are often regarded as indicative of business in general.

The table has been divided into two parts, the first containing those items for which relative numbers can be calculated, using 1913 as a base. The second part contains items for which comparable data back to 1913 are not available. This latter group of relative numbers is calculated by letting the 1919 monthly average equal 100 . Care should therefore be exercised in comparing the absolute value of the two sets of data. In either group, however, the upward or downward trend of the relative numbers, compared to previous months, does reflect the present tendency in each item and will give a basis for business judgment.

| ITEM | montely average |  |  |  |  |  | 1925 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1926 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1920 | 1321 | 1022 | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 |  | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. |
|  | 1913 monthly average $=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pig iron. | 120 | 54 | 87 | 130 | 101 | 118 | 104 | 104 | 106 | 108 | 118 | 118 | 127 | 130 | 114 | 134 | 135 | 136 | 126 | 126 | 125 |
| Steel ingots. | 135 | 64 | 114 | 144 | 122 | 146 | 127 | 122 | 136 | 138 | 154 | 155 | 158 | 164 | 151 | 178 | 163 | 156 | 149 | 145 | 159 |
| Copper. | 99 | 38 | 80 | 120 | 128 | 136 | 136 | 133 | 132 | 132 | 138 | 131 | 135 | 138 | 132 | 147 | 143 | 143 | 139 | 140 | 140 |
| Cement (shipments) | 108 | 107 | 131 | 153 | 164 | 177 | 237 | 245 | 248 | 240 | 207 | 137 | 94 | 77 | 79 | 129 | 175 | 243 | 259 | 254 | 251 |
| Anthracite coal. | 98 | 99 | 58 | 104 | 99 | 68 | 102 | 109 | 113 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 27 | 115 | 108 | 106 | 117 | 111 | 108 |
| Bituminous coal. | 119 | 87 | 85 | 118 | 101 | 109 | 93 | 99 | 113 | 117 | 133 | 127 | 132 | 135 | 117 | 116 | 101 | 98 | 105 | 109 | 116 |
| Electric energy (gross revenue sales) | 283 | 312 | 349 | 407 | 434 | 470 | 421 | 419 | 429 | 450 | 495 | 535 | 558 | 578 | 559 | 545 | 537 | 514 | 499 | 495 | ..... |
| Crude petroleum. | 178 | 189 | 224 | 295 | 287 | 304 | 322 | 325 | 323 | 313 | 311 | 297 | 294 | 288 | 264 | 293 | 290 | 302 | 298 | 313 | 321 |
| Cotton (consumption) | 105 | 97 | 109 | 117 | 99 | 115 | 106 | 104 | 96 | 104 | 117 | 117 | 124 | 125 | 122 | 136 | 124 | 111 | 111 | 99 | 108 |
| Beel. | 119 | 113 | 126 | 130 | 133 | 139 | 127 | 145 | 135 | 144 | 173 | 137 | 152 | 139 | 120 | 136 | 137 | 139 | 150 | 136 | 140 |
| Pork. | 113 | 117 | 130 | 160 | 151 | 128 | 136 | 107 | 96 | 97 | 122 | 127 | 162 | 168 | 127 | 136 | 120 | 119 | 136 | 129 | 118 |
| Unfilled orders: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States Steel Corporation_ | 170 | 90 | 96 | 102 | 68 | 73 | 63 | 60 | 59 | 63 | 70 | 78 | 85 | 83 | 78 | 74 | 65 | 61 | 59 | 61 | 60 |
| Stocks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crude petroleum ${ }^{1}$ | 143 | 171 | 265 | 311 | 369 | 290 | 296 | 294 | 289 | 287 | 284 | 283 | 278 | 278 | 274 | 274 | 273 | 271 | 268 | 265 | 263 |
| Cotton (total). | 155 | 198 | 153 | 125 | 111 | 129 | 61 | 45 | 56 | 130 | 185 | 216 | 237 | 226 | 213 | 192 | 168 | 143 | 119 | 98 | 85 |
| Prices: 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wholesale index. | 226 | 147 | 149 | 154 | 150 | 159 | 157 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 158 | 158 | 156 | 156 | 155 | 152 | 151 | 152 | 152 | 151 | 149 |
| Retail food.- | 203 | 153 | 142 | 146 | 146 | 145 | 155 | 160 | 160 | 159 | 162 | 167 | 166 | 164 | 162 | 160 | 162 | 161 | 160 | 157 | 156 |
| Retail coal, bituminous | 207 | 197 | 188 | 190 | 169 | 167 | 158 | 159 | 160 | 163 | 170 | 179 | 179 | 179 | 179 | 170 | 168 | 161 | 160 | 160 | 162 |
| Farm products. | 205 | 116 | 124 | 135 | 134 | 147 | 148 | 149 | 152 | 144 | 143 | 144 | 143 | 143 | 143 | 140 | 140 | 139 | 139 | 135 | 132 |
| Business finances: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Defaulted liabilities | 108 | 229 | 228 | 197 | 198 | 162 | 161 | 151 | 163 | 134 | 129 | 157 | 160 | 191 | 150 | 134 | 169 | 147 | 129 | 130 | 123 |
| Price 25 industrial stocks. | 184 | 136 | 169 | 185 | 198 | 262 | 248 | 256 | 272 | 280 | 298 | 305 | 305 | 309 | 309 | 272 | 249 | 253 | 268 | 280 | 296 |
| Price 25 railroad stocks. | 67 | 64 | 75 | 72 | 81 | 99 | 96 | 97 | 101 | 102 | 102 | 107 | 111 | 111 | 109 | 105 | 104 | 106 | 111 | 113 | 116 |
| Banking: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clearings, New York City_ | 257 | 205 | 230 | 226 | 264 | 300 | 305 | 297 | 256 | 276 | 329 | 298 | 342 | 344 | 272 | 356 | 329 | 297 | 307 | 302 | 275 |
| Clearings, outside.....- | 275 | 212 | 230 | 276 | 284 | 315 | 317 | 323 | 293 | 313 | 353 | 319 | 348 | 341 | 288 | 339 | 324 | 316 | 329 | 334 | 304 |
| Commercial paper interest rate | 134 | 118 | 80 | 90 | 71 | 73 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 76 | 80 | 79 | 79 | 79 | 75 | 78 | 76 | 72 | 70 | 72 | 78 |
| Distribution: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports (value). | 294 | 140 | 177 | 212 | 201 | 236 | 218 | 218 | 228 | 234 | 250 | 252 | 266 | 279 | 260 | 297 | 266 | 215 | 226 | 227 | 225 |
| Exports (value). | 331 | 181 | 154 | 168 | 185 | 198 | 156 | 164 | 184 | 203 | 237 | 216 | 226 | 192 | 170 | 181 | 187 | 172 | 163 | 178 | 186 |
| Sales, mail-order | 264 | 188 | 204 | 259 | 284 | 327 | 271 | 248 | 255 | 309 | 464 | 396 | 473 | 336 | 322 | 357 | 344 | 299 | 309 | 284 | 286 |
| Transportation: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Freight, net ton-miles............................ | 137 | 105 | 115 | 139 | 131 | 139 | 131 | 139 | 153 | 151 | 161 | 149 | 139 | 138 | 130 | 141 | 133 | 146 | 144 | 153 |  |
|  | 1910 monthly average $=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lumber ${ }^{3}$ | 102 | 86 | 117 | 133 | 129 | 141 | 151 | 141 | 154 | 153 | 157 | 140 | 127 | 113 | 130 | 146 | 142 | 148 | 148 | 139 | 144 |
| Building contracts | 72 | 69 | 102 | 106 | 108 | 138 | 143 | 145 | 166 | 155 | 148 | 146 | 137 | 117 | 90 | 150 | 155 | 153 | 142 | 125 | 141 |
| Stocks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beef. | 66 | 42 | 29 | 32 | 34 | 34 | 26 | 21 | 19 | 17 | 20 | 31 | 36 | 34 | 33 | 30 | 25 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 18 |
| Pork. | 98 | 83 | 70 | 91 | 90 | 82 | 96 | 89 | 76 | 59 | 46 | 45 | 56 | 67 | 74 | 78 | 76 | 74 | 78 | 86 | 84 |
| Business finances: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bond prices (40 issues).- | 86 | 87 | 107 | 104 | 108 | 112 | 114 | 112 | 111 | 111 | 111 | 112 | 112 | 114 | 115 | 115 | 116 | 117 | 117 | 117 | 116 |
| Banking: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Debits outside New York City. | 114 | 91 | 95 | 107 | 108 | 121 | 123 | 123 | 113 | 119 | 137 | 121 | 137 | 134 | 114 | 133 | 128 | 122 | 128 | 135 | 118 |
| Federal ReserveBills discounted. | 132 | 91 | 28 | 39 | 19 | 26 | 24 | 24 | 30 | 33 | 30 | 32 | 39 | 23 | 28 | 33 | 27 | 24 | 27 | 27 | 32 |
| Total reserves. | 97 | 122 | 144 | 146 | 146 | 134 | 135 | 134 | 132 | 131 | 132 | 131 | 129 | 135 | 133 | 133 | 135 | 136 | 136 | 137 | 135 |
| Ratio.. | 80 | 122 | 154 | 152 | 160 | 149 | 153 | 154 | 149 | 144 | 144 | 142 | 134 | 149 | 147 | 146 | 151 | 151 | 150 | 152 | 148 |

[^0]
## WEEKLY BUSINESS INDICATORS

[Sce table on page 5]
WEEKLY AVERAGE, 1922 - $1924=100$ ————ISHER'S INDEX, WEEKLY AVERAGE $9923-1924=100$


WEEKLY BUSINESS INDICATORS ${ }^{1}$
All data are given as relative to the weekly average for 1922 to 1924 as 100 , except wholesale prices, which are based on 1923 to 1924 average

| Week ENDING 2 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Beehive coke pro- } \\ & \text { duction } \end{aligned}$ | Petroleum produc- |  |  |  |  | Recelpts of cattle |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Price of iron and } \\ & \text { steel (composite) } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1925 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July | 81.0 | 90.0 | 52.6 | 118.0 | 95.0 | 142.5 | 59.9 | 13.6 | 101.0 | 65.1 | 103.5 | 89.8 | 91.1 |  | 114.4 | 129.4 | 121.2 | 92.3 |
| Jaly 11 | 95.2 | 98.6 | 56.6 | 118.0 | 108.0 | 124.0 | 91.4 | 13.6 | 100.6 | 69.3 | 103.8 | 91.7 | 91.1 | 128.5 | 113.6 | 116.6 | 100.0 | 77.1 |
| 18 | 98.8 | 108.1 | 55.7 | 116.0 | 111.1 | 132.0 | 93.3 | 24.3 | 106. 4 | 77.0 | 104.6 | 92.1 | 91.1 | 132.5 | 113.7 | 120.4 | 97.0 | 101.0 |
|  | 102.9 | 107.1 | 54.8 | 115.8 | 113.2 | 134.6 | 140.5 | 26.8 | 100.3 | 64.3 | 104. 5 | 95.5 | 91.1 | 127.6 | 113.3 | 119.9 | 100.0 | 106.0 |
| Aug. | 104. 2 | 113.3 | 53.5 | 115.9 | 114.7 | 202.6 | 165.9 | 40.0 | 104.8 | 67.8 | 104.8 | 94.0 | 91.1 | 129.3 | 113.1 | 107.1 | 100.0 | 89.3 |
| Aug. 8 | 109.8 | 112.4 | 53.9 | 117.3 | 115.6 | 168.0 | 143.9 | 31.9 | 109.0 | 63.5 | 105. 1 | 92.8 | 91.1 | -136. 6 | 113.8 | 120.1 | 106.1 | 90.1 |
|  | 113.0 | 115.7 | 53.9 | 116.1 | 117.1 | 179.4 | 122.2 | 45.5 | 117.4 | 62.1 | 104. 6 | 89.8 | 91.1 | 139.0 | 114.4 | 109.5 | 97.0 | 79.4 |
| 22 | 115.9 | 120. 0 | 63.2 | 116.3 | 118.7 | 194.4 | 108.1 | 71.9 | 119.0 | 57.7 | 103.4 | 89.4 | 91.1 | 135.8 | 114. 4 | 114.6 | 100.0 | 92.5 |
|  | 122.6 | 115.7 | 72.4 | 116.0 | 123.6 | 153.8 | 108.3 | 116.6 | 114.8 | 61.5 | 103.9 | 86.4 | 90.6 | 137.4 | 114.4 | 105. 9 | 106.1 | 86.3 |
| Sept. | 119.3 | 117.6 | 72.8 | 117.3 | 121.2 | 152.4 | 136.0 | 177.9 | 113.8 | 62.8 | 103.2 | 85.7 | 90.6 | 137.4 | 115.3 | 111.5 | 100.0 | 82.3 |
| 12 | 110.0 | 112.4 | 73.2 | 116.9 | 107.2 | 97.7 | 158.1 | 197.0 | 89.7 | 56.8 | 103.0 | 90.6 | 90.9 | 139.0 | 115.0 | 95.3 | 106.1 | 70.2 |
| 19 | 119.9 | 119.0 | 75.0 | 116.9 | 120.7 | 162.3 | 170.4 | 244.3 | 109.6 | 61.8 | 103.6 | 92.5 | 90.9 | 140.7 | 116.3 | 128.1 | 100.0 | 89.1 |
|  | 125.3 | 115.7 | 77.2 | 115.5 | 123.2 | 136.0 | 180.6 | 279.1 | 122.8 | 62.0 | 103.1 | 90.2 | 91.0 | 138.2 | 116.6 | 122.3 | 118.2 | 89.6 |
| Oct. 3 | 121.3 | 114.8 | 82.0 | 114.9 | 122.3 | 234.8 | 149.0 | 311.9 | 142.8 | 78.1 | 102.3 | 87.5 | 91.1 | 125.2 | 118.3 | 126.9 | 121. 2 | 87.3 |
| 10 | 128.7 | 116.7 | 89.0 | 114.9 | 121.6 | 132.0 | 113.4 | 309.4 | 156. 6 | 73.4 | 101.7 | 83.4 | 91.1 | 130.1 | 118.2 | 138.7 | 112.1 | 90.5 |
| 17 | 129.7 | 114.8 | 99.1 | 114.2 | 121.6 | 117.6 | 90.7 | 337.4 | 155.9 | 70.7 | 102.0 | 81.9 | 91.1 |  | 118. 6 | 118.0 | 100.0 | 83.8 |
| 24 | 133.2 | 116.7 | 98.2 | 113.3 | 123.3 | 130.6 | 74.6 | 327.7 | 149.5 | 70.6 | 101.7 | 82.3 | 91.5 |  | 118.7 | 137.5 | 103.0 | 30.6 |
|  | 137.5 | 116.7 | 114.5 | 113.2 | 120.0 | 157.8 | 81.0 | 325.1 | 143.7 | 80.6 | 102.9 | 74.7 | 92.4 | 138.2 | 118.9 | 122.4 | 121.2 | 92.8 |
| Nov. | 134.1 | 114.8 | 128.1 | 112.8 | 116.9 | 175. 8 | 95.8 | 323.8 | 136.7 | 85.0 | 103.3 | 79.2 | 93.6 | 136.6 | 120.0 | 131.8 | 112. 1 | 88.1 |
| 14 | 134.0 | 112.4 | 129.4 | 111.8 | 115.5 | 141. 5 | 86.5 | 288.5 | 124.4 | 87.5 | 103.4 | 78.9 | 94.3 | 138.2 | 119.9 | 114.4 | 109.1 | 102.7 |
| 21 | 138.8 | 113.8 | 124.6 | 112.5 | 116.3 | 147.2 | 104.5 | 289.8 | 119.0 | 97.6 | 103.6 | 78.5 | 94.5 | 137.4 | 119.9 | 145.8 | 112.1 | 109.0 |
|  | 127.8 | 100.2 | 128.5 | 112.1 | 101.5 | 104.3 | 104. 7 | 285.1. | 88.7 | 79.0 | 104.2 | 80.8 | 94.6 | 140.7 | 119.4 | 124.4 | 121.2 | 95.3 |
| Dec. | 141.8 | 108. 1 | 130.7 | 111.9 | 112.2 | 181. 4 | 117.3 | 293.6 | 123.5 | 110.0 | 105. 1 | 78. 5 | 95.3 |  | 119.8 | 124.7 | 121.2 | 105.0 |
| 12 | 142.2 | 110.5 | 127.6 | 111.2 | 110.9 | 142.1 | 116.3 | 283.0 | 125.1 | 110.2 | 103.6 | 74.3 | 95.2 | 143.9 | 120.2 | 123.9 | 124.2 | 107. 5 |
| 19 | 139.8 | 111.4 | 137.3 | 110.5 | 106.4 | 142.3 | 104. 1 | 242.6 | 119.3 | 102.8 | 102.7 | 73. 2 | 95.2 |  | 120.4 | 141.4 | 124.2 | 112.7 |
|  | 92.9 | 72.9 | 114.5 | 109.8 | 77.1 | 110.2 | 74.4 | 206.8 | 65.3 | 70.6 | 102.9 | 74.7 | 95.2 |  | 120.8 | 133.6 | 142.4 | 83.1 |
| 1926 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. 2 | 117.5 | 56.7 | 128.5 | 108.2 | 81.5 | 152.3 | 41.6 | 174.0 | 71.4 | 97.2 | 103.8 | 78.1 | 95.5 | 152.8 | 121.8 | 109.8 | 145.5 | 93.0 |
| Jan. 9 | 143.5 | 81.4 | 127.2 | 107.7 | 99.7 | 131.8 | 75.7 | 132.8 | 103.9 | 122.7 | 103.8 | 78.5 | 95.5 | 153.7 | 121.3 | 153.2 | 97.0 | 137.3 |
| 16 | 144.0 | 94.3 | 136. 4 | 106.8 | 103.0 | 119.2 | 63.0 | 112.3 | 105.1 | 112.5 | 103.4 | 79.6 | 95.5 | 152.8 | 120.2 | 129.8 | 109.1 | 142.5 |
| 23. | 136.9 | 101.9 | 150.4 | 105.7 | 101.3 | 182.7 | 55.9 | 119.6 | 102.2 | 94.7 | 103.7 | 78.9 | 95.3 | 152.8 | 120.0 | 135.2 | 97.0 | 127.6 |
| 30. | 138.4 | 103.8 | 148.7 | 103.8 | 101.7 | 115.5 | 53.0 | 106.0 | 83.3 | 102.0 | 104.0 | 78.5 | 94.9 | 148.8 | 119.3 | 124.0 | 109.1 | 128. 4 |
| Feb. | 134.0 | 108. 1 | 161.0 | 104.5 | 100.6 | 93.2 | 51.9 | 101.3 | 87.8 | 94.4 | 104.0 | 78.5 | 94.9 | 156.1 | 119.6 | 132.4 | 112.1 | 128.9 |
| 13 | 132.3 | 110.5 | 158.8 | 104.3 | 100.8 | 77.0 | 48.9 | 97.9 | 85.5 | 93.7 | 103.3 | 78.5 | 94.9 | 148.8 | 119.8 | 123.3 | 118.2 | 94.8 |
| 20 | 126.8 | 108. 1 | 154.8 | 104.3 | 102.4 | 102.8 | 60.8 | 87.7 | 78.8 | 79.0 | 102.0 | 78.5 | 94.7 | 145.5 | 119.4 | 121.7 | 115.1 | 118.9 |
|  | 120.0 | 107. 1 | 140.4 | 105.6 | 100.3 | 146.7 | 40.6 | 71.1 | 82.3 | 80.9 | 101. 3 | 75.1 | 94.7 | 147.2 | 119.2 | 107.7 | 127.3 | 104.0 |
| Mar. 6 |  | 109.5 | 115.8 |  | 106.0 | 106.4 | 45.7 |  | 81.0 | 90.1 | 100.3 | 73.6 | 94.7 | 139.0 | 119.8 | 143.5 | 112.1 | 120.4 |
| 13 | 117.8 | 111.4 | 115.4 | 106. 1 | 106.3 | 119.6 | 36.6 | 65.5 | 83.3 | 82.9 | 99.9 | 74.0 | 94.7 | 137.4 | 119.0 | 121.7 | 103.0 | 122.1 |
| 20 | 113.1 | 114.8 | 115.4 | 105. 8 | 107.4 | 167.0 | 42.1 | 68.1 | 85.9 | 85.6 | 100.1 | 72.8 | 94.6 | 142.3 | 119.3 | 133.6 | 103.0 | 97.5 |
|  | 106.0 | 118.1 | 109.7 | 106.0 | 106.4 | 157.1 | 42.1 | 71.5 | 88.4 | 78.6 | 98.8 | 72.8 | 94.6 | 130.1 | 119.3 | 122.2 | 118.2 | 110.2 |
| Apr. 3 | 99.6 | 116.7 | 102.6 | 106.7 | 102.0 | 165.1 | 31.4 | 57.4 | 69.8 | 59.9 | 98.9 | 73.2 | 94.6 |  | 120.2 | 124.0 | 115.1 | 98.5 |
| Apr. 10 | 103.8 | 115.7 | 100.0 | 106. 7 | 102.2 | 207.4 | 39.4 | 51.9 | 74.3 | 68.9 | 98.2 | 72.8 | 93.8 |  | 119.4 | 133. 1 | 97.0 | 99.8 |
| 17 | 102.5 | 119.0 | 102.2 | 106. 4 | 106. 1 | 184.9 | 33.6 | 48.1 | 82.0 | 74.8 | 98.8 | 72.5 | 93.8 | 136.6 | 118.9 | 126.2 | 109.1 | 108.2 |
| 24 | 102.1 | 118.1 | 100.0 | 107.2 | 107.0 | 128.6 | 42.4 | 43.0 | 88.7 | 74.6 | 98.5 | 71.3 | 93.6 | 142.3 | 118.7 | 129.6 | 84.8 | 117.9 |
| May | 100.5 | 111.4 | 92.1 | 109.1 | 109.4 | 165.2 | 41.9 | 49.4 | 99.0 | 78.7 | 97.9 | 71.3 | 93.4 | 134.1 | 119.3 | 117.3 | 93.9 | 122.6 |
| 8 | 99.6 | 109.5 | 93.0 | 109.3 | 109.5 | 166. 4 | 42.3 | 43.4 | 98.1 | 74.5 | 98.5 | 72.5 | 93.4 | 135.8 | 119.8 | 134.2 | 93.9 | 100.3 |
| 15 | 102.4 | 111.4 | 89.3 | 109.6 | 113.2 | 147.2 | 37.3 | 44.3 | 87.1 | 66. 5 | 99.2 | 71.7 | 93.3 | 137.4 | 119.4 | 119.7 | 90.9 | 104. 2 |
| 22 | 102.3 | 112.4 | 92.5 | 108.9 | 114.2 | 190.0 | 43.4 | 39.6 | 86.8 | 72.1 | 99.6 | 70.9 | 92.8 | 134.1 | 118.9 | 125.6 | 97.0 | 102.7 |
| 29. | 106.7 | 113.8 | 85.1 | 110.3 | 118.8 | 168.3 | 58.2 | 40.4 | 95.8 | 78.7 | 99.4 | 71.3 | 92.5 | 135.0 | 118.7 | 118.8 | 97.0 | 108.0 |
| June | 95.4 | 105.2 | 85.5 | 110.1 | 104.0 | 124.5 | 44.3 | 36.6 | 95.5 | 75.7 | 98.9 | 70.9 | 92.1 | 120.3 | 119.4 | 117.0 | 100.0 | 84.8 |
| 12 | 106. 0 | 112.4 | 86.0 | 110.4 | 116.5 | 150.9 | 44.7 | 34.0 | 92.9 | 92.0 | 100.1 | 68.7 | 91.7 | 126.8 | 118.9 | 121.4 | 97.0 | 94.0 |
| 19 | 104. 7 | 114.8 | 80.7 | 110.3 | 114.7 | 134.3 | 42.3 | 27.2 | 94.2 | 75.7 | 99.2 | 69.4 | 91.5 | 125. 2 | 120.2 | 129.8 | 90.9 | 99.5 |
| 26. | 108.5 | 109.5 | 82.0 | 110.8 | 116.8 | 150.6 | 68.3 | 18.3 | 85.9 | 71.4 | 99.0 | 70.2 | 91.5 | 117.9 | 119.3 | 123.0 | 103.0 | 99.5 |
| July 3 | 104.5 | 105. 2 | 71.5 | 111.7 | 117.9 | 125. 6 | 106.0 | 20.4 | 96.5 | 72.1 | 97.9 | 69.1 | 91.8 | 109.8 | 120.9 | 126.8 | 115.1 | 92.3 |
| 10 | 91.5 | 84.8 | 77.2 | 111.5 | 99.0 | 158.2 | 166.1 | 14. 5 | 90.0 | 70.7 | 98.2 | 72.1 | 91.8 |  | 120.3 | 130.3 | 109.1 | 76.1 |
| 17 | 111.4 | 107. 1 | 79.8 | 112.6 | 119.1 | 162.8 | 171. 6 | 22.1 | 104. 2 | 67.1 | 97.9 | 70.2 | 91.7 | 120.3 | 119.8 | 129.3 | 103.0 | 88.1 |
| 24. | 111.8 | 103.8 | 74.6 | 113.5 | 119.3 | 134. 1 | 232.0 | 22.1 | 94.9 | 70.9 | 97.1 | 71.3 | 91.7 | 117.1 | 119.6 | 129.9 | 97.0 | 89.3 |
| $\cdot 31$ | 116.1 | 109.5 | 77.2 | 116.0 | 121.2 | 197.3 | 309.6 | 28.1 | 94.2 | 68.2 | 96.4 | 72.5 | 91.5 | 118.7 | 119.6 | 116.1 | 106.1 | 98.8 |
| Aug. 7 | 111.8 | 110.5 | 72.8 | 117.4 | 119.1 | 121.5 | 284.0 | 25.1 | 75.6 | 70.9 | 96.2 | 71.3 | 91.5 | 113.0 | 120.4 | 127.2 | 109.1 | 93.3 |
| 14 | 117.1 | 111.4 | 71.5 | 118.5 | 121.7 | 152.1 | 225.0 | 48.5 | 99.0 | 67.1 | 96.0 | 67.2 | 91.5 | 111.4 | 120.7 | 116.8 | 109. 1 | 92.3 |
| 21. | 116.0 | 110.5 | 80.3 | 119.0 | 119.7 | 151.8 | 167.9 | 59.1 | 102.9 | 67.9 | 95.9 | 68.7 | 91.5 | 110.6 | 120.3 | 122.8 | 109.1 | 90.1 |
| 28. | 123.6 | 113.3 | 79.4 | -119.4 | 124.9 | 197.7 | 131.1 | 67.7 | 103.9 | 59.9 | 96.5 | 72.1 | 91.5 | 110.6 | 120. 4 | 113.0 | 115.1 | 91.0 |
| Sept 4 | 121.3 | 109.5 | 80.7 | 120.4 | 126.6 | 145.0 | 155.1 | 112.8 | 124.1 | 60.9 | 96.2 | 70.6 | 91.5 | 108.1 | 121.3 | 112.7 | 115.1 | 93.8 |
| 11. | 113.0 | 99.5 | 79.8 | 119.7 | 113.3 | 193.4 | 146. 6 | 126.0 | 121.9 | 60.7 | 96.7 | 69.8 | 91.4 | 108.9 | 121.5 | 101.7 | 121.2 | 74.4 |
| 18. | 126.0 | 109.5 | 86.4 | 119.1 | 130.5 | 162.1 | 141.2 | 216.2 | 134.1 | 64.2 | 9.96 | 64.5 | 91.9 | 111.4 | 122.5 | 127.4 | 121.2 | 81.3 |
| 25. |  | 111.4 |  | 119.0 |  | 180.2 | 117.1 | 275.7 | 141.5 | 60.4 | 96.3 | 57.4 | 92.1 | 111.4 | 122.0 | 131.3 | 127.3 | 83.6 |
| Oct. 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 355.7 |  |  | 96.6 | 54.0 | 92.0 |  |  |  | 133.3 | 82.8 |

