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This report contains monthly data on the value of manufacturers' inventories and shipments. The breakdown of material presented is as follows:

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Estimated dollar values of inventory held in all manufacturing industries by months for the period January 1949 to October 1951 . Values for total inventory subdivided into raw materials, goods in process, and finished products up to September 1951 are included. Similar tables are shown for four major groupings, in which all industries have been classified according to the economic use made of their products, into consumers' goods industries, producers goods industries, capital goods industries, and construction goods industries. October values are preliminary.
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and finished products, for total of reporting firms
in individual industries. The base for these indexes is also the average 1947 values reported in each case. Data for individual industries include indexes for the current month (preliminary) the previous month, and the same month a year ago.
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Material in Table II was slightly revised with the June, 1951 report, due to the availability of final data from the 1949 Annual Inventory Survey. Actual values of manufacturers' inventories, by industries, for December, 1949 and December, 1950 were published in the June, 1951 report.

## TREND SUN.MARY

Preliminary reports indicate the following trends in manufacturers' inventories and shipments at the end of October:

Estimates of total inventory value stood at $\$ 3.549 .7$ million an increase of approximately 1 per cent from the revised September value, and 36 per cent above October, 1950. Inventories in the Consumers and Producers' Goods industries rose' slighlty during the month, while in the Capital Goods industries there was an increase of almost 5 per cent and in the Construction Goods industries a decrease of almost 6 ner cent. Shipments values in total increased 7 per cent during October and were 8 per cent above last years' level for the month; the cumulative total for the first 10 months of 1951 was 22 per cent above the total for the same period in 1950. The largest percentage increase in shipments during the month came from the Capital Goods industries where there was a 17 per cent rise; Consumers' and Producers Goods industries also rose substantially, with the Consumers Non- Durable group increasing by 11 per cent; Construction Goods industries showed a seasonal decline

Inventory values over the past year have shown a greater percentage increase than have shipments values, resulting in a higher inventory-shipments ratio (number of current months shipments held in inventory) for the past few months than for the 1950 average. The all-industry indexes shown in Table 2 indicate, however, that during 1950 shipments values rose much faster than inventories as compared with the previous year, and the average inventory-shipments ratio for 1950 was probably unsually low. The present ratio is approximately the same as the average 1949 relationship.

Consumers goods industries increased inventory value by $\$ 17$ million during October with the increase falling in the Non-Durable goods sector and with declines in Semi-Durable and Durable goods industries. Increases in the first group were mainly seasonal, and occurred chiefly in the Slaughtering \& Meat Packing, Fish Curing \& Packing, Sugar Refineries, Pulp \& Paper, Flour Milling and Malt Products Industries. The same sector also showed substantial overall shipments increases during the month with large rises in the Foods, Tobacco \& Beverages, Pulp \& Paper \& Flour Milling industries, \& noticeable declines in Drugs and Petroleum Products. All the large industries in the Semi-Durable consumers' group showed some decline in inventory values. Shipments for this sector increased slightly, with the Rubber Goods, Leather Footwear \& Leather Tanneries industries showing large increases, Textiles and clothing industry shipments dropped slightly. The main industries in the Durable Consumers' goods group all decreased inventory value to some extent, while shipments increased substantially, the main increase coming in the Motor Vehicles, Batteries Motor Vehicle Parts and Heating and Cooking Apparatus industries. Inventory values for the Consumers Goods industries as a whole were 31 per cent above the level of October 1950 , while shipments were only 2 per cent higher, due to decreases over the year in the Clothing, Textiles, Leather Tanneries \& Furniture industries Most noticeable shipments increases during the year were in the Tobarco \& Beverages, Petroleum Products, Pulp \& Paper Mills \& Rubber Goods industries. The inventory-shipments ratio for the Consumer goods industries fell slightly during October, and stood at approximately the average 1949 level, though higher than the average 1950 level. The ratio of finished products to shipments, available to September only, showed higher values than the average for both preceding years.

The October increase in inventory held in the Capital Goods industries, came chiefly from the Transportation Equipment industries Machine tools, and Agricultural Implements, the latter being a seasonal rise. Practically all industries in this group increased shipments during the month, the main exceptions being Office, Household \& Store Machinery, and Agricultural Implements. Inventory values for the group were 59 per cent above the level of October 1950 , and shipments values 57 per cent higher, leaving the Unit-shipments ratio approximately the same as the average 1949 and 1950 levels

The majority of industries in the Producers goods group showed inventory increases during October. Some of these (Fertilizers and Coke and Gas industries) were seasonal in nature. The Iron \& Steel industries were the only major group to show a slight decline during the month. All major industries in this sector showed substantial shipments increases. As compared with last years levels, inventory values were 41 per cent higher and shipments values 12 per cent higher. The total inventory-shipments ratio \& finished products \& shipments ratio were above last years average levels, and approximately equal to the 1949 average ratios.

In the construction goods group, all industries showed some decline in inventory values during October. Saw \& Planing Mills shipments values declined; but all other industries increased shipments values. Inventories for the group as a whole were $38 \%$ above October 1950, while shipments values were 7 per cent higher. The October total inventory-shipments ratio was equal to the 1950 average level and substantially below the 1949 average level. The ratio of finished products to shipments in September (latest month available) was below the average for both 1949 and 1950.

Table 1．－Estimated Dollar Values of Inventories Held in Manufacturing Industries
（Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and on the estimated current value of physical stocks．）
（A）ALL INDUSTRIES

|  | Total Inventory | Raw Materials | Goods in Process | Finished Products |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1949 （In Mill |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| dan。 | 2，553．0 |  |  |  |
| Feb． | 2，590：2 |  |  |  |
| Mar． | 2，588．2 |  |  |  |
| Apr． | 2，541．1 |  | NOT |  |
| May | 2；567：9 |  |  |  |
| June | 2，568：0 |  | AVAILABLE |  |
| July | 2，589．3 |  |  |  |
| Aug． | 2，551．0 |  |  |  |
| Sept． | 2，505．2 |  |  |  |
| Oct． | 2，500．2 |  |  |  |
| Nov： | 2，475：7 |  |  |  |
| Dec． | 2，498．2 |  |  |  |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan． | 2，480．6 | 1，327．5 | 405.5 | 747.6 |
| Feb： | 2，473．7 | 1，309：5 | 411.8 | 752.4 |
| Mar． | 2；488，6 | 1，305．5 | 402.8 | 780.3 |
| Apr。 | 2，472．8 | 1，282．0 | 405.5 | 785.3 |
| May | 2，502．4 | 1，291：9 | 423.9 | 796.6 |
| June | 2，530．1 | 1，297．4 | 414.8 | 817.9 |
| July | 2，573．8 | 1，356．6 | 426.1 | 791.1 |
| Aug． | 2，553．0 | 1，345．5 | 436.9 | 770.6 |
| Sept． | 2，556．7 | 1，361．0 | 442.1 | 753.6 |
| Oct． | 2，599．5 | 1，392．5 | 443.1 | $763: 9$ |
| Nov 。 | 2，659．7 | 1，423：9 | 460.3 | 775.5 |
| Dec． | 2，781．8 | 1，451．4 | 472.1 | 858.3 |
| 1951 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan。 | 2，810，4 | 1，487．2 | 487.4 | 835.8 |
| Feb． | 2；876．3 | 1，513．5 | 516.7 | 846.1 |
| Mar． | 2；949：9 | 1，531．3 | 542.1 | 876.5 |
| Apr。 | 3，033，6 | 1，567．0 | 555.1 | 911.5 |
| May | 3，121．1 | 1，588．9 | 565.4 | 966.8 |
| June | 3，297，8 | 1，673．9 | 589：5 | 1，034．4 |
| July | 3；395：7 | 1，753：9 | 596.1 | 1，045．7 |
| Aug． | 3，452．8 | 1，795．8 | 626.8 | 1，030．2 |
| Sept． | 3，515．6 | 1，813．0 | 645.4 | 1，057．2 |
| Oct． | 3，549．7 |  | available |  |

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Table l.-Estimated Dollar Values of Inventories Held in Manufacturing Industries
(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and on the estimated current value of physical stocks.)
(B) CONSUMMERS' COODS INDUSTRIES


1950

Jan
Feb.
Mar.
Apr.
May
June
July
Aug.
Sept.
oct.
Nov.
Dec.

1951
Jan.
Feb。
Mar.
Apr。
May
June
July
Aug.
Sept.
Oct.

1,563.5
1,557.1
1,585.4
1,574.6
1,599.8
1,621.1
1,637,6
1,607.5
1,612.4
1,654.2
1,694:2
1,787.3
878.4
873.6
885.2
862.2
866.3
859.0
899.6
878.1
886.6
918.2
940.6
942.4

| 199.4 | 485.7 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 197.3 | 486.2 |
| 203.0 | 497.2 |
| 203.6 | 508.8 |
| 209.0 | 524.5 |
| 208.6 | 553.5 |
| 212.3 | 525.7 |
| 217.5 | 511.9 |
| 218.7 | 507.1 |
| 216.8 | 519.2 |
| 225.5 | 528.1 |
| 240.3 | 604.6 |


| $1,801.0$ | 986.8 |
| ---: | ---: |
| $1,836.0$ | $1,009.3$ |
| $1,879.9$ | $1,020.3$ |
| $1,938.6$ | $1,048.7$ |
| $1,975.4$ | $1,039.8$ |
| $2,071.6$ | $1,079.3$ |
| $2,114.0$ | $1,109.5$ |
| $2,121.9$ | $1,132.9$ |
| $2,150.2$ | $1,136.4$ |
| $2,167.4$ |  |

246.9
567.3
258.4
568.3
268.3 591.3
$276.5 \quad 613.4$
$281.5 \quad 654.1$
$288.7 \quad 703.6$
$292.5 \quad 712.0$
$294.6 \quad 694.4$
300.7
713.1

Not available

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Table $l_{0}$－Estimated Dollar Values of Inventories Held in Manufacturing Industries
（Estimates based on a sample of reportinc firms and on the estimated current value of physical stocks。）

