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Monthly Business Indicators, 1929-38

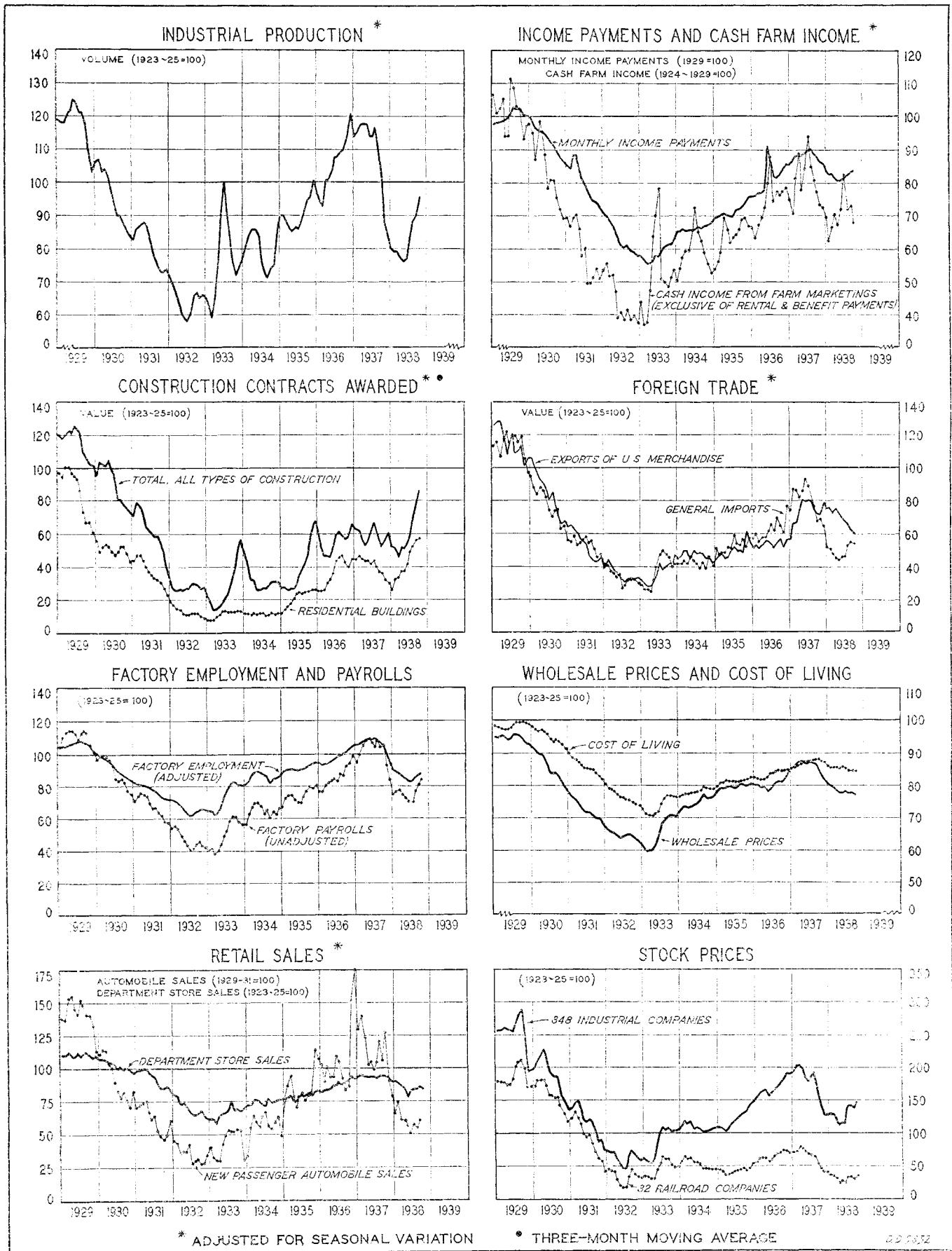


Figure 1.

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Business Situation Summarized

THE upward trend of business activity under way since the middle of the year was extended during November. Industrial production experienced a sharp rise, and distribution series recorded an improvement in the flow of general merchandise into the hands of consumers following the less-than-seasonal rise reported for October.

The further gain in the index of manufacturing output during November reflected primarily the expansion in the steel industry and the rapid increase in automobile production as the assembly of 1939-model passenger cars approached the production objectives set on the basis of current sales reports. The rate of steel-ingot production advanced to 63 percent of capacity in the middle of the month but subsequently declined slightly. Incoming orders for steel have been somewhat below

type of product during November is estimated to be about one-fifth below the monthly average for the first 8 months of 1937, which constituted the period of greatest activity during the recovery.

Although railroad equipment orders are still in small volume, the outlook for this industry has improved moderately with the better financial returns being reported currently by the carriers. October results, reflecting the more-than-seasonal rise in freight traffic, showed a substantial improvement. The freight movement experienced a less-than-seasonal decline during November, with weekly loadings exceeding the 1937 figure for the first time in the week of November 19.

Retail sales of general merchandise have improved during November, according to preliminary data. Department-store sales, which in October did not measure up to seasonal expectations, increased on a seasonally corrected basis in November, and the loss in dollar volume from a year ago was reduced to about 5 percent

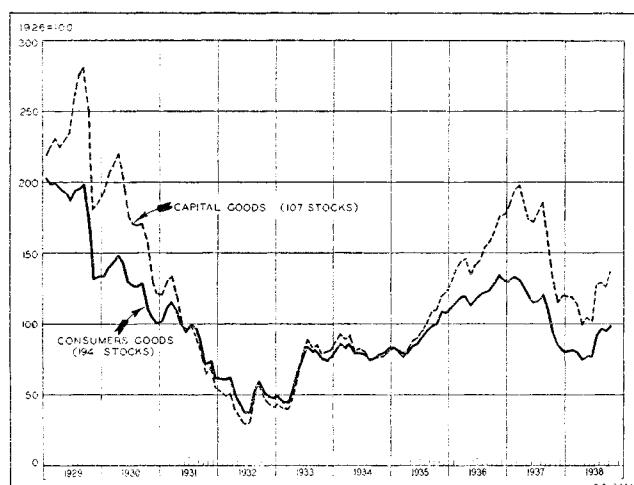


Figure 2.—Movement of Stock Prices of Selected Companies Producing Capital and Consumer Goods, 1929-38 (Standard Statistics Co., Inc.).

the current rate of operations and have not been so large as the orders in October, according to trade reports. This situation is most noticeable in the light rolled products for which a large volume of forward orders was placed last month when prices were temporarily reduced. Production of passenger automobiles and commercial vehicles rose to 97,000 units prior to the Thanksgiving holiday week, exceeding the output in the comparable week of 1937.

Production data for other industries generally do not record such large increases as those reported for the steel and automotive industries, but the volume of factory production has currently moved above the rate of output at this time a year ago when industrial operations were being curtailed. Production in some of the consumer goods industries has declined recently on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Notwithstanding the recent marked expansion in the durable-goods industries, the aggregate output of such products is still comparatively low. Production of this

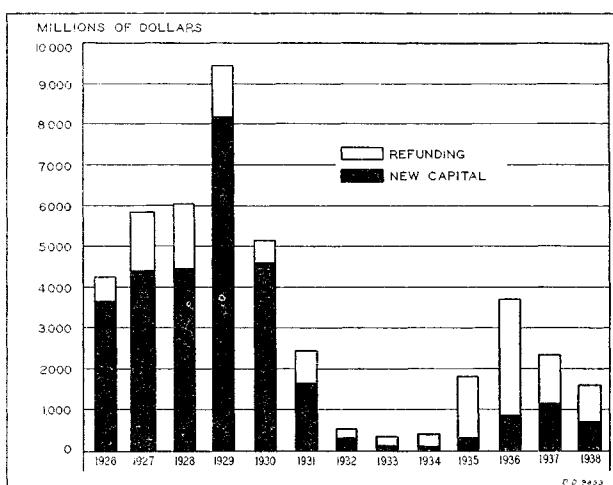


Figure 3.—Publicly Announced Corporate Capital Flotations, 1926-38 (Commercial and Financial Chronicle).

NOTE.—Figures are for first 10 months of each year.

compared with 10 percent in October. Retail sales of passenger cars mounted rapidly as dealers were supplied with cars to deliver against the substantial volume of orders built up with the introduction of the new models.

The accompanying figure 2 indicates that the divergent performance during the depression of companies producing the two principal types of manufactured commodities has been reflected in security price movements. From 1926 to 1929, prices of the securities of the companies producing capital (or durable) goods rose more rapidly than the prices of stocks of companies producing commodities classed in the other group. The sharper decline in the equity securities of the capital-goods producers from 1929 to 1932 restored the 1926 relationship for the stocks included in Standard Statistics indexes, and this was maintained for a period of several years. With the broadening of the recovery movement

subsequent to the first quarter of 1935, the spread gradually widened and, while the difference has been reduced since early in 1937, it is still substantial. Compared with the peaks of 1929, however, the two series in October showed about the same relative decline.

Since the volume of production in the capital-goods industries is related to the amount of funds secured through the capital markets, the accompanying figure 3 provides an interesting comparison of the amount of corporate capital raised through publicly announced issues from 1926 to 1938—all figures being for the first 10 months of each year. After the 3 low years at the bottom of the depression, a marked gain in refunding

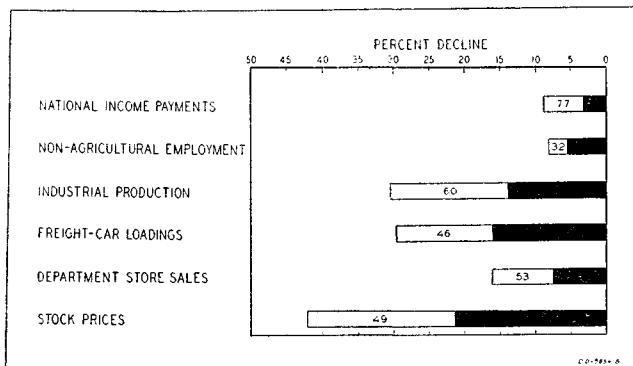


Figure 4.—Recession and Recovery in Six Major Indicators.

NOTE.—The zero line represents the average for the period January–August 1937. The full bars indicate the extent of the recession to the lows of 1938 and the solid portions represent the estimated position in November. Figures given in each bar indicate the proportion of the 1937–38 decline which has been recovered.

issues in 1935 and 1936 occurred under the stimulus of improved financial markets and low interest rates. There has been a substantial amount of refunding in each of the last 4 years. New capital raised by corporations through publicly announced issues did not reach a significant volume until 1936, but neither in that year nor in 1937 did the total exceed $1\frac{1}{4}$ billion dollars for the full year. In 1938, it has been less than in 1937. With the passing of the immediate European crisis in September, the volume of financing increased, but the issues were in large part for refunding purposes. In November, the volume of new issues was small.

Extent of Recovery Movement.

Business activity has now been expanding for 5 months and during this period a substantial part of the 1937–38 decline has been recovered. Just as the declines in the various segments of the economy varied widely, so has the degree of recovery. In general, however, the rise through November has canceled about half of the drop experienced from the average level prevailing during the first 8 months of 1937 to the low in the second quarter of this year. Appraisal of the extent of the decline and recovery in a number of the major economic series may be made by reference to figure 4.

Monthly income payments, the most inclusive single indicator of current economic change, have increased steadily since May, the 1938 low point. This advance has canceled more than half of the reduction from the

average for the first 8 months of 1937 to the May 1938 low. For the final quarter, it is likely that "real income" (i. e., the monthly income payments adjusted for price changes) will at least equal the total for the concluding quarter of 1937.

Data now available indicate that total income paid to individuals will approximate at least 64 billion dollars this year, as compared with 69 billion dollars in 1937. Since corporate earnings are much lower than in 1937, it is probable that income produced will fall well below the figure for income payments; in 1937 income produced amounted to 70 billion dollars. The larger curtailment in income produced than in income payments is a normal experience during a period of contracting business.

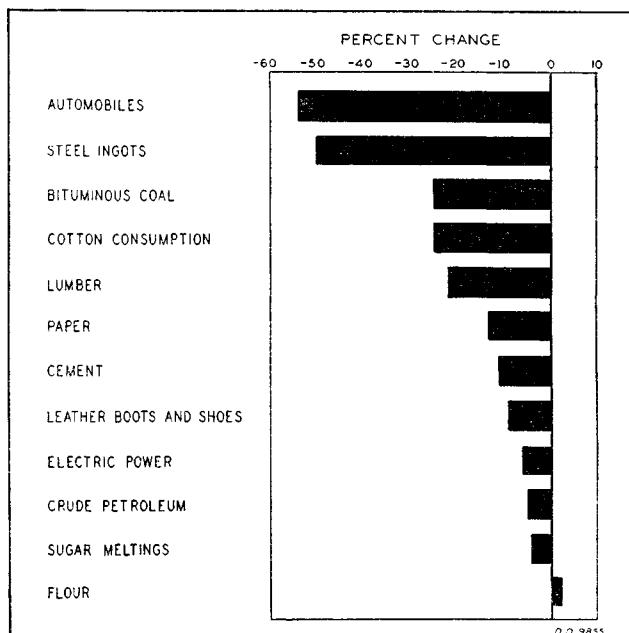


Figure 5.—Operations in Selected Industries, 1938 Compared with 1937.

NOTE.—Data are for first 11 months of each year, with figures for November 1938 estimated. Figures represent production, except where otherwise indicated.

The volume of industrial production, seasonally adjusted, was about one-third higher in November than in May 1938, the low month. The recent advance canceled more than half of the contraction experienced from September through May. In the latter month industrial production was about one-third lower than the average for the first 8 months of 1937, according to the Federal Reserve indexes.

Railway freight traffic has advanced about one-fifth since the April low on a seasonally corrected basis. Freight traffic in November, however, was still about one-sixth lower than in the first 8 months of 1937. Retail trade, which had declined rather late in the recession, has improved significantly subsequent to May. Since that month department-store sales have moved upward some 10 percent, regaining about half of the loss experienced during the decline in activity. Sales of new passenger cars, which had been sharply reduced in 1938, as compared with 1937, remained relatively low

through September. However, substantial progress was reported, prior to the introduction of the new models, in reducing the excessive stocks of used cars that were in dealers' hands early this year.

Total employment in nonagricultural pursuits increased by about 900,000 workers between July and mid-October, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly data. About a third of the nonagricultural workers who lost their jobs after the autumn of 1937 have returned to work. Employment in manufacturing establishments on a seasonally corrected basis has advanced materially since June, but is still much lower than in the 1937 period used for comparative purposes.

The 1937-38 decline in stock market "averages," which are subject to wide fluctuations with shifting business and profit prospects, exceeded 40 percent. The November preliminary figure was one-fifth lower than the average stock market level that prevailed through the first 8 months of 1937.

The foregoing indicators have all shown marked improvement in recent months, but the gains recorded in

construction contracts have been even more pronounced. The October Federal Reserve seasonally adjusted index of contract awards, computed from the F. W. Dodge Corporation data, was more than 40 percent above the 1937 period used as a base in the foregoing comparisons. The October index was the highest since July 1930. (See fig. 1.)

Declines From 1937.

Manufacturing production in November moved above the level of a year earlier for the first time since September 1937. For the first 11 months, however, industry produced about one-fourth less than in the corresponding months of 1937. The impact of the recession upon individual industries differed materially (a usual condition), being particularly significant for those industries producing commodities whose purchases may be readily postponed by consumers. (See fig. 5.) Thus, automobiles top the list, with a drop of more than one-half. The changes for the dozen industries shown range from this decline to a gain of 2 percent for flour milling—an industry of relative stability.

MONTHLY BUSINESS INDEXES

Year and month	Monthly income payments ¹		Factory employment and pay rolls		Cash farm income ³		Industrial production, adjusted ²			Freight-car loadings, adjusted ²		Retail sales, value, adjusted ²		Foreign trade, value, adjusted ²		Construction contracts, all types, value, adjusted ²		New York City		Wholesale price index, 813 commodities				
	Total pay- ments		Compensation of em- ployees, adjusted ²		Number of employees, adjusted ²		Amount of pay rolls, unadjusted		Unadjusted		Adjusted ²		Total		Manufactures		Minerals		Department stores		New passenger auto- mobiles			
	Monthly average 1929=100		Monthly aver- age 1923- 25=100		Monthly aver- age 1924- 29=100		Monthly aver- age 1923-25=100		1929- 31=100		Monthly average 1923-25=100		1929- 31=100		Exports		Imports		Construction contracts, all types, value, adjusted ²		Bank debits, outside New York City			
1929: October.....	107.7	102.4	102.0	106.6	113.7	151.5	102.5	118	118	116	105	105	111	141.0	114	119	107	163.2	95.1					
1933: October.....	64.8	61.0	60.8	82.9	61.1	67.5	48.5	76	76	81	59	67	69	53.5	42	46	37	66.0	71.2					
1934: October.....	72.1	66.9	65.9	84.4	64.0	81.5	59.0	74	72	81	59	63	74	59.0	45	39	31	73.3	76.5					
1935: October.....	78.0	72.9	72.4	93.0	79.4	95.0	69.0	95	95	93	68	64	78	82.0	48	57	48	85.4	80.5					
1936: October.....	86.7	82.5	83.0	100.8	92.5	104.0	76.0	110	111	105	77	66	90	85.5	57	65	57	102.1	81.5					
1937:																								
October.....	92.2	88.0	88.5	105.1	104.5	107.5	77.5	102	101	113	76	66	93	127.0	72	68	52	101.0	85.4					
November.....	82.5	86.5	86.6	100.6	92.9	84.5	73.5	88	85	109	71	64	91	89.0	72	69	56	92.1	83.3					
December.....	98.6	85.8	85.1	95.1	84.2	80.0	72.5	84	79	115	67	62	89	78.0	79	65	61	105.6	81.7					
1938:																								
January.....	83.7	83.5	82.4	90.0	75.0	71.5	69.5	80	76	108	65	61	90	65.0	75	52	52	89.3	80.9					
February.....	76.0	82.6	81.4	88.9	76.9	54.0	62.5	79	75	103	62	62	88	74.0	76	51	51	74.2	79.3					
March.....	81.4	82.7	81.0	87.4	77.1	60.5	67.0	79	75	103	60	61	86	61.0	72	48	46	88.1	79.7					
April.....	81.6	81.4	80.1	85.4	74.6	58.0	70.5	77	73	101	57	60	83	60.0	76	46	52	84.1	78.7					
May.....	76.7	80.4	79.5	83.7	72.9	60.5	67.5	76	73	91	58	60	78	57.0	72	45	51	81.2	78.1					
June.....	82.3	80.7	79.4	82.4	70.8	61.0	72.0	77	74	92	58	59	82	50.5	69	47	54	87.0	78.3					
July.....	81.0	81.3	79.8	82.9	70.6	72.0	82.5	83	82	93	61	60	83	56.5	68	47	59	84.5	78.8					
August.....	76.1	82.5	81.5	84.9	76.8	72.5	72.0	88	87	95	62	60	83	54.5	66	53	66	81.2	78.1					
September.....	83.5	83.2	82.5	86.9	81.0	85.0	73.0	90	89	97	64	61	86	60.0	62	55	78	83.3	78.3					
October.....	86.4	83.7	83.1	87.5	83.7	92.0	68.0	95	100	68	62	83	83.5	60	54	86	95.8	77.6						
Monthly average, January through October:																								
1929.....	99.9	-----	99.9	106.7	111.9	102.3	-----	122	123	116	109	105	101	158.1	115	116	123	140.2	95.7					
1933.....	57.7	-----	56.5	72.0	48.8	47.7	-----	77	77	82	58	67	60	46.9	34	37	22	55.3	65.0					
1934.....	66.2	-----	66.0	85.8	64.6	56.6	-----	80	79	86	63	66	68	62.4	46	42	33	69.4	74.6					
1935.....	70.6	-----	70.4	90.7	73.0	61.7	-----	89	89	90	64	64	71	81.7	47	53	34	78.5	79.9					
1936.....	80.3	-----	79.8	96.6	83.4	72.2	-----	103	103	103	73	65	79	101.1	53	61	56	90.2	80.4					
1937.....	87.2	-----	88.9	107.4	104.7	79.6	-----	115	114	116	80	68	85	113.4	72	82	61	99.5	87.1					
1938.....	80.9	-----	81.1	86.0	75.9	68.7	-----	83	80	97	61	61	77	60.3	68	50	61	84.9	78.8					

¹ See footnote marked with a "f" on p. 19.

² Adjusted for seasonal variations.

³ From farm marketings.

⁴ Average of 9 months—January, February, April through October.

Commodity Prices

COMMODITY prices during November were generally stable with representative "averages" moving over a narrow range. The relative stability of prices extended to practically all groups of commodities—both in the raw material and finished products classifications.

Prices of farm products have remained around the 1938 lows, but the Department of Agriculture on the basis of improved industrial trends and the purchases of commodities by the Surplus Commodities Corporation has revised upward its estimate of cash farm income for the year 1938 to 7,625 million dollars, or 125 million dollars more than the earlier preliminary estimate. In 1937, cash farm income amounted to 8,600 million dollars, compared with the depression low of 4,328 million dollars. In its annual forecast for next year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics anticipates an expansion in the domestic demand for farm products and some strengthening in prices.

The current rise in industrial production has increased the demand for industrial raw materials, but

the expansion has not resulted in active bidding for available supplies. Stocks of important raw materials continue relatively large, despite some reduction in recent months. Production facilities for both raw materials and finished products are in general engaged below capacity and a large expansion of output from current levels is possible with existing facilities.

The general index of wholesale commodity prices was 77.3 (1926=100) for the fourth week of November, little changed from the figures for recent weeks, though at the lowest point since 1934. Although the recession in quotations of farm products and foods has been the major influence in depressing the general index of wholesale prices over the past year, it should be noted that average prices for all other commodities have continued to drift lower; the index for these commodities was 80.8 in the fourth week of November, 6 percent under the 1937 high point. Prices of finished manufactured goods have changed but little on the average recently, the index for this group of commodities tending slightly lower in November.

INDEXES OF COMMODITY PRICES

Year and month	Wholesale Prices (U. S. Department of Labor)												Retail prices								
	Combined index, 813 commodities	Economic classes			Groups and subgroups									Cost of living (National Industrial Conference Board)	Farm prices, combined index (U. S. Department of Agriculture)	Food (U. S. Department of Labor)					
		Finished products	Raw materials	Semi-manufactures	Farm products	Grains	Foods	Meats	Other than farm products and foods	Building materials	Chemicals and drugs	Fuel and lighting	Hides and leather	House-furnishing goods	Metals and metal products	Textile products	Miscellaneous				
Monthly average 1926=100																					
1929: October.....	95.1	94.2	97.1	91.7	101.0	99.1	101.4	106.7	19.6	95.9	94.9	83.1	110.3	94.7	99.8	89.5	83.2	101.2	149	137.6	118.4
1933: October.....	71.2	75.4	61.8	72.8	55.7	58.2	61.2	51.0	77.2	83.9	72.7	73.6	89.0	81.2	83.0	77.1	65.3	78.0	78	71.6	87.1
1934: October.....	76.5	79.2	72.1	71.5	70.6	85.0	74.8	70.6	78.0	85.2	77.1	74.6	83.8	81.7	86.3	70.3	69.7	80.5	102	76.0	87.4
1935: October.....	80.5	82.7	77.1	76.3	78.2	86.4	85.0*	97.1	78.3	86.1	81.1	73.4	93.6	80.6	86.5	72.9	67.5	83.0	109	80.5	87.6
1936: October.....	81.5	82.0	82.1	76.2	84.0	102.1	82.6	84.4	80.1	87.3	82.2	76.8	95.6	82.0	86.0	71.6	71.5	85.7	121	82.8	90.0
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November.....	83.3	86.7	77.2	79.8	75.7	69.2	83.1	98.3	84.3	93.7	80.2	78.2	101.4	90.4	96.8	71.2	75.4	89.0	107	83.6	94.5
December.....	81.7	85.3	75.4	77.7	72.8	71.5	79.8	88.8	83.6	92.5	79.5	78.4	97.7	89.7	96.3	70.1	75.0	88.6	104	82.6	93.2
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February.....	79.8	83.3	73.6	76.1	69.8	73.0	73.5	75.4	83.0	91.1	79.1	78.5	94.7	88.0	96.0	68.6	74.8	86.7	97	78.4	91.2
March.....	79.7	83.4	73.2	75.6	70.3	69.0	73.5	81.6	82.6	91.5	78.7	77.7	93.6	87.7	96.0	68.2	74.4	86.7	96	78.6	90.6
April.....	78.7	82.7	71.7	75.3	68.4	61.7	66.0	72.3	82.0	91.2	77.5	76.8	92.1	87.3	96.3	67.2	73.4	86.8	94	79.4	90.2
May.....	78.1	82.1	70.7	75.4	67.5	62.3	72.1	82.1	81.6	90.4	76.8	76.2	91.3	87.2	96.7	66.1	73.1	86.5	92	79.1	89.5
June.....	78.3	82.2	71.4	74.1	68.7	62.7	73.1	84.5	81.3	89.7	76.3	76.4	90.1	87.1	96.1	65.5	72.9	86.7	92	80.2	89.2
July.....	78.8	82.5	72.3	74.3	69.4	58.3	74.3	89.7	81.4	89.2	77.7	76.8	91.5	86.4	95.2	66.1	72.7	86.5	95	80.0	89.0
August.....	78.1	81.8	71.4	74.4	67.3	53.4	73.0	86.0	81.4	89.4	77.7	76.8	91.9	86.4	95.4	65.9	72.4	85.9	92	78.4	89.0
September.....	78.3	81.8	72.0	74.7	68.1	53.0	74.5	87.3	81.3	89.5	77.3	76.6	92.0	86.2	95.5	65.8	72.4	85.9	95	78.7	89.0
October.....	77.6	81.1	70.9	75.5	66.8	50.8	73.5	83.3	81.1	89.8	77.1	75.4	93.4	85.7	95.3	66.2	72.6	85.8	95	78.1	89.0
Monthly average, January through October:																					
1929.....	95.7	94.8	97.9	94.2	105.5	97.5	100.2	110.4	91.8	95.7	94.3	82.9	109.2	94.2	100.9	90.8	82.6	100.0	146	104.4	-----
1933.....	65.0	69.6	55.4	64.1	50.5	51.7	60.0	51.0	69.9	75.4	72.4	65.1	79.3	74.7	79.4	62.0	61.7	74.4	69	65.6	75.5
1934.....	74.6	80.0	67.9	73.0	64.2	71.8	69.7	61.8	78.4	86.5	75.7	73.2	87.0	81.6	91.7	73.5	69.5	79.2	88	73.6	88.5
1935.....	79.9	82.2	76.9	73.1	78.8	83.5	83.4	94.2	77.7	85.2	80.3	88.5	89.4	86.6	83.3	70.4	68.5	82.4	107	89.2	86.3
1936.....	80.4	81.7	79.0	74.9	79.8	84.6	81.5	88.1	79.2	86.2	79.7	76.1	94.8	81.5	86.7	70.7	69.7	84.5	112	82.0	88.5
1937.....	87.1	87.4	86.5	86.6	88.9	104.3	86.2	100.1	85.5	95.6	84.7	77.5	105.7	89.4	95.3	77.4	78.3	88.5	125	85.5	95.3
1938.....	78.8	82.5	72.2	75.2	68.8	62.4	73.6	83.8	81.9	90.4	77.8	77.0	92.7	87.0	95.9	66.9	73.4	86.5	95	79.1	89.9

* Middle of month.

