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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

In addition to figures given from Government sources, there are also incorporated for completeness of service figures from other sources generally accepled by the trades, the authorsty and responsibility for which are noted in the "Sources of Data" on pages 139-142 of the August, r929, semiannual issue

## 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. The figures reported 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.

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 August, 1929, issue). In the intervening months the more important comparisons only are given in the table entitled "Trend of business movements."

## WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

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 supplements every week to subscribers in the United States. The supplements are usually mailed on Saturdays and give such information as has been received during the week ending on the preceding Tuesday. The monthly information contained in these bulletins is republished in the Survey, and the supplements also contain charts and tables of weekly data.

## RELATIVE AND INDEX NUMBERS

To facilitate comparison between different important items and to chart series expressed in different units, relative numbers (often called "index numbers," a term referring more particularly to a special kind of number described below) have been calculated. The monthly average for 1923-1925 has usually been used as a base equal to 100 .

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 base 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.

When two or more series of relative numbers are combined by a system of wéightings, 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 most instances the charts used in the Surver 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 arithmetic form of 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 months. Another moyement 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 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.

## RECORD BOOK

As an aid to readers in comparing present data with monthly statistics in previous years, the department is compiling a Recond Book of Business Statistics, in which data now carried in the Survey of Current Business are shown by months as far back as 1909, if available. Full descriptions of the figures and reports of how the data are used in actual practice by business firms are contained in the Recond Book. The sections covering textiles, metals, and fuels, automobiles, and rubber have already been issued and may be obtained for 10 cents per copy from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. (Do not send stamps.) Notices of other sections will be given in the Surver as they are issued.

## METHODS OF USE

Methods of using and interpreting current business statistics have been collected by the department from many business concerns and are described in a booklet entitled "How to Use Current Business Statistics," together with methods of collecting statistics. This booklet may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at 15 cents per copy. (Do not send stamps.)

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 


#### Abstract

Subscription price of the Survey of Current Business is $\$ 1.50$ a year; single copies (monthly), 10 cents, semiannual issues, 25 cents. Foreign subscriptions, $\$ 2.25$; single copies (monthly issues), including postage, 14 cents; semiannual 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


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## PRELIMINARY SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Reports from Detroit covering the early weeks of September, on the basis of factory employment, indicate lower activity in the automotive industry than in either the preceding month or September of last year. Steel plants showed a lower rate of operation in September than in August but was higher than a year ago. Petroleum production showed some recession in September from the high level of activity of the preceding month but was still considerably greater than a year ago.

The movement of goods by rail, as reflected by car loadings, was greater than a year ago. The volume of building contracts awarded, however, on the basis of early figures, showed a decline from September of last year. The output of bituminous coal was greater than a year ago, while receipts of cattle at principal markets showed a decline. Hog receipts, however, were greater than last year.

The general level of wholesale prices was lower than in August and showed a decline from last year averaging 4 per cent. Prices for iron and steel and copper showed practically no change from the preceding month but were higher than a year ago. Prices for wheat were also higher than last year, while cotton prices showed only slight change from a year ago.

The volume of check payments was substantially greater than in September, 1928. Loans and discounts of Federal reserve member banks continued to show expansion as compared with both the preceding month and September of last year. Time money rates averaged higher than in either the previous month or the same period of 1928. Brokers' loans reached a new high point during the month, while stock prices also recorded a new peak, but declined substantially toward the close of the month. Business failures were less numerous than in September of last year.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS, 1923-1929

[Ratio charts-see explanations on inside front cover. The curves on check payments, wholesale trade, 10 -cent ehains, and department stores have been adjusted for normal seasonal variations, and manufacturing production for the varying number of working days in the month as well]


## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS

The principal business indicators are shown below, all calculated on a comparable basis, the average for the years 1923 to 1925, inclusive. Thus the table gives a bird'seeye view of the business situation in a concise form, so that trends of the principal indicators may be seen at a glance.

Certain indicators, in which there is a marked seasonal movement, art shown with the average seasonal variations eliminated, as noted below. In this manner a more understanding month-to-month comparison may be made.

| ITEM | MONTHLY AVERAGE |  |  |  |  |  | 1928 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1929 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1923 | 1024 | 1925 | 1928 | 1927 | 1928 | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | M8y | June | July | August |
|  | 1923-1925 monthly average $=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industrial production: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Total manufacturing. | 101.0 | 94.0 | 105. 0 | 108.0 | 106.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 113.0 | 116.0 | 114.0 | 111.0 | 113.0 | 117.0 | 117.0 | 120.0 | 123.0 | 124.0 | 128.0 | 125.0 | 124.0 |
| - Total minerals. | 105.0 | 96.0 | 98.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 106.0 | 101.0 | 105. 0 | 108.0 | 114.0 | 113.0 | 112.0 | 117.0 | 120.0 | 107.0 | 115.0 | 116.0 | 112.0 | 114.0 | 115.0 |
| Pigiron. | 111.7 | 86.7 | 101.5 | 109.0 | 101.0 | 105. 5 | 102.8 | 105.0 | 102.5 | 112.9 | 110. 5 | 112.8 | 115.2 | 107.3 | 124.3 | 122.6 | 130.5 | 124.4 | 126.7 | 125.7 |
| Steel ingots | 104.8 | 88.7 | 108. 4 | 113.1 | 104. 6 | 120.2 | 110.3 | 120.9 | 120.0 | 134. 5 | 3 123.2 | 116.3 | 129.9 | 125.1 | 146.3 | 142.8 | 152.5 | 141.2 | 139.9 | 142.5 |
| Automobiles. | 101.7 | 90.8 | 107.5 | 108.4 | 85.7 | 109.8 | 118.7 | 139.7 | 125.8 | 120.3 | 77.9 | 70.9 | 121.5 | 141.2 | 177.2 | 188.2 | 182.9 | 165.2 | 151.5 | 151.3 |
| Coment. | 02.1 | 99.8 | 108.1 | 110.0 | 115. 3 | 118.0 | 140.6 | 150.9 | 143.9 | 141. 1 | 1124.5 | 98.1 | 79.5 | 68.8 | 80.2 | 110.6 | 129.9 | 135.2 | 139.0 | 149.6 |
| Cotton (consumption) | 105. 9 | 89.7 | 104. 4 | 108. 5 | 120.2 | 106.8 | 85.7 | 102.6 | 95.9 | 120.6 | 6119.0 | 104. 1 | 130.2 | 116. 5 | 123.3 | 123.1 | 130.2 | 111.1 | 106. 5 | 108.7 |
| Wool (consumption). | 1128 | 94.6 | 92.6 | 88.7 | 97.0 | 94.7 | 80.4 | 95.2 | 91.8 | 108.6 | 6 105.7 | 96.8 | 114.0 | 101.3 | 102.7 | 103. 8 | 102.9 | 93.0 | 99.8 | 111.1 |
| Raw material output: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Animal products. | 100.0 | 104.0 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 97.0 | 99.0 | 108.0 | 97.0 | 92.0 | 102.0 | 93.0 | 92. | 96.0 | 80.0 | 88.0 | 99.7 | 108.9 | 111.8 | 116.0 | 100.0 |
| Crops | 02.0 | 104.0 | 104. 0 | 109.0 | 113.0 | 119.0 | 86. 8 | 115.0 | 178.3 | 252.1 | 179.7 | 152.2 | 112.5 | 81.9 | 72.5 | 57.4 | 51.1 | 55.7 | 90.4 | 147.9 |
| Forest products. | 99.0 | 97.0 | 104. 0 | 88.0 | 93.0 | 88.2 | 88.0 | 90.0 | 78.0 | 84.0 | 84.0 | 76.0 | 82.0 | 74.0 | 86.0 | 90.2 | 98.6 | 89.9 | 88.3 | 91.5 |
| Crude petroleum | 89.4 | 96.8 | 103.7 | 104. 6 | 122.3 | 122. 2 | 122.9 | 126.8 | 124.5 | 129.5 | 123.8 | 129.4 | 133.5 | 123.3 | 134.4 | 130.5 | 137.5 | 135.9 | 148.8 | 150.3 |
| Bituminous coal. | 108. 0 | 92.5 | 99.5 | 109.7 | 99.0 | 94.3 | 83.3 | 94.4 | 94.8 | 115. 6 | 6 105.7 | 99.6 | 118.1 | 108. 5 | 90.3 | 84.7 | 92.2 | 87.4 | 93.3 | 100.7 |
| Copper | 83.4 | 100.2 | 108.4 | 110.2 | 104.9 | 114.9 | 111.3 | 116.7 | 118.8 | 131. 1 | 129.5 | 129.8 | 130.9 | 128.5 | 142.1 | 143.9 | 141.6 | 124.9 | 120.1 | 119.6 |
| Power and construction: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electric power.. | 02.5 | 98. 1 | 109.5 | 122.6 | 133.3 | 146.0 | 142.4 | 149.8 | 145.2 | 1580 | 154. 6 | 157.8 | 164.3 | 148.1 | 159.3 | 157.1 |  | 154.9 | 159.8 | 164.7 |
| Building contracts (37 States)... | 80.7 | 92.7 | 117.6 | 111.0 | 106.8 | 121.4 | 123.7 | 118.8 | 114. 2 | 129.1 | 111.1 | 88.2 | 88.6 | 81.8 | 117.1 | 128.0 | 122.4 | 109.7 | 113.7 | 100.5 |
| Unfilied orders: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U. S. Steel Corporation | 125.8 | 88.6 | 00.6 | 84.6 | 74.0 | 6.2 80.7 | 74. 8 | 75.9 | 74.7 | 78.6 | 76.9 | 83.3 | 86.1 | 86.8 | 82.4 | 82.7 | 90.1 | 89.2 | 85.6 | 76.6 |
| stocks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General inder. | 04.5 | 102.0 | 103.5 | 114.6 | 120.8 | 122.7 | 105.4 | 107.5 | 116.0 | 132.9 | 137.0 | 141.5 | 138.4 | 136.4 | 133.0 | 127.0 | 121.4 | 118. 5 | 121.0 | 125.8 |
| Manfd. commodities (28) | 93.8 | 103.2 | 103.0 | 106.3 | 112.5 | 116.7 | 118.3 | 115.4 | 111.3 | 110.7 | 113.7 | 120.4 | 125.2 | 124.8 | 121.0 | 119.0 | 117.8 | 117.3 | 118.0 | 114.1 |
| Cotton. | 102.6 | 01.4 | 108.2 | 145. 5 | 163.1 | 123.8 | 58.6 | 52.4 | 89.5 | 155.1 | 181.4 | 187.7 | 169.8 | 148.5 | 130.5 | 109.9 | 88.4 | 70.9 | 54.2 | 58.2 |
| Oopper (refined) | 106. 4 | 113.9 | 73.1 | 64.8 | 85.4 | 58.4 | 48.5 | 48.4 | 45.8 | 40.3 | 46. 1 | 57.8 | 55.4 | 48.8 | 46.8 | 50.8 | 62.2 | 73.4 | 86.3 | 92.2 |
| Employment: Factories. | 106. 6 | 96.2 | 97.2 | 97.9 | 94. 4 | 91.9 | 90.3 | 91.7 | 93.0 | 93.9 | 83.4 | 93.5 | 93.2 | 95.4 | 96.6 | 97.1 | 97.2 | 96.8 | 96. 2 | 96.6 |
| Prices: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farm products, to producers. | 97.8 | 97.1 | 106. 5 | 98.0 | 94.9 | 100.7 | 105.1 | 100.7 | 102.2 | 99.3 | 97.1 | 97.1 | 96. 4 | 98. 6 | 101.4 |  |  | 97.8 | 101. 4 | 103.6 |
| Wholesale, sll commodities | 92.9 | 97.4 | 102.8 | 99.3 | 94.7 | 97.0 | 97. ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 98.2 | 99.4 | 97.1 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 96.5 | 96.0 | 96.8 | 96.1 | 95.1 | 95.7 | 97.3 | 97.0 |
| Retail food. | 97.6 | 97.6 | 104. 0 | 107.6 | 103.8 | 102.9 | 102. 1 | 103.0 | 105.4 | 104.8 | 105.1 | 104.1 | 103.3 | 103.2 | 102.2 | 101.3 | 102.4 | 103.4 | 105.9 | 107.0 |
| Cost of living (including food)...- | 98.1 | 99.8 | 102.3 | 102.3 | 09.9 | 98.7 | 88.0 | 88.0 | 90.3 | 09.3 | 99.3 | 98.7 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 97.4 | 96.8 | 96.8 | 97.4 | 98.7 | 99.3 |
| Distributlon, (values): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Wholesale trade-- | 101.0 | 98.0 | 102.0 | 101.0 | 97.0 | 96.0 | 94.2 | 100.6 | 96.4 | 97.4 | 99.0 | 94.9 | 101.1 | 96.3 | 97.0 | 100.0 | 102.0 | 97.0 | 101. 0 | 103.0 |
| - Department stores, sales. | 98.0 | 89.0 | 103.0 | 106.0 | 107.0 | 108.0 | 107. 0 | 105.0 | 118.0 | 105.0 | 106.0 | 116.0 | 105.0 | 110.0 | 113.0 | 105. 0 | 107.0 | 112.0 | 106. | 112.0 |
| Mail-order sales, 2 houses | 89.2 | 98.1 | 112.7 | 120.2 | 126.2 | 147. 6 | 123.1 | 140.6 | 155.4 | 194.4 | 188.4 | 227.4 | 144.9 | 141.8 | 163.3 | 170.0 | 168.2 | 176.4 | 163.0 | 183.7 |
| - 10-cent chains, sales | 88.0 | 09.0 | 113.0 | 125.0 | 138.0 | 150.0 | 148.0 | 147.0 | 185.0 | 148.0 | 151.0 | 163.6 | 145.8 | 156. 9 | 167. 4 | 153.0 | 172.0 | 174.0 | 162.0 | 174.0 |
| Imports. | 97.8 | 03.1 | 109.0 | 114.3 | 108.0 | 105.5 | 98.4 | 107.3 | 99.0 | 110.0 | 101.1 | 105.0 | 114.2 | 114.4 | 118.8 | 127. 1 | 123.9 | 109.4 | 109.6 | 116.7 |
|  | 91.5 | 100.8 | 107.8 | 105. 5 | 106.8 | 112.6 | 98.8 | 100.1 | 111.1 | 145.1 | 143.5 | 125. 3 | 128.6 | 116.4 | 129.0 | 112.2 | 101. 4 | 103. 6 | 106. 2 | 100.6 |
| Transportation: <br> Freight, net ton-miles. | 102.2 | 95.9 | 101.0 | 109.1 | 106. 0 | 108.5 | 105.0 | 113.6 | 117.3 | 129.2 | 124.6 | 88.4 | 104. 8 | 102. 2 | 107.8 | 102. 7 | 112.6 | 109. 1 | 112.5 |  |
| Finance: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Member bank loans and discounts | 24.1 | 98.5 | 107.4 | 112.0 | 117.3 | 126.8 | 126.6 | 125.6 | 127.3 | 128.3 | 129.8 | 135.4 | 128.7 | 130.6 | 132.4 | 131.3 | 129.3 | 135.1 | 136.2 | 135.3 |
| Interest rate (commercial paper)..- | 116.2 | 90.0 | 93.5 | 100.9 | 95.4 | 112.8 | 119.0 | 124.8 | 130.6 | 127.6 | 124.8 | 124.8 | 124.8 | 127.6 | 136.4 | 139. 2 | 139.2 | 139.2 | 139.2 | 142.2 |
| Federal reserve ratio.. | 99.0 | 104. 1 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 90.1 | 89.1 | 88.9 | 90.0 | 86.5 | 87.0 | 84.5 | 80.2 | 89.9 | 90.5 | 92.6 | 94. 9 | 96.5 | 94.4 | 96.4 | 97.7 |
| Price, corporation bonds. .......-- | 96.4 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 108.0 | 112.5 | 113.0 | 110.8 | 109.8 | 111.0 | 111.3 | 112.0 | 110.7 | 110.8 | 109. 6 | 108.0 | 107. 6 | 106.7 | 105.4 | 104.9 | 104.1 |
| Price, railroad stocks.. | 86.0 | 06.1 | 117.9 | 133.4 | 162.7 | 174. 5 | 170.3 | 173.8 | 178.5 | 176.4 | 186.0 | 180.3 | 189.3 | 188.3 | 184.9 | 183.7 | 184. 4 | 192.1 | 213. | 216.3 |
| Price, industrial stocks. | 86.1 | 91.9 | 122.0 | 132.4 | 171.4 | 214.8 | 206. 1 | 213.4 | 226.9 | 234.5 | 252. 6 | 229.0 | 275.0 | 280.3 | 283.7 | 285.8 | 290.3 | 297.8 | 330.8 | 344.5 |
| Failures (liabilities). | 106.0 | 106.8 | 87.2 | 80.4 | 102.2 | 95.6 | 69.8 | 137.3 | 80.1 | 82.5 | 95.8 | 96.2 | 127.1 | 80.3 | 85.7 | 83.2 | 97.2 | 74.0 | 76.5 | 79.6 |

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## BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN AUGUST

## PRODUCTION

The manufacturing production during August, according to the weighted index of the Federal Reserve Board, showed practically no change from the preceding month but was greater than in August of last year. Mineral production, after allowances for seasonal changes, showed a gain over both the preceding month and August, 1928. Automobile production showed a slight decline from the preceding month but was greater than a year ago. Steel production declined from July but was greater than a year ago, while the consumption of cotton and wool by textile mills registered substan-
in either the preceding month or the same period of last year. Gains over both period were general in all lines except meats which declined from the preceding month and groceries which showed no change from August, 1928.

Sales by department stores showed gains over both the preceding month and August of last year. The value of merchandise stocks held by department stores at the end of August showed a gain over the preceding month but was lower than a year ago. Sales by $10-$ cent chain store systems showed large gains as compared with both periods.

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[Relative numbers, monthly average 1923-1925 taken as 100, adjusted for seasonal variations]

tial gains over the previous month and August of last year.

## COMMODITY STOCKS

The general index of commodity stocks showed a gain over the previous month and August a year ago, due to larger holdings of raw materials; stocks of manufactured goods at the end of August were lower than at the end of either the preceding month or August a year ago.

## SALES

Unfilled orders for manufactured goods at the end of August were lower than at the end of the previous month, but showed a gain over last year.

Wholesale trade in August, after adjustments for seasonal conditions, showed a larger sales volume than


Other chain-store systems, including groceries, drugs, and shoes, showed substantial gains in business volume as compared with both the preceding month and the same period of 1928.