## （C）CAPITAL GOODS INDUSTRIES

|  | Total Inventory | Raw <br> Materials | Goods in Frocess | Finished Products |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | （Millions of dollars） |  |  |  |
| 1949 |  |  |  |  |
| jan。 | 342.0 | 116.2 | 141.0 | 84.8 |
| Feb。 | 344.3 | 115.9 | 141.1 | 87.3 |
| Mar． | 343.4 | 113.5 | 136.5 | 93.4 |
| April | 329.7 | 113.6 | 124.3 | 91.8 |
| May | 336.7 | 112.1 | 130.0 | 94.6 |
| June | 332.7 | 109.9 | 128.7 | 94.1 |
| July | 328.1 | 109：6 | 125.7 | 92.8 |
| Aug． | 323.8 | 108.1 | 124.7 | 91.0 |
| Sept． | $318: 7$ | 107：6 | 120.5 | 90.6 |
| Oct． | 319：4 | 107：0 | 117.3 | 95.1 |
| Nov． | 314.5 | 102：3 | 113.8 | 98.4 |
| Dec． | 289.7 | 107.0 | 93.2 | 89.5 |
| 1950 （an $300 \cdot 5$ |  |  |  |  |
| Jan。 | 300：5 | $103: 9$ | 102：3 | $94: 3$ |
| Feb。 | 305．0 | 102：5 | 107.9 | 94.6 |
| Mar． | 298：2 | 101.4 | 102：8 | 91.0 |
| Apr． | 299：4 | 100.8 | 106.4 | 92.2 |
| May | 304.3 | 102.4 | 110.7 | 91.2 |
| June | 301.3 | 102.4 | 110.2 | 88.7 |
| July | 300.8 | 102.6 | 212.0 | 86.2 |
| Aug． | 294.8 | 101：6 | 111.4 | 81.8 |
| Sept． | 294.4 | 101.5 | 112.2 | 80.7 |
| Oct． | 291.5 | 97.3 | 116.1 | 78.1 |
| Nov． | 305.9 | 102：9 | 122：5 | 80.5 |
| Dec． | 309.7 | 109.0 | 110.1 | 90.6 |
| 1951 （321． $100 \cdot 5$ |  |  |  |  |
| Jan： | 324.9 | 109.5 | 122.7 | 92.7 |
| Feb： | 336.3 | 111：0 | 131.4 | 93.9 |
| Mar． | 355.3 | 117.4 | 141.6 | 96.3 |
| Apr。 | 365.7 | 118.5 | 144.9 | 102.3 |
| May | 375.4 | 123.7 | 148.5 | 103.2 |
| June | 393．4 | 131.3 | 158.0 | 104.1 |
| July | 409：7 | 141.4 | 163.8 | 104.5 |
| Aug． | 421.3 | 146.7 | 173.5 | 101.1 |
| Sept． | 443.4 | 151.0 | 185.3 | 107.1 |
| Oct． | 463.7 | － | vailable |  |

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Table l．－Estimated Dollar Values of Inventories Held in Manufacturing Industries
（Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and on the estimated current value of physical stocks．）
（D）PRODUCERS＇GOODS INDUSTRIES

|  | Total <br> Inventory | Raw <br> Materials | Goods in Process | Finished Products |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | （Millions of dollars） |  |  |  |
| 1949 Jan。 | 480.9 | 263.2 | 91.3 | 126.4 |
| Feb． | 473.7 | 252.9 | 93.3 | 127.5 |
| Mar． | 467.9 | 242.6 | 92.7 | 132.6 |
| Apr． | 471.5 | 246.6 | 91.6 | 133.3 |
| May | 477.6 | 253.4 | 89.5 | 134.7 |
| June | 489.1 | 263.8 | 87.5 | 137.8 |
| July | 4958 | 268.2 | 90.2 | 137.4 |
| Aug． | 485.5 | 263.7 | 89.9 | 131.9 |
| Sept． | 475.9 | 259：3 | 87.9 | 128.7 |
| Oct． | 465.9 | 252.7 | 89.5 | 123.7 |
| Nov． | 461.2 | 249.1 | 86.2 | 125.9 |
| Dec． | 454.5 | 240.0 | 78.9 | 135.6 |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan。 | 450.1 | 228.4 | 87.7 | 134.0 |
| Feb。 | 440.5 | 215.2 | 88.4 | 136.9 |
| Mar． | 425.9 | 202.6 | 79.7 | 143.6 |
| Apr． | 429.8 | 202.8 | 78.6 | 148.4 |
| May | 429.7 | 209.6 | 74.9 | 145.2 |
| June | 433.1 | 218.9 | 74.3 | 139.9 |
| July | 449.6 | 229.9 | 78.3 | 141.4 |
| Aug． | 458.1 | 237.1 | 82.2 | 138.8 |
| Sept． | $459: 9$ | 246.2 | 84.6 | 129.1 |
| Oct． | 472.7 | 254.3 | 87.6 | 130.8 |
| Nov． | 482.8 | 262.3 | 88.1 | 132.4 |
| Dec． | 493.8 | 267.5 | 96.7 | 129.6 |
| 1951 ．．． 10 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan。 | 493.3 | 262.7 | 91.3 | 139.3 |
| Feb。 | 492.1 | 253.3 | 94.5 | 144.3 |
| Mar． | 494.3 | 251.7 | 95.7 | 146.9 |
| Apr。 | 515.8 | 261.2 | 98.3 | 156.3 |
| May | 542.1 | 276.4 | 98.5 | 167.2 |
| June | 577.2 | 301.5 | 99.3 | 176.4 |
| July | 608.1 | 327.3 | 102.6 | 178.2 |
| Aug． | 630.7 | 340.9 | 106.6 | 183.2 |
| Sept． | $655: 5$ | 356.9 | $110.4$ | 188.3 |
| Oct． | 667.9 |  | available |  |

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(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and on the estimated current value of physical stocks.)
(E) CONSTRUCTION GOODS INDUSTRIES

|  | Total <br> Inventory | Raw <br> Materials | Goods in Process | Finished Products |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1949 (Millions of dollars) |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 170.8 |  |  |  |
| Feb: | 189.0 |  |  |  |
| Mar. | 190.8 |  | Not |  |
| Apr. | $168: 7$ |  |  |  |
| May | 174.2 |  | AVAILABLE |  |
| June | $182: 4$ |  |  |  |
| July | 188.5 |  |  |  |
| Aug. | 187.5 |  |  |  |
| Sept. | 179.0 |  |  |  |
| Oct. | 168.4 |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 163.9 |  |  |  |
| Dec. | 175.8 |  |  |  |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 166.5 | 116.8 | 16.1 | 33.6 |
| Feb. | 171.1 | 118.2 | 18.2 | 34.7 |
| Mar. | 179.1 | 116.3 | 17.3 | 45.5 |
| Apr. | 169:0 | 116.2 | 16.9 | 35.9 |
| May | 168.6 | 113.6 | 19.3 | 35.7 |
| June | 174.6 | 117.1 | 21.7 | 35.8 |
| July | 185.8 | 124.5 | 23.5 | 37.8 |
| Aug. | 192.6 | 128.7 | 25.8 | 38.1 |
| Sept. | 190.0 | 126.7 | 26.6 | 36.7 |
| Oct. | 181.1 | 122.7 | 22.6 | 35.8 |
| Nov. | 176.8 | 118.1 | 24.2 | 34.5 |
| Dec. | 191.0 | 132.5 | 25.0 | 33.5 |
| 1951 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan: | 191:2 | 128.2 | 26.5 | 36.5 |
| Feb. | $211: 9$ | 139.9 | 32.4 | 39.6 |
| Mar. | 220.4 | 141.9 | 36.5 | 42.0 |
| Apr. | 213.5 | 138.5 | 35.4 | 39.5 |
| May | 228.2 | 149.0 | 36.9 | 42.3 |
| June | 255.6 | 161.8 | 43.5 | 50.3 |
| July | 263.9 | 175.7 | 37.2 | 51.0 |
| Aug. | 279.0 | 175.3 | 52.1 | 51.6 |
| Sept. Oct. | 266.4 250.7 | 168.7 | ot 48.9 | 48.8 |

Table 2．－Index Numbers for the Estimated Total Value of Inventories in Selected Groups of Industries－
（Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and
$(1947$ Average $=100)$

| Month | Total All <br> Industries |  | Total Consumers＇ Goods |  | Non－Durable <br> Consumers <br> Goods |  | Semi－Durable Consumers ${ }^{\text {．}}$ Goods |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Invt． | Ship． | Invt． | Ship． | Invt。 | Ship． | Invt． | Ship． |
| 1949 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1．Jan． | 137.4 | 112.8 | 139.0 | 106.8 | 154.3 | 108．1 | 123.7 | 106.3 |
| 2．Feb． | 139.4 | 110.8 | 141.1 | 105.8 | 155.0 | 102.3 | 126.5 | 114.5 |
| 3．Mar． | 139.3 | 128.5 | 142.4 | 124.0 | 153.1 | 118.5 | 129.2 | 132.0 |
| 4．Apr． | 136.8 | 123.7 | 140.1 | 118.2 | 151.4 | 113.3 | 127.5 | 122.6 |
| 5．May | 138.2 | 127.7 | 140.8 | 122.9 | 151.9 | 123.8 | 129.6 | 115.1 |
| 6．June | 138.2 | 130.4 | 139.4 | 124.5 | 149.6 | 126.5 | 130.1 | 109.3 |
| 7．July | 139.4 | 114.1 | 140.5 | 112.5 | 151.8 | 123.1 | 131.4 | 84.2 |
| 8．Aug． | 137.3 | 127.1 | 138.5 | 124.8 | 149.2 | 130.1 | 129.0 | 116.8 |
| 9．Sept． | 134.9 | 137.1 | 136.5 | 138.8 | 148.8 | 139.5 | 122.8 | 128.2 |
| 10．Oct． | 134.6 | 134.0 | 137.8 | 138.7 | 153.5 | 142.7 | 119.5 | 125.1 |
| 11．Nov． | 133.2 | 132.8 | 136.9 | 135.8 | 152.5 | 147.3 | 118.8 | 113.9 |
| 12．Dec． | 134.3 | 122.0 | 140.4 | 123.1 | 156.5 | 129.5 | 122.4 | 103.5 |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13．Jan． | 133.5 | 119.2 120.7 | 139.4 138.8 | 121．\％ | 151.7 | 126.4 | 128.6 | 113.5 |
| $14 . \mathrm{Feb}$ 。 | 133.1 | 120.7 139.4 | 138.8 141.3 | 121.8 | 148.4 | 142.3 | 128.8 | 130.7 |
| 15．Mar． | 133.9 133.7 | 139.4 127.9 | 141.3 140.4 | 140.1 129.0 | 151.9 | 142.3 133.3 | 128.8 129.0 | 130.7 117.3 |
| 16．Apr． | 133.2 134.7 | 127.9 131.2 | 140.4 142.6 | 129.0 141.2 | 159.4 152.8 | 133.3 152.4 | 129.3 | 116.2 |
| 18．June | 136.2 | 153.2 | 144.5 | 145.7 | 155.1 | 150.3 | 131.6 | 114.6 |
| 19．July | 138.5 | 144.1 | 146.0 | 138.7 | 156.7 | 148.9 | 134.0 | 96.9 |
| 20．Aug． | 137.4 | 153.1 | 143.3 | 147.6 | 152.3 | 155.7 | 131.7 | 132.5 |
| 21．Sept． | 137.6 | 166.7 | 143.7 | 163.5 | 154.8 | 164.0 | 129.7 | 147.9 |
| 22．Oct． | 139.9 | 164.4 | 147.5 | 162.1 | 160.1 | 161.8 | 131.9 | 149.2 |
| 23．Nov． | 143.1 | 162.9 | 151.0 | 162.5 | 163.2 | 165.2 | 135.3 | 145.6 |
| 24. Dec． | 149.7 | 153.5 | 159.3 | 148.9 | 168.6 | 148.9 | 146.9 | 134.3 |
| 1251 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25．Jan． | 151.3 | 160.9 | 160.5 | 159.0 | 164．4 | 157.5 | 154.2 | 144.6 154.2 |
| 26．Feb． | 154.8 | 160.1 | 163.7 | 158.1 | 164.9 | 149.6 | 180.5 | 154.2 |
| 27．Mar． | 158.8 | 175.0 | 167.6 | 169.4 | 166.2 | 155.5 | 165.7 | 167.4 |
| 28．Apr． | 163.3 | 171.5 | 172.4 | 166.4 | 168.3 | 158.2 | 175.5 | 156.8 |
| 29．May | 168.0 | 186.4 | 176.1 | 174.2 | 169.2 | 177.4 | 180.6 | 142.4 134.8 |
| 30．June | 177.5 | 183.8 | 184.7 | 169.1 | 175.0 | 178.4 | 193.6 | 134.8 |
| 31．July | 182.8 | 173.3 | 188.5 | 154.3 | 180.5 | 173.0 | 195.4 | 104.6 |
| 32．Aug． | 185.8 | 174.9 | 189.1 | 158.9 | 180.9 | 172.9 | 194.5 | 139.7 |
| 33．Sept． | 189.2 | 165.5 | 191.7 | 151.8 | 187.5 | 157.3 | 191.8 | 133.1 |
| 34．Oct． | 191.1 | 177.6 | 193.2 | 165.3 | 194.8 | 174.8 | 185.6 | 137.9 |