† Index is as of the 1st of the following month.

Domestic Trade

RISING consumer income in recent months has fostered an increase in the dollar volume of retail trade which has materially cut the margin of loss from a year ago. In October, trade did not increase to the usual seasonal extent, but the Bureau's estimate of total retail sales indicated a loss of 12 percent from October of last year, whereas in May, the decline from the corresponding period in 1937 amounted to 19 percent. Excluding passenger automobiles from the year-to-year comparison, the decline in October from a year ago was about 7 percent, as compared with a drop of 13 percent in May. According to department-store data for the first 3 weeks of November, retail sales of general merchandise increased by more than the estimated seasonal gain. Total retail sales for the month will show a smaller relative drop than in October, both by reason of the improvement this year and the decline in sales a year ago.

Although sales of general merchandise in October were above those of September, the gains as recorded by the several indexes compiled by this Bureau and by the Federal Reserve System were somewhat less than seasonal. Thus, the adjusted index of department-store sales declined 2 points to 84, while the index for variety-store sales was down by the same amount to 96.7, and that for rural sales of general merchandise was off 7 points to 115.5. Automobile sales were on the increase as the

1939 models were placed in the hands of dealers.

The Bureau's data on sales of independent retailers, based on reports from nearly 20,000 stores, also indicated a less-than-seasonal gain in October, but the decline from a year ago narrowed to 13 percent as compared with 15 percent in September. Several lines of business—grocery, lumber and building materials, hardware, and drugs—showed declines of 8 percent or less, and for each of these except grocery sales, the margin of loss from a year ago has narrowed somewhat more rapidly than that for the total of all independent lines reporting.

The Bureau's sample of 2,600 wholesalers reported sales in October about on a par with September, on a daily average basis. Comparison with a year ago indicated improvement, however, with a loss of 9 percent reported, in contrast with a 13-percent decline reported in September. Two classifications, shoes and other footwear and leather and shoe findings, showed small gains over a year ago, and several others, including chemicals, metals, drugs, and meats, reported declines of 4 percent or less.

Manufacturers' dollar sales, as reported by about 1,600 cooperators, were 12 percent below a year ago. In September, the decline from 1937 amounted to 13 percent. Three of the industry groups showed small increases over a year ago. These were leather products, rubber products, and nonferrous metals.

DOMESTIC TRADE STATISTICS

Year and month	Retail trade												Wholesale trade		Commercial failures		
	Department stores				Chain-store sales				Rural sales of general merchandise		New passenger-car sales		Employment	Pay rolls	Failures	Liabilities	
	Sales	Stocks ¹	Unad-just-ed ²	Ad-just-ed ³	Com-bined index (Chain Store Age)	Grocery stores	Variety stores	Unad-just-ed ²	Ad-just-ed ²	Unad-just-ed ²	Ad-just-ed ²	Unad-just-ed ²	Ad-just-ed ²				
	Unad-just-ed ²	Ad-just-ed ³	Unad-just-ed ²	Ad-just-ed ³	Avg. same mo. 1923-25=100	Unad-just-ed ²	Ad-just-ed ³	Unad-just-ed ²	Ad-just-ed ²	Unad-just-ed ²	Ad-just-ed ²	Unad-just-ed ²	Ad-just-ed ²	Monthly average 1929-31=100	Monthly average 1929=100	Number	Thousands of dollars
1929: October.....	122	111	112	100	109.0	108.5	111.5	109.9	154.5	126.6	120.0	141.0	102.9	102.7			
1933: October.....	77	69	77	69	86.4	82.8	82.4	86.9	85.6	97.5	79.9	42.7	53.5	81.7	62.4	1,167	27,254
1934: October.....	82	74	71	63	92.0	83.5	83.1	91.3	90.0	108.7	98.8	47.3	59.0	84.3	61.5	1,094	24,759
1935: October.....	86	78	72	65	99.8	91.5	91.0	93.4	92.0	127.6	104.6	53.3	82.0	85.7	66.8	1,110	30,633
1936: October.....	100	90	76	68	109.0	94.2	93.7	100.4	98.9	155.1	127.1	56.5	85.5	89.0	71.5	642	9,951
1937:																	
October.....	103	93	85	76	114.8	94.9	94.4	101.5	100.0	160.2	131.3	82.6	127.0	94.0	79.3	815	14,079
November.....	101	91	86	75	109.0	94.9	92.7	101.2	145.8	118.6	90.8	89.0	93.5	78.3	842	16,400	
December.....	156	89	68	72	111.5	97.0	94.2	203.5	110.3	179.5	126.4	70.1	78.0	93.3	77.8	1,009	27,818
1938:																	
January.....	70	60	63	71	106.7	93.3	96.2	71.6	96.1	86.6	104.3	50.8	65.0	91.0	75.4	1,377	21,415
February.....	70	58	67	70	105.4	94.1	93.6	78.6	94.1	90.4	99.9	53.6	74.0	90.4	75.3	1,149	21,028
March.....	77	86	71	70	103.3	95.6	94.7	81.7	97.2	98.4	105.8	76.0	61.0	89.1	74.7	1,167	40,325
April.....	86	83	71	69	105.0	94.4	91.7	95.2	92.9	107.9	112.3	80.5	60.0	88.5	74.6	1,172	21,147
May.....	80	78	71	69	103.3	95.0	93.6	90.7	99.7	103.5	110.1	75.5	57.0	87.3	75.1	1,123	19,139
June.....	79	82	65	68	106.3	93.6	92.2	90.9	95.7	106.2	112.4	65.0	50.5	87.2	73.8	1,073	15,918
July.....	58	83	61	67	108.1	89.2	91.0	88.0	98.9	84.8	110.2	61.4	56.5	86.8	73.6	1,058	14,761
August.....	65	83	65	67	106.0	88.5	92.2	85.2	96.3	98.2	114.2	49.2	54.5	87.6	73.7	1,015	16,382
September.....	91	86	70	67	109.4	93.0	94.9	94.1	98.5	121.1	122.4	37.1	60.0	88.5	74.3	866	14,341
October.....	92	84	74	67	107.5	94.9	94.4	98.2	96.7	110.9	115.5	54.2	83.5	89.0	75.0	997	13,219
Monthly average, January through October:																	
1929.....	101	-----	99	-----	101.5	-----	97.1	-----	116.7	-----	158.1	-----	99.5	99.4			
1933.....	60	-----	60	-----	82.8	79.6	74.7	61.5	46.9	-----	75.0	56.1	1,756	41,444			
1934.....	68	-----	65	-----	91.7	82.9	82.6	76.0	62.4	-----	82.3	62.6	1,015	26,065			
1935.....	62	-----	63	-----	96.1	88.8	82.9	91.0	81.7	-----	83.5	65.1	1,035	26,695			
1936.....	79	-----	66	-----	104.8	94.0	89.5	104.4	101.1	-----	86.0	65.7	819	17,382			
1937.....	85	-----	75	-----	112.0	95.7	92.6	113.4	113.4	-----	91.7	76.3	764	13,904			
1938.....	77	-----	68	-----	106.2	93.2	87.4	103.8	60.3	-----	88.5	74.6	1,098	19,768			

¹ End of month.² Adjusted for number of working days.³ Adjusted for seasonal variations.

Employment

THE number at work in nonagricultural industries recorded a further substantial gain in October, according to data compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Factory employment recorded a slightly more-than-seasonal gain as compared with September, the adjusted index advancing about one-half point to 87.5 (1923-25=100). Factory pay rolls increased relatively more than employment, owing partly to the fact that reported September pay rolls were influenced to some extent by the observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Gains in employment in October were predominantly in factories producing durable goods, with 35 of the 43 industries in this classification reporting increases over the month interval. Employment in these industries has recovered only to the March 1938 level, and in October the number employed was one-fourth less than at the recovery high reached in May 1937. Although 26 of the 44 nondurable-goods industries surveyed reported increased employment in October, the group as a whole showed a decline. However, the number at work in these lines in November was only about 11 percent below the high recorded in September 1937.

The largest employment gain in October was in the

automobile body and parts industry, in which approximately 85,000 workers were returned to work. This gain reflected the increased production of 1939-model cars.

Other durable-goods industries reporting gains which were larger than seasonal included agricultural implements; electrical machinery, apparatus, and supplies; hardware; steel mills; radios and phonographs; glass; and brass, bronze, and copper products. Among the non-durable goods industries, gains reported were largely of seasonal proportions except for men's furnishings, knit goods, and chemicals, which showed increases that were larger than those usually occurring at this season.

Nine of the sixteen nonmanufacturing industries for which data are collected increased employment and 13 increased pay rolls in October as compared with September. In retail-trade establishments, the gain in employment was less than that usually experienced, while in wholesale trade the increase was of about seasonal proportions. The number of workers in coal mines and in metal mines increased by more than the usual seasonal amount, the latter gain reflecting the increased activity which has accompanied higher metal prices. Employment also increased more than seasonally in the private building construction industry.

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Year and month	Factory employment and pay rolls ¹									Retail trade, unadjusted	Average factory wages and hours (National Industrial Conference Board)			Industrial disputes							
	Employment						Pay rolls, unadjusted														
	Unadjusted		Adjusted ²					All industries	Durable goods industries	Non-durable goods industries	All industries	Durable goods industries	Non-durable goods industries	Employment	Pay rolls	Weekly earnings	Hourly earnings	Hours worked per week	Strikes beginning in month	Strikes in progress during month	Man days idle during month
	All industries	Durable goods industries	Non-durable goods industries	All industries	Durable goods industries	Non-durable goods industries	All industries	Durable goods industries	Non-durable goods industries	Monthly average 1923-25=100	Monthly average 1923-25=100	Monthly average 1923-25=100	Monthly average 1923-25=100	Monthly average 1923-25=100	Monthly average 1923-25=100	Dollars	Number	Thousands of days			
<i>1929:</i>																					
October	109.0	107.7	110.2	106.6	106.4	106.8	113.7	113.4	114.0	102.0	103.2	29.22	.593	49.3	73	124	307				
1933:	84.6	68.0	100.3	82.9	67.9	97.2	61.1	46.3	77.7	83.3	61.6	19.50	.542	36.1	145	267	3,594				
1934: October	85.9	70.2	100.9	84.4	70.3	98.0	64.0	48.7	81.0	82.6	61.9	20.00	.593	33.9	187	297	909				
1935: October	95.2	85.5	104.5	93.0	84.3	101.4	79.4	71.4	88.3	83.8	63.2	23.13	.602	38.5	190	332	1,568				
1936: October	103.2	96.7	109.3	100.8	95.4	100.0	92.5	89.6	95.7	88.7	68.3	25.51	.619	41.1	192	335	1,034				
1937:	107.2	106.6	107.8	105.1	105.4	104.7	104.5	108.2	100.3	92.1	75.9	27.12	.716	37.8	320	583	1,182				
October	101.1	109.8	100.6	99.8	101.3	92.9	94.8	90.8	91.7	75.3	25.59	.717	35.6	262	467	982					
November	94.5	91.7	97.2	95.1	91.9	98.1	84.2	81.0	87.7	100.4	80.6	24.36	.715	34.1	131	333	674				
December																					
1938:																					
January	87.8	81.7	93.7	90.0	83.7	96.0	75.0	67.1	84.0	84.1	70.1	22.98	.710	32.5	151	271	470				
February	88.2	80.1	95.9	88.9	81.0	96.4	76.9	67.2	87.8	82.4	68.4	23.53	.710	33.4	171	287	503				
March	87.7	79.3	95.8	87.4	79.0	95.4	77.1	67.4	87.9	83.0	68.6	23.65	.714	33.3	236	356	733				
April	85.7	77.0	94.0	85.4	76.2	94.1	74.6	65.6	84.7	88.2	72.2	23.53	.717	32.9	241	393	791				
May	83.4	75.0	91.5	83.7	74.1	92.9	72.9	64.2	82.6	83.8	70.0	23.38	.718	32.7	256	417	1,122				
June	81.6	72.4	90.3	82.4	71.9	92.4	70.8	61.7	80.9	83.6	69.5	23.74	.719	33.1	191	348	793				
July	81.9	70.3	92.9	82.9	70.7	94.5	70.6	58.6	84.1	81.1	68.1	23.93	.713	33.8	170	304	676				
August	85.7	71.8	99.0	84.9	72.1	97.1	76.8	63.5	91.6	80.0	68.8	24.93	.711	35.2	208	333	726				
September	88.8	75.3	101.6	86.9	75.8	97.6	81.0	68.7	94.9	85.0	69.7	25.73	.714	36.2	190	311	975				
October	89.5	79.0	99.4	87.5	78.0	96.7	83.7	75.0	93.5	86.1	71.0	26.14	.714	36.7	-----	365	1,000				
Monthly average January through October	106.7	107.4	106.0	-----	-----	-----	111.9	113.4	110.3	98.4	98.6	28.78	.589	48.7	83	-----	494				
1929	72.0	55.8	87.3	-----	-----	-----	48.8	35.4	63.7	74.0	53.7	17.55	.479	36.9	154	-----	1,476				
1933	85.8	73.4	97.7	-----	-----	-----	64.6	52.9	77.7	81.0	60.3	20.06	.579	34.8	163	-----	1,824				
1934	90.7	89.2	100.6	-----	-----	-----	73.0	63.2	83.8	81.0	61.2	22.07	.599	36.9	178	-----	1,379				
1935	96.6	89.9	102.9	-----	-----	-----	83.4	78.8	88.5	83.9	64.9	24.31	.615	39.5	190	-----	999				
1936	107.4	105.6	109.2	-----	-----	-----	104.7	106.6	102.7	88.5	72.2	27.52	.689	40.0	435	-----	2,677				
1937	86.0	76.2	95.4	-----	-----	-----	75.9	65.9	87.2	83.7	69.4	24.15	.714	34.0	205	-----	778				

¹ See footnote marked "†" on p. 25.

² Adjusted for seasonal variations.

Finance

UNSETTLED conditions in Europe contributed to the strength of the dollar on the foreign exchanges during November. Pressure upon the pound sterling and the French franc carried these currencies to the lowest quotations of the year, except for a very brief period at the height of the Central European crisis in September. In the final week of November the cable rate for sterling fell to \$4.63, a loss of nearly 13 cents since the end of October. Imports of gold, although very substantially below the record levels of the preceding 2 months, were sufficiently large to indicate a further movement of foreign funds to the United States as well as the persistence of commercial influences tending to maintain a strong demand for dollars.

Security prices declined after the second week of November, canceling the gains of the post-election rise in which many classes of securities reached new highs for the year. Industrial and railroad share "averages" established 1938 highs early in November; public-utility stocks participated in the rise but did not pass their October high points. By the end of November stock prices generally showed small net losses from a month earlier. While the Dow-Jones average of 40 corporate bond prices during November did not equal the high for the year, prices of the industrial and public-utility bonds in this average surpassed the previous high points for the year and were near their 1937 peaks. Railroad bond prices, however, were still

well below the levels reached earlier in the year.

The market for new corporate bond issues was inactive during November. A few issues were placed privately in accordance with a growing tendency for major corporate loans to pass directly from issuer to investor—a method of financing which is encouraged both by the large volume of funds seeking investment and the scarcity of security offerings by seasoned corporations.

Substantial additions to monetary gold stock and Treasury operations tending to increase member-bank reserves during November were offset by a seasonal expansion of currency in circulation and by a transfer of funds to nonmember institutions, with the result that member-bank balances at Reserve banks rose only slightly. Excess reserves, however, advanced to 3,353 million dollars, a record figure.

Significant trends in the loans and investments of reporting member banks failed to appear. During the 4-week period through the middle of November, loans increased \$53,000,000 primarily as a consequence of larger advances to brokers and dealers in securities. Total investments were reduced, on the other hand, as reporting banks, though acquiring an additional \$60,000,000 of Government securities, disposed of \$92,000,000 of "other" securities. Member banks outside of New York and Chicago have expanded "commercial" loans slightly this fall, but amounts outstanding are still much below those of a year ago

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Year and month	Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, end of month	Monetary gold stock	Currency in circulation	Excess reserves of member banks, end of month	Reporting member banks, Wednesday closest to end of month						All listed stocks, average price (N. Y. S. E.)	All listed bonds, domestic, average price (N. Y. S. E.)	Capital flotations, corporate		Dividend rate, average per share (\$100 companies)	Interest rates, commercial paper (4-6 months)	
					Loans		Deposits		Investments	Demand, ad-justed	Time			New capital	Refund-ing		
					Total	Com'l, indus-trial, and agri-cultur-al											
Millions of dollars																	
													Dec. 31, 1924=100	Dollars	Thous. of dollars	Dollars	Percent
1929: October.....	2,548	4,094	4,523	842	18,934	5,496	6,868	125.0	95.64	724,166	33,088	2.99	6 1/4				
1933: October.....	2,485	4,037	5,369	9,126	8,569	4,911	46.4	84.70	3,109	0	1,06	1 1/4					
1934: October.....	2,485	7,989	5,473	1,748	8,281	10,790	11,301	4,875	48.3	91.23	390	31,000	1.24	3 1/4-1			
1935: October.....	2,482	9,545	5,704	2,970	7,902	12,476	13,598	4,899	65.6	92.84	73,003	179,392	1.35	3 1/4			
1936: October.....	2,476	10,983	6,321	2,175	8,721	13,796	15,340	5,065	86.5	99.41	109,885	271,517	1.70	3 1/4			
1937:																	
October.....	2,580	12,732	6,566	1,055	9,625	4,761	12,029	14,610	5,278	62.8	93.17	66,647	69,653	2.13	1		
November.....	2,606	12,788	6,558	1,169	9,441	4,637	11,940	14,612	5,234	57.3	92.36	26,942	10,120	2.19	1		
December.....	2,612	12,765	6,618	1,212	9,387	4,601	12,018	14,431	5,205	54.6	92.75	42,767	14,463	2.18	1		
1938:																	
January.....	2,593	12,756	6,397	1,383	8,991	4,394	12,253	14,464	5,225	54.6	91.64	45,533	3,773	1.93	1		
February.....	2,590	12,768	6,319	1,415	8,933	4,357	12,298	14,381	5,260	57.3	92.44	40,802	62,225	1.63	1		
March.....	2,611	12,778	6,338	1,546	8,771	4,299	12,039	14,268	5,221	44.2	88.71	23,995	57,643	1.57	3 1/4-1		
April.....	2,594	12,829	6,337	2,548	8,587	4,187	12,257	14,398	5,230	49.8	90.84	12,313	66,500	1.55	3 1/4-1		
May.....	2,582	12,891	6,415	2,568	8,334	3,992	12,202	14,589	5,216	48.1	90.81	35,935	25,692	1.43	3 1/4-1		
June.....	2,596	12,946	6,433	2,875	8,321	3,936	12,240	15,036	5,239	58.3	91.97	198,866	95,034	1.39	3 1/4-1		
July.....	2,589	12,985	6,464	3,022	8,165	3,865	12,395	14,951	5,193	62.2	93.32	129,061	51,545	1.39	3 1/4		
August.....	2,585	13,057	6,482	2,941	8,270	3,886	12,591	15,388	5,210	60.6	92.53	124,696	211,141	1.39	3 1/4		
September.....	2,600	13,441	6,570	2,869	8,241	3,891	12,999	15,508	5,180	60.6	92.10	60,887	49,136	1.39	3 1/4		
October.....	2,586	13,940	6,668	3,227	8,327	3,899	13,081	15,766	5,155	65.4	93.70	63,922	273,237	1.39	3 1/4-8 1/4		

Foreign Trade

FOREIGN trade of the United States increased in October, the value of exports being 13 percent larger than in September. This gain did not measure up to seasonal expectations; however, the usual seasonal pattern has not been evident in the trade this year, mainly by reason of the unusual movements in some of the major farm products. The trend of the seasonally corrected index of exports has been downward in recent months.

Exports of agricultural products valued at \$86,961,000 were about \$12,000,000 larger than in September but nearly \$21,000,000 less than in October 1937. The increase over September resulted chiefly from the unusually large shipments of leaf tobacco—\$2,034,000 pounds, valued at \$29,489,000—the largest amount exported since October 1928, and a record value. Dried-fruit exports of over 100 million pounds, the largest monthly total since November 1935, contributed over 2½ million dollars to the increase in value from September to October.

Exports of grain, which moved abroad in comparatively large volume during the first 8 months of the year, dropped off in September and October. In the latest month, the exports of wheat and corn—3,104,000 bushels and 4,069,000 bushels—were not much more than one-third and one-fourth, respectively, of the

monthly average shipped in the first 8 months of the year.

Although exports of unmanufactured cotton were larger in quantity and in value than in September, they have not shown the expansion which usually occurs at this period of the year. In the first 3 months of the current crop year—August to October—exports of unmanufactured cotton were 560,865,000 pounds, as compared with 878,365,000 pounds in the corresponding period of 1937.

Imports, which increased sharply on a seasonally adjusted basis in the 2 preceding months, continued at this higher level in October. In the latter month, the import index was one-fifth above the low point in May, but imports remained considerably smaller than exports.

The rise noted for other recent months in crude materials imported and also for semimanufactures and finished manufactures continued in October. In comparison with the lowest monthly figures recorded this year, these classes respectively showed gains of 41, 28, and 32 percent. Above-average increases over figures earlier in the year were reported for unmanufactured wool, hides and skins, iron ore, nickel, manganese, wood pulp, fabrics of wool, silk manufactures, rayon manufacturers, and newsprint.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

Year and month	Indexes		Exports, including reexports	Exports of United States merchandise									Imports ¹						
	Value of total exports, adjusted ²	Value of total imports, adjusted ²		Crude materials		Finished manufactures			Total	Crude materials	Food-stuffs	Semimanufactures	Automobiles, parts, and accessories	Total	Crude materials	Food-stuffs	Semimanufactures	Finished manufactures	
				Total	Unmanufactured cotton	Total	Machinery												
Monthly average 1923-25=100																			
1929: October.....	114	119	528.5	522.4	174.3	128.9	71.8	64.6	211.7	52.8	32.8	391.1	126.5	82.3	82.3	100.0			
1933: October.....	42	46	193.1	190.8	81.8	54.2	23.5	24.4	61.1	13.5	8.6	150.9	46.9	34.8	33.2	36.0			
1934: October.....	45	39	206.4	203.5	82.9	43.4	21.8	28.8	70.1	18.7	12.4	138.0	35.2	46.9	26.1	29.8			
1935: October.....	48	57	221.3	218.2	82.6	45.9	23.7	30.3	81.6	23.5	14.1	189.8	55.5	51.7	38.6	44.0			
1936: October.....	57	65	264.9	262.2	100.4	57.4	24.9	36.7	100.1	31.8	15.8	213.4	63.0	61.4	40.5	48.6			
1937:																			
October.....	72	68	333.1	329.8	88.3	45.0	38.8	59.0	143.7	44.6	25.4	226.5	71.7	53.0	51.9	50.0			
November.....	72	69	314.7	311.2	84.9	43.7	32.9	57.0	136.4	37.7	29.8	212.4	67.5	51.5	46.4	47.0			
December.....	79	65	319.3	315.3	75.9	39.0	34.0	53.5	151.9	44.7	39.7	203.7	68.5	50.4	43.6	41.3			
1938:																			
January.....	75	52	280.4	286.1	67.9	34.6	40.3	44.1	133.9	39.7	34.4	163.5	51.8	44.1	32.9	34.6			
February.....	76	51	262.7	260.0	48.2	21.2	39.4	41.7	130.6	41.4	28.1	155.9	46.7	47.1	29.7	32.5			
March.....	72	48	275.7	270.8	47.0	23.1	35.5	46.2	142.1	46.1	28.8	173.3	51.2	55.5	32.1	34.5			
April.....	76	46	274.5	271.5	44.5	20.1	38.6	46.3	142.2	45.6	26.4	155.5	43.8	49.5	28.6	33.6			
May.....	72	45	257.2	253.6	34.8	10.4	48.2	42.6	128.0	42.4	20.6	147.2	40.2	45.7	27.8	33.4			
June.....	69	47	232.7	229.5	34.5	9.4	34.6	37.0	123.4	41.5	17.2	147.9	38.0	47.1	30.4	32.4			
July.....	68	47	227.8	225.1	32.8	10.5	38.0	37.3	117.0	39.7	17.5	147.8	43.2	44.1	29.6	30.9			
August.....	66	53	230.6	228.1	43.8	10.7	35.8	35.6	112.9	39.5	12.3	171.1	49.5	49.5	35.0	37.0			
September.....	62	55	246.3	243.6	59.6	20.5	31.4	40.2	112.5	36.6	14.2	172.9	52.4	49.1	33.6	37.9			
October.....	60	54	277.9	274.3	72.1	24.1	33.3	44.5	124.4	38.7	17.3	178.5	53.7	48.4	35.8	40.6			
Cumulative, January through October:																			
1929:	3115	3116	4,372.2	4,301.0	871.6	573.4	628.9	622.7	2,177.8	510.4	489.0	3,751.1	1,321.5	827.3	761.1	841.2			
1933:	334	337	1,298.1	1,276.1	446.2	305.1	154.6	184.3	491.0	100.7	74.0	1,187.5	344.7	344.2	236.9	261.7			
1934:	346	342	1,767.4	1,739.5	526.4	298.5	192.8	281.1	739.2	178.6	166.8	1,360.3	391.7	422.3	258.8	287.5			
1935:	347	353	1,789.6	1,754.9	487.6	259.1	169.5	283.7	814.1	217.0	185.8	1,696.3	480.8	552.5	330.4	332.6			
1936:	353	361	1,999.8	1,968.4	518.6	268.1	175.1	326.9	947.7	277.7	190.2	1,983.4	596.5	603.3	400.5	388.1			
1937:	372	382	2,710.7	2,667.9	561.1	285.1	212.2	566.8	1,327.7	397.1	277.3	2,597.2	837.5	752.0	544.8	463.1			
1938:	368	350	2,574.9	2,542.8	485.2	184.6	375.5	415.4	1,267.0	411.2	216.7	1,613.7	470.6	480.1	315.6	347.5			

¹ General imports through December 1933; imports for consumption thereafter.

² Adjusted for seasonal variations.

³ Monthly average.