[^1]
## WHOLESALE PRICE COMPARISONS

Note.-Prices to producer on farm products and market price of wool are from U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics: nonferrous metal from the Engineering and Mining Journal-Press. All other prices are from U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. As far as possible all quotations represent prices to producer or at mill. See diagram on page 6.

| COMmOdities | Unit | actual price (dollars) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { PER CENT } \\ \text { INCREASE }(+) \text { OR } \\ \text { DECREASE }(-) \end{gathered}$ |  | Relative phtce <br> (1913 average $=100$ ) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July, } \\ & \text { 1926 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { August, } \\ & 1926 \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{1925}{\text { August, }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { August, } \\ \text { 1926 from } \\ \text { July, } \\ 1926 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { August, } \\ \text { 1926 from } \\ \text { August, } \\ 1925 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July, } \\ & 1926 \end{aligned}$ | August, | August, |
| FARM PRODUCTS-AVERAGE PRICE TO PRODUCERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wheat. | Bushel. | 1.277 | 1. 251 | 1. 504 | -2.0 | -16.8 | 161 | 158 | 190 |
| Corn | Bushel. | . 715 | . 795 | 1. 065 | +11.2 | -25.4 | 116 | 129 | 172 |
| Potatoes | Bushel.....- | 1.746 | 1. 405 | 1. 554 | -19.5 | -9.6 | 292 | 235 | 260 |
| Cotton.- | Pound....- | . 154 | - 161 | . ${ }^{234}$ | +4.5 | $-31.2$ | 1128 | 134 | 195 |
| Cottonseed | Ton.-..... | 31.31 <br> .0846 | 29.73 | 36.63 .0658 | -5.0 -2.4 | -18.8 -4.4 | 144 109 | 136 107 | 168 112 |
| Hogs. | Pound.: | . 1269 | . 1166 | . 1219 | -8.1 | -4.3 | 169 | 155 | 163 |
| Lambs. | Pound. | . 1152 | . 1112 | . 1180 | -3.5 | -5.8 | 189 | 182 | 193 |
| FARM PRODUCTS-MARKET PRICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wheat, No. 1, northern spring (Chicago) | Bushel....- | 1.53 | 1.42 | 1.64 | -7.2 | -13.4 | 168 | 156 | 186 |
| Wheat, No. 2 red, winter (Chicago) | Bushel..... | 1. 44 | 1.37 | 1. 68 | $-4.9$ | -18.5 | 146 | 138 | 170 |
| Corn, contract grade No. 2, cash (Chicago) | Bushel -.--- | . 80 | . 81 | 1. 05 | +1.3 | -22.9 | 129 | 129 | 168 |
| Oats, contract grades, cash (Chicago) | Bushel..... | . 42 | . 40 | . 42 |  | -4.8 | 111 | 108 | 110 |
| Barley, fair to good, malting (Chicago) | Busbel...-. | . 72 | . 65 | . 81 | -9.7 | -19.8 | 115 | 104 | 129 |
| Rye, No. 2, cash (Chicago) | Bushel. | 1.04 | 1.01 | 1.07 | -2.9 | $-5.6$ | 163 | 159 | 168 |
| Tobacco, burley, good leaf, dark red (Louisville) | Cwt- | 21. 00 | 21. 00 | 25. 00 | 0.0 | $-16.0$ | 159 | 159 | 189 |
| Cotton, middling upland (New York) | Pound | . 187 | . 187 | . 238 | 0.0 | -21.4 | 146 | 146 | 186 |
| Wool, $1 / 4$ bloodcombing, Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces (Boston) | Pound. | . 43 | . 44 | . 51 | $+2.3$ | -13.7 | 172 | 176 | 204 |
| Cattle, steers, good to choice, corn fed (Chicago) | Cwt | 9.42 | 8.98 | 12.08 | -4.7 | -25.7 | 111 | 106 | 142 |
| Hogs, heavy (Chicago) -- | Cwt | 12.98 | 11. 85 | 13. 13 | -8. 7 | -9.7 | 155 | 142 | 157 |
| Sheep, ewes (Chicago) | Cwt | 5. 88 | 5.87 | 6. 40 | $-0.2$ | -8. 3 | 125 | 125 | 137 |
|  | Cwt. | 14.26 | 13.95 | 14.60 | $-2.2$ | $-4.5$ | 183 | 179 | 187 |
| FOOD |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Flour, standard patents (Minneapolis) | Barrel. | 8.98 | 7,95 | 8.83 | -11.5 | $-10.0$ | 196 | 173 | 193 |
| Flour, winter straights (Kansas City) | Barrel | 6.81 | 6. 74 | 7.57 | -1.0 | -11.0 | 177 | 175 | 194 |
| Sugar, $96^{\circ}$ centrifugal (New York) | Pound | . 042 | . 042 | . 044 | 0.0 | -4.5 | 119 | 121 | 124 |
| Sugar, granulated, in barrels (New York)... | Pound. | . 056 | .055 | . 054 | -1.8 | +1.9 | 130 | 130 | 125 |
| Cottonseed oil, prime summer yellow (New York) | Pound | .15 | . 13 - | . 11 | -13.3 | +18.2 +13 | 209 | 179 | 156 |
| Beef, fresh carcass good native steers (Chicago) | Pound | . 162 | . 160 | . 185 | $-1.2$ | -13.5 | 125 | 124 | 143 |
| Beef, fresh steer rounds No. 2 (Chicago) | Pound | . 175 | . 170 | . 188 | 0.0 | -9.6 | 130 | 130 | 143 |
| Pork, smoked hams (Chicago) .-........ | Pound. | . 351 | . 329 | . 298 | $-6.3$ | +10.4 | 211 | 198 | 180 |
| CLOTHING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton yarns, carded, white, northern, mule spun, 22-1 cones (Boston).... | Pound....- | . 344 | . 363 | . 423 | +5.5 | -14.2 | 139 | 147 | 171. |
| Cotton-print cloth, 27 inches, $64 \times 60-381 \hat{1}^{\prime \prime \prime}-5.35-\mathrm{yards}$ to pound.......... | Yard....... | . 073 | . 076 | . 095 | +4.1 | -20.0 | 137 | 144 | $179^{*}$ |
| Cotton sheeting, brown 4/4 Trion (New York) -- | Yard. | . 089 | . 092 | . 104 | +3.4 | -11.5 | 144 | 150 | 170 |
| W orsted yarns, $2 / 32$ 's crossbred stock, white, in skein (Boston) | Pound | 1.40 | 1. 40 | 1. 65 | 0.0 | $-15.2$ | 180 | 180 | 212 |
| Women's dress goods, French, 35-36 inches at mills, serge -..-- ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - | Yard. | ${ }^{.73}$ | . 73 | . 80 | 0.0 | -8.7 | 232 | 232 | ${ }_{23}^{254}$ |
| Suitings, wool, dyed blue, $55-56$ inches, 16 -ounce Middlesex (N. Y.) | Yard | 3. 29 | 3. 29 | 3.60 | 0.0 | -8.6 | $\stackrel{213}{15}$ | 213 | 233 |
| Silk, raw, Japanese, Kansai No. 1 (New York) -------.---...- | Pound | 5. 78 | 5. 98 | 6. 47 | +3.5 | $-7.6$ | 159 | 164 | 178 |
| Hides, green salted, packer's heavy native steers (Chicago) | Pound-...- | . 142 | . 149 | . 176 | +4.9 | $-15.3$ | 77 | 81 | 96 113 |
| Hides, caliskins, No. 1, country, 8 to 15 pounds (Chicago). | Pound ---- | . 172 | . 178 | . 213 | $+3.5$ | -16.4 | 91 | 94 | 113 |
| Leather, chrome calf, dull or bright "B" grades (Boston) | Square foot | . 45 | . 45 | . 46 | 0.0 | $-2.2$ | ${ }_{91}^{167}$ | ${ }_{91}^{167}$ | 171 103 |
| Leather, sole, oak, scoured backs, heavy (Boston) - .-...-- | Pair | $\stackrel{.41}{6}$ | - 611 40 | - 6 6 | 0.0 | $-10.9$ |  | 91 |  |
| Boots and shoes, men's black caff, blucher (Massachusetts) Boots and shoes, men's dress welt tan call (St. Louis).---. | $\xrightarrow{\text { Pair.- }}$ | 6. 40 4.85 | 6. 40 4.85 | 6. 5.15 5. | 0.0 | 0.0 -5.8 | 206 153 | ${ }_{153}^{206}$ | 206 163 |
| FUEL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coal, bituminous, mine-run lump (Cincinnati) | Short ton- | 3.39 | 3.39 | 3.39 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 154 | 154 | 154 |
| Coal, anthracite, chestnut (New York tidewater). | Long ton--- | 11. 48 | 11. 47 | 11. 16 | -0.1 | +2.8 | 216 | 216 | 210 |
| Coke, Connellsville (range of prompt and future) furnace-at ovens | Short ton.- | 2. 94 | 3. 14 | 3. 19 | +6.8 | -1.6 | 121 | 129 | ${ }^{131}$ |
| Petroleum, crude, Kansas-Oklahoma-at wells......------................... | Barrel.-.--- | 2. 050 | 2. 050 | 1.720 | 0.0 | $+19.2$ | 219 | 219 | 184 |
| METALS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pig iron, foundry No. 2, northern (Pittsburgh) | Long ton..- | 19.45 | 19. 26 | 20.26 | $-1.0$ | -4.9 | 122 | 120 | 127 |
| Pig iron, basic, valley furnace.................. | Long ton... | 17.63 | 17. 50 | 18. 00 | $-0.7$ | -2.8 | 120 | 119 | 122 |
| Steel billets, Bessemer (Pittsburgh) --.......... | Long ton... | 35. 00 | 35. 00 | 35. 00 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 131 | 136 | 136 |
| Copper ingots, electrolytic, early delivery (New York)...-.................... | Pound..... | . 1392 | . 1417 | . 1449 | +1.8 | -2.2 | 91 | 93 | 95 |
| Lead, pig, desilverized, for early delivery (New York) | Pound --.--- | . 0850 | . 0891 | . 0919 | +4.8 | -3.0 | 195 | 204 | 210 |
| Tin, pig, for early delivery (New York)........... | Pound....- | . 6137 | -6388 | . 5665 | $\underline{+4.1}$ | +12.8 | 1313 | 144 | 128 138 |
| Zinc, slab, western (St. Louis).- | Pound.. | . 0741 | . 0738 | . 0758 | -0.4 | $-2.6$ | 135 | 134 | 138 |
| BUILDING MATERIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lumber, pine, southern, yellow flooring, $1 \times 4$, "B" and better (Hattiesburg district) | M feet....- | 43.17 | 42.89 | 45.31 | -0.6 | -5.3 | 187 | 186 | 197 |
| Lumber, Douglas fir, No. 1 , commons is, $1 \times 810$ (Washington) | M feet...... |  |  | 17. 50 |  |  |  |  | 190 |
| Brick, common red, domestic building (New Yorr) .-...--...--.........- | Thousand.. | 17.00 | 17.00 | 15.37 | 0.0 | $+10.6$ | 259 | 259 | 234 |
| Cement, Portland, net without bags to trade, f. o. b., plant (Chicago district) | Barrel. | 1.65 | 1.65 | 1.75 | 0.0 | -5.7 | 163 | 163 | 173 |
| Steel beams, mill (Pittsburgh) --...-. | Cwt... | 1.95 | 1.95 | 1.93 | 0.0 | +1.0 | 129 | 129 | 128 |
| Rubber, Para, Island, fine (New York) | Pound.-.-. | . 335 | . 337 | . 663 | +0.6 | -49.2 | 42 | 42 | 82 |
| Sulphuric acid $66^{\circ}$ (New York) | Cwt........ | . 75 | . 75 | . 70 | 0.0 | +7. 1 | 75 | 75 | 70 |

PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON AND UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION'S UNFILLED ORDERS [August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


COMPARISON OF AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION AND NEW BUIIDING CONTRACTS
[August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


LOCOMOTIVE SHIPMENTS AND UNFILLED ORDERS
[Aucust, 1926, is latest month plotted]


## BUSINESS SUMMARY

[Index and relative numbers based on the 1919 monthly average as 100 -except unfiled orders which are based on the 1920 average-enable comparisons to be made of the relative condition of the several phases of business. The use of index and relative numbers is more fully explained on the inside front cover, and details of this summary are given in the table entitled "Indexes of Business," beginning on page 23]

|  | yearly average |  |  | 1925 |  |  | 1926 |  |  | $\underset{\text { Prer cent increase }}{\text { OREREASE }(-)}(+)$ or decrease (-) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | June | July | August | June | July | August | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { August, } 1926 \\ \text { July, } 1926 \end{array}\right\|$ | August, 1926 from August, 1925 |
| Production: <br> Manufacturing ( 64 commodi-ties-Adjusted) | 119 | 113 | 125 | 129 | 128 | 122 | 131 | 127 | 136 | +7. 1 | +11.5 |
| Raw materials, total------------- | 114 | 119 | 116 | 94 | 99 | 116 | 99 | 116 | 122 | +5.2 | +5.2 |
| Minerals | 136 | 126 | 132 | 139 | 145 | 151 | 144 | 1.50 | 156 | +4.0 | +3.3 |
| Animal product | 117 | 117 | 113 | 120 | 111 | 107 | 121 | 115 | 111 | $-3.5$ | +3.7 |
| Crops- | 102 | 118 | 111 | 55 | 69 | 106 | 63 | 103 | 114 | $+10.7$ | $+7.5$ |
| Forest produ | 121 | 119 | 126 | 134 | 126 | 132 | 128 | 119 | 124 | +4.2 | -6. 1 |
| Electric power- | 144 | 152 | 169 | 160 | 165 | 168 | 181 | 182 | 189 | +3.8 | +12.5 |
| Building (awards-floor space).- | 106 | 108 | 138 | 143 | 145 | 166 | 142 | 125 | 141 | +12.8 | -15.1 |
| Stocks ( 45 commodities; seasonal adjustment) | 119 | 135 | 145 | 143 | 133 | 142 | 162 | 166 | 183 | +10.3 | $+28.9$ |
| Sales (based on value): <br> Mail-order houses (4 houses) | 99 | 105 | 118 | 102 | 87 | 89 | 107 |  | 98 | 0.0 |  |
| Ten-cent chains (5 chains) -- | 165 | 185 | 209 | 187 | 183 | 195 | 204 | 206 | 204 | 0.0 -1.0 | +10.1 +4.6 |
| Wholesale trade.------- | 83 | 82 | 84 | 83 | 83 | 87 | 84 | 82 | 87 | +6. 1 | 0.0 |
| Department stores (359 stores)-- | 124 | 125 | 131 | 126 | 95 | 98 | 138 | 99 | 105 | +6.1 | $+7.1$ |
| Prices (recomputed to 1919 base) : Producers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Producers', farm products-- | 65 | 64 | 70 | 71 | 71 | 73 | 67 | 65 | 62 | -3. 1 | $-13.7$ |
| Wholesale, all commodities | 75 | 73 | 77 | 76 83 | 78 | 78 | 74 | 73 | 72 | -1.4 | $-7.7$ |
|  | 78 94 | 78 95 | 84 98 | 83 97 | 86 98 | 86 98 | 86 97 | 84 97 | 84 96 | 0.0 -1.0 | -2.3 |
| Check payments ( 141 cities-Seasonal adjustment) | 103 | 110 | 127 | 126 | 127 | 125 | 131 | 138 | 136 | -1.4 | $+8.8$ |
| Factory employment (1919 base).-. | 93 | 84 | 84 | 83 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 83 | 84 | +1.2 | -1. 2 |
| Transportation: <br> Net freight ton-mile operation | 115 | 108 | 115 | 108 | 115 | 126 | 119 | 126 |  |  |  |
| Car loadings (monthly total) - | 119 | 116 | 122 | 114 | 142 | 124 | 118 | 150 | 127 | -15.3 | $+2.4$ |
| Net available car surplus (end of mo.) | 25 | 139 | 146 | 186 | 160 | 98 | 514 | 120 | 98 | $-18.3$ | f. 0 |

${ }^{1}$ See p. 28, Jan., 1925, issue (No. 41), for details of adjustment.

## COURSE OF BUSINESS IN AUGUST

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

Industrial activity in August, after adjustment for differences in working time, reached the highest point on record, showing advances of 7 per cent and 12 per cent, respectively, over the preceding month and the same month of 1925 . The output of raw materials was larger in August than in either the previous month or the same month of last year. The volume of new building contracts measured in floor space, although 15 per cent smaller than a year ago, showed an advance of 13 per cent over the preceding month. Unfilled orders for manufactured commodities, principally iron and steel and building materials, were also smaller than last year, but higher than in July Commodity stocks were held in larger quantities at the end of August than at the end of the previous month or the same month last year, after adjustment for seasonal variations due to increased stocks of raw foodstuffs.
Prices paid to producers of farm products averaged lower than in either the previous month or August, 1925, and wholesale prices recorded similar declines. Retail food prices, although showing no appreciable
change from the previous month, were lower than last year, while the index of living costs was lower than in either period.

Factory employment advanced, both over the previous month and the same month of 1925 , with factory payrolls showing a greater relative gain over both periods. Check payments, indicative of the general dollar volume of trade, after adjustment for seasonal conditions, were lower than in July but 9 per cent higher than last year.

Retail trade, as reported by mail-order houses, ten-cent chains and department stores, showed substantial gains over last year. Primary trade in the principal wholesale lines was seasonably larger than in July but showed no change from a year ago.

More goods moved into consumption, as seen from data on car loadings, than in August, 1925, with no shortage of freight cars. Stock prices continued to average higher, while interest rates showed increases over both the preceding month and the same month of last year. Business failures, although more numerous than last year, represented smaller defaulted liabilities.

## SUMMARY OF INDEXES OF BUSINESS

## PRODUCTION

The output of raw materials, embracing minerals, animal products, crops and forest products, registered an advance in August, both as compared with the previous month and the same month of 1925 . Mineral production showed an increase of 3 per cent over both comparative periods, the principal increases over July occurring in the output of bituminous coal, iron ore, zinc, and gold and silver. The marketings of animal products were seasonably smaller than in the previous month but registered an advance of 4 per cent over the preceding year, with the principal increases over last year occurring in wool, sheep, poultry, and fish. Crop marketings were seasonally larger than in July and 9 per cent greater than in August, 1925, declines from a year ago in the marketings of cotton and cotton products and miscellaneous crops being insufficient to
offset the increased movement to market of grains and fruits. The output of forest products showed a seasonal increase over July but was the only major group of raw materials to show a decline from a year ago.

Manufacturing production, after adjustment for the varying number of working days, continued to increase, and for August was 7 per cent higher than in July and 12 per cent greater than a year ago, making a new high mark on the adjusted basis. Group totals, unadjusted for working time, showed increases in all major industrial branches, as compared with the previous month, with the exception of foodstuffs, paper and printing, and stone and clay products. As compared with the previous year, the output of manufactures was larger in all industrial groups for which data are available, with the exception of lumber, leather, and nonferrous metals.

RELATIVE PRODUCTION, STOCKS, AND UNFILLED ORDERS FOR MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES
[1920 monthly average $=100$. Adjustment has been made for both stocks and production for their respective seasonal movements. Unfilled orders are principally those of iron, steel, and building materials. August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


## COMMODITY STOCKS

Commodity stocks held at the end of August, after adjustment for normal seasonal variations, were the largest since January, 1920, due principally to increased holdings of raw agricultural foodstuffs, especially corn. Manufactured commodities increased over the previous month but were lower than a year ago. The unadjusted index of commodity stocks, although higher than last year, showed a decline from the previous month, the increase in manufactured foodstuffs being insufficient to offset the declines in raw foodstuffs, other raw materials, and manufactured commodities.

$$
11529-26 \dagger-2
$$

SALES
The index of unfilled orders of manufactured commodities, principally iron and steel, and building materials, registered an advance of 2 per cent over the preceding month, but at the end of August was 8 per cent below a year ago. The iron and steel group showed smaller forward business than in July, but no change from August 31, 1925, while building materials booked in advance showed an increase of 5 per cent over the previous month and a decline of 18 per cent from last year.

Wholesale trade showed a seasonal advance over July and was on the same level as a year ago, with
no allowance for price differentials. The dollar volume of sales in the shoe trade was larger than a year ago, while hardware and groceries showed no change. Wholesale drug sales were also larger than last year but the dry-goods trade showed a decline. Meat sales recorded an advance over both the previous month and August, 1925.

Retail trade, as reported by mail-order houses, chain stores, and department stores, was substantially ahead of last year, the principal sales increases occurring in 10 -cent stores, grocery chains, drug chains, cigar stores and shoe chains, with declines noted in music chains and candy stores.

The value of merchandise stocks held by department stores at the end of August, although larger than in the previous month, was smaller than in August, 1925.

## FACTORY EMPLOYMENT

Factory employment in August was greater than in either the previous month or the same month of last year, all important industrial groups showing increased employment over the previous month, except tobacco products which declined, and lumber, paper and printing, and vehicles, which showed no change.
Factory pay rolls in August were 4 per cent larger than in either the preceding month or August a year ago, with the greatest increases over the previous month occurring in textile, stone, clay and glass, and vehicle factories.

Compared with last year, larger pay rolls were noted in all industrial groups, except textiles, nonferrous metals, and tobacco products, which showed appreciable declines.

## FACTORY LABOR TURNOVER ${ }^{1}$


${ }^{1}$ Compiled by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. from reports of about 100 companies each month in 1926 , the voluntary-quit index from 1919 to 1925 being based upon reports of 61 companies.

## PRICES

Prices paid producers for agricultural products continued to decline in August, averaging 13 per cent below a year ago, all groups participating in this general decline. As compared with the preceding month, increases in the prices of grains and cotton and cottonseed were insufficient to offset the declines in fruits and vegetables, meat animals and dairy and poultry.

Wholesale prices also continued to decline and, for August, were lower than at any time in about two years. As compared with the preceding month, increases in the prices of cloths and clothing, fuels and
metals and metal products were insufficient to offset the declines in farm products, foods and miscellaneous commodities. Compared with last year, all major groups showed declines in prices, except fuels, the general index registering a decrease of 7 per cent. Commercial indexes also recorded a decline from last year.

The cost of living continued to register a decrease, the general decline from a year ago amounting to more than 2 per cent. As compared with July, the prices for food, shelter and sundries were sufficiently low to offset the increases in fuel and light. All items showed a decline from last year except fuel and light.

WHOLESALE PRICE COMPARISONS, BY GROUPS
[August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


## REVIEW BY PRINCIPAL BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

## TEXTILES

Receipts of wool at Boston in August were smaller than in either the preceding month or the same month of 1925. For the eight months ending August 31, an increase of 25 per cent was registered over the same period of 1925. Imports of wool, although smaller than a year ago, were larger than in July, but the total inward movement for the first eight months of the year was 9 per cent smaller than in the 1925 period. Consumption of wool by textile mills, although smaller than a year ago, was larger than in July.

As of the 16th of September, the cotton crop was estimated at $15,810,000$ bales, with ginnings to the same date totaling $2,511,000$ bales. Receipts of cotton into sight in August were smaller than a year ago. Cotton imports and exports were each larger than in either the previous month or August, 1925. For the calendar year thus far, the export movement of raw cotton showed a decline of 7 per cent from a year ago.

Consumption of cotton by textile mills was larger in August than in either the preceding month or the same month in 1925, with the total to date increasing 2 per cent over the first eight months of 1925. Stocks
of cotton held at mills and warehouses were more than 50 per cent larger than a year ago, and the world visible supply increased almost as much.

Raw Cotton Consumption and Exports
[August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


More cotton spindles were active in August than in either the preceding month or August a year ago, while the total activity in hours showed increases of 11 per cent and 8 per cent, respectively. Prices of cotton received by the producer, although higher than in the preceding month, were substantially lower than a year ago. Wholesale prices also showed a decline from last year.


Cotton finishers reported larger production, orders, and shipments than in either the preceding month or a year ago, with an increase of 18 per cent in operating activity as compared with both periods. More cotton textiles were produced in August than in the preceding month, while unfilled orders for most types of goods were larger at the end of August than at the end of the previous month. Stocks of cotton textiles almost invariably were less than on July 31. Prices of cotton goods averaged higher than in July but were still below a year ago.

Imports of silk, although larger than last year, were smaller than in July, but the total to date was slightly higher than during the first eight months of 1925. Deliveries of silk to consuming establishments were larger than in either the preceding month or the same month of the previous year, but for the year thus far a decline of 2 per cent was registered. The price of raw silk in the New York market, although lower than a year ago, averaged higher than in July.

Imports of burlap and fiber each averaged lower than in either the preceding month or the same month in 1925.

## IRON AND STEEL

Shipments of iron ore from the mines were larger than in either the preceding month or August, 1925, with receipts at the ports and consumption showing similar comparisons. The total output of pig iron was slightly smaller than in July but registered an increase of 18 per cent over the preceding year. For the calendar year thus far, pig iron production was 8 per cent ahead of last year. Wholesale prices of pig iron averaged lower than in either the previous month or:a year ago.

The output of steel ingots was larger in August than in either the previous month or a year ago with the total for the year thus far showing an increase of 11 per cent. The output of steel sheets by independent mills was also larger than in either comparative period. Wholesale prices of steel showed practically no change from the previous month but were slightly higher than a year ago.

Bookings of fabricated structural steel were larger than in either the previous month or the same month
of the previous year, while shipments were larger than a year ago but smaller than in July. For the calendar year thus far, bookings were 2 per cent below and shipments 8 per cent above their respective totals of 1925. Bookings for fabricated steel plate were larger than in July or a year ago, while production of steel barrels, although smaller than in July, were larger than in August, 1925.

Orders for machine tools were smaller than in the previous month but larger than in August a year ago. Sales of stokers showed similar comparisons. Shipments of electrical industrial trucks and tractors were smaller than in July. More patents were issued in August than in the previous month or a year ago.

## AUTOMOBILES

Automobile production was larger than in either the previous month or a year ago, both as respects passenger cars and trucks. Exports of automobiles, both passenger cars and trucks, were smaller than in either the previous month or August, 1925.

## NONFERROUS METALS

The mine output of copper showed practically no change from the preceding month but was 6 per cent larger than a year ago. Smelter output showed increased production over both comparative periods. Domestic shipments of refined copper were larger than in either the previous month or August, 1925, with the total to date showing an increase of 17 per cent over the previous year. Stocks of refined copper, although larger than at the end of the previous month, were substantially below a year ago. Blister stocks, however, were larger than a year ago but smaller than at the end of July. Wholesale prices of copper averaged higher than in July, but lower than a year ago.

Copper Production and Exports
[August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


Number of Electric Fans Sold ${ }^{1}$

| YEAR | Domestic | Export | Year | Domestic | Export |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1916 | 270, 604 | 31,860 | 1921 | 494,740 | 36,801 |
| 1917. | 386, 314 | 44, 231 | $1922{ }^{2}$ | 547, 454 | 41,899 |
| 1918 | 576, 934 | 43, 749 | $1923{ }^{2}$ | 657, 570 | 42,699 |
| 1919 | 583, 964 | 48, 631 | 19242 | 639,617 | 65, 698 |
| 1920 | 704, 494 | 103, 757 | $1925{ }^{2}$ | 881, 025 | 37, 676 |

[^2]Deliveries of tin to consuming establishments were smaller than in either July or a year ago. Stocks and imports of tin showed similar comparisons. Wholesale prices of pig tin averaged higher in August than in either the previous month or in August, 1925.

Lead production was larger than in either the previous month or August of last year. Ore shipments from the Joplin district, however, were smaller than in either comparative period. The price of lead averaged higher than in the preceding month but was lower than a year ago.

More zinc retorts were in operation at the end of August than on July 31. Zinc production in August was larger than in either the previous month or a year ago, while stocks, although larger than last year, showed a decline of 21 per cent from the previous month. Shipments and stocks of zinc ore in the Joplin district were smaller than in either July or a year ago. Wholesale prices showed similar comparisons.

New orders received for enameled sanitary ware, although smaller than a year ago, were larger than in July. Shipments also showed similar comparisons. Stocks of sanitary ware at the end of August, although smaller than at the end of the previous month, were larger than a year ago, with the exception of miscellaneous goods, which registered a decrease from 1925. Unfilled orders for baths and small ware at the end of August were smaller than at the end of the previous month or a year ago. More furnaces making household enameled ware were active than in July.

Sales of band instruments, with the exception of cup mouthpieces, declined from the previous month and, with the exception of wood-wind instruments, also decreased from a year ago.

## Production of Beehive and By-Product Coke

[August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


Production of bituminous coal was larger than in July or a year ago. Anthracite coal output, on the other hand, showed declines from both comparative
periods. Coke production, both beehive and byproduct, was smaller than in July but larger than in August, 1925. The wholesale price of chestnut coal, although higher than a year ago, showed no change from the previous month. Wholesale prices for Connellsville coke averaged higher than in July but lower than a year ago.

## HIDES AND LEATHER

Imports of hides and skins were slightly larger than in July, in spite of the decline in goatskins and sheepskins, while all classes except goatskins increased over a year ago. Prices of hides continued to advance but were still lower than a year ago.

Exports of both sole and upper leather were less than in July, sole leather also declining from a year ago.

More shoes were produced in August than in any month since March, and their output was also larger than a year ago. Exports, however, declined from both periods. Prices showed no change from July.