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and Shipments in All Manufacturing Industries, and
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on the estimated current value of physical stocks)
$(1947$ Average $=100)$

| Durable Consumers' Goods |  | Total Capital Goods |  | Total Producers' Goods |  | 'rotal Construction Goods |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Invt. | Ship. | Invt。 | Shipo | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |  |
| 113.9 | 102.1 | 125.4 | 140.1 | 138.1 | 130.2 | 148.6 | 90.3 | 1. |
| 120.0 | 105.3 | 126.2 | 141.8 | 136.0 | 119.7 | 164.5 | 97.9 | 2. |
| 123.4 | 133.2 | 125.9 | 159.0 | 134.3 | 138.3 | 166.0 | 110.7 | 3. |
| 124.0 | 131.2 | 120.9 | 183.0 | 135.4 | 129.2 | 146.8 | 97.0 | 4. |
| 122.7 | 133.2 | 123.5 | 154.7 | 137.1 | 130.6 | 151.6 | 132.6 | 5. |
| 120.7 | 143.0 | 122.0 | 162.5 | 140.4 | 121.6 | 158.8 | 161.9 | 6. |
| 117.6 | $11 \%$ \% | 120.3 | 134.6 | 142.3 | 103.1 | 164.1 | 134.8 | 7. |
| 118.7 | 116.5 | 118.7 | 147.9 | 139.4 | 121.3 | 163.2 | 140.7 | 8. |
| 119.8 | 154.2 | 116.9 | 148.4 | 136.6 | 130.9 | 155.7 | 128.3 | 9. |
| 118.2 | 145.9 | 117.1 | 145.3 | 133.8 | 123.5 | 146.6 | 112.4 | 10. |
| 116.9 | 125.6 | 115.3 | 146.5 | 132.4 | 130.3 | 142.7 | 102.2 | 11. |
| 118.3 | 130.5 | 106.2 | 150.4 | 130.5 | 118.4 | 152.9 | 95.0 | 12. |
| 123.6 | 134.0 | 110.2 | 123.4 | 129.2 | 117.7 | 144.9 | 101.5 | 13. |
| 124.7 | 135.8 | 111.8 | 121.3 | 126.5 | 114.5 | 148.9 | 127.6 | 14. |
| 128.3 | 147.0 | 109.3 | 153.9 | 122.3 | 127.9 | 155.8 | 150.4 | 15. |
| 130.5 | 131.8 | 109.8 | 13407 | 123.4 | 123.3 | 147.1 | 123.9 | 16. |
| 132.8 | 137.9 | 131.6 | 146.6 | 123.3 | 145.2 | 146.7 | 177.8 | 17. |
| 132.1 | 181.2 | 110.5 | 154.1 | 124.3 | 141.1 | 152.0 | 243.2 | 18. |
| 131.4 | 169.5 | 110.3 | 130.4 | 129.1 | 127.9 | 161.7 | 24.4 | 19. |
| 134.2 | 140.0 | 108.1 | 137.0 | 131.5 | 139.0 | 167.6 | 249.1 | 20. |
| 132.0 | 188.8 | 108.0 | 146.7 | 132.0 | 161.0 | 165.3 | 226.8 | 21. |
| 133.1 | 186.0 | 106.9 | 141.1 | 135.7 | 160.1 | 157.6 | 216.6 | 22. |
| 139.0 | 181.2 | 112.1 | 151.4 | 138.6 | 160.8 | 153.8 | 182.8 | 23. |
| 150.6 | 174.8 | 113.5 | 165.9 | 141.7 | 163.1 | 166.2 | 153.2 | 24. |
| 159.6 | 191.1 | 119.1 | 158.7 | 141.6 | 164.2 | 166.4 | 169.3 | 25. |
| 166.0 | 200.8 | 123.3 | 162.8 | 141.3 | 154.9 | 184.4 | 187.4 | 26. |
| 174.8 | 232.3 | 130.3 | 190.6 | 141.9 | 175.3 | 191.8 | 203.2 | 27. |
| 184.3 | 218.0 | 134.1 | 194.4 | 148.1 | 173.7 | 185.8 | 184.6 | 28. |
| 192.5 | 217.2 | 137.6 | 221.3 | 155.6 | 185.0 | 198.6 | 254.7 | 29. |
| 198.2 | 190.3 | 144.2 | 197.3 | 165.7 | 181.5 | 222.5 | 294.5 | 30. |
| 203.6 | 162.7 | 150.2 | 200.9 | 174.6 | 162.2 | 229.6 | 327.4 | 31. |
| 208.7 | 134.4 | 154.5 | 199.1 | 181.1 | 174.7 | 242.7 | 279.7 | 32. |
| 207.4 | 160.1 | 162.6 | 188.9 | 188.2 | 170.5 | 231.9 | 240.6 | 33. |
| 203.6 | 173.1 | 170.0 | 221.2 | 191.7 | 179.0 | 218.1 | 230.8 | 34. |

Table 2. - Index Numbers for the Estimated Total Value of Inventories
in Selected Groups of Industries-
(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and
(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Nonth | Foods |  | Tobacco and Beverages |  | Drugs |  | Petroleum Products |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |
| 1949 |  |  |  | 163.2 | 97.7 | 86.8 | 218.7 | 139.6 |
| 1. Jan. 2. Feb. | 128.6 122.7 | 109.7 96.0 | 118.9 | 172.8 | 98.8 | 93.5 | 210.0 | 132.9 |
| 3. Mar. | 121.2 | 119.3 | 130.8 | 210.6 | 100.0 | 105.1 | 207.7 | 122.0 |
| 4. Apr. | 122.9 | 115.0 | 126.2 | 179.5 | 99.6 | 97.2 | 214.5 | 125.1 |
| 5. May | 135.1 | 122.7 | 124.8 | 199.7 | 97.8 | 102.1 | 218.6 | 163.2 |
| 6. June | 136.2 | 125.4 | 118.7 | 211.7 | 96.9 | 98.6 | 4 | 162.1 |
| 7. July | 143.6 | 126.3 | 115.8 | 185.8 | 97.7 | 79.0 | 238.0 | 157.1 |
| 8. Aup. | 143.4 | 130.4 | 109.2 | 195.3 | 95.0 | 108.3 | 247.5 | 73.6 |
| 9. Sept. | 147.2 | 143.5 | 105.? | 185.7 | 91.0 | 123.8 | 250.8 | 173.5 |
| 10. Oct. | 154.3 | 150.5 | 105.1 | 190.8 | 90.0 | 117.1 | 236 | 164.1 |
| 11. Nov. | 149.2 | 159.0 | 106.9 | 193.7 | 90.4 | 105.5 | 218.4 237.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 161.4 \\ & 142.2 \end{aligned}$ |
| 12. Dee, | 146.5 | 133.9 | 118.8 | 195.6 | 91.9 | 107.7 |  |  |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. Jan. | 132.0 | 120.4 | 128.0 | 166.5 | 95.6 | 97.7 | 215.7 | $236.4$ |
| 14. Feb. | 124.8 122.6 | 111.9 | 130.8 | 172.8 212.3 | 96.9 98.4 | 108.0 | 228.2 | 217.1 |
| 15. Nar. | 122.6 | 130.1 | 144.2 | 184.1 | 98.9 | 88.9 | 222.5 | 222.6 |
| 17. Apr. | 122.3 | 130.1 | 142.6 | 205.6 | 98.8 | 98.2 | 233.1 | 290.3 |
| 17. May | 137.5 | 142.9 | 139.5 | 211.6 | 101.5 | 101.2 | 257.4 | 288.4 |
| 19. July | 143.3 | 148.0 | 134.5 | 196.1 | 105.2 | 82.5 | 272.7 | 279.5 |
| 20. Aug. | 144.5 | 149.5 | 130.1 | 212.0 | 103.1 | 116.1 | 268.2 | 308.9 |
| 21. Sept. | 148.5 | 155.8 | 128.3 | 216.6 | 102.2 | 138.7 | 273.3 | 308.7 |
| 22. Oct. | 158.6 | 156.7 | 128.0 | 206.4 | 100.3 | 126.6 | 276.5 | 291.9 |
| 23. Nov. | 162.3 | 160.4 | 128.8 | 213.3 | 101.0 | 116.0 | 273.6 285.8 |  |
| 24. Dec. | 165.1 | 137.5 | 129.4 | 236.4 | 103.6 | 87.5 | 285.8 | 253.1 |
| $25 . \frac{1951}{\text { Jan }}$ |  | 150.1 | 140.7 | 209.2 | 106.3 | 109.4 | 272.0 | 269.6 |
| 25. Jan. 26. Feb. | 154.4 14.4 | 137.7 | 149.6 | 199.2 | 107.5 | 122.4 | 269.2 | 256.6 |
| 27. Mar. | 146.2 | 144.4 | 154.2 | 216.4 | 111.4 | 118.6 | 269.3 | 235.5 |
| 28. Apr. | 146.2 | 150.4 | 156.3 | 211.4 | 116.3 | 102.7 | 277.8 | 24.5 |
| 29. May | 155.4 | 164.3 | 143.6 | 235.2 | 120.7 | 103.4 | 287.1 | 326.4 |
| 30. June | 155.? | 171.7 | 153.7 | 238.3 | 128.5 | 103.4 | 307.6 | 312.5 |
| 31. July | 163.1 | 158.6 | 147.0 | 263.9 | 130.4 | 95.3 | 324.3 | 312.5 |
| 32. Aug. | 159.1 | 149.5 | 144.2 | 231.2 | 129.5 | 131.1 | 337.1 | 325.4 |
| 33. Sept. | 172.6 | 149.0 | 11.0 .4 | 207.5 | 120.8 | 131.9 | 356.2 | 365.3 |
| 34. Oct. | 186.4 | 17.3 | 136.7 | 282.3 | 122.1 | 126.1 | 360.9 | 338.8 |

