

MONTHLY REVIEW

OF AGRICULTURAL AND BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN THE NINTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT

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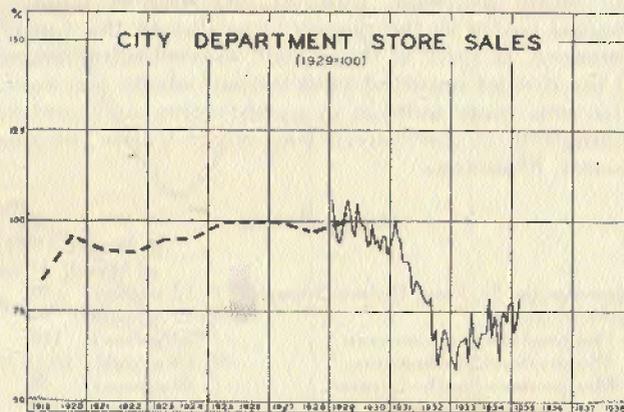
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DISTRICT SUMMARY OF BUSINESS

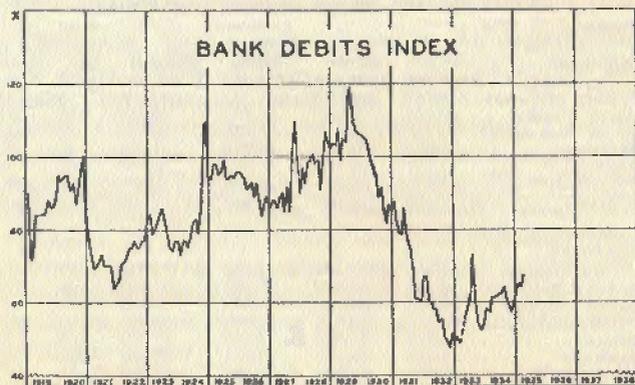
The volume of business in the district during March at least held at the level of February, aside from seasonal movements. The adjusted index of bank debits rose from 64 in February to 67 in March, reaching the highest point since July, 1933, and the highest, with that exception, since January, 1932. Department store sales in the larger cities, after adjustment to remove the effects of seasonal influences and the late date of Easter, rose from 73 in February to 79 in March. The March figure was equal to the highest levels reached since December, 1931. The country check clearings index for March remained at the level of February, which was the highest since 1929. The adjusted indexes of miscellaneous and l.c.l. freight carloadings declined between February and March. The decline was especially important in miscellaneous freight carloadings, for which the index was reduced from 83 to 76.

As compared with March last year, the business series showed about as many increases as decreases. Bank debits were 10 per cent larger, and country check clearings were 15 per cent larger than in March a year ago. Other increases over last year occurred in electric power consumption, building permits, linseed product shipments, marketings of cattle and sheep, country lumber sales, life insurance sales, and wholesale trade. Decreases were reported in freight carloadings, building contracts, real estate activity in Hennepin and Ramsey counties, flour shipments, butter production, grain marketings, and receipts of calves and hogs.

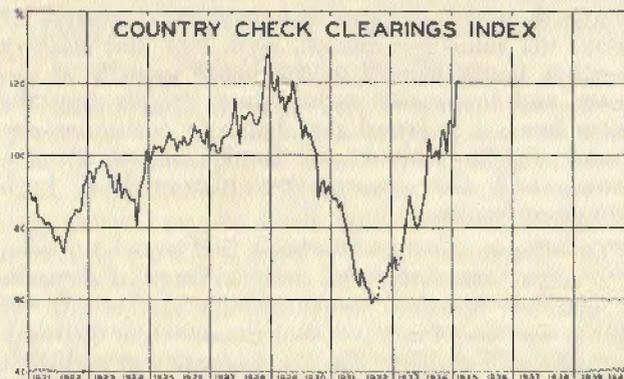


Index of Department Store Sales at Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth-Superior, adjusted for seasonal variations. (The curve for the years 1919-1929 has been somewhat revised on the basis of reports from a larger number of stores.)

In the first part of April, northwestern business apparently remained at the level of March, aside from seasonal changes. If the full month of April continues at the level of the first half month, the indexes of bank debits and miscellaneous freight carloadings will be higher than those indexes for March, but the index of country check clearings will be lower than that for March and the index of l.c.l. freight carloadings will be unchanged. All of these business series except l.c.l. freight carloadings were higher in the first part of April than in the corresponding period a year ago.



Bank Debits Index for reporting cities in the Ninth Federal Reserve District, adjusted for seasonal variations.



Country Check Clearings Index, adjusted to remove seasonal variations.

Retail Trade

Retail trade at department stores and country general stores showed the effects of Easter coming three weeks later this year than a year ago. City department stores reported sales in March 4 per cent under sales in March last year, and three hundred twenty-two country general stores reported a decrease of 2 per cent under last year's March volume. At city department stores, the experience of past years indicates that March sales, when Easter falls exceptionally late, are 5 per cent lower than when Easter falls at an early date. Hence, it seems probable that the entire decrease, both at city and at country general stores in the district, was due to the Easter influence. In spite of this factor, several subdivisions of the district reported sales volume above last year. This was most notable in northeastern and central Minnesota, in the eastern Red River Valley, and in eastern Montana.