Construction Trends in the United States 1937 and 1938

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CONSTRUCTION activity in the United States during 1938 will aggregate approximately \$8,800,000,000, the largest total reported in any year since 1930, according to a preliminary estimate prepared by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.¹ The estimate, which includes new construction, maintenance, and work-relief construction, represents a slight increase over the revised total for 1937 of \$8,675,000,000. It is based upon available data for the first 10 months of 1938. The increase in 1938 was the result of a gain of \$540,000,000 in public construction, which more than offset the decline in private work. The movements of the preceding year were thus

itures for a particular month. However, the various monthly series on construction contracts awarded and building permits issued may be used as indicators of the monthly trends. According to these series, construction projects were initiated in comparatively large volume during the first half of 1937, continuing the upward movement of the previous 3 years. Beginning in August and September 1937, the volume of "construction work started" fell off and continued at lower levels to the end of the year. The recession in construction projects initiated, excepting work-relief projects, continued through the first half of 1938, but in the third quarter the volume of construction work undertaken rose to higher levels than a year earlier, and in the closing months of this year the totals were considerably larger than in 1937. The advance in construction in the latter part of 1938 was the result of a larger volume of public-works projects under the revived program of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works (P. W. A.) and increased private residential building stimulated by lower building costs and lower interest charges and smaller initial payments required under the amended program of the Federal Housing Administration.

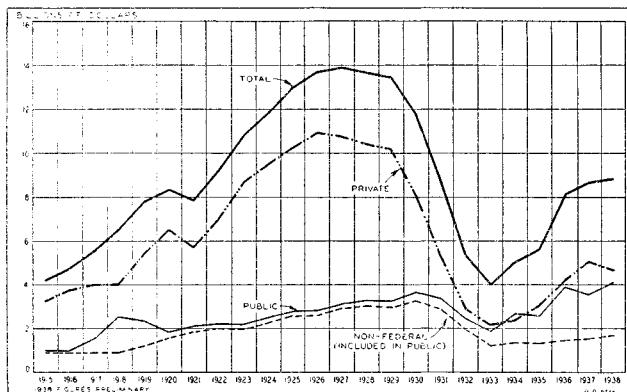


Figure 6.—Estimated Value of Total, Private, and Public Construction in the United States, 1915-38.

NOTE.—Estimates include value of new construction, maintenance and work-relief construction. Non-Federal construction estimates do not include Federal aid or Public Works Administration grants, but do include all Federal loans.

reversed—in 1937 the expansion as compared with 1936 was the result of a substantial increase in private work, while public expenditures for construction projects declined. Although the increase for the year 1938 was the fifth consecutive yearly gain, total expenditures for construction in 1938 were one-fourth less than the average volume during the decade from 1920 to 1929. The trends in public, private, and total construction from 1915 to 1938 are shown in figure 6.

There was considerable variation in the monthly movement of construction volume which is not shown by the yearly estimates. No currently available statistical series measures adequately construction expendi-

Table 1.—Estimated Value of Private and Public Construction, Including New Construction, Maintenance, and Work-Relief Construction¹
[Millions of dollars]

Items	Average volume, 1920-29	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938 ²
New construction, total.....	8,972	3,619	2,358	2,683	3,177	4,586	5,340	5,185
Private.....	7,025	1,777	1,109	1,191	1,617	2,498	3,268	2,855
Public, total.....	1,947	1,842	1,249	1,492	1,560	2,088	2,072	2,330
Non-Federal.....	1,752	1,382	740	826	746	813	892	1,020
Federal.....	195	460	509	666	814	1,275	1,180	1,310
Work-relief, Federal (public).....		114	578	406	1,130	775	1,075	
Maintenance, total.....	2,611	1,753	1,544	1,794	2,053	2,447	2,560	2,530
Private.....	1,965	1,129	1,017	1,195	1,413	1,737	1,843	1,830
Public, total.....	646	624	527	599	640	710	717	700
Non-Federal.....	604	581	485	553	589	634	659	655
Federal.....	42	43	42	46	51	56	58	45
Total construction (includes new construction, maintenance, and work-relief).....	11,583	5,372	4,016	5,055	5,636	8,163	8,675	8,790
Private.....	8,990	2,906	2,126	2,386	3,030	4,235	5,111	4,685
Public, total.....	2,593	2,466	1,890	2,669	2,606	3,928	3,564	4,105
Non-Federal.....	2,356	1,963	1,225	1,379	1,335	1,467	1,551	1,675
Federal.....	237	503	665	1,290	1,271	2,461	2,013	2,430

¹ Comparable figures for 1915 to 1931, inclusive, are shown in tables 3a, 4, 5, and 6, pp. 19 to 24, inclusive, in a bulletin entitled "Construction Activity in the United States, 1915-37," published by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

² Figures are preliminary.

The expenditures for public construction—including new construction, maintenance, and work-relief construction—have constituted a larger proportion of total construction expenditures since 1929 than during any previous period for which data are available. For the

¹ Construction activity referred to in this article relates to estimated expenditures during the year as contrasted with the final cost of projects upon which work was started during the year. For a complete discussion of the concepts, scope, and limitations of the estimates, as well as detailed figures from 1915 to 1936, and methods of estimation, the reader is referred to "Construction Activity in the United States, 1915-37," Domestic Commerce Series No. 99, published in 1938 by the U. S. Department of Commerce. Copies of this publication may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., or from any District Office of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, for 15 cents per copy.

period from 1930 to 1938 governmental construction accounted for 43 percent of the total, compared with 22 percent during the decade from 1920 to 1929. In 1934, public construction comprised more than one-half of the total volume. During 1938, it accounted for almost 47 percent of the total, compared with 41 percent in

important differences which exist in the trends for various types of construction activity, particularly for residential building, for the major types of private and public nonresidential building, and for public-utility construction. These fluctuations are considered below.

New Construction Activity

New construction within the United States during 1938 will reach a total of nearly \$5,200,000,000, a slight decline from the previous year's revised figure of \$5,340,000,000. The increase in new public construction during 1938 was not sufficient to offset a drop of more than \$400,000,000 in private work. New construction represents the sum of the individual items shown in tables 2, 3, and 4, and excludes the amounts spent for maintenance and the largest part of work-relief construction. This major category averaged approximately \$9,000,000,000 annually from 1920 to 1929, and attained a peak of \$10,948,000,000 in 1927. In 1933, expenditures for new work declined to \$2,358,000,000—a little more than one-quarter of the average dollar volume for the preceding decade. Although new construction rose steadily in the 4 years following 1933, and declined only slightly in 1938, the estimated total for 1938 was approximately 47 percent of the predepression high.

Figure 7.—Estimated Value of New Private Residential and New Private Nonresidential Building in the United States, 1920-38.

NOTE.—Figures do not include farm construction, and nonresidential building by public utility companies.

1937, and 48 percent in 1936. The increase in the relative magnitude of public construction in recent years may be attributed in part to the great shrinkage in private construction volume during the depression years, but the major portion of the change took place after 1932 and was caused by the tremendous expansion

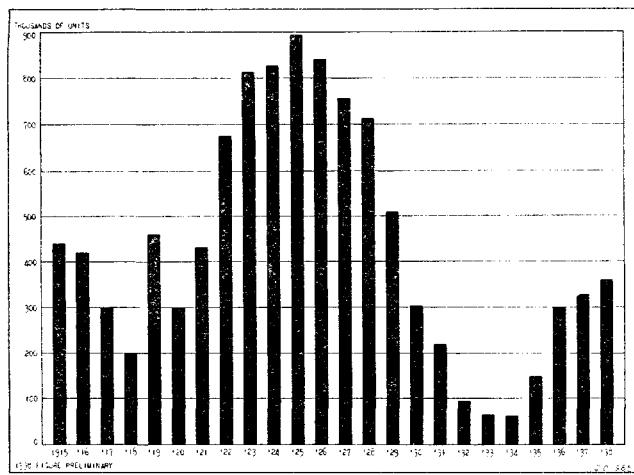


Figure 8.—Estimated Number of Family Dwelling Units Upon Which Construction Was Started Annually in Urban and Rural Nonfarm Areas in the United States, 1915-38.

in Federal construction outlays for both new construction and work-relief construction.

The estimates of the total value of construction supply a measure of the importance of the construction industry in our national economy. These figures may be used to indicate the release of funds in the production of construction works and structures, and to measure the effects of the release of such funds upon general economic activity. They do not disclose the

Table 2.—Estimated Value of New Private Construction by Principal Uses or Functions of Projects¹ (Excluding Public-Utility Construction)

Uses or functions	Average volume 1920-29	[Millions of dollars]						
		1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938 ²
1. Residential (nonfarm).....	3,511	641	314	272	533	1,101	1,393	1,285
2. Commercial.....	918	275	143	165	209	276	367	.....
3. Factory.....	552	95	134	160	149	225	368	.....
4. Other nonresidential.....	505	194	96	96	114	141	159	.....
5. Total items 2, 3, and 4.....	1,975	564	372	421	472	641	923	.....
6. Deduct: nonresidential building by utilities.....	62	22	10	11	12	16	29	.....
7. Total nonresidential ³	1,913	542	362	410	460	625	894	745
8. Farm construction ⁴	454	125	175	200	284	328	360	330
9. Total private construction ⁵	5,878	1,308	851	882	1,277	2,054	2,647	2,300

¹ Comparable figures for 1915 to 1931, inclusive, are shown in table 1, p. 12, in a bulletin entitled "Construction Activity in the United States 1915-37," published by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

² Figures are preliminary.

³ Excludes all public-utility construction.

⁴ Includes repairs.

Private Residential Building

The expenditures for new private residential building in 1938, excluding both residential construction in farm areas and all public residential work, and excluding also alterations, repairs, and maintenance, were estimated at \$1,285,000,000, a decline of more than \$100,000,000 from the 1937 total. The wide fluctuations in residential construction from 1920 to 1938 are shown in figure 7. The expenditure for this type of work reached a peak in 1926, and declined subsequently in each year to a low of \$272,000,000 in 1934. During the 10-year period from 1920 to 1929, the dollar volume of residential

work amounted to \$3,511,000,000 annually, or a little less than 40 percent of all new work. In recent years residential construction has been a much smaller proportion of the total, and accounted for 25 percent of new construction in 1938.

The most significant feature of the 1938 record is the increase in the number of dwelling units upon which construction work was started. The figure for 1938 may reach 360,000 units.² This total, which includes both private and public units, represents an increase of 10 percent over the revised total of 327,000 units for 1937, and was the largest number recorded in any year since 1929. (See fig. 8.) Since only a small part of the program of the United States Housing Authority reached the stage of construction in 1938, public proj-

Factory building in 1938 will be approximately one-third below that in 1937. Construction by industrial companies averaged \$552,000,000 for the 10-year period from 1920 to 1929. This type of construction reached its low point in 1932, increased in 1933 and 1934, but declined again in 1935. Although large percentage advances were made in 1936 and 1937, the dollar volume of factory construction in 1937 was one-third below the average volume from 1920 to 1929.

Commercial building operations in 1938 declined possibly 6 percent from the preceding year. From 1920 to 1929, this type of construction averaged over \$900,000,000 annually, and in every year from 1926 to 1929 was in excess of \$1,000,000,000. Commercial building reached its low point in 1933, a year later than factory construction, and increased to \$367,000,000 in 1937.

Other types of private nonresidential building, such as educational, religious and memorial, hospital and institutional, and social and recreational building, declined moderately in 1938. In an active year (1926) these several types of construction amounted to almost \$700,000,000; in 1933 and 1934 they amounted to less than \$100,000,000 annually. The total in 1937 aggregated \$189,000,000.

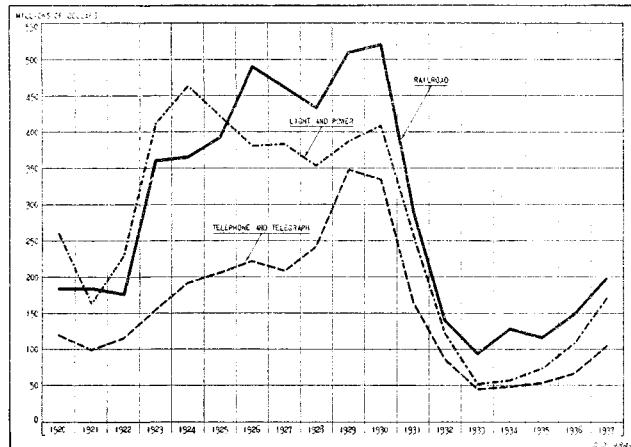


Figure 9.—Estimated Value of New Public-Utility Construction in the United States, 1920-37. (Private ownership only.)

NOTE.—Excludes expenditures for electrical and mechanical equipment.

ects did not account for a very large number of units. New housing accommodations upon which work was started in the decade from 1920 to 1929 averaged 675,000 units a year. In the 9-year period from 1930 to 1938 the number of new units on which construction was begun declined to 210,000 units annually.

Private Nonresidential Building

Unlike residential construction, private nonresidential building continued at a high level until 1929, and although the expenditure for this major type of construction fell sharply from 1929 to 1933, the decline was relatively less than that for residential building, as may be seen from figure 7. Private nonresidential construction volume improved slightly in 1934 and 1935, and advanced somewhat more rapidly in 1936 and 1937, to a figure of \$894,000,000 in the latter year. The decline in 1938 to \$745,000,000 was due mainly to a substantial drop in the volume of factory building construction.

² The dwelling-unit estimate is not strictly comparable with the estimate of expenditures for residential structures. The dollar value figures represent the actual expenditures made in a particular year, while the dwelling-unit series represents work started during the year. Furthermore, the decline in building costs accounts for some of the decline in valuation.

Table 3.—Estimated Value of New Public-Utility Construction by Principal Uses or Functions of Projects¹ (Private Ownership Only)

[Millions of dollars]

Uses or functions	Average volume 1920-29	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938
1. Railroad transportation.....	356	139	94	128	116	149	109	.....
2. Street railways and subways.....	71	29	21	30	40	45	39	.....
3. Pipe-line transportation.....	53	44	20	14	22	21	48	.....
4. Light and power production and distribution.....	315	121	52	57	73	108	172	.....
5. Gas production and distribution.....	129	50	26	32	36	54	58	.....
6. Telephone and telegraph communication.....	191	86	45	48	53	67	105	.....
7. Total.....	1,148	469	258	309	340	444	621	1,495

¹ Comparable figures for 1915 to 1931, inclusive, are shown in table 2, p. 14, in a bulletin entitled "Construction Activity in the United States 1915-37," published by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

² Figure is preliminary.

Farm Construction

Total expenditures for farm construction of all types decreased approximately 8 percent in 1938 from the estimated 1937 total of \$360,000,000. Farm construction includes expenditures for farm dwellings and for farm buildings used in the production of agricultural commodities, and also expenditures for repairs as well as for new construction. In the period from 1920 to 1929, farm construction, including repairs, totaled \$454,000,000 annually. Construction work in the farm areas was most active in the 2 years preceding 1920.

Public-Utility Construction

Public-utility companies spent approximately \$500,000,000 for new construction in 1938, or 20 percent less than was spent in 1937. New public-utility construction, excluding expenditures for public projects and for

electrical and mechanical equipment, averaged \$1,150,000,000 annually for the 10-year period from 1920 to 1929, reaching a peak in 1929 and maintaining a high level of activity through 1930. Construction by railroads, by light and power companies, and by telephone and telegraph companies, accounts for more than 75 percent of total public-utility work. Figure 9 shows the fluctuations in these three major types from 1920 to 1937. Railroad construction activity in 1937 amounted to almost \$200,000,000; light and power plant construction totaled \$172,000,000, while construction by telephone and telegraph companies approximated a little more than \$100,000,000.

Public Construction

Despite the decline in the outlays of State and local governmental units during the years from 1931 to 1933, the total volume of new public construction, excluding work-relief, was maintained during this period to a much larger degree than was private work. Federal construction, including Federal aid for highways throughout the period, and Public Works Administration grants in recent years, rose from \$168,000,000 in 1926 to \$1,275,000,000 in 1936, declined slightly in 1937, but rose again in 1938 to an estimated total of \$1,310,000,000. State and local government work also increased in 1938, totaling more than \$1,000,000,000.

Table 4.—Estimated Value of New Public Construction by Principal Uses or Functions of Projects¹ (Excluding Work-Relief Construction)

Uses or functions	Average volume 1920-29	[Millions of dollars]						
		1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938
1. Highway	987	916	675	821	622	876	811	-----
2. Sewage disposal	119	69	34	64	82	125	110	-----
3. Water supply	123	87	47	67	77	90	100	-----
4. Nonresidential building	518	411	203	181	318	446	484	-----
5. Residential	-----	-----	-----	1	9	61	93	-----
6. Military and naval	33	34	36	47	37	29	30	-----
7. Conservation and development	65	139	168	246	310	338	314	-----
8. Miscellaneous public service	98	180	82	57	88	116	120	-----
9. All other Federal	4	6	4	8	8	7	10	-----
10. Total new public construction	1,947	1,842	1,249	1,492	1,590	2,088	2,072	22,330

¹ Comparable figures for 1915 to 1931, inclusive, are shown in table 3, p. 18, in a bulletin entitled "Construction Activity in the United States 1915-37," published by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

² Figure is preliminary.

Highway construction and nonresidential building are the two most important items in the public-construction category. In 1938 highway construction work exceeded a billion dollars, compared with expenditures of \$811,000,000 for this type of work in 1937. Nonresidential building, in which educational building is the most important, was estimated at \$500,000,000 in 1938, a small increase over the 1937 figure. In recent years, outlays by the Federal Government for conservation and development work have increased in importance. This type of work rose from \$61,000,000 in 1926 to \$338,000,000 in 1936, and exceeded \$300,000,000 in

both 1937 and 1938. Table 9 indicates the trend in new public construction by type of project since 1932.

Maintenance Expenditures

Expenditures for maintenance of public and private fixed works and structures have in general fluctuated less widely than new construction work. There was little change in the volume of maintenance from 1937 to 1938, and for both years maintenance was estimated at approximately \$2,500,000,000. The major portion of these expenditures was accounted for by the repair and maintenance of residential and nonresidential buildings, railroad maintenance of way and structure, and highway maintenance.

Work-Relief Construction

In recent years, work-relief construction has been undertaken by a large number of agencies—municipal, State, and Federal. However, suitable statistics for work-relief construction, showing such expenditures separately from other work-relief expenditures and from other construction outlays, are available only for the funds provided by the Federal Government. In 1938, the Federal Government expenditures for work-relief construction through the agency of the Works Progress Administration were estimated to be \$1,000,000,000, a considerable increase over the preceding year and almost equal to the total expenditures made for work-relief construction in the peak year 1936. Approximately four-fifths of the total funds made available by the Works Progress Administration was used for direct labor costs. The major types of projects under this program, in order of importance, were: Work on highways, roads, and streets; expansion of public recreational facilities; work on public buildings such as schools and hospitals; and construction work on sewage systems and other public-utility projects.

Supplementary Analysis

The wide fluctuations in construction from year to year arise from economic, social, and technological changes, as well as from governmental and financial influences. A consideration of these various factors and their effect on construction activity is beyond the scope of this article. Statistics of construction activity, however, are an essential in an analysis of the important relationships that exist between individual types of construction activity and related economic, governmental, social, and technical factors.³

³ The economic factors affecting various types of construction are discussed briefly in an article, "Basic Factors in the Trend of Construction," which appeared in the February 18, 1937, number of the Engineering News-Record. A more detailed discussion of the factors which influence residential building may be found in an article entitled "The Residential Building Process—An Analysis in Terms of Economic and Other Social Influences," prepared in the Division of Economic Research of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, which will be published in the near future by the National Resources Committee in its report on "Housing." Reprints of these articles will be furnished by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce upon request.

NEW OR REVISED SERIES

Table 1.—EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES¹

[Monthly average 1923-25=100]

Month	TOTAL, ALL INDUSTRIES, WITHOUT ADJUSTMENT FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS																		
	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January.....	104.5	14.3	79.5	82.4	100.2	100.1	96.6	101.0	98.6	95.3	101.7	98.2	80.1	70.0	63.3	78.8	86.6	92.1	102.7
February.....	101.2	113.3	81.7	84.5	102.4	101.7	98.3	102.0	109.2	67.2	104.1	98.3	80.8	71.2	64.7	83.7	89.6	92.2	105.3
March.....	101.7	115.0	82.9	85.8	104.6	101.4	98.2	102.5	100.9	98.2	105.4	97.9	81.2	70.1	62.3	87.2	91.1	95.4	107.7
April.....	101.9	114.0	82.3	85.7	105.1	100.1	99.1	101.8	100.3	97.8	106.7	97.3	81.2	67.8	63.9	88.5	91.3	94.7	108.8
May.....	102.6	111.1	82.0	87.9	105.2	96.8	98.6	100.8	99.6	97.8	105.5	95.6	80.6	65.2	66.8	89.0	90.0	95.4	108.9
June.....	103.9	110.1	81.2	89.6	105.7	93.8	98.4	100.8	99.7	98.5	106.8	93.6	75.8	63.2	71.6	87.8	88.3	95.9	107.5
July.....	106.6	107.5	79.7	90.5	104.6	90.6	98.3	99.6	98.6	98.4	107.3	99.4	77.7	61.0	76.2	86.3	88.9	97.1	108.0
August.....	109.3	107.4	81.1	93.1	104.8	92.0	100.0	101.8	99.9	101.1	109.2	99.7	77.9	62.7	81.3	87.4	91.7	99.9	109.1
September.....	111.3	106.1	83.6	95.1	105.3	94.2	101.9	104.0	101.2	103.3	110.3	90.7	78.3	66.1	85.0	83.5	93.8	101.9	109.0
October.....	110.9	102.1	83.7	96.6	104.0	95.0	102.6	103.6	100.2	103.5	109.0	88.7	75.5	67.2	84.6	85.9	95.2	103.2	107.2
November.....	112.1	95.6	83.7	98.0	102.8	94.5	102.2	101.6	98.0	102.6	104.6	85.4	72.7	66.3	81.2	84.3	94.5	103.3	101.1
December.....	113.9	88.0	82.7	99.1	101.1	96.1	101.8	100.3	96.5	102.1	100.7	82.9	72.0	65.1	79.5	85.6	91.0	104.4	94.5
Monthly average.....	106.7	107.1	82.0	90.7	103.8	96.4	99.8	101.7	99.5	99.7	106.0	92.4	78.1	66.3	73.4	85.7	91.3	97.8	105.8
Month	DURABLE GOODS, WITHOUT ADJUSTMENT FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS																		
	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937				
January.....	97.7	100.6	95.3	101.3	96.0	90.3	101.0	94.8	72.3	58.1	47.7	65.2	74.7	84.0					
February.....	101.0	102.6	97.3	102.9	97.9	92.8	103.9	95.3	72.4	58.8	48.6	69.6	78.6	84.4					
March.....	103.6	103.8	98.7	103.9	99.1	94.9	105.9	95.1	72.5	57.5	46.8	73.8	80.6	86.0					
April.....	105.6	103.4	99.9	104.3	99.3	96.1	108.0	94.9	72.6	55.5	47.9	77.0	81.7	88.5					
May.....	106.6	99.3	100.1	103.7	99.2	97.7	109.3	93.8	71.9	54.0	50.9	78.8	81.2	90.6					
June.....	107.4	94.8	99.2	103.2	98.2	98.2	109.3	90.8	69.8	52.5	55.3	78.1	78.9	91.4					
July.....	106.1	90.7	97.9	101.8	95.8	97.4	109.2	86.3	67.1	50.1	59.8	75.7	79.0	91.7					
August.....	105.8	90.6	98.7	103.0	96.4	99.9	110.3	83.7	65.8	48.9	65.0	73.6	80.6	91.9					
September.....	105.4	91.4	100.1	103.5	95.9	101.3	109.8	82.3	65.0	49.2	68.3	71.5	81.5	93.0					
October.....	104.6	92.8	102.0	103.0	95.2	101.6	107.7	80.9	62.2	49.6	68.0	70.2	85.5	93.7					
November.....	103.7	92.5	102.3	100.8	92.9	101.0	102.5	78.1	66.6	50.0	66.1	69.8	86.7	98.7					
December.....	101.6	94.3	102.2	98.6	91.5	100.6	97.6	75.7	60.2	49.6	65.8	72.3	86.3	90.5					
Monthly average.....	104.1	96.4	99.5	102.5	96.5	97.7	106.2	87.6	67.7	52.8	57.5	73.0	81.3	91.5					
Month	NONDURABLE GOODS, WITHOUT ADJUSTMENT FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS																		
	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937				
January.....	102.6	99.6	97.8	100.7	101.1	100.1	102.3	101.4	87.5	81.4	78.1	91.7	98.0	99.2					
February.....	103.9	100.9	99.3	101.1	102.3	101.3	104.3	101.2	88.7	83.0	80.1	97.0	100.0	99.6					
March.....	105.6	100.2	99.7	101.2	102.6	101.3	105.0	100.5	89.5	82.1	77.0	99.9	101.1	100.5					
April.....	104.6	97.1	98.4	99.4	101.2	99.4	105.4	99.6	89.4	79.5	79.1	100.0	100.5	100.6					
May.....	104.0	94.5	97.1	98.0	100.0	98.0	103.9	97.4	88.9	75.9	82.0	98.8	98.3	100.0					
June.....	104.1	92.8	97.7	101.1	98.5	101.1	104.4	96.3	87.4	73.4	87.1	97.1	97.2	100.1					
July.....	103.2	90.6	98.7	97.7	101.2	99.4	105.6	94.3	87.8	71.5	91.8	96.4	98.2	102.2					
August.....	103.8	93.2	101.3	100.7	103.3	102.2	108.2	105.2	95.3	89.5	75.9	97.0	100.6	102.2					
September.....	105.2	96.9	103.7	104.4	106.2	105.1	110.8	98.6	90.9	82.2	100.8	95.0	105.5	110.4					
October.....	103.3	97.0	103.2	104.2	104.9	105.4	110.2	96.2	88.1	83.9	100.3	100.9	104.5	109.3					
November.....	101.8	96.4	102.2	102.4	102.8	101.1	106.6	92.3	84.3	81.8	95.6	98.0	102.0	107.6					
December.....	100.7	97.7	101.4	101.9	101.3	103.6	108.9	89.9	83.2	79.8	92.5	98.3	101.3	108.0					
Monthly average.....	103.6	96.4	100.0	100.9	102.3	101.6	105.9	96.9	87.9	79.2	88.5	97.8	100.7	103.8					
Month	TOTAL, ALL INDUSTRIES, WITH ADJUSTMENT FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS																		
	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January.....	106.4	116.3	86.7	83.6	101.7	98.1	102.7	100.4	97.3	104.2	100.6	82.4	71.8	64.9	89.7	88.8	94.3	105.2	
February.....	102.6	114.8	82.6	85.3	102.7	101.8	98.6	102.4	100.8	97.8	105.0	99.0	81.4	71.4	65.0	83.9	90.0	92.8	106.0
March.....	101.0	115.6	82.8	85.7	103.9	101.3	98.7	100.4	97.9	105.3	97.7	81.1	69.9	62.2	86.9	90.7	93.0	107.3	
April.....	102.1	114.1	82.5	86.0	104.9	100.0	99.0	101.7	100.2	97.7	106.4	97.0	81.0	67.6	63.8	88.3	90.8	94.3	108.4
May.....	102.9	110.4	82.3	88.2	105.5	97.1	99.0	101.1	100.1	98.2	106.6	95.7	80.7	65.3	71.1	89.0	90.1	95.7	109.1
June.....	104.3	110.4	81.6	89.8	106.1	94.2	98.9	101.3	100.1	97.0	107.0	93.9	79.2	63.6	72.2	83.3	89.2	96.7	108.4
July.....	107.2	107.8	80.2	91.0	105.6	94.9	101.0	99.7	99.2	103.1	91.2	78.7	71.9	77.4	87.3	90.1	98.4	109.5	
August.....	108.5	106.4	86.6	92.3	104.7	91.9	99.7	101.5	99.6	100.4	108.4	89.0	77.5	62.4	81.0	86.4	91.1	93.3	108.6
September.....	109.5	104.2	81.7	93.4	103.8	92.9	99.9	102.0	99.1	100.9	107.3	87.7	76.0	64.4	82.8	81.3	91.8	99.9	107.2
October.....	109.4	100.8	82.5	95.3	102.7	96.7	101.1	102.0	98.4	101.7	106.6	86.7	73.9	65.8	84.4	93.0	100.8	105.1	
November.....	111.6	95.2	83.1	97.5	102.4	94.2	102.0	101.4	97.9	102.7	104.4	85.3	72.6	66.2	81.2	84.6	94.1	102.8	109.6
December.....	114.3	88.3	82.9	99.4	101.6	96.4	102.4	101.0	97.4	103.3	101.9	83.8	72.4	65.5	80.1	86.4	94.5	104.9	
Month	DURABLE GOODS, WITH ADJUSTMENT FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS																		
	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935						