Sales of manufactured goods by manufacturers was generally greater than in August of last year. New orders for machine tools showed a substantial gain over a year ago. New sales of structural steel and steel castings were greater and fabricated steel plate and malleable castings were smaller than in August, 1928. New orders received for electric hoists and electric overhead cranes were greater than a year ago. New orders for textiles were smaller than in the corresponding period of last year.

## PRICES

The general level of wholesale prices showed no change from the previous month but was lower than a year ago. As compared with the preceding month declines in the prices for fuel, metals, and farm products were balanced by gains in the prices for hides and leather and chemicals. Contrasted with last year declines in the prices for foods, hides and leather, textiles, fuels and chemicals more than offset the gains registered in the prices for metals, building materials and sundry miscellaneous items.
The index of prices received by farmers for their produce showed a gain of 2 per cent over the preceding month and 3 per cent over a year ago. Prices for all
with the preceding month factory employment in all major industries was greater, except in factories producing foods, iron and steel, and automobiles, which declined and paper and printing and nonferrous metals which showed nochange. Contrasted with a year ago factory employment in August was greater in all industrial groups except stone, clay and glass and tobacco products, where declines were recorded.

Factory pay-roll payments in August showed considerable gains over both the preceding month and August of last year, the increase over a year ago amounting to almost 9 per cent. Wage payments were larger in August than in the preceding month

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT, BY GROUPS
[1926 monthly average $=100$. August, 1929, is latest month plotted]

major groups of farm products were higher than in the previous month, except meat animals which declined. Contrasted with a year ago, farmers received higher prices for all items except cotton and cottonseed and certain unclassified produce.
The cost of living showed only slight change from the previous month but was higher than a year ago. The principal gain over last year occurred in food prices, while the principal decline was registered in clothing costs.

## EMPLOYMENT

Industrial employment in August showed a gain as compared with both the preceding month and the corresponding period of last year, the increase over a year ago amounting to more than 5 per cent. As compared
for all groups except foods, where a decline was registered. As contrasted with a year ago August pay-roll payments were greater for all major groups except stone, clay and glass, which showed a decline.

Employment reports from representative States showed generally larger employment in August than in either the preceding month or the corresponding period of 1928, with pay-roll payments showing similar comparison with both periods.
Industrial lay offs during August showed a gain over both the preceding month and August a year ago while voluntary industrial quits showed a decline from the preceding month but were higher than last year. Industrial accessions showed a considerable decline from both prior comparative periods.

## WHOLESALE PRICES FOR SPECIFIED COMMODITIES

[Relative numbers, 1926 monthly average taken as 100. August, 1929, is latest month plotted. Data from which these charts are drawn are given on the opposite page]


## WHOLESALE PRICES FOR SPECIFIED COMMODITIES—Continued

Note.-Prices to producer on farm products and market price of wool are from U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agriculture Economics, nonferrous metals from the Engineering and Mining Journal-Press, except tin, which is from the American Metal Market. All other prices are from U. S. Dcpartment of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. So far as possible all quotations represent prices to producer or at mill.

| COMMODITIES | Unit | ACTUAL PRICE(dollars) |  |  | relative price |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1926 average $=100$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | July, 1929 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { August, } \\ & 1929 \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{1928}{\text { August, }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June, } \\ 1929 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July, } \\ & \text { 1929 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { A ugust, } \\ 1929 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July, } \\ & 19228 \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{1928}{\text { August, }}$ |
| FARM PRODUCTS-AVERAGE PRICE TO PRODUCER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wheat. | Bushel... | 1.024 | 1. 107 | 0.952 | 64 | 76 | 82 | 87 | 71 |
| Corn. | Bushel... | . 912 | . 959 | . 982 | 124 | 131 | 137 | 147 | 141 |
| Potatoe | Bushel-...-- | . 870 | 1. 386 | . 731 | 34 | 47 | 75 | 42 | 39 |
| Cotton...- | Pound......- | . 34.84 | ${ }_{32.69} .180$ | ${ }_{36.87}^{.188}$ | 119 | 118 | 119 | 139 | 125 |
| Cottonseed | Ton-1......- | 34.84 .0980 | 32.69 .0962 | 36.87 .0951 | 132 | 128 | 120 | 144 | ${ }_{147}^{136}$ |
| Hogs........ | Pound. | 1. 033 | 1. 028 | 1. 001 | 83 | 88 | 87 | ${ }_{82}$ | 185 |
| Lambs | Pound. | 1. 190 | 1. 139 | 1. 188 | 106 | 103 | 98 | 106 | 103 |
| FARM PRODUCTS-MARKET PRICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wheat, No. 1, northern spring (Minneapolis). | Bushel | 1. 43 | 1.34 | 1.19 | 73 | 91 | 85 | 87 | 75 |
| Wheat, No. 2, red, winter (Chicago)-...............-.....-................ | Bushel.... | 1. 334 | 1.273 | 1. 332 | 79 | 87 | 83 | 99 | 86 |
| Corn, contract grade No. 2, cash (Chicago)................................... | Bushel...- | . 995 | 1.002 | . 974 | 121 | 131 | 132 | 142 | 128 |
| Oats, contract grades, cash (Chicago) | Bushel.....-- | . 483 | . 439 | - 390 | 109 | 112 | 102 | 143 | 91 |
| Barley, feeding (Chicago). | Bushel....-- | . 650 | . 639 | . 738 | 77 | 94 | 92 | 120 | 105 |
|  | Bushel | 1.047 .186 | 1.028 .187 | . 9894 | ${ }^{93}$ | 110 | 108 | 118 | 103 |
|  | Pound. | . 182 | . 43 | . 193 | ${ }_{107}^{107}$ | 106 91 | $\begin{array}{r}106 \\ 93 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 123 | 1110 |
| Cattle, steers, good to choice, corn fed (Chicago)..................... | Cwt... | 14.975 | 14.688 | 15. 106 | 151 | 157 | 154 | 157 | 159 |
|  | Cwt... | 11. 200 | 10.663 | 11.706 | 86 | 91 | 86 | 88 | 95 |
| Sheep, ewes (Chicago)- | Cwt | 5. 5.500 | 5. 156 | 5.719 | 81 | 84 | 78 | 82 | 87 |
| Sheep, lambs (Chicago). |  | 13.800 | 12.875 | 14.313 | 93 | 101 | 94 | 111 | 105 |
| FOOD |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Flour, standard patents (Minneapolis) | Barrel | 7. 690 | 7. 306 | 6.619 | 76 | 91 | 87 | 87 | 79 |
| Flour, winter straights (Kansas City) | Barrel | 6.313 | 6. 235 | 5.656 | 73 | 87 | 86 | 89 | 78 |
| Sugar, $96^{\circ}$ centrifugal (New York)-- | Pound. | . 038 | - 038 | . 041 | 81 | 88 | 88 | 97 | 95 |
| Sugar, granulated, in barrels (New York) | Pound. | . 052 | . 054 | . 055 | 89 | 84 | 98 | 104 | 100 |
| Cottonseed oil, prime yellow (New York) --... | Pound |  | . 0934 | . 094 | 81 | 81 | 79 | 85 | 80 |
| Beef, fresh, carcass, good native steers (Chicago) | Pound. | . 238 | . 2381 | . 2444 | 143 | 145 | 145 | 139 | 149 |
| Beef, fresh, carcass, steers (New Y ork) Pork smoked hams (Chicago)...... | Pound. | . 2667 | . 275 | . 249 | $\begin{array}{r}139 \\ 82 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 149 87 | 147 89 | 146 77 | $\stackrel{152}{81}$ |
| Butter, creamery, 92 score (New York) | Pound. | . 42 | . 43 | . 47 | 98 | 93 | 96 | 100 | 104 |
|  | Pound | . 235 | . 235 | . 215 | 103 | 103 | 103 | 94 | 94 |
| TEXTILES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton yarns, carded, white, northern, mule spun, 22-1-cones (Boston). | Pound. | . 348 | . 349 | . 369 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 107 | 103 |
|  | Yard. | . 073 | . 075 | . 075 | 96 | 97 | 100 | 105 | 99 |
| Cotton sheeting, brown 4/4 Trion (New York) ................. | Yard. | . 083 | . 084 | . 091 | 90 | 89 | 90 | 99 | 98 |
| Worsted yarns, 2/32's cross-bred stcck, white, in skein (Boston). | Yound | 1. 450 | 1. 450 | 1.600 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 112 | 112 |
| Women's dress goods, French, 39 inches, at mills, serge......... | Yard. | . 975 | . 975 | 1.025 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 99 | 99 |
| Suitings, unfinished worsted-13-ounce, mill. | Yard. | 1. 1.996 | 1.901 | ${ }_{1}^{2.008}$ | 100 | 100 | 95 | 100 | 100 |
| Suitings, serge, 11-ounce, 56-58 inch. | Yard.....- | 1.959 |  | ${ }_{4} 1.958$ | 90 | 90 79 | 90 | 95 | 92 |
| Silk, Japan, 13-15 ......-...- ${ }^{\text {Hosiery, women's, }}$ | Pound ${ }^{\text {Dozen pair--- }}$ | 4. 9.876 | 5.073 9.250 | 4. 8.51 9.500 | 80 80 | 79 80 | 82 80 | 78 82 | 78 82 |
| LEATHER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hides, green salted, packers' heavy native steers (Chicago) | Pound. | . 181 | . 188 | . 236 | 119 | 129 | 134 | 170 | 168 |
| Hides, calfskins, No. 1, country, 8 to 15 pounds (Chicago) | Pound.....- | . 199 | . 198 | . 275 | 107 | 115 | 114 | 160 | 159 |
| Leather, chrome calf, dull or bright " $\mathrm{B}^{\text {" }}$ grades (Boston) | Square foot. | . 490 | . 490 | . 565 | 110 | 108 | 108 | 125 | 125 |
| Leather, sole, oak, scoured backs, heavy (Boston)....................... | Pound...--- | . 505 | . 520 | . 670 | 111 | 115 | 119 | 153 | 153 |
| Boots and shoes, men's black calf, blucher (Massachusetts). | Pair......- | 6. 750 | 6. 750 | 6. 750 | 106 | 106 | 106 | 106 | 106 |
| Boots and shoes, men's dress welt tan calf oxford (St. Louis).......... | Pair. | 4. 850 | 4.850 | 5.000 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 103 | 103 |
| FUEL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coal, bituminous, mine-run (composite price) | Net ton. | 3.906 | 3.913 | 4.009 | 91 | 91 | 91 | 92 | 93 |
| Coal, bituminous, prepared sizes (composite price)........................... | Net ton....-- | 4. 245 | 4. 330 | 4.388 | 87 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 |
| Coal, anthracite, chestnut (composite price)...... | Long ton...- | 12.754 | 12. 848 | 12.853 | 92 | 93 | 93 | 94 | 93 |
| Coke, Connellsville (range of prompt and future), furnace-at ovens... | Short ton.-. | 2. 800 | 2. 763 | ${ }^{2} .875$ | 68 | 68 | 67 | 68 | 70 |
| Petroleum, crude, Kansas-Oklahoma-at wells.......................... | Barrel.-..... | 1. 300 | 1. 300 | 1.210 | 69 | 69 | 69 | 63 | 64 |
| Metals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pig iron, foundry No. 2, northern (Pittsburgh)........................... | Long ton...- | 20.260 | 20.260 | 18. 260 | 98 | 98 | 98 | 89 | 89 |
| Pig iron, basic, valley furnace.......................................................... | Long ton....- | 18. 500 | 18. 500 | 16. 000 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 86 | 86 |
|  | Long tons..- | 35. 000 | 35.000 | 32.000 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 91 | 91 |
| Copper ingots, electrolytic, early delivery (New York) | Pound.....- | . 1778 | . 1778 | . 1453 | 129 | 129 | 129 | 105 | 105 |
| Brass, sheets, mill | Pound....... | . 233 | . 233 | . 193 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 101 | 101 |
| Lead, pig, desilverized, for early delivery (New York) | Pound......- | . 06880 | . 0675 | . 0625 | 83 | 81. | 80 | 74 | 74 |
|  | Pound | . 46640 | .4665 .0680 | . 480825 | 68 91 | 71 92 | 71 93 | 8 | 74 |
| Zinc, slab, western (St. Louis).............................................. | Pound.... | . 0677 | . 0680 | . 0625 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 85 | 85 |
| BUILDING MATERIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lumber, pine, southern, yellow flooring, mill | M feet. | 37.270 | 37. 430 | 36. 340 | 82 | 83 | 83 | 80 |  |
| Brick, common red, domestic building (New York) -...............-.-.-. | Thousand. | 10.125 | 10.125 | 13.500 | 67 | 62 | 62 | 82 | 82 |
| Cement, Portland, net without bags to trade, f. o. b. plant (Chicago district) | Barrel. | 1.650 | 1. 604 | 1. 683 | 95 | 95 | 92 | 97 | 97 |
| Steel beams, mill (Pittsburgh) | Cwt | 1.950 | 1.950 | 1. 850 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 95 | 95 |
| Rubber, smoked sheets (New York) | Pound | . 213 | ${ }_{15} .206$ | . 198 | 43 | 44 | 43 | ${ }_{10}^{40}$ | 40 |
|  | Ton- | 15.500 2600 | 15.500 2.600 | 15.500 2.525 | 107 | ${ }_{91}^{107}$ | 107 | 107 | 107 |
| Wood pulp, sulphite, domestic, unbleached, news grade (New York).. Newsprint, rolls, contract, mill | ${ }_{\text {Cwt }}^{\text {Cwt }}$ | 2.600 3.250 | 2. 2600 | 2. ${ }^{\text {3. } 2250}$ | 88 94 | $\stackrel{91}{94}$ | ${ }_{94}^{91}$ | ${ }_{94}^{88}$ | 88 |
| Newsprint, rolls, contract, mill |  | 3.250 | 3. 250 | 3. 250 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 |

## MEASURES OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

[Relative numbers, monthly average 1923-1925, taken as 100 ]


MINERAL PRODUCTION AND RAILROAD TON-MILEAGE


FACTORY EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING, AND ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCTION



# REVIEW OF PRINCIPAL BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE 

## textiles

Imports of wool in August showed a decline from the previous month but were greater than a year ago. Wool consumption showed gains over both periods. Woolen machinery was likewise more active than a year ago.

Cotton receipts into sight were greater than in August of last year. Exports of raw cotton showed a decline from last year, while the consumption of cotton by domestic mills showed gains over both the preceding month and August a year ago. For the first eight months of the year cotton consumption was
period of 1928. Rayon prices showed no change from either period.

The production of cotton textiles showed a gain over both the preceding month and August a year ago. New orders, however, were larger than in July but showed a decline from a year ago. The production of fine cotton goods showed gains over both periods. Imports of cotton cloth showed a decline from July but a gain over a year ago, while exports showed declines from both periods.

Prices for cotton goods were generally higher than in July, but showed a decline from a year ago. Cotton

THE TEXTILE INDUSTRIES
[Relative numbers, monthly average 1923-1925, taken as 100. August, 1929, is latest month plotted. Curves covering imports of wool and exports of cotton are plotted from 12 months' moving monthly averages plotted on the end month]


13 per cent larger than in the same period of last year. Cotton stocks held at mills and in public storage at the end of August were 14 per cent heavier than a year ago.
Silk imports showed gains over both the previous month and August a year ago. The apparent consumption of silk was likewise greater than in either period, while silk machinery was generally more active than in either the previous month or August a year ago.
Rayon imports were larger than in July but smaller than a year ago, while for the first eight months of the year a gain of 45 per cent was reported over the same
finishers reported a larger operating activity than in either the preceding month or August a year ago. Shipments by cotton finishers during the first 8 months of the year showed a gain of 15 per cent over the same period of 1928. Stocks of finished goods held by finishers at the end of August were lower than in July but showed a slight gain over a year ago.
Imports of burlaps and unmanufactured fibers showed gains over both the preceding month and August of last year. For the first eight months of the year the importations of these items were larger than in the same period of 1928 .

## METALS

Pig-iron production during August showed a slight decline from the preceding month but was 20 per cent greater than a year ago. For the first eight months of the year the output of pig iron showed a gain of 18 per cent over the corresponding period of 1928. Wholesale prices for iron showed no change from the preceding month, but were generally higher than a year ago.

The production of steel ingots showed a gain in August over both the preceding month and August of last year. Steel-ingot production during the first 8 months of the year was 18 per cent greater than in the same period of last year. Unfilled steel orders at the end of August declined about 11 per cent from the

For the first 8 months of the year new orders for structural steel showed a gain of 19 per cent over the same period of 1928.

New orders for enameled sanitary ware were greater than a year ago. Shipments of enameled sanitary ware during the first eight months of the year, however, were considerably lower than during the same period of last year. Stocks of sanitary ware held at the end of August were considerably greater than a year ago.

New orders for fabricated steel plate were smaller than in either the preceding month or August of last year. Production of track work and steel barrels was greater than in either prior period. Shipments of cold-

THE METAL INDUSTRIES
[Relative numbers, monthly average 1923-1925, taken as 100. August, 1929, is latest month plotted]

previous month but were fractionally higher than a year ago.

The production of steel sheets by independent manufacturers showed substantial gains over both the preceding month and August a year ago. For the first 8 months of the year steel sheet production was 11 per cent heavier than in the same period of last year. Steel prices showed no change from the preceding month but were generally higher than a year ago.

New orders and production of steel castings showed declines from the preceding month but were greater than a year ago. For the first 8 months of the year the output of steel castings was 31 per cent larger than in the same period of last year.

Bookings for fabricated structural steel were greater than in either the preceding month or August a year ago.

finished steel bars were also larger than in either period. The output of malleable castings was smaller than in July but showed practically no change from a year ago.
New orders for machine tools showed a gain over both the preceding month and August of last year. New orders for electric overhead cranes were likewise greater than in either period. New orders for mechanical stokers, measured in horsepower, showed a decline from July but were greater than a year ago.

The output of copper was smaller than in July but greater than a year ago. For the first eight months of the year copper production was about 20 per cent greater than a year ago. Stocks of refined copper in North and South America at the end of August were 90 per cent larger than a year ago.

## FUELS

The production of bituminous coal was greater than in the preceding month or August a year ago. Prices for bituminous averaged higher than in July but were lower than last year.

The production of anthracite was greater than in the preceding month but showed a decline from a year ago. Prices for anthracite averaged higher than in July but showed practically no change from a year ago.

The production of crude petroleum showed a gain
ago. Stocks of pneumatic tires at the end of the month likewise showed a gain over last year.

## HIDES AND LEATHER

Imports of hides and skins were lower than in July but greater than a year ago. For the first eight months of the year imports were 15 per cent smaller than in the same period of last year.