Retail Trade

		% March, 1935, of March, 1934
Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth-Superior	(22 stores)	96
Country stores	(322 stores)	98
Minnesota—Southwestern	(33 stores)	100
Minnesota—Southeastern	(18 stores)	95
Minnesota—South Central	(26 stores)	99
Minnesota—Central	(12 stores)	108
Minnesota—Northeastern	(10 stores)	106
Minnesota-North Dakota, Red River Valley	(15 stores)	100
Montana—Mountain	(18 stores)	97
Montana—Plain	(34 stores)	108
North Dakota, excluding Red River Valley	(16 stores)	85
South Dakota—Southeastern	(15 stores)	89
South Dakota—Other eastern	(42 stores)	100
Wisconsin—West central	(43 stores)	95
Northern Wisconsin and Michigan	(40 stores)	101
Ninth District	(344 stores)	97

DISTRICT SUMMARY OF BANKING

A tabulation of condition reports of member banks as of March 4 confirms the fragmentary evidence hitherto available that banking changes in the district since the beginning of the year have been of a minor nature. Deposits of member banks increased about 1 per cent between December 31 and March 4, and loans and investments increased by about the same percentage. Both city and country member banks shared in this small growth of deposits and loans and investments. Subdividing the latter item, it is found that loans to customers declined slightly both at city banks and at country banks, and that investments increased at both groups of banks.

Developments since the bank call have also been of a minor character. The daily average of deposits at country member banks during the month of March was about one per cent greater than the daily average for February, but the increase was sufficient to bring the March average to the highest level since June, 1932. City member banks during recent weeks have experienced a minor decrease in de-

posits, chiefly on account of a reduction in balances due to country correspondent banks. Loans to customers reported by city banks remained unchanged during the four weeks ending April 17, but investments increased slightly. This increase at a time when deposits were declining caused a reduction in balances due from other banks.

BANKING DURING 1934

Bank deposits in the district during 1934 increased more sharply than in any calendar year since 1919. The increase of 184 million dollars brought total deposits up to \$1,198,000,000 which was the highest point since December, 1931. Loans continued to decline, the decrease amounting to 62 million dollars. This brought total loans down to \$375,000,000 which is a new low point since our records began in 1913. Investment holdings increased 137 million dollars during 1934 and at the close of the year, were nearly as high as the peak of 1928-1929. Cash and balances due from banks rose 120 million dollars during the year to the exceptionally high level of 387 million dollars. Borrowings from other banks were almost entirely paid off, leaving total borrowed money of only 331 thousand dollars at the close of the year.

The changes in loans, investments, and cash and due from banks during 1934 created some peculiar and very unusual relationships between these assets. Loans of all banks in the district at the close of the year were 106 million dollars less than investment holdings. This relationship was true in every state and in both rural and city banks. Furthermore, the aggregate loans of all banks in the district were 12 million dollars less than their cash and balances due from banks, although this relationship was not true in rural Minnesota and the portions of Wisconsin and Michigan lying within this district. The most notable instance of this abnormal relationship between various bank assets was the state of Montana, where loans were less than half as large as investments and not much more than half as large as cash and balances due from banks.