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and Shipments in All Manufacturing Industries, and
Janurary 1949 to October 1951
on the estimated current value of physical stocks)
$(1947$ Averape $=100)$

|  | GOODS | SEMI-DURABLE COMSUMERS' GOODS |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pulp and | Feed and | Rubber |  |
| Paper Mills | Flour | Goods | Clothing |

Invt. Ship. Invt. Ship. Invt. Ship. Invt. Ship.

| 241.7 | 83.3 | 183.0 | 104.5 | 130.0 | 89.1 | 123.8 | 104.5 | 1. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 241.8 | 8 C .2 | 198.8 | 123.7 | 136.6 | 89.6 | 127.0 | 119.8 | 2. |
| 239.6 | $90: 3$ | 162.9 | 133.3 | 139.7 | 90.2 | 128.8 | 150.0 | 3. |
| 235.7 | 90.7 | 145.5 | 110.3 | 141.5 | 93.0 | 126.9 | 138.3 | 4. |
| 219.7 | 96.9 | 14.7 .3 | 116.1 | 140.7 | 98.5 | 130.6 | 121.4 | 5 |
| 219.5 | 98.3 | 138.0 | 123.9 | 134.3 | 107.9 | 134.9 | 106.3 | 6. |
| 210.8 | 97.4 | 152.3 | 110.0 | 131.1 | 86.1 | 137.8 | 79.0 | 7. |
| 199.3 | 99.0 | 152.1 | 1/40.5 | 125.4 | 95.1 | 136.6 | 122.8 | 8. |
| 190.2 | 111.4 | 165.8 | 136.8 | 117.2 | 107.6 | 127.7 | 149.1 | 9. |
| 203.4 | 112.3 | 191.8 | 146.9 | 111.7 | 112.6 | 121.9 | 130.3 | 10. |
| 206.5 | 116.2 | 241.7 | 149.4 | 113.8 | 93.8 | 118.4 | 113.3 | 11. |
| 210.1 | 108.1 | 216.8 | 130.2 | 116.4 | 102.1 | 118.5 | 94.5 | 12. |
| 206.1 | 95.1 | 197.8 | 100.6 | 108.0 | 81.3 | 127.1 | 87.4 | 13. |
| 206.1 | 91.5 | 169.4 | 119.0 | 130.4 | 89.6 | 129.0 | 104.6 | 14. |
| 200.3 | 103.1 | 145.6 | 128.3 | 137.1 | 101.8 | 127.8 | 133.8 | 15. |
| 195.5 | 103.5 | 135.5 | 11\%.5 | 140.7 | 94.2 | 125.4 | 123.6 | 16. |
| 189.6 | 110.6 | 149.2 | 128.4 | 138.7 | 114.5 | 123.6 | 109.2 | 17. |
| 185.5 | 112.2 | 149.0 | 123.8 | 134.7 | 124.6 | 128.7 | 95.1 | 18. |
| 183.0 | 111.2 | 150.0 | 108.8 | 132.6 | 113.6 | 131.1 | 82.1 | 19. |
| 166.5 | 113.0 | 150.0 | 121.0 | 123.6 | 149.7 | 127.9 | 118.6 | 20. |
| 174.8 | 127.1 | 153.2 | 122.6 | 124.7 | 136.8 | 122.8 | 151.7 | 21. |
| 173.5 | 128.2 | 167.9 | 125.2 | 126.7 | 154.7 | 120.2 | 143.2 | 22. |
| 169.0 | 132.6 | 213.0 | 144.6 | 134.6 | 150.9 | 123.5 | 133.9 | 23. |
| 186.9 | 123.4 | 209.4 | 131.3 | 155.8 | 143.7 | 133.7 | 109.7 | 24. |
| 178.4 | 129.2 | 157.9 | 130.8 | 163.5 | 182.7 | 142.8 | 113.7 | 25. |
| 181.3 | 124.3 | 188.0 | 140.4 | 172.2 | 169.6 | 150.7 | 133.8 | 26. |
| 186.5 | 140.0 | 161:0 | 143.8 | 186.2 | 179.5 | 156.4 | 154.7 | 27. |
| 184.4 | 140.6 | 173.6 | 138.2 | 191.5 | 193.3 | 162.3 | 143.0 | 28. |
| 191.1 | 153.2 | 156.4 | 147.5 | 209.1 | 168.1 | 168.4 | 121.2 | 29. |
| 203.6 | 149.5 | $14+.6$ | 148.8 | 221.6 | 154.0 | 175.4 | 122.8 | 30. |
| 218.1 | 151.0 | 1/7.0 | 124.4 | 221.4 | 137.1 | 179.0 | 84.4 | 31. |
| 229.6 | 165.6 | 149.8 | 124.1 | 223.6 | 136.6 | 176.4 | 127.0 | 32. |
| 2,44.8 | 14.4 .6 | 147.1 | 125.2 | 216.8 | 160.7 | 171.3 | 135.8 | 33: |
| 252.6 | 166.1 | 176.5 | 143.0 | 21 U 3 | 190.8 | 165.1 | 131.3 | 34. |

Table 2．－Index Numbers for the Estimated Total Value of Inventories
in Selected Groups of Industries－
（Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and （1947 Average $=100$ ）

| Month | SEMI－DURABLECONSUMERS＇（Concl＇d） |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Leather Footwear |  | Textiles |  | Leather Tanneries |  |
|  | Invt。 | Ship。 | Invt。 | Ship． | Invt． | Ship． |
| 1949 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1．Jan． | 125.7 | 88.6 | 123.6 | 123.4 | 125.2 | 77.8 |
| 2．Feb． | 128.0 | 117.3 | 125.9 | 125.1 | 118.2 | 69.6 |
| 3．Mar． | 121.7 | 140.4 | 131.5 | 135.2 | 118.6 | 72.9 |
| 4．Apr． | 116.5 | 124.2 | 130.2 | 124.0 | 113.5 | 61.1 |
| 5．May | 111.1 | 119.6 | 132.4 | 117.6 | 115.4 | 71.4 |
| 6：June | 116.1 | 110.6 | 131.7 | 114.2 | 107.3 | 71.8 |
| 7 \％．July | 117.4 | 87.5 | 133.0 | 88.3 | 111.0 | 64.4 |
| 8．Aug． | 113.7 | 127.6 | 130.3 | 115.9 | 107.0 | 97.6 |
| 9．Sept。 | 111.3 | 112.4 | 124.5 | 117.7 | 104．7 | 102.9 |
| 10．Oct． | 111.6 | 108.3 | 125.1 | 130.7 | 101.9 | 81.1 |
| 11．Nov。 | 121.7 | 88.9 | 125.1 | 125.2 | 105.8 | 84.3 |
| 12．Dec． | 136.9 | 67.5 | 132.3 | 120.1 | 109.7 | 83.1 |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13．Jan。 | 147.0 | 97．0 | 130.0 | 130.2 | 112.6 | 78.7 |
| $14 . \mathrm{Feb}$ 。 | 146.5 | 117.0 | 129.6 | 135.4 | 114.8 | 70.4 |
| 15．Mar． | 139.6 | 141.1 | 131.0 | 142.1 | 111.5 | 73.7 |
| 16．Apr． | 133.0 | 112.2 | 133.6 | 125.5 | 114.4 | 61.85 |
| 17．May | 131.6 | 109.4 | 135.3 | 126.7 | 120.1 | 72.2 |
| 18．June | 134.1 | 88.4 | 139.5 | 138.4 | 118.1 | 72.6 |
| 19．July | 138.8 | 79.5 | 144.6 | 111.0 | 115.2 | 65.1 |
| 20．Aug． | 137.1 | 117.9 | 145.2 | 147.5 | 112．8 | 98.7 |
| 21．Sept． | 136.9 | 125.4 | 144.4 | 158.3 | 109：4 | 104．0 |
| 22：Oct： | 139：6 | 114.5 | 150．9 | 166.3 | 11504 | 105.4 |
| 23．Nov： | 146.3 | 106.7 | 153.2 | 163.9 | 120.7 | 120.3 |
| 24. Dec． | 165.0 | 84.9 | 164.0 | 170.1 | 126．1 | 101.0 |
| 1951 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25．Jan。 | 178．6 | 117.9 | 168.9 | 173．0 | 129.9 | 125.1 |
| 26：Feb． | 183.0 | 136.1 | 172.1 | 180.1 | 133.8 | 113.2 |
| 27．Nari。 | 196.5 | 142.4 | 176.0 | 189.1 | 139 \％ | 116.0 |
| 28．Apr． | 204.4 | 125：8 | 191.2 | 169.3 | $146: 4$ | 104.9 |
| 29：May | 204.5 | 133.3 | 189.9 | 162.4 | $160 \cdot 5$ | $85: 4$ |
| 30．June | 216.3 | 101.9 | 212.9 | 150.3 | $168: 9$ | $74: 3$ |
| 31．July | 215：0 | 94.3 | 214.1 | 117.8 | 172：7 | $54: 8$ |
| 32：Aug． | 203.6 | 169.1 | 215.6 | 146.8 | 168.8 | 71.7 |
| 33．Sept． | 205．2 | 118.5 | 215.9 | $132: 3$ | 1670.4 | 64.2 |
| 34．Oct． | 195.0 | 132.6 | 209.3 | 131.9 | 160.0 | 78.9 |