More animals were slaughtered under Federal inspection in August than in either the preceding month or the corresponding period of last year.

THE FUEL INDUSTRIES
[Relative numbers, monthly average 1923-1925 taken as 100. August, 1929, is latest month plotted where data were available]




over both periods, while the price for petroleum showed no change from the preceding month but averaged higher than a year ago.

## AUTOMOBILES AND RUBBER

The output of automobiles was smaller than in July but showed a gain over a year ago. For the first eight months of the year automobile production showed a gain of more than 38 per cent over the corresponding period of 1928 .

Imports of rubber were lower than in July but greater than a year ago. For the first eight months of the year rubber imports showed an increase of 48 per cent over the same period of 1928. Production of pneumatic tires in August was greater than a year

The production of sole leather showed a gain over July but was lower than in August a year ago. For the first eight months of the year sole leather output showed a decline of 12 per cent from the corresponding period of last year. Stocks of sole and belting leather at the end of July were lower than a year ago. Exports in August were lower than in either the preceding month or August last year. Prices for sole leather averaged higher than in July, but were 22 per cent below the level of a year ago.

The production of shoes showed gains over both the preceding month and August of last year. Prices for shoes showed practically no change from either the preceding month or the same period of last year. Shoe exports were lower than in either period.

## BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

New building contracts awarded in August, measured in value, showed a decline from both the preceding month and the corresponding period of 1928. The decline from a year ago was solely due to smaller contracts for residential construction. For the first eight months of the year building contracts showed a decline of about 7 per cent from the same period of 1928. All classifications, however, showed larger awards during this period except residential construction, educational buildings and other public and semi-public structures. The declines in the latter two groupings, however, were unimportant when compared with the decline of approximately $\$ 500,000,000$ in residential construction.
ago. For the first eight months of the year production and shipments of cement showed a decline from the corresponding period of last year amounting to 2 per cent. Wholesale prices for cement averaged lower than in either the previous month or August of last year.

New awards for concrete paving showed declines from both the preceding month and August of last year; the eight months' total also showed a decline from a year ago.

New orders and shipments for vitreous-china plumbing fixtures were greater than in either the previous month or August of last year, but the totals for the first eight months showed declines amounting to more than 5 per cent from the same period of 1928.

THE AUTOMOBILE AND RUBBER INDUSTRIES
[Lelative numbers, monthly average 1923-1925 taken as 100 . Where available, August, 1929, is latest month plotted]


## LUMBER AND LUMBER PRODUCTS

The production of the major types of lumber showed gains as compared with the previous month, but declines were registered from a year ago. Lumber prices were generally higher than in either period. Exports of the principal types of lumber were lower than in the preceding month but higher than a year ago.

## STONE, CLAY AND GLASS

The production of Portland cement showed a gain over the preceding month but was lower than a year

The output of polished plate glass, on the other hand, showed gains in August over both the preceding month and August of last year. For the eight months ended August polished plate glass production showed a gain of 17 per cent over the same period of 1928.

The production of illuminating glassware showed a gain over August but was lower than a year ago. For the first eight months of the year, however, the output was 8 per cent larger than in the same period of 1928.

## FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada at the end of August was considerably greater than a year ago. Receipts and shipments of wheat at the principal domestic primary markets were also greater than a year ago. Exports of wheat showed a gain over August of last year. Wheat prices were lower than in July but were generally higher than a year ago. The output of wheat flour showed a gain over both the preceding month and August of last year.

The visible supply of corn was substantially lower than a year ago. Receipts and shipments of corn at principal markets also showed declines from last year.

Receipts and shipments of hogs at primary markets during the first eight months of the year showed substantial declines from the same period of 1928. The output of pork products under Federal inspection in August was smaller than in July but substantially higher than a year ago. For the first eight months of the year, however, the production of pork was 3 per cent smaller than in the same period of last year. Pork exports in August were greater than a year ago, but showed a decline from July. For the first 8 months of the year exports of pork showed a gain of 6 per cent over the corresponding period of a year ago. Coldstorage holdings of pork products at the end of August were substantially lower than at that time last year.
[Relative numbers, monthly average 1923-1925 taken as 100 . August, 1929, is latest month plotted]


The price of corn showed practically no change from the preceding month but was higher than a year ago.

The visible supply of oats and barley was greater than a year ago. Prices for oats averaged higher than last year, while barley prices showed a decline.

Receipts and shipments of cattle at primary markets were lower than in August, 1928. The production of beef products under Federal inspection was greater than in either the preceding month or August a year ago. Exports of beef were smaller than in July but larger than last year. Cold-storage holdings of beef products were more than 50 per cent larger at the end of August than a year ago. Prices for cattle and beef averaged lower than in either the preceding month or the corresponding period of last year.

Receipts of butter at primary markets were lower than a year ago, but for the first eight months of the year showed a gain of almost 5 per cent over the same period of 1928. Storage holdings of butter at the end of the month were substantially heavier than a year ago. Prices for butter averaged higher than in July but were lower than a year ago. The receipts of cheese at primary markets were lower than last year. Storage holdings of cheese showed a gain over a year ago. The wholesale price of cheese showed no change from the preceding month but was lower than a year ago.

Receipts of poultry were larger than in either the preceding month or August of last year. Storage holdings at the end of the month also showed gains over both periods.

## TRANSPORTATION

The movement of goods by rail, as indicated by figures on the carloadings, was considerably greater than in July and showed a gain of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent over August of last year. For the first eight months of the year freight car loadings showed a gain of almost 5 per cent over the same period of last year. The movement of commodities by river and canal was generally greater during the first eight months than in the corresponding period of a year ago.

## distribution movement

Sales by mail-order houses and 10 -cent chain store system were substantially larger than in either the preceding month or August of 1928. For the first
money rates averaged lower. Rates on both types averaged higher than a year ago.
New sales of life insurance were lower than in July but greater than a year ago. The volume of dividend and interest payments showed a considerable gain over a year ago. Prices for stocks reached a new high point during the month. Bond prices, however, showed further declines from both the preceding month and a year ago. Business failures were fewer in number and showed smaller liabilities than in August of last year.

## GOLD, SILVER, AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Domestic receipts of gold at the mint were greater than in either the preceding month or August of last

## buSiness failures among merchants


eight months of the year mail-order houses reported an increase of 30 per cent over the corresponding period of last year, while chain 10 -cent stores showed a gain of more than 9 per cent over the same period. Magazine advertising was 10 per cent heavier than in August of last year, measured in lineage.

## BANKING AND FINANCE

The volume of check payments was greater than a year ago. Bills discounted by Federal reserve banks showed a decline from both the preceding months and August of last year. Loans and discounts of Federal reserve member banks were lower than in July but greater than a year ago. Brokers loans reached a new high level during the month. Interest rates on time funds were stronger than in July, while call
year. Gold imports showed a considerable gain over a year ago, while exports were lower.

The output of silver in both the United States and Canada was greater than in the previous month or August a year ago. Silver stocks were likewise greater than in either period. Domestic imports of silver were larger than in either the preceding month or August a year ago, while exports, showing a gain over July, were lower than last year. Silver prices were substantially lower than a year ago.

Exchange on the principal foreign currencies showed only little change from the preceding month but important gains were registered in the Italian lira, and the Japanese yen. As compared with a year ago exchange rates showed only slight change except for gains in the exchange on Italy and Japan.

## INDEXES OF BUSINESS

The index numbers presented in this table are designed to show the trend in production, prices, trade, etc., by commodities or groups. They consist in general of weighted combinations of series of individual relatire numbers; often the individual relative numbers are also given. The function of index and relative numbers is explained on the inside front cover. All of the index numbers, except where noted, are based on the average of the years 1923 to 1925 , while maxima and minima are given only since 1923 , thus eliminating the abnormal period prior to 1923. Complete descriptions and figures for earlier years may be found in the following issues of the Survey (later data being available in the latest semiannual issues): Production in the July, 1928, issue (No. 83), pages 18 to 22 ; stocks in the August, 1928, issue (No. 84), pages 20 to 22; new orders in the September, 1928, issue (No. 85), page 19; unfilled orders in the January, 1928, issue (No. 77), pages 22 and 23 ; wholesale trade in the January, 1928, issue (No. 77), page 21; mail-order and chain stores in the May, 1928, issue (No. 81), pages 20 and 21 ; department stores in the April, 1928, issue (No 80), pages 20 and 21 ; employment, based on 1923 as 100 , in the August, 1928 , issue (No. 84), page 108; farm prices in the August, 1928, issue (No. 84), page 27; wholesale prices (Department of Labor) in the November, 1927, issue (No. 75), page 24, and the June, 1928, issue (No. 82), page 23; wholesale prices, commercial, in the August, 1928, issue (No.84), page 26; cost of living in the August, 1928, issue (No. 84), page 27, and the June, 1926, issue (No. 58), page 24.


[^1] noted.

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| Relative to 1923-1925 monthly average as 100 | Maximam since Jan. 1, | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mini- } \\ \begin{array}{c} \text { mum } \\ \text { since } \\ \text { Jan. } \\ \text { Jin } \\ 1923 \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | 1928 |  |  | 1929 |  |  | PER CENT increase ( + ) or decrease (-) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | June | July | August | June | July | August | August, 1929, from July, 1929 | August, 1929, from August, 1928 |
| PRODUCTION-Continued FOREST PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 112 | 74 | 95 | 87 | 88 | 90 | 88 | 91 | +3.4 | +3.4 |
| Lumber. | 112 | 71 | 93 | 88 | 88 | 87 | 86 | 91 | +5.8 | +3.4 |
| Pulpwood | 151 | 54 | 96 | 64 | 82 | 99 | 81 | 77 | $+4.9$ | -6. 1 |
| Gum (rosin and turpentine) * | 204 | 18 | 172 | 170 | 161 | 177 | 204 | 189 | $-7.4$ | +17.4 |
| Distilled wood.-.--.------- | 148 | 65 | 84 | 80 | 78 | 102 | 97 | 100 | $+3.1$ | +28.2 |
| NEW ORDERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 138 | 73 | 97 | 95 | 98 | 90 | 91 |  |  |  |
| Textiles | 179 | 70 | 85 | 77 | 92 | 87 | 85 |  |  |  |
| Iron and steel | 143 | 71 | 117 | 116 | 118 | 124 | 134 |  |  |  |
| Lumber.-.-. | 141 | 67 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 75 | 83 |  |  |  |
| Paper and printing- | 118 | 85 | 102 | 99 | 106 | 107 | 109 |  |  |  |
| Stone and clay products. | 129 | 75 | 104 | 97 | 97 | 94 | 90 |  |  |  |
| STOCKS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand total | 138 | 82 | 108 | 105 | 107 | 119 | 121 | 126 | +4.1 | $+17.8$ |
| Total manufactured goods | 125 | 88 | 117 | 118 | 115 | 117 | 118 | 114 | $-3.4$ | $-0.9$ |
| Foodstuffs.-----.- | 129 | 79 | 118 | 126 | 117 | 113 | 132 | 126 | $-4.5$ | +7. 7 |
| Textiles.. | 138 | 78 | 134 | 129 | 125 | 124 | 125 | 123 | $-1.6$ | $-1.6$ |
| Iron and steel. | 157 | 78 | 140 | 133 | 131 | 145 | 139 | 128 | $-7.9$ | $-2.3$ |
| Nonferrous metals | 133 | 74 | 120 | 119 | 121 | 116 | 120 | 125 | $+4.2$ | +3. 3 |
| Lumber.-.-.-. | 125 | 78 | 94 | 104 | 105 | 99 | 101 | 102 | +1.0 | $-2.9$ |
| Stone, clay, et | 192 | 64 | 153 | 149 | 140 | 169 | 154 | 130 | $-15.6$ | $-7.1$ |
| Leather-.- | 123 | 66 | 71 | 71 | 72 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 0.0 | $-1.4$ |
| Rubber | 199 | 77 | 162 | 145 | 134 | 199 | 177 | 156 | -11.9 | +16. 4 |
| Paper--- | 155 | 46 | 153 | 155 | 156 | 94 | 90 | 98 | +8.9 | -37.2 |
| Chemicals and oils. | 125 | 84 | 96 | 90 | 91 | 99 | 104 | 107 | $+2.9$ | $+17.6$ |
| Total raw materials. | 157 | 69 | 102 | 96 | 101 | 119 | 123 | 134 | $+8.9$ | +32.7 |
| Foodstuffs | 212 | 68 | 126 | 123 | 136 | 167 | 188 | 212 | +12.8 | +55.9 |
| Textiles. | 202 | 43 | 81 | 67 | 65 | 80 | 64 | 66 | +3.1 | +1. 5 |
| Metals.- | 136 | 54 | 74 | 87 | 92 | 94 | 100 | 112 | $+12.0$ | +21. 7 |
| Chemicals and oils | 153 | 73 | 93 | 91 | 93 | 96 | 94 | 96 | +2.1 | +3.2 |
| UNFILLED ORDERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 167 | 67 | 75 | 77 | 75 | 83 | 82 | 76 | $-7.3$ | +1.3 |
| Textiles. | 154 | 62 | 67 | 68 | 66 | 73 | 71 | 69 | -2.8 | +4.5 |
| Iron and steel | 157 | 66 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 85 | 84 | 76 | $-9.5$ | +1.3 |
| Transportation equipment | 204 | 49 | 69 | 68 | 60 | 78 | 73 | 79 | +8.2 | +31. 7 |
| Lumber--------- | 142 | 56 | 84 | 91 | 88 | 95 | 97 | 86 | $-11.3$ | $-2.3$ |
| WHOLESALE TRADE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand total, all classes | 124 | 82 | 89 | 90 | 110 | 91 | 96 | 113 | $+17.7$ | $+2.7$ |
| Groceries........-- | 119 | 83 | 97 | 92 | 101 | 96 | 99 | 101 | +2.0 | 0.0 |
| Meats. | 130 | 87 | 114 | 113 | 118 | 122 | 123 | 120 | -2. 4 | +1.7 |
| Dry goods.- | 128 | 70 | 71 | 74 | 110 | 70 | 74 | 111 | $+50.0$ | +0.9 |
| Men's clothing. | 167 | 43 | 39 | 68 | 148 | 49 | 69 | 156 | +126.1 | $+5.4$ |
| Boots and shoes | 130 | 68 | 77 | 98 | 119 | 90 | 110 | 130 | +18.2 | +9.2 |
| Hardware. | 118 | 76 | 96 | 90 | 95 | 97 | 95 | 99 | +4.2 | +4. 2 |
| Drugs. | 131 | 88 | 104 | 102 | 115 | 105 | 111 | 122 | $+9.9$ | +6. 1 |
| Furniture | 131 | 72 | 83 | 78 | 108 | 93 | 87 | 117 | $+34.5$ | +8.2 |
| RETAIL TRADE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ceain Stores: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ten-cent. | 305 | 62 | 139 | 128 | 136 | 153 | 146 | 161 | +10.3 | +18.4 |
| Grocery | 237 | 77 | 208 | 197 | 204 | 222 | 227 | 233 | +2.6 | +14.2 |
| Drug | 224 | 82 | 162 | 163 | 169 | 197 | 204 | 211 | +3.4 | +24.9 |
| Shoe.- | 184 | 55 | 147 | 116 | 110 | 161 | 120 | 134 | +11.7 | +21.8 |
| Defartment Stores: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales. | 187 | 71 | 104 | 78 | 85 | 106 | 80 | 89 | $+11.3$ | +4.7 |
| Stocks. | 117 | 83 | 96 | 93 | 97 | 95 | 92 | 96 | +4.3 | $-1.0$ |