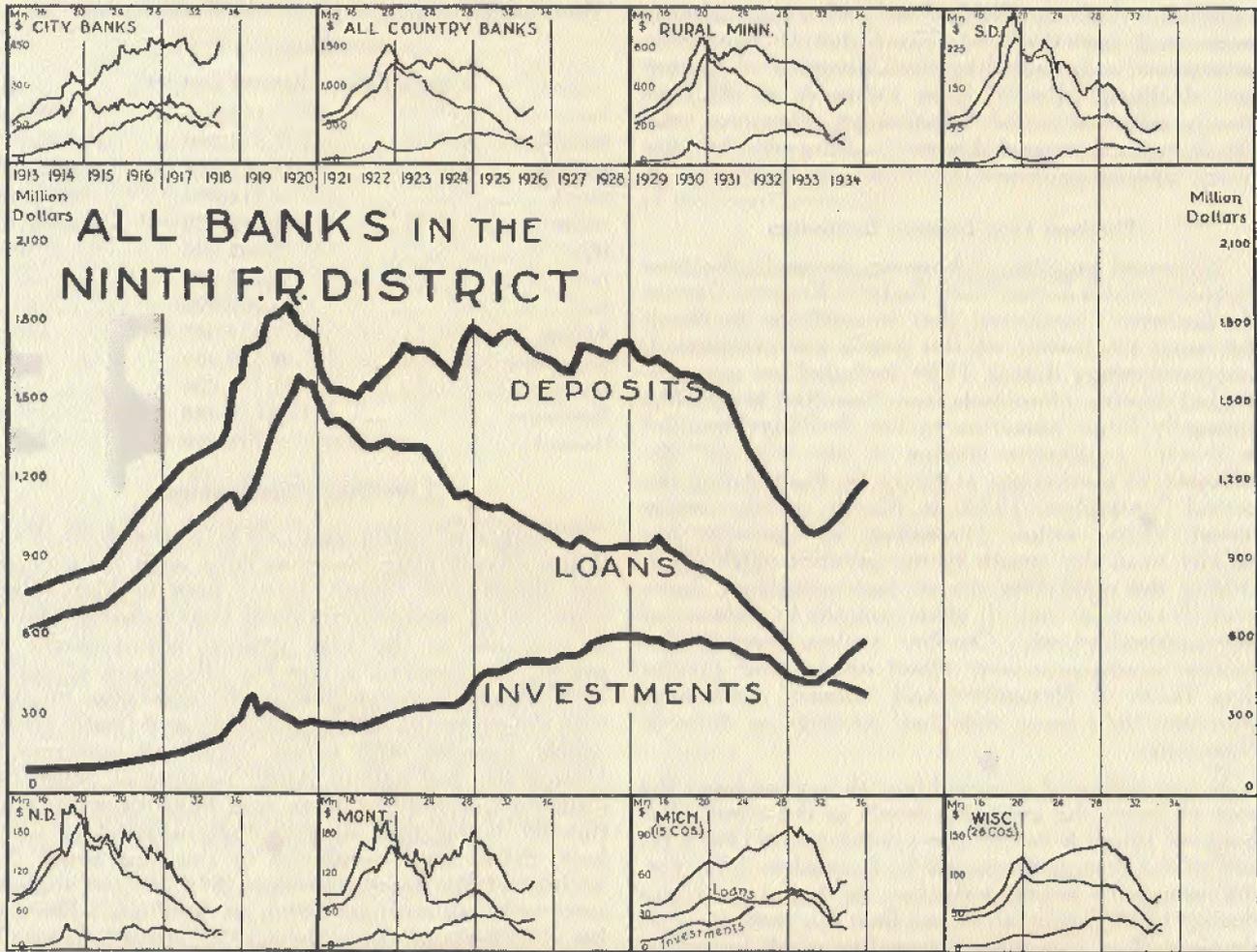
Bank Returns in the Ninth Federal Reserve District

(000's omitted, except in number of banks)

December 31, 1934	Loans	Investments	Cash and Due from Banks	Deposits	Borrowings	No. of Banks
Minnesota						
City Banks* . . .	\$140,785	\$221,549	\$150,022	\$ 466,462	\$ 0	14
Rural Minnesota	113,052	169,742	106,353	343,658	0	675
North Dakota . . .	22,900	32,047	24,517	68,399	145	211
South Dakota . . .	26,745	34,972	28,821	79,118	24	212
Montana	25,007	53,177	46,925	111,796	15	123
Michigan**	19,229	32,815	12,077	55,458	66	55
Wisconsin**	27,670	37,545	18,392	72,827	81	142
Total	\$375,388	\$581,847	\$387,107	\$1,197,718	\$331	1,432
December 30, 1933						
Minnesota						
City Banks* . . .	\$164,668	\$157,478	\$111,882	\$ 392,517	\$ 99	18
Rural Minnesota	128,125	131,907	74,112	291,239	1,208	673
North Dakota . . .	29,273	23,748	13,880	57,629	387	213
South Dakota . . .	30,757	30,036	13,077	62,593	2,161	210
Montana	30,172	47,957	31,630	97,437	570	133
Michigan**	21,022	26,986	9,141	49,193	564	49
Wisconsin**	33,491	26,986	13,564	62,649	1,612	152
Total	\$437,508	\$445,098	\$267,286	\$1,013,257	\$6,601	1,448

*Twin City national banks and Minnesota savings banks and trust companies.

**Portion of state in the Ninth Federal Reserve District.



Assets and Liabilities of All Banks in the Ninth Federal Reserve District, 1928-1934

(000's omitted)

End of—	Loans	Investments	Cash and Due from Banks	Deposits	Borrowings
1928.....	\$949,594	\$602,273	\$339,149	\$1,723,207	\$ 9,492
1929.....	934,824	570,361	312,773	1,634,204	17,710
1930.....	836,291	557,789	321,171	1,547,457	10,472
1931.....	699,707	520,084	249,835	1,309,669	14,262
1932.....	560,225	451,972	241,272	1,088,907	30,479
1933.....	437,508	445,098	267,286	1,013,257	6,601
1934.....	375,388	581,847	387,107	1,197,718	331

Both city banks and country banks experienced the same trends during 1934, i.e., increasing deposits, investments, cash and balances due from banks, and declining loans and borrowings. Country banks experienced a larger increase in deposits than was reported by the city banks of the district and a larger decline in loans. Nevertheless, investment holdings of country banks did not increase much more during the year than investment holdings of city banks, whereas cash and balances due from banks increased twice as much at the country banks as at city banks.