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on the estimated current value of physical stocks）
（1947 Average $=100$ ）

| Motor Vehicles |  | Hectrical Apraratus |  | Purniture |  | Notor <br> Vohicle Parts |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Invt。 | Ship。 | Invt． | Ship。 | Invt． | Ship． | Invt． | Ship。 |  |
| 112.9 | 78.2 | 111：8 | 125.9 | 120.7 | 107.1 | 118．8 | 161.0 | 1. |
| 123.7 | 94.8 | 112.2 | 119.7 | 126：6 | 97.6 | 121.7 | 176.1 | 2 |
| 128：0 | 135：7 | 112：8． | 138.6 | 128.8 | 103.8 | 125.8 | 210.2 | 3. |
| 128.5 | 136.2 | 114.2 | 120.5 | 130：6 | 101：3 | 125：3 | 208：0 | 4. |
| 126.1 | 138.4 | 118.0 | 120.3 | 132：1 | 98.3 | 120.8 | 217.8 | 5. |
| 123.1 | 147.9 | 119.2 | 129.4 | 132.0 | 111.8 | 113.3 | 234.5 | 6. |
| 115.1 | 131.0 | 118.0 | 102.2 | 129.2 | 79：0 | 108：8 | 190：0 | 7 \％ |
| 118：3 | 105：5 | 116.4 | 115.9 | $126: 5$ | 109．2 | 111.7 | 171.2 | 8. |
| 122：9 | 155.2 | 114.5 | 140：0 | 132.9 | 129.5 | 110.0 | 236.3 | 90 |
| 121.9 | 142.1 | 112.7 | 135.2 | 131.9 | 118.8 | 111.3 | 228.5 | 10． |
| 119：3 | 100：6 | 109.0 | 142.3 | 135.4 | 118.3 | 114.5 | 175.5 | 11. |
| 126.5 | 123.7 | 100.2 | 138.4 | 138.9 | 104.2 | 112.9 | 213.5 | 12. |
| 127：9 | $136: 6$ | 101.4 | 124.2 | 148；8 | 128.9 | 116.2 | 197.1 | 13． |
| 127.6 | 145.8 | 104.2 | 129.0 | 150.5 | 104.3 | 117.6 | 209.1 | 14. |
| 130：0 | 149.3 | 105.0 | 148.8 | 151：2 | 108.9 | 121.4 | 230.1 | 25： |
| 132：7 | 134.3 | 107.4 | 139：8 | 150.3 | 99.7 | 128.9 | 198.8 | 16. |
| 134.7 | 171.4 | 111.1 | 148.0 | 149.1 | 111.2 | 129.7 | 256.8 | 17. |
| 130：3 | 201.3 | 113.3 | 154.7 | 147.6 | 115.6 | 124.2 | 296.5 | 18. |
| $128: 3$ | 205.3 | 117.1 | 130.2 | $146: 5$ | 87.1 | 119.8 | 270.7 | $19{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 134：9 | 130.6 | 117.4 | 137.9 | 14，6．0 | 111.7 | 123.5 | 199.1 | 20． |
| 131：5 | 188.0 | 118.3 | 179.7 | 14．4．01 | 131.8 | 125．2 | 279：0 | 21. |
| 130．5 | 177.9 | 119.8 | 185.0 | 147.5 | 136.5 | 132.9 | 277.4 | 22. |
| 140：0 | 161.8 | 127.1 | 197.4 | 152：3 | 140.9 | 142.6 | 282.6 | 23： |
| 161.9 | 165.0 | 135.9 | 178.3 | 156.3 | 119.8 | 157.1 | 288.8 | 24. |
| 170.7 | 202.4 | 137.1 | 190.6 | 167.3 | 122.7 | 168.9 | 316.7 | 25. |
| 174：9 | 229.4 | 142：3 | 180．1 | 178.7 | 123.4 | 175.2 | 307：2 | 26： |
| 177：9 | 268．9 | 155.0 | 200：8 | 188.6 | 126.2 | 178：3 | $353: 0$ | 27. |
| 190.6 | 243.7 | 161：0 | 209.6 | 195.9 | 125．1 | 182.3 | 340：3 | 28. |
| 190.0 | 252：9 | 170.6 | 195.9 | 202.5 | 120.2 | 188.1 | 350：9 | 29． |
| 190.2 | $213 . \mathrm{C}$ | 183.3 | 186.1 | 204.4 | 118.6 | 186.3 | 301.8 | 30． |
| 202.1 | 176．\％ | 188.3 | 140.6 | 201.2 | 140.1 | 187.6 | 303.9 | 31： |
| 206.4 | 135.1 | 195.2 | $155: 6$ | 198.3 | 107．6 | 199.7 | 202.3 | 32． |
| 206：9 | 168．6 | 200：9 | 171：5 | 191.8 | 120.1 | 197.9 | 281.2 | 33. |
| 203.3 | 182.4 | 219.5 | 192.1 | 181.3 | 119.8 | 195.1 | 316.0 | 31＊ |

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Table 2-Inciex Mubers for the Bstimated Total Value of Inventories
in Selected Grouns of Industries =
(Wetimates besed on a sample of reporting firms and
$(1947$ Averace $=100)$


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and Shipments in All Manuracturing Industries, and
January 1949 to October 1953
on the estimated current value of physical stocks)
(1947 Average $=100$ )


Table 2．－Index Numbers for the Estimated Total Value of Inventories
in Selected Groups of Industries－
（Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and （1947 Average $=100$ ）

| Month | PRODUCERS GOODS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Iron and Steel |  | Non－Ferrous Metals |  | Coke and Gas Products |  | Acids，Alkalies and Salts |  |
|  | Invt。 | Ship． | Invt。 | Ship． | Invt。 | Ship。 | Invt。 | Ship。 |
| 1949 （1360 146．3 1328 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1．Jan． | 142.5 | 121.5 | 136.9 | 147.5 123.3 | 136.0 | 146.3 | 127.1 | 112.6 |
| 2．Feb： | 142.8 | 120．8 | 136.1 | 123.3 | 108.4 89.7 | 151.7 | 121：1 | $109: 4$ |
| 3．Mar． | 142.9 $i 48.8$ | 138.2 129.3 | 134.2 | 132.8 | 104.6 | 132.2 | 119.3 | 109.7 |
| 4．Apr． | 148.8 | 129.3 | 134.2 | 131.3 | 141：0 | 111.8 | 124.3 | 110：6 |
| 5．Mayr | 155.3 161.5 | 129.9 132.1 | 132.8 | 120：8 | 163.8 | $135: 5$ | 130：0 | $119: 4$ |
| 6．June | 161.5 164.5 | 132.1 112.0 | 135.1 | 108.4 | 167.0 | 95：8 | 131：4 | 90.2 |
| 7．July | 164.5 158.2 | 112．0 | 135：2 | 126.4 | 172.1 | 111：7 | 123.8 | 120：3 |
| 8．Augo | 158.2 | 131.0 | 137.1 | 124.0 | 156.2 | 134.1 | 120.4 | 121.0 |
| 9．Sept． | 151.7 | 147.4 | 137.1 | 124．0 | 146.5 | 150：8 | $126: 0$ | $109: 9$ |
| 10．Oct． | 145.6 | 129.4 | 136.0 | 125.0 | 146.5 | 150.8 |  | $109 \cdot 9$ |
| 11．Nov： | 140.3 | 130：0 | 131.9 | $135: 4$ | 168.9 | 194.8 | 127．9 | 109.6 |
| 12．Dec． | 136.3 | 114.6 | 133.5 | 123.8 | 125.8 | 160.0 | 125.8 | 110.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13．Jan． | 137.1 | 116.9 | 127.8 | 11407 | 12.9 72.5 | 192.3 | 1105.5 | 123.3 |
| $14 . \mathrm{Feb}$ 。 | 135.5 | 112.6 | 128.7 | 110.6 | 72.5 43.6 | 165.7 | $115: 5$ $97: 2$ | 105.9 |
| 15．Mar． | 130.0 | 125.6 | 127.9 | 120.3 | 43.6 | 181.6 | 97.2 | 102.9 |
| 16．Apr． | 129.9 | 107.3 | 129.9 | 126.6 | 38.9 | 149.4 | 97.8 | $136: 3$ |
| 17．May | 133.3 | 121.0 | 127.8 | 160.0 | 66.0 | 149.1 | 92.2 | 136.3 |
| 18．June | 136.1 | 133.3 | 127.4 | 148.1 | 88.6 | 161.2 | 110.4 | 138.4 |
| 19．July | 138.6 | 133.0 | 133.1 | 130：8 | 108.0 | 141.4 | 110.6 | 134.5 |
| 20．Aug． | 139.6 | 149.7 | 135.5 | 141.2 | 137.3 | 132.1 | 110.8 | 124.6 |
| 21．Sept． | 137：3 | 170.5 | 138.8 | 166.6 | 156.5 | 156.7 | 106.0 | 149.6 |
| 22．Oct． | 139.2 | 162.3 | 143.0 | 174.0 | 173.0 | 148.6 | 111.8 | 136.3 |
| 23．Nov． | 140.1 | 163.8 | 143.4 | 172.0 | 188.6 | 158.8 | 113.2 | 148.5 |
| 24．Dec． | 142.6 | 169.7 | 247.8 | 170.5 | 168.1 | 169.9 | 125.5 | 146.7 |
| 1951 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25．Jan． | 141.1 | 168.4 | 156.1 | 165.0 | 140.1 | 17602 | 119.8 | 153.5 |
| 26．Feb： | 141.6 | 157.1 | 157.3 | 154.8 | 116.8 | 150.0 | 119.2 | 146.5 |
| 27．Mar． | 141.8 | 174.3 | 156.9 | 190.5 | 90.4 | 155.1 | 119.4 | 148.8 |
| 28．Apr． | 148.6 | 170.7 | 158.5 | $178 . ?$ | 103.6 | 171.1 | 124.3 | 160.5 |
| 29．May | 157.7 | 183.2 | 168.7 | 188.1 | 118.7 | 153.4 | 128.3 | 169.8 |
| 30．June | 168.9 | 187.7 | 174.1 | 188.1 | 134.8 | 161.5 | 14507 | 162.7 |
| 31．July | 180.0 | 166.7 | 187.4 | 169.4 | 148.4 | 128.1 | 13404 | 176.9 |
| 32．Aug． | 183.6 | 178.4 | 191.7 | 189.1 | 170.3 | 152.2 | 151.0 | 169.9 |
| 33．Sept． | 186.6 | 180.1 | 203.6 | 169.6 | 177.4 | 151.2 | 164.1 | 158.0 |
| 34．Oct． | 184.8 | 192.7 | 205.2 | 181.2 | 197.7 | 158.6 | 181.0 | 148.1 |

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and Shipments in All Manufacturing Industriese and
January 1949 to October 1951
on the estimated current value of physical stocks)
$(1947$ Average $=100)$


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Table 3. - Index of All Firms Reporting, by Industries
(NOTE: The Indexes given below do not represent Total for the Industry, nor specific Comodities, but relate only to the value of total inventories and shipments of firms reporting in each Industry)
(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Industry and Month | Value of Shipments | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Raw <br> Materials | Goods in process | Finished Products |