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| Relative to monthly average Indicated | Maximum since <br> Jan. 1, <br> 1923 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mini- } \\ & \text { mume } \\ & \text { since } \\ & \text { Jan. } \\ & \text { 1923 } \end{aligned}$ | 1928 |  |  | 1929 |  |  | per cent increase ( + ) or decriase (-) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | June | July | August | June | July | August | August, 1029, from July, 1929 | August, 1929, from August, 1928 |
| EMPLOYMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Textiles. | 122 | 91 | 94 | 91 | 92 | 97 | 94 | 95 | -1.0 | +2.1 |
| Iron and steel | 113 | 86 | 92 | 91 | 92 | 102 | 101 | 100 | $-1.0$ | +8. 7 |
| Lumber. | 113 | 85 | 88 | 87 | 89 | 90 | 90 | 92 | +2. 2 | +3. 4 |
| Leather. | 117 | 88 | 89 | 93 | 95 | 89 | 94 | 97 | +3.2 | +2.1 |
| Paper and printing | 103 | 94 | 98 | 98 | 98 | 100 | 101 | 101 | 0. 0 | +3.1 |
| Chemicals. | 108 | 85 | 88 | 87 | 88 | 94 | 96 | 98 | +2.1 | +11. 4 |
| Stone, clay, and glass | 106 | 82 | 93 | 91 | 94 | 91 | 88 | 91 | +3.4 | $-3.2$ |
| Metal products other than iron and steel. | 109 | 86 | 92 | 92 | 93 | 99 | 97 | 97 | 0.0 | +4.3 |
|  | 120 | 86 | 95 | 90 | 97 | 94 | 93 | 95 | $+2.2$ | $-2.1$ |
| Vehicles.- | 113 | 84 | 98 | 97 | 100 | 103 | 102 | 101 | $-1.0$ | $+1.0$ |
| Miscellaneous. | 116 | 83 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 115 | 116 | 115 | -0.9 | +27. 8 |
| Amount of pay roll, by industries: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, all classes <br> Food products | 114 | 84 93 | 94 100 | 91 100 | 94 98 | 103 103 | 98 103 | 102 | +4.1 -1.0 | +8.5 +4.1 |
| Textiles. | 124 | 87 | 92 | 87 | 90 | 97 | 91 | 95 | +4.4 | $+5.6$ |
| Iron and steel | 111 | 75 | 93 | 89 | 93 | 107 | 102 | 105 | +2.9 | +12.9 |
| Lumber. | 108 | 82 | 90 | 87 | 90 | 91 | 90 | 93 | +3.3 | +3.3 |
| Leather. | 123 | 79 | 85 | 91 | 97 | 87 | 94 | 101 | $+7.4$ | +4. 1 |
| Paper and printing | 106 | 86 | 101 | 99 | 99 | 105 | 103 | 104 | $+1.0$ | +5. 1 |
| Chemicals------ | 108 | 86 | 92 | 92 | 93 | 100 | 100 | 102 | +2.0 | $+9.7$ |
| Stone, clay, and glass | 106 | 78 | 93 | 88 | 94 | 91 | 84 | 89 | $+6.0$ | $-5.3$ |
| Metal products other than iron and steel- | 112 | 81 | 94 | 90 | 97 | 105 | 100 | 102 | $+2.0$ | +5. 2 |
| Tobacco products | 119 | 81 | 95 | 90 | 94 | 94 | 93 | 96 | $+3.2$ | +2.1 |
| Vehicles... | 120 | 84 | 100 | 96 | 102 | 110 | 98 | 109 | $+11.2$ | +6. 9 |
| Miscellaneous. | 119 | 81 | 92 | 89 | 89 | 119 | 116 | 113 | $-2.6$ | $+27.0$ |
| PRICE INDEX NUMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FARM PRICES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Relative to 1909-1914 average as 100) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All groups <br> Grains | 152 | 125 | 145 | 145 | 139 | 135 | 140 | 143 | +2. 1 | $+2.9$ |
|  | 178 | 108 | 152 | 142 | 120 | 111 | 122 | 129 | +5. 7 | $+7.5$ |
| Fruits and vegetable | 253 | 108 | 168 | 156 | 137 | 120 | 136 | 160 | $+17.6$ | $+16.8$ |
| Meat animals..... | 167 | 98 | 150 | 157 | 162 | 163 | 167 | 165 | -1. 2 | +1.9 |
| Dairy and poultry | 166 | 122 | 132 | 134 | 136 | 137 | 137 | 141 | $+2.9$ | +3.7 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | 252 | 81 | 162 | 170 | 153 | 146 | 145 | 146 | $+0.7$ | $-4.6$ |
| Unclassified. - | 108 | 79 | 87 | 88 | 87 | 85 | 85 | 86 | +1.2 | $-1.1$ |
| WHOLESALE PRICES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Department of Labor Indexes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Relative to 1026 monthly average as 100) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 105 | 94 | 98 | 98 | 99 | 96 | 98 | 98 | 0. 0 | -1.0 |
| Farm products | 114 | 94 | 107 | 107 | 107 | 103 | 108 | 107 | -0.9 | 0.0 |
| Food, etc . . | 107 | 85 | 100 | 102 | 104 | 99 | 103 | 103 | 0.0 | $-1.0$ |
| Hides and leather products | 127 | 98 | 124 | 124 | 121 | 108 | 109 | 110 | +0.9 | -9. 1 |
| Textile products.-- | 114 | 93 | 96 | 97 | 96 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 0. 0 | $-3.1$ |
| Fuel and lighting. | 112 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 85 | 83 | 82 | 81 | $-1.2$ | -4. 7 |
| Metals and metal product | 113 | 97 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 105 | 105 | 104 | $-1.0$ | +4.0 |
| Building materials....-- | 116 | 90 | 94 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 93 | 97 94 | 0.0 +1.1 | +2.1 |
| Chemicals---- | 104 | 93 | 95 | 95 | 95 97 | 93 97 | 93 97 | 94 97 | +1.1 0.0 | -1.1 |
| House-furnishing goods | 111 | 97 | 97 | 97 81 | 97 79 | 97 80 | 97 81 | 97 81 | 0.0 0.0 | 0.0 +25 |
|  | 127 | 79 | 82 | 81 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 81 | 0.0 | $+2.5$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semimanufactured articles.--.. | 128 | 94 | 98 | 98 | 97 99 | 94 | 96 | 96 | 0.0 -1.0 | -1.0 -20 |
| Finished products. | 103 | 93 | 97 | +98 | 99 | 97 97 | 98 | 97 99 | -1.0 0.0 | -2.0 0.0 |
| Nonagricultural commoditiesCommercial Indexes(Relative to 1926 monthly average as 100) | 109 | 93 93 | 99 95 | 100 96 | 99 97 | 97 95 | 99 96 | 99 94 | 1.0 -2.1 | 0.0 -3.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dun's | 106 | 85 | 104 | 103 | 103 | 100 | 102 | 102 | 0.0 | $-1.0$ |
| Bradstreet's | 112 | 95 | 102 | 102 | 103 | 97 | 98 | 98 | 0.0 | $-4.9$ |

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| Relative to monthly average indicated | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maxi- } \\ & \text { mum } \\ & \text { since } \\ & \text { Jan. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mini- } \\ \text { mum } \\ \text { since } \\ \text { Jan. } 1, \\ 1923 \end{gathered}$ | 1928 |  |  | 1929 |  |  | per cent increase ( + ) or decrease ( - ) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | June | July | August | June | July | August | August, <br> 1929, from <br> July, 1929 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { August, 1929, } \\ & \text { from } \\ & \text { August, } 1928 \end{aligned}$ |
| PRICE INDEX NUMBERS-Contd. COST OF LIVING <br> National Industrial Conference Board Indexes (Relative to July, 1914) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All items weighted | 172 | 158 | 161 | 161 | 161 | 160 | 162 | 163 | +0.6 | $+1.2$ |
| Food (Department of Labor) | 167 | 141 | 153 | 153 | 154 | 155 | 159 | 160 | +0.6 | +3.9 |
| Shelter----- | 186 | 159 | 162 | 161 | 161 | 159 | 159 | 159 | 0. 0 | $-1.2$ |
| Clothing------------ | 177 | 160 | 171 | 174 | 173 | 167 | 166 | 169 | $+1.8$ | $-2.3$ |
| Fuel and light (combined) | 179 | 156 | 158 | 158 | 159 | 157 | 157 | 158 | +0.6 | $-0.6$ |
| Fuel.------------ | 208 | 174 | 176 | 177 | 178 | 175 | 176 | 177 | +0.6 | $-0.6$ |
| Light | 123 | 118 | 122 | 121 | 121 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 0. 0 | $-0.8$ |
| Sundries. | 176 | 168 | 171 | 171 | 171 | 168 | 169 | 169 | 0. 0 | $-1.2$ |

PRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC CURRENT IN THE UNITED STATES, $1927{ }^{1}$

|  | GENERATORS |  | Current generated, thous. kilowatthours |  | generators |  | Current generated, thous. kilowatthours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Rated capacity, kilowatts |  |  | Number | Rated capacity, kilowatts |  |
| United States, total | 35, 338 | 36, 275, 001 | 102,759,754 | Minnesota | 704 | 617,382 | 1, 341, 119 |
| Central electric light and power stations. | 11,967 | 25, 811,305 | 74, 686, 378 | Mississippi |  | 110, 935 | 183,549 |
| Electric railways................-.-. | 419 | 1, 470, 904 | 2, 975, 883 | Missouri... | 865 | 666, 208 | 1,226,779 |
| Electrified divisions of steam railroads. | ${ }^{64}$ | 358,335 | 844, 780 | Montana | 155 | 277, 048 | 1, 422, 579 |
| Manufacturing establishments-........ | 19,028 | 7, 345, 685 | 20,558, 426 | Nebraska | 608 | 218, 124 | 491,447 |
| Isolated plants. | 3,860 | 1, 288,772 | 3,694,306 | Nevada | 67 | 37,525 |  |
| states |  |  |  | New Hampshire | 412 | 279, 879 | 679, 847 |
| Alabama. | 284 | 440,643 | 1, 518,994 | New Jersey | 1, 466 | 1, 137, 560 | 2, 893,234 |
| Arizona- | 198 | 263, 339 | 1,774, 557 | New Mexico |  | 41,875 $4,696,609$ | 13,852, ${ }^{67,139}$ |
| Arkansas. | 331 | 118, 152 | 220, 820 | New York.- | 3,344 | 4,696,609 | 13,852,905 |
| Colifornia. | $\begin{array}{r}782 \\ 359 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 2,088,745 | 7,428,777 | North Carolina. | 498 | 662,822 | 2, 235, 779 |
| Connecticut | 763 | 681, 210 | 1, 515, 773 | North Dakota.- | 201 | 40, 492 | 67,496 |
|  |  |  |  | Oklahoma | 470 | $2,281,847$ | $7,244,404$ 855,911 |
| Delaware District of Columbia | 89 | 55,698 179,202 | ${ }_{435,644}^{168,281}$ | Oregon. | 237 | 275,068 | 1,040, 068 |
| District of Columbia | $\begin{array}{r}82 \\ 402 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | - 1745,788 | 695,387 |  |  |  |  |
| Georgia. | 508 | 446, 284 | 973, 583 | Pennsylvania..- | 3,989 | 3, 958,822 | 11,870, 183 |
| Idaho. | 170 | 223,895 | 753, 501 | Rhode Island... | 312 | 355, 389 | 670, 688 |
| Illinois. | 2249 | 2,613,631 | 7,596,284 | South Dakota | 213 | 63,397 | 1, 294,584 143,937 |
| Indiana. | 1,058 | 1, 104,281 | -7,006,575 | Tennessee | 477 | 420, 221 | 1, 189,596 |
| Iowa | 627 | 601, 128 | 1, 841, 302 | Texas... |  |  |  |
| Kansas | 697 | 420, 521 | 995, 487 | Utah... | 1,218 | 743, 1427 | 2, 294, 3452 |
| Kentucky | 454 | 390, 744 | 876,063 | Vermont. | ${ }_{258}^{138}$ | -173, 570 | -375,422 |
| Louisiana | 588 | 298, 989 | 915, 252 | Virginia | 503 | 534, 036 | 1, 417, 663 |
| Maine. | 444 | 301, 586 | 978,844 | Washington | 396 | 753, 370 | 2, 514, 330 |
| Maryland | 301 | 431,407 | 1, 012,880 | West Virginia | 576 | 812,881 | 2, 525, 070 |
| Massachusetts. | 1,691 | 1,769, 080 | 3,313,270 | Wisconsin. | 1,382 | 889, 656 | 2, 597,152 |
| Michigan | 1,665 | 1,835, 939 | 5,789, 716 | W yoming | 240 | 59, 195 | 131,947 |

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## INDEXES OF MARKET VALUES OF COMMON STOCKS

| $(1926=100)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Month | - | 1918 | 1919 | 1920 | 1921 | 1922 | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 | 1929 |
|  |  | 13 Automobiles and Trucks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January |  | 25.0 | 28.5 | 63.8 | 32.9 | 24.4 | 41.6 | 43.1 | 53.2 | 93.2 | 116.4 | 183.5 | 281.4 |
| February |  | 27.8 | 31.2 | 52.2 | 32.3 | 24.5 | 42.5 | 44.4 | 55.0 | 96.5 | 120.2 | 182.0 | 277.1 |
| March. |  | 26.1 | 35.3 | 64.4 | 31.4 | 27.6 | 44.7 | 43.7 | 54.0 | 88.6 | 127.8 | 217.4 | 284.2 |
| April. |  | 25.2 | 39.2 | 65.5 | 32.1 | 34.2 | 46. 1 | 40.6 | 57.2 | 83.0 | 133.6 | 241.4 | 277.6 |
| May. |  | 25.8 | 42.7 | 56.8 | 31.2 | 38.4 | 43.5 | 38.7 | 61.3 | 81.7 | 139.4 | 249.4 | 260.5 |
| June. |  | 28.6 | 49.6 | 51.9 | 26.9 | 37.8 | 40.6 | 38.7 | 65.1 | 87.2 | 141. 3 | 235.3 | 241.7 |
| July- |  | 30.7 | 51.9 | 51.8 | 26.5 | 38.2 | 38. 6 | 41.5 | 70.3 | 98.3 | 144.5 | 238.4 | 241.0 |
| August |  | 30.8 | 48.9 | 44.2 | 25.2 | 35.7 | 41.7 | 42.8 | 73.9 | 113.6 | 157.4 | 244.7 | 240.8 |
| September |  | 26.3 | 53.6 | 43.3 | 25.4 | 37.8 | 41.8 | 42.9 | 83.7 | 117.0 | 174.2 | 270.0 | 240.9 |
| October-. |  | 28.4 | 66.9 | 38.6 | 24.8 | 38.8 | 39.3 | 42.0 | 97.3 | 114.6 | 173.6 | 283.6 |  |
| November- |  | 29.5 | 68.2 | 33.6 | 26.8 | 38.1 | 40.9 | 43. 5 | 99.1 | 109.4 | 173.6 | 284.3 |  |
| December |  | 29.1 | 66.2 | 31.5 | 26.8 | 40.8 | 42.5 | 48.0 | 92.8 | 116. 4 | 180.2 | 268.5 |  |
| Monthly average.. |  | 27.8 | 48.5 | 49.8 | 28.5 | 34.7 | 42.0 | 42.5 | 71.9 | 100.0 | 148.5 | 241.5 |  |
|  |  | \% Automobile Tires and Rubber Goods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January.- |  | 101.9 | 159.5 | 236.7 | 113.6 | 94.9 | 98.3 | 64.6 | 73.1 | 119.1 | 92.8 | 153.3 | 195. 4 |
| February |  | 110.7 | 169.7 | 201.6 | 113.7 | 93.4 | 103.8 | 59.6 | 74.0 | 117.6 | 97.5 | 139.6 | 188.9 |
| March. |  | 107.0 | 188.2 | 216.6 | 112.0 | 105.2 | 107.7 | 50.8 | 73.2 | 106.1 | 106.0 | 129.3 | 209.8 |
| April... |  | 107.4 | 205.1 | 213.5 | 116.1 | 114.0 | 104.2 | 44.4 | 78.5 | 99.6 | 108.1 | 127.4 | 200.3 |
| May.. |  | 111.2 | 224.3 | 190.5 | 120.7 | 116.4 | 90.6 | 43.6 | 83.8 | 88.8 | 108.4 | 128.8 | 194.4 |
| June. |  | 115.0 | 244.8 | 188.4 | 97.6 | 109.1 | 74.2 | 41. 4 | 88.1 | 97.4 | 104.0 | 115.8 | 184. 8 |
| July .- |  | 119.5 | 270.6 | 184.1 | 89.7 | 105.0 | 66.4 | 46. 1 | 101.2 | 96.5 | 106.3 | 113.3 | 184.9 |
| August |  | 119.7 | 247.7 | 154.5 | 83.8 | 94.5 | 63.0 | 53.3 | 96.0 | 98.1 | 114.5 | 119.3 | 169.5 |
| September. |  | 116.5 | 243.7 | 151.9 | 88.1 | 93.0 | 63.2 | 55.3 | 101.6 | 98.0 | 128.1 | 127.6 | 163.4 |
| October-.. |  | 124. 2 | 261.1 | 133.4 | 87.9 | 91.5 | 53.5 | 55.8 | 114.9 | 92.5 | 125.6 | 137.6 |  |
| November |  | 137.2 | 243.1 | 115.7 | 86.8 | 85.1 | 56.2 | 59.8 | 126.1 | 94.2 | 124.5 | 143.2 |  |
| December |  | 150.6 | 238.4 | 97.2 | 96.5 | 89.6 | 59.2 | 69.0 | 119.4 | 91.4 | 143.6 | 167.3 |  |
| Monthly average |  | 118.4 | 224.7 | 173.7 | 100.5 | 99.3 | 78.4 | 53.6 | 94.2 | 100.0 | 113.3 | 133.5 |  |
|  |  | 10 Airplanes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 98.1 | 106.8 | 289.1 | 903.0 |
| February |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 103.6 | 105.4 | 278.6 | 913.6 |
| March.. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 97.3 | 110.8 | 291.7 | 905.1 |
| April.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 92.0 | 104.9 | 445.5 | 923.0 |
| May. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 92.0 | 103.6 | 672.0 | 1,147.0 |
| June. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 106.0 | 125.0 | 576.6 | 1,069.0 |
| July.-. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 111.7 | 134.7 | 565.2 | 1,131.0 |
| August..... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 107.1 | 144.7 | 591.5 | 1, 130.0 |
| September |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100.5 93.6 | 200.0 202.8 | 693.7 667.4 | 994.4 |
| November. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 97. 9 | 202.2 | 752.9 |  |
| December. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 101.2 | 269.0 | 817.0 | ------- |
| Monthly average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100.0 | 150.8 | 553.4 |  |
|  |  | 4 Agricultural Implements |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January |  | 49.0 | 61.1 | 69.7 | 58.6 | 49.9 | 56.5 | 54.1 | 68.4 | 94.2 | 113.0 | 217.9 | 384.8 |
| February |  | 52.1 | 61.0 | 64.3 | 59.6 | 51.5 | 60.9 | 54.8 | 68.1 | 96.7 | 122.7 | 217.5 | 392.5 |
| March. |  | 50.7 | 64. 2 | 68.3 | 58.2 | 56.9 | 59.3 | 53.3 | 66.6 | 91.6 | 125.2 | 237.5 | 395.0 |
| April |  | 49.5 | 68.9 | 70.2 | 54.4 | 59.1 | 56.8 | 52.8 | 67.4 | 89.8 | 129.7 | 249.2 | 389.5 |
| May |  | 52.2 | 69.2 | 66.0 | 57.3 | 61.9 | 54.2 | 53.1 | 69.5 | 89.8 | 143.1 | 264.1 | 399.8 |
| June- |  | 51.9 | 74.2 | 68.6 | 51.9 | 63.3 | 49.9 | 53.4 | 69.5 | 95.3 | 149.2 | 259.9 | 380.5 |
| July -- |  | 51.9 | 76.2 | 68.2 | 47.9 | 63.3 | 48.8 | 56.8 | 72.0 | 102.2 | 152.5 | 263.9 | 418.6 |
| August.... |  | 52.7 | 69.9 | 66.0 | 45.9 | 67.6 | 47.3 | 59.9 | 77.6 | 106.3 | 162.0 | 281.7 | 423.9 |
| September |  | 52.1 | 71.0 | 67.2 | 49.4 | 68.0 | 48.0 | 59.1 | 83.1 | 106.8 | 184.9 | 301.3 | 444.8 |
| October-1. |  | 56.5 | 74.6 | 65.5 | 48.1 | 67.4 | 46.7 | 59.0 | 81.6 | 105.0 | 191.6 | 309.4 |  |
| November |  | 61.5 | 71.8 | 60.2 | 47.4 | 62.9 | 48.2 | 63.3 | 80.4 | 108.4 | 210.2 | 337.1 |  |
| December. |  | 61.1 | 70.6 | 57.2 | 49.4 | 57.3 | 48.7 | 67.2 | 82.1 | 114.0 | 219.7 | 348.1 | --...-- |
| Monthly average |  | 53.4 | 69.4 | 66.0 | 52.3 | 60.8 | 52.1 | 57.2 | 73.9 | 100.0 | 158.7 | 274.0 |  |
|  |  | 4 Electrical Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January .-. |  |  | 37.1 | 44.6 | 33.9 |  |  |  | 80.0 |  |  |  |  |
| February |  | 35. 2 | 37.8 | 41.3 | 35.1 | 40.8 | 52.1 | 56.9 | 78.4 | 106.1 | 100.9 | 143.3 | 258. 1 |
| March. |  | 34.9 | 39.5 | 42.6 | 36.2 | 42.9 | 52.7 | 57.6 | 80.2 | 95. 2 | 102.4 | 157.7 | 256.8 |
| April.-- |  | 34.8 36.8 | 40.7 | 41.2 | 37.0 | 45.9 | 50.3 | 56.1 | 81.2 860 | 92.3 | 108. 1 | 178.2 | 255.2 |
| May... |  | 36.8 <br> 36.8 | 43.2 43.3 | 38.4 38.7 | 37.1 34.8 | 46.1 46.0 | 48.8 48.5 | 57.8 60.3 | 86.0 88.0 | 93.9 98.3 | 113.6 119.5 | 178.9 164.4 | 281.6 308.1 |
| July |  | 36.7 36.7 | 43.3 44 | 38.7 38.5 | 34.8 33 | 46.0 47 | 47.8 | 60.3 65.0 | 88.4 | 102.6 | 132.8 | 161.9 | 308.1 |
| August. |  | 36.7 | 42.5 | 37.9 | 32.0 | 50.1 | 49.3 | 70.4 | 94.7 | 106.2 | 139.2 | 169.7 | 405. 2 |
| September. |  | 36.9 | 43.9 | 39.0 | 34.0 | 50.1 | 48.7 | 65.8 | 93.9 | 105.2 | 149.3 | 180.8 | 399.0 |
| October--- |  | 38.3 | 45.2 | 37.7 | 34.5 | 50.9 | 48.2 | 63.4 | 90.5 | 99.5 | 141. 2 | 181.7 |  |
| November |  | 38.2 | 44.7 | 35.3 | 36.7. | 59.2 | 50.8 | 67.0 | 97.3 | 100.4 | 141.7 | 203.0 |  |
| December |  | 37.7 | 44.9 | 33.0 | 38.5 | 50.7 | 53.1 | 71.8 | 96.2 | 101.5 | 146.4 | 208.5 | .-... |
| Montbly average...- |  | 36.4 | 42.3 | 39.0 | 35.3 | 47.4 | 50.0 | 62.3 | 87.9 | 100.1 | 124.5 | 173.0 | ------- |