The number of banks in the district decreased by sixteen during 1934, according to the abstracts of called reports of National and State banks. There

was a reduction of four in the number of city banks and a reduction of twelve in the number of country banks. Owing to the increase in deposits and the decrease in the number of banks, the average deposits per bank held by the country banks of the district rose very sharply. At the close of 1934, the average country bank had deposits of 516 thousand dollars, which was very nearly as large as the highest average in history.

DISTRICT SUMMARY OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Income and Prices

Farm income from the sale of seven northwestern products, but not including government rental and benefit payments, was 6 per cent smaller in March than in the same month last year. The decrease was due entirely to the small marketings of grain. The income from both hogs and dairy products was larger in March than a year ago. In these items, small marketings were more than counterbalanced by higher prices. All farm product prices during March were equal to or higher than a year ago, with the exception of lambs and potatoes. From February to March this year, there were further advances in the prices of steers and hogs, which reached the

highest levels since 1930. Prices of grains, butter, lambs and eggs declined. The index of Minnesota farm prices constructed by the University of Minnesota declined from 87.4 in February to 85.2 in March, after seasonal adjustment. However, the March index was much higher than the March index in any preceding year since 1930.

Revised Hog Income Estimates

The small number of hogs on farms in the four complete states in the Ninth Federal Reserve District on January 1 indicated that in addition to about the usual proportion of last year's pig production, hog marketings during 1934 included an unprecedented number of animals from breeding herds. The unusually large reduction in hog holdings resulted in a very noticeable change in the seasonal distribution of marketings at South St. Paul during the period September, 1934, to March, 1935. During recent years, either December or January has usually been the month of the greatest marketings. During the marketing season just completed, however, November led all other months in volume of hog marketings with October a close second. December marketings were about one-quarter smaller than those of November and January marketings were but little more than half as large as those in November.

In our estimates of monthly cash income from the sale of hogs, the probable trend in the number of hogs on farms is taken into consideration. As a result of the drouth-shortened feed supplies, however, the unusually heavy reduction in hog inventories during 1934 was much larger than our estimated reduction. Now that government live stock inventory figures are available, on which to base a correction, we have revised our cash income estimates for last year. In the tables below are shown the changes in hogs on farms in the four complete states of the Ninth Federal Reserve District for the last eleven years and the revised monthly estimates of farmers' cash income from the sale of hogs for the last fifteen months.

Number of Hogs on Farms in Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota on January 1st

		Change from Preceding Year	
		Increase*	Decrease†
1925	7,393,000	.....	467,000
1926	6,695,000	.....	698,000
1927	6,710,000	15,000	.....
1928	7,639,000	929,000	.....
1929	7,138,000	.....	501,000
1930	7,304,000	166,000	.....
1931	7,711,000	407,000	.....
1932	6,837,000	.....	874,000
1933	6,409,000	.....	428,000
1934	5,211,000	.....	1,303,000
1935	3,116,000	.....	2,095,000

*Reduces "available for marketing" figure.

†Increases "available for marketing" figure.

Revised Estimates of Farmers' Cash Income from Hogs

(Ninth Federal Reserve District)

	1934	1935
January	\$ 7,213,000	\$8,558,000
February	5,502,000	5,402,000
March	4,816,000	5,411,000
April	4,342,000	.....
May	5,088,000	.....
June	5,625,000	.....
July	4,800,000	.....
August	5,514,000	.....
September	8,658,000	.....
October	11,498,000	.....
November	11,618,000	.....
December	9,158,000	.....

Live Stock Marketings

Receipts of cattle and calves at South St. Paul during March were nearly as large as in the preceding month and slightly larger than in March last year. Cattle receipts continued heavy during March in response to the very general improvement in prices. The median prices for all classes of cattle were higher in March than in the preceding month, with the exception of heavy stocker and feeder steers which, together with calves, remained unchanged. During the first half of April, receipts at South St. Paul have continued large and have been proportionally larger than at the other midwestern markets. Prices have continued to rise and about the middle of the month reached \$14.00, the highest price paid for steers at South St. Paul since December, 1929. As has been the rule for some time, quality animals were comparatively scarce, resulting in greater price increases in the better grade offerings than in the lower grades.

Hog receipts at South St. Paul during March continued to be only half as large as in the same month a year ago, despite the relatively high prices paid for all weights. Receipts at the seven principal midwestern markets were also only about half as large as in the same month last year. After establishing four successive record prices in the last two weeks of February and first two weeks of March, average prices sagged somewhat, but have held comparatively steady since that time, at a level above that of any other similar period in the last four and one-half years.

Cold Storage Holdings

The national cold storage report for April 1 revealed principally a larger than usual reduction in stocks of meat during March. Lard stocks also declined, whereas usually there is an increase during that month. Butter stocks were very low throughout the month of March. On April 1, stocks of cheese, poultry, beef, and lamb and mutton were larger than the five-year average for the date, while stocks of eggs and pork were below the five year average.