Table 1.—EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES¹—Continued

[Monthly average 1923-25=100]

Month	NONDURABLE GOODS, WITH ADJUSTMENT FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS														
	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January	103.1	100.4	98.4	101.6	102.2	101.4	103.9	103.1	89.7	83.2	80.0	93.7	100.4	101.7	109.9
February	103.6	100.5	99.2	101.1	102.4	101.5	104.5	101.3	89.1	83.0	80.2	97.1	100.4	100.0	109.8
March	104.9	99.7	99.3	100.8	102.3	101.2	104.8	100.2	89.2	81.7	76.9	99.7	100.8	109.1	110.2
April	105.7	98.2	99.6	100.6	102.4	100.6	106.1	100.1	89.5	79.6	73.2	100.0	100.7	100.8	110.4
May	106.0	96.4	99.4	100.4	102.4	100.3	105.7	99.0	90.1	77.0	83.4	100.3	100.0	101.6	110.6
June	106.0	94.5	99.6	100.4	102.9	100.3	106.0	97.9	89.0	74.8	88.9	99.2	99.6	102.5	110.0
July	104.8	92.3	100.5	99.5	103.0	100.6	107.1	95.9	89.6	73.0	94.1	98.4	100.1	104.2	109.9
August	103.6	93.2	100.7	100.3	102.9	101.2	107.3	94.3	88.8	75.4	96.4	98.7	100.2	105.4	108.8
September	102.4	94.4	100.1	101.1	102.8	101.3	106.5	93.8	87.3	79.4	97.1	90.8	100.8	105.7	106.8
October	101.1	94.9	100.6	101.4	102.2	102.3	106.8	92.9	85.4	81.4	97.2	98.0	101.4	106.0	104.7
November	100.8	95.4	101.2	101.4	102.0	103.3	105.8	91.9	83.8	81.4	95.3	98.1	102.0	107.6	101.3
December	100.3	97.3	101.1	101.8	101.5	104.1	104.3	90.7	83.8	80.4	93.2	99.3	102.3	109.1	98.1

Table 2.—PAY ROLLS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES¹

[Monthly average 1923-25=100]

Month	TOTAL, ALL INDUSTRIES, WITHOUT ADJUSTMENT FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS																		
	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January	93.8	119.1	80.6	69.6	93.9	98.9	96.0	101.6	98.6	96.6	103.8	96.5	70.3	54.0	40.3	56.1	67.5	76.7	94.4
February	89.3	117.4	80.1	72.5	97.8	104.5	101.0	105.7	104.8	102.0	110.8	99.6	74.4	55.4	41.4	62.0	72.6	76.6	99.7
March	90.0	125.4	81.0	74.4	102.6	104.5	102.8	107.2	106.6	103.5	113.0	99.7	75.9	53.6	38.3	67.2	74.3	80.3	105.5
April	89.2	122.3	78.8	73.6	103.8	102.0	100.4	104.9	105.0	101.3	114.1	98.5	74.7	49.6	40.4	69.6	74.4	82.3	109.3
May	90.1	123.0	77.4	77.0	107.3	97.6	101.4	103.5	104.8	102.3	114.3	96.1	73.6	46.8	44.4	69.7	71.7	83.9	109.7
June	92.7	124.4	75.6	80.0	107.2	91.9	99.2	103.7	103.2	102.7	112.7	92.9	69.9	43.7	49.1	67.4	69.9	84.1	107.0
July	95.6	120.0	71.6	80.2	102.9	85.3	97.5	99.4	99.1	100.2	108.6	85.0	66.6	40.4	52.7	62.8	69.1	83.4	104.6
August	101.7	120.6	73.6	84.1	103.1	89.1	100.1	103.8	102.5	104.6	113.5	83.8	66.4	41.4	58.6	65.1	74.0	87.1	108.2
September	106.3	118.9	73.3	87.0	103.8	92.4	99.4	105.1	102.1	106.2	114.4	84.8	63.8	44.0	61.3	60.8	76.7	86.9	104.4
October	103.6	114.4	71.9	88.7	105.9	94.6	105.3	108.0	102.7	109.5	113.7	82.9	61.8	45.8	61.1	64.0	79.4	92.5	104.5
November	107.8	105.0	70.9	92.2	103.9	93.1	105.1	104.3	98.9	106.2	104.9	77.3	58.3	43.6	57.3	62.5	78.6	94.0	92.9
December	115.4	95.5	72.7	94.5	102.7	97.6	105.5	103.6	100.0	106.9	101.2	75.4	57.8	42.4	56.5	66.2	80.4	98.8	84.2
Monthly average	98.0	117.2	75.6	81.2	102.9	96.0	101.1	104.2	102.4	103.5	116.4	89.4	67.8	46.7	50.1	64.5	74.1	85.6	102.0

DURABLE GOODS, WITHOUT ADJUSTMENT FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS

Month	DURABLE GOODS, WITHOUT ADJUSTMENT FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS														
	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January	89.3	98.3	92.7	99.9	93.6	90.1	102.2	91.0	59.1	40.7	27.5	43.2	55.8	69.9	91.2
February	94.9	106.6	99.9	106.4	101.8	98.0	111.5	96.1	63.7	41.8	27.8	49.7	62.4	68.9	97.9
March	100.7	107.8	102.2	108.6	104.8	101.0	114.6	96.8	65.2	39.5	25.8	55.0	64.4	74.2	105.1
April	104.0	106.7	101.6	107.8	104.6	101.4	117.5	97.0	64.6	36.9	27.5	59.8	65.7	79.3	113.3
May	109.0	100.9	103.3	106.5	104.7	103.9	118.7	94.8	63.7	35.8	32.0	61.2	63.5	82.1	114.6
June	109.2	92.7	100.2	106.1	101.2	103.0	115.8	90.3	58.7	32.6	36.4	59.5	60.9	82.6	111.1
July	103.5	83.6	96.3	100.2	94.8	99.0	109.8	79.1	53.6	29.4	39.6	51.7	59.2	79.7	107.3
August	105.0	86.9	98.5	104.7	98.5	104.5	114.5	76.0	52.2	27.9	45.2	52.1	63.5	80.8	110.5
September	104.5	88.7	98.1	96.1	104.8	114.6	75.4	48.8	27.9	46.0	47.6	65.6	81.0	105.8	
October	107.9	92.0	105.8	108.2	97.7	109.4	113.4	74.4	47.7	29.8	46.3	48.7	71.4	89.6	108.2
November	106.7	90.8	106.1	103.9	93.7	106.1	102.9	68.6	45.3	29.5	43.6	48.7	72.9	93.4	94.8
December	103.8	95.4	106.6	101.1	94.7	105.8	97.4	66.1	44.9	29.0	43.8	53.3	74.5	98.4	81.0
Monthly average	103.2	95.9	100.9	104.8	98.9	102.3	111.2	83.8	55.6	33.4	36.8	52.5	65.0	81.7	103.5

NONDURABLE GOODS, WITHOUT ADJUSTMENT FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS

Month	NONDURABLE GOODS, WITHOUT ADJUSTMENT FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS														
	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January	99.0	99.6	99.7	103.5	104.3	103.8	105.6	102.6	82.8	68.9	54.6	70.6	80.5	84.3	97.9
February	101.1	102.2	102.2	105.0	108.2	106.4	110.0	103.5	86.5	70.6	56.6	77.6	84.0	85.1	101.7
March	104.7	100.8	103.4	105.6	108.5	106.3	111.2	103.0	87.9	69.3	52.4	81.0	85.3	87.2	105.0
April	103.6	96.8	99.1	101.6	105.5	101.2	110.3	100.3	86.0	63.8	54.8	80.7	84.0	85.8	104.8
May	105.5	93.9	99.3	100.2	104.9	100.6	109.5	97.6	84.8	59.1	58.3	79.1	81.0	85.8	104.2
June	104.8	91.0	98.1	101.1	105.4	102.3	109.2	95.7	82.4	56.1	63.3	76.4	79.9	85.7	102.5
July	102.1	87.2	98.7	98.6	103.9	101.5	107.2	91.6	81.1	52.8	67.3	75.3	80.1	87.6	101.7
August	101.0	91.6	101.9	102.8	107.0	104.8	111.3	92.6	82.2	56.4	73.5	79.7	85.7	94.0	105.7
September	103.0	96.6	101.0	105.6	108.8	107.7	114.2	95.3	80.6	62.1	78.4	75.6	81.0	88.3	95.7
October	103.6	97.4	104.9	107.9	108.3	106.7	114.0	92.5	77.7	63.8	77.7	81.0	88.3	95.7	100.3
November	100.7	95.6	103.9	104.9	104.7	106.2	107.1	87.0	72.9	59.4	72.5	77.9	84.8</		

Table 3.—COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY DIVISIONS OF INDUSTRY¹

[Number]

Year and month	Grand total	Commercial service, total	Construction, total	Manufacturing													Retail trade, total	Wholesale, total
				Total	Chemicals and drugs	Foods	Forest products	Fuels	Iron and steel	Leather and leather products	Machinery	Paper, printing and publishing	Stone, clay, glass, and products	Textiles	Transportation equipment	Miscellaneous		
1934																		
January	1,317	67	76	208	8	53	10	4	11	8	16	25	11	30	5	27	852	114
February	1,017	56	65	175	15	45	10	2	7	8	5	23	3	33	3	21	635	86
March	1,069	74	92	194	6	59	19	3	9	9	12	17	10	27	5	18	631	78
April	1,020	76	79	177	6	55	12	3	17	4	8	13	9	23	3	24	599	89
May	942	64	68	165	8	51	11	2	12	6	4	11	3	30	5	22	556	89
June	1,022	68	62	218	7	55	14	4	18	7	14	22	6	47	3	21	607	67
July	928	64	64	194	6	52	17	4	10	7	9	14	5	45	3	22	521	85
August	935	54	54	213	7	53	15	4	13	9	10	20	4	48	5	25	527	87
September	809	37	67	166	5	43	12	4	9	10	13	14	6	25	3	22	473	66
October	1,094	66	69	198	7	71	7	2	7	4	4	17	7	38	9	25	672	89
November	941	57	70	183	5	42	17	7	7	10	9	16	6	38	5	21	551	80
December	997	64	60	190	5	54	9	8	11	9	10	16	9	32	4	23	586	94
Total	12,091	747	826	2,281	85	633	153	47	131	91	114	208	79	416	53	271	7,213	1,024
Monthly average	1,008	62	69	100	7	53	13	4	11	8	10	17	7	35	4	23	601	85
1935																		
January	1,219	60	63	236	11	66	15	3	14	9	13	17	8	43	8	29	736	105
February	1,016	72	59	206	13	50	19	1	8	9	12	16	4	45	5	24	592	87
March	1,001	67	46	201	7	48	27	1	16	8	11	13	6	28	3	33	601	86
April	1,165	68	69	220	9	44	25	5	13	9	11	23	12	38	5	26	701	107
May	1,094	73	59	218	11	50	20	4	11	8	12	16	2	51	3	30	656	88
June	997	48	54	184	8	56	12	6	6	11	14	8	6	44	4	19	601	160
July	970	51	55	207	6	44	17	7	12	9	9	12	9	62	1	19	566	91
August	947	57	55	162	1	50	10	4	9	2	9	12	11	38	4	12	574	99
September	826	47	38	168	11	49	8	8	8	8	3	16	2	32	4	19	456	77
October	1,110	62	75	227	6	60	19	10	13	10	14	14	6	49	6	20	654	92
November	933	49	59	189	8	42	12	2	11	10	15	15	6	40	4	24	568	68
December	966	58	54	199	12	38	13	8	8	9	9	12	8	50	1	31	567	88
Total	12,244	712	686	2,427	103	597	197	59	129	102	132	174	80	520	48	286	7,351	1,088
Monthly average	1,020	59	57	202	9	50	16	5	11	9	11	15	7	43	4	24	611	91
1936																		
January	1,126	66	51	201	11	46	22	1	12	10	5	12	6	46	4	26	713	95
February	919	50	38	166	4	41	16	4	7	7	15	11	1	35	2	23	561	104
March	986	51	53	174	3	52	12	4	5	4	8	18	9	30	3	26	614	94
April	865	44	32	176	5	39	15	5	8	10	3	15	4	49	2	21	513	100
May	874	37	49	173	7	39	14	3	9	8	6	18	3	30	9	27	536	79
June	818	49	37	160	11	37	11	4	7	10	8	14	4	33	1	20	412	80
July	669	40	42	146	4	40	7	6	8	8	7	10	6	24	3	23	371	70
August	677	40	36	116	7	33	7	1	7	2	8	10	2	20	3	16	411	74
September	609	42	43	123	2	36	14	2	9	4	8	9	2	22	2	13	330	71
October	642	40	35	120	7	28	9	2	3	3	4	15	7	21	4	17	387	60
November	713	36	48	148	2	44	12	4	7	2	9	11	5	31	6	15	412	69
December	709	34	43	152	5	39	15	4	8	11	9	11	3	29	2	16	359	81
Total	9,607	529	507	1,855	68	474	154	40	90	79	90	154	52	370	41	243	5,739	977
Monthly average	801	44	42	155	6	40	13	3	8	7	8	13	4	31	3	20	478	81
1937																		
January	841	43	45	156	8	38	10	0	9	8	12	12	4	30	1	24	504	93
February	755	57	44	141	9	36	3	8	7	8	9	20	6	18	4	13	442	71
March	861	59	73	151	4	48	11	4	7	6	10	13	6	24	1	17	486	92
April	818	30	62	154	7	44	16	1	11	7	6	8	7	25	2	20	477	95
May	875	33	50	166	3	40	19	6	7	5	6	15	8	41	3	13	529	97
June	703	28	42	152	4	38	10	8	13	6	4	6	5	42	3	13	408	73
July	651	29	32	143	5	35	11	2	5	3	6	14	5	40	4	13	392	55
August	736	35	49	164	6	33	14	8	5	9	12	23	2	34	6	12	408	80
September	584	28	37	127	8	32	11	1	4	3	6	9	4	13	8	28	338	54
October	815	40	37	196	4	54	14	4	11	4	14	13	3	44	8	23	446	96
November	842	46	60	199	6	46	14	0	9	10	13	15	5	41	7	33	447	90
December	1,009	55	53	248	7	53	22	3	12	5	17	13	8	61	9	38	546	107
Total	9,490	483	584	1,997	71	497	155	45	100	74	115	161	63	413	56	247	5,423	1,003
Monthly average	791	40	49	166	6	41	13	4	8	6	10	13	5	34	5	21	452	84
1938																		
January	1,377	58	60	241	12	51	18	3	9	6	24	14	7	59	3	35	895	123
February	1,149	67	54	211	5	35	15	3	14	5	12	18	4	61	4	35	705	112
March	1,167	50	55	241	8	47	16	4	13	8	18	22	7	58	5	35	696	125
April	1,172	50	40	210	11	34	29	7	14	4	9	11	10	50	3	28	748	124
May	1,123	47	60	217	12	39	15	4	15	11	7	19	10	50	5	30	690	109
June	1,073	47	59	198	2	24	19	8	15	7	8	16	4	62	6	27	665	104
July	1,038	51	45	210	7	32	24	2	14	7	13	20	6	58	3	24	629	103
August	1,015	34	57	173	8	37	12	2	11	6	12	9	7	41	6	22	629	122
September	866	33	49	184	6	31	14	8	11	6	18	18	9	33	4	26	528	72
October	997	47	43	172	10	38	14	4	8	5	12	16	7	30	7	21	627	108

¹ See footnote on p. 18.

Table 3.—COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY DIVISIONS OF INDUSTRY¹—Continued
(Liabilities, thousands of dollars)

Year and month	Grand total	Commer-	Con-	Manufacturing												Retail trade, total	Whole- sale trade, total	
				Total	Chem- icals and drugs	Foods	Forest prod- ucts	Fuels	Iron and steel	Leath- er and leather prod- ucts	Machinery	Paper, print- ing and pub- lishing	Stone clay, glass, and products	Tex- tiles	Trans- portation equipment	Mis- cellaneous		
1934																		
January	29,035	2,943	2,245	7,081	39	1,277	436	667	570	188	519	671	289	933	88	1,404	11,826	4,940
February	16,772	1,129	2,240	4,296	881	1,146	293	32	153	107	52	570	54	567	20	421	7,197	1,910
March	24,002	937	3,083	9,375	164	2,587	1,030	322	359	281	615	513	910	2,216	154	224	7,942	2,665
April	22,871	3,550	2,057	7,802	225	1,933	368	196	532	35	333	797	125	586	2,234	388	7,382	2,050
May	20,787	2,552	2,146	7,791	112	1,732	976	20	1,315	176	37	145	143	1,963	114	1,053	6,607	1,691
June	39,637	10,085	2,622	12,921	254	1,688	633	2,511	2,173	537	1,046	649	329	2,234	24	843	7,849	6,160
July	34,633	4,640	1,734	18,554	651	2,141	712	1,497	4,003	130	1,671	1,332	405	3,711	703	1,598	6,977	2,428
August	29,293	1,533	1,451	18,676	103	2,893	796	527	1,181	197	180	668	657	6,496	2,449	524	6,237	3,396
September	24,852	2,542	2,118	12,742	235	1,519	1,207	767	490	455	3,319	1,317	739	933	410	558	5,668	1,782
October	24,759	2,377	2,110	6,941	138	2,307	947	253	163	75	23	1,013	240	966	410	401	9,590	3,438
November	22,150	1,102	2,457	9,853	79	2,377	816	873	810	117	477	399	577	1,190	980	658	6,308	2,430
December	45,163	11,382	2,073	11,924	56	3,618	675	919	248	197	647	2,246	1,587	549	199	983	9,235	10,544
Total	333,959	45,077	26,341	126,259	3,002	25,718	8,889	8,581	12,002	2,493	9,469	10,820	6,055	22,352	7,815	9,055	92,818	43,464
Monthly average	27,830	3,756	2,195	10,522	250	2,143	741	715	1,000	293	789	902	505	1,863	651	755	7,735	3,622
1935																		
January	25,814	2,435	1,681	11,565	276	2,386	367	813	609	455	1,152	1,617	2,090	829	133	748	8,327	1,806
February	23,166	2,475	2,490	9,402	646	2,328	535	150	686	378	1,403	540	269	1,219	271	924	6,854	1,944
March	29,658	1,705	1,238	12,444	207	2,029	1,519	472	1,342	511	593	306	684	605	1,719	2,224	8,823	5,418
April	32,161	6,120	1,751	9,442	613	1,231	735	337	1,533	368	1,259	670	841	946	700	10,189	4,659	
May	27,271	1,920	1,608	11,119	207	1,634	742	3,494	1,805	151	1,334	854	471	2,314	288	775	7,505	1,819
June	26,000	4,520	1,079	7,298	316	1,589	669	158	82	212	639	588	1,167	1,322	290	185	10,112	2,991
July	24,646	2,445	1,291	10,337	109	1,853	431	1,583	651	317	109	413	1,288	1,997	500	988	7,383	3,186
August	19,304	1,795	1,839	6,922	8	1,431	331	735	918	293	599	458	614	1,215	96	165	6,556	2,191
September	28,243	2,764	1,155	12,259	562	1,035	1,319	157	599	275	30	5,635	153	1,743	457	234	9,680	2,355
October	30,683	1,939	2,996	15,903	122	2,218	1,351	8,163	210	175	755	829	314	1,214	68	471	6,811	3,034
November	20,598	883	3,019	9,340	442	1,551	195	54	1,430	143	2,382	732	185	824	360	502	5,731	1,625
December	23,036	3,193	1,971	10,000	224	938	2,050	886	193	172	131	183	307	4,289	10	520	5,556	2,316
Total	310,580	32,197	22,151	129,031	3,812	20,486	10,378	17,033	10,356	3,530	10,872	12,906	8,368	18,552	4,288	8,445	93,827	33,374
Monthly average	25,882	2,683	1,846	10,753	318	1,707	865	1,420	863	294	906	1,076	697	1,546	357	704	7,819	2,781
1936																		
January	21,413	2,036	2,435	8,551	209	2,514	1,197	210	859	491	61	102	320	2,070	72	437	6,506	1,885
February	22,494	3,065	2,340	8,766	62	2,219	1,545	124	235	161	577	1,390	4	1,821	12	616	6,375	1,948
March	20,046	1,103	4,687	6,004	31	1,297	648	1,646	90	51	346	372	340	687	47	539	6,449	1,803
April	20,757	834	1,570	9,862	108	1,139	935	152	174	161	604	3,884	808	635	110	1,152	5,887	2,604
May	20,505	689	4,885	7,725	259	765	3,530	164	124	170	128	425	33	1,055	582	460	4,582	2,624
June	21,395	916	1,163	6,924	95	3,593	394	195	269	339	302	164	117	1,102	8	313	9,779	2,613
July	14,318	1,991	1,873	3,651	51	510	83	81	671	128	217	173	94	1,028	132	480	5,564	1,239
August	10,034	630	1,498	3,001	243	491	639	35	150	33	260	176	12	657	101	204	3,617	1,238
September	12,906	764	1,148	5,319	148	708	377	410	235	218	898	311	100	1,450	27	437	3,484	2,191
October	9,951	938	597	4,481	549	1,245	378	43	89	33	65	490	281	632	94	591	2,947	988
November	16,063	1,525	4,431	5,211	27	1,151	1,054	142	450	23	536	582	221	442	107	171	3,862	1,034
December	13,291	941	1,601	4,142	27	1,001	329	57	458	715	234	144	145	523	69	440	3,262	3,345
Total	203,173	15,482	28,228	73,637	1,800	16,846	11,100	3,262	3,804	2,558	4,228	8,213	2,475	12,141	1,361	5,840	62,314	23,512
Monthly average	16,931	1,290	2,352	6,136	150	1,404	926	272	317	213	352	684	206	1,012	113	487	5,193	1,959
1937																		
January	12,003	511	1,015	4,885	81	1,214	203	0	489	169	410	224	458	1,300	6	331	4,246	1,346
February	14,004	1,599	1,354	6,155	262	1,234	49	838	604	425	299	272	1,153	243	361	415	3,709	1,187
March	22,591	1,067	2,231	13,537	109	1,548	365	6,136	295	128	831	1,093	578	2,188	3	263	4,088	1,668
April	12,803	612	1,943	4,839	99	1,171	283	7	302	163	195	86	153	1,305	315	760	3,932	1,567
May	13,088	771	550	5,145	14	1,498	1,138	171	182	146	154	328	179	1,150	81	104	4,692	1,930
June	12,829	768	499	5,837	45	1,074	405	2,074	155	162	247	143	94	1,215	125	98	3,578	2,147
July	12,780	669	623	6,543	53	637	205	656	31	53	67	661	370	3,299	74	437	3,512	1,433
August	14,950	749	634	8,096	188	980	245	2,675	54	245	574	285	29	2,141	237	443	4,954	2,517
September	9,818	860	506	3,954	196	692	540	105	86	71	55	121	51	687	158	1,192	3,210	1,288
October	14,079	1,056	424	7,200	144	2,245	628	190	532	121	257	728	16	917	454	968	3,325	2,074
November	16,400	1,565	994	7,723	79	1,170	373	0	473	337	1,244	242	148	1,386	858	1,413	4,055	2,063
December	27,818	1,611	852	17,862	344	3,470	975	814	2,130	159	3,383	1,198	1,637	1,796	1,452	614	5,439	2,054
Total	183,253	11,838	11,625	91,776	1,504	10,933	5,409	13,666	5,333	2,179	7,716	5,381	4,866	17,627	4,124	7,038	46,740	21,274
Monthly average	15,271	987	969	7,648	125	1,411	451	1,139	444	1								

Monthly Business Statistics

The data here are a continuation of the statistical series published in the 1938 Supplement to the Survey of Current Business. That volume contains monthly data for the years 1934 to 1937, inclusive, and monthly averages for earlier years back to 1913 insofar as available; it also provides a description of each series, and references to sources of monthly figures prior to 1934. The 1938 supplement may be secured from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for 40 cents per copy.

A few series have been added or revised since the 1938 Supplement went to press. These are indicated by an asterisk (*) for the new series and by a dagger (†) for the revised series. A brief footnote accompanying each of these series provides a reference to the source where the descriptive note may be found.