## RUBBER

Rubber imports declined, both from July and from a year ago, while prices averaged about the same as in July. Tire production and shipments exceeded the July figures, but stocks were less except for solid tires. Compared with a year ago, tire production declined, except for a slight increase in pneumatics, while shipments and stocks were greater.

## PAPER AND PRINTING

Newsprint paper output declined slightly from July in both the United States and Canada, but was much larger than a year ago. Shipments showed similar tendencies, but were smaller than production in August; thus mill stocks at the end of the month increased in both countries, but were considerably less than on August 31, 1925. Imports increased over July and were much larger than a year ago.

Newsprint Paper Production and Mill Stocks [August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


New orders and shipments of sales books in August were the largest in several months, exceeding also the corresponding month of last year. Reports on coated book paper showed increases over July in production, orders, and unfilled orders, while shipments declined. All these items were larger than a year ago.

The output of paperboard shipping boxes increased over both the previous month and a year ago.

## BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

A slight decline was noted in several indexes of construction costs, but the brick construction index with steel frame showed an increase. This latter index, however, alone showed a decline from a year ago.
Building contracts awarded in August exceeded those of July in both value and floor space except for the floor space of industrial and educational buildings. Contracts were less than those awarded in August, 1925, except for industrial buildings and, as far as value is concerned, for educational buildings and public works and utilities. Canadian contracts declined from July but increased over a year ago, while fire losses in the United States and Canada showed the same tendencies.

## LUMBER PRODUCTS

Except for an increase in orders, Southern pine items decreased slightly both from July and from a year ago. Douglas fir production and shipments were larger than in July, while new orders were less, but all three items declined from a year ago. Redwood production, shipments, and orders were much larger than in July, but showed little change from a year ago. Shipments of both California white pine and western pine increased over both periods, production increasing over July and decreasing from August, 1925, while stocks were larger than a year ago, California pine gaining over July and western pine declining. Northern pine lumber production and shipments declined from both periods, orders increasing over July but declining from a year ago. Hardwood production, although the same as in July, increased over a year ago; shipments and stocks gained over both periods. Lumber exports also increased.

All flooring items increased over July except stocks of oak flooring, while from a year ago, production and stocks increased, orders and unfilled orders declined and shipments increased for maple flooring and declined for oak flooring.

Furniture manufacturers in the Grand Rapids district showed declines in new orders and unfilled orders from July but increases in shipments, plant operations and outstanding accounts. Compared with a year ago, shipments, plant operations, and unfilled orders increased and the other items declined.

## STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS

Face-brick production, shipments, stocks and unfilled orders declined from July but increased over a year ago. Paving brick showed declines from July in the same items except production and also cancellations, while only orders and cancellations increased over a year ago. Large increases occurred over both periods in new orders and unfilled orders for vitreous china plumbing fixtures, while shipments declined slightly and stocks, though somewhat less than at the end of July, were much larger than a year ago. Bookings of architectural terra cotta declined from both periods.

Slight declines were made from July in production, shipments and stocks of Portland cement, but all these items increased over August, 1925, especially stocks. Prices remained unchanged. Concrete paring awards increased over both periods.


Orders and shipments for glass containers were less than in July, while production, stocks, and unfilled orders increased.

## CHEMICALS AND OILS

Sulphuric acid exports were much smaller than in July but larger than a year ago. The price showed no change from the July average. Imports of nitrate of soda and potash and exports of fertilizers were larger than in July and, except for nitrate imports, were larger than a year ago. Exports of vegetable dyes were 157 per cent larger than in July, while coal-tar dyes showed a decline; both were larger than in August, 1925. Price indexes of oils and fats, chemicals, and essential oils were all lower than in July, drugs showing no change.

Receipts of naval stores showed the usual seasonal decline in August but increases occurred over a year ago. Stocks of turpentine increased considerably during August, while rosin stocks were slightly lower and much lower than a year ago. Prices of both turpentine and rosin averaged higher than in July.

Vegetable oil exports were much smaller in August than in either the previous month or a year ago, while imports declined from July but increased over a year ago. Oleomargarine consumption was slightly higher than in August, 1925. Cottonseed stocks and cottonseed oil production and stocks, though seasonally increasing over July, were much lower than a year ago. The price of cottonseed oil declined from the July average.

Flaxseed receipts and shipments and linseed oil and cake shipments increased over July but, except for linseed oil, were much lower than a year ago. Stocks of flaxseed were reduced during August but almost double those on hand a year ago.

## CEREALS

Receipts, shipments, exports and stocks of wheat were all considerably higher than in August, 1925. Exports of flour were also higher than a year ago. Prices of wheat and flour declined, both from August 1925, and July, 1926.

Receipts and shipments of corn were less than a year ago, but the visible supply on August 31 was three times as large as in 1925. Corn grindings and exports were also larger than a year ago. The price of corn averaged higher than in July but less than a year ago.

Receipts, exports and stocks of oats all declined from a year ago, while prices were lower than in both comparable periods.

Barley receipts and exports were much lower than in August, 1925, but stocks at the end of August increased over last year. The price of barley averaged less than in July.

Receipts of rye were slightly above a year ago, but stocks were much higher and exports lower. The price of rye also declined from July.

Mill shipments of rice were slightly less than in August, 1925, while stocks and exports were much higher. Imports declined but still exceeded exports.

Wheat Receipts, Exports, and Visible Supply
[Angust, 1926, is latest month plotted]


## MEATS AND DAIRY PRODUCTS

The movement and slaughter of cattle and calves, exports and storage holdings of beef, and prices of beef products were all much less than in August, 1925. The hog and sheep figures, however, all showed increases over a year ago, except prices, but smoked hams sold higher than in August, 1925.

Poultry receipts increased over a year ago but stocks declined. The catch and stocks of fish both increased over August, 1925.

Both butter and cheese had larger stocks in August than a year ago, but declined in receipts and prices. Eggs, on the other hand, had larger receipts and smaller stocks.

Inspected Slaughter of Cattle, Calves, Sheep, and Hoas


Relative Receipts of Butter, Cheese, and Eggs at Primary Markets


## SUGAR, COFFEE, AND TEA

Sugar imports, including receipts from territories, were about the same as in July, but lower than a year ago. Meltings declined slightly from July but increased over a year ago. Refinery stocks of raw sugar made a seasonal decline, but were 45 per cent higher than on August 31, 1925. Exports of refined sugar declined from July and were almost 90 per cent less than a year ago. Raw sugar was unchanged in price from July; refined granulated averaged lower at wholesale but higher at retail. Cuban receipts of raws were less in August than a year ago, but exports and stocks in Cuba were larger.

Imports of coffee were larger than in either July, 1926, or August, 1925, while stocks rose during August but were less than a year ago, both for this country and for the world.

Tea imports, though increasing over July, were less than in August, 1925.
Raw Cane Sugar: Total Imports, Meltings, and Refinery Stocks


- Consumption of tobacco products as measured by tax-paid withdrawals was larger than in July or a year ago, cigarettes gaining 16 per cent over August, 1925. Exports of leaf tobacco declined from both periods, but cigarette exports increase.


## SHIPPING

Clearances of vessels in foreign trade were less than in July but greater than a year ago, American vessels declining and foreign increasing in both comparisons. The output of vessels increased in August and was much higher than in August, 1925.

## RAILROADS

Freight-car surplus showed a seasonal reduction in August but little change from a year ago. No shortage of cars was reported. Car loadings were slightly higher than a year ago, due to increases in the grain, ore, merchandise, and miscellaneous groups.

The number of bad-order cars and locomotives was much less than a year ago. Shipments and unfilled orders of locomotive manufacturers declined from July but increased over a year ago, although domestic unfilled orders were larger than on July 31.

Surplus, Shortage, and Bad-Order Freight Cars [August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


Railrond Ties Purchased: 1925 and $1923{ }^{1}$

${ }^{1}$ Compiled by the Bureau of the Census.
${ }^{2}$ Not reported separately; included with untreated ties.
Poles Purchased, by Kinds of Wood: 1925 and $19233^{1}$

| Year | Total | Cedar | Chestnut | Pine | All other |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1925 |  | $3,281,514$ | $1,692,870$ | 776,263 | 675,730 |
| 1923 | $3,060,794$ | $1,704,247$ | 808,509 | 402,393 | 145,645 |

${ }^{1}$ Compiled by the Bureau of the Census.

## DISTRIBUTION MOVEMENT

Sales by mail-order houses increased slightly over July and were 12 per cent higher than a year ago. Sales of the principal 10 -cent chains exceeded a year ago by 4 per cent, approximately the same relative increase as in the number of stores operated. Most 10 -cent chains had lower sales than in July. Both magazine and newspaper advertising increased over August, 1925, although magazine advertising declined from July. Postal receipts were slightly less than in July, but averaged 7 per cent above a year ago.

Sales by Mall-Order Houses and 10-Cent Chain Stores
[August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


## LIFE INSURANCE

Life-insurance business placed in August declined both from July and from a year ago in number of policies and in value. Both industrial and group insurance showed increases in policies and industrial insurance in value only as compared with both periods. For the year to date, however, increases were noted in all lines over the corresponding 1925 period. Sales of ordinary insurance declined from July in all districts, but chiefly on both the eastern and western coasts. Compared with a year ago the declines in the eastern and western districts were great enough to counterbalance the gains in the other districts.

## BANKING AND FINANCE

Check payments were smaller than in July, the usual seasonal condition, but increased over August, 1925. Outside of a large increase in bills discounted the changes in Federal reserve bank items were small.
Bills Discounted and Total Investments of Federal Reserve Banks
[August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


A comparatively small increase took place in member bank loans in August; deposits also gained and investments were less. Interest rates were generally higher than in July and also above a year ago. More loans to New York brokers were outstanding on August 31 than a month previous.


The public debt continued to be reduced in August. Customs receipts increased both over July and a year ago, as did ordinary expenditures of the Government, but receipts were less. A slight increase took place in money in circulation over both periods.

Fewer failures occurred than in July, both in number and liabilities, manufacturing establishments alone showing increases. Compared with a year ago, failures were greater in number except for agents and brokers, while liabilities were less, owing to the decline of 44 per cent in liabilities of failed manufacturers.

BUSINESS FAILURES, BY CLASSES OF ESTABLISHMENTS
[Data plotted are 12 months' moving monthly averages. August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


The output of new security issues, corporation, municipal, and Canadian, declined from both the previous month and a year ago, but new incorporations increased over July, though declining from August, 1925.
Stock prices on the whole averaged higher than in July and also higher than a year ago, while bond prices averaged lower than in July, except for the highest-grade rails, industrials, and foreign governments, and were above the August, 1925, levels, with the exception of; foreign governments, which were slightly lower.

## GOLD AND SILVER

Domestic gold receipts at the mint increased considerably over both the previous month and a year ago, while the Rand output declined from July and was higher than in August, 1925. Large exports of gold restored on a much larger scale the export balance, which had prevailed in the spring.

Gold Traide Balance, Showing Excess of Imports or Exports
[August, 1926, is latest month plotted]


Silver output increased over July and also over a year ago, while little change occurred in the volume of exports or imports. The price of silver averaged less than in July.

## FOREIGN TRADE AND EXCHANGE

Relatively large gains were made in French and Belgan exchange over July, while Asiatic exchanges made smaller relative increases. Other exchanges were unchanged or slightly lower. Compared with a year ago European exchanges, except British, were lower, as was exchange on India, while other countries showed increases in the exchange rate.

Imports of merchandise into the United States declined slightly, both from July and from a year ago. Exports increased over both periods, standing at the highest point since last April.


Additional Preliminary Retorns, Censts of Mandfactures, 1925

| industey | value of products |  |  | persons employed |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1925 | 1983 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per } \\ \text { centin- } \\ \text { crease } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { centin- } \\ & \text { cerease } \\ & \text { over } \\ & 19231 \end{aligned}$ | Per cent minimum month is of maximum month |  |
|  | Thousands ofdollars |  |  |  | 1925 | 1923 |
| Ammunition and related products. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 51,509 \\ & 33,558 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Artificial leather-...-al tables, bowling alleys and accessories | $\begin{aligned} & 41,707 \\ & 40,932 \end{aligned}$ |  | $-12.0$ | 8.0 | 89.8 | 86.177.9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5,506 | 6,236 | -11.7 | 16.7 | 78.0 | 79.1 |
| Corsets. | 77,215 <br> 30,844 | $\begin{aligned} & 78,048 \\ & 35,792 \end{aligned}$ | -1.1 | -10.1 | 88.7 | 82.3 |
| Cotton-lace go |  |  | -13.8 | -4.1 | 91.2 | 91.7 |
| Dressed furs | $\begin{aligned} & 25,423 \\ & 15,179 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25,467 \\ & 17,665 \end{aligned}$ | -0.2 | -2.8 | 76.4 | 73.8 |
| Firearms |  |  | -14.1 | -27.9 | 84.2 | 88.7 |
| Flax and hemp, dressed...---- | $\begin{array}{r} 15,179 \\ 398 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17,665 \\ 281 \end{array}$ | 41.6 | 12.9 | 21.6 | 27.5 |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 24,014 \\ \mathbf{2 , 7 4 6} \end{array}$ | 20, 239 | 18.6 | 2.6 | 80.3 | 91.0 |
| Haircloth. |  |  | -26.5 | -28.9 | 84.0 | 82.2 |
| Linoleum, asphalted felt base |  | 95, 526 |  |  |  |  |
| floor coverings and oilcloths. | $\begin{array}{r} 95,375 \\ 115,935 \end{array}$ |  | -0.2 | -7.1 | 79.5 | 96.4 |
| Rubber boots and shoes....-. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 131,740 \\ & 644,194 \end{aligned}$ | -12.0 | $-15.1$ | 83.2 | 88.2 |
| Rubber tires and inner tubes-- | ${ }_{9}^{1155,935}$ |  | 43.6 | 10.4 | 85.1 | 69.7 |
| Sandpaper, emery paper, and other abrasive paper and cloth. |  | 13,753 | 13.6 | 4.6 | 93.5 | 93.4 |
| Soda-water apparatus. <br> Steam and electric railroad cars. | $\begin{aligned} & 15,623 \\ & 23,366 \end{aligned}$ | 18, 169 | 28.6 | -2.9 | 91.6 | 79.4 |
|  | 378, 507 | 604, 350 | -37.4 | -39.1 | 71.5 | 87.9 |
| Theatrical scenery and stage equipment | 2,542 | 1,626 | 56.4 | 36.7 | 76.7 |  |
| Window and door sereens and weather strips | 22, 158 | 21, 256 | 4.2 | 1.9 | 78.4 | 76.4 |
| wool carpets and rugs, other than rag $\qquad$ | 188,903 | 199,481 | $-5.3$ | -3.8 | 90.5 | 97.7 |

${ }^{1}$ A minus sign ( - ) denotes decrease.

## ERRORS IN THE AUGUST SEMIANNUAL ISSUE

On page 49, the unit of measure under gasoline should read "thousands of gallons" instead of "thousands of dollars."

On page 87 , the column on consumption of milk in oleomargarine contains wrong figures. The correct figures for this item are shown in the March, 1926, issue, page 25. Later figures for 1926 are as follows, in thousands of pounds:

| January | 6, 616 | May | 5,134 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February | 5,972 | June. | 5, 250 |
| March | 6, 522 | July | 4,690 |
| April | 5, 690 | August | 4,651 |

## INDEXES OF BUSINESS

The index numbers presented in this table are designed to show the trend in production, prices, trade, etc., in various groups of industry and commerce. They consist in general of weighted combinations of series of individual relative numbers; often the individual relative numbers making up the series are also given. The function of index and relative numbers is explained on the inside front cover. A condensed form of this table is given on page 9.


[^3]INDEXES OF BUSINESS-Continued


INDEXES OF BUSINESS-Continued

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Maxi- } \\ \text { mume } \\ \text { since } \\ \text { Jan. } 1, \\ \text { 1920 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mini. } \\ \text { Min. } \\ \text { mince } \\ \text { Sin. } 1,1, \\ 1920 \end{gathered}$ | 1925 |  |  | 1926 |  |  | $\text { PER CENT INCREASE ( }+ \text { ) }$$\text { OR DECREASE }(-)$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | June | July | August | June | .July | August | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug., } 1926 \\ & \text { July, } 1026 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug., } 1926 \\ & \text { from, } \\ & \text { Aug., } 1925 \end{aligned}$ |
| EMPLOYMENT—Continued <br> (Relative to 1023 monthly average as 100 ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amount of pay roll, by industries: Total, all classes. | ${ }^{2} 105$ | ${ }^{2} 74$ | 92 | 90 | 91 | 96 | 91 | 95 | +4.4 | +4.4 |
| Food products------------- | ${ }^{2} 107$ | ${ }^{2} 85$ | 93 | 93 | 93 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 0.0 | +1.1 |
| Textiles.- | ${ }^{2} 106$ | ${ }^{2} 72$ | 85 | 85 | 87 | 81 | 76 | 81 | +6. 6 | $-6.9$ |
| Iron and steel | 2108 | ${ }^{2} 62$ | 89 | 85 | 87 | 98 | 93 | 95 | +2. 2 | +9.2 |
| Lumber.-.- | ${ }^{2} 106$ | $\stackrel{2}{84}$ | 100 | 97 | 97 | 100 | 95 | 100 | +5.3 | +3.1 |
| Leather- | 2108 | ${ }^{2} 78$ | 82 | 85 | 94 | 83 | 87 | 94 | +8.0 | 0.0 |
| Paper and printing | ${ }^{2} 113$ | ${ }^{2} 88$ | 103 | 101 | 102 | 111 | 109 | 109 | 0. 0 | $+6.9$ |
| Chemicals ...-.-.- | ${ }^{2} 106$ | ${ }^{2} 85$ | 91 | 92 | 94 | 100 | 97 | 99 | +2. 1 | +5.3 |
| Stone, clay, and glass | 2112 | ${ }^{2} 84$ | 106 | 99 | 105 | 112 | 104 | 111 | +6. 7 | +5.7 |
| Metal products other than iron and steel | ${ }^{2} 110$ | ${ }_{2}^{2} 70$ | 97 | 94 | 98 | 98 | 92 | 94 | +2.2 | $-4.1$ |
| Tobacco products.------------------ | ${ }^{2} 112$ | ${ }_{2}^{2} 83$ | 92 | 91 | 92 | 89 | 85 | 84 | -1.2 | -8. 7 |
| Vehicles_-...-- | ${ }_{2}{ }_{2} 107$ | ${ }_{2}^{2} 60$ | 93 | 90 | 90 | 95 | 88 | ${ }_{195}^{95}$ | +8.0 | +5.6 |
| Miscellaneous | ${ }^{2} 112$ | ${ }^{2} 72$ | 93 | 91 | 93 | 100 | 97 | 100 | +3.1 | $+7.5$ |
| PRICE INDEX NUMBERS farm prices <br> (Relative to 1909-1914 average as 100) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All groups | 235 | 110 | 148 | 149 | 152 | 139 | 135 | 132 | -2. 2 | -13.2 |
| Grain | 283 | 88 | 164 | 152 | 157 | 130 | 125 | 128 | +2. 4 | -18.5 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 373 | 108 | 184 | 178 | 178 | 216 | 195 | 166 | -14.9 | -6.7 |
| Meat animals. | 186 | 91 | 139 | 148 | 149 | 154 | 152 | 144 | -5. 3 | -3.4 |
| Dairy and poultry | 215 | 122 | 132 | 134 | 139 | 130 | 131 | 130 | -0.8 | -6. 5 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | 304 | 76 | 183 | 186 | 186 | 132 | 126 | 130 | +3.2 | $-30.1$ |
| Unclassified. | 180 | 74 | 86 | 88 | 96 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 0.0 | $-15.6$ |
| wholesale prices Department of Labor Indexes (Relative to 1913) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All commodities. | 248 | 138 | 157 | 160 | 160 | 152 | 151 | 149 | -1. 3 | -6. 9 |
| Farm products | 243 | 114 | 155 | 162 | 163 | 144 | 141 | 138 | -2.1 | -15.3 |
| Food, etc | 248 | 131 | 155 | 157 | 159 | 157 | 154 | 151 | -1. 9 | $-5.0$ |
| Cloths and clothing | 346 | 171 | 188 | 189 | 190 | 175 | 173 | 175 | +1.2 | -7.9 |
| Fuels | 281 | 162 | 173 | 172 | 170 | 179 | 177 | 180 | +1.7 | +5.9 |
| Metals and metal produ | 203 | 109 | 126 | 126 | 127 | 125 | 126 | - 127 | +0.8 | 0.0 |
| Building materials | 300 | 155 | 171 | 170 | 172 | 171 | 172 | 172 | 0.0 | 0. 0 |
| Chemicals | 213 | 121 | 133 | 133 | 135 | 131 | 131 | 131 | 0.0 | $-3.0$ |
| House-furnishing goods | 275 | 162 | 170 | 169 | 169 | 162 | 161 | 161 | 0.0 | $-4.7$ |
| Miscellaneous. | 208 | 111 | 138 | 143 | 138 | 123 | 123 | 122 | -0.8 | $-11.6$ |
| Commercial Indexes (Relative to 1913) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dun's (1st of following month) | 218 | 134 | 162 | 164 | 162 | 154 | 153 | 153 | 0. 0 | $-0.6$ |
| Bradstreet's (1st of following month) | 227 | 115 | 150 | 155 | 153 | 138 | 137 | 138 | +0.7 | $-9.8$ |
| cost of living <br> National Industrial Conference Board Inderes (Relative to July, 1914) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All items weighted -- | 205 | 155 | 167 | 169 | 169 | 167 | 166 | 165 | -0.6 | -2. 4 |
| Food (Dept. Labor) | 219 | 139 | 155 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 157 | 156 | $-0.6$ | $-2.5$ |
| Shelter-- | 186 | 143 | 182 | 179 | 179 | 176 | 176 | 175 | -0.6 | $-2.2$ |
| Clothing | 288 | 153 | 174 | 175 | 175 | 174 | 173 | 173 | 0.0 | -1.1 |
| Fuel and light | ${ }^{2} 179$ | ${ }^{3} 156$ | 157 | 157 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 160 | +1.3 | +1.3 |
| Fuel | 208 | 174 | 175 | 176 | 177 | 179 | 179 | 180 | +0.6 | +1.7 |
| Light. | 123 | 118 | 121 | 121 | 121 | 118 | 118 | 121 | +2.5 | 0.0 |
| Sundries | 192 | 171 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 172 | 174 | 173 | $-0.6$ | -1. 1 |