United States Cold Storage Holdings

(In thousands of pounds)

	April 1, 1935	April 1, 1934	April 1, 5-Year Average
Beef	98,180	55,848	57,165
Pork	627,163	657,222	731,267
Lamb and Mutton	3,206	2,024	2,660
Miscellaneous Meats....	78,434	55,631	66,987
Total Meats	806,983	770,725	858,079
Lard	104,861	173,775	104,880
Cream*	5	82	.....
Butter	5,342	15,351	16,453
Cheese	62,849	62,153	56,524
Eggs†	2,628	2,313	3,176
Poultry	83,174	74,197	78,368

*Thousand cans.

†Thousand cases.

Planting Intentions

On March 1, farmers in the four complete states of the Ninth Federal Reserve District were not planning to expand total crop acreages beyond the areas planted last year, according to the report on "Acreage Intentions as of March 1," issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. The 1935 intended acreages for each of the eight principal crops in this district were larger than the acreages harvested in 1934 because of the forced abandonment of much acreage during the dry growing season, but only in the case of barley and flax were the March 1 intended acreage estimates larger than the estimates of the 1934 planted acreages.

Shortly after the publication of the intended acreage estimates, the Secretary of Agriculture announced the removal of all AAA restrictions on spring wheat acreage. Under the plan presented, wheat contract signers may increase their spring wheat acreages not to exceed 65 per cent of their 1928-32 base acreages. It has been announced that under this plan it would be possible to increase the spring wheat acreage by about 5,000,000 acres. What portion of this maximum estimate will actually be planted cannot be well determined at this time. Various estimates have been presented, varying from 900,000 to 2,300,000 acres. If the March 1 intended spring wheat acreage were increased by 2,000,000 acres, the 1935 spring wheat acreage would be somewhat larger than the 1925-1934 average, which includes the last several drouth years, but it would still be less than the spring wheat acreages harvested in 1932, 1930, 1929, 1928, or 1927.

Moisture Conditions

Recent surveys of soil conditions in our district and the surrounding states indicate a very much more satisfactory supply of moisture this year than last, especially in the surface soil. The areas reporting the sub-soil condition as very dry at the end of March have not been materially reduced from those where the same condition existed a year ago. Since the first of April, however, a considerable amount of moisture has fallen, either as snow or rain, in-

creasing the moisture condition of the surface soil very generally and in some areas relieving to some extent the sub-soil moisture shortage. The towns listed below show the widely distributed points that have received over half an inch of moisture during the current month. (Only one government station in the northwest reported less than one-half inch of moisture in April.)

Precipitation April 1 Through April 29, 1935

Town	Precipitation (Inches)
Minnesota	
Argyle	1.55
Campbell	3.05
Crookston	1.78
Detroit Lakes	2.86
Duluth	1.26
Grand Meadow	2.61
Minneapolis	2.32
Montevideo	3.35
Moorhead	2.41
New Ulm	3.29
Park Rapids	3.61
Pipestone	4.23
Winnepago	2.42
Worthington	4.13
Montana	
Billings .....	.97
Bozeman	1.71
Cut Bank .....	.62
Glendive	1.58
Great Falls	1.06
Havre .....	.90
Kalispell	1.68
Lewistown	1.06
Miles City .....	.79
North Dakota	
Bismarck	2.80
Crosby .....	.71
Devils Lake	1.62
Dickinson	2.27
Drake	1.14
Dunn Center	1.76
Garrison	1.30
Grand Forks	1.96
Hankinson	2.80
Jamestown	4.42
Lisbon	3.69
Minot .....	.70
Napoleon	3.78
Williston .....	.98
South Dakota	
Aberdeen	6.73
Fairfax	2.82
Huron	5.04
Lemmon	1.48
Mitchell	5.02
Mobridge	4.14
Rapid City	2.24
Sioux Falls	5.88
Watertown	2.85
Yankton	3.74
Wisconsin	
LaCrosse	2.31

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF BUSINESS IN THE NINTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT

	Per Cent				Per Cent		
	Mar., '35	Mar., '34	Mar., '34		Mar., '35	Mar., '34	Mar., '34
GENERAL BUSINESS							
Bank Debits¹							
All Reporting Cities	\$ 25,011,600	\$ 22,661,700	110	Bread Wheat	734,000	2,264,000	82
Minneapolis	10,513,000	10,080,000	105	Durum Wheat	122,000	470,000	26
St. Paul	5,518,000	4,752,000	116	Rye	15,000	123,000	12
South St. Paul	599,000	413,000	143	Flax	109,000	144,000	76
Great Lakes Ports	1,404,500	1,394,100	101	Grain Marketings at Minneapolis and Duluth-Superior (Bus.)			
Beef and Pork, S. E.	875,200	845,000	103	Wheat	11,473,912	32,477,312	35
Beef and Pork, S. W.	904,400	819,100	110	Corn	4,940,800	10,846,226	46
Dairy and Mixed Farming	1,263,200	1,091,400	116	Oats	8,898,218	26,726,002	26
Wheat and Mixed Farming	1,486,400	1,304,400	109	Barley	5,356,782	9,359,659	57
Wheat and Range	809,700	622,400	130	Rye	3,174,190	5,632,911	56
Mining and Lumber	1,635,200	1,295,300	126	Flax	877,263	980,232	89
Electric Power Consumption (K.W.H.)^{1,2}							
Minn., No. Dak. and So. Dak.	4,673,900	4,564,900	102	Grain Stocks at End of Month at Minneapolis and Duluth-Superior (Bus.)			
Montana	3,276,200	2,778,900	118	Wheat	11,473,912	32,477,312	35
Country Check Clearings¹							
Total	\$ 3,593,500	\$ 3,132,300	115	Corn	4,940,800	10,846,226	46
Minnesota	1,387,200	1,180,200	116	Oats	8,898,218	26,726,002	26
Montana	532,300	417,500	128	Barley	5,356,782	9,359,659	57
North and South Dakota	1,059,400	974,800	109	Rye	3,174,190	5,632,911	56
Michigan and Wisconsin	634,100	559,800	113	Flax	877,263	980,232	89
Freight Carloadings—N.W. District							
Total—Excluding L.C.L.	210,240	220,727	95	Live Stock Receipts at South St. Paul (Head)			
Grains and Grain Products	26,979	34,369	78	Cattle	58,484	55,397	105
Live Stock	10,195	14,645	70	Calves	41,108	58,645	70
Coal	25,032	26,524	94	Hogs	63,102	137,418	46
Coke	4,609	4,897	98	Sheep	59,529	42,172	141
Forest Products	33,194	32,798	101	Median Cash Grain Prices (Bus.)			
Ore	569	441	129	Wheat—No. 1 Dark Northern	\$ 1.13 1/2	\$.88 1/2	127
Miscellaneous	110,562	107,253	103	Durum—No. 2 Hard Amber	1.29	1.11 1/2	116
Merchandise—L.C.L.	81,328	86,144	94	Corn—No. 3 Yellow	.79 1/2	.43 1/2	182
Building Permits							
Number—13 Cities	798	681	115	Oats—No. 3 White	.50 1/2	.32 1/2	157
Value—13 Cities	\$ 1,978,300	\$ 630,200	219	Barley—No. 3	.85	.....	.....
Minneapolis	900,400	208,900	431	Malting Barley—No. 3	1.05	.....	.....
St. Paul	162,500	154,600	105	Rye No. 2	.62 1/2	.59 1/2	106
Duluth-Superior	72,700	158,400	46	Flax—No. 1	1.82	1.82 1/2	100
4 Wheat Belt Cities	69,200	27,100	233	Median Livestock Prices (Cwt.)			
6 Mixed Farming Cities	83,000	62,200	133	Butcher Cows and Heifers	\$ 6.25	\$ 3.75	167
4 Mining Cities	96,500	19,000	508	Heavy Butcher Steers (1,100 lbs. and over)	10.35	5.25	197
Building Contracts Awarded							
Total	\$ 3,254,700	\$ 4,459,700	73	Light Butcher Steers (Under 1,100 lbs.)	8.85	5.00	177
Commercial	319,800	303,700	105	Prime Heavy Butcher Steers (1,100 lbs. and over)	12.00	6.40	188
Factories	69,500	60,200	115	Prime Light Butcher Steers (Under 1,100 lbs.)	11.00	6.25	176
Educational	68,000	940,500	7	Heavy Stocker and Feeder Steers (800 lbs. and over)	6.50	3.75	173
Hospitals, etc.	266,300	60,000	345	Light Stocker and Feeder Steers (Under 800 lbs.)	6.50	3.50	186
Public Buildings	730,400	205,400	356	Veal Calves	7.00	5.50	127
Religious and Memorial	14,800	51,000	29	Hogs	8.90	4.00	223
Social and Recreational	67,900	137,500	49	Heavy Hogs	9.30	3.85	242
Residential	533,800	281,400	204	Lambs	7.75	8.85	88
Public Works	1,159,500	1,332,400	60	Ewes	4.75	4.75	100
Public Utilities	84,200	507,600	17	Wholesale Produce Prices			
Real Estate Activity in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties							
Warranty Deeds Recorded	465	479	97	Butter (Lb.)	\$.28 1/2	\$.21 1/2	134
Mortgages Recorded	752	1,090	69	Milk (Cwt.)	1.70	1.20	121
Manufacturing and Mining							
Flour Production at Minneapolis and Duluth-Superior (Bbls.)	587,010	731,300	80	Hens (Lb.)	.14 1/2	.09	161
Flour Shipments at Mpls. (Bbls.)	569,794	679,249	84	Eggs—No. 2 (Doz.)	.17	.12 1/2	136
Linseed Product Shipments (Lbs.)	14,276,800	12,706,281	112	Potatoes (Bu.)	.56 1/2	.95	58
Copper Output (3 Firms) (Lbs.)	18,081,600	12,519,400	144	TRADE			
Business Failures							
Number	25	35	71	City Department Stores³			
Liabilities	\$ 265,322	\$ 712,498	37	Sales	\$ 4,536,410	\$ 4,721,880	96
AGRICULTURE							
Farmers' Cash Income							
Total of 7 Items	\$ 20,810,000	\$ 22,056,000	94	Merchandise Stocks	8,717,440	8,574,670	102
Bread Wheat	930,000	2,255,000	41	Receivables	5,814,110	5,193,860	102
Durum Wheat	157,000	525,000	30	Instalment Receivables	1,523,900	1,281,240	119
Rye	9,000	78,000	12	Country General and Department Stores³			
Flax	138,000	263,000	75	Sales	\$ 3,589,360	\$ 3,644,730	98
Potatoes	2,331,000	3,330,000	61	Merchandise Stocks	8,191,680	6,068,670	102
Dairy Products	11,774,000	10,294,000	114	Country Lumber Yards⁴			
Hogs	5,411,000	4,816,000	112	Sales (Bd. Ft.)	3,340,000	3,307,000	101
Butter Production (Lbs.)							
	30,333,000	36,742,000	83	Lumber Stocks (Bd. Ft.)	66,658,000	66,932,000	99
Life Insurance Sales							
				Total Sales	\$ 658,600	\$ 698,200	95
				Receivables	1,419,950	1,520,000	93
				Four States	\$ 14,500,000	\$ 13,797,000	105
				Minnesota	10,930,000	19,408,000	105
				Montana	1,581,000	1,228,000	129
				North Dakota	896,000	946,000	106
				South Dakota	993,000	1,215,000	82