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

Monthly statistics through December 1937, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data may be found in the 1938 Supplement to the Survey	1938		1937		1938								
	October	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September

BUSINESS INDEXES

INCOME PAYMENTS													
Adjusted index.....	1929=100	83.7	88.0	86.5	85.8	83.5	82.6	82.7	81.4	80.4	80.7	81.3	82.5
Unadjusted index.....	do	86.4	92.2	82.5	98.6	83.7	76.0	81.4	81.6	78.7	82.3	81.0	76.1
Total.....	mil. of dol.	5,654	6,034	5,405	6,454	5,482	4,975	5,331	5,342	5,020	5,388	5,304	4,985
Compensation of employees:													
Adjusted index.....	1929=100	83.1	88.5	86.6	85.1	82.4	81.4	81.0	80.1	79.5	79.4	79.8	81.4
Total.....	mil. of dol.	3,677	3,904	3,743	3,659	3,444	3,420	3,448	3,457	3,456	3,458	3,357	3,418
Mfg., mining, and construction.....	do	1,142	1,372	1,260	1,173	1,066	1,071	1,064	1,035	1,022	1,006	1,002	1,056
Transportation and utilities.....	do	386	423	400	390	371	355	369	359	359	360	366	373
Trade and finance.....	do	640	674	671	692	641	632	630	644	635	629	625	619
Government, service, and other.....	do	1,308	1,307	1,282	1,273	1,228	1,216	1,221	1,239	1,251	1,266	1,175	1,173
Work relief.....	do	201	128	130	131	138	146	164	180	189	197	189	197
Dividends and interest.....	do	739	853	463	1,595	872	442	720	752	440	800	788	412
Entrepreneurial withdrawals and net rents and royalties.....	mil. of dol.	1,109	1,195	1,113	1,103	1,063	991	1,014	995	992	993	1,025	1,015
Direct and other relief.....	do	84	74	80	91	94	95	97	92	85	88	86	84
Adjusted service certificate payments.....	do		8	6	6								
Benefit payments under social Security Act.....	mil. of dol.	45											
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (Federal Reserve)													
Combined index, unadjusted.....	1923-25=100	* 97	102	90	80	79	79	80	78	77	81	87	91
Manufactures, unadjusted.....	do	* 95	99	86	75	75	76	77	76	75	79	85	89
Automobiles.....	do	63	100	111	94	65	61	63	66	59	52	45	26
Cement.....	do	91	90	76	56	36	34	46	65	82	86	87	86
Glass, plate.....	do	155	179	151	108	62	35	44	46	47	72	69	89
Iron and steel.....	do	88	98	63	43	50	53	55	55	51	46	58	69
Leather and products.....	do	* 109	97	78	73	87	104	107	102	96	87	101	120
Petroleum refining.....	do	218	212	202	200	194	190	196	197	191	198	202	206
Rubber tires and tubes.....	do	101	94	75	66	67	57	62	64	65	72	82	91
Slaughtering and meat packing.....	do	94	89	95	101	107	85	78	76	82	80	79	90
Textiles.....	do	103	93	83	72	78	84	83	76	77	83	90	103
Tobacco manufactures.....	do	161	167	158	138	150	143	152	146	165	169	167	172
Minerals, unadjusted.....	do	* 107	123	112	108	103	98	95	91	90	91	92	97
Anthracite.....	do	* 63	73	70	69	72	57	56	47	64	62	39	50
Bituminous coal.....	do	* 79	92	87	84	72	68	58	52	49	51	55	62
Iron-ore shipments.....	do	86	156	34						28	67	78	78
Lead.....	do	52	84	82	88	70	69	65	73	59	65	52	44
Petroleum, crude.....	do	* 167	177	172	171	170	168	170	170	158	156	165	170
Silver.....	do	90	128	105	97	104	106	96	89	89	84	104	97
Zinc.....	do	78	112	108	109	103	97	92	83	80	68	64	71
Combined index, adjusted.....	do	* 96	102	88	84	80	79	79	77	76	77	83	88
Manufactures, adjusted.....	do	* 95	101	85	79	76	75	75	73	73	74	82	89
Automobiles.....	do	84	142	92	78	65	61	54	54	49	46	43	46
Cement.....	do	80	79	76	71	59	57	65	67	69	69	71	69
Glass, plate.....	do	155	179	151	108	62	35	42	42	44	80	77	89
Iron and steel.....	do	90	100	68	49	52	50	49	50	47	62	70	76
Leather and products.....	do	* 99	89	81	86	94	102	104	104	105	90	* 103	107
Petroleum refining.....	do	217	211	201	200	194	191	196	197	192	199	203	206
Rubber tires and tubes.....	do	101	94	75	66	67	57	62	64	65	72	82	96
Slaughtering and meat packing.....	do	95	89	86	86	92	86	83	84	84	81	83	89
Textiles.....	do	100	91	80	77	75	80	81	74	77	87	97	110
Tobacco manufactures.....	do	150	155	155	170	157	157	160	159	163	154	154	160
Minerals, adjusted.....	do	* 100	113	109	115	108	103	103	101	91	92	93	97
Anthracite.....	do	* 49	57	67	70	67	53	68	45	64	71	47	50
Bituminous coal.....	do	* 72	84	78	79	* 65	64	58	62	57	60	64	71
Iron-ore shipments.....	do	50	91	40						19	34	38	41
Lead.....	do	50	81	79	87	69	67	64	74	60	64	54	50
Petroleum, crude.....	do	* 165	176	174	176	177	171	172	170	156	153	161	* 158
Silver.....	do	91	119	104	96	96	98	98	92	91	99	105	102
Zinc.....	do	80	115	108	107	98	90	87	80	79	70	69	75
MARKETINGS													
Agricultural products (quantity):													
Combined index.....	1923-25=100	131	129	115	89	80	64	72	72	77	73	92	117
Animal products.....	do	89	79	85	78	76	63	75	70	93	90	85	83
Dairy products.....	do	114	84	78	82	89	86	101	106	134	156	136	137
Livestock.....	do	85	81	79	71	76	57	63	59	66	62	60	75
Poultry and eggs.....	do	76	73	113	102	69	66	97	116	119	102	79	68
Wool.....	do	139	43	52	32	43	42	46	106	303	333	487	317
Crops.....	do	174	180	145	100	84	65	69	64	61	56	100	96
Cotton.....	do	267	317	234	142	95	69	60	42	22	19	19	61
Fruits.....	do	113	114	73	77	75	79	88	93	88	77	81	80
Grains.....	do	128	83	99	74	73	48	59	63	72	68	205	155
Vegetables.....	do	86	110	76	71	86	86	111	107	117	116	63	46

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1938	1937				1938								
	October	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September

BUSINESS INDEXES—Continued

MARKETINGS—Continued

Agricultural products, cash income from farm marketings:													
Crops and livestock, combined index:													
Unadjusted..... 1924-29=100.....	92.0	107.5	84.5	80.0	71.5	54.0	60.5	58.0	60.5	61.0	72.0	72.5	* 85.0
Adjusted..... do.....	68.0	77.5	73.5	72.5	69.5	62.5	67.0	70.5	67.5	72.0	82.5	72.0	* 73.0
Crops..... do.....	56.5	66.5	58.5	61.5	54.5	49.0	55.0	60.0	58.0	66.5	86.5	63.0	* 62.4
Livestock and products..... do.....	80.0	89.5	88.5	84.0	85.0	76.5	79.5	81.5	77.5	77.0	78.5	81.0	* 81.5
Dairy products..... do.....	86.0	91.0	95.0	100.0	103.0	93.5	92.5	88.5	84.5	80.5	82.0	84.5	* 86.5
Meat animals..... do.....	77.5	89.5	84.0	80.0	83.5	75.0	77.5	75.0	71.5	76.5	80.0	82.0	* 87.0
Poultry and eggs..... do.....	77.5	91.5	94.0	71.0	66.5	54.0	66.0	68.0	75.5	76.0	75.0	75.5	* 75.5

WORLD STOCKS †

Combined index (quantity)..... 1923-25=100.....	168	172	178	180	182	188	193	196	204	222	223	208	
Cotton, adjusted..... do.....	217	177	181	189	204	214	226	249	259	287	281	241	
Rubber, adjusted..... do.....	305	261	274	288	307	319	326	320	324	323	316	* 309	
Silk, adjusted..... do.....	179	179	178	176	163	168	172	171	185	192	184	198	172
Sugar, adjusted..... do.....	184	186	191	193	191	194	199	202	199	218	221	195	
Tea, adjusted..... do.....	99	111	116	119	117	108	101	102	107	115	118	119	
Tin, unadjusted..... do.....	165	93	92	101	91	88	86	100	94	92	102	104	105
Wheat, adjusted..... do.....	113	114	115	111	111	109	108	93	103	129	* 146	163	

COMMODITY PRICES

COST OF LIVING

(National Industrial Conference Board)

Combined index..... 1923=100.....	85.8	89.5	89.6	88.6	87.5	86.7	86.7	86.8	86.5	86.7	86.5	85.9	85.9
Clothing..... do.....	73.2	78.7	78.3	77.7	76.7	76.0	75.5	75.1	74.5	73.9	73.5	73.4	73.3
Food..... do.....	72.8	86.7	85.4	84.4	82.0	80.1	80.3	81.1	80.8	81.9	81.7	80.1	80.4
Fuel and light..... do.....	85.6	85.4	85.8	86.1	86.3	86.3	86.2	85.7	83.7	83.7	84.1	84.4	85.0
Housing..... do.....	86.6	89.2	89.1	88.7	88.2	87.8	87.5	87.2	87.0	86.7	86.6	86.6	86.6
Sundries..... do.....	96.8	97.9	97.8	97.8	97.6	97.5	97.8	97.6	97.6	97.5	97.4	96.9	96.8

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS §

(U. S. Department of Agriculture)

Combined index..... 1909-14=100.....	95	112	107	104	102	97	96	94	92	92	95	92	95
Chickens and eggs..... do.....	124	127	135	127	113	94	93	93	98	99	103	105	118
Cotton and cottonseed..... do.....	72	67	65	64	66	68	70	71	71	68	71	69	69
Dairy products..... do.....	107	128	132	136	128	121	117	110	103	98	101	102	104
Fruits..... do.....	70	99	88	76	70	68	69	68	77	73	79	78	75
Grains..... do.....	60	93	85	86	91	89	85	82	79	77	72	62	63
Meat animals..... do.....	111	136	120	111	110	110	117	114	111	116	123	115	117
Truck crops..... do.....	108	130	124	112	101	121	107	117	99	99	115	91	98
Miscellaneous..... do.....	107	113	112	118	114	97	89	86	82	84	87	99	98

RETAIL PRICES

U. S. Department of Labor indexes:

Coal:													
Anthracite..... 1923-25=100.....													
Bituminous..... do.....													
Food..... do.....	78.1	84.9	83.6	82.6	80.3	78.4	78.6	79.4	79.1	80.2	80.0	78.4	78.7
Fairchild's Index:													
Combined Index..... Dec. 31, 1930=100.....	89.0	95.7	94.5	93.2	92.4	91.2	90.6	90.2	89.5	89.2	89.0	89.0	89.0
Apparel:													
Infants' wear..... do.....	96.4	97.2	97.2	97.2	97.2	97.1	97.1	97.1	97.0	96.9	96.8	96.6	96.5
Men's..... do.....	88.7	91.4	91.4	91.1	90.9	90.7	90.2	89.9	89.6	89.4	88.9	88.7	88.7
Women's..... do.....	89.4	95.1	94.4	93.5	92.9	92.2	91.4	90.8	89.9	89.3	89.0	89.4	89.4
Home furnishings..... do.....	90.9	97.9	97.4	96.3	95.3	94.6	94.2	93.5	92.7	91.9	91.5	91.3	91.1
Piece goods..... do.....	84.5	89.2	88.2	87.1	87.0	86.1	85.6	85.4	84.9	84.9	84.8	84.5	84.5

WHOLESALE PRICES ||

Combined index (813 quotations)..... 1926=100.....	77.6	85.4	83.3	81.7	80.9	79.8	79.7	78.7	78.1	78.3	78.8	78.1	78.3
Economic classes:													
Finished products..... do.....	81.1	88.1	86.7	85.3	84.3	83.3	83.4	82.7	82.1	82.2	82.5	81.8	81.8
Raw materials..... do.....	70.9	80.7	77.2	75.4	74.9	73.6	73.2	71.3	70.7	71.4	72.3	71.4	72.0
Semimanufactures..... do.....	75.9	82.5	79.8	77.7	76.9	76.1	75.6	75.3	75.4	74.1	74.3	74.4	74.7
Farm products:													
Grains..... do.....	66.8	80.4	75.7	72.8	71.6	69.8	70.3	68.4	67.5	68.7	69.4	67.3	68.1
Livestock and poultry..... do.....	50.8	77.0	69.2	71.5	75.0	73.0	69.0	66.0	62.3	62.7	58.3	53.4	53.0
Foods..... do.....	76.2	98.5	86.2	78.4	78.5	78.1	82.7	79.3	77.9	80.2	84.4	80.6	81.0
Dairy products..... do.....	73.5	85.5	83.1	79.8	76.3	73.5	73.5	72.3	72.1	73.1	74.3	73.0	74.5
Fruits and vegetables..... do.....	71.6	85.7	89.2	90.2	83.3	78.3	76.7	71.7	69.1	68.5	69.5	68.8	71.1
Meats..... do.....	57.5	62.2	61.5	57.8	56.7	56.8	56.5	56.8	58.7	61.7	56.4	57.3	55.5
Commodities other than farm products and foods..... 1926=100.....	81.1	85.1	84.3	83.6	83.5	83.0	82.6	82.0	81.6	81.3	81.4	81.4	81.3
Building materials..... do.....	89.8	95.4	93.7	92.5	91.8	91.1	91.5	91.2	90.4	89.7	89.2	89.4	89.5
Brick and tile..... do.....	91.1	93.4	92.9	92.0	91.8	91.5	91.1	90.4	90.5	90.6	90.7	90.6	90.9
Cement..... do.....	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5
Lumber..... do.....	90.3	97.3	94.8	93.8	92.6	91.0	91.3	91.1	89.3	88.7	88.8	90.2	90.4
Chemicals and drugs..... do.....	77.1	81.2	80.2	79.5	79.6	79.1	78.7	77.5	76.8	76.3	77.7	77.7	77.3
Chemicals..... do.....	80.5	85.3	84.2	83.5	84.1	83.6	83.2	81.9	81.2	80.6	81.7	81.4	81.0
Drugs and pharmaceuticals..... do.....	74.9	78.3	76.8	75.1	74.0	73.9	73.8	73.8	72.8	71.9	74.8	74.8	74.8
Fertilizer materials..... do.....	67.5	72.5	71.9	72.0	72.1	72.3	71.8	70.1	69.6	69.5	66.9	67.3	67.2

*Revised.

† Data for Nov. 15, 1938: Total 94, chickens and eggs 131, cotton and cottonseed 73, dairy products 109, fruits 71, grains 60, meat animals 111, truck crops 98, miscellaneous 95.

‡ Revised series. Index of world stocks has been revised to exclude coffee, for which satisfactory data have not been available since the end of 1937. Revised indexes of total stocks beginning 1920 will be presented in a subsequent issue.

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	1938				1937									1938								
	October	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June

COMMODITY PRICES—Continued

WHOLESALE PRICES—Continued

U. S. Department of Labor indexes—Contd.																								
Commodities other than farm products and foods—Continued																								
Fuel and lighting materials.....1926=100.....	75.4	78.5	78.2	78.4	78.3	78.5	77.7	76.8	76.2	76.4	76.8	76.8	76.6											
Electricity.....do.....	81.0	83.1	83.1	89.1	89.6	86.8	87.0	86.4	85.0	84.7	81.6													
Gas.....do.....	83.6	83.1	81.3	81.8	82.9	83.4	85.2	88.3	90.4	91.0	88.1	88.7												
Petroleum products.....do.....	53.8	61.7	60.6	59.5	58.8	58.0	57.9	57.5	56.4	56.3	56.8	56.7	56.4											
Hides and leather products.....do.....	93.4	106.7	101.4	97.7	96.7	94.7	93.6	92.1	91.3	90.1	91.5	91.9	92.6											
Shoes.....do.....	100.3	107.6	106.9	105.6	104.7	104.6	104.6	104.5	102.5	101.8	101.2	100.8	100.8											
Hides and skins.....do.....	82.1	117.1	94.6	85.5	82.3	74.6	69.5	62.6	63.4	62.3	70.8	75.6	75.7											
Leather.....do.....	84.6	97.2	92.7	86.9	86.6	84.4	83.3	82.2	82.1	81.6	82.5	82.4	82.4											
House-furnishing goods.....do.....	85.7	91.0	90.4	89.7	88.3	85.0	87.7	87.3	87.2	87.1	86.4	86.2	86.2											
Furniture.....do.....	82.1	87.1	86.0	85.9	83.7	83.7	83.7	83.6	83.6	83.5	82.2	82.2	82.1											
Furnishings.....do.....	89.3	94.9	94.8	93.5	92.8	92.2	91.6	90.9	90.8	90.7	90.5	90.5	90.2											
Metals and metal products.....do.....	95.3	96.4	96.8	96.3	96.6	96.0	96.0	96.3	96.7	96.1	95.2	95.4	95.5											
Iron and steel.....do.....	96.9	99.7	99.3	99.6	99.3	99.4	100.4	101.8	100.9	97.2	97.3	97.3	97.3											
Metals, nonferrous.....do.....	76.2	85.5	78.5	75.1	75.0	72.1	71.6	70.7	68.8	67.2	71.8	72.9	73.5											
Plumbing and heating equipment.....do.....	1926=100.....	78.5	80.6	79.6	79.6	79.6	78.9	77.2	77.2	77.2	79.5	79.2	78.5											
Textile products.....do.....	66.2	73.5	71.2	70.1	69.7	68.6	68.2	67.2	66.1	65.5	66.1	65.9	65.8											
Clothing.....do.....	81.6	89.4	87.3	86.7	86.3	85.8	84.6	84.6	82.2	81.7	81.7	81.6	81.6											
Cotton goods.....do.....	64.6	73.1	70.5	68.7	68.2	67.6	67.5	65.7	65.0	63.9	65.1	64.4	64.1											
Hosiery and underwear.....do.....	59.9	65.8	64.2	63.4	63.0	60.9	60.3	60.6	60.5	59.7	59.8	59.8	59.9											
Silk and rayon.....do.....	30.9	30.6	30.1	29.4	28.9	28.5	28.8	28.9	28.4	27.6	29.9	29.2	29.5											
Woolen and worsted goods.....do.....	76.3	90.1	85.1	83.5	83.8	81.0	80.2	77.1	76.0	75.6	75.9	76.3	76.3											
Miscellaneous.....do.....	72.6	76.2	75.4	75.0	75.2	74.8	74.4	73.4	73.1	72.9	72.7	72.4	72.4											
Automobile tires and tubes.....do.....	57.4	56.4	57.4	57.4	57.4	57.4	57.4	57.4	57.4	57.4	57.4	57.4	57.4											
Paper and pulp.....do.....	81.7	92.4	90.4	89.8	89.0	89.7	88.8	87.5	86.9	85.5	82.8	82.4	81.9											
World prices, foodstuffs and raw materials:																								
Combined index.....1923-25=100.....	37.8	48.0	45.9	47.0	44.2	45.2	41.9	40.7	38.9	39.6	41.2	39.1	38.2											
Cotton.....do.....	31.6	30.9	29.4	30.5	31.6	32.7	32.7	32.4	30.9	30.9	32.7	30.9	29.8											
Rubber.....do.....	39.6	38.4	34.2	35.4	34.4	34.2	31.9	27.9	27.2	29.5	36.3	37.7	37.7											
Silk.....do.....	25.9	24.0	23.0	22.0	21.9	22.2	22.8	22.6	22.4	22.5	25.3	24.3	25.2											
Sugarf.....do.....	26.8	32.2	31.4	32.7	32.1	28.3	27.1	26.0	26.2	27.1	28.2	28.1	28.9											
Tea.....do.....	72.9	84.4	79.1	73.8	75.5	77.4	75.5	77.1	75.8	71.9	70.5	76.2	78.3											
Tin.....do.....	90.0	102.4	86.1	85.2	82.6	82.1	81.9	76.3	73.3	80.3	86.3	86.3	86.3											
Wheat.....do.....	46.7	87.2	86.3	89.2	75.8	82.5	69.6	68.5	62.9	64.0	62.4	53.9	50.2											
Wholesale prices, actual. (See under respective commodities.)																								
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR																								
Wholesale prices.....1923-25=100.....	129.8	117.9	120.8	123.3	124.5	126.2	126.4	128.0	128.9	128.6	127.8	128.9	128.6											
Retail food prices.....do.....	128.0	117.8	119.6	121.1	124.5	127.6	127.2	125.9	126.4	124.7	125.0	127.6	127.1											
Prices received by farmers.....do.....	154.8	131.2	137.4	141.4	144.1	151.5	153.1	156.5	159.7	159.7	154.8	159.7	154.8											
Cost of living.....do.....	118.5	113.6	114.3	114.8	116.3	117.2	117.2	117.2	117.5	117.2	117.5	118.3	118.3											

CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE

CONTRACT AWARDS, PERMITS, AND DWELLING UNITS PROVIDED																								
Value of contracts awarded (F. R. indexes):																								
Total, unadjusted.....1923-25=100.....	82	49	50	49	42	44	46	59	61	63	65	69	79											
Residential, unadjusted.....do.....	56	35	31	25	22	28	35	43	44	46	49	52	56											
Total, adjusted.....do.....	86	52	56	61	52	51	46	52	51	54	59	66	78											
Residential, adjusted.....do.....	57	36	32	30	26	32	33	37	37	42	49	53	56											
F. W. Dodge Corporation (37 States):																								
Total projects.....number	19,664	14,506	12,512	9,152	8,502	9,261	14,533	15,058	17,565	18,194	17,648	18,770	16,926											
Total valuation.....thous. of dol.	357,698	202,081	198,401	209,450	192,231	118,945	226,918	222,016	283,156	251,006	239,799	313,141	300,900											
Public ownership.....do.....	203,359	77,838	92,889	115,053	117,601	51,054	94,597	99,219	143,700	107,777	97,838	171,099	160,125											
Private ownership.....do.....	154,339	124,243	105,512	94,398	74,630	67,891	132,321	122,797	139,456	143,229	141,961	142,042	140,775											
Nonresidential buildings:																								
Projects.....number	3,594	3,343	2,876	2,536	2,466	2,303	3,344	2,965	3,368	3,499	3,188	3,416	3,363											
Floor area.....thous. of sq. ft.	23,223	13,719	13,786	16,643	9,637	8,436	13,713	13,578	13,737	14,429	11,579	14,744	15,599											
Valuation.....thous. of dol.	131,020	75,295	79,279	101,207	57,448	48,440	87,823	80,435	77,771	81,803	72,563	87,316	91,997											
Residential buildings, all types:																								
Projects.....number	13,907	9,86																						

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

CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE—Continued

CONTRACT AWARDS, PERMITS, AND DWELLING UNITS PROVIDED—Con.																	
Estimated number of new dwelling units provided in all urban areas:																	
Total.....number.....	14,098	12,526	17,224	31,350	11,915	17,676	18,931	19,690	20,977	26,664	25,912	25,808					
1-family dwellings.....do.....	10,896	8,904	8,130	8,187	7,989	13,460	14,102	15,611	16,063	15,506	17,342	16,214					
2-family dwellings.....do.....	949	776	1,514	1,339	799	1,330	1,309	1,213	1,253	1,046	1,412	1,156					
Multi-family dwellings.....do.....	2,253	2,846	7,580	21,824	2,227	2,886	3,520	2,875	3,661	9,512	7,150	8,438					
Engineering construction:																	
Contract awards (E. N. R.) [¶] ...thous. of dol.....	235,898	187,001	165,581	199,033	190,186	200,481	255,018	193,374	183,806	223,066	223,333	236,271	289,725				
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION																	
Concrete pavement contract awards:																	
Total.....thous. sq. yd.....	4,671	3,295	3,170	4,023	2,376	1,231	2,559	4,284	5,306	8,432	5,194	7,247	5,064				
Roads.....do.....	2,871	2,403	2,320	2,303	1,836	741	1,630	3,039	4,543	6,201	3,511	4,548	3,213				
Streets.....do.....	1,674	852	780	1,556	518	466	865	1,219	2,151	1,619	2,528	1,775					
Alleys.....do.....	126	39	61	133	22	24	63	26	77	81	64	170	176				
Status of highway and grade crossing projects administered by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads:																	
Highways:																	
Approved for construction:																	
Mileage.....no. of miles.....	3,337	2,572	2,751	2,952	3,042	3,178	3,198	4,031	5,011	5,002	4,728	4,109	3,463				
Federal funds.....thous. of dol.....	38,572	39,112	39,781	41,683	42,149	41,407	40,636	44,072	51,158	51,299	53,137	48,958	43,373				
Under construction:																	
Mileage.....no. of miles.....	8,872	7,502	6,749	5,907	5,875	6,276	6,923	7,667	8,031	8,991	9,278	9,521	9,418				
Federal funds.....thous. of dol.....	130,841	127,633	117,321	103,932	101,626	106,645	113,842	123,958	129,160	135,164	134,900	135,158	133,337				
Estimated cost.....do.....	252,852	225,272	208,199	187,516	184,112	194,162	208,018	227,012	236,044	254,869	257,078	260,494	256,592				
Grade crossings:																	
Approved for construction:																	
Federal funds.....do.....	12,112	10,883	10,731	10,443	10,433	11,392	13,577	12,419	10,600	12,090	12,836	11,416	12,561				
Estimated cost.....do.....	12,877	11,430	11,453	11,186	11,177	11,928	14,455	13,884	11,674	12,782	13,676	12,136	13,370				
Under construction:																	
Federal funds.....do.....	35,451	56,801	52,417	47,356	45,930	44,758	43,360	45,275	45,162	42,452	41,031	40,399	37,676				
Estimated cost.....do.....	36,387	58,527	54,111	48,973	47,475	46,389	44,885	46,832	46,755	43,594	42,058	41,298	38,567				
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES																	
Aberthaw (industrial building).....1914=100.....																	189
American Appraisal Co.:																	
Average, 30 cities.....1913=100.....	182	184	184	184	183	183	182	182	181	181	181	181	181				
Atlanta.....do.....	167	176	176	172	172	171	168	168	168	168	167	167	167				
New York.....do.....	192	197	196	195	194	193	193	193	193	192	191	191	191				
San Francisco.....do.....	166	167	166	165	164	164	163	162	162	162	164	164	164				
St. Louis.....do.....	184	190	190	189	188	188	187	186	184	184	184	184	184				
Associated General Contractors (all types).....1913=100.....	188	191	191	191	191	189	189	189	188	188	188	188	188				
E. H. Boeckh and Associates, Inc.:																	
Apartments, hotels, and office buildings:																	
Briek and concrete:																	
Atlanta.....U. S. av., 1926-29=100.....	96.2	94.2	91.2	93.7	93.7	96.0	96.0	95.9	95.8	96.4	96.1	96.1					
New York.....do.....	129.7	126.7	126.6	126.2	126.3	127.4	126.5	126.5	127.0	129.2	128.2	129.8	129.9				
San Francisco.....do.....	115.9	113.6	113.6	114.2	114.6	114.8	114.6	114.6	116.1	116.0	115.9	116.0					
St. Louis.....do.....	118.7	114.8	114.7	116.2	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.7	118.6	118.3	118.5	118.5	118.5				
Commercial and factory buildings:																	
Briek and concrete:																	
Atlanta.....do.....	98.2	96.7	96.7	96.4	96.4	98.2	98.2	97.9	97.9	98.5	98.2	98.2					
New York.....do.....	132.4	128.2	128.1	127.7	127.9	128.7	127.6	127.6	128.4	131.4	130.3	132.7	132.7				
San Francisco.....do.....	120.9	119.4	119.4	119.0	118.7	118.8	118.7	118.7	121.0	121.0	120.9	120.9	121.0				
St. Louis.....do.....	119.8	119.2	119.1	118.9	120.4	122.8	122.8	122.8	119.9	119.6	119.8	119.8	119.8				
Brick and steel:																	
Atlanta.....do.....	96.8	94.8	94.8	94.0	94.0	97.5	97.5	97.5	98.1	97.8	96.7	96.7					
New York.....do.....	128.9	126.8	126.6	126.1	126.4	127.9	127.2	127.2	127.5	129.6	128.1	128.9	129.0				
San Francisco.....do.....	115.6	114.2	114.2	114.8	115.1	115.4	115.1	115.1	116.8	116.8	116.2	115.6	116.2				
St. Louis.....do.....	120.1	119.2	119.0	118.5	119.5	121.3	121.3	121.3	121.5	120.8	119.4	119.8	119.8				
Residences:																	
Briek:																	
Atlanta.....do.....	86.0	85.0	85.0	82.9	82.5	84.8	84.8	83.7	83.2	84.3	85.3	85.6					
New York.....do.....	122.6	120.4	119.6	118.9	117.1	121.8	120.7	120.7	121.0	121.1	121.1	122.3	122.8				
San Francisco.....do.....	105.4	106.8	106.8	103.4	104.9	106.3	104.9	104.9	105.3	105.3	105.4	105.4	105.4				
St. Louis.....do.....	109.9	103.2	107.4	106.6	105.3	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.0	106.9	107.4	108.8	108.8				
Frame:																	
Atlanta.....do.....	82.8	78.4	78.4	76.4	76.4	81.4	81.4	81.1	80.4	80.9	82.2	82.3					
New York.....do.....	120.4	114.3	113.5	113.2	113.3	118.7	118.7	118.1	118.1	118.8	119.3	120.0	120.5				
San Francisco.....do.....	97.5	97.3	97.3	93.9	97.7	99.5	97.7	97.7	97.4	97.4	97.5	97.5	97.5				
St. Louis.....do.....	106.5	99.6	98.7	97.6	98.6	103.1	103.1	103.1	102.8	102.8	103.3	105.1	105.1				
Engineering News Record (all types) [§]1913=100.....	234.3	241.9	241.4	241.1	239.6	239.0	238.8	238.0	236.8	236.9	232.3	232.4	232.7				
REAL ESTATE																	
Federal Housing Administration, home mortgage insurance:																	
Gross mortgages accepted for insurance																	
thous. of dol.....	64,627	35,514	30,958	27,848	19,340	18,866	39,903	63,267	61,775	74,191	60,419	67,878	68,344				
Premium paying mortgages (cumulative).....do.....	1,189,823	752,921	790,028	827,200	858,983	880,357	902,634	928,433	958,471	997,850	1,038,627	1,082,454	1,131,404				