[^4]INDEXES OF MARKET VALUES OF COMMON STOCKS ${ }^{1}$-Continued
(1926=100)

| Month | 1918 | 1919 | 1920 | 1921 | 1922 | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 | 1929 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 17 Chain Stores |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January.. | 14.5 | 17.4 | 22.5 | 19.1 | 20.9 | 29.7 | 40.1 | 63.5 | 118.3 | 100.5 | 130.3 | 158.6 |
| February. | 14.9 | 17.4 | 20.3 | 19.1 | 21.8 | 31.4 | 41.1 | 62.6 | 114.9 | 101.0 | 128. 6 | 154.9 |
| March. | 14.3 | 18.3 | 20.9 | 18.7 | 21.8 | 32.2 | 44.0 | 62.5 | 99.8 | 101.9 | 131.6 | 149. 6 |
| April... | 14.2 | 19.5 | 21.6 | 19.0 | 22.9 | 32.9 | 43.6 | 66.3 | 88.5 | 103.8 | 135.6 | 148.7 |
| May.. | 14.5 | 19.7 | 21.0 | 19.7 | 23.8 | 33.6 | 44.2 | 67.7 | 87.4 | 106.6 | 139.0 | 148. 3 |
| June.. | 14. 6 | 20.8 | 21.0 | 18.7 | 24.0 | 33.2 | 50.2 | 71.6 | 94.3 | 106.4 | 136.8 | 144.5 |
| July- | 14.8 | 23.4 | 20.3 | 18.1 | $\stackrel{24.3}{ }$ | 33.1 | 57. 5 | 82.8 | 98.3 | 1110.0 | 135. 3 | 148.0 |
| August... | 14.9 | 23.5 | 19.3 | 16.9 | 27.0 | 34.0 | 56.8 | 87.4 | 98.7 | 119.7 | 142.9 | 148.7 |
| Oeptember | 14.9 15.6 | 24.4 | 19.8 19.9 | 17.1 | 28.4 | 35.0 35.7 | 57.2 | 90.1 103.0 | 98.5 95.8 | 128.7 127.4 | 150.5 150.9 | 154.6 |
| November. | 16.1 | 22.9 | 19.1 | 19.2 | 29.0 | 38.2 | 58.2 | 108.6 | 100.9 | 132.3 | 161.0 | . |
| December | 16.6 | 22.1 | 18.1 | 20.2 | 29.1 | 39.9 | 61.5 | 110.1 | 103.6 | 132.6 | 155.7 | ...... |
| Monthly average. | 15.0 | 21.1 | 20.3 | 18.7 | 25.2 | 34.1 | 50.9 | 81.4 | 100.0 | 114.2 | 141.5 |  |
|  | 4 Mail-order Houses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January.- | 48.8 | 58.1 | 74.3 | 40.6 | 27.8 | 30.8 | 43.4 | 77.9 | 111.0 | 95.4 | 158.1 | 377.9 |
| February | 50.5 | 56.4 | 68.7 | 37.0 | 28.4 | 42.1 | 44.0 | 76.7 | 107.3 | 100.0 | 162.2 | 344.6 |
| March.. | 48.3 | 56.9 | 72.9 | 33.4 | 31.6 | 41.7 | 42.0 | 72.7 | 98.2 | 98.5 | 172.4 | ${ }_{323}^{33.5}$ |
| April. | 47.0 468 | ${ }_{64}^{59} 3$ | 74.5 | $\begin{array}{r}35.3 \\ 374 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 35.1 36.4 | 41.0 | 39.4 39 | 74.0 81.1 | 92.4 | 99.4 | 184.2 | 322.3 327 |
| May.. | 46.8 44.7 | 64.9 65.9 | 67.7 66.4 | 37.4 33.2 | 36.4 36.1 | 31.6 <br> 35.5 | 39.0 41.2 | 81.1 80.7 | 90.9 96.4 | 98.6 101.9 | 189.6 | 327.8 321.7 |
| July | 46.0 | 68.3 | 63.1 | 30.6 | 37.2 | 33.8 | 47.9 | 89.7 | 100.5 | 106.4 | 210.1 | 345.3 |
| August | 45.0 | 65.8 | 59.9 | 29.4 | 40.9 | 35.0 | 51.9 | 98.5 | 104.8 | 118.3 | 250.0 | 369.9 |
| September | 45.6 | 66.0 | 60.7 | 31.4 | 41. 5 | 37.3 | 51.6 | 103.1 | 102.3 | 129.1 | 284.3 | 376.4 |
| October-- | 50.9 | 69.3 | 50.1 | 31.1 | 41.1 | 38.1 | 52.3 | 103.1 | 98.6 | 128.5 | 312.2 |  |
| November. | 52.6 | 70.6 | 45.5 | 29.2 | 38.7 | 40.5 | 63.0 | 109.5 | 97.0 | 137.3 | 378.1 |  |
| December | 54.6 | 72.7 | 40.7 | 25.9 | 40.0 | 41.4 | 69.1 | 113.0 | 99.8 | 156.0 | 363.4 | --..-- |
| Monthly average | 48.4 | 64.5 | 62.0 | 32.9 | 36.2 | 37.9 | 48.7 | 90.8 | 100.0 | 114.1 | 238.2 |  |
|  | 4 Department Stores |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January.. | 11.6 | 16.1 | 35.0 | 23.3 | 35.5 | 59.1 | 72.7 | 87.2 | 110.8 | 102.7 | 139.4 | 227.7 |
| February | 12.2 | 15.8 | 31.8 | 23.4 | 37.4 | 61.9 | 73.3 | 87.7 | 107.5 | 106.2 | 141.3 | 213.0 |
| March. | 11.9 | 18.0 | 32.5 | 25.3 | 38.6 | 64.3 | 73.6 | 88.0 | 97.5 | 105. 6 | 151.3 | 205.0 |
| April. | 12.2 | 22.3 | 32.3 | 28.5 | 40.2 | 63.5 | 71.9 | 88.9 | 91.1 | 112.1 | 161.5 | 197.0 |
| May.. | 12.2 | 27.1 | 29.1 | 28.5 | 40.3 | 62.6 | 70.8 | 93.3 | 89.8 | 118.7 | 163.1 | 195.7 |
| June.. | 12.1 | 29.3 | 27.1 | 26.0 | 39.3 | 67.7 | 71.7 | 99.0 | 95.3 | 114.9 | 160.9 | 196.7 |
| July .-. | 12.6 | 30.3 | 26.1 | 26.0 | 39.7 | 65.5 | 74.4 | 99.4 | 95.2 | 117.5 | 161.9 | 228.4 |
| August | 12.6 | 29.0 | 23.8 | 24. 6 | 42.4 | 65.0 | 79.4 | 97.9 | 101.6 | 128.8 | 174.4 | 235.1 |
| September | 13. 1 | 28.8 | 24.1 | 25.7 | 44.0 | 66.3 | 81.6 | 10.6 | 101.6 | 132.9 | 188.9 | 247.8 |
| October--- | 13.3 | 31.9 | 23.5 | 27.6 | 45. 5 | ${ }^{66.5}$ | 80.2 | 108. 5 | 101.9 | 135. 3 | 185. 4 |  |
| November | 14.2 | 32.2 | 22.4 | 29.9 | 52.7 | 67.9 | 83.0 | 113. 2 | 102.8 | 140.7 | 216.3 |  |
| December | 14.4 | 34.3 | 21.4 | 35.0 | 56.2 | 70.5 | 87.3 | 115.8 | 104.2 | 140.8 | 215.3 | ------ |
| Monthly average | 12.7 | 26.3 | 27.4 | 27.0 | 42.7 | 65.1 | 76.7 | 98.3 | 100.0 | 121.4 | 171.2 |  |
|  | 3 Shoe Stores |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 109.1 | 100.3 | 156.5 | 173.3 |
| February |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 107.2 100.8 | 100.5 102.0 0 | 169.9 174.0 | ${ }_{161.7} 16$ |
| April.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 95.4 | 106. 6 | 190.9 | 155. 6 |
| May... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 89.6 | 108.3 | 198.8 | 156.5 |
| June... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 83.7 | 112.4 | 195. 4 | 168.2 |
| July... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 95.4 | 117.2 | 190.6 | 172.7 |
| August, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 104. 1 | 121. 2 | 190.7 | 172. 4 |
| September |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 104.2 | 128. 9 | 183.2 | 177.9 |
| October-.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{99}^{99.7}$ | 134.4 <br> 140 | 177.5 |  |
| December. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 101. 1 | 142.4 | 177.1 | . |
| December--.-..---.---- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100.0 | 117.9 | 181.8 |  |
|  | 6 Silk and Silk Goods Stores |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 125. 4 | 78.2 | 77.3 | 131.8 |
| February. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 120.3 | 73.6 | 76.1 | 122. 1 |
| March |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 112.0 | 75.7 | 81.2 | 120.4 |
| April.-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 102.9 | 70.0 | 90.0 | 115.4 |
| May... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 95.5 | 67.9 | 102.8 | 109.0 |
| June-.... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 95.5 | 68.0 | 83.2 | 106. 6 |
| July .-. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 97.5 | 67.2 | 89.1 | 103.5 |
| August September |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 94.9 | 71.0 | 93.1 | ${ }_{104} 110$ |
| Oeptember... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 90.3 98 | 71.7 | 100.1 | 104.7 |
| November. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 86.2 | 71.6 | 123.8 |  |
| December |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 85.9 | 75.5 | 127.6 | ...-- |
| Monthly average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100.0 | 72.0 | 96.9 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^5]
## INDEXES OF MARKET VALUES OF COMMON STOCKS ${ }^{\text {² }}$-Continued

$(1926=100)$

| Month | 1918 | 1919 | 1920 | 1921 | 1932 | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 | 1929 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 9 Chemicals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 38.9 | 43.8 | 49.7 | 40.6 | 44.5 | 58.2 | 56.5 | 66.3 | 89.5 | 115.9 | 158.6 | 223.1 |
| February | 40.6 | 46.0 | 44.8 | 39.0 | 45.2 | 60.8 | 55.9 | 67.7 | 97.7 | 121.8 | 151.3 | 231.4 |
| March | 40.1 | 47.5 | 46.4 | 35.7 | 46.7 | 61.3 | 53.6 | 68.1 | 93.2 | 127.8 | 157.6 | 231.7 |
| April. | 30.6 | 51.4 | 48.2 | 36.0 | 51.6 | 58.3 | 52.8 | 68.5 | 90.6 | 132.6 | 162.2 | 235.3 |
| May.- | 40.4 | 53.3 | 46.5 | 37.5 | 53.1 | 54.4 | 56.0 | 71.5 | 91.5 | 133.7 | 162.0 | 247.7 |
| July | 4.5 | 52.5 | 51.7 | 32.3 | ${ }_{53} 3.3$ | 5.8 | 50.2 | 73. | 9.7 | 133.9 | 1601 | 269.7 314 |
| August | $\stackrel{42.0}{42}$ | ${ }_{47.6}$ | 51.9 | 30.5 20.5 | 53.3 60.0 | 50.4 50 | 60.2 59.4 | 76.4 | 105.7 | 147.2 | 170.5 | 314.9 319.8 |
| September | 41.5 | 50.0 | 49.3 | 33.2 | 64.0 | 51.5 | 57.3 | 80.7 | 106.5 | 153.2 | 181.5 | 337.7 |
| October... | 42.0 | 51.1 | 47.9 | 35.6 | 64.4 | 49.4 | 56.6 | 83.3 | 105.5 | 147.8 | 191.6 |  |
| November- | 42.6 | 48.8 | 44.7 | 37.8 | 57.1 | 52.0 | 59.6 | 86.0 | 105.0 | 154.0 | 201.9 |  |
| December | 43.0 | 48.7 | 38.5 | 44.1 | 58.9 | 54.7 | 65.7 | 88.5 | 114.6 | 158.8 | 199.9 |  |
| Monthly average. | 41.1 | 49.5 | 47.3 | 35.2 | 54.3 | 54.6 | 57.5 | 75.3 | 100.0 | 139.0 | 171.2 |  |

4 Fertilizer

| January | 205.2 | 336.8 | 351.9 | 213.9 | 133.6 | 122.6 | 69.6 | 67.7 | 134.4 |  |  | 145.6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February | 280.3 | ${ }_{339.8}^{30.8}$ | 327.2 | 200.6 | 145.2 | 131.7 | 60.5 | 89.5 | 141.6 | 72.6 | 101.7 | 145.6 137.6 |
| March | 277.9 | 354.2 | 350.5 | 179.4 | 163.1 | 124.8 | 39.6 | 72.2 | 113.6 | 66.1 | 101.5 | 133.7 |
| April. | 281.2 | 373. 6 | 357.5 | 177.9 | 165.7 | 98.2 | 33.8 | 80.7 | 103.6 | 62.3 | 116.4 | 120.3 |
| May. | 291.0 | 393.4 | 342.0 | 176.9 | 161.3 | 76.0 | 33.1 | 89.8 | 99.5 | 63.5 | 125.6 | 108.3 |
| June. | 305.2 | 409.0 | 349.3 | 151.0 | 159.6 | 57.5 | 29.9 | 87.0 | 104.2 | 66.0 | 115.5 | 96.0 |
| July- | 310.4 | 427.9 | 343.4 | 144.0 | 155.0 | 46.1 | 44.4 | 106.1 | 99.0 | 72.7 | 119.0 | 103.2 |
| August | 324.5 | 403.2 | 309.3 | 121.9 | 154.0 | 49.4 | 53.7 | 100.0 | 96.6 | 80.7 | 117.7 | 94.8 |
| September. | 336.4 | 390.1 | 326.8 | 145.7 | 151.5 | 58.3 | 52.5 | 101.7 | 91.0 | 87.9 | 130.3 | 94.5 |
| October- | 343.7 | 390.9 | 308.2 | 137.5 | 143.6 | 44.9 | 48.6 | 119.2 | 75.3 | 81.2 | 125.2 |  |
| November. | 343.8 | 360.3 | 267.0 | 137.3 | 124.8 | 47.0 | 53.3 | 129.3 | 72.8 | 82.1 | 135. 6 |  |
| December | 340.8 | 345.3 | 199.1 | 131.7 | 123.8 | 48.5 | 60.9 | 130.4 | 72.3 | 101.1 | 130.1 |  |
| Mont | 308.4 | 377.0 | 319.4 | 159.8 | 148.4 | 75.3 | 48.3 | 97.8 | 100.0 | 75.8 | 118.9 |  |

y Drugs, Medicines, Cosmetics, etc.