## RELATIVE DEBITS TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT CLEARING-HOUSE CENTERS ${ }^{\text { }}$

 GROUPED BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS[ Table continued on $p .28$ ]


[^4] data will appear in the advance reprints.

## RELATIVE DEBITS TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT CLEARING-HOUSE CENTERS ${ }^{1}$

 GROUPED BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS[Table continued on p. 24]

${ }^{1}$ Compiled from data collected by the Federal Reserve Board, this table supplements similar data published in the October, 1923, Survep (No. 26 ), pp. 51 to 55 , and which have been carried forward since that issue in the July, 1924, Surver (No. 35), pp. 58 to 60 , and the April, 1926, Survey (No. 56 ), pp. 24 to 26 . Subsequent. comparable data will appear in the advance reprints.

RELATIVE DEBITS TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT CLEARING-HOUSE CENTERS ${ }^{1}$
GROUPED BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS

${ }^{1}$ Compiled from data collected by the Federal Rescrve Board, this table supplements similar data published in the October, 1923 , Surver (No. 26 ), pp. 51 to 55 , and which have been carried forward since that issue in the July, 1924, Survey (No. 35), pp. 58 to 60, and the April, 1926, Survey (No. 56 ), pp. 24 to 26 . Subsequent comparable data will appear in the advance reprints.
tion given on p. 24 of that number) and which have berve Board, supplementing similar data published in the February, 1924, SuRver (No. 30 ), p. 25 (method of computation given on p. 24 of that number) and which have been carried forward since that issue in the July, 1924, Survey (No. 35 ), p. 60, and the April, 1926, Survey (No. 56 ),

## TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS

The following table contains a summary of the monthly figures, designed to show the trend in important industrial and commercial movements. These data represent continuations of the figures presented in the latest semiannual number (August, 1926), in which monthly figures for 1925 and 1926 may be found, together with explanations as to the sources and exact extent of the figures quoted. The figures given below should always be read in connection with those explan ations. Data on stocks, unfilled orders, etc., are given as of the end of the month referred to. For explanations of relative numbers, including base periods, see introduction on inside front cover.


TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENT S-Continued

| The cumulatives shown are through August except where otherwise noted. Earlier data for items shown here may be found on pages 22 to 151 of the August, 1926, "Survey" | 1926 |  |  |  |  | 1925 |  | PER CENT INCREASE ( + ) OR DECREASE ( - ) |  | cumulati FROM J tHROUG 31 | TOTAL <br> UARY I august | Percentin-crease(+)or de-crease$(-)$cumu-lative1926from1925 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | May | June | July | August | July | August | August, 1926, from July, 1926 | August, 1926, from August, 1925 | 1925 | 1926 |  |
| TEXTILES-Continued <br> Cotton Goods-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton textiles-Continued. Sheetings- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production.-..-.........-thous. of thous. of yds.- | 46,281 24,561 | 56,877 <br> 30,950 | 44,740 <br> 32,244 | 43, 894 29,398 | 61,008 27,324 |  |  | +39.0 +7.1 |  |  |  |  |
| Unflled orders.........-thous. of yds--Print cloth- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 42,841 | 50,705 | 61,256 | 57,720 | 53, 142 |  |  | -7.9 |  |  |  |  |
| Unflled orders.-....----thous. of yds. | 47, 411 | 29,333 | 19,161 | 46,756 | 59, 224 |  |  | +26.7 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,360 | 1,487 | 2,107 | 2,043 | 3,046 |  |  | +49.1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 26,873 | 25,494 | 26, 822 | 26,080 | 24, 806 |  |  | -4.9 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 20,073 | 21, 595 | 22,691 | 21,056 | 16,510 |  |  | -21.6 |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled orders .-.-......thous. of yds.. | 4,757 | 4,478 | 4,137 | 7,650 | 10,084 |  |  | +31.8 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks .-.-------------thous. of yds-- | 7,573 | 7,145 | 6, 378 | 5,223 | 3,875 |  |  | -25.8 |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled orders..-.-.-.-.-. - thous. of yds.- | 1,170 | 1,214 | 1,004 | 1,744 | 2,817 |  |  | +61.5 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 7,151 | 4,061 | 2,320 | 1,900 | 2, 131 |  |  | +12.2 |  |  |  |  |
| Heavy warp sateens--Production........thous. of yds .. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks....------.-.........thous. of yds .- | 1,376 | 1,678 | 1,550 | 1,237 | 276 |  |  | $-77.7$ |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled orders...-.---. thous. of yds.. | 418 | 269 | 288 | 1,383 | 1,281 |  |  | -7.4 |  |  |  |  |
| Drills, twills, sheetings and sateens (wider than 40')-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production_-.............thous. of yds .- | 6,144 | 5,146 | 5,182 | 4,420 | 5,141 |  |  | +16.3 |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks..-.-.-............- thous. of yds -- | 5, 258 | 6,444 | 7,925 | 7,984 | 8,746 |  |  | +9.5 |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled orders...........thous. of yds.- | 10,483 | 9,482 | 8,563 | 8,827 | 8,994 |  |  | +1.9 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks .------------------- thous. of yds -- | 124,054 | 122,675 | 125, 103 | 121, 264 | 101, 203 |  |  | $-16.5$ |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled orders.----.-.thous. of yds.- | 56, 279 | 50, 642 | 46,060 | 49,434 | 87,956 |  |  | +77.9 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| by tire manufacturers...........thous. of lbs.- | 13,930 | 13,279 | 14,021 | 14, 050 |  | 16.014 | 15,758 |  |  | ${ }^{\text {a } 102,457 ~}$ | ${ }^{3} 95,927$ | -6.4 |
| Elastic webbing sales.----------.-thous. of yds-. | 9,608 | 8, 331 | 9,497 | 10, 054 | 10,695 | 12, 344 | 12, 014 | +6.4 | -11.0 | 111, 170 | 81,935 | -26.3 |
| Prices: Cotton yarn- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton yarn- $22 / 1$, cones, , Boston.......dolls. per Ib .- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22/1, cones, Boston......-dolis. per $\mathrm{lb}_{\text {--- }}$ | . 3748 | . 513 | . 5400 | .344 .500 | . 360 | 4.415 | . 423 | +5.5 0.0 | -14.2 -8.6 |  |  |  |
| Print cloth, $64 \times 60 . \ldots . . . . .$. dolls. per yd.- | . 077 | . 076 | . 073 | . 073 | . 076 | . 095 | . 095 | +4.1 | -20.0 |  |  |  |
| Sheeting, brown-.----.-.-. dolls. per yd.- | . 098 | . 095 | . 093 | . 089 | . 082 | . 096 | . 104 | +3.4 | -11.5 |  |  |  |
| Cotton goods (Fairchild) .-.index number.- | 166 | 161 | 157 | 155 | 157 | 182 | 185 | +1.3 | $-15.1$ |  |  |  |
| Silk |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports, raw...................-.thous. of lbs.- | 6,003 | 4,614 | 4,857 | 6, 313 | 6,207 | 6,246 | 5,894 | -1.7 | +5.3 | 46,369 | 46, 788 | +0.9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At manufacturers plants.--..............-bales.- | 25,898 | 25,323 | 20,323 | 18,665 | 19, 274 | 26,505 | 28, 198 | +3.7 +3 | $-31.6$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 84.0 | 80.2 | 77.2 | 78.7 59 |  | 89.3 | 89.8 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 65.8 82.9 | 65.0 75.0 | 61.7 78.8 | 81.7 |  | 61.4 103.0 | 101.8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Price, Japanese, New York.-.....dolls. per lb-. | 5.49 | 5.73 | 5.88 | 5.78 | 5.98 | 6.32 | 6.47 | +3.5 | $-7.6$ |  |  |  |
| Burlap and Fibers <br> Imports: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 68,816 | 38,339 | 44, 206 | 55, 258 | 52,990 | 52, 664 | 61,813 | -4.1 | -14.3 | 448,211 | 434,945 | -3.0 |
| Fibers (unmanufactured) .-.---- long tons-. | 34, 257 | 18,919 | 17,170 | 19,975 | 15,070 | 16,042 | 21, 722 | -24. 6 | -30.6 | 211,741 | 206, 042 | $-2.7$ |
| Pyroxylin Coated Textlies |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2,517 2,127 | 2,775 2,096 | 3,604 2,663 | 3,093 2,301 |  | 2,379 2,022 | 2,526 2,116 |  |  | 815,678 313,296 | 3 <br> 3 <br>  <br> 3 <br> 15,394 | +24.4 +15.8 |
| Unfilled orders, end of mo-thous. of linear yds.- | 1,687 | 2,058 | 2,374 | 2,186 |  | 1,625 | 1,878 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton Mill Dividends |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fall River mills: <br> Quarterly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fall River mills: <br> Total $\qquad$ thous. of dollars.. |  |  | 369 |  | ${ }^{1} 321$ |  | ${ }^{8} 338$ | -13.0 | $-5.0$ | 1,375 | 989 | -28.1 |
| Ratio to capitaliza-tion...-....................per cent per quarter. |  |  | . 690 |  | 6. 767 |  | -.759 | +11.2 | +1.1 |  |  |  |
| RUTTONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fresh-water pearl buttons: <br> Production.-.-.-......... per ct. of capacity.- <br> Stocks, end of month........thous. of gross |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 52.4 \\ 12,101 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 49.6 \\ 12,203 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 45.0 \\ 12,331 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 38.6 \\ 12,196 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 44.4 \\ 11,754 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 38.4 \\ 12,321 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 46.6 \\ 12,381 \end{array}$ | +15.0 -3.6 | -4.7 -5.1 |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{3}$ Seven months cumulative ending July 31. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Revised. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Quarter ending Sept. 30 of year indicate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued

${ }^{3}$ Seven months' cumulative ending July 31.
${ }^{4}$ Revised.

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued


TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued

${ }^{3}$ Seven months' cumulative, ending July 31.

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued

'Seven months' cumulative ending July 31.

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued

${ }^{3}$ Seven months' cumulative ending July 31.

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued

| The cumulatives shown are through August except where otherwise noted. Earlier data for items shown here may be found on pages 22 to 161 of the August, 1926, "Survey" | 1926 |  |  |  |  | 1225 |  | PER CENT INCREASE ( + ) OR Decrease (-) |  | cumulative total FROM JANUARY I through augubt 31 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | May | June | July | August | July | August |  |  | 1025 | 1826 |  |
| HIDES AND LEATHER-Continued Leather Produets |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Belting sales: <br> Quantity .-.................................................... dolls.- | 359,298 609 | 337,042 567 | 346,739 595 | 327,856 564 |  | 345,709 588 | 351,707 595 |  |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{r} 32,639,301 \\ 34,521 \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,515,280 \\ \mathbf{8}, 293 \end{array}$ | -4.7 -5.0 |
| Boots and shoes: <br> Production. thous. of pairs. | 26,637 | 23, 129 | ${ }^{4} 25,041$ | 24, 035 |  | 24,758 | 28, 486 |  |  | ${ }^{3} 100,453$ | 35,661 |  |
| Exports.............................................. <br> Wholesale prices- | 20,67 | ${ }_{533}$ | 464 | ${ }_{633}$ | 375 | ${ }_{488}$ | 458 | -33.0 | -22.1 | 4,574 | 3,830 | -16.3 |
| Men's black calf <br> blucher, Mass. dolls. per pair.- | 6.40 | 6. 40 | 6. 40 | 6.40 | 6.40 | 6.40 | 6.40 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |  |  |
| Men's dress welt, tan <br> calf, St. Louis _........dolls, per pair.. <br> Woraen's black kid, dress | 5.00 | 8. 60 | 4.98 | 4.85 | 4.85 | 5.15 | 5.15 | 0.0 | -5.8 |  |  |  |
| Gloves: <br> welt, lace, oxford......dolls. per pair.- | 4.15 | 4.15 | 4.13 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.15 | 4.15 | 0.0 | -3.6 |  |  |  |
| Glove leather- <br> Production $\qquad$ number of skins.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Production.-. } \\ & \text { Stocks (taned) } \end{aligned}$ | 591,328 $1,496,396$ | 582,199 $1,469,279$ | 550,359 $1,446,430$ | 499,912 $1,482,470$ |  | 442,058 1205,971 | 456,059 $1,167,838$ |  |  | 33, 723, 989 | 34, 046, 741 | +8.7 |
| In process.........number of skins. Finished ........... | $1,496,396$ 549,436 | $1,469,279$ 569,467 | $1,446,430$ 555,112 | $1,482,470$ 510,898 |  | $1,205,971$ 420,949 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,167,838 \\ 382,678 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gloves, cut- <br> Total $\qquad$ dozen pairs.- | 222, 713 | 206,880 | 213,069 | 183, 662 |  | 100, 443 | 203, 336 |  |  | ${ }^{3} 1,405,819$ | 81, 451, 227 | $-3.0$ |
| Dress and street-- Imported leather-.-.-dozen pairs.- | 54, 595 | 50,003 | 50, 240 | 49,327 |  | 39, 186 | 45, 037 |  |  | ${ }^{3} 288,757$ | 8322.000 | +11.5 |
| Domestic leather-....-dozen pairs.. | 35, 544 | 34, 862 | 38,579 | 30,742 |  | 31,592 | 30,807 |  |  | ${ }^{3} 227,861$ | ${ }^{3} 230,592$ | +1.2 |
| W ork gloves..------.....-dozen pairs.- | 132, 574 | 121, 985 | 124, 239 | 103, 443 |  | 119,665 | 127,492 |  |  | :890, 317 | ${ }^{3} 876,623$ | $-1.5$ |
| RUBBER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| World shipments, plantation-- long tons... | 39,946 | - 50,534 | ${ }^{4} 49,010$ | +48,380 |  | 43,041 | 42,990 |  |  | ${ }^{3} 280,264$ | ${ }^{3} 340,504$ | +21.5 |
| Imports (including latex)........long tons.Stocks, end of month- | 34, 544 | 29,759 | 24,901 | 35,821 | 27, 399 | 32,455 | 33, 413 | -23.5 | -18.0 | 258, 130 | 279, 845 | +8.4 |
| United Kingdom. .-...---.-long tons.- | 20, 403 | 21, 865 | 25,399 |  |  | 4,740 | 5.107 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Plantation, afloat .-------- long tons.- | 64,330 | 63, 500 | 71,600 | 69,700 |  | 56, 800 | 62,400 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumpion by tire mifrs- thous. of lbs.- | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 43,802 } \\ \hline .395\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 40, } \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 42,914 | 42,189 .335 | 337 | 53, 197 | 52, 171 |  |  | ${ }^{3} 332,616$ | ${ }^{3} 303,044$ | $-8.9$ |
| Wholesale price, Para, N. Y dolls. per lb.- <br> Tires and Tubes |  | . 383 | . 344 | . 335 | 337 | . 825 | . 663 | +0.6 | -49. 2 |  |  |  |
| Pneumatic tires: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production-.....-.-.........-- thousands-- | ${ }_{9}^{4,009}$ | ${ }_{3}^{3,768}$ | ${ }_{4}^{4,066}$ | 4, 312 <br> 47944 <br> 18 | 4, 278 | 4, 191 | 4, 205 | +15.2 | +1.7 | 31,757 | 31, 115 | -2.0 |
| Stocks, end of month .-.......- thousands.- | 9,346 | 9,257 | 8,976 | 4, 7,944 | 7,400 | 4,815 | 5,446 | +6.8 | +35.9 |  |  |  |
| Shipments, domestic---.........thousands.- | Shipments, domestic--........thousands.Inner tubes: |  |  |  |  |  | 3,454 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4,916 | 4,612 | 4,628 | -4,297 | 5,295 | 5,658 | 5,713 | +23.2 | -7.3 | 41, 543 | 37,246 | -10.3 |
| Stocks, end of month.-.-.-.-.-.thousands.- | 15,505 | 15,855 | 15, 182 | +12,949 | 11, 665 | 6,477 | 6,953 | -9.9 | +62.8 | 41, 53 | 3, |  |
| Shipments, domestic.-.---.----thousands.- | 3,727 | 4, 654 | 5,097 | ${ }^{4} 6,381$ | 6,652 | 6,761 | 5,101 | +4.2 | -30.4 | 41,294 | 34, 661 | -16.1 |
| Solid tires: <br> Production. $\qquad$ thousands.- | 41 | 36 | 33 | 430 | 41 | 58 | 62 | +36.7 | -33.9 | 426 | 336 | -21.1 |
| Stocks, end of month.-........thousands.- | 177 | 173 | 172 | ${ }^{4} 152$ | 183 | 112 | 125 | $+20.4$ | +46. 4 |  |  |  |
| Shipments, domestic.....-.-.--thousands-- | 40 | 37 | 38 | 4 40 | 46 | 58 | 44 | +15.0 | +4.5 | 420 | 279 | $-33.6$ |
| Other Rubber Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rubber-proofed fabrics: Production- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total --.------------ thous. of yds-- | 1,579 | 1,730 | 2, 445 |  |  | 1,587 | 2,326 |  |  | ${ }^{7} 10.141$ | ${ }^{7} 10.620$ | +4.8 |
| Auto fabrics-...-.......- thous. of yds-. | 400 | 659 646 | 1, 678 |  |  | 595 | 646 |  |  | 7 3,495 | 73,364 | $-3.7$ |
| Rubber heels: <br> Clothing fabrics.-.-.....-thous. of yds.- | 656 | 646 | 778 | 954 |  | 693 | 1,206 |  |  | ${ }^{\text {a }} 3,342$ | ${ }^{3} 5,282$ | +58.0 |
| Production...............--thous. of pairs | 15,097 | 11,367 | 12,769 | 11, 109 |  | 13, 472 | 15,469 |  |  | 102, 089 | 101, 260 |  |
| Shipments- manufacturers thous. of pairs_- | 6,157 | 6,818 | 7,541 | 8,651 |  | 10,166 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To repair trade -....... thous. of pairs-- | 3,282 | 4,002 | 5,902 | 6,370 |  | 8,509 | 7,209 |  |  | 36,106 | 30, 660 |  |
| Stocks, end of month. -----thous. of pairs -- | 56, 681 | 58,326 | 56, 701 | 51,699 |  | 37, 740 | 34, 927 |  |  |  |  |  |
| PAPER AND PRINTING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mechanical: Wood Pulp |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumption and shipments...-short tons.- | 162, 083 | 161, 478 | 155,229 | 147, 005 | 140, 377 | 136, 391 | 129,329 | -4.5 | +8.5 | 1, 138, 208 | 1, 218, 350 | +7.0 |
| Stocks, end of month........---short tons-- | 205, 935 | 234, 037 | 241,754 | 224, 948 | 194, 300 | 276, 347 | 246, 691 | -13.6 | -21.2 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 225, 664 | 220, 142 | 4225,330 | 4217,150 | 204, 922 | 193, 158 | 198, 142 | -5.6 | +3.4 | 1,644, 224 | 1,755,606 | $+6.8$ |
| Consumption and shipments..-short tons.- | 226, 364 | 220, 118 | $\pm 2223,214$ | + 213,550 | 205, 772 | $189,822$ | $\begin{array}{r} 196,548 \\ 49.250 \end{array}$ | $-3.6$ | +4.7 | 1,636, 286 | 1,760, 224 | +7.5 |
|  | $\begin{array}{r}39, \\ 1029 \\ 1024 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 39,274 106,250 | 442,132 136,577 | 445,710 129,237 | 42,412 131,769 | 40,220 107,702 | 42,350 106,879 | -7.2 +2.0 | +0.1 +23.3 |  |  | +5.4 |
|  | - 20.95 | - 20.95 | +2.05 | $\begin{array}{r}12.95 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 131 2.75 | $\begin{array}{r}107 \\ 2.68 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 10,879 2.68 | +6.8 | +2.3 +2.6 | 882, 994 | 930,932 | +5. 4 |
| Production: Newsprint Paper |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 145, 327 | 141, 032 | 142, 166 | 140, 516 | 139, 259 | 121, 550 | 121,339 | -0.9 | +14.8 | 1,005, 832 | 1,123, 858 | $+11.7$ |
| Canada-...-.----------....-- - - short tons.- | 151, 739 | 153,969 | 158, 601 | 183, 037 | 162,545 | 121,849 | 120,957 | $-0.3$ | +34.4 | -990,343 | 1, 219, 335 | +23.1 |
| Consumption <br> Shipments: | 172, 670 | 176,893 | 161, 156 | 147, 584 | 151, 144 | 130,986 | 135, 054 | +2.4 | +11.9 | 1, 138, 132 | 1,285, 571 | $+13.0$ |
| United States.-...............-short tons.- | 144, 600 | 142, 294 | 141, 521 | 142,690 | 136,564 | 119,586 | 120, 189 | -4.3 | +13.6 | 992, 320 | 1,117, 982 | +12.7 |
| Canada.------------------------short tons | 154, 015 | 151,990 134,870 | 161, 108 | 161, 824 | 160,031 | 122,490 | 121, 181 | -1.1 | +32.1 +55.8 | 988, 933 | 1, 214, 128 | +22.8 |
| Imports .-------------------------short tons.-- | 168, 463 | 134, 870 | 162, 972 | 153,865 | 161,063 \|i | 117, 479 | 102, 741 | +4.7 | +56.8 | 955, 703 | 1, 199, 280 | +25.5 |