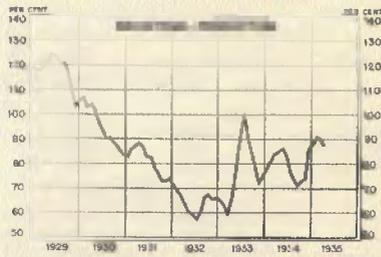
COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF BUSINESS IN THE NINTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT
(Continued)

	Per Cent			Per Cent		
	Mar., '35	Mar., '34	Mar., '34 of Mar., '35	Mar., '35	Mar., '34	Mar., '34 of Mar., '35
Wholesale Trade						
Groceries*						
Sales	\$ 3,280,660	\$ 3,145,890	104			
Stocks	6,319,540	5,793,170	109			
Receivables	3,630,740	3,518,670	103			
Hardware²						
Sales	\$ 1,279,160	\$ 1,272,820	100			
Stocks	2,459,980	2,430,790	99			
Receivables	1,237,650	1,282,710	96			
Shoes						
Sales	\$ 384,800	\$ 342,670	112			
Stocks	685,150	641,850	107			
Receivables	703,450	613,670	115			
BANKING						
Member Bank Deposits						
In Cities over 15,000 pop.	\$473,197,000	\$392,658,000	121			
In Cities under 15,000 pop.	308,707,000	278,434,000	111			
Michigan—15 Cos.	47,563,000	44,684,000	106			
Minnesota	127,148,000	115,793,000	110			
Montana	47,954,000	40,793,000	118			
North Dakota	28,926,000	26,591,000	109			
South Dakota	39,438,000	35,016,000	113			
Wisconsin—26 Cos.	17,678,000	15,557,000	114			
Interest Rates²						
Minneapolis Banks				3 3/4	4-4 1/4	
Commercial Paper (net to borrower)				1 1/4	1 1/2	
Minneapolis Fed. Res. Bank				2 1/2	3	
Selected City Member Banks						
				Apr. 17, '35	Apr. 18, '34	
Loans to Customers	\$138,916,000	\$155,850,000	89			
Other Invested Funds	224,514,000	179,000,000	125			
Cash and Due from Banks	168,092,000	144,040,000	117			
Deposits Due to Banks	129,551,000	100,257,000	120			
Public Demand Deposits	43,587,000	29,076,000	150			
Other Demand Deposits	185,941,000	155,792,000	119			
Time Deposits	123,327,000	122,650,000	105			
Total Deposits	484,590,000	414,109,000	117			
Borrowings at Fed. Res. Bank	0	0	0			
Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank						
Loans to Member Banks	\$ 60,000	\$ 574,000	10			
Twin Cities	0	0	0			
Minn., Wis. and Mich.	50,000	246,000	20			
No. Dak. and Mont.	0	132,000	0			
South Dakota	10,000	196,000	5			
Industrial Advances	1,950,000	0	0			
Fed. Res. Notes in Circulation	104,508,000	95,812,000	109			
Member Bank Reserve Deposits	97,719,000	72,153,000	135			

¹Daily Averages. ²Unclassified.
³Latest Reported Data.
⁴Figures for the various items in this section not always from identical firms.