9 Sugar Producing and Refining

Monthly average

| 112.5 | 118.8 | 196.8 | 122.0 | 75.2 | 95.7 | 105. 7 | 92.1 | 101.2 | 113.3 | 106.7 | 112.2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 116.3 | 119.3 | 184.4 | 121.0 | 80.6 | 114.1 | 112.6 | 98.7 | 108.1 | 113.2 | 95.9 | 105.8 |
| 114.8 | 125.6 | 184.1 | 117.9 | 91.8 | 119.3 | 109.0 | 98.2 | 99.6 | 111.4 | 99.7 | 101.2 |
| 110.2 | 134.1 | 218.6 | 106.2 | 93.3 | 121.0 | 96.7 | 97.3 | 95.3 | 112.1 | 104.6 | 98.9 |
| 115.3 | 143.7 | 217.7 | 104. 2 | 95.5 | 110.9 | 92.8 | 93.6 | 94.0 | 115.9 | 110.4 | 99.6 |
| 115.8 | 146.1 | 208.2 | 78.0 | 101.3 | 98.6 | 90.3 | 95.7 | 94.8 | 113.3 | 106.2 | 95.2 |
| 115. 6 | 152.5 | 206.1 | 71.7 | 101.8 | 90.2 | 93.3 | 94.8 | 95.1 | 111.3 | 101.7 | 98.2 |
| 113.9 | 147.4 | 168.9 | 66.6 | 104.8 | 86.0 | 95.1 | 91.4 | 96.2 | 110.8 | 101.3 | 97.1 |
| 113.5 | 153.3 | 171. 1 | 65.6 | 101.4 | 96.6 | 96.9 | 88.7 | 97.7 | 117.3 | 101.9 | 95.2 |
| 116.3 | 176.2 | 160.2 | 58.6 | 97.5 | 94.7 | 88.5 | 85.2 | 99.3 | 108.8 | 97.3 |  |
| 118.6 | 183.3 | 140.3 | 63.2 | 90.1 | 94.9 | 87.4 | 93.2 | 105.9 | 103.5 | 104.6 |  |
| 119.1 | 193.3 | 116.2 | 62.2 | 98.3 | 104.6 | 90.3 | 96.1 | 112.1 | 104.5 | 105.4 |  |
| 115.2 | 149.5 | 181.1 | 86.4 | 94.3 | 102.2 | 96.6 | 93.8 | 100.0 | 111.3 | 103.0 |  |

13 Household Products and Supplies

| January <br> February |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| April.-- |  |
|  |  |
| May- |  |
| June... |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| August--- |  |
| October-- |  |
| November |  |
| December |  |
|  | Monthly average.. |


|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 106.1 | 103.3 | 129.8 | 166. 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 105.8 | 104.3 | 129.3 | 171.8 |
|  | - |  |  |  |  |  | --- | 99.1 | 103.8 | 129.8 | 166.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | .-...-. | 93.9 | $\begin{array}{r}104.9 \\ 1079 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 139.2 <br> 145 | 161.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100.0 | 107.9 | 142.5 | 162.8 162.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100.9 | 109.2 | 141.3 | 171. 4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 101.8 | 112.9 | 139.9 | 179.7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 102.8 98.0 | 119.1 <br> 117.8 <br> 121 | 146.0 148.8 | 183.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99.5 | 121.1 | 156.9 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99.7 | 125.8 | 158.9 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100.0 | 111.5 | 142.3 |  |

[^6]
## 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, 1929), in which monthly figures for 1928 and 1929 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 explanations. 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 MOVEMENTS-Continued

| The cumulatives shown are through August, except where otherwise noted. Earlier data for items shown here may be found on pages 27 to 138 of the August, 1929, "Survey" | 1929 |  |  |  |  | 1928 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PER CENT IN- } \\ & \text { CREASE }(+) \text { OR } \\ & \text { DEREEASE }(-) \end{aligned}$ |  | CUMULATIVE TOTAL FROM JANUARY 1 through avgust 31 |  | Per ct. <br> in- <br> crease <br> ( + ) <br> or de- <br> crease <br> cumu- <br> cumu <br> lative <br> 1929 <br> from <br> 1928 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | May | June | July | August | July | August | $\begin{gathered} \text { August, } \\ 1929, \\ \text { from } \\ \text { July, } \\ 1929 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { August, } \\ \text { 1929, } \\ \text { fugust, } \\ 1928 \end{gathered}$ | 1928 | 1929 |  |
| TEXTILES-Continued Cotton Finishing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White, dyed and printed (outside mills): $\quad 80$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Billings, finished goods.-----thous. of yds-New orders, gray yardage. . .thous. of yds | 96,707 <br> 90 <br> 969 | 88,707 <br> 79 <br> 18 | 78,964 65,462 | 75,582 69,475 | 75,845 69,168 | 58,685 <br> 62,310 | 70,748 | ${ }_{+-0.4}^{+0.3}$ | +7.2 -3.6 | 585,642 572,854 | 677,394 643,436 | +15.7 +12.3 |
| Shipments, finished goods...........-cases.- | 57, 030 | 54, 247 | 45,674 | -44, 809 | -45, 238 | 40, 500 | 46,283 | +1.0 | -2. ${ }^{-2}$ | 365, 276 | 419,697 | +12.9 +14.9 |
| Stocks, finished goods, end mo.......cases.- | 34,920 | 35,618 | 35, 487 | 37, 299 | 36, 320 | 37, 958 | 35, 819 | $-2.6$ | +1.4 |  |  |  |
| Operating activity _-.-. per ct. of capacity .- | 74 | 71 | ${ }^{60}$ | 57 | ${ }^{60}$ | 51 | 54 | +5.3 | +11.1 |  |  | -------- |
| Unflled orders, end of month.-.-.-- days-- | 6.4 | 5. 2 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 0.0 | +11.4 |  |  |  |
| inted only (mills and outside): <br> Production $\qquad$ thous. of yds. | 88,635 | 85, 894 | 72,808 | 60,902 | 69,315 | 49,996 | 54, 495 | +13.8 | +27.2 | 500, 751 | 630, 664 | +25.9 |
| Stocks, end of month........-thous. of yds.. | 82, 106 | 78, 184 | 78,492 | 87,397 | 87,918 | 75,977 | 74, 682 | +0.6 | +17.7 |  |  |  |
| Silk |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports, raw---.-.....-.........-thous. of lbs.- | 6, 220 | 8, 599 | 7,596 | 7,858 | 9,620 | 5,832 | 9,320 | $+22.4$ | +3.2 | 57,711 | 62, 566 | +8.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks, end of month: <br> At warehouses bales. | 39,125 | 39,898 | 47, 425 | 242,596 | 48, 408 | 38,866 | 50,975 | +13.6 | -5.0 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Narrow looms - ${ }_{\text {Spinning }}$ | 68.8 66.9 | 74.2 65.3 | 67.8 | 65.1 63.8 | ${ }_{65.2}^{65.5}$ | ${ }_{62.7}^{52.7}$ | 52.1 | +0.6 | +21. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Raw, Japanese, 13-15, N. Y.. dolls. per lb.. | 5. 145 | 4.777 | 4. 925 | 4.876 | 5.073 | 4.851 | 4.851 | $+4.0$ | +4.6 |  |  |  |
| Silk goods, composite...-.-.-dolls. per yd.- | 1. 18 | 1.18 | 1.19 | 1. 18 | 1.18 | 1. 17 | 1. 16 | 0.0 | +1.7 |  |  |  |
| Rayon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports | 1,683 | 1,589 | 1,582 | 858 | 990 | 659 | 1,248 | +15.4 | -20.7 | 7,962 | 11,577 | +45.4 |
| Stocks, bonded, end of month .-thous. of lbs.- | 2,736 | 2,423 | 2,902 | 2,802 |  | 2,949 | 2,976 |  | ------- |  |  |  |
| Clothing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Men's and boys' garments cut: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Suits .-.-.-.-.-.......thous. of garments.-- | 1,885 | 1,987 | 2, 198 | 2, 202 |  | 2,129 | 2,315 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 151,253$ | ${ }^{6} 15,557$ | +2.0 |
| Separate trousers-.----thous. of garments.- | 2, 295 | 2,412 | 2, 221 | 2, 307 |  | 1,898 | 2,222 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 14,488$ | ${ }^{6} 15,761$ | +8.8 |
| Overcoats..-.-----.---thous. of garments.. | 235 | 346 | 507 | 631 |  | 590 | 734 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 2,599$ | ${ }^{6} 2,918$ | +12.3 |
| Overalls: |  |  |  |  |  | 346 |  |  |  |  | 3,078 | +5.4 |
| Unfilled orders, end of mo ......thous. of dozen garments.- | 229 | 194 | 161 | 2220 | 144 | 169 | 159 | -34.5 | -9.4 |  |  |  |
| Hosiery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production.......-.-.-.- thous. of dozen pairs.. | 3,639 | 3,823 | 3,543 | 3,068 | 3,417 | 2,786 | 3,474 | +11.4 | -1.6 | 27,307 | 28,040 | +2.7 |
| Net shipments..........-.thous. of dozen pairs... | 3,493 | 3, 658 | 3,567 | 3,075 | 3,485 | 2,963 | 3,735 | +13.3 | $-6.70$ | 26,733 | 27, 306 | +2.1 |
| Stocks, end of month...-thous. of dozen pairs.- | 7,985 | 8,394 | 8,413 | 7,943 | 8,139 | 8,916 | 8,656 | +2.5 | $-6.0$ |  |  |  |
| New orders...---------thous. of dozen pairs-- | 3,977 | 4,101 | 3,513 | 2,813 | 3, 427 | 2,836 | 3,207 | +21.8 | +6.9 | 26,325 | 27,872 | +5.9 |
| Unfilled orders, <br> end of month $\qquad$ thous. of dozen pairs-- | 4,665 | 5,071, | 4,841 | 4, 437 | 4,234 | 4,711 | 4,079 | -4.6 | +3.8 |  |  |  |
| Knit Underwear |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production....-.....-thous. of dozen garments.- | 1,274 | 1,316 | 1,187 | ${ }^{2} 1,091$ | 1,146 | 881 | 1,098 | +5.0 | +4.4 | 8,760 | 9,391 | +7.2 |
| Net shipments......-thous. of dozen garments.- | 1,112 | 1,168 | 1,126 | ${ }^{2} 1,064$ | 1,376 | 942 | 1,306 | +29.3 | $+5.4$ | 8,383 | 8,955 | +6.8 |
| Stocks, end of mo...thous. of dozen garments..- | 1,523 | 1,679 | 1,735 | 1,797 | 1,689 | 1,658 | 1,570 | -6.0 | +7.6 |  |  |  |
| New orders.--....-.thous. of dozen garments.- | 1,071 | 1,088 | 1,157 | 2891 | 1,137 | 852 | 1,236 | +27.6 | -8.0 | 8,486 | 9,477 | +11.7 |
| Unfilled orders, end of month .-..........thous. of dozen garments.. | 2,444 | 2, 349 | 2, 293 | ${ }^{2} 2,103$ | 1,853 | 1,947 | 1,896 | -11.9 | -2.3 |  |  |  |
| Imports: Burlaps and Fibers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fibers (unmanufactured).........long tons.- | 30,389 | 26, 300 | 21, 182 | 20,469 | 25,048 | 18,449 | 20,657 | +22.4 | +21.3 | 204, 154 | 227, 676 | +11.5 |
| Pyroxylin Coated Textiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pyroxylin spread....-.-..........thous. of lbs.-- | 5,554 | 5,245 | 4,615 | 4,331 | 4, 294 | 5, 040 | 5,596 | -0.9 | $-23.3$ | 40,449 | 42,130 | +4.2 |
| Shipments billed.-...---thous. of linear yards.- | 4,822 | 4, 563 | ${ }^{4} 007$ | 3, 509 | 3,540 | 3,757 | 4,241 | +0.9 | $-16.5$ | 31,288 | 34, 985 | +11.8 |
| Untilled orders, end mo..thous. of linear yards.-- | 4,061 | 3,531 | 2,910 | 2,805 | 2,468 | 4, 182 | 3,853 | -12.0 | -35.9 |  |  |  |
| Fur |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fresh-water pearl buttons: <br> Production.-....-.........ratio to capacity.- <br> Stocks, end of month. <br> .---...thous. of gross_- | 52.6 | 51.6 | 50.1 | 40.9 | 45.5 | 29.7 | 244.5 | +11.2 | +2.2 |  |  |  |
|  | IRON AND STEEL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manganese ore, imports....thous, of long tons.Iron ore: | 31 | 29 |  | 48 | 33. | 22 | 26 | -31.2 | +26.9 | 133 | 246 | +85.0 |
|  |  |  | 51 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports .............-.thous. of long tons.-- | 284 2,516 | 8, ${ }^{276}$ | 10, ${ }_{174}^{244}$ | 10,671 | 10,807 | 183 8,980 | 9, 243 | -1.0 | +31.9 +16.9 | 1,644 32,518 | 2,068 43,717 | +25.8 +34.4 |
| Receipts- | 2,516 | 9,549 | 10, 174 | 10,671 | 10, 807 | 8,980 | 9,243 | $+1.3$ | +16.9 | 32, 518 | 43, 17 |  |
| Lake Erie ports and furnaces |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 6,103 \\ & 2,527 \end{aligned}$ | 2,805 | 3, 127 | 3, 284 | 2,655 | 2,819 | +5.0 | +16.5 | ${ }^{2} 9,610$ | 12, 130 | +26.2 |