${ }^{3}$ Seven months' cumulative ending July 31 .
${ }^{4}$ Revised.

## TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS--Continued



TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued

${ }^{3}$ Seven months' cumulative ending July 31.

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS--Continued

${ }^{3}$ Seven months' cumulative, ending July 31.

## TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued



TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS—Continued


[^5]TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued


2 Final estimate for 1925 .

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued

| The cumulatives shown are through August except where otherwise noted. Earlier data for items shown here may be found on pages 22 to 151 of the August, 1926, "Survey" | 1926 |  |  |  |  | 1925 |  | per cent inCREASE ( + ) or DECREASE ( - ) |  | cumulative total from jandary i ${ }_{31}^{\text {throvgh avgust }}$ 31 |  | Percentin-crease( + deorcrease$(-)$cumu-lative1926from1925 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | May | June | July | August | July | August | August, 1926, from July, 1926 | August, 1996, from August, 1925 | 1925 | 1926 |  |
| FOODSTUFFS-Continued Corn |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production, monthly estimate thous. of bushs. |  | 2,661, 000 | 2,660,780 | 2, 576, 936 | 2,697, 872 |  | 900,581 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exports, including meal......thous. of bushs.-- | $\begin{array}{r}2,210 \\ 34,937 \\ \hline 1\end{array}$ | 1,865 27 269 | 1,831 32 329 | 1, ${ }^{1,358}$ | $\begin{array}{r}1,158 \\ 22 \\ \hline 155\end{array}$ | 844 6,832 | + 849 | -14.7 | $\begin{array}{r}+36.4 \\ +214 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 6,298 | 18,433 | +192.7 |
| Visible supply, end month....thous. of bushs.-- | 34,937 13,166 | 27,469 <br> 11 <br> 71 | 32,279 24,306 | 26,821 13,748 | 22,455 11,482 | 6,832 <br> 9,891 <br> 1 | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 7, } 135 \\ 17 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | -16.3 -16.5 | +214.7 -35.4 | 150,543 | 150, 874 | +0.2 |
| Shipments, prin. markets...-.thous. of bushs.-- | -9,927 | 12, 497 | 11, 124 | 10,724 | 8,288 | 10,697 | -9,373 | -22.7 | - -12.6 | -88, 299 | 182,300 | -16.3 |
| Grindings (starch glucose) ----thous. of bushs.- | 5,611 | 5,490 | 6,314 | 6,222 | 6,735 | 4,430 | 5,567 | +8.2 | +21.0 | 44, 339 | 51, 703 | +16.6 |
| Prices, contract grades, No. 2, <br> Chicago-..........................dolls. per bush. | .73 | . 72 | . 72 | . 80 | . 81 | 1.07 | 1.05 | +1.3 | -22.9 |  |  |  |
| Oats |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production, monthly estimate_thous. of bushs..Receipts, principal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts, principal <br> markets thous. of bushs. | 13,762 | 12,378 | 13,400 | 9, 241 | 23,078 | 16,591 | 48,399 | +149.7 | -52.3 | 156,312 | 109, 557 | -29.9 |
| Visible supply, end month...-thous. of bushs.- | 48,704 | 39,995 | 38,768 | 34, 489 | 42,529 | 28, 020 | 54,715 | +23.3 | $-22.3$ |  |  |  |
| Exports, including meal......- thous. of bushs.- | 3,043 | 3,255 | 2, 429 | 1,468 | 1,028 | 4,292 | 7,073 | -30.0 | -85.5 | 21,371 | 14,353 | -32.8 |
| Chicago--.-...-......--.-. dolls. per bush.- | . 42 | . 42 | . 41 | . 42 | . 40 | . 48 | . 42 | -4.8 | -4.8 |  |  |  |
| Grindings, Canada-...........thous. of bushs.. | 764 | 589 | 652 | 800 |  | 667 | 727 |  |  | ${ }^{3} 4,827$ | 3 5,599 | +16.0 |
| Production, oatmeal and rolled oats, Canada-.........................thous. of lbs. | 9,523 | 6,990 | 9,137 | 11, 224 |  | 8,581 | 9,347 |  |  | ${ }^{8} 57,047$ | ${ }^{3} 73,971$ | +29.7 |
| Other Grains <br> Barley: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts, principal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| markets.-.......-....... thous. of bushs.- | 2,528 | 3,058 3,293 | 3,104 <br> 835 | 1,466 | 5,150 | 3,086 | 11,929 3 3 4 | +251.3 +5.8 | -56.8 | 35,606 | 23,886 | -32.9 |
| Exports-.................- thous. of bushs.-- | +734 | ${ }^{3} \mathbf{9 9 6}$ | 1, 352 | 1, ${ }^{2}, 386$ | 1,523 | 1,940 | 4,564 | +5.8 +9.9 | -66.6 | 12,980 | 7,521 | -42.1 |
| Price fair to good, malting, <br> Chicago....................dolls. per bush.- | . 69 | 69 | 68 | . 72 | . 65 | . 88 | . 81 | -9.7 | -19.8 |  |  |  |
| Rye: <br> Production, monthly est__thous. of bushs.- | 44,791 | 41,131 | 39,666 | 41,900 | 41,900 |  | 1 48,696 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts, principal markets thous of bushs | 1,301. | 1,364 | 1,202 | 802 | 2,007 | 403 | 1,939 | +150.2 | +3.5 | 15,081 | 10,310 | -61.6 |
| Visible supply, end mo...-thous. of bushs.- | 13,271 | 9,984 | 10,748 | 8,659 | 9, 325 | 3,357 | 3,688 | +7.7 | +152.8 |  |  |  |
| Exports, including flour...thous. of bushs.- | 1,424 | 3,219 | 1,085 | 2, 195 | 318 | 3,794 | 1,036 | -85.5 | -69.3 | 27, 56 | 8,993 | $-67.4$ |
| Price, No. 2, Chicago......dolls. per bush-- | , 89 | +.84 | . .91 | 1.04 | 1.01 | . 98 | 1.07 | -2.9 | -5.6 |  |  |  |
| Total Grains |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total grain exports, incl. flour_thous. of bushs.- | 13,696 | 21,758 | 17,773 | 26,059 | 39,512 | 23,647 | 25,354 | +51.6 | +55.8 | 170,755 | 151, 186 | -11.5 |
| Rice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Southern paddy, receipts at mills ......--bbls | 194, 321 | 118,885 | 105, 923 | 74,634 | 259, 953 | 8,252 | 566,268 | +248.3 | -54. 1 | 1, 353, 852 | 2,461,380 | +81.8 +193 |
| Total movement to mills...................bbls.- | 432, 530 | 332,322 | 283, 299 | 259, 953 |  | 8,252 | 566, 268 |  |  | ${ }^{1} 175,451$ | 33, 454, 992 | +193.9 |
| shipments: <br> Total from mills. $\qquad$ pockets ( 100 lbs .). | 471, 143 | 473, 963 | 351, 292 |  | 310, 412 | 140,316 | 315, 229 |  | -1.5 |  | 3, 904,278 |  |
| New Orleans .-.-.-.-.-.-- pockets (100 lbs.)-- | 122,908 | 113, 558 | 129,725 | 34, 528 | 142, 589 | 89,607 | 101, 054 | + 313.0 | +41.1 | -908, 558 | 923, 735 | +1.7 |
| Stocks, end of month .-...-. pockets ( 100 lbs .).- | 1, 556,393 | 1,179,488 | 975, 043 | 767, 627 | 715,632 | 95, 427 | 398, 186 | -6.8 | $+79.7$ |  |  |  |
|  | 35, 926 | 38, 140 | 37,618 | 40,464 | 50, 504 | -13, 946 | 25, 865 | +24.8 | $\underline{+95.3}$ | 501,658 | - 37272129 | -25.8 |
| Imports .-.-....................p.pockets (100 lbs.).. | 156, 964 | 114, 174 | 111,455 | 88, 159 | 68, 739 | 63, 238 | 109, 753 | -22.0 | -37.4 | 541,947 | 1,032,567 | +90.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apples: <br> Cold- storage holdings, <br> end of month $\qquad$ thous. of bbls.. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Car-lot shipments. carloads.-- | 3, 990 | 2,480 | 1,204 | 3,665 | 3, 131 | 2,667 | 3,956 | +14.6 | -20.9 | 23,279 | 33,254 | +42.8 |
| Potatoes, car-lot shipments.........-carloads.- | 13,718 | 16,488 | 23, 370 | 19,914 | 14, 775 | 17, 467 | 14, 326 | -25.8 | +3.1 | 152, 605 | 138,212 | -9.4 |
| Onions, car-lot shipments .............carloads. | 1,924 | 4,071 | 1,237 | 1,569 | 2,596 | 1,725 | 2,391 | +65.5 | +8.6 | 15, 768 | 17, 975 | +14.0 |
| Citrous fruits, car-lot shipments ....-carloads.. | 10,894 | 9,250 | 6,248 | 5,986 | 4,533 | 3,587 | 2,442 | -24.3 | +85.6 | 63, 989 | 66, 572 | +4.0 |
| Hay, receipts..............................tons.. | 66,037 | 53,217 | 60,457 | 57,014 | 49,157 | 71, 783 | 79,611 | -13.8 | -38.3 | 545, 519 | 530, 305 | -2.8 |
| Cattle and Calves |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,711 | 1,894 | 1,871 | 1,821 | 1,997 | 1,970 | 2, 245 | +9.7 +179 | -11.0 | 14,784 5 |  |  |
| Shipments, total....-.-.....-thousands.- | 603 | ${ }_{6}^{668}$ |  | 658 | 776 | 706 | 886 360 | +17.9 +27.3 | -12.4 -30.0 | 5, 300 1,857 | 5,142 <br> 1,624 | -3.0 |
| Shipments, stocker and feeder..thousands..- | 1,113 | 1,194 | 169 1,217 | 1,198 | 1, 171 | 243 1,252 | 360 1,281 | +27.3 +0.3 | -30.0 -8.6 | 1, 8, 805 | 9, 1,624 | -12.5 |
| Beef products: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -8. 6 |  |  |  |
| Beer Inspected slaughter product._thous. of libs.. | 450,142 460,438 | 457,575 | 495, 925 | 447,515 | 461, 661 | 478, 231 | 444,474 <br> 447 | +5.2 | +4.9 | 3,493, 049 | 3, 616, 614 | $+3.5$ |
| Apparent consumption...--- thous. of libs... | 460,438 2,180 | 465,155 1,502 | 498,764 2,292 | 495,007 2,501 | 465,874 2,168 | 489,204 2,369 | 447,509 2,382 | -5.9 -13.3 | +4.1 -8.5 | 3, 581, 18,159 | $3,701,701$ 16,393 | +3.4 -9.7 |
| Cold-storage holdings, end of month thous. of lbs. | 59,978 | 52, 579 | 48,688 | 46,048 | 41,754 | 49,674 | 45, 214 | -9.3 | -7.7 |  |  |  |
| Prices, Chicago: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cattle, corn-fed.--.-...-dolls. per 100 lbs -- | 9.13 | 9.06 | 9. 59 | 9.42 | 8.98 | 11.56 | 12.08 | $-4.7$ | -25.7 |  |  |  |
| Beef, fresh native steers....-.dolls. per lb.- | . 160 | . 160 | . 160 | . 162 | . 160 | . 178 | . 185 | -1.2 | -13.5 |  |  |  |
| Beef, steer rounds, No. $2 . . . .-$ dolls. per lb.- | . 152 | . 159 | . 162 | . 170 | . 170 | . 192 | . 188 | 0.0 | $-9.6$ |  |  |  |
| Hogs and Pork |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hog movements, primary markets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts.-.-....................thousands .- | 3,135 | 3,037 | 3,143 | 2,854 | 2,804 | 2,798 | 2,549 | -1.8 | $+10.0$ | 29,574 | 26, 228 | -11.3 |
| Shipments, total-...-.---.-....thousands.-- | $\begin{aligned} & 1,264 \\ & 54 \end{aligned}$ | 1, 164 | 1,048 |  | 1,084 |  |  | +9.6 +4.1 | +13.9 +70.0 | 10, 709 |  | -7.5 +49.7 |
| Shipments, stocker and feeder--thousands--------- | 1,871 | 1 1,882 | 2,087 | 49 1,873 | 1,711 | 35 1,804 | (, $\begin{array}{r}30 \\ 1,586\end{array}$ | $\pm{ }_{-8.6}^{+4.1}$ | +70.0 +7.9 | 316 18,863 | 473 16,314 | +49.7 -13.5 |