FOOD AND BEVERAGES


MONTHLY RGEORT ON INVENTORIES ANU SHIPIENTS BY MANUFACTURING INJUSTRIES, OCT. 1951
Table 3. - Index of All Firms Reporting, by Industries - Cont'd.
(NOTE: The Indexes Given below do not represent Total for the Industry, nor specific Commodities, but relate only to the value of Total inventories and shipments of firms reporting in each Industry)

$$
(1947 \text { Average }=100)
$$

| Industry and Month | Value of Shipments | Total | Value of Inventory |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Raw | Goods in | Finished |
|  |  |  | Materials | Process | Products |

## RUBBiLLR PROLUC'I'S

| Rubber | Footwear |
| :--- | ---: |
| Oct. | 1950 |
| Sept. | 1951 |
| Oct. | 1951 |

Tires, Tubes \& Other Rubber products

| Oct. | 1950 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Scpt. | 1951 |
| Oct. | 1951 |

## TEATILE PRODUCTS

Cotton Yarn \& Broad Woven Goods

| Oct. | 1950 | (Rev) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 1951 |  |
| Oct. | 1951 |  |
| Woollen and iorsted Woven Goods |  |  |
| Oct. | 1950 |  |
| Sept. | 1951 |  |
| Oct. | 1951 |  |


| 182.2 | 145.0 | 110.8 | 144.9 | 263.3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 126.6 | 194.4 | 121.7 | 199.2 | 438.1 |
| 122.7 | 192.8 | 109.1 | 202.1 | 466.2 |


| Woollen and Worsted Yarn |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Oct. | 1950 |  |
| Sept, | 1951 |  |
| Oct. | 1951 |  |

Misecllancous Woollen Goods

| Oct. | 1950 |  | 180.3 | 163.5 | 167.9 | 123.9 | 160.2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sopt. | 1951 | (Rev) | 158.8 | 244.6 | 238.1 | 204.7 | 312.1 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 179.7 | 229.8 | 224.7 | 199.1 | 280.9 |
| Dyeing and Finishing of Textiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. | 1950 |  | 64.9 | 96.6 | 142.1 | 190.9 |  |
| Sert. | 1951 |  | 51.6 | 113.3 | 168.3 | 195.5 |  |
| uct. | 1951 |  | 56.04 | 115.1 | 171.0 | 195.5 |  |

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Table 3．－Index of All Firms Reporting，by Industries－Cont＇d．
（NOTE：The Indexes given below do not represent Total for the Industry，nor specific Commodities，but relate only to the value of total inventories and shipments of firms reporting in each Industry）

$$
(1947 \text { Average }=100)
$$

| Industry and Month | Vaiue <br> of <br> Shipments | Total | Value of Inventory |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

## TEXTILE PROUUCTS（Cont 1 d）

| Oct． | 1950 | 152.8 | 107.2 | 200.8 | 136.1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept。 | 1951 | 302.4 | 146.3 | 271.6 | 179.7 |
| Oct． | 1951 | 57.0 | 180.7 | 273.1 | 181.2 |

Cotton and Jute Bags

| Oct． | 1950 | 95.6 | 93.6 | 92.7 | 83.5 | 97.4 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sept。 | 1951 | 92.9 | 178.8 | 174.3 | 142.2 | 216.5 |
| Oct。 | 1951 | 109.7 | 155.9 | 148.6 | 3.45 .9 | 223.5 |
| Miscellaneous Textile Goods |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct． | 1950 | 188.0 | 86.3 | 90.2 | 82.2 | 75.1 |
| Sept． | 1951 | 108.9 | 135.6 | 133.8 | 142.5 | 127.2 |
| Oct． | 1951 | 107.6 | 129.1 | 129.8 | 137.3 | 112.3 |

Other Textiles Industries
（Includes the following：Miscellaneous Cotton Goods，Rayon，Nylon and Silk T＇extiles，Laces，Tapes and Bindings， Canvas Products，Carpets，Mats and Rugs，Oilcloth，Linoleum and other coated fabrics）

| Oct． | 1950 |  | 177.3 | 165.9 | 137.7 | 178.0 | 227.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept． | 1951 | （Rev．） | 155.3 | 242.1 | 212.0 | 229.0 | 347.5 |
| Oct． | 1951 |  | 138.4 | 234.2 | 193.3 | 235.0 | 349.1 |

CLOTHING

| Oct． | 1950 |  | 179.9 | 153.1 | 145.1 | 120.0 | 247.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept． | 1951 | （Rev．） | 178.6 | 199．9 | 196.1 | 162.4 | 295.8 |
| Oct． | 1951 |  | 175.8 | 197.7 | 193.4 | 161.0 | 292.8 |
| Other Kinit Goods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct。 | 1950 |  | 147.8 | 123.4 | 93.3 | 141.3 | 167.5 |
| Sept． | 1951 | （Kev．） | 172.4 | 204.7 | 143.5 | 203.4 | 321.0 |
| Oct． | 1951 |  | 146.5 | 190.9 | 138.4 | 195.2 | 287.8 |

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## Table 3. - Index of All Firms Reportinge by Industries - Cont'd.

(NOTE: The Indexes given below do not represent Total for the Industry, nor specific Commodities, but relate only to the value of total inventories and shipments of firms reporting in each industry)
(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Industry and Pionth | Value of | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Haw <br> Material | Goods in Process | Finished Products |

CLOTHING (CONCL'D.)
Corsets, Girdles and Foundation
Garments

| Oct. | 1950 | 113.8 | 149.4 | 137.1 | 104.6 | 246.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sept. | 1951 | 118.1 | 198.2 | 218.5 | 75.5 | 251.1 |
| Oct. | 1951 | 104.0 | 192.3 | 213.5 | 75.1 | 236.2 |

Other Clothing Industries
(Includes the following: Children's
Clothing; Men's Clothing; Women's
Clothing; Hats and Caps; Miscella-
neous Clothing)

| Oct. 1950 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sept. |  |
| Oct. | 1951 |
|  | WOOD PRODUCTS |
|  |  |

Sash Door and Planing Mills

| Oct. | 1950 |  | 207.3 | 110.8 | 109.2 | 58.4 | 210.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Revo) | 182.3 | 170.8 | 162.9 | 69.7 | 484.5 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 180.5 | 163.5 | 152.1 | 72.0 | 529.3 |

Furniture
(Including. Metal Furniture and Mattresses and Springs)

| Oct. | 1950 |  | 136.5 | 147.5 | 122.2 | 173.3 | 265.4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) | 120.1 | 191.8 | 175.0 | 177.2 | 326.7 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 119.8 | 181.3 | 165.9 | 161.8 | 315.5 |
| Pulp and Paper | Industry |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. | 1950 |  |  | 128.2 | 173.5 | 180.9 | 52.0 |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) | 144.6 | 24.8 | 254.3 | 72.8 | 227.5 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 166.1 | 252.6 | 262.8 | 78.6 | 228.4 |

## IHON AMD STEEL PRODUCTS

Agricultural Imnlements

| Oct. | 1950 | 117.9 | 110.7 | 73.9 | 99.9 | 168.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. | 1951 | 163.1 | 161.1 | 125.8 | 140.1 | 225.3 |
| Oct. | 1951 | 1/14.4 | 180.7 | 1/1.3 | 164.4 | 246.6 |
| Boilers and Plate Work |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. | 1950 | 183.7 | 124.9 | 150.3 | 88.9 | 174.2 |
| Sept. | 1951 | 182.0 | 218.2 | 222.1 | 183.3 | 308.6 |
| Oct. | 1951 | 169.4 | 221.0 | 211.6 | 200.0 | 294.4 |

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$$
(1947 \text { Average }=100)
$$

| Industry and Month | Value <br> of <br> Shipments | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS (Cont'd。)


Primary Iron and Steel
(Includes Pig Iron; Steel Ingots and Castings; Rolled Iron and Steel
Products; and ferro-Alloys)

| Oct. | 1950 |  | 182.9 | 159.1 | 159.2 | 161.6 | 158.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) | 198.1 | 209.6 | 220.7 | 206.7 | 178.3 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 229.1 | 189.6 | 238.9 | 201.4 | 182.8 |

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(NOTE: The Indexes given below do not represent Total for the Industry, nor specific Commodities, but relate only to the value of total inventories and shipments of firms reporting in each industry)
(1947 Average $=100$ )

|  | Value |  | Value o | Invento |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industry and Konth | of hipments | Total | Raw Materials | Goods in Process | Finished Products |
| IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS (Concl' |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sheet Metal Products |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1950 | 185.9 | 110.2 | 111.5 | 139.0 | 99.9 |
| Sept. 1951 (Rev.) | 208.5 | 143.6 | 138.0 | 186.0 | 141.0 |
| Oct. 1951 | 169.0 | 158.4 | 154.4 | 228.1 | 140.2 |
| Wire and Wire Products |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 19,0 | 158.8 | 113.5 | 96.2 | 120.3 | 137.1 |
| Sept. 1951 | 165.7 | 153.7 | 156.2 | 139.2 | 155.4 |
| Oct. 1951 | 188.1 | 162.6 | 155.9 | 153.5 | 176.1 |
| Miscellaneous Iron and Steel |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1950 | 173.3 | 117.0 | 131.9 | 115.1 | 128.0 |
| Sept. 1951 | 194.1 | 215.7 | 235.5 | 242.8 | 227.5 |
| Oct. 1951 | 214.7 | 234.7 | 253.0 | 294.4 | 231.3 |

## TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT

$\frac{\text { Aircraft and Parts }}{\text { Oct. }}$

| Oct. | 1950 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 1951 |
| Oct. | 1951 |


|  | 254.4 | 83.2 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| (Rev.) | 608.9 | 170.1 |
|  | 1352.9 | 181.2 |

75.1
140.4
146.7

| 206.9 | 68.2 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 696.6 | 79.7 |
| 877.3 | 46.3 |

Motor Vehicles

| Oct. | 1950 |  | 177.9 | 130.5 | 56.9 | 14.0 .0 | 139.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) | 168.6 | 206.9 | 177.0 | 197.4 | 224.3 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 182.4 | 203.3 | 172.9 | 189.7 | 225.0 |

Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories

| Oct. | 1950 | (Rev.) | 277.4 | 132.9 | 149.0 | 118.5 | 119.6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 1951 | 281.2 | 197.9 | 228.1 | 171.0 | 172.3 |  |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 316.0 | 195.1 | 222.6 | 169.4 | 173.1 |

Railroad and Rolling Stock
Equipment

| Oct. | 1950 |  | 93.8 | 86.2 | 72.9 | 158.6 | 79.7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) | 228.2 | 160.6 | 126.8 | 254.1 | 211.0 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 166.8 | 177.2 | 136.9 | 287.9 | 239.0 |