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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 27 to 138 of the August, 1929, "Survey" | 1929 |  |  |  |  | 1928 |  | per cent inCrease ( + ) or decrease (-) |  | cumulative total FROM JANUARY 1 Through august 31 |  | Per ct.in-crease(+or de-crease( -9cumulative1929from1928 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | May | June | July | August | July | August | August, 1929, from July, 1929 | August, 1929, fugust, 1928 | 1928 | 1929 |  |
| RUBBER Crude Rubber |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| World shipments, plantation.---.-- long tons.-- | 73, 547 | 66, 345 | ${ }^{2} \mathbf{6 1 , 3 9 0}$ | 71,562 |  | 52,831 | 58,345 |  |  | ${ }^{\text {- 317, } 361}$ | $\text { © } 497,976$ | +56.9 |
| Imports (including latex)............long tons.-- | 55,730 65,673 | 51,186 | 41,828 | 44,338 | 37, 851 | 31, 258 | 31,204 62,224 | -14.6 | +21.3 | 272, 603 | 403, 415 | +48.0 |
| Consumption by tire mirs-....---thous. of lbs.- <br> World stocks, end of month: <br> World total <br> ong tons | 60,678 266,379 | 60,028 252,867 | 26,86, | 255, 247 |  | 47,128 208,789 | 62,224 201, 078 |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States...--......................long tons.- | 107, 659 | 97, 192 | 92, 062 | 95, 536 | 90,769 | 83, 242 | 68, 995 | $-5.0$ | +31.6 |  |  |  |
|  | 36, 789 | 37, 143 | 37, 135 | 37, 168 |  | 39, 269 | 35, 755 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Producing countries-.-----------long tons.- | 30, 731 | 35, 242 | 36,336 | 39, 131 | 36, 802 | 21, 78 | 21, 828 | -6.0 | +68. 6 |  |  |  |
|  | 91, 200 | 83, 290 | 80, 020 | 83, 412 |  | 64,700 | 74, 500 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tires and Tubes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments- | 5,242 | 13, 5185 | 5,288 | 5,745 |  | 5,811 | 6, 131 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 31,623$ | 634,745 | $+9.9$ |
|  | ${ }^{2} 29$ | 204 | 153 | 271 |  | 121 | 179 |  |  | ${ }^{4} 1,033$ | ${ }^{6} 1,444$ | +9.9 +39.8 |
| Inner tubes: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production -----------.--.--thousands-- | 5,726 | 5,745 | 5,234 | 4,672 |  | 5, 009 | 6,264 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 35,301$ | ${ }^{6} 36,942$ | +4.6 |
| Stocks, end of month............thousands.-Shipments- | 13,601 | 14, 196 | 14,056 | 11, 763 |  | 11, 248 | 10,466 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Domestic...................thousands.- | 5,220 | 5,146 | 5,115 | 6,177 |  | 6,469 | 6, 886 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 33,221$ | ${ }^{6} 35,633$ | +7.3 |
| Export....-.-.-.............thousands.-- | 153 | 133 | 98 | 91 |  | 83 | 132 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 643$ | 6942 | +46.5 |
| Solid and cushion: <br> Production. thousan | 39 | 40 | 40 | 38 |  | 46 | 52 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 304$ | 6255 | -16.1 |
| Stocks, end of month.-.......-.thousands.- | 139 | 135 | 133 | 130 |  | 152 | 149 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments- <br> Domestic.......................thousands |  | 40 |  |  |  | 45 | 49 |  |  | 282 | - 256 | -9.2 |
| Exports......................-thousands..- | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |  | 4 | , |  |  | ${ }_{8} 27$ | ${ }^{5} 16$ | -40.7 |
| Other Rubber Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total..........................-......thous. of yds.- | 4,000 | 4, 860 | 4, 409 1,199 | 4,260 1,188 | 1,349 | 3, 7478 | 4,613 | +13.6 | +76.6 | 619,455 6,434 | $\begin{array}{r}\text { '27,337 } \\ \hline 7,937\end{array}$ | +40.5 +23.4 |
| Raincoat fabries.....-.-...--- thous. of yds.- | 1,889 | 2,387 | 1,948 | 1,864 |  | 1,951 | 2,598 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 8,415$ | ${ }^{6} 11,925$ | +41.7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To shoe manufacturers thous. of pairs-- | 11,028 | 12,552 | 12, 262 |  |  | 12,070 | 11, 642 |  |  |  |  |  |
| To repair trade.------.- thous. of pairs-- | 6,506 | 7,604 | 8,256 |  |  | 7, 372 | 9, 244 |  |  |  |  |  |
| For export -..---.......thous. of pairs.- | 1,072 | 1,054 | 926 |  |  | 457 | 729 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To repair trade....--.-thous. of pairs.- | 1,663 | 2, 635 | ${ }^{2} 182$ |  |  | 808 | 917 |  |  |  |  |  |
| For export-.............-thous. of pairs.- | 23 | 32 | 17 |  |  | 55 | 46 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks, end of month......thous. of pairs.- | 4, 184 | 3,997 | 3,843 |  |  | 5, 067 | 5,633 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Rubber Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mechanical rubber goods, shipments: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total-......................thous. of dolls.- | 7,035 | 7, 189 | -6,792 | 6,306 |  | 5,157 | 6,306 |  |  | -41,096 | ${ }^{6} 46,503$ | +13.2 |
| Belting..---.....-.......-.-.thous. of dolls.- | 1,668 | 1,798 | 1,613 | 1,645 |  | 1,396 | 1,888 |  |  | ${ }^{6} \mathbf{8 1 0 , 7 9 0}$ | ${ }^{6} 10,988$ | +1.8 |
| Hose-...--.---.-.-.......-- thous. of dolls-- | 2,730 | $\stackrel{2}{2,643}$ | 2,658 | 2,355 |  | 1,795 | 2,068 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 15,973$ | ${ }^{6} 17,768$ | +15.8 |
| All other----.-........-.thous. of dolls.-- | 2, 631 | 2, 748 | 2, 521 | 2, 305 |  | 1,966 | 2, 360 |  |  | 615, 342 | ${ }^{6} 17,747$ | +15.7 |
| Rubber bands, shipments-...-.t.thous. of liss--- | 231 596 | 730 | 187 525 | 192 |  | 173 478 | 193 |  |  | 61,340 83,923 |  | +16.6 -1.3 |
| Rubber flooring, shipments..-.thous. of sq. ft.Calendered rubber clothing: | 596 | 733 | 525 | 566 |  | 477 | 583 |  |  | ${ }^{8} 3,923$ | - 3, 873 | $-1.3$ |
| Production.........no. coats and sundries.. | 91, 193 | 100, 706 | 87, 530 | 89, 871 |  | 59,685 | 74,509 |  |  |  |  | -24.2 |
| Net orders...........no. coats and sundries.. | 102,480 | 78, 972 | 98, 444 | 60,921 |  | 37, 512 | 64, 695 |  |  | -460, 705 | ${ }^{6} 435,517$ | $-5.5$ |
| HIDES AND LEATHER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hides |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports: Total hides and skins........thous. of lbs.. |  |  |  | 49, 910 |  |  | 47,056 |  |  | 380, 372 | 322, 184 | -15.3 |
| Calskins.......................thous. of libs.- | 3,379 | 5, 096 | 6,559 | 5,636 | 4,900 | 4,134 | 4,053 | $-13.0$ | +20.9 | 31, 334 | 31, 591 | +0.8 |
| Cattle hides.....................t.thous. of libs.- | 16, 155 | 14, 122 | 17,450 | 24, 259 | 28,137 | 28,193 | 26, 540 | +16.0 | +6.0 | 215, 873 | 153, 935 | -28.7 |
| Goatskins.....................-thous. of libs.. | 10,869 | 9,882 | 8,309 | 9,361 | 7,692 | 7,873 | 7,951 | -17.8 | $-3.3$ | 63, 734 | 68,633 | +7.7 |
| (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cattle hides.-....................thous. of lbs.. | 206, 248 | 201, 176 | 196, 202 | 194, 453 |  | 194,668 | 197, 086 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Calf and kid skins .-..........thous. of lbs.. | 22,058 | 26,068 | 32, 525 | 30, 951 |  | 25, 551 | 25,758 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sheep and lamb skins........thous. of lbs..- | 18,053 | 19, 086 | 21, 298 | 23, 145 |  | 19,658 | 20, 747 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prices: ${ }^{\text {a }}$, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Green salted, packers' heavy native steers dolls, per lb | . 149 | . 149 | . 168 | . 181 | . 188 | . 239 | . 236 | +3.9 | -20.3 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cattle-...............thous. of animal. | 662 460 | 676 <br> 427 | 636 344 | 706 | 726 388 | ${ }_{362}^{662}$ | 717 369 | +2.8 +6.9 | +1.3 +5.1 | 5,473 | 5,343 3,071 | - 2.4 |
| Swine....................thous. of animals... | 3,761 | 3,798 | 3,756 | 3, 597 | 3, 130 | 2,984 | 2,545 | $-13.0$ | +23.0 | 33, 256 | 31,903 | -4.1 |
| Sheep...................thous. of animals.- | 1,119 | 1,202 | 1,108 | 1,255 | 1,298 | 1,076 | 1,196 | +3.4 | +8.5 | 8, 529 | 9,091 | $+6.6$ |
| Canada- | 105 | 110 | 93 | 105 | 99 | 100 | 105 |  | -5.7 | 731 | 14 | -2.3 |
| Swine..............thous. of of animals..- | 208 | 187 | 161 | 159 | 161 | 164 | 140 |  | +15.0 | 1,716 | 1,548 | -2.3 |
| Sheep.-..................thous. of animals... | 19 | 17 | 25 | ${ }_{55}$ | $77^{11}$ | 45 | 62 | +40.0 | +24.2 | ${ }^{1}$, | 1, 270 | +19.5 |
| ${ }^{2}$ Revised. $\quad$ Cumulative through July |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | May | June | July | August | July | August | August 1929, from July, 1929 | $\begin{gathered} \text { August, } \\ \text { 1929, } \\ \text { from } \\ \text { Ausust, } \\ 1928 \end{gathered}$ | 1928 | 1929 |  |
| LUMBER PRODUCTS-Continued Flooring-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oak flooring: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production.-.......----------M $\mathrm{Mt}$. . b. m-- | 36,578 | 41, 353 | 36,722 | 37,638 | 36,382 | 46, 065 | 51,529 | -3.3 | -29.4 | 349, 737 | 283, 239 | $-19.0$ |
|  | 41,837 | 41, 518 | - ${ }^{39}$, 979 | 37, 002 | 37, 631 | 47,882 | 51, 860 | $\pm 1.7$ | -27.4 | 372, 439 | 299,459 | -19.6 |
| Stocks, end of month...........M ft. b. m.- | 75,744 40 40 | 74, 013 | 72, 147 | 70, 435 | 70, 198 | 68, 851 | -67, 864 | -0.3 | +3.4 -37 |  |  |  |
| Unfilled orders, end of month.-M ft. b. m.- | 68, 925 | -37,496 | 50, 832 | 43, 8805 | 35,937 | 45,972 49,912 | 49,427 | ${ }_{+18.1}^{+19}$ | -37.3 -23 | , 504 | 279, 644 | $-26.3$ |
| Doors at Wholesale |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 287, 222 | 357,900 | 258, 041 | 340,978 |  | 431, 800 | 344,643 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 260, 160 | 217, 204 | 282, 150 | 217, 547 |  | 302, 990 | 267, 118 |  |  |  |  |  |
| New orders.......................number.. | 349, 579 | 222, 746 | 261, 271 | 204, 745 |  | 327,387 | 227, 311 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled orders, end of month ....number.- | 632, 744 | 476, 215 | 477, 349 | 315, 566 |  | 470,617 | 344, 094 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wooden Furniture |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Rapids district: <br> Unfilled orders, end |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments......-No. of days' production.- | 19 | 23 | 22 | 24 | 30 | 22 | 31 | +25.0 | -3.2 |  |  |  |
| New orders ....-- No. of days' production.- | 18 | 49 | 20 | 36 | 30 | 31 | 30. | -16.7 | 0.0 |  |  |  |
| Outstanding accounts, end of month.........No. of days' sales | 42 | 43 | 44 | 46 | 53 | 48 |  |  | -5. 4 |  |  |  |
| Cancellations......ler cent of new orders.- | 14.0 | 4.0 | 11.0 | 5.0 | 5. 0 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 0.0 | -28.6 |  |  |  |
| Plant operation........per cent of full time.. | 94.0 | 89.0 | 88.0 | 90.0 | 97.0 | 88.0 | 92. 0 | 7.8 | +5.4 |  |  |  |
| Plywood and Veneer |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New orders (sales) .thous.of sq.ft.of surface.- | 14, 084 | 14, 342 | 10, 525 | 12, 149 | 7,863 | 8,782 | 11, 030 | $-35.3$ | $-28.7$ |  |  |  |
| Unfilled orders, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks, end of | 19, 105 | 17,2 | 14,120 | 12,308 | 8,691 | 7,494 | 8,024 | -28.4 +0.6 | +8.3 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments . . . . . thous. of sq. ft. of surface.- | 4,067 | 3,447 | 4, 234 |  |  | 2,523 | 2,961 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled orders, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rotary-cut veneer: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts..............-number of carioads.. | 307 | 220 | 169 | 272 | 174 | 181 | 25 | $-36.0$ | -32. |  |  | $+32.2$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 224, 835 | 244, 782 | 202, 426 | 232, 860 |  | 229, 342 | 243.056 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 1,398,668$ | 1,362,455 | -2. 6 |
| Shipments-........................-dozens.- | 149, 055 | 152, 274 | 200, 814 | 232, 154 |  | 294, 662 | 262, 810 |  |  | ${ }^{1} 1,343,000$ | $1,069,759$ | $-20.3$ |
| Stocks, end of month............-.-dozens.- | 565, 598 | 662, 636 | 665, 881 | 674, 339 |  | 565, 911 | 570, 726 |  |  |  |  |  |
| STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clay Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Common brick: Stocks, end of month- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Burned...---........---.--thousands.-- | 315,607 | 325,208 | 308, 257 | 290, 044 | 290, 265 | 408, 563 | 491,088 | +0.1 | -40.1 |  |  |  |
| Shipments .............-.-.----- -- thousands.-. | 153,168 <br> 284 <br> 189 | 168,036 | 154,185 | 95,756 118,834 | 110,904 | 208, 202 | 206, 938 | +15.8 | -46. 4 |  |  |  |
| Shipments-........-...----thousands.- | 284, 793 207,649 | 121,641 | 154,021 163,126 | 118,834 | 130,982 109,564 | 238,941 | 2218, 339 | ${ }_{-26.1}$ | - 40.0 | 1,625, 111 | 1,077,096 | -33.7 |
| Plants closed down..............number-- | 207649 | 144, 215 | - 50 | 148, ${ }_{17} 88$ | 109, 564 | 299, 415 | 221, ${ }_{14}$ | +229.4 | +300. 0 |  |  |  |
| Price, red, <br> Porcelain plumbing fixtures: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments..........................-pieces.- | 12,193 | 10,059 | 10, 807 | 11, 845 | 13,873 | 20, 253 | 22,970 | +17.1 | -39.6 | 132, 263 | 89, 055 | -52.1 -32.7 |
| Unfilled orders, end of month.....--pieces.- | 37, 184 | 35,045 | 31, 234 | 30, 088 | 26,911 | 81, 699 | 65, 029 | $-10.6$ | $-58.6$ | 132, |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 251,920 | 254, 776 | 246, 071 | 271,411 | 285, 256 | 248, 363 | 267, 610 | +5.1 | +6.6 | 2, 192, 471 | 2,080, 020 | -6.6 -5.1 |
| Unfiled orders, end of month.-...-pieces.- | 543, 378 | 488, 079 | 438,715 | 411, 655 | 385, 470 | 403, 339 | 353, 034 | -6.4 | +9.2 |  |  |  |
| Stocks, end of month .-............-pieces.- | 544, 899 | Floor and wall tile: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Floor and wail tile: Production.............-thous. of sq. $\mathrm{ft} .$. | 26,562 | 2 6,300 |  |  |  | 6,452 | 6,841 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 38,336$ |  |  |
| Shipments, quantity.....--thous. of sq. ft.- | $2 \mathrm{a}, 178$ | ${ }^{2} 6,355$ | $2 \mathrm{6}, 424$ | 6,461 |  | 6, 595 | 7,403 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 388,421$ | 6 39,341 | +1. ${ }^{\text {+ }}$ |
| Shipments, value.--.....- thous. of dolls.- | 2 2, 376 | ${ }^{2} 2,437$ | : 2,412 | 2,507 |  | 2,529 | 2,847 |  |  | - 614,576 | 615,146 | +3.9 |
| Terra cotta, new orders: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quantity ...............................et tons.. | 12,949 | 13,313 | 10,798 | 11,756 | 8,606 | 14,191 | 12,058 | -26.8 | -28.6 | 103, 137 | 88,769 | -13.9 |
| Value -.......................thous. of dolls.. | 1,472 | 1,487 | 1,178 | 1,183 | ${ }^{940}$ | 1,385 | 1,123 | $-20.5$ | -16.3 | 9, 975 | 9,718 | $-0.6$ |
| Sand-lime brick: thousands 16,155 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -1.8 | -27.3 | 131, 915 | 107, 948 |  |
| Shipments by rail --..............thousands.- | 4,659 | 5,658 | 5, 412 | 4,263 | 4,462 | 6, 055 | 8,284 | +4.7 | -46.1 | 44,996 | 107, ${ }^{3} \mathbf{7}$ 728 | -18.2 |
| Shipments by trucks...--.-....-thousands.. | 13,580 | 13, 107 | 13, 757 | 12, 266 | 10,746 | 11, 772 | 13, 215 | -12.4 | -18.7 | 89, 454 | 85, 102 | -27.3 -4.9 |
| Stocks, end of month..........thousands.- | 14,236 | 10,561 | 10, 447 | 8,854 | 8, 879 | 12,591 | 14,446 | +0.4 +0.3 | -38.5 | 89, 4 |  |  |
| Unflled orders, end of month..thousands..\| | 11,587 | 9, 188 | 14,968 | 14, 739 | 9, 700 | 11, 762 | 14, 503 | -34.2 | -33.1 |  |  |  |