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¶ Data for December 1937, and March, June, and September 1938 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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

CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE—Continued

REAL ESTATE—Continued													
<i>Estimated new mortgage loans by all savings and loan associations:[†]</i>													
Total loans.....	72,931	75,456	64,503	60,096	49,102	50,093	65,218	73,307	72,279	73,067	67,639	74,709	71,647
Loans classified according to purpose:													
Mortgage loans on homes:													
Construction.....	do	22,009	19,255	17,447	15,281	12,572	11,669	16,648	17,710	19,400	19,892	19,096	22,575
Home purchase.....	do	24,677	28,034	22,697	20,167	14,896	16,117	21,056	25,494	24,123	25,636	21,924	23,833
Refinancing.....	do	12,913	14,115	12,671	12,677	11,334	11,293	14,391	15,772	15,281	13,885	13,194	14,701
Reconditioning.....	do	5,727	5,444	4,796	4,175	3,409	3,662	4,952	5,683	5,416	5,211	5,307	5,528
Loans for all other purposes.....	do	7,515	8,608	6,892	7,796	6,891	7,352	8,170	8,648	8,059	8,443	8,028	8,072
Loans classified according to type of association:													
Federal.....	do	26,534	24,539	20,829	20,038	16,781	17,520	23,356	26,107	24,721	26,310	23,823	26,858
State members.....	do	30,546	32,104	27,113	24,522	20,879	22,073	27,835	30,238	31,196	30,350	28,973	29,505
Nonmembers.....	do	15,851	18,813	16,561	15,536	11,442	10,590	14,027	16,962	16,362	16,407	14,843	18,345
Loans outstanding of agencies under the Federal Home Loan Bank Board:													
Federal Savings and Loan Associations, estimated total mortgages outstanding	thous. of dol.	1,011,057	826,000	832,300	853,500	804,900	874,800	895,300	919,700	930,300	947,500	961,300	976,074
Federal Home Loan Banks, outstanding advances to member institutions	thous. of dol.	189,217	184,038	187,333	200,092	190,535	187,498	183,105	183,747	186,507	196,222	191,889	189,415
Home Owners' Loan Corporation, balance of loans outstanding	thous. of dol.	2,203,896	2,446,002	2,422,149	2,397,647	2,370,084	2,348,025	2,323,995	2,301,894	2,281,884	2,265,153	2,248,982	2,234,899
Foreclosures:													
Nonfarm real estate.....	1926=100	155	195	192	191	179	172	195	191	194	189	161	169
Metropolitan communities.....	do	142	177	182	170	157	176	177	177	181	177	153	161
Fire losses.....	thous. of dol.	21,098	23,850	30,173	27,676	26,473	29,051	25,616	22,918	19,474	20,435	20,821	

DOMESTIC TRADE

ADVERTISING													
<i>Printers' Ink indexes (with adjustment for seasonal variations):</i>													
Combined index.....	1928-32=100	78.4	92.8	91.3	95.6	79.8	81.2	83.7	82.4	80.0	79.5	77.4	80.3
Farm papers.....	do	64.7	66.9	80.6	93.3	66.7	67.4	59.8	69.6	67.2	66.8	55.8	79.3
Magazines.....	do	73.6	97.1	102.4	98.9	78.4	82.1	81.5	79.9	75.0	73.0	74.7	74.5
Newspapers.....	do	73.8	87.6	84.3	89.0	74.1	75.7	77.8	76.7	74.7	74.8	72.5	75.2
Outdoor.....	do	77.7	84.5	77.5	87.5	75.3	72.5	91.5	91.3	85.0	76.6	74.7	76.9
Radio.....	do	242.3	229.9	244.7	262.1	272.2	260.9	254.0	226.5	250.5	281.0	261.0	274.7
Radio advertising:													
Cost of facilities, total.....	thous. of dol.	6,500	6,084	6,103	6,573	6,943	6,432	7,074	5,924	6,051	5,524	4,493	4,530
Automobiles and accessories.....	do	626	947	965	990	858	813	850	632	639	557	374	352
Clothing.....	do	18	29	19	9	15	23	19	56	34	33	37	30
Electric household equipment.....	do	0	35	47	65	74	64	71	90	87	72	16	0
Financial.....	do	19	69	92	76	62	48	54	36	22	27	22	21
Foods, food beverages, confections.....	do	2,103	1,749	1,724	1,906	2,204	2,083	2,408	2,107	2,122	1,949	1,434	1,380
House furnishings, etc.....	do	48	0	16	21	18	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Soap, cleansers, etc.....	do	626	577	557	582	634	600	682	626	662	647	580	624
Office furnishings, supplies.....	do	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smoking materials.....	do	853	594	644	687	710	687	797	674	724	678	616	672
Toilet goods, medical supplies.....	do	1,851	1,556	1,698	1,793	1,907	1,738	1,849	1,489	1,482	1,374	1,236	1,308
All other.....	do	365	527	431	444	462	375	337	252	257	187	188	195
Magazine advertising:													
Cost, total.....	do	13,668	16,382	15,972	12,955	8,913	11,468	14,137	15,733	14,565	11,317	8,411	7,381
Automobiles and accessories.....	do	1,630	2,128	2,658	1,511	1,260	1,125	1,716	2,272	1,968	1,475	1,267	889
Clothing.....	do	1,022	1,153	836	600	372	441	739	978	898	706	257	341
Electric household equipment.....	do	342	522	437	508	101	239	493	839	657	365	98	136
Financial.....	do	444	417	412	366	386	484	423	392	410	356	311	341
Foods, food beverages, confections.....	do	2,073	1,963	2,078	1,813	1,431	1,937	2,339	2,254	2,035	1,659	1,654	1,353
House furnishings, etc.....	do	862	1,318	1,034	670	197	370	684	877	955	558	217	599
Soap, cleansers, etc.....	do	398	425	449	263	235	529	433	439	396	418	281	355
Office furnishings, supplies.....	do	223	279	318	389	136	182	216	211	206	192	41	116
Smoking materials.....	do	889	782	793	735	786	685	853	818	914	777	651	734
Toilet goods, medical supplies.....	do	2,261	2,899	2,810	2,233	1,413	2,475	2,685	2,552	2,173	1,893	1,540	1,642
All other.....	do	3,524	4,496	4,068	3,867	2,597	3,000	3,557	4,100	3,953	2,989	2,091	1,943
Lineage, total.....	thous. of lines	2,318	2,852	2,959	2,893	1,990	2,144	2,404	2,628	2,658	2,202	1,602	1,472
Newspaper advertising:													
Lineage, total (52 cities).....	do	113,558	134,979	119,746	122,265	90,624	88,457	108,919	109,917	109,906	98,519	83,655	86,162
Classified.....	do	22,411	24,869	21,738	21,314	20,247	19,187	23,404	22,646	22,695	21,331	20,301	20,908
Display, total.....	do	91,147	110,111	98,008	100,982	70,378	69,270	85,514	87,271	77,188	63,352	65,293	82,493
Automotive.....	do	4,932	7,756	6,589	3,723	2,060	2,611	5,081	4,347	5,676	4,310	3,031	2,366
Financial.....	do	1,732	1,376	1,375	1,510	2,315	1,263	1,918	1,439	1,396	1,556	1,869	1,261
General.....	do	18,411	23,024	20,151	15,136	14,785	15,273	17,544	17,505	18,310	16,253	13,928	12,175
Retail.....	do	66,073	77,755	69,892	50,604	51,218	49,892	60,971	63,960	61,830	55,039	45,424	46,295
GOODS IN WAREHOUSES													
Space occupied, merchandise in public warehouses.....	percent of total.....	72.1	71.6	72.2	70.9	69.9	69.8	69.5	69.7	69.3	68.2	68.4	69.3
NEW INCORPORATIONS													
Business incorporations (4 States).....	number.....	1,723	1,822	1,841	2,017	2,173	1,787	2,094	1,910	1,940	1,877	1,774	1,818

* Revised.

† Revised series. Data on estimated new mortgage loans by all savings and loan associations revised beginning January 1936; revisions not shown on p. 23 of the November 1938 Survey will appear in a subsequent issue.

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FINANCE—Continued

CAPITAL FLOTATIONS—Contd.

New Security Registrations—Contd.

(Securities and Exchange Commission)

Estimated gross proceeds (total registrations less securities reserved for conversion)—Con.

Selling and distributing expenses:

Commissions and discounts—thous. of dol.

Other selling and distributing expenses

thous. of dol.

Estimated cash proceeds to be used for:

Total—do—

Organization development—do—

Purchase of:

Plant and equipment—do—

Other assets—do—

Securities for investment—do—

Securities for affiliation—do—

Increase of working capital—do—

Retirement of preferred stock—do—

Repayment of bonds and notes—do—

Repayment of other indebtedness—do—

Miscellaneous—do—

8,293	4,261	2,785	9,812	2,948	6,856	4,617	3,356	2,104	4,378	7,761	6,675	5,412
2,016	1,048	373	1,024	432	824	367	891	557	1,175	1,051	2,088	881
347,770	119,089	23,703	134,593	66,618	132,847	60,514	87,041	51,120	208,291	211,172	279,808	94,257
90	366	171	42	138	153	10	429	226	6	26	65	499

10,139	30,506	2,823	19,117	38,187	808	4,036	3,510	9,851	105,144	168,238	42,330	50,306
0	74	108	160	8	0	0	0	1,472	232	8	0	667
21,715	11,539	16,781	91,480	25,590	64,829	44,143	18,632	1,105	6,497	62,979	27,241	31,654
0	0	0	538	0	899	0	20	0	119	0	40	123
8,716	14,412	8,200	12,848	1,449	1,259	5,239	1,741	9,050	16,423	5,503	5,029	5,625
447	0	3	649	0	0	0	119	0	0	25,053	13,819	0
270,494	49,893	138	8,268	773	62,084	6,566	61,838	19,937	55,477	1,505	175,812	180
36,139	12,193	430	1,170	156	2,524	359	675	9,470	24,385	7,860	15,436	5,012
0	106	49	321	317	291	161	79	20	8	0	37	200

10,139	30,506	2,823	19,117	38,187	808	4,036	3,510	9,851	105,144	168,238	42,330	50,306
0	74	108	160	8	0	0	0	1,472	232	8	0	667
21,715	11,539	16,781	91,480	25,590	64,829	44,143	18,632	1,105	6,497	62,979	27,241	31,654
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36,139	12,193	430	1,170	156	2,524	359	675	9,470	24,385	7,860	15,436	5,012
0	106	49	321	317	291	161	79	20	8	0	37	200

Securities Issued

(Commercial and Financial Chronicle)

Securities issued by type of security, total (new capital and refunding) — thous. of dol.

New capital, total—do—

Domestic, total—do—

Corporate, total—do—

Bonds and notes:

Long term—do—

Short term—do—

Preferred stocks—do—

Common stocks—do—

Farm loan and other government agencies

thous. of dol.

Municipal, States, etc.—do—

Foreign, total—do—

Corporate—do—

Government—do—

United States possessions—do—

Refunding, total—do—

Domestic, total—do—

Corporate, total—do—

Bonds and notes:

Long term—do—

Short term—do—

Preferred stocks—do—

Common stocks—do—

Farm loan and other government agencies

thous. of dol.

Municipal, States, etc.—do—

Foreign, total—do—

Corporate—do—

Government—do—

United States possessions—do—

Securities issued by type of corporate borrower:

total—thous. of dol.

New capital, total—do—

Industrial—do—

Investment trusts, trading, holding, etc.

thous. of dol.

Land, buildings etc.—do—

Public utilities—do—

Railroads—do—

Miscellaneous—do—

Refunding, total—do—

Industrial—do—

Investment trusts, trading, holding, etc.

thous. of dol.

Land, buildings, etc.—do—

Public utilities—do—

Railroads—do—

Miscellaneous—do—

(Bond Buyer)

State and municipal issues:

Permanent (long term) — thous. of dol.

Temporary (short term) — do—

COMMODITY MARKETS

Volume of trading in grain futures:

Wheat—mil. of bu.—

Corn—do—

380

929

926

635

660

400

577

572

512

892

725

761

701

133

184

177

158

106

71

168

111

115

125

180

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CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS—Continued																
OILS, FATS, AND BYPRODUCTS—Con.																
Vegetable Oils and Products—Continued																
Coconut or copra oil:																
Consumption, factory:																
Crude (quarterly)	thous. of lb.				104,540					122,113						
Refined (quarterly)	do				60,605					63,433						
In oleomargarine	do	8,420	6,963	5,612	6,594	4,390	6,431	9,555	8,981	7,759	7,433	6,331	7,282	8,711	77,365	
Imports	do	26,824	19,011	31,415	34,850	32,964	26,448	32,796	28,612	23,821	32,139	31,186	22,052	32,579	154,327	
Production (quarterly):																
Crude	do				72,099					74,656						
Refined	do				64,217					70,288						
Stocks, end of quarter:																
Crude	do				166,085					197,130						
Refined	do				10,950					12,392						
Cottonseed:																
Consumption (crush)	thous. of short tons	665	7952	880	792	713	634	544	340	202	159	124	223	576		
Receipts at mills	do	1,155	1,444	1,120	742	483	355	229	90	78	80	65	262	1,274		
Stocks at mills, end of mo.	do	1,559	1,484	1,720	1,670	1,439	1,160	845	595	471	391	332	371	1,069		
Cottonseed cake and meal:																
Exports	short tons	2,200	24,453	10,043	13,108	12,808	10,707	2,492	766	815	7,520	4,422	1,727	3,745		
Production	do	294,408	426,244	394,616	355,052	323,202	281,127	242,041	152,815	95,854	75,728	55,676	99,884	256,390		
Stocks at mills, end of mo.	do	295,380	133,760	168,107	192,978	211,995	251,377	275,800	284,572	281,107	260,168	216,503	216,879	259,689		
Cottonseed oil, crude:																
Production	thous. of lb.	203,746	288,015	271,800	246,669	221,910	198,137	175,636	110,093	69,344	53,568	45,478	67,603	178,632		
Stocks, end of month	do	151,570	155,720	185,496	200,644	210,708	203,784	163,847	133,010	87,418	46,761	34,203	46,382	111,708		
Cottonseed oil, refined:																
Consumption, factory (quarterly)	do	10,381	20,153	20,339	20,920	19,580	16,792	16,327	11,422	9,958	9,502	8,181	9,086	10,246		
In oleomargarine	do															
Price, summer, yellow, prime (N. Y.)	dol. per lb.	.076	.073	.071	.071	.074	.079	.082	.082	.081	.080	.086	.081	.078		
Production	thous. of lb.	161,768	213,489	214,139	218,662	192,175	195,361	192,077	128,845	107,898	80,256	53,917	53,996	92,352		
Stocks, end of month	do	446,739	330,367	372,245	447,576	492,091	516,039	504,286	600,340	598,932	565,751	486,474	409,781	397,382		
Flaxseed:																
Imports	thous. of bu.	1,381	1,707	1,774	1,672	1,457	1,799	1,463	1,024	876	763	927	1,288	1,346		
Minneapolis:																
Receipts	do	450	675	284	190	179	118	64	77	183	225	70	1,961	1,286		
Shipments	do	87	134	144	206	42	41	66	64	46	11	27	221	76		
Stocks	do	1,416	1,115	972	763	744	729	678	631	530	536	468	795	1,499		
Duluth:																
Receipts	do	241	417	127	(1)	(1)	5	2	(1)	1	74	14	357	833		
Shipments	do	324	382	537	105	7	8	0	0	11	73	0	128	416		
Stocks	do	586	543	132	28	21	18	20	20	10	10	24	253	670		
Oil mills (quarterly):																
Consumption	do				7,754					6,461			3,989		5,043	
Stocks, end of quarter	do				3,295					2,142			1,472		3,019	
Price, wholesale, No. 1 (Mpls.)	dol. per bu.	1.84	2.17	2.07	2.10	2.16	2.14	2.06	1.99	1.86	1.81	1.83	1.73	1.79		
Linseed cake and meal:																
Exports	thous. of lb.	44,746	56,184	56,822	53,827	25,420	54,459	43,104	33,004	23,518	24,322	27,216	28,692	41,577		
Shipments from Minneapolis	do	11,670	20,975	19,624	16,050	11,225	5,355	3,820	4,784	4,482	5,380	6,032	5,776	11,679		
Linseed oil:																
Consumption, factory (quarterly)	thous. of lb.				67,411					63,875			81,892		80,736	
Price, wholesale (N. Y.)	dol. per lb.	.087	.110	.106	.103	.102	.100	.098	.095	.092	.087	.086	.084	.084		
Production (quarterly)	thous. of lb.				150,432					125,587			77,513		98,407	
Shipments from Minneapolis	do	6,867	5,160	2,450	4,159	2,894	3,642	4,973	7,602	7,193	7,261	6,589	5,436	8,263		
Stocks at factory, end of quarter	do				191,483					223,109			145,909		113,012	
Oleomargarine:																
Consumption (tax-paid withdrawals)	thous. of lb.	31,824	39,727	38,069	39,718	40,802	36,288	39,634	33,137	28,754	27,887	25,671	28,371	32,000		
Price, wholesale, standard, uncolored (Chicago)	dol. per lb.	.153	.150	.150	.150	.150	.145	.145	.145	.138	.134	.145	.158	.155		
Production	thous. of lb.	31,092	40,465	37,475	40,728	40,476	36,201	40,961	32,641	28,500	27,938	25,512	28,718	32,387		
Vegetable shortenings:																
Price, wholesale, tierces (Chicago)	dol. per lb.	.100	.103	.103	.101	.098	.114	.105	.104	.102	.103	.106	.108	.103		
PAINT SALES																
Plastic paints, cold water paints, and calcimines:																
Plastic paints	thous. of dol.	47	41	34	22	31	31	43	44	45	43	43	44	42		
Cold water paints:																
In dry form	do	156	111	94	67	84	110	132	188	184	166	148	159	162		
In paste form	do	253	134	113	97	131	129	192	286	236	203	225	244	219	282	
Calcimines	do	245	238	214	161	250	229	292	305	286	243	213				
Paints, varnish, lacquer, and fillers:																
Total	do	28,773	31,486	25,104	18,621	21,245	21,657	29,449	33,288	35,294	32,390	26,730	28,821	29,769		
Classified, total	do	20,486	22,227	17,843	13,323	15,002	15,326	20,721	23,143	24,115	22,386	18,512	19,747	20,114		
Industrial	do	8,481	10,494	8,541	6,567	6,371	6,085	7,938	7,946	7,628	7,418	6,603	7,249	7,579		
Trade	do	12,006	11,733	9,302	6,757	8,632	9,241	12,783	15,197	16,492	14,968	11,909	12,499	12,235		
Unclassified	do	8,287	9,259	7,261	5,298	6,242	6,331	8,728	10,143	11,179	10,003	8,218	9,074	9,655		
CELLULOSE PLASTIC PRODUCTS																
Nitro-cellulose, sheets, rods, and tubes:																
Production	thous. of lb.	1,051	1,283	1,067	602	646	675	754	691	668	612	634	977	974		
Shipments	do	1,124	1,470	978	700	881	716	944	778	755						

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	October	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	
ELECTRIC POWER AND GAS														
ELECTRIC POWER														
Production, total..... mil. of kw.-hr.	10,210	10,410	9,819	10,051	9,633	8,709	9,468	8,924	9,082	9,197	9,523	10,180	9,837	
By source:														
Fuel..... do	6,868	7,094	6,167	6,470	6,106	5,179	5,534	4,907	5,252	5,519	5,873	6,397	6,375	
Water power..... do	3,342	3,317	3,653	3,581	3,527	3,530	3,934	4,017	3,830	3,678	3,645	3,783	3,462	
By type of producer:														
Privately and municipally owned..... do	9,670	9,881	9,275	9,453	9,035	8,156	8,929	8,404	8,571	8,710	9,019	9,650	9,313	
Other producers..... do	541	529	544	598	597	553	539	520	511	487	504	531	523	
Sales to ultimate consumers, total (Edison Electric Institute)..... mil. of kw.-hr.		8,467	8,185	8,049	7,930	7,432	7,469	7,355	7,231	7,437	7,562	8,093	8,190	
Residential or domestic..... do			1,822	1,667	1,590	1,571	1,465	1,481	1,502	1,527	1,611			
Commercial and industrial..... do		5,147	4,905	5,006	4,981	4,972	5,185	5,296	5,773	5,773	5,786			
Public street and highway ltg..... do		200	175	166	148	136	125	130	144	144	156			
Other public authorities..... do		189	176	180	164	189	193	189	199	199	194			
Sales to railroads and railways..... do		520	464	483	445	428	414	410	413	407				
All other sales..... do		51	46	44	45	41	39	36	36	37				
Revenues from sales to ultimate consumers (Edison Electric Institute)..... thous. of dol.	185,981	186,941	189,277	191,881	181,207	176,919	176,418	170,983	174,271	176,099	182,350	185,948		
GAS														
Manufactured gas:														
Customers, total..... thousands	9,970	9,952	9,971	9,894	9,910	9,875	9,880	9,970	9,922	9,930	9,943	10,029		
Domestic..... do	9,327	9,287	9,298	9,235	9,254	9,211	9,208	9,299	9,261	9,277	9,288	9,362		
House heating..... do	187	195	203	186	194	183	190	194	186	177	181	197		
Industrial and commercial..... do	455	461	462	464	462	469	471	467	464	465	464	462		
Sales to consumers..... mil. of cu. ft.	29,882	30,255	34,368	34,460	32,085	32,368	31,189	29,682	28,264	25,650	24,356	26,864		
Domestic..... do	17,696	15,623	16,465	17,226	16,476	17,052	16,595	16,587	17,224	15,999	14,663	16,502		
House heating..... do	2,354	5,552	8,408	7,594	6,976	6,113	4,529	3,353	1,707	856	684	900		
Industrial and commercial..... do	9,845	8,881	9,261	9,410	8,423	8,992	9,884	9,564	9,179	8,613	8,872	9,299		
Revenue from sales to consumers..... thous. of dol.	30,758	30,566	33,313	33,197	31,485	31,920	30,786	30,409	29,820	27,732	26,120	28,614		
Domestic..... do	22,850	21,328	22,011	21,819	20,599	21,391	21,633	22,418	22,688	21,500	20,011	21,930		
House heating..... do	1,672	3,017	4,730	4,809	4,674	4,168	2,887	1,935	1,284	699	590	820		
Industrial and commercial..... do	6,115	6,087	6,432	6,425	6,081	6,201	6,126	5,926	5,744	5,431	5,409	5,757		
Natural gas:														
Customers, total..... thousands	8,924	7,016	7,038	6,981	6,979	7,002	6,978	6,981	6,942	6,926	6,955	7,002		
Domestic..... do	6,423	6,481	6,495	6,447	6,447	6,463	6,447	6,462	6,451	6,443	6,469	6,514		
Industrial and commercial..... do	499	531	540	532	531	537	529	516	489	481	484	486		
Sales to consumers..... mil. of cu. ft.	102,651	110,724	129,341	123,942	122,302	115,334	105,608	91,721	82,497	79,488	80,697	85,624		
Domestic..... do	21,145	30,780	45,802	46,979	45,967	41,414	34,324	25,693	19,648	16,270	14,510	15,671		
Industrial and commercial..... do	80,162	78,601	81,939	75,833	74,832	72,420	70,516	64,514	61,702	62,019	64,829	68,554		
Revenues from sales to consumers..... thous. of dol.	31,012	36,911	46,673	47,517	46,320	42,689	38,006	31,874	27,069	24,986	24,003	25,144		
Domestic..... do	15,475	20,757	28,949	30,631	29,658	27,000	23,243	18,577	15,131	12,878	11,875	12,269		
Industrial and commercial..... do	15,328	15,930	17,462	16,685	16,406	15,420	14,634	13,057	11,766	11,910	11,922	12,675		

FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO

BEVERAGES													
Fermented malt liquors:													
Consumption (tax-paid withdrawals)..... thous. of bbl.	4,134	4,187	3,926	3,729	3,072	3,247	4,015	4,164	4,561	5,204	5,387	5,748	4,428
Production..... do	3,595	3,828	3,639	3,504	3,571	3,670	5,015	4,965	5,195	5,059	5,135	5,337	4,313
Stocks, end of month..... do	7,570	7,957	7,506	7,134	7,482	7,789	8,559	9,161	9,590	9,661	9,189	8,540	8,242
Distilled spirits:													
Consumption, total (tax-paid withdrawals)..... thous. of tax gal.	10,203	10,083	11,226	8,485	5,097	5,367	7,255	6,386	6,443	6,592	5,732	5,672	7,491
Whiskey..... do	8,173	8,104	9,107	6,790	4,231	4,382	5,648	4,939	5,111	5,175	4,313	4,226	5,837
Production, total..... do	18,923	19,048	18,533	13,953	14,624	12,991	12,283	10,116	9,658	8,857	5,692	6,095	9,294
Whiskey..... do	8,119	7,874	9,867	10,044	11,639	10,254	9,886	8,244	7,653	7,472	3,915	4,217	4,997
Stocks, total, end of month..... do	495,003	463,731	470,141	473,720	482,650	489,436	492,840	495,992	498,067	497,528	496,908	496,012	495,163
Whiskey..... do	466,376	449,919	449,908	452,399	459,247	464,525	467,423	470,446	472,162	471,160	470,401	469,451	468,480
Rectified spirits, and wines, production..... thous. of proof gal.		5,238	5,519	5,032	2,550	2,423	3,545	2,959	3,122	3,311	2,983	2,772	3,504
DAIRY PRODUCTS													
Butter:													
Consumption, apparent †..... thous. of lb.	152,942	139,106	135,857	135,236	128,760	122,586	135,551	142,846	165,893	139,741	132,413	138,602	140,568
Price, wholesale 92-score (N. Y.)..... dol. per lb.	.26	.36	.38	.39	.34	.31	.30	.28	.26	.26	.26	.26	.26
Production, creamery (factory) †..... thous. of lb.	136,132	118,878	103,242	111,548	116,766	112,271	128,816	147,960	200,985	205,599	184,778	167,215	149,914
Receipts, 5 markets..... do	64,457	45,672	43,774	46,707	50,252	48,343	55,887	60,869	78,992	90,433	77,740	89,250	78,843
Stocks, cold storage, creamery, end of month..... thous. of lb.	193,751	98,624	66,191	42,953	31,211	21,033	14,387	19,574	54,594	120,351	172,622	201,252	210,703
Cheese:													
Consumption, apparent †..... do	69,233	63,602	51,755	47,460	54,343	53,154	65,351	67,870	75,756	72,251	64,174	57,838	67,835
Imports..... do	7,018	7,536	6,206	4,733	3,189	3,666	4,376	5,264	4,233	4,309	3,881	4,042	4,445
Price, wholesale, No. 1 Amer. (N. Y.)..... dol. per lb.	.15	.20	.20	.19	.18	.17	.16	.15	.15	.15	.14	.14	.13
Production, total (factory) †..... thous. of lb.	53,877	51,223	41,447	38,256	40,800	41,750	52,500	62,000	86,500	91,700	79,621	69,800	54,400
American whole milk †..... do	41,267	38,875	30,209	27,401	29,431	29,810	37,842	48,458	70,240	71,247	63,065	55,830	42,791
Receipts, 5 markets..... do	15,764	14,975	10,865	10,845	11,764	12,223	15,572	11,918	12,465	16,461	16,880	14,718	16,345
Stocks, cold storage, end of month..... do	132,296	112,687	108,497	103,935	93,497	85,656	77,042	76,289	91,160	114,788	134,351	150,248	140,755
American whole milk..... do	115,348	97,160	93,633	89,258	80,479	73,815	66,361	65,767	79,345	99,676	114,607	127,862	121,423

† Revised.