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$$
(1947 \text { Average }=100)
$$

| Industry and Month | Value <br> of <br> Shipments |  | Total of Inventory | Raw <br> Materials Pods in Finished |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT (Concl'd.)
Shipbuilding and Repairing

| Oct. | 1950 |  | 74.9 | 53.1 | 66.2 | 51.7 | 11.1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) | 96.5 | 64.8 | 85.4 | 60.4 | 259.3 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 131.1 | 73.0 | 87.3 | 71.8 | 370.4 |

Bicycles and Parts and Miscellaneous Transpcrtation Equipment

| Oct. | 1950 |  | 117.9 | 141.3 | 143.1 | 98.4 | 168.7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) | 87.8 | 238.6 | 174.6 | 128.6 | 378.7 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 89.5 | 242.3 | 209.6 | 124.0 | 348.5 |

## NON-FERROUS METAL PRODUCTS

Brass and Conner Products

| Oct. | 1950 |  | 176.1 | 115.8 | 101.6 | 105.6 | 189.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) | 173.2 | 215.9 | 204.9 | 160.8 | 353.5 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 217.7 | 204.2 | 191.1 | 159.4 | 332.8 |
| Jewellery and Silverware |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. | 1950 |  | 157.7 | 115.1 | 81.8 | 134.01 | 136.1 |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) | 106.2 | 153.7 | 118.0 | 169.1 | 188.8 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 108.0 | 155.5 | 124.3 | 166.7 | 192.1 |

Non-Ferrous lietal Smelting
and Refining

| Oct. | 1950 | 174.0 | 158.7 | 174.6 | 109.0 | 192.0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 1951 | 1951 | 171.8 | 202.6 | 215.7 | 129.4 |
| Oct. | 193.1 | 208.0 | 227.4 | 130.7 | 278.8 |  |
|  |  | 273.7 |  |  |  |  |

Aluminum Products and
White Metal Alloys

| Oct. | 1950 |  | 171.1 | 108.9 | 133.2 | 77.5 | 98.3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) | 1953.2 | 195.6 | 246.6 | 214.6 | 150.9 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 179.1 | 195.4 | 238.1 | 212.4 | 157.4 |

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(NOTE: The indexes given below do not represent Total for the Industry, not specific Commodities, but relate only to the value of total inventories and shipments of firms reporting in each Industry).
(1947 Average $=100)$

| Industry and Nonth | Value <br> of <br> Shimments |  |  | Value of Inventory |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Raw | Goods in Finished |  |
|  |  |  | Materials Process | Products |

EIECTRICAL APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES
Batteries

| Oct. | 1950 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 1951 |

Oct. 1951
Heavy Electrical Machinery
and Equipment

| Oct. | 1950 |  | 230.0 | 112.6 | 134.0 | 103.7 | 151.3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) | 237.6 | 207.6 | 219.3 | 209.3 | 195.1 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 301.2 | 204.6 | 220.3 | 203.3 | 206.2 |
| Radio and Radio Parts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. | 1950 |  | 167.5 | 110.2 | 84.6 | 112.7 | 184.2 |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Revo) | 135.1 | 178.6 | 115.1 | 192.9 | 336.6 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 117.7 | 179.9 | 109.6 | 185.6 | 361.8 |

Refrirerator, Vacuwn Cleaners and Appliances

| Oct. | 1950 |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) |
| Oct. | 1951 |  |
| Miscellaneous Électrical Products |  |  |


| Oct. | 1950 |  | 143.4 | 116.5 | 83.2 | 95.1 | 151.3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Kev.) | 173.5 | 175.2 | 132.7 | 122.8 | 244.0 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 175.4 | 177.9 | 138.2 | 127.4 | 242.9 |

## NON-METALTTC I:INERAL PRODUCT

Abrasive Products

| Oct. | 1950 | 134.2 | 105.6 | 128.0 | 156.6 | 71.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. | 1951 | 216.6 | 135.6 | 170.8 | 375.9 | 72.9 |
| Oct. | 1951 | 198.5 | 135.7 | 169.2 | 407.2 | 73.6 |
| Asbestos Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. | 1950 | 14.4 .6 | 133.6 | 105.7 | 165.4 | 166.0 |
| Sept. | 1951 | 114.9 | 195.4 | 198.4 | 111.7 | 229.8 |
| Oct. | 1951 | 152.4 | 195.2 | 198.3 | 102.2 | 232.6 |

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$$
(1947 \text { Average }=100)
$$

| Industry and Month | Value <br> of <br> Shipments | Total | Ralue of Inventory <br> Materials Poods in Finished |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

## NON-METALLIC NIMERAL PRODUCTS (Concl'd)

Cement and Cement Products

| Oct. | 1950 | 201.3 | 113.6 | 121.6 | 11.5 | 86.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. | 1951 | 212.5 | 135.7 | 139.3 | 39.0 | 136.9 |
| Oct. | 1951 | 237.6 | 139.1 | 147.6 | 57.0 | 104.1 |

Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products
(Includes the following: Clay
Products; Glass and Glass Products;
Miscellaneous Non-Metallic Mineral
Products, Coke and Gas Products)

| Oct. | 1950 | (Revo) | 155.2 | 173.2 | 166.8 | 62.6 | 274.6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. | 1951 | (Rev.) | 149.3 | 194.5 | 182.0 | 108.2 | 358.1 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 165.1 | 211.3 | 200.4 | 105.2 | 360.1 |
| PETROLEUM PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. | 1950 |  | 291.9 | 276.5 | 136.4 | 193.4 | 396.2 |
| Sept. | 1951 |  | 365.3 | 356.2 | 208.8 | 210.4 | 493.7 |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 338.8 | 360.9 | 214.9 | 190.2 | 502.5 |

## CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

Acids, Alkalies and Salts


1:edicinal and Pharmaceutical
Preparations

| Oct. 1950 |  | 126.6 | 100.3 | 95.1 | 122.4 | 96.9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. 1951 | (Rev.) | 134.9 | 120.8 | 121.4 | 122.7 | 120.6 |
| Oct. 1951 |  | 126.1 | 122.1 | 127.2 | 107.1 | 124.8 |
| Paints and Vamishes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1950 |  | 144.0 | 166.9 | 123.5 | 152.2 | 245.4 |
| Sept. 1951 | (Revo) | 126.5 | 206.5 | 177.7 | 132.5 | 281.7 |
| Oct. 1951 |  | 139.7 | 205.9 | 176.4 | 122.3 | 285.6 |

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Table 3．－Index of All Firms Renorting by Industries－Ccncl＇d．
（NOTE：The Indexes given below do not represent Total for the Industry，nor specific Commodities，but relate only to the value of total inventories and shipments of firms reporting in each Industry）

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\text { (1947 Average }=100)
$$

| Industry and Month | Value <br> of <br> Shipments |  | Talue of Inventory |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

## CHEMICAL PRODUCTS（Concl＇do）

Soans，Washing and Cleaning

| Compounds |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct． 1950 | 162.7 | 123.4 | 101.4 | 114.3 | 172.6 |
| Sept． 1951 | 172.5 | 231.1 | 200.5 | 166.8 | 327.1 |
| Oct． 1951 | 170.6 | 225.0 | 189.5 | 163.0 | 329.9 |
| Toilet Preparations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct． 1950 | 106.9 | 79.5 | 71.5 | 130.9 | 88.5 |
| Sept． 1951 （Revo） | 91.3 | 89.9 | 78.7 | 147.2 | 105.1 |
| Oct． 1951 | 112.6 | 86.5 | 75.9 | 158.5 | 98.1 |

Other Chemical Products
（Includes the following：Primary
Plastics，Niscellaneous Chemicals and Allied Products（including， synthetic rubber）．

| Oct． | 1950 |  | 175.7 | 120.9 | 109.1 | 247.8 | 117.9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept． | 1951 | （Rev。） | 194.5 | 187.3 | 171.3 | 410.8 | 172.1 |
| Oct． | 1951 |  | 204.7 | 193.6 | 174.4 | 436.6 | 181.0 |

MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
Professional and Scientific Instruments and Equiment

| Oct． | 1950 |  | 107.7 | 116.5 | 103.8 | 110.9 | 144.2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept。 | 1951 | （Rev。） | 152.1 | 152.4 | 138.7 | 120.6 | 218.8 |
| Oct． | 1951 |  | 165.1 | 152.5 | 139.5 | 119.9 | 218.8 |

Other Kiscellaneous Manufacturing
Industries：（Includes the following：
Brooms，Brushes and Mops；Fabricated
Plastic Products；Musjcal Instruments；
Pens，Pencils and Typewriter Supplies；
Miscellaneous Industries（not elsewhere Classified）

| Oct． | 1950 |  | 146.4 | 110.0 | 98.1 | 94.1 | 146.7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sept． | 1951 | （Rev．） | 155.7 | 140.0 | 134.9 | 97.6 | 190.5 |
| Oct． | 1951 |  | 162.8 | 142.1 | 135.6 | 103.2 | 192.3 |

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> Table 4. Index of New and Total Outstanding Binding Orders of Reporting Firms in Selected Industries
(Note - The following tables represent the new binding orders received during each month, and total outstanding binding orders at the end of each month, for groups of reporting firms. In each case, orders are shown as a multiple of the same firms' average monthly shipments in 1947. The series has been confined, for the present, to "binding" orders only (those for which acceptance, when shipped, is obligatory under normal circumstances) since these indicate a minimum below which production cannot fall.

The series is intended to provide only an indication of the general level of binding order business. A number of refinements will be necessary before it can be used for anything other than this. These are discussed on Page 33.