[^6]
## TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued

| The cumulatives shown are through August except where otherwise noted. Earlier data for items shown here may be found on pages 22, to 151 of the August, 1926, "Sarvey" | 1926 |  |  |  |  | 1925 |  | per centincrease ( + ) or decrease (-) |  | cumulative total from january 1 through august 31 |  | Percentin-crease( + de-crease$(-)$cumulative1926from1925 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | May | June | July | August | July | August | August, 1996, from, Suly, 1926 | August, 1926, from August 1925 | 1925 | 1926 |  |
| FOODSTUFES-Continued <br> Hogs and Pork-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pork products, total: <br> Inspected slaughter product _thous. of libs_ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 572, 037 | 568,585 | 646, 770 | 616, 289 | 563, 719 | 512,095 | 457,345 | $-8.5$ | +23.3 | 4,917, 021 | 5,025, 108 | +2.2 |
|  | 489,416 100.619 | 496,451 93,366 | 521,083 85,094 | 470,705 72,557 | 501,399 87,944 | 492,017 89,975 | 492,088 83,226 | +6.5 +21.2 | +1.9 +5.7 | 4, 080, 278 | $3,987,637$ 784,852 | -2.3 |
| Cold-storage holdings, total, end of month thous. of lbs. | 702, 163 | 681, 296 | 80,094 722,703 | 72,557 796,245 | 87,944 771,235 | 89,975 815,460 | 83,226 698,513 | +21.2 -3.1 | +5.7 +10.4 | 852,085 | 784, 852 | -7.9 |
| Fresh and cured in storage, end of month | 603, 798 | 574, 472 | 602, 176 | 642, 673 | 620,412 | 669,53 | 583, 789 | -3.5 | +6.3 |  |  |  |
| Lard (included in pork products): |  |  |  |  | 620,412 | 60, | 583, 78 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production......----.-....-- thous. of lbs - | 126, 385 | 117, 241 | 122, 885 | 133, 702 | 113, 863 | 118,969 | 90, 421 | -14.8 | +25.9 | 1,027, 259 | 1,041,862 | +1.4 |
| Exports <br> Cold-storage holdings, end of month $\qquad$ thous. of lbs. | 63, 160 | 58, 154 | 56, 482 | 45,879 | 54, 273 | 49, 414 | 45,740 | +18.3 | +18.7 | 472, 599 | 484, 233 | +2.5 |
|  | 98,365 | 106,824 | 120, 527 | 153,572 | 150,823 | 145, 924 | 114,724 | -1.8 | +31.5 |  |  |  |
| Prices: | 11.74 | 13. 29 | 13.96 | 12.98 | 11.85 | 13.79 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hams, smoked, Chicago ....dolls. per lb-- | . 301 | 13.29 .310 | . 340 | . 351 | . 329 | . 293 | . 298 | $-6.3$ | +10.4 |  |  |  |
| Sheep and Lambs | . 145 | 159 | . 170 | . 165 | . 156 | . 181 | . 179 | $-5.5$ | -12.8 |  |  | $\cdots$ |
| Sheep movement, primary markets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,502 | 1,717 | 1,913 | 1,739 | 2,274 | 1,699 | 2,064 | +30.8 | +10.2 | 12,955 | 13, 874 | +7.1 |
| Shipments, total.---..------- thousands.- | ${ }_{6}^{698}$ | 838 | ${ }_{216}^{918}$ | 828 | 1,176 | 763 | 1,037 | +42.0 | +13.4 | 6, 107 | ¢, 460 | +5.8 |
| Shipments, stocker and feeder _-thousands-- | 124 | 130 | 238 | 260 | 567 | 193 | 421 | +118.1 | +34.7 | 1,389 | 1,646 | +18.5 |
| Local slaughter---......---- thousands-- | 801 | 885 | 998 | 912 | 1,054 | 939 | 998 | +15.6 | +5.6 | 6,841 | 7,370 | +7.7 |
| Lamb and mutton:-------------1. | 40,318 | 36,728 | 39, 818 | 37,935 | 40,260 | 39,374 | 38,870 | +6.1 | +3.6 | 311, 106 | 326, 300 | $+4.9$ |
| Apparent consumption .....-thous. of lbs.. | 41, 247 | 37, 362 | 39,676 | 37,786 | 40, 145 | 39,361 | 38,698 | +6.2 | $+3.7$ | 311, 975 | 326, 434 | +4.6 |
| Cold-storage holdings, end of month ................ thous. of lbs. . | 2,393 | 1,697 | 1,871 | 1,813 | 1,928 | 1,349 | 1,339 | +6.3 | +44.0 | 31, | - 1 |  |
| Prices: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sheep, ewes, Chicago....dolls. per 100 lbs. | 8.53 | 7.05 | 5.31 | 5.88 | 5.87 | 6.31 | 6. 40 | -0.2 | -8.3 |  |  |  |
|  | 13. 53 | 14.20 | 16.13 | 14. 26 | 13.95 | 14.66 | 14.60 | -2.2 | -4.5 |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous Meats |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cold-storage, end mo............thous. of lbs.- | 48, 174 | 48,033 | 52,985 | 57,053 | 58, 458 | 69,866 | 64, 573 | +2.5 | -9.5 |  |  |  |
| Total Meats |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production, inspected slaughter _thous. of lbs Cold-storage holdings, end mo . . thous. of libs Apparent consumption.-........-thous. of lbs. | 1,062,497 | 1, 062, 888 | 1, 182, 513 | 1, 101, 739 | 1, 065, 640 | 1,029,700 | 940,689 | -3.3 | +13.3 | 8,721, 176 | 8,968, 022 | +2.8 |
|  | 714,343 | 676,781 | 705, 720 | 747, 587 | 722, 552 | 790,425 | 694,915 | $-3.3$ | +4.0 |  |  |  |
|  | 989, 961 | 998, 968 | 1, 059, 523 | 1,003, 498 | 1,007, 418 | 1,020, 582 | 978, 295 | +0.4 | $+3.0$ | 7,973, 692 | 8,014, 632 | +0.5 |
| Poultry |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts at five markets . .........thous. of lbs Cold-storage holdings, <br> end of month. $\qquad$ thous. of lbs. | 13,992 | 16,519 | 21,311 | 20,974 | 23, 164 | 17,932 | 14,466 | +10.4 | +60.1 | 143, 829 | 159, 344 | +10.9 |
|  | 52,783 | 42, 808 | 36,730 | 35,793 | 38,610 | 53, 558 | 47,946 | +7.9 | -19.5 |  |  |  |
| Fish |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total catch, prin. fishing ports...thous. of lbs._ | 18,539 | 22, 220 | 27,929 | 29,564 | 32,043 | 24, 539 | 26,839 | +8.4 | +19.4 | 164, 866 | 182, 446 | +10.7 |
| Cold-storage holdings, 15 th of mo.thous. of libs.- | 16, 154 | 21, 540 | 31,345 | 45, 606 | 57,681 | 40,458 | 47,474 | +26.5 | +21.5 |  |  |  |
| Canned salmon:Slipments, United States $\ldots$.-.......cases.Exports, Canada | 152,126 | 177,464 | 368, 619 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 40,313 | 27,146 | 19,208 | 22,708 |  | 51,915 | 135,306 |  |  | ${ }^{3} 597,271$ | ${ }^{3} \mathbf{4 0 0 , 3 5 4}$ | +33.0 |
| Butter |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts, 5 markets......---..... thous, of lbs.. | 45,501 | 54,464 | 75,931 | 68,393 | 50,476 | 69,970 | 55,064 | -26.2 | -8.3 | 411,871 | 419, 773 | +1.9 |
| Cold-storage holdings, creamery, end of month. $\qquad$ thous. of lbs. | 17,527 | 30,561 | 86,897 | 131, 152 | 138, 169 | 109,075 | 128, 403 | +5.4 | +7.8 |  |  |  |
| Apparent consumption--.-.........thous. of libs.-Wholesale price, 5 markets_-.... dolls. per lb. | 147, 225 | 184, 452 | 185, 795 | 178, 825 | 188, 109 | 182,602 | 177,075 | +5.4 | +7.8 | 31,127, 439 | 1,108,540 | $-1.7$ |
|  | . 392 | . 404 | . 409 | . 403 | 422 | . 434 | . 448 | +4.7 | $-5.8$ |  |  |  |
| Cheese |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, all varieties: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts, 5 markets.-.....-- thous. of lbs. | 15, 531 | 14, 973 | 21,777 | 21,972 | 20, 735 | ${ }^{25,825}$ | 22,472 | $-5.6$ | $-7.7$ | 149,233 | ${ }_{3} 138,466$ | -7.2 |
| Apparent consumption -...-- thous. of libs-- | 42,198 | 44, 059 | 45.385 | 36,060 |  | 36,616 | ${ }_{95}^{39,026}$ | +8.8 | +2. | ${ }^{3} 272,633$ | ${ }^{3} 287,751$ | +5.5 |
|  | 47,482 4,872 | 52,165 | 68,711 5,908 | 90,083 5,087 | 97,997 6,520 | 83, 4,459 | 93,472 4,046 | +28.2 | +61.1 | 37,000 | 40, 112 | +8.4 |
|  | 348 | 351 | 261 | 309 | 254 | 351 | 319 | -17.8 | -20.4 | 7,834 | 2,630 | $-66.4$ |
| Exports, Canada--------. thous. of lbs- | 1,303 | 3,280 | 6,667 | 20,681 |  | 25,660 | 23,508 |  |  | ${ }^{3} 48,912$ | ${ }^{3} 39,727$ | $-18.8$ |
| American whole milk: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cold-storage holdings--..... thous. of lbs.Wholesale price, 5 markets...-dolls. per lb. | $\begin{array}{r} 35,597 \\ .200 \end{array}$ | 39,346 .199 | 54,069 .209 | 73,681 .212 | $\begin{array}{r} 80,845 \\ .218 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 66,634 \\ .230 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 76,512 \\ .241 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & +9.7 \\ & +2.8 \end{aligned}$ | +5.7 -9.5 |  |  |  |
| Eggs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts, 5 markets........-.... thous. of cases.. | 2, 087 | 2,251 | 2,115 | 1,385 | 1,083 | 1,315 | 1,042 | -21.8 | +3.9 | 12,779 | 12,638 | -1.1 |
| Cold-storage holdings............thous. of cases... | 3,735 | 7,236 | 9,133 | 9,845 | 9,563 | 10,024 | 9,873 | -2.9 | -3.1 |  |  |  |

## TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEME NTS-Continued



[^7]${ }^{8}$ Seven months' cumulative ending July 31.

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued


TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENT--Continued


- Seven months' cumulative ending July 31.

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued

| The cumulatives shown are through August except where otherwise noted. Earlier data for items shown here may be found on pages 22 to 151 of the August, 1926, "Survey" | 1926 |  |  |  |  | 1925 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PER CENT IN- } \\ & \text { CREASE }(+) \text { OR } \\ & \text { DECREASE }(-) \end{aligned}$ |  | cumulative total FROM JANUARY 1 throjgh august 31 |  | Percentin-creaseor deorcrease$(-)$cumu.lative1926from1925 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | May | June | July | August | July | August | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A ugust } \\ & \text { 1926, } \\ & \text { from, } \\ & \text { July, } \\ & \text { 1926, } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { August, } \\ \text { 1926, } \\ \text { from } \\ \text { August, } \\ 1925 \end{gathered}$ | 1925 | 1926 |  |
| EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES-Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wage rates, U.S. Steel Corp....-cents per hour.. <br> Wages, steel workers, Xoungstown district | 50 | 50 | 50 |  |  | 50 | 50 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Applicants per 100 jobs, employment agencies: | 131.5 | 133.0 | 133.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States average-...--.-...-number.- | 126 | 115 | 130 | 120 |  | 140 | 131 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eastern States--....---.-.---.-.-. ${ }^{\text {number-- }}$ | 114 | 113 | 123 | 128 |  | 132 | 123 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Central States---....---........--number-- | 157 | 138 | 174 | 139 |  | 177 | 167 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Southern States-...................-...-. number-..- | 137 62 | 103 56 | $\begin{array}{r}109 \\ 54 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 106 78 |  | 136 71 | 127 65 |  |  |  |  |  |
| DISTRIBUTION MOVEMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail Sales |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mail-order houses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total sales, 4 houses.......-thous. of dolls.- | 44, 064 | 38,408 | 41, 296 | 35,670 | 35,763 | 31, 884 | 32,421 | +0.3 | +10.3 | 300, 252 | 326,094 | +8. 6 |
| Total sales, 2 houses---.-.--thous. of dolls -- | 38,841 | 33, 724 | 34, 887 | 31, 995 | 32, 272 | 27, 916 | 28,749 | $+0.9$ | 12.3 +15. | 257, 334 | 286, 107 | +11.2 |
| Sears, Roebuck \& Co-c--thous. of dolls -- | 22,998 15,843 | 19,339 14,385 | 18,275 16,612 | 20,011 11,984 | 19,605 12,667 | 17,073 10,843 | 16,947 11,802 | -2.0 +5.7 | +15.7 +7.3 | 152,263 105,071 | 166,238 119,869 | +9.2 +14.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total sales...-.-.-.-.....- -thous. of dolls.- | 33, 768 | 35,689 | 34, 020 | 34,436 | 34.075 | 29, 621 | 32,669 | $-1.0$ | +4.3 | 239,492 | 261,462 | +9.2 |
| Total stores operated - .-.---.-.-number.- | 2,104 | 2, 114 | 2,128 | 2, 142 | 2, 154 | -2,015 | 2,034 | $\underline{+0.6}$ | +5.9 |  |  |  |
| F. W. Woolworth \& Co.--thous of dolls.. | 18,967 | 20, 263 | 19, 021 | 19,395 | 19,015 | 17, 829 | 18,781 | -2.0 | +1.2 | 137,817 | 145,616 | +5.7 |
| Stores nperated.-.-...-- | 1,435 | 1,442 | 1,451 8,834 |  | 1,465 | 1,405 | 1, 411 | $\underline{+0.3}$ |  |  |  |  |
| S. S. Kresge CO --.--.-.....thous. of dolls- | 8,591 | $\begin{array}{r}8,993 \\ \hline 25\end{array}$ | 8,834 329 | 8,886 332 | 8,713 | 7, 510 | 8,178 | -1.9 +1.8 | +6.5 +18.6 | 60, 343 | 67,436 | +11.8 |
| MeCrory Stores Corp-..---thous. of dolls.- | 2, 446 | 2,486 | 2,358 | 2,459 | 2, 493 | 2, 144 | 2,329 | +1.4 | +7.0 | 16,550 | 10,172 | +15.8 |
| Stores operated........--...--number- | 180 | 180 | 181 | 183 | 184 | 173 | 175 | +0.5 | +5.1 |  |  |  |
| S. H. Kress \& Co--..------thous. of dolls.- | 3, 764 | 3,947 | 3, 807 | 3,696 | 3, 854 | 3,138 | 3,381 | +4.3 | +14.0 | 25,758 | 29, 238 | +13.5 |
| Stores operated....-.----...-number-- | 167 | 167 | 167 | ${ }^{167}$ | 167 | 162 | 163 | 0.0 | +2.5 |  |  |  |
| Metropolitan..----.-....-thous. of dolls.- | 748 | 867 | 856 | 831 | 801 | 592 | 664 | -3.6 | $+20.6$ | 4,680 | 5,937 | $+26.9$ |
| Stores operated.--------....-number-- | 72 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 66 | 67 | 0.0 | +19.4 |  |  |  |
| F. \& W. Grand.-..---. - thous. of dolls.- | 785 | 801 | 779 | 790 | 703 | 572 | 622 | -11.0 | +13.0 | 4,444 | 5,894 | +32.6 |
| Chain stores: <br> Groceries- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales $\qquad$ -thous. of dolls_- | 92, 205 | 90, 215 | 86,769 | 87,522 | 82, 814 | 72,649 | 68, 189 | $-5.4$ | +21.4 | 561, 991 | 684, 798 | +21.9 |
| Stores operated ---.-.-.........-number.- | 24, 889 | 25, 101 | 25, 371 | 25, 569 | 25, 372 | 22,640 | 23, 017 | -0.8 | +10.2 |  |  |  |
| Sales....................-. - thous. of dolls.- <br> Stores operated $\qquad$ number-. | 7,564 | 7,460 | 7,316 | 7,736 | 7,631 | 6,490 | 6,711 | $-1.4$ | +13.7 | 46,461 | 59,091 | $+27.2$ |
|  | ${ }_{6} 638$ | ${ }^{619}$ | 626 | 644 | ${ }_{6} 68$ | , 550 | ${ }_{5} 51$ | +2.2 | +19.4 | 4, 61 | , |  |
| Cigar- ${ }_{\text {Sales..................-thous. of dolls.. }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stores operated.------.-......- | 3,288 | 3,282 | 3,310 | 3,321 | 3,335 | 3,008 | 3,088 | -4.7 +0.4 | +8.0 | 2, 839 | B, 8 | +9.6 |
| Shoo- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales ......------..-.-.thous. of dolls.- | 3, 880 | 4,063 | 3,586 | 3, 382 | 2,906 | 2, 855 | 2,810 | -14.1 | +3.4 | 24,630 | 25,955 | +5.4 |
| Stores operated number.- <br> Music- | 888 | 547 | 556 | 561 | 563 | 492 | 498 | +0.4 | +13.1 |  |  |  |
|  | 1,000 | 982 | 1,071 | 976 | 1,095 |  | 1,156 | +12.2 | -5.3 | 7,506 | 7,980 | +6.3 |
| Stores operated..........--- ${ }^{\text {number - }}$ -Candy- | 1,59 | 59 | ${ }^{1} 59$ | 60 | 1,60 | 55 | 1, 57 | 0.0 | +5.3 | 7,500 | , 88 | $+6.3$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stores operated <br> Restaurant chains: <br> Total sales. <br> thous. of dolls | 2,745 249 | $\begin{array}{r}2,670 \\ \hline 251\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}2,476 \\ \hline 269\end{array}$ | 2,550 $\mathbf{2 7 6}$ | 2, ${ }_{275}$ | ${ }^{2,196}$ | 2, ${ }_{239}$ | -7.7 -0.4 | -4.2 +15.1 | 18,169 | 19,427 | +6.9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4,486 | 4,533 | 4,412 | 4, 297 | 4,426 | 4,022 | 4, 222 | +3.0 | +4.8 | 32,401 | 35, 201 | +8.6 |
| Childs Co., sales $\qquad$ thous. of dolls.- | 2,171 | 2,165 | 2,113 | 2,050 | 2, 189 | 1,943 | 2,109 | +6.8 | +3.8 | 15,560 | 16,875 | +8.5 |
| Waldorf System (Inc.), sales .....-.-...................thous. of dolls.- |  | 1,131 | 1,089 | 1,076 | 1,084 | 1,024 | 1,042 | +0.7 | +4.0 | 8,353 | 8,814 |  |
| Thompson sales.......-.-.---- thous. of dolls..- | 1,202 | 1,237 | 1,210 | 1, 171 | 1, 153 | 1,056 | 1,071 | $-1.5$ | 7.7 | 8, 489 | 9,511 | +12.0 |
| Other chain stores: | 8,762 | 9,797 | 9,093 | 8,327 | 8,083 | 5,883 | 6,582 | -2.9 | +22.8 | 48,133 | 62,485 | +29.8 |
| Stores operated.-.................... ormber-- | 8,692 | ${ }^{694}$ | , 697 | 697 | , 721 | ${ }^{593}$ | ${ }^{6} 618$ | +3.4 | +16.7 |  |  | +29.8 |
| United Cigar Stores Co....thous. of dolls.- | 6,504 | 6,945 | 6,623 | 6,783 | 6,472 | 6,020 | 6,303 | $-4.6$ | +2.7 | 47,029 | 50,812 | +8.0 |
| Stores operated...............number.- | 2,995 | 2,993 | 3,017 | 3,027 | 3,039 | 2,731 | 2,810 | +0.4 | +8.1 |  |  |  |
| A. Schulte (Inc.) thous. of dolls.- |  | 2, 502 |  | 2,388 |  | 1,965 | 2, 057 | -5.4 | +9.9 | 15,367 | 17,727 | +15.4 |
| Stores operated Owl Drug Co | 2,282 1,291 | 2, $\mathbf{1 , 2 5 8}$ $\mathbf{2}$ | 282 1,408 | 1,441 | 287 1,403 | 1,266 1,418 | 267 1,453 | +0.7 +0.6 -0.6 | +8.5 +3.5 -7.4 | 10,932 | 10.618 | -2.9 |
|  | 1, 88 | +.88 |  |  |  | 1,418 | 1,453 85 | - 0.0 | +7.1 | 10,932 |  | -2.9 |
| Advertising |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Magazine advertising...---.---thous. of lines_- | 2,620 | 2,571 | 2,419 | 1,833 | 1,689 | 1,675 | 1,489 | -7.9 | +13.4 | 15,965 | 17,427 | +9.2 |
| Newspaper advertising--.-.-.--- thous. of lines.- | 114, 878 | 117, 035 | 105, 948 | 88, 052 | 91,763 | 82, 062 | 85, 526 | +4.2 | +7.3 | 774, 412 | 815,742 | +5.3 |
| Total...-...--.---....- thous. of lines.- | 32,609 | 34, 219 | 31,664 | 26,383 | 26,426 | 18,934 | 20,380 | $+0.2$ | +29.7 |  | 235,949 |  |
| Automobile advertising.-.-. -thous. of lines_- | ${ }^{6,193}$ | 6,654 | 5,438 | 5,904 | 8,200 | 3,849 | 6, 276 | +38.9 | $+30,7$ |  | 51, 606 |  |
| Automobile accessories . .-. -thous. of lines.- <br> Cigars, cigarettes, and | 1,275 | 2, 489 | 2,510 | 2,086 | 1,857 | 1,382 | 1,244 | $-11.0$ | +49.3 |  | 12,329 |  |
|  | 2,850 | 2,715 | 2,786 | 2,447 | 2,552 | 1,332 | 1,048 | +4.3 | +143.5 |  | 19,058 |  |
| tobacco..........-........thous. of lines.-- | 925 | 708 | 918 | , 895 | , 505 | ,997 | , 653 | -43.6 | -22.7 |  | 7,081 |  |
| Food, groceries, beverages--thous. of lines.--Hotels and resorts .......thous. of lines.. | 4,920 | 5,016 | 4,859 | 3,730 | 2,999 | 3,972 | 2,603 | -19.6 | +15.2 |  | 31, 100 |  |
|  | 383 | ${ }^{658}$ | 965 | 724 | 385 | 883 | 464 | -46.8 | -17.0 |  | 4,069 |  |
| Household furniture..........-thous. of lines.-. | 1,261 | 1,010 | 555 | 281 | 284 | 205 | 426 | +1.1 | -33.3 |  | 4,473 |  |
| Men's clothing---..-.....-- thous. of lines.- | 492 | 617 | 596 | 189 | 57 | 209 | 75 | -69.8 | -24.0 |  | 2,431 |  |
| Musical instruments.--.-----thous. of dolls.-. | 124 | 134 | 96 | 83 | 68 | 38 | 49 | -18.1 | +38.8 |  | 1,058 |  |
| Radio and electrical --.--thous. of lines.-.Railroads and steamships...thous. of lines.- | -872 | -915 | 1,024 3,174 | 685 2.442 | ${ }^{835}$ | 292 | 312 | +21.9 | +167.6 |  | 8, 199 |  |
|  | 2, 119 | $\begin{array}{r}2,948 \\ \hline 285\end{array}$ | 3,174 | 2, ${ }_{53}$ | 2,065 32 | 2,011 133 | 1,570 | -15.4 -31.6 | ${ }_{-23.8}^{+31.5}$ |  | 16,609 1,166 |  |
| Thoes-articles and medical ${ }^{\text {thous. of }}$ | 287 | 285 | 157 | 53 | 32 | 133 | 42 | -31.6 | -23.8 |  | 1,166 |  |
| preparations-...........--thous. of lines_-Women's wear | 6,005 | 5,084 | 4,294 | 3,758 | 3,369 | 3,368 | 2,990 | -10.4 | +12.7 |  | 44,056 |  |
|  | 436 | , 204 |  |  | , 47 | 34 | 31 | +33.3 | +41.9 |  | 1,082 |  |
|  | 4,567 | 4,782 | 4,209 | 3,073 | 3, 174 | 229 | 2,594 | +3.3 | $+22.4$ |  | 30,632 |  |