† Revised series. Butter and cheese consumption and butter and American cheese production revised beginning January 1937; data not shown above are as follows (in thousands of pounds): Butter consumption—January, 128,737; February, 127,845; March, 137,504; April, 132,760; May, 165,534; June, 138,140; July, 131,040; August, 136,177; September, 144,626. Cheese consumption—January, 52,860; February, 52,604; March, 59,814; April, 59,753; May, 75,271; June, 66,488; July, 61,304; August, 60,408; September, 64,044. Butter production—January, 107,957; February, 102,963; March, 121,074; April, 131,396; May, 181,700; June, 198,191; July, 171,687; August, 147,069; September, 128,266. American cheese production—January, 28,518; February, 27,765;

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	1938				1937				1938							
	October	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September			

FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO—Continued

DAIRY PRODUCTS—Continued																
Condensed and evaporated milk:																
Exports:																
Condensed (sweetened)	thous. of lb.	356	1,142	137	1,458	224	472	312	932	1,366	572	220	80	279		
Evaporated (unsweetened)	do	2,335	1,874	1,918	2,037	2,508	1,699	1,209	2,154	1,414	1,983	1,862	1,922	2,380		
Prices, wholesale (N. Y.):																
Condensed (sweetened)	dol. per case	5.00	4.85	4.97	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	
Evaporated (unsweetened)	do	2.90	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.21	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.90	2.90	2.90	
Production: [†]																
Condensed (sweetened):																
Bulk goods	thous. of lb.	14,684	13,723	11,508	14,903	12,353	11,463	17,916	19,769	36,147	23,662	77,129	14,752	14,178		
Case goods	do	3,050	4,421	3,470	4,396	3,812	3,358	4,212	4,974	4,753	3,197	3,289	3,238	3,210		
Evaporated (unsweetened)	do	122,885	124,126	92,322	104,012	125,682	130,077	169,247	206,214	279,741	276,652	224,681	188,507	146,679		
Stocks, manufacturers' end of month:																
Condensed (sweetened):																
Bulk goods	thous. of lb.	15,248	8,730	5,074	5,019	4,229	4,037	5,319	7,118	15,907	19,538	21,850	20,119	17,777		
Case goods	do	8,521	8,252	7,153	6,229	4,935	4,574	4,827	5,601	9,052	9,434	10,249	9,932	9,278		
Evaporated (unsweetened), case goods	thous. of lb.	344,316	244,766	218,372	181,686	156,894	132,663	123,801	151,669	261,703	350,790	392,641	419,142	398,287		
Fluid milk:																
Consumption in oleomargarine	do	6,247	7,497	7,037	7,268	7,350	6,949	7,605	6,063	5,500	5,292	4,787	5,483	6,216		
Production (Minneapolis and St. Paul)	thous. of lb.	24,442	25,284	31,277	36,505	36,412	42,771	42,062	45,610	40,746	34,641	29,659	-----			
Receipts:																
Boston (incl. cream)	thous. of qt.	16,584	17,052	16,272	14,484	14,566	16,483	15,796	16,090	15,988	16,579	17,727	12,291			
Greater New York (milk only)	do	125,287	119,563	119,178	113,379	109,203	121,241	115,020	119,365	121,643	120,412	128,952	115,943			
Powdered milk:																
Exports	thous. of lb.	751	571	322	517	371	1,295	788	668	820	1,058	1,306	1,036	786		
Production	do	24,084	22,869	19,200	25,629	23,224	23,933	30,503	36,089	43,808	41,955	35,562	27,350	26,871		
Stocks, mfrs., end of mo.	do	40,990	31,166	27,181	22,851	28,451	32,174	35,509	41,594	53,520	58,769	59,764	55,159	52,602		
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES																
Apples:																
Production (crop estimate)	thous. of bu.	130,328	16,737	8,450	210,673	6,150	6,180	5,490	3,931	2,059	877	938	1,120	5,664		
Shipments, carlot	no. of carloads	12,950	8,593	5,993	5,993	6,150	6,180	5,490	3,931	2,059	877	938	1,120	5,664		
Stocks, cold storage, end of month	thous. of bbl.	9,856	10,485	12,018	10,668	8,760	6,513	4,013	1,926	655	655	655	655	2,893		
Citrus fruits, carlot shipments	no. of carloads	12,780	8,524	11,637	17,262	16,426	17,029	19,008	19,278	18,586	14,223	11,385	10,221	9,768		
Onions, carlot shipments	do	2,973	3,685	2,192	2,005	2,766	2,062	2,052	2,797	3,968	1,626	1,158	1,371	3,211		
Potatoes, white:																
Price, wholesale (N. Y.)	dol. per 100 lb.	1,100	.969	1,105	1,181	1,225	1,294	1,475	1,494	1,515	1,619	1,144	.770	.931		
Production (crop estimate)	thous. of bu.	368,203	299,289	299,289	299,289	299,289	299,289	299,289	299,289	299,289	299,289	299,289	299,289	373,275		
Shipments, carlot	no. of carloads	14,890	21,025	14,912	20,647	20,245	23,870	21,061	22,940	23,452	14,503	9,105	14,279			
GRAINS AND GRAIN PRODUCTS																
Exports, principal grains, including flour and meal	thous. of bu.	12,545	14,835	14,249	16,219	25,774	28,441	21,331	31,219	43,357	24,752	30,022	28,323	15,749		
Barley:																
Exports, including malt	do	1,749	1,737	2,270	863	1,238	791	636	1,303	1,973	1,619	861	2,744	1,954		
Prices, wholesale, No. 2 (Mpls.):																
Straight	dol. per bu.	.50	.71	.71	.73	.80	.82	.76	.72	.68	.57	.48	.47	.53		
Malting	do	.51	.79	.78	.78	.84	.84	.80	.77	.78	.61	.54	.56	.56		
Production (crop estimate)	thous. of bu.	252,578	219,635	219,635	219,635	219,635	219,635	219,635	219,635	219,635	219,635	219,635	219,635	219,635		
Receipts, principal markets	do	10,522	9,435	9,678	6,363	8,209	6,409	5,814	4,263	4,617	2,978	2,900	16,817	12,335		
Stocks, commercial, domestic, end of mo.	thous. of bu.	18,924	13,368	13,111	11,733	11,759	11,524	9,819	7,512	5,247	5,771	7,884	15,096	17,025		
Corn:																
Exports, including meal	do	4,119	188	1,750	3,895	13,290	16,170	9,042	20,698	25,446	13,375	15,664	12,674	7,898		
Grindings	do	6,106	6,229	6,667	5,614	6,660	5,510	5,943	5,638	5,784	5,784	5,784	6,079	6,564		
Prices, wholesale:																
No. 3, yellow (Kansas City)	dol. per bu.	.44	.59	.54	.55	.58	.55	.54	.57	.55	.53	.55	(*)	(*)		
No. 3, white (Chicago)	do	.45	.62	.54	.56	.60	.58	.58	.59	.58	.57	.59	.55	.53		
Production (crop estimate)	mil. of bu.	2,481	2,481	2,481	2,481	2,481	2,481	2,481	2,481	2,481	2,481	2,481	2,481	2,481		
Receipts, principal markets	thous. of bu.	45,157	17,298	42,877	34,605	33,726	17,971	23,558	20,948	31,867	28,104	26,573	17,419	17,240		
Shipments, principal markets	do	18,994	7,293	17,801	16,656	21,362	11,760	12,921	24,367	38,706	27,987	27,617	18,081	9,942		
Stocks, commercial, domestic, end of mo.	thous. of bu.	23,081	5,175	22,621	36,164	41,092	39,000	43,227	40,704	25,916	23,674	15,004	10,489	9,899		
Oats:																
Exports, including oatmeal	do	650	2,825	1,031	1,510	548	378	480	1,130	2,100	462	616	1,349	256		
Price, wholesale, No. 3, white (Chicago)	dol. per bu.	.25	.32	.32	.32	.33	.33	.33	.32	.31	.29	.28	.26	.24	.27	
Production (crop estimate)	mil. of bu.	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042		
Receipts, principal markets	thous. of bu.	7,707	9,440	6,765	5,408	6,403	3,933	4,730	4,381	5,267	3,609	9,703	24,669	10,128		
Stocks, commercial, domestic, end of mo.	thous. of bu.	22,609	27,111	25,287	25,827	25,077	23,822	21,141	15,547	9,483	6,825	6,837	20,597	22,026		
Rice:																
Exports	pockets (100 lb.)	351,826	262,258	277,547	298,294	443,085	86,473	163,858	152,916	278,979	325,820	322,270	309,896	215,914		
Imports	do	39,355	83,915	80,991	56,558	52,627	26,987	56,394	60,756	64,407</td						

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	October		October		November		December		January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September	
	Unit	kilowatts	Value	thous. of dol.	Unit	Value	thous. of dol.	Unit	Value	thous. of dol.	Unit	Value	thous. of dol.	Unit	Value	thous. of dol.	Unit	Value	thous. of dol.	Unit	Value	thous. of dol.	Unit	Value	thous. of dol.	

METALS AND MANUFACTURES—Continued

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	1938												1938														
Furnaces, electric, industrial, sales:	October			October			November			December			January			February			March			April			May		
Unit	1,324	78	1,244	84	1,849	154	1,738	131	2,147	167	1,118	85	2,320	144	1,507	127	612	30	988	74	488	35	1,914	144	829	58	
Value																											
Electrical goods, new orders (quarterly)																											
Laminated products, shipments	182	306	182	306	182	306	182	306	182	306	182	306	182	306	182	306	182	306	182	306	182	306	182	306	182	306	
Motors (1-200 hp.):																											
Billings (shipments):																											
A. C.	3,320	do	2,229	do	2,802	do	1,824	do	1,722	do	2,041	do	1,864	do	1,704	do	1,778	do	1,750	do	1,738	do	1,742	do	1,742	do	
D. C.	810	do	713	do	847	do	532	do	474	do	483	do	458	do	438	do	476	do	496	do	458	do	458	do	458	do	
Orders, new:																											
A. C.	2,836	do	1,967	do	2,216	do	1,557	do	1,755	do	2,011	do	1,811	do	1,710	do	1,927	do	1,539	do	1,695	do	1,733	do	1,733	do	
D. C.	560	do	468	do	434	do	377	do	344	do	478	do	372	do	368	do	549	do	453	do	358	do	472	do	472	do	
Power cable, paper insulated, shipments:																											
Unit	587	thous. of ft.	1,010	573	521	301	501	781	560	497	528	515	660	763	655	657	765	765	118,938	121,481	121,481	120,784	120,784	120,784	120,784	120,784	
Value	555	thous. of dol.	1,376	749	496	391	515	756	629	630	765	765	660	763	657	657	764	764	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,272	
Power switching equipment, new orders:																											
Indoor	55,331	dollars	147,287	93,792	99,975	119,234	139,523	81,964	77,493	93,838	68,418	195,487	118,938	121,481	121,481	121,481	121,481	121,481	121,481	121,481	121,481	121,481	121,481	121,481	121,481	121,481	
Outdoor	128,450	do	215,357	395,411	228,940	154,848	158,552	141,620	274,115	261,799	213,144	221,862	190,306	190,306	190,306	190,306	190,306	190,306	190,306	190,306	190,306	190,306	190,306	190,306	190,306	190,306	
Ranges, billed sales																											
Refrigerators, household, sales	34,649	number	67,857	89,739	109,542	104,984	145,094	121,884	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796	104,796		
Vacuum cleaners, shipments:																											
Floor	95,684	do	101,376	88,974	91,059	96,615	77,867	102,954	84,926	74,238	68,975	55,022	73,309	73,309	73,309	73,309	73,309	73,309	73,309	73,309	73,309	73,309	73,309	73,309	73,309		
Hand-type	24,121	do	29,934	29,806	26,751	21,512	22,545	32,589	27,174	20,428	16,943	13,633	17,248	17,248	17,248	17,248	17,248	17,248	17,248	17,248	17,248	17,248	17,248	17,248	17,248		
Vulcanized fiber:																											
Consumption of fiber paper	1,495	thous. of lb.	2,243	1,804	1,462	1,235	1,282	1,486	1,470	1,328	1,152	1,073	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450		
Shipments	350	thous. of dol.	479	350	304	283	258	278	285	272	272	272	272	272	272	272	272	272	272	272	272	272	272	272	272		

PAPER AND PRINTING

WOOD PULP	1938												1938														
Consumption and shipments: •	October			October			November			December			January			February			March			April			May		
Total, all grades	509,495	short tons	439,141	387,110	412,487	416,683	464,306	428,268	431,461	428,283	450,540	503,181	495,097														
Chemical:																											
Sulphate	227,063	do	192,825	148,933	122,820	147,850	154,086	177,707	169,264	173,986	175,258	200,282	216,739	211,591													
Sulphite, total	151,056	do	161,437	146,135	127,866	126,156	133,299	140,243	129,487	126,089	125,313	125,749	144,320	146,614													
Bleached	91,575	do	101,781	94,481	82,375	79,765	86,301	88,074	81,148	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252	75,252		
Unbleached	59,481	do	59,656	51,654	45,491	46,391	46,998	52,169	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837	50,837		
Soda	32,897	do	28,674	28,674	25,492	29,479	28,388	33,985	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370	30,370		
Groundwood	115,461	do	122,336	115,399	110,932	109,002	100,910	112,371	99,147	103,961	101,082	98,964	111,505	105,774													
Imports:																											
Chemical:																											
Sulphate	231,804	do	194,717	151,299	122,827	148,572	157,765	175,908	167,113	177,140	176,254	200,930	217,004	212,664													
Sulphite, total	154,210	do	185,887	163,671	138,721	132,330	135,475	148,596	128,622	128,874	123,389	115,733	138,457	139,022													
Bleached	94,729	do	119,922	107,502	88,372	84,317	85,253																				

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	October	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS														
PORLTAND CEMENT														
Price, wholesale, composite.....	dol. per bbl.	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	1,667	
Production.....	thous. of bbl.	11,556	11,374	9,248	7,047	4,534	3,916	5,879	7,983	10,361	10,555	10,968	11,007	
Percent of capacity.....		52.9	52.0	43.7	32.2	20.7	19.8	26.9	37.7	47.4	49.8	50.2	49.9	
Shipments.....	thous. of bbl.	12,357	11,190	8,188	4,793	4,390	4,575	7,259	8,691	9,752	10,943	10,164	11,716	
Stocks, finished, end of month.....	do	20,574	21,565	22,634	24,939	25,023	24,361	22,979	22,262	22,875	22,467	23,286	22,534	
Stocks, clinker, end of month.....	do	4,931	5,859	6,104	6,342	6,589	6,732	6,623	6,497	6,326	6,218	6,089	5,902	
CLAY PRODUCTS														
Bathroom accessories:														
Production.....	thous. of pieces	1,119	849	960	692	511	651	802	577	710	788	778	1,063	
Shipments.....	do	1,130	829	917	657	516	607	787	709	668	784	751	1,015	
Stocks, end of month.....	do	193	(1)	(1)	(1)	267	290	268	252	250	240	243	200	
Common brick:														
Price, wholesale, composite, f. o. b. plant	dol. per thous.	11.925	12.113	12.113	12.044	12.072	12.074	12.047	12.050	12.007	11.927	11.972	11.902	
Shipments.....	thous. of brick	149,672	128,118	95,882	68,794	74,978	114,909	129,509	130,728	145,476	129,338	148,809	142,900	
Stocks, end of month.....	do	524,110	530,970	528,569	511,904	486,950	445,379	419,200	428,843	431,900	430,168	428,780	454,393	
Face brick:														
Shipments.....	do	45,971	36,982	24,869	20,547	23,327	38,801	45,902	49,155	50,069	46,512	51,915	47,682	
Stocks, end of month.....	do	296,834	300,462	304,731	299,019	298,041	288,644	281,651	277,009	271,477	271,488	267,844	267,966	
Vitrified paving brick:														
Shipments.....	do	12,255	6,185	2,882	2,537	2,087	3,811	5,243	7,900	9,079	11,418	10,778	8,046	
Stocks, end of month.....	do	60,866	60,974	59,273	56,964	56,433	55,484	55,170	54,274	56,849	55,689	55,423	54,396	
Hollow building tile:														
Shipments.....	short tons	68,954	54,557	39,937	34,000	35,631	59,035	61,312	62,296	64,631	55,489	62,186	58,991	
Stocks, end of month.....	do	369,610	373,283	380,917	355,544	355,270	345,214	332,721	333,979	344,368	350,782	349,271	314,870	
GLASS PRODUCTS														
Glass containers:														
Production.....	thous. of gross	3,866	4,417	3,735	3,235	3,125	2,995	3,637	3,647	3,837	3,583	3,506	4,031	
Percent of capacity.....		64.7	77.1	67.8	56.5	52.4	54.3	58.6	61.0	66.8	60.0	61.0	63.6	
Shipments.....	thous. of gross	3,954	3,932	3,211	2,684	3,016	2,893	3,616	3,645	3,902	3,858	3,847	4,178	
Stocks, end of month.....	do	7,493	8,261	8,696	9,192	9,279	9,318	9,265	9,215	9,088	8,750	8,354	8,149	
Illuminating glassware:														
Shipments, total.....	thous. of dol.	551	(1)	(1)	(1)	359	372	437	421	391	338	357	421	
Residential.....	do	285	(1)	(1)	(1)	119	151	185	165	160	167	154	200	
Commercial.....	do	153	(1)	(1)	(1)	142	133	147	142	129	115	130	141	
Miscellaneous.....	do	113	(1)	(1)	(1)	98	88	105	113	103	102	72	80	
Plate glass, polished, production.	thous. of sq. ft.	12,869	14,855	12,517	8,921	5,119	2,664	3,802	3,820	3,866	5,956	5,506	7,676	
Window glass:														
Production.....	thous. of boxes	641	1,186	1,095	954	706	537	528	341	360	344	330	431	
Percent of capacity.....		39.5	73.0	67.5	58.7	43.5	33.1	32.5	21.0	22.2	21.3	20.3	32.1	
GYPSUM AND PRODUCTS														
Crude:														
Imports.....	short tons				264,583			6,348			222,282		313,120	
Production.....	do				611,452			453,420			727,777		808,294	
Calcinced production.....	do				477,182			447,049			588,788		650,804	
Gypsum products sold or used:														
Uncalcined.....	do				176,476			108,304			212,716		229,711	
Calcined:														
Lath.....	thous. of sq. ft.				136,451			140,241			200,444		249,705	
Wallboard.....	do				81,668			94,261			100,704		89,216	
Keene's cement.....	short tons				3,319			7,352			5,503		7,128	
All building plasters.....	do				281,610			294,175			300,059		432,956	
For manufacturing uses.....	do				50,677			31,510			25,246		34,523	
Tile.....	thous. of sq. ft.				3,063			4,434			5,704		4,991	

TEXTILE PRODUCTS

CLOTHING														
Hosiery:														
Production.....	thous. of dozen pairs													
Shipments.....	do													
Stocks, end of month.....	do													
COTTON														
Consumption.....	bales	542,778	524,188	482,976	432,328	433,258	426,866	512,626	413,169	426,149	443,043	448,453	561,406	534,037
Exports (excluding linters).....	thous. of bales	465	799	797	751	647	399	426	377	193	176	196	201	389
Imports (excluding linters).....	do	11	9	9	9	6	19	14	19	20	15	25	18	11
Prices:														
Received by farmers.....	dol. per lb.	.085	.081	.077	.076	.079	.081	.084	.084	.084	.080	.084	.081	.082
Wholesale, middling (New York).....	do	.086	.084	.080	.083	.086	.089	.088	.088	.088	.084	.089	.084	.081
Production:														
Ginnings, (running bales).....	thous. of bales	10,125	13,160	16,176	16,803	17,644			18,252					158
Crop estimate, equivalent 500-lb. bales.....	do	12,137			18,945									1,332
Receipts into sight.....	do	2,953	3,489	2,538	1,501	1,005	726	670	497	255	213	211	674	2,500
Stocks, end of month:														
Domestic total.....	do	16,820	11,189	13,207	13,606	13,574	13,282	12,710	12,187	11,633	11,138	10,908	10,878	14,121
Mills.....	do	1,507	1,419	1,654	1,715	1,759	1,808	1,768	1,700	1,581	1,412	1,263	1,053	1,107
Warehouses.....	do	15,313	9,770	11,553	11,891	11,815	11,475	10,942	10,487	10,052	9,726	9,646	9,826	13,013
World visible supply, total.....	do	9,802	8,029	8,769	9,066	9,210	9,220	9,025	8,796	8,490	8,142	7,893	7,643	8,726
American cotton.....	do	7,750	6,467	7,225	7,441	7,450	7,271	6,881	6,508	6,071	5,772	5,491	5,479	6,686

• Revised.

¹ Not available prior to January 1938.

- Total ginnings to end of month indicated.

^a Total crop.

¹ Nov. 1 estimate.