The first bracketed figure below each industry title indicates the proportion of total production in the industry or group accounted for by reporting firms in 1949. The second bracketed figure indicates whether binding order production in the industry in 1949 accounted for under $25 \%$ of total production; for 25 to 50\%; for 50 to 75\%; or over 75\%. (October figures are preliminary).

| Month |  | Flour Milling |  | Rubber GoodsIndustries(42) $\quad(-25)$ |  | TextileIndustries$(40)$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | New Orders | Outstanding Orders | $\begin{aligned} & \text { New } \\ & \text { Orders } \end{aligned}$ | Outstanding Orders | New Orders | Outstanding Orders |
| 1950 | Jan. | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 3.3 |
|  | Feb 。 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 3.4 |
|  | Mar. | 2.0 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 3.5 |
|  | Apr. | 2.0 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 3.3 |
|  | May | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 3.4 |
|  | June | 1.9 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 3.2 |
|  | July | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 3.3 |
|  | Aug. | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 4.1 |
|  | Sept. | 2.4 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 4.8 |
|  | Oct. | 2.1 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 5.0 |
|  | Nov. | 2.1 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 4.9 |
|  | Dec. | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 5.3 |
| 1951 | Jan. | 3.1 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 5.6 |
|  | Fe b | 4.9 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 6.0 |
|  | Mar. | 2.3 | 3.6 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 5.5 |
|  | Apr. | 2.4 | 3.1 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 5.6 |
|  | May | 2.1 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 5.3 |
|  | June | 2.4 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 4.7 |
|  | July | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 4.4 |
|  | Aug. | 2.6 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 3.7 |
|  | Sept. | 2.8 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 3.5 |
|  | Oct. | 4.1 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 3.6 |

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Table 4. - Index of New and Total Outstanding Binding Orders of } \\
& \text { Reporting Firins in Selected Industries }
\end{aligned}
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| Month |  | Clothing Industries |  | Machinery and Tools Industries (18) (25-50) |  | Other Iron and Steel Industries |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | New | Outstanding | New | Outstanding | New | Outstanding |
|  |  | Orders | Orders | Orders | Orders | Orders | Orders |
| 1950 | Jan. | 0.7 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 3.1 |
|  | Feb. | 0.7 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 3.6 |
|  | Mar. | 0.6 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 3.7 |
|  | Apr. | 0.5 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 3.9 | 0.9 | 4.4 |
|  | May | 0.7 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 1.0 | 4.5 |
|  | June | 1.0 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 3.9 | 1.3 | 4.6 |
|  | July | 0.8 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 4.5 | 1.5 | 4.8 |
|  | Aug. | 0.9 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 4.7 | 1.4 | 4.4 |
|  | Sept. | 0.9 | 2,1 | 1.5 | 5.0 | 1.4 | 4.5 |
|  | Oct. | 1.0 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 5.4 | 2.1 | 5.2 |
|  | Nov. | 1.4 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 5.5 | 1.6 | 5.0 |
|  | Dec, | 1.0 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 6.0 | 1.4 | 6.0 |
| 1951 | Jan. | 1.0 | 3.6 | 1.5 | 6.3 | 1.9 | 6.8 |
|  | Feb. | 0.9 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 7.1 | 1.8 | 7.4 |
|  | Mar . | 0.9 | 3.4 | 1.8 | 7.8 | 1.7 | 7.4 |
|  | Apr. | 0.7 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 8.3 | 1.6 | 8.2 |
|  | May | 0.7 | 3.2 | 1.8 | 8.6 | 1.3 | 7.7 |
|  | June | 1.0 | 3.6 | 1.6 | 8.3 | 1.5 | 8.0 |
|  | July | 0.6 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 9.1 | 1.1 | 7.8 |
|  | Aug. | 0.6 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 8.5 | 1.5 | 8.8 |
|  | Sept. | 0.5 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 9.2 | 2.4 | 8.7 |
|  | Oct. | 0.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 9.5 | 1.7 | 9.7 |

MONTHLY REPORT ON INVFNTORIES GND SHIPMENTS BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, OCT 1951 Table 4. - Index of New and Totial Outstanding Binding Orders of Reporting Forms in Selected Industries


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Table 4. - Index of New and Total Outstanding Binding Orders of Reporting Firms in Selected Industries

| Month | Non-Ferrous <br> Smelting anu <br> Mefinirg <br> $(94)$ (50-75) <br> New <br> Orders Outstanding <br> Orders |  | Electrical Apparatus Industries |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | (61) | (50-75) |
|  |  |  | New | Outstanding |
|  |  |  | Orders | Orders |
| 1950 Jan. | 1.3 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 8.2 |
| Feb. | 0.8 | 4.0 | 1.1 | 7.7 |
| Mar. | 0.8 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 7.9 |
| Apr. | 5.3 | 6.6 | 1.2 | 7.8 |
| May | 1.7 | 5.7 | 1.3 | 7.7 |
| June | 2.3 | 5.8 | 1.2 | 7.7 |
| July | 2.0 | 6.3 | 1.3 | 7.8 |
| Aug. | 1.3 | 5.9 | 1.9 | 8.8 |
| Sept. | 1.5 | 5.9 | 1.7 | 8.9 |
| Oct. | 1.1 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 9.3 |
| Nov. | 1.2 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 9.7 |
| Dec. | 1.5 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 10.3 |
| 1951 Jan. | 10.1 | 8.7 | 2.7 | 11.4 |
| Feb 。 | 1.4 | 8.9 | 2.2 | 11.5 |
| Mar. | 1.6 | 8.5 | 2.4 | 12.4 |
| Apr. | 1.4 | 7.9 | 2.0 | 12.7 |
| Nay | 1.4 | 7.4 | 2.3 | 13.2 |
| June | 1.3 | 6.6 | 2.9 | 14.3 |
| July | 0.7 | 6.4 | 1.9 | 14.6 |
| Aug. | 1.1 | 5.6 | 2.4 | 15.2 |
| Sept. | 0.9 | 5.7 | 2.2 | 15.4 |
| Oct. | 22.7 | 15.4 | 2.2 | 16.1 |

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## SOURCES AND METHODS

Sources: The tables contained in this report have been compiled from three types of material. In 93 industries, which in 1949 accounted for $73 \%$ of total gross value of production and $78 \%$ of total manufacturers' inventories, values of inventories and shipments are reported monthly by a sample of leading firms. Though the size of the sample varies from industry to industry, the average share of total inventory in the industries thus covered held by reporting firms is $68 \%$. In one large industry, monthly reports on shipments and inventories are made by a stratum sample of firms. In 5 industries, information is available on the physical volume of the chief types of stocks held by all, or a representative sample of firms. Estimates of the current value of these stocks are made by means of data on prices or labour costs and rates of turnover in each industry. In some of these physical volume series, shipments are also available in volume terms and are valued at current prices; for the remainder, shipments are calculated from production and inventory data. In total, these three groups hold $92 \%$ of all manufacturing inventories, and account for $87 \%$ of total gross value of production in Canada.

Methods: Individual indexes for each industry covered in the monthly survey are derived from the values reported by the sample of firms described above and based on the values reported by corresponding firms in December, 1946 adjusted to the average 1947 value.

Inventory values for group totals and the all-industry total are obtained by applying the sample indexes for total inventory for December, 1949 to the December, 1949 total inventory values for corresponding industries (obtained from a complete survey of firms with an annual gross value of production of over $\$ 50,000$ and from estimates for small firms) and projecting for the remaining months. The small percentage of inventory held by industries not covered in the monthly survey is allowed for by projecting December, 1949 values for these industries on the trends shown by reporting industries in the same field. The projection of December 1949 values, rather than of base period values, was adopted to obviate the difficulty that annual inventory data, prior to 1949 was compiled under the old industrial classification, and the industry totals for previous years do not, therefore, correspond exactly with the groupings used in the sample series.

The breakdown of total inventory into main components - raw materials, goods in process, and finished products - was derived by using the monthly component ratio for each sample industry against the projected total inventory value for the corresponding industry. Trends of reporting industries were again used to allow for industries not covered in the survey. This method was adopted because the alternative - applying the December, 1949 component indexes to the December, 1949 component values for each industry and projecting as for total inventory required that the industry samples should be based on component, as well as total, coverage. The present samples are based on total coverage only.

Group totals for shipments were compiled by weighting the various industry indexes by their 1949 gross values of production, since no complete survey of shipments is available.

Factors to be noted in using the material presented in this report. When considering the individual industry series presented, it must be borne in mind that the divisions are industry divisions, not commodities. Industries and firms are classified according to the chief comnodity produced, but since many firms produce more than the one commodity or commodity group which governs their classification, it follows that the figures shown apply to all commodities produced by reporting firms. The index numbers are, therefore, descriptive of the behaviour of industries only and should not be construed as a measure of commodity movemient.

Also, it must be emphasized that the index numbers shown in this series are based on the dollar values of inventories held, not on actual physical quantities. Apart from the fact that dollar values are required by economists interested in investment in inventory, it is obvious that the value approach is the only practical one, considering the wide range of commodities held by manufacturers in all stages from raw materials to finished products ready for sale. However, the value of commodities in stock is the result not only of raw material costs, but also of the cost of making them. Thus, if prices or labour costs rise, the value of the goods held increases, even though the quantity may remain the same. Therefore, changes shown from month to month by the index numbers represent not only quantity changes, but also the changes in the value of each item included.

Factors involved in separating physical changes from value changes for inventories: Some indication of the extent to which changes in value of inventories $\bar{a}$ redue to changes in prices (both of goods and labour), thus isolating the physical change which has taken place, can be obtained by reference to the trend in price changes as shown in the index of wholesale prices published in the "Canadian Statistical Review". This method should, however, be used with caution. While each industry has its own average turnover rate which can be estimated roughtly, it is difficult to estimate a rate which can accurately be applied to raw materials, goods in process and finished goods. Moreover, all firms within a given industry do not value inventories on the san.e basis, the most common methods being lower of cost or market and standard cost. These considerations make it difficult to determine the length of time necessary before a change in wholesale prices will be reflected in inventory values. Added to this is the fact that the wholesale price index and the index of inventory values are compiled differently. The wholesale price index is computed from selling prices, and weighted according to quantities sold; while, as noted above, most firmis report inventories at some variation of cost and the index is automatically weighted according to quantities held.

An adequate deflating technique would require knowledge of inventory content commodity price indexes, turnover rates and accounting methods on a detailed industry basis. Since such data is not yet available, estimates of physical change involved in total inventory have been made, based on changes in the wholesale price index and in average hourly earnings, and on estimated turnover rates. These are discussed in the Trend Summary on page 1 . They are presented as a matter of interest, but in view of the difficulties discussed above, must be considered as approximations only.

Binding Orders Series. Data for this series is obtained from approximately 400 firms in the inventory survey which produce wholly or partly for binding orders.

The final method of presentation of this material is still under discussion, and it is probable that some change may be made. Pending a final decision, the material is presented in a form which it is believed will be of some use in indicating general trends. As shown, with the values presented as indexes of the average 1947 monthly shipments of the same firms, the data can be read as "Minimum number of month's work outstanding at the average 1947 rate". (It is a minimum since, in the majority of cases, the reporting firms produce partly for stock as well as for binding orders, and the orders shown relate only to the binding order portion, cancellation of which is difficult). In translating this concept to "minimum number of month's work outstanding at the present capacity level", allowances must be made for changes in prices, capacity, the labour force, productivity, and types of production. The closest approximation to this appears to be in changes in shipments themselves, and as soon as possible shipments indexes for the same groups of firms will be shown in the table.

As far as possible, the data is restricted to orders which will be reflected in market sales only i.e. orders which will be reflected in transfer shipments from one unit of a multiple-unit firm to another unit of the same firm are eliminated. This brings the data in line with a pending revision of the shipments series.

Historical Data: All individual industry inventory and shipments series, on a monthly basis, are available from January, 1947 to date, and may be obtained on request. In each case, data from comparable groupings of firms, on the Standard Industrial Classification basis, have been compiled for the entire period. Since, prior to 1949 , these groupings do not correspond to annual inventory and production data which was at that time on the old classification system, estimates of total inventory have been carried back only to January, 1949.