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued


TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS—Continued


TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued


## TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued



[^8]
## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

HERBERT HOOVER, Secretary of Commerce

## CHIEF FUNCTIONS OF BUREAUS

## BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

## William M. Stegart, Ditector

The taking of the decennial census covering population, agriculture, manufactures, mines and quarries, and forest producti. Decennial report on wealth, public debt, and taration, includ. Ing principal financial statistice on Pederal, State, county, city and township governments.
Annual financial atatistics of State and municipal govern-ments-Sources of revenue, objects of payments, debt, lait leviea.
Decennial statistice relating to inmates of Cóstitutions, laclualing paupers, insane, prisoners, and juverile delinquents.
A census of agricuiture in each middecennial year a biennial Densus of manufactures, a quinquencial censue af electrical public utilities, statistios of marriage and divorce.
Annual statistice of births, deaths, causes of death, ete, in the registration area of the United States.
Quatterly or monthly statistics of cotton, poal, tobaceo, leather and many other industries.
The compilation and publication, la the "Surver of Current Business," of monthly commereisl and industrial stalistics.

## BUREAU OR FOREIGN AND DOMESIIC COMMERCE

 Julive Klimin DirectorThe compilation of timely information conceraing woild market conditions and openings for American producte in forof countries fecured through commercial attachés, trade com afisitioners and conenitar oficers. The distribution, of such Information to American business through weekly "Commerce reports," special bulletins, confidential circulars, the newe and trade press, correspondence, and personal contact.
The maintenance of commodity, technical, and regiona! divisions to afford special service to Americain export industries.
The compliation and distribution of aames of possible buyers and agents for American products in all parts of the world and publication of weekly lists of specific sales opportunities abraad
The maintenance of district and cooperative offices in 33 citiea In the United States to expedite delivery of mailiet information. The publication of official statistios on imports and exporte. The study of the processes of domestic trade and commerce

## BUREAU OF STANDARDS

Georem If Burarse, Director
Custody, developaient and oonstruction of staindards of measurement, quality, performance or practice, comparion of standards used by scientific or other institutions.
Determination of physical constants and properties of materials.
The testing of materials arid establishment of standards and processes in cooperation with commercial firms or orgainization Researches covering industrial materials and procesbes:
The colleetion and dissemination of information concorntug building codes and planning and construction of bousee.
Istabibinnent of siguplifed commereial practices through cooperative business organizatione
The bureau publishes eight, series of sclentific and technieal publications reporting the results of its researches and giving tebhaical data fundamental to science and induatry:
The director has supervistion of the peeparation of technical specifications through the Federal Specifications Board.

## BUREAU OF MINES <br> Scotr Turner, Director

Technical investigations in miniag, preparation and utilizaHon of mineral substances, with a yiew to increase of bafety: tealth and efficiency in the mineral industries, fnoluding the study of mine hazards and kafety methods, and of improved methods in the produetion and use of petroleum, hatural gas, ooal, ores, and nonmetalilia minerals.
Testing of fuels purchased by the Governnent and management of the Government Fuel Yard at Washington.
Research on helliun and operation of plantis for production of hellium.

Studien In the economion and marketing of nineraly and collection of statistici on mineral resourcee and mine accidento.
The dissenination of redults of technifal and economio sesearches in bulletins, technical papers, mineral rebources offiea, miners' circulars, and miscellaneous publications.

## BUREAU OF MISHERIES

## Henar OOMaisy, Commissioner

The propagation and distribution of food fish and shellifish.
Investigations to promote conservation of fishery resource
the developrient of commercial fisheries, and aquiculture.
Study of fishery methods; tipprovemente it merchandisin and limination of waste and the collection of fishery statistice
Adiministration of Alaska fisheries and tur seals and the lat on the protection of sponges of the coast of Fhorida.

## BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Grozor R. Puthan, Commisiloner
The maintenance of lighthouser and other aids to navigation marking the navigable waters of the United Statesi
The publication of Light Liste, Buioy Lists and Notices to Mariners, giving information regarding hese afdito navigation.

## COAST AND GEODEIIC SURVEY

## E. Libites Jonks, Director

The survey of the coasts of the United Stater and publication of the charty needed for the navigation of the adjacent watora, including Alacie, the Philipping Llands, Hawhti, Porto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Cadal Zone.
A geodetic system covers the country and coordinatea the burveys of the coasts nnd furnishes accuftely determined control pointt and elevations. These are a vailable for Federal, State, and other surveys and engineering projects. Magnetic declination results are for use of surveyorr add eagineers throughout al parts of the country
The work of the bureau includes base measures, triangulatiof, precise leveling, latitude, longitude asimuth and mag netic observatious and researctes, maghetic maps, gravity, topography, lydrography, tide, and current observations.
The results are published in the form of charts, annual reports, coast pilots, tide tables, current tables, digeste of publieatione and special publications.

## bureau of navigation

D. B. Carson, Commissioner

Superintendence of commercial maripe and merchant seamen
Supervision of registering, enrolling, licensing, numbering etc, of yessels under the United Staten liag, and the annuial publication of a list of such vessele.
The enforcement of the navigation and steamboat fnspection laws and the laws governing radio communication, as well aa duties connected with fees, fines tonnage tares, refunds, etc., originating under such laws.

## STEAMBOAT INSPECTION SERVICE

## Dickmison N. Hoovin, Supervising Inspector General

The inspection of vessels, the lioensing of the officers of vessels, and the administration of lawe relating to sueh vessels and their offcere. The certification of able paamen and lifeboat men who foro the crews of merchant vessels
The ingpectiot of yessels, including the types of boilers; the testing of all materials subject to tensile strain io marine boilets; the inspection of hulls and of life-saving equipment.
The investigation of violations of steamboat inspection lawe.

## UNITED STATES PATENT OFILCE

## Thomar E Robertbon, Commissioner

Supervision of the granting of patentia and the regietration of trade marks, prints and labels, Licluding technical axamination and judicial proceedinge.

Maintenance of library with public search room, pontafing ooples of all published foreign patents, as well as United Statee patents and trado-marks. Maintiins reeording office of bill of sale, aseignments, ete, relating to petents sid trade. marks: Furnishes copies of all records pertalining to patents.
Publication of the "Official Garette", Weekly ahowing the patente and trede-marks issued.

## PUBLICATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Recent publications of the Department of Commerce having the most direct interest to readers of the Surver or Current Bobsines are listed below. A complete list may be obtained by addressing the Division of Publications, Department of Commerce, at Washington, Copies of the pubiications may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Offies, Washington, at the price stated, If no price is nentioned, the pubhications are distributed free.

## BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

Crar informatiop congartilg plan of publichtion and distifoutign of census pabil Cotions hdares fie Director of the Oonsis)

Censuls of Agriculture, 1925,-State bulletins containing county statisfics ooncering farms and farm property, etops; ivestock, efo. Lasho, 36 pages, price 54 , Nevadi, 20 pages, price 54; Oliahema, 55 pages, price $10 \%$ and South Dakota, 50 pages priceiog
Titients in Hospitals for Mental Misease, 1924, This report contains information concerving pitients resident in instifutions on January 1,1923 , and admissions, discharges, etc, during the ealendar yoar 1922 , as well as financiat dats concerning such instifutions. 257 pares, price 35 .

Children inferInstitutional Care, 1923, Preliminary billetin contahing s pages. This is a resume of the fanalieport to be printea later giving statistics con derning depondent, neglected, and delinguent childrea in the United Statec in tho eare of instituthone and child placing spencies.
Feeble minded and eplleptics in institilons, 1923.- Prelin. inary builetin containing 12 pages. This is a punidery of the if hal repoit ta be printed shortiy, which will contain getailed information oncerning patients in intitutions for feeble-minded and eplieptics.

Animin and vegetable fats and olls, calendar years 1924 and 1925. This report shows factory production, warehouse stocks, and imports and exports. 16 pages, priee 54.

Stocts of leaf tobacco, 1925-Bulletin 159. -This bulletin contains etatistics concerning leat tobacco held by certsia classes of manufacturers of, and dealens in leaf tobaceo. 47 pages, price Liof.

## BUREAU OP FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE

Monthly Summary of Forelgn Commerce of Whe United States, July, 1926 , Parts I and II. Part 1 eqnatains statistics of exports of dimeshio merchandise end inipoits by articles for July 1925 add 1926 , and for 7 months ended July 1925 and 1926. Part I contains summanics of export and import trade; monthly average import and expart prices; statistice of trade With Alaskn, Hawai, and Morto Pico. Stogle eopies, Part I, 100 Fart II, 5 . An Anuai subscortption, $\$ 1.25$.
Analyzing Statistics of Forely Trade in Leather- 8 pages. This bulletin explains the importanco of the Ehipper's export declaration and the necessity for tecursot.
Index to Comneree Reports, Nos, $14-26$, April_June, 1926.-. This index a arranged by subjecty country, and autfor the material being grouped alphabetically upder these headinge. Price, 5 p per eopy, annus subseriptiop, 20 .

Oüthook for Increased Leather kxiâts, by 1 . Schnitzer, special sgent. Trade Information Bulletin No 429 ; 41 pages. This builetin shows the exports of leqther from the United States to tarious countries during 1924 and 1925. Jrice, $10 \%$

Altomotire Equipment and Construction, Preferences in Forelen Countries, by H. Ce Schuette. Trade Information Bulletin vo, 431 , 52 pages. In this bulletin are discussed the X Xpes of motor véhicles and accessories noóst popularin different oountiris of the wotld. Price, $10 \%$.

Foresi 7 frde of the United States in fiscal year 1925-26.Trade Irfoimation Bulletia No. 432,22 pages. This is the fourta of a series of annual butletine on the forelgn trade of the United States

World Radio Markets in 1926, by Lawrence D. Bation. Trade Information Bulietin No 433,87 pages. This is a compretiensive study of the radio situation of the world, giving listis of broadeasting stations with their call letters and wave leng tibs, hieense fees charged, number of receiving sets in use, and apparatus market conditions in cifferee cointries, Price, 10.
Dollars-and.Cents Ekport Service Stationi- - 8 pages. This smgil pamphlet is available through district and eooperative Offces of the Bureau.

Practical, Aids to American Business.- 24 , pages, This pamphlet gives a brief account of the activities of and kinds of information furnished by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce:

## BUREAU OF STANDARDS

Safety Rules for Radio Installations, Handbook Series No. 9, 28 pages. This pamphlet is Part 5 of the fourth edition of the National Thectrical Safey Code. Price $10 \%$ :
Establishment of Radio Standards of Frequency by Use of Harmonic Amplifier, by C. B. Jollife and Grace Hazer, Scieqtific Paper No. 530 . (From Scientific Papers, vil 21 , pp. 179189, 2 illustrations, 2 pages of plates.) Price, 10 .

Analysis of Dental Gold Alloys, by William E. Swaiger, Sct entific paper No, 532 . (Fron Sciontific Papers, rol. 21, pp. $209-239$ ) Price, 100 .

Effect of Bry Gleaning on Silks, Comparison of Eftect of Bry Cleaning and Some Service Conditions on Strengith of Silf, by M. I. Goldman, C, C, Hubbaxd, and Charles If Schoffatall, Technologic Baper Ao 322. (From Teehnologtc Papers, vol. 20, pp. 605-634, 16 illustrations.) Price 15 .

## BUREAU OF MINES

Coal in 1923 . Crom Misieral Resources of the Joited States, 1923, Pt. II, pp. $499-746$, illustrations.) This bulletin appears as a publication of the Geological Survey, but it is distributed by the Mines Burear, sinee the Mineral Resources of She United states is now issued by that bureab, Price $25 / \mathrm{A}$
Cement in 1924. (From Mineral Resources of the United
 publication is given an accolitt of the growth of the Portiaid cement industry. Price, 5f
Descripife List of Motion-Micture Pims and Plan of Dlstrlbution, by M. F. Leopold and R. A. Wood. 22 pages. This publicetion gives brief descriptions of the motionpietare firn's made and loaned by the Bureau of Mines:

## BUREAU OF FISHERIES

Salmon-Tagging Experiments in Alaska, 1924 and 1926; by Whis H Rich. Document No, 1005 . From Butetin of the Bureau of Fisheries, tol 42 pp. $109-146$, map) These experifrents were undertaleen to discover the main routes of migration of Salmon extering Alaska waters, Priee, 10.

## BUREAU OF NAVIGATION

American Documented Seagoing Merchant Vessels of 500 Cross Tons and Over, August, 1926. 71 pages. Published monthly. Sipgle copies, 10; ; annual subscription, 7 5f.

Radio Serfice Builletin, Angast, 1926.-Published monthly in interest of redio service. Contains lists of ratio stations and references to eurrent radio Biterature. 14 pages. Single eopies, bd, annual subscription, $25 \phi$.

## COAST AND GEODELIC SURVEX

United States Coast Pilot, Allantic Coast Cape Cod to Sandy Hook-Second edition. Serial No. 335,400 pages, 2 maps. Price, 754.

Use of Gravity Pendulum as Timepiece, by Wiliam Bowie. Serial No. 356; 4 pages.

## PATENT OFFICE

Classification Bulletin of the United States Ratent Qffice from Janmary 1 to June 30,1926 . No. $56 ; 15$ pages. This publication contains the olassifcation of subjects of invention ferised by the classification dinision of the Patent Office.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Data since January, 1925, cover only stocks east of California, and hence are not directly comparable with figures for earlier periods.
    ${ }^{2}$ Wholesale and retail prices from Department of Labor averaged for the month; farm prices from Department of Agriculture. pine. The total production of these associations in 1919 was equal to $11,401,000,000$ board feet, compared with a total lumber production for the country of $34,552,000,000$ board feet reported by the census.

[^1]:    I Sources of data are as follows: Bituminous coal and beehive coke production from $U$. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Mines; Lumber production, based on fous associations, from the National Lumber Manufacturers Association; Petroleum production (crude) from American Petroleum Institute, Loadings of freight cars from American Railway Association; Building contracts from F. W Dodge Corporation; Receipts of wheat from Bradstreet's; Receipts of cattle and hogs from U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics; Receipts of cotton from New Orleans Cotton Exchange; Wholesale prices (Fisher's index), based on 1923-24 as 100 , from Professor Irving Board of Trade through U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics; Loans and discounts of member banks and debits to individual accounts from Federal Reserve Board; Call-money rate from Wall Street Journal; Business failures from R. G. Dun \& Company.
    ${ }^{2}$ The actual week for all items does not always end on same day.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Compiled by the Associated Manufacturers of Electrical Supplies, Fan Motor Section.
    ${ }^{2}$ For "fan-year" ending Sept. 30 of year indicated.

[^3]:    *Fluctuations between maximum and minimum due largely to seasonal conditions.

[^4]:    ${ }^{1}$ Compiled from data collected by the Federal Reserve Board, this table supplements similar data published in the October, 1923, SuRver (Bo. 26 ), pp. 51 to 55 , and which have been carried forward since that issue in the July, 1924, Sorvey (No.35), pp. 58 to 60 and the April, 1926, Survey (No. 56 ), pp. 24 to 26 . Subsequent comparable

[^5]:    ${ }^{4}$ Revised.

[^6]:    ${ }^{8}$ Seven months' cumulative ending July 31.

[^7]:    ${ }^{2}$ Final estimate for 1925.

[^8]:    ${ }^{3}$ Seven months' cumulative ending July 31 .