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	1938				1937				1938								
	October	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September				

TEXTILE PRODUCTS—Continued

COTTON MANUFACTURES																	
Cotton cloth:																	
Exports.....thous. of sq. yd.	26,781	25,805	24,116	21,713	24,252	23,882	33,613	27,793	24,713	20,444	20,097	21,154	24,493				
Imports.....do.....	5,818	5,903	5,363	5,130	5,108	4,667	4,700	3,923	4,092	4,503	4,301	5,089	4,981				
Prices, wholesale:																	
Print cloth, 64 x 60.....dol. per yd.	.045	.049	.047	.045	.047	.048	.047	.046	.045	.043	.047	.044	.043				
Sheeting, brown, 4 x 4.....do.....	.051	.061	.058	.055	.055	.055	.055	.054	.053	.051	.055	.054	.053				
Finished cotton cloth:																	
Production:																	
Bleached, plain.....thous. of yd.	110,609	109,200	111,952	111,876	116,995	127,643	113,340	109,748	102,327	110,568	130,498	128,642					
Dyed, colors.....do.....	79,620	62,216	59,924	60,223	75,223	89,182	86,273	79,044	68,513	74,656	88,362	87,615					
Dyed, black.....do.....	6,674	4,861	4,590	3,300	3,895	4,183	4,047	3,833	3,434	5,022	6,741	5,877					
Printed.....do.....	97,757	83,195	92,811	87,154	91,892	101,594	92,795	82,876	78,538	80,588	86,417	89,396					
Spindle activity:																	
Active spindles.....thousands.....	22,114	23,715	22,778	22,337	22,325	22,347	22,291	21,773	21,342	21,142	21,915	22,153	22,189				
Active spindle hrs., total.....mil. of hrs.	7,118	6,929	6,483	5,730	5,681	5,587	6,508	5,264	5,459	5,668	5,925	7,375	6,613				
Average per spindle in place.....hours.....	273	259	243	215	213	210	245	198	206	214	225	280	252				
Operations.....pet. of capacity.....	81.9	77.7	69.8	58.3	63.5	66.6	66.6	59.5	59.4	60.8	70.2	76.2	76.1				
Cotton yarn:																	
Prices, wholesale:																	
22/l, cones (Boston).....dol. per lb.	.230	.245	.239	.235	.235	.235	.234	.230	.225	.219	.230	.223	.223				
40/s, southern, spinning.....do.....	.337	.383	.369	.369	.369	.369	.369	.369	.369	.348	.338	.335	.335				
RAYON AND SILK																	
Rayon:																	
Deliveries, unadjusted.....1923-25=100.....	677	368	253	240	372	477	455	445	445	473	841	877	874				
Imports.....thous. of lb.....	3,147	1,323	228	581	492	697	1,088	1,825	1,435	1,633	2,074	4,409	3,145				
Price, wholesale, 150 denier, first quality (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.....	.51	.63	.63	.63	.60	.54	.54	.54	.52	.49	.49	.51	.51				
Stocks, producers, end of mo. no. of months' supply.....	1.8	1.1	1.9	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.1	2.3	1.8				
Silk:																	
Deliveries (consumption).....bales.....	35,631	36,002	31,749	21,982	30,715	30,260	34,884	33,381	28,687	31,492	32,503	38,504	38,844				
Imports, raw.....thous. of lb.....	5,417	5,054	5,865	3,781	4,003	3,359	4,182	4,833	3,433	5,271	4,073	4,975	5,524				
Price, wholesale, raw, Japanese, 13-15 (N. Y.).....dol. per lb.....	1,854	1,721	1,648	1,575	1,565	1,592	1,634	1,619	1,600	1,609	1,811	1,737	1,806				
WOOL																	
Imports (unmanufactured).....thous. of lb.....	15,373	14,213	10,147	6,045	4,781	3,675	3,621	3,660	4,029	5,847	7,104	9,727	12,281				
Consumption (scoured basis): [†]																	
Apparel class.....do.....	24,619	16,095	10,604	10,425	12,709	12,090	10,412	12,623	12,944	15,467	22,746	23,136	19,619				
Carpet class.....do.....	8,660	4,926	2,730	2,857	3,672	3,982	4,328	3,329	3,036	3,313	4,996	6,025	6,386				
Operations, machinery activity (weekly average):																	
Looms:																	
Woolen and worsted:																	
Broad.....thous. of active hours.....	1,335	1,213	992	1,137	1,173	1,224	945	693	876	1,099	1,174	1,499	1,339				
Narrow.....do.....	86	102	79	73	81	80	79	52	64	54	58	80	77				
Carpet and rug.....do.....	167	154	105	111	100	122	128	123	94	95	106	143	164				
Spinning spindles:																	
Woolen.....do.....	66,840	59,989	41,473	44,708	47,313	56,245	41,824	33,211	39,901	48,020	57,438	74,710	66,022				
Worsted.....do.....	70,205	50,866	41,986	48,146	49,299	40,012	29,703	33,505	45,718	55,134	55,603	69,644	62,851				
Worsted combs.....do.....	120	79	63	68	69	67	56	64	84	101	119	145	117				
Prices, wholesale:																	
Raw, territory, fine, scoured.....dol. per lb.....	.71	.90	.83	.81	.79	.70	.68	.69	.68	.65	.69	.71	.70				
Raw, Ohio and Penn. fleeces.....do.....	.31	.38	.35	.32	.31	.27	.26	.26	.26	.26	.29	.30	.29				
Suiting, unfinished worsted, 13 oz. (at factory).....dol. per yd.....	1,535	1,980	1,832	1,832	1,832	1,772	1,535	1,535	1,535	1,535	1,535	1,535	1,535				
Women's dress goods, French serge, 54" (at mill).....dol. per yd.....	1,040	1,213	1,168	1,139	1,139	1,139	1,139	1,114	1,040	1,040	1,040	1,040	1,040				
Worsted yarn, 32's, crossbred stock (Boston).....dol. per lb.....	1.06	1.34	1.18	1.10	1.08	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05				
Receipts at Boston, total.....thous. of lb.....	22,222	8,753	8,911	4,919	6,338	6,529	6,798	14,821	40,900	44,989	65,322	44,506	16,047				
Domestic.....do.....	18,487	5,758	6,925	4,201	5,763	5,504	6,159	14,050	40,198	44,181	64,582	42,069	10,021				
Foreign.....do.....	3,735	2,995	1,986	575	1,025	639	730	702	808	740	2,437	6,026					
Stocks, scoured basis, end of quarter, total.....thous. of lb.....					118,115			109,487			130,260		147,279				
Woolen wools, total.....do.....					47,800			48,064			46,500		48,045				
Domestic.....do.....					38,015			38,823			37,830		40,032				
Foreign.....do.....					9,875			9,241			8,679		8,013				
Worsted wools, total.....do.....					70,225			61,423			92,751		99,234				
Domestic.....do.....					54,567			46,825			79,520		84,296				
Foreign.....do.....					15,658			14,598			13,231		14,038				
MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS																	
Buttons, fresh-water pearl:																	
Production.....pet. of capacity.....	37.8	37.9	38.1	26.7	23.9	27.2	27.3	28.4	24.7	27.0	22.4	32.2	41.3				
Stocks, end of month.....thous. of gross.....	7,155	7,193	7,385	7,297	7,308	7,287	7,226	7,216	7,123	7,073	6,840	6,910	7,697				
Fur, sales by dealers.....thous. of dol.....	2,404	1,750	1,249	1,458	2,879	2,822	2,674	2,089	2,316	3,314	4,839	4,631	1,465				
Poxylin-coated textiles (artificial leather):																	
Orders, unfilled, end of mo. thous. linear yd.....	1,885	2,584	1,731	1,541	1,925	1,964	1,864	1,577	1,554	1,702	1,819	1,853	2,167				
Poxylin spread.....thous. of lb.....	4,903	4,945	3,762	3,396	3,532	4,111	4,804	4,301	4,116	3,322	3,862	4,815	4,057				
Shipments, billed.....thous. linear yd.....	4,483	4,617	3,609	3,171	3,253	4,016	4,664	4,237	4,072	3,435	3,757	4,357	4,337				

* Revised.

[†] Data on cotton spindle operations have been recomputed beginning 1921 on the basis of a 2-shift week; figures not given on p. 54 of the October 1938 Survey will be shown when available. Minor revisions have been made in other data on cotton spindle activity beginning July 1936; figures not shown on p. 54 of the October 1938 issue will be presented in a subsequent issue.

[‡] Data for October 1937, January, April, July, and October 1938 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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

TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT

AIRPLANES													
Production, total.....number		327	248	300	299	234	309	411	388	325	306	310	291
Commercial (licensed).....do.		169	56	95	153	67	120	190	182	133	149	176	143
Military (deliveries).....do.		97	116	149	116	99	128	149	103	99	85	81	84
For export.....do.		61	76	56	30	68	61	72	103	93	72	53	64
AUTOMOBILES													
Exports:													
Canada:													
Assembled, total.....number		2,946	4,055	3,040	3,551	4,884	7,282	7,609	4,095	5,253	5,795	4,760	3,460
Passenger cars.....do.		1,753	2,358	2,878	2,066	2,733	4,875	5,416	3,014	3,588	4,433	3,376	2,399
United States:													
Assembled, total.....do.		17,024	25,679	36,109	50,340	39,417	29,586	30,492	25,680	19,579	16,605	16,443	11,142
Passenger cars.....do.		10,930	17,348	24,644	27,590	21,800	17,305	16,809	15,757	12,127	9,564	9,222	5,347
Trucks.....do.		6,094	8,331	11,465	22,750	17,617	12,281	13,683	9,923	7,452	7,041	7,221	5,795
Financing:													
Retail purchasers, total.....thous. of dol.		103,434	98,001	85,558	64,320	65,214	90,673	88,177	88,906	86,930	77,039	80,847	62,561
New cars.....do.		62,185	58,864	49,498	32,848	32,913	45,251	47,520	46,617	44,388	39,160	40,347	29,174
Used cars.....do.		40,712	38,652	35,629	31,026	31,895	44,874	40,060	41,699	42,014	37,386	39,927	32,948
Unclassified.....do.		536	486	431	447	405	548	597	590	528	493	572	439
Wholesale (mftrs. to dealers).....do.		130,094	157,058	135,155	78,115	70,384	87,726	92,661	82,781	71,323	58,951	40,037	26,769
Fire-extinguishing equipment, shipments:													
Motor-vehicle apparatus.....number		62	76	70	78	53	51	67	76	73	70	77	54
Hand-type.....do.		30,816	36,931	31,219	28,424	27,929	30,208	33,259	29,532	30,077	30,991	29,122	32,321
Production:													
Automobiles:													
Canada, total.....do.		5,774	8,103	16,574	21,115	17,624	16,066	16,802	18,819	18,115	14,732	9,007	6,452
Passenger cars.....do.		5,412	7,378	13,793	14,799	13,385	11,753	12,276	14,033	13,641	11,014	5,273	3,063
United States (factory sales), total.....do.		209,522	329,876	360,055	326,234	209,506	186,523	221,796	219,314	192,068	174,667	141,437	90,484
Passenger cars.....do.		187,494	298,662	295,328	244,385	155,505	139,380	174,065	176,078	154,958	136,531	106,841	58,624
Trucks.....do.		22,028	31,214	64,727	81,849	54,001	47,143	47,731	43,236	37,110	38,136	34,596	31,860
Automobile rims.....thous. of rims		1,312	1,890	1,818	1,121	528	478	854	971	706	527	410	468
Registrations:													
New passenger cars.....number		202,898	196,469	179,621	145,766	120,361	181,222	192,243	178,060	156,393	148,900	127,955	93,269
New commercial cars.....do.		40,246	27,248	31,409	31,995	27,551	37,264	35,682	32,937	30,649	33,476	34,281	26,570
Sales (General Motors Corporation):													
To consumers in U. S. ....do.		68,896	107,216	117,387	89,682	63,069	62,831	100,022	103,534	92,593	76,071	78,758	64,925
To dealers, total.....do.		123,835	166,939	195,136	160,444	94,267	94,449	109,555	109,659	104,115	101,908	90,030	55,431
To U. S. dealers.....do.		92,800	136,370	153,184	108,232	56,938	63,771	76,142	78,525	71,676	72,566	61,826	34,752
Accessories and parts, shipments:													
Combined index.....Jan. 1925=100		133	160	156	119	96	88	103	101	89	84	75	79
Original equipment to vehicle manufacturers.....Jan. 1925=100		129	176	174	114	93	83	97	94	82	74	60	58
Accessories to wholesalers.....do.		133	147	136	126	96	99	118	116	102	99	100	104
Service parts to wholesalers.....do.		167	154	121	98	102	107	117	119	108	119	125	143
Service equipment to wholesalers.....do.		98	130	110	81	94	92	108	112	101	90	89	91
RAILWAY EQUIPMENT													
(Association of American Railroads)													
Freight cars owned and on order, end of mo.:													
Owned:													
Capacity.....mil. of lb.	(1)	170,791	171,085	170,809	170,876	170,010	169,780	169,538	(1)	168,994	(1)	(1)	(1)
Number.....thousands	1,690	1,732	1,735	1,731	1,731	1,720	1,717	1,714	1,711	1,708	1,705	1,701	1,691
Undergoing or awaiting classified repairs.....thousands		235	186	185	184	197	200	202	211	226	229	241	238
Percent of total on line.....	14.1	10.9	10.9	10.8	11.6	11.9	11.9	12.5	13.4	13.6	14.3	14.2	13.8
Orders, unfilled.....cars	(1)	18,231	12,511	7,904	6,547	5,558	5,825	4,867	4,484	5,071	10,234	8,892	7,450
Equipment manufacturers.....do.		9,725	5,463	2,896	1,929	1,632	2,052	1,746	(1)	1,541	(1)	(1)	(1)
In railroad shops.....do.	(1)	8,506	7,048	5,008	4,618	3,926	3,773	3,121	(1)	3,530	(1)	(1)	(1)
Locomotives owned and on order, end of mo.:													
Owned:													
Traction effort.....mil. of lb.	(1)	2,150	2,160	2,163	2,158	2,155	2,156	2,156	(1)	2,154	(1)	(1)	(1)
Number.....(1)	43,488	43,482	43,446	43,347	43,228	43,210	43,185	(1)	43,119	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Undergoing or awaiting classified repairs.....number	8,155	6,291	6,214	6,316	6,672	6,911	7,162	7,443	7,719	7,875	7,984	8,108	8,075
Percent of total on line.....	19.1	14.5	14.3	14.5	15.4	16.0	16.6	17.2	17.9	18.3	18.6	18.9	18.9
Orders, unfilled.....number	7	181	156	131	116	101	84	61	56	37	26	14	14
Equipment manufacturers.....do.	(1)	157	130	108	91	83	69	48	(1)	26	(1)	(1)	(1)
In railroad shops.....do.	(1)	24	26	23	19	18	15	13	(1)	1	(1)	(1)	(1)
(U. S. Bureau of the Census)													
Locomotives:													
Orders, unfilled, end of mo., total.....number		82	255	224	166	156	159	119	95	83	88	64	51
Domestic, total.....do.		73	214	190	155	156	109	86	74	81	56	52	50
Electric.....do.		62	54	63	47	47	56	35	35	36	55	38	34
Steam.....do.		11	160	127	108	106	100	74	51	38	26	18	16
Shipments, domestic, total.....do.		10	61	46	33	25	16	48	30	21	19	27	3
Electric.....do.		4	15	13	13	11	5	22	7	8	7	19	8
Steam.....do.		6	46	33	20	14	11	26	23	13	12	8	5
Industrial electric (quarterly):													
Shipments, total.....do.					112			67			75		60
For mining use.....do.					105			62			73		59
(American Railway Car Institute)													
Shipments:													
Freight cars, total.....number	1,662	6,434	5,638	2,849	901	108	388	260	194	362	357	423	2,336
Domestic.....do.	1,655	6,434	5,350	2,305	795	108	388	10	188	354	357	400	2,308
Passenger cars, total.....do.	3	39	19	36	30	23	11	0	10	1	6	22	19
Domestic.....do.	3	39	19	36	30	23	11	0	10	1	6	22	19

† Semiannually only, subsequent to April 1938.

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TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT—Continued																	
RAILWAY EQUIPMENT—Continued																	
(U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)																	
Exports of locomotives, total.....number.....	23	23	16	18	42	16	22	20	12	22	14	15	6				
Electric.....do.....	22	12	15	13	12	11	20	19	10	12	13	7	4				
Steam.....do.....	1	11	1	5	30	5	2	1	2	10	1	8	2				
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC TRUCKS AND TRACTORS																	
Shipments, total.....number.....	42	180	138	161	110	96	115	71	78	39	41	69	60				
Domestic.....do.....	33	163	129	138	89	79	74	57	63	30	40	58	51				
Exports.....do.....	9	17	9	23	21	17	41	14	15	9	1	11	9				
SHIPBUILDING																	
United States:																	
Vessels under construction, all types																	
thous. gross tons.....	294	263	216	368	368	384	369	423	462	440	465	466					
Steam and motor.....do.....	250	218	173	319	316	320	310	379	420	397	423	404					
Unrigged.....do.....	45	45	43	48	52	63	59	44	43	43	43	62					
Vessels launched, all types.....gross tons.....	43,546	43,503	41,305	25,214	11,190	10,357	17,015	22,232	23,016	30,817	846	22,218					
Powered:																	
Steam.....do.....	39,302	37,338	19,348	23,235	3,000	7,654	10,972	19,050	17,696	15,539	0	12,000					
Motor.....do.....	350	3,900	11,146	0	500	0	113	700	2,642	12,412	316	8,750					
Unrigged.....do.....	3,894	2,136	10,811	1,979	7,690	2,703	5,930	2,482	2,678	2,866	530	1,468					
Steel.....do.....	43,546	43,503	40,355	25,214	11,190	10,357	16,902	22,232	11,885	30,605	846	22,218					
World (quarterly):																	
Launched:																	
Number.....ships.....					269												254
Tonnage.....thous. gross tons.....					774												807
Under construction:																	
Number.....ships.....					763												685
Tonnage.....thous. gross tons.....					2,900												2,712
CANADIAN STATISTICS																	
Physical volume of business:																	
Combined index.....1926=100.....	118.6	127.4	127.9	121.4	111.8	106.7	108.8	112.4	110.7	108.4	109.1	110.5	119.2				
Industrial production:																	
Combined index.....do.....	121.1	132.6	133.5	125.2	113.5	107.4	110.2	114.2	112.5	109.3	109.8	110.3	120.7				
Construction.....do.....	62.5	53.7	47.9	63.7	48.5	36.5	53.4	57.4	49.4	50.2	51.4	53.2	53.3				
Electric power.....do.....	220.9	224.3	230.2	231.8	219.7	215.9	222.5	212.6	210.2	209.8	212.3	217.9	223.6				
Manufacturing.....do.....	113.2	133.6	132.4	120.5	108.6	101.3	101.8	103.2	104.7	103.5	101.3	100.9	114.2				
Forestry.....do.....	107.1	133.8	127.5	135.1	109.7	111.3	103.2	100.4	91.9	96.7	101.4	102.2	110.2				
Mining.....do.....	201.4	186.9	207.9	183.8	179.1	188.8	195.7	212.7	199.4	176.6	192.1	198.6	202.1				
Distribution:																	
Combined index.....do.....	111.5	112.3	111.8	110.5	106.7	104.5	104.7	107.2	105.5	105.7	107.0	109.5	114.9				
Carloadings.....do.....	76.0	77.0	79.5	84.4	77.2	75.0	75.0	71.4	71.8	68.7	71.5	76.3	81.0				
Exports (volume).....do.....	132.0	96.7	102.7	81.9	91.8	80.4	80.3	97.8	86.4	100.1	104.3	127.1	162.6				
Imports (volume).....do.....	89.1	110.8	108.4	90.3	84.8	79.6	79.1	88.2	81.7	79.8	79.8	82.6	84.4				
Trade employment.....do.....	137.7	135.1	132.4	134.1	130.6	130.4	130.9	133.3	132.8	133.4	133.7	131.9	134.0				
Agricultural marketings:																	
Combined index.....do.....	145.6	55.3	57.2	35.5	37.6	25.7	29.7	33.3	41.1	20.6	40.3	89.2	123.9				
Grain.....do.....	162.7	54.8	49.3	26.2	29.8	14.0	17.4	31.0	34.1	8.2	29.7	91.9	135.1				
Livestock.....do.....	69.0	93.0	92.6	77.1	72.7	77.8	84.5	70.7	72.5	75.9	87.3	77.0	74.0				
Commodity prices:																	
Cost of living.....do.....	83.8	84.2	84.2	84.3	84.0	83.9	84.2	84.2	84.1	84.0	84.1	84.8	84.0				
Wholesale prices.....do.....	74.1	83.8	83.1	82.7	83.8	83.6	83.1	82.3	80.3	80.1	78.6	76.0	74.5				
Employment (first of month):																	
Combined index.....do.....	116.7	125.7	125.2	121.6	113.4	110.4	107.8	105.0	107.4	111.9	113.5	112.1	115.1				
Construction and maintenance.....do.....	143.5	144.3	131.7	104.2	81.9	71.6	71.4	71.6	88.2	114.5	124.9	128.0	133.8				
Manufacturing.....do.....	112.5	121.7	119.0	116.3	108.6	110.3	110.5	110.8	110.6	112.3	111.8	110.0	113.8				
Mining.....do.....	160.8	163.9	161.1	162.3	155.2	154.3	153.9	151.3	149.7	153.3	154.5	153.6	157.4				
Service.....do.....	136.1	135.4	131.0	130.6	132.5	128.4	127.1	129.8	131.9	135.3	146.1	143.5	146.7				
Trade.....do.....	134.5	133.4	137.0	139.6	141.7	127.9	126.0	127.1	131.3	131.5	133.3	132.1	131.0				
Transportation.....do.....	90.1	90.4	87.2	84.1	82.0	79.6	79.0	78.5	83.9	84.9	86.3	86.9	88.7				
Finance:																	
Banking:																	
Bank debits.....mil. of dol.....	2,933	2,906	2,926	3,081	2,445	2,176	2,371	2,401	2,462	2,731	2,466	2,371	2,655				
Commercial failures*.....number.....	92	64	89	74	77	99	101	47	93	92	72	102	81				
Life insurance sales, new paid for ordinary																	
thous. of dol.....	31,854	33,762	38,312	36,908	30,606	31,204	32,796	29,981	30,342	35,120	30,126	27,996	27,442				
Security issues and prices:																	
New bond issues, total.....do.....	109,058	51,861	196,694	84,429	152,990	73,512	58,128	65,642	210,457	65,876	100,166	51,403	50,822				
Bond yields.....1926=100.....	63.2	69.7	68.8	67.4	66.3	65.4	64.7	63.7	61.7	61.8	62.7	65.3					
Common stock prices.....do.....	109.7	105.8	103.1	107.7	107.1	99.2	97.9	99.7	100.0	106.9	105.2	98.6					
Foreign trade:																	
Exports, total.....thous. of dol.....	102,719	103,684	107,818	78,486	72,234	60,981	75,112	56,253	72,791	78,308	78,720	86,538	108,542				
Wheat.....thous. of bu.....	24,579	10,055	14,542	6,636	7,194	2,839	3,487	1,618	3,371	7,275	7,248	6,266	12,615				
Wheat flour.....thous. of bbl.....	529	336	406	338	296	272	302	185	297	300	283	286	320				
Imports.....do.....	63,909	82,113	80,641	53,125	49,720	46,952	65,056	48,895	67,123	58,947	55,823	57,026	56,412				
Railways:																	
Carloading.....thous. of cars.....	257	260	235	204	187	180	200	185	190	187	183	213	250				
Financial results:																	
Operating revenues.....thous. of dol.....	34,781	30,585	28,969	24,362	23,316	25,925	25,192	25,445	24,577	25,773	28,439						
Operating expenses.....do.....	26,063	24,059	23,514	24,211	23,442	25,165	24,112	24,186	23,816	24,515	26,103						
Operating income.....do.....	7,577	5,390	4,007	^d 1,019	^d 1,305	^d 374	^d 136	^d 96	^d 12	^d							

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LEATHER AND PRODUCTS—HIDES AND SKINS										
YEAR AND MONTH	IMPORTS ¹					LIVESTOCK (INSPECTED SLAUGHTERED)				WHOLESALE PRICES ¹
	Total hides and skins	Calf and kid skins	Cattle hides	Goat skins	Sheep and lamb skins	Cattle	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep and lambs	
	Thousands of pounds					Thousands of animals				Dollars per pound
1913 monthly average.....	41,490	6,372	18,629	7,473	5,684	159	562	2,850	1,290	0.164
1914 monthly average.....	46,255	5,576	25,657	6,321	5,495	141	573	2,711	1,196	0.166
1915 monthly average.....	47,451	5,563	24,553	6,321	5,497	140	575	2,715	1,193	0.167
1916 monthly average.....	60,236	5,221	33,083	8,659	8,461	197	693	3,560	995	0.252
1917 monthly average.....	52,859	5,165	50,860	7,402	6,959	262	863	2,875	779	0.327
1918 monthly average.....	50,396	5,165	51,251	7,402	6,959	255	866	2,875	779	0.327
1919 monthly average.....	62,670	5,385	33,940	11,138	7,056	331	841	3,454	1,058	0.393
1920 monthly average.....	42,320	2,928	22,914	6,694	6,806	328	717	3,169	915	0.112
1921 monthly average.....	29,064	1,395	15,616	3,821	3,821	317	634	3,249	1,094	0.139
1922 monthly average.....	45,051	4,627	27,040	6,745	5,381	318	723	3,743	911	0.180
1923 monthly average.....	42,261	4,271	21,241	5,111	5,111	315	745	3,491	901	0.173
1924 monthly average.....	29,713	3,426	15,468	4,353	4,357	411	739	4,195	999	0.147
1925 monthly average.....	30,233	2,901	13,399	6,619	5,153	476	821	3,267	1,000	0.160
1926 monthly average.....	30,715	3,767	12,535	4,928	4,928	429	848	3,387	1,050	0.140
1927 monthly average.....	37,293	3,673	19,769	6,775	4,779	406	793	3,676	1,074	0.195
1928 monthly average.....	42,422	3,673	20,115	6,775	5,245	437	795	3,676	1,074	0.208
1929 monthly average.....	42,672	4,679	22,132	8,312	5,437	374	694	4,037	1,169	0.171
1930 monthly average.....	33,320	3,071	15,578	7,794	6,524	534	721	3,079	1,242	0.096
1931 monthly average.....	31,211	3,256	17,253	5,184	5,184	343	626	3,256	1,391	0.175
1932 monthly average.....	25,533	2,756	14,594	4,639	4,285	374	635	3,770	1,452	0.091
1933 monthly average.....	28,522	3,725	11,667	6,172	4,295	409	721	3,925	1,416	0.097
1934										
January.....	18,662	2,810	5,807	6,146	2,494	421	531	5,301	1,407	0.101
February.....	17,784	4,537	5,837	5,315	5,315	437	537	5,426	1,198	0.163
March.....	20,709	1,853	6,388	5,457	5,457	534	721	3,079	1,242	0.118
April.....	22,625	1,221	7,265	9,119	3,124	241	749	3,419	1,164	0.108
May.....	21,225	1,277	5,581	4,457	4,457	447	645	4,195	1,164	0.114
June.....	22,181	1,914	9,577	4,818	3,539	602	953	3,763	1,239	0.098
July.....	19,011	1,968	8,268	5,007	2,030	774	1,169	3,204	1,294	0.098
August.....	13,157	4,572	4,572	4,572	2,671	690	1,613	2,641	1,527	0.081
September.....	10,579	2,408	3,905	2,408	2,408	814	1,562	3,079	1,242	0.096
October.....	10,016	1,119	2,148	2,148	2,148	219	383	2,148	1,164	0.129
November.....	11,058	659	3,214	3,214	3,214	522	1,163	3,214	1,164	0.114
December.....	12,635	1,131	5,303	2,856	2,856	494	721	3,204	1,452	0.094
Monthly average.....	16,751	1,481	5,413	5,406	3,946	621	721	3,925	1,416	0.097
1935										
January.....	16,879	1,299	5,610	5,752	2,549					
February.....	18,498	1,361	7,402	5,563	2,275					
March.....	24,606	1,429	11,881	6,481	3,410					
April.....	27,775	1,114	10,315	6,181	2,171					
May.....	26,935	1,510	12,273	6,012	4,157					
June.....	25,107	2,942	10,203	7,277	3,571					
July.....	33,242	2,161	16,394	8,211						
August.....	28,337	1,631	11,507	7,950						
September.....	26,402	2,053	12,725	6,561						
October.....	27,785	2,239	12,610	5,574						
November.....	25,373	1,960	11,631	6,279						
December.....	27,152	2,291	11,153	6,279						
Monthly average.....	25,380	1,894	11,298							
1936										
January.....	26,294	2,396	12,725	6,561						
February.....	26,036	2,053	12,725	6,561						
March.....	28,935	1,354	12,725	6,561						
April.....	24,116	1,215	12,725	6,561						
May.....	23,751	1,215	12,725	6,561						
June.....	27,690	1,434	12,725	6,561						
July.....	28,314	2,016	12,725	6,561						
August.....	23,013	1,058	12,725	6,561						
September.....	22,442	1,967	12,725	6,561						
October.....	22,442	1,967	12,725	6,561						
November.....	23,583	1,421	12,725	6,561						
December.....	29,722	2,393	12,725	6,561						
Monthly average.....	25,574	1,707	12,725	6,561						
1937										
January.....	23,303	1,575	12,725	6,561						
February.....	27,500	1,725	12,725	6,561						
March.....	27,500	1,725	12,725	6,561						
April.....	31,628	1,600	12,725	6,561						
May.....	28,750	2,523	12,725	6,561						
June.....	29,833	1,196	12,725	6,561						
July.....	27,898	1,540	12,725	6,561						
August.....	27,051	1,522	12,725	6,561						
September.....	22,047	1,363	12,725	6,561						
October.....	21,311	1,489	12,725	6,561						
November.....	20,521	1,207	12,725	6,561						
December.....	16,138	1,015	12,725	6,561						
Monthly average.....	23,994	1,557	12,725	6,561						

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