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- Cumulative through July 31.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | May | June | July | August | July | August | August, 1992, from, July, 1929 | August, 1999, from August, 1928 | 1928 | 1929 |  |
| CMPLOYMENT AND WAGES-Contd. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employnent in factories-Continued. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iowa-.................................- rel. to 1923.. | 127.4 | 127.6 | 130.8 | 129.7 | 133.2 | 123.3 | 124.0 | +2.7 | $+7.4$ |  |  |  |
| Maryland..........................-rel. - to 1924-- | 91.8 | 91.6 | 93.9 | 93.0. | 93.0 | 85.6 | 88.1 | 0.0 | +5. 6 |  |  |  |
|  | 103.0 | 103.7 | 104.1 | 103.4 | 105.1 | 93.9 | 96.3 | +1.6 | +9.1 |  |  |  |
|  | 99.2 | 99.15 | ${ }^{2} 98.2$ | 100.3 | 99.2 | 96.8 | 97.9 | -1.1 | $+1.3$ |  |  |  |
|  | 123.1 | 115 124.0 | 1123.9 |  |  | 111.3 | 1106 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Milwaukee-..........................-number.- | 43,891 | 44,067 | 43,814 | 43,761 | 43,736 | 37,314 | 37,385 | -0.1 | +17.0 |  |  |  |
| New York State..............-.-.-.-.-number.- | 488, 390 | 484, 464 | 484,637 | 483, 142 | 485, 330 | 451, 125 | 456, 303 | +0.5 | +6.4 |  |  |  |
|  | 34, 809 | 34, 686 | 36,795 | 34, 984 | 38,978 | 29, 405 | 31, 137 | . +11.4 | +25. 2 |  |  |  |
| Total pay roll: <br> New York State (weekly)...thous. of dolls.. | 14,687 | 14,549 | 14,549 | 14, 398 | 14, 599 | 13, 149 | 13,411 | +1.4 | +8.9 |  |  |  |
| Oklahoma (weekly) .........thous. of dolls.- | 908 | 1,039 | 1,005 | 965 | 1,074 | 793 | 877 | +11.3 | +22.5 |  |  |  |
| Wisconsin---.....-.-.-.-....-.-rel. to 1923.- | 111.5 | 110.1 | 107.0 | 100.2 | 105.3 | 98.7 | 108.7 | +5.1 | -3. 1 |  |  |  |
| New York State....---.-.-.---rel. to 1923.- | 97.4 | 96.5 | 96.5 | 95.5 | 96.8 | 87.2 | 89.0 | +1.4 | +8.8 |  |  |  |
|  | 113 | 114 | 114 | 111 | 115 | 96 | 99 | $+3.6$ | +16.2 |  |  |  |
| Pennsylvania-...-...-......----rel. to 1923-- | 92 | ${ }^{94}$ | 93 |  | 93 | 76 | 83 | +5.7 | +12.0 |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{105}{ }^{86}$ | 88 105.7 | 107.5 | 84 ${ }^{84}$ | 90 | ${ }^{91} 4$ | 96.3 | +7.1 | +18.4 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 110.4 107.8 | $\begin{aligned} & 116.2 \\ & 122.5 \end{aligned}$ | 122.2 132.8 | 124.7 | 127.8 | 117.7 130.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 119.3 \\ & 139.4 \end{aligned}$ | $+2.5$ | +7.1 |  |  |  |
| Employment, trade-unions: <br> United States. per cent of total. | 88.0 | 89.0 | 91.0 |  |  | 88.0 | 91.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada.....-----..........per cent of total.-- | 94.5 | 96.0 | 97.1 |  |  | 97.5 | 97.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anthracite mines: <br> Employment rel to 1923-25 | 104.1 | 107.2 | 95.4 | 85.6 | 93.6 | 100.7 | 110.9 | +9.3 | -15.6 |  |  |  |
| Pay roll.......................-rel. to 1923-25.. | 77.4 | 85.4 | 71.0 | 56.8 | 68.9 | 82.5 | 97.2 | +21.3 | -29.1 |  |  |  |
| Federal civilian employees, Washington, D. C., end month ....number. | 63, 507 | 63, 841 | 63, 904 | 63, 372 |  | 61, 650 | 62, 111 |  |  |  |  |  |
| A verage weekly carnings, factories: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $28.96$ | 29.05 | 29.46 | $28.16$ | $28.57$ | ${ }_{29}^{27.45}$ | ${ }_{29}^{29.13}$ | $+1.5$ | $-1.9$ |  |  |  |
|  | 26.94 | 26.64 | 26.03 | ${ }_{23.96}$ | 26.51 | 24.45 | 26.60 | +10.6 | $\pm 0.3$ |  |  |  |
| Oklahoma.-...............................dollars.- | 26.08 | 29.95 | 27.31 | 27.57 | 27.55 | 26.97 | 28.15 | -0.1 | -2.1 |  |  |  |
| Massachusetts........................el. to 1914-- | 232.6 | 232.4 | 231.5 | 231.0 | 234.2 | 234.6 | 234.4 | +1.4 | -0.1 |  |  |  |
|  | 240.9 | 240.6 | 240.5 | 238.8 | 241.0 | 233.6 | 235.5 | +0.9 | +2.3 |  |  |  |
|  | 114 | 114 | 113 | 110 | 113 | 108 | 109 | +2.7 | $+3.7$ |  |  |  |
| Pennsylvania...................rel. to 1923.- | 109 | 110 | 108 | 101 | 137 | 96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 107 | 111 | 108 | 102 | 105 | 98 | 102 | +2.9 | +2.9 |  |  |  |
|  | 105.2 | 105.7 | 107.5 | 102.7 | 106.0. | 91.4 | ${ }^{96.3}$ | +3.2 | +10.1 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conference Board): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conjerence $\begin{aligned} & \text { Grand total (both sexes)............dollars.. }\end{aligned}$ | 28.53 | 28. 54 | 28.28 | 28.09 |  | 27.09 | 27.35 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 31. 61 | 31. 48 | 31.16 |  |  | 29.95 | 30.30 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 33. 09 | 33. 04 | 32. 66 | 32.52 |  | 31. 35 | 31.77 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 25.95 | ${ }_{17.95}^{25.59}$ | 25.45 17.86 | ${ }_{17.54}^{25.23}$ |  | ${ }_{17.07}^{24.69}$ | 24.78 17.04 |  |  |  |  |  |
| A verage weekly hours: <br> Nominal (both sexes) $\qquad$ hours <br> Actual (both sexes) $\qquad$ hours. | 17.89 | 17.95 49.9 | 17.86 49.7 | 17.54 |  | 17.07 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 49.3 | 49.0 | ${ }_{48}^{49.5}$ | 48.8 |  | 47.5 | 47.9 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| South Atlantic.-............-cents per hour-- | 42 27 | 42 30 | $\stackrel{42}{29}$ | $\stackrel{42}{30}$ | 42 30 | ${ }_{27}^{43}$ | ${ }_{34}^{41}$ | 0.0 | +2.4 |  |  |  |
|  | 27 | $\stackrel{36}{ }$ | ${ }_{26}^{29}$ | 25 | ${ }_{25}$ | ${ }_{25}^{27}$ | 25 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |  |  |
| West South Central.....-.-.cents per hour.- | 31 | 31 | 32 | 30 | 30 | ${ }^{27}$ | 29 | 0.0 | $+3.4$ |  |  |  |
| East North Central.........cents per hour.- | 38 | 40 | 38 | 40 | 39 | 38 | 39. | -2.5 | -0.0 |  |  |  |
| West North Central.-....-.cents per hour-- | 37 | 37 | 37 | 36 | 37 | 36 | 38 | 2.8 | -2. 6 |  |  |  |
| Mountain.............----cents per hour-- | 45 | 45 | 47 | ${ }_{53} 7$ | 48 | ${ }_{53}^{44}$ | ${ }_{53}{ }^{5}$ | $\underline{+2.1}$ | -4.0 |  |  |  |
| United States, average-.-.-cents per hourWage rates, U. S. Steel Corp....cents per hour- |  | 53 40 | 52 40 | 3931 | 422 | ${ }_{40}^{53}$ | ${ }_{42}^{53}$ | -1.9 +2.6 | -4.8 |  |  |  |
|  | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50. | 50 | 50 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |  |  |
| Wages, steel sheet workers.......per cent or base. | 125.5 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |  |  |
| Applicants per 100 jobs, employment agencies: <br> United States................................ | 128 | 126 | 128 | 131 |  |  | 129 |  | -3.9 |  |  |  |
|  | 126 | 126 | 127 | 139 | 136 | 151 | 223 | -2.2 | -39.0 |  |  |  |
|  | 134 | 126 | 140 | 141 | 135 | 150 | 132 | -4.3 | +2.3 |  |  |  |
|  | 200 | 198 | 185 | 174 | 178 | 174 | 121. | +2.3 | +47. 7 |  |  |  |
|  | 73 | 123 | 71 | 83 | 75 | 80 | 69 | -9.6 | +8.7 |  |  |  |
|  | 134 | 124 | 139 | 148 |  | 151 | 138 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 117 | 106 | 120 | 115 |  | 113 | 107 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 117 | 118 | 121 | 100 |  | 113 | 109 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Factory Labor Turnover |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Percentage of number on pay roll) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 55.7 43.3 | 52.1 40.8 | 51.1 39.5 | 246.5 235.7 | 45.4. 34. | 38.0 27.2 | 42.3 <br> 31.9 | -2.4 -2.2 | +7.3 +9.4 |  |  |  |
| Voluntary quits.--per cent (annual basis)-- | $\begin{array}{r}4.3 \\ 5.5 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 40.8 5.7 | 39.5 5.4 | 235.7 25.0 | $\begin{array}{r}34.9 \\ 5.5 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 27.2 5.9 | 31.9 5.1 | -2.2 +10.0 | +9.4 +7.8 |  |  |  |
| Discharges......-.-per cent (annual basis)-- | 6.9 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 25.8 | 5.0. | 4.9 | 5.3 | $-13.8$ | $-5.7$ |  |  |  |
| Accessions - - ...........per cent (annual basis) -- | 70.2 | 59.9 | 60.9 | ${ }^{2} 61.4$ | 50.4 | 46.9 | 55.7 | -17.9 | -9.5 |  |  |  |
| Industrial disputes: <br> Disputes .................................... numbe |  |  |  |  |  | 42 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Workers involved........................number-- | 52, 292 | ${ }^{2} 58,959$ | 254,668 | 30,626 |  | 132, 187 | ${ }^{2} 105,760$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Man-days lost in month.-..........number-- | 1, 429, 046 | 1, 578,929 | 1,538, 998 | 1, 334, 160 |  | 3,337,386 | $23,553,750$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{2}$ Revised. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | May | June | July | August | July | August | August, <br> 1929, <br> from, <br> Juny, <br> 1929 | August, 1929, fromst, August 1928 | 1928 | 1929 |  |
| U. S. FOREIGN TRADE-Continued Imports-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| South America- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Argentina-..................thous. of dolls-- | 13,063 | 9,172 | 8,342 | 4,416 |  | +8,119 | 8,965 |  |  | $\begin{array}{r}\text { - } \\ 665,145 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | ${ }^{6} \mathbf{7 0} 6064$ | +12.4 +8.5 |
| Asia and Oceania- <br> Total <br> thous. of dolls |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total-..................-.thous. of dolls.- | 124,500 28,819 | 130,059 33,828 1 | 107,848 32,483 | 104,963 28,803 |  | 89,788 24,888 | 100,886 38,991 |  |  | 6 <br>  <br> 6 <br> 6 <br> 211,588 | 6806,475 6230,614 | +10.0 +9.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crude materials $\qquad$ thous. of dolls. Foodstuffs, crude and food animals. $\qquad$ thous. of dolls.- | 146, 932 | 141,697 | 120, 724 | 119, 612 | 125, 719 | 106, 065 | 122, 186 | $+5.1$ | +2.9 | 1,012,562 | 1, 073, 369 | $+6.0$ |
|  |  |  |  | 2 42,957 |  | 43, 174 | 45,940 | -8.0 | -14.0 | 380,753 | 368,980 | -3.1 |
| Manufactured foodstuff...-thous. of dolls.- | 45,919 | 42, 290 | 36,527 | 232,990 | 35,559 | 33, 314 | 30, 060 | +7.8 | +18.3 | 276, 773 | 303, 152 | +9.5 |
| Semimanufactures -.-.-....thous. of dolls-- | 82, 264 | 85, 917 | 75, 557 | 71,620 | 79,464 | 60, 038 | 66, 337 | +11.0 | +19.8 | 494, 306 | 605,821 | +22.6 |
| Finished manufactures....- thous. of dolls.- | 83, 379 | 83, 684 | 79,637 | ${ }^{2} 86,392$ | 89, 262 | 75, 258 | 82, 192 | +3.3 | +8.6 | 586, 102 | 658, 150 | +12.3 |
| Exports |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand total, including reexports. thous. of dolls. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 425, 293 | 384, 850 | 393, 293 | ${ }^{2} 403,360$ | 382, 000 | 378, 984 | 379, 872 | -5.3 | +2.4 | 3, 136, 845 | 3, 408, 428 | +8.7 |
| Europe- | 172, 223 | 146,025 | 153, 988 | 161,005 |  |  |  |  |  | 1,250,686 |  | +2.4 |
| France-.............thous. of dolls-- | 19,444 | 13, 248 | 14,603 | 15, 795 |  | 15, 918 | 15, 167 |  |  | ${ }_{6} 118,424$ | 6138, 386 | +16.9 |
| Germany--.-.......-thous. of dolls--- | 26,541 | 23, 927 | 21, 261 | 24, 634 |  | 22, 094 | 24, 579 |  |  | ${ }^{6}$ 228, 132 | ${ }^{6}$ 204, 854 | $-10.2$ |
| Italy --.-.-......- thous. of dolls-- | 13, 065 | 9,771 | 12,642 | 8,667 |  | 11, 853 | 9,955 |  |  | ${ }^{688} 88,765$ | ${ }^{6} 87,910$ | -1.0 |
| North Anmerica- | 59, 290 | 54, 431 | 52, 824 | 56, 889 |  | 52, 155 | 52, 826 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 437,010$ | ${ }^{6} 459,093$ | +5.1 |
|  | 128, 035 |  | 115, 658 | 116,845 |  |  | 118,926 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 739,313$ | 6841, 721 |  |
| South America-----......-- thous. of colls. | 191,928 | 97, 905 | 80,481 | 79,736 |  | 77, 324 | 85, 851 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 506,588$ | ${ }^{6} 582,373$ | $\begin{array}{r} +13.9 \\ +15.0 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total --........-.-.---- thous. of dolls-.- | 44,386 15,874 | 375,852 13,886 | 49,690 20,464 | 49,312 20,500 |  | 43,907 <br> 16,736 | 43,766 17,348 |  |  | 6 8 8 866,905 | 6 6 6 6 128,610 | +29.0 +32.7 |
| Argentina..................thous. of dolls.- <br> Asia and Oceania- | 15,874 | 13, 886 | 20, 464 | 20,500 |  | 16,736 | 17,348 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 96,905$ | ${ }^{6} 128,610$ | +32.7 |
| Total_.................thous. of dolls.- | 69, 491 | 61,535 | 61, 667 | 63, 374 |  | 61,979 | 59,973 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 440,598$ | - 486, 462 | +10.4 |
| Japan........-...-.-.--thous. of dolls. | 20, 522 | 17, 380 | 16, 966 | 15, 005 |  | 17,987 | 15, 517 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 140,909$ | ${ }^{6} 141,545$ | +0.5 |
|  | 11, 156 | 8,541 | 12,289 | 12,824 |  | 9,950 | 8,011 |  |  | ${ }^{6} 64,906$ | ${ }^{6} 80,013$ | +23.3 |
| By economic classes:Total domestic exports only....thous. of dolls. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 418,080 | 376, 919 | 386, 827 | ${ }^{2} 393,835$ | 375, 340 | 371,471 | 371,312 | -4.7 | +1.1 | 3, 067, 462 | 3, 347, 632 | +9.1 |
| Foodstuffs, crude and | 71, 247 | 57,407 | 56, 130 | ${ }^{2} 50,014$ | 50,893 | 60,177 | 52,375 | +1.8 | -2.8 | 650, 639 | 585, 093 | -10.1 |
| food animals, ........thous. of dolls.-. Manufactured foodstufis.-thous. of dolls | 15, 814 | 21, 212 | 14,534 | ${ }^{2} 20,259$ | 28, 439 | 14, 217 | 29, 310 | +40.4 | $-3.0$ | 140, 671 | 175, 656 | $+24.9$ |
| Manufactured foodstufis .--thous. of dolls-- | 37,448 | 35, 922 | 34, 011 | ${ }^{2} 35,841$ | 37,023 | 30,661 | 34, 749 | +3.3 | +6.5 | 287, 361 ; | 310,405 | +8.0 |
| Semimanufactures-...-..--thous. of dolls.- | 65,429 | 59, 662 | 62.134 | ${ }^{2}$ 200,548 | 57, 052 | 61, 397 | 55, 873 | -5.8 | +2.1 | 486, 252 | 500, 387 | +29 |
| Finished manufactures.-.--thous. of dolls.. | 228, 141 | 202, 717 | 220, 018 | ${ }^{2} 227,173$ | 201, 932 | 205,019 | 199, 005 | -1i. 1 | +1.5 | 1, 502, 539 | 1,766, 091 | +17.5 |
| Agricultural exports (quantities): <br> All commodities_.............rel. to 1910-14. | 86 | 79 |  |  | 76 | 64 | 75 | +8.6 | +1.3 |  |  |  |
| All commodities except | 112 | 112 | 102 | 117 | 132 | 84 | 126 | +12.8 | +4.8 |  |  |  |
| CANADIAN FOREIGN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total trade: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports.....................thous. of dolls.- | 97, 517 | 125, 615 | 111,949 | 114, 201 | 111, 631 | 103, 404 | 114, 175 | -2.3 | -2.2 | 806, 201 | 890, 204 | +10.4 |
| Exports........-----.-.-.- ${ }^{\text {thous. of dolls.-- }}$ | 67, 154 | 109, 436 | 114, 492 | 105, 686 | 98, 395 | 127, 369 | 113,904 | -6.9 | -13.6 | 814, 893 | 793, 791 | -2.6 |

${ }^{2}$ Revised.

- Cumulative through July 31.


# PUBLICATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 

Recent publications of the Department of Commerce having the most direct interest to readers of the Surver of Cumaent Business are listed below. Acomplete list may be obtained by addressing the Division of Publications, Department of Commerce, at Washington Copies of the publications may be purchased from the Superintendert of Dócuments, Government Printing Office, Washington, at the prices stated. If no price is mentioned, the publication is distributed free.

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Air Commerce Bulletin, August 15, 1929-35 pages, maps. Issued semimonthly by the Aeronautics Branch of the Depart ment of Conmerce. Contains short articles on aviation developments and a list of air transport routes.

Same, September 2, 1929, 29 pages, maps.
Radio Service Bulletin, July, 1929.-16 pages. Tssued monthily by the Radio Division of the Department of Commerce. Contains list of radio stations and references to current radio titerature. Price, 15 .

Surver of Nonutilized Wood in North Carolina,-Report of Subcommittee of National Committee on Wood Utilization Cooperating with State of North Carolino Department of Conservation and Development. $\sqrt{4}+62$ pages, 18 illus., map. Study of the forest resources of North Carolina, the amount of honatilized wood produced, and methods of disposal of this wastage Price, 206.

## BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

Hor laformation oqncerning the plan of publication and dstribution of Census teports afdressthe Directer of the Censusl
Census of Manufactures, 1927. Industry bulletins giving detailed information for the variousindustries, by States:

Manufactured Ite, Refrigerators and Refrigerator Cabinets, and Mechanleal Refrigerators. Tager 15 pages, price bhButtons, Piper 7 pages, price 5t:
Petreleum Refining Paper, 8 pages pricese:
Training Materlal, Matural $D$ yestuffis, Mordants ana Assistants, and Sizes. Paper, 7 pages, price 5
Wood Preserying, compliod th epoperation with tho Dephrtment of A gricul ture, Forest Serytce, Paper, pages, price st.
Cement and Concrete Products. Paper, 13 pages, price 5
Beycrages, Flavoring Extracts and Favoring Sirups, and Malt., Paper, 16 pages, price th
Prisonets in State and Fedetal Prisons alld Reformatosies, 1926. -Statistics of prisoners reeeived and discharged during the year, for State and Federal institutions. Påper, 139 pagen, price $20 \%$.

## BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE

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Monthly Summary of Foreign Commerce of United States, July, 1929.-Parts I and II, Part I contains statistics of exports of domestic merchaudise, and imports by articles for July, 1928 and 1929, and for seven months ended July, 1928 and 1029. Part II contains summaries of export and import trade, monthly average inport and expont prices, and statistics of trade with Alaska, Hawdi, and Porto Rico. Single copies, Part I, 10d; Part 15, 54. Amual subscription, $\$ 1,25$.

Latin American and Canadian Markets for American Motionpicture Equipment.-Trade Information Bulletin No. 641 , ii +38 pages. Survey of the number of motion-picture theaters in operation in the Latin American countries and in Canada, the kinds of equipment used, and the markets for Arerican equipment in these countries. Price, 10 .

British Trade in Rubber and Rubber Products.-Trade Information Bulletin No. 644 ; ii +16 pages. Discussion of the crude rubber production of the British Empire, the production restriction measures adopted and their abandonment the manufacture of Yubber goods in Great Britain, and the British, trade in these products. Price, 54

Export Markets for American Brushes. - Trade Information Bulletin No. 645; $1 i+27$ pages. Discussion of the production of brushes in the United States, the amount of expbrt trade, the regional variations in the marlets for these products, and the credit terms extended, Príce, 0 d.

Boot and Shoe Industry and Trade in Germany - Trade Information Bulletin No, $646 ; 1+38$ pages. Data cancerning conditions in the boot and shoe industry of Getmany, distribu-
tion methods enoployed, styles sold, and foreign trade in these products. Price, 10\&.

Cattle Raising in Argentina.- Trade Information Bulletin No. 647, it +14 pages. Discussion concerning cattle raising and the development of the packing indústry in Argentina. Price, 56

## BUREAU OF STANDARDS

Burean of Standards Journal of Research, Angust 1929.Pages 191-341, Minstrations, plates, charts, Contains the papers formerly issued as the Technologic and Scienifife Papers series, now discontinued. The articles are knowh as the Research Papers Series and ate issued separately after publicafign in the joungi. Single copies, 25 c , annual subscription, $\$ 2.75$.

Same, September, 1929. Pages 343-506, illus, plates, charts.
Commerclal Standards Monthly Review of Progress in Commercial Standardizationzand Simplification, August 1929.-Pages 35-58. Contains articles and itent regarding the standardization activities of the Bureaul of Standardis. Anntial subscription, 81.
Simplifed Practice Recommendations:
128-28. Sheet Steel. $4+18$ pages, 1 chart. Price 100

Technieal News Bulletin, August, 1929,-Pages (73-83. Monthly. Contains a brief account of the laboratory activities of the bureau and gives a list of pamphlets issued and magazine articles published during the preceding month. Annual subscription, 25c.
Same, September, 1929. Pages 85-92.

## BUREAU OF MINES

Oxides in Pig Fron: Their Origin and Action in Steel-making Process by C. H, Herty, jr, and J. M. Galnes, jr.-Bulletin 308; iv +56 pages, 16 illus. Report on experiments to determine the amount of silicates in inon and their effect on the quality of steel produced. Price, 15 c .

Mineral Resources of United States, 1927. The reports on mineral resources are first issued in the form of bulletins of whioh the following have been released since the September announcement and may be obtained at the price indicated:

Gok, sitvet, Copper, Lead, and Ztnein Arizona 12 1927. (Pt, PD, $731-$ 744 , Price, 5 sc
Gold, Silver, Copper, Lead, apoZinc 10 Utah in 192\%, (Pt, I, pp, 637-676.
Mineral Resources of United States, 1928.

Mineral Resources of United States in 1928 (Preliminary Summary), introduction by Frank J. Katz, statistice assembled by Martha B. Clark, it a116 pages, 1 plate. Price, 20c.

## BUREAU OF FISHERHES

Buletin of United States Bureau of Fisheries, Vol XLIII, 1027, Part II. iv +658 pages, illus,, plates, maps. The papers in this volume were published separately previous to the issue in this form. Price, $\$ 2$.

## BUREAV OF NAVIGATION

American Doctmented Seagoing Metchant Vessels at 500 Gross Tons and Over, August, 1929.- $\mathrm{il}+71$ pages. Munthly. Single copies, 10c, annual subseription, 75 c .

## COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

Instruetions, Primary Tide Stations-Special Publication No. 154, iv 生53 pages, 7 ilus. Instructions for colleetinig data for the rise and fall of tide in any locality band for the study of crustal novements in the earth. Price, 10e.

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[^0]:    - Seasonal adjustments.

[^1]:    *Fluctuations between maximum and minimum due largely to seasonal conditions: Minerals and Manufacturing are adjusted for seasonal variations except where

[^2]:    - Fluctuations between maximum and minimum due largely to seasonal conditions.

[^3]:    ${ }_{1}$ Compiled by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, according to data collected at the quinquennial census of electrical industries and the biennial census of manufactures taken in 1928. These data represent the total output of electric current in the United States (not including outlying possessions) in 1927. Of the total 72.7 per cent came from central electric light and power stations, 20 per cent from manufacturing establishments, 2.9 per cent from electric railroads, 0.8 per cen
    from electrified divisions of steam railroads, and 3.6 per cent from isolated plants.

[^4]:    1 Compiled by Standard Statistics Co. (Inc.). The indexes are weighted by the number of shares of each stock outstanding and are corrected for the value of right, stock dividends, changes in par value, and consolidations. Weekly indexes have been averaged to give monthly data which are presented in these tables. This table represents details of group averages shown in table

[^5]:    ${ }^{1}$ See footnote on p. 19.

[^6]:    1 See footnote on p. 19.