BANK DEBITS

	March 1935	February 1935	March 1934	February 1934
Number of Business Days:				
Minnesota	26	22	26	22
Wisconsin	26	23	27	23
All Other States in District	26	22	27	22
Michigan (000's omitted)				
Calumet (1 bank)	\$ 444	\$ 480	\$ 484	\$ 384
Crystal Falls	265	178	484	384
Escanaba (1 bank)	617	620	1,202	1,053
Hancock	764	794	1,086	1,180
Houghton	1,319	1,440	1,369	1,327
Iron Mountain	2,112	1,904	706	551
Iron River, Stambaugh	968	864	132*	105*
Ironwood (1 bank)	664	566	2,303	1,837
Laurium (1 bank)	337	126	2,472	2,106
Manistique	240	330	1,874	1,551
Marquette	2,467	2,269		
Menominee	2,448	2,254		
Sault Ste. Marie	1,934	1,709		
Minnesota				
Albert Lea	2,240	1,933	2,040	1,631
Austin	4,231	4,116	3,296	3,256
Bemidji (2 banks)	917	807	746	781
Chaska	540	310	468	279
Chisholm	593	587	566	585
Cloquet	1,444	1,420	1,517	1,332
Crookston	1,141	1,016	884	791
Detroit Lakes	839	718	764	642
Duluth	26,241	21,878	27,004	22,865
Ely	300	274	280	276
Faribault (1 bank)	1,531	1,117	1,182	816
Farmington	180	150	140	108
Fergus Falls	1,628	1,364	1,748	1,332
Glenwood	314	232	219	182
Hutchinson	726	638	529	463
Lakefield	438	303	292	228
Lanesboro	229	163	227	160
Little Falls	730	635	623	525
Luverne	799	741	572	454
Mankato	4,422	3,754	4,029	3,345
Minneapolis	273,327	237,368	261,547	216,051
Moorhead	1,818	1,364	1,908	1,588
Morris	437	358	365	294
Owatonna	2,246	2,029	2,029	1,587
Park Rapids	239	206	182	141
Red Wing	1,726	1,895	1,587	1,292
Rochester	3,480	3,140	3,184	2,958
St. Cloud	2,436	2,090	2,176	2,060
St. Paul	143,469	115,095	123,560	98,890
Sank Rapids	234	206	253	210
South St. Paul	15,579	13,239	10,876	9,959
Stillwater	1,401	1,482	1,261	1,090
Thief River Falls	832	777	647	643
Two Harbors	360	303	314	270
Virginia	1,429	1,147	1,249	1,135
Wabasha	550	551	676	568
Wells	492	397	429	327
Wheaton	326	233	283	200
Wilmar	1,177	774	952	384*
Winona	5,370	4,534	6,059	4,770
Worthington (1 bank)	954	747	544	394
Montana				
Anaconda	1,027	932	1,112	926
Billings	6,578	5,819	5,313	4,640
Bozeman	1,800	1,516	1,856	1,192
Butte (2 banks)	7,970	7,492	6,741	6,651
Deer Lodge	502*	386*	380	450
Glendive	655	583	598	520
Great Falls	9,022	7,503	7,057	5,999
Harlowton	218	222	195	180
Havre	1,288	959	1,048	778
Helena	9,250	9,135	6,441	5,868
Kalispell	1,451	1,181	1,130	943
Lewistown	1,376	947	1,021	912
Malta	570	477	390	297
Miles City (1 bank)	877	765	749	700
North Dakota				
Bismarck	12,065	8,397	9,953	9,119
Devils Lake	937	860	1,125	700
Dickinson	846	798	890	663
Fargo	12,337	10,674	12,488	9,329
Grafton	643	468	687	496
Grand Forks	3,293	2,748	3,419	2,824
Jamestown	1,564	1,250	1,325	1,004
Mandan	785	638	696	576
Minot	3,114	2,803	3,557	2,415
Valley City	874	722	822	640
Wahpeton	808	638	780	654
Williston	927	817	754	566
South Dakota				
Aberdeen	3,248	2,941	3,028	2,846
Brookings (1 bank)	675	626	558	554
Deadwood	887	834	770	574
Huron	1,938	1,655	2,021	1,712
Lead	1,831	1,660	1,429	1,291
Madison	829	688	667	491
Milbank	354	305	311	220
Mitchell	2,120	1,863	1,819	1,668
Mobridge	571	470	428	373
Pierre	2,846	2,521	1,620	1,548
Rapid City	1,727	1,522	1,687	1,340
Sioux Falls	11,619	10,050	11,987	9,667
Watertown	1,967	1,874	1,876	1,350
Yankton	1,823	1,513	1,412	1,194
Wisconsin				
Ashland	1,351	1,031	933	613
Chippewa Falls	1,653	1,458	1,426	1,190
Eau Claire	5,665	4,578	4,811	3,954
Hudson	311	295	322	292
La Crosse	7,119	5,722	7,209	5,489
Merrill	1,550	1,178	1,491	992
Rhineland	1,557	1,233	1,381	1,075
Superior	3,546	3,207	3,607	2,476
Total for 96 cities with comparable figures for both years. \$654,279 \$556,189 \$598,151 \$493,468				
*Figures for a smaller number of banks.				



Index number of industrial production, adjusted for seasonal variation. (1923-1925 average=100.)

Summary of National Business Conditions (Compiled April 25 by Federal Reserve Board)

The volume of industrial production, which usually increases somewhat at this season, showed little change in March. Building activity in the residential field increased in March and the first half of April, reflecting in part seasonal factors. Wholesale prices of farm products and foods, after declining in March, showed a considerable increase in the first three weeks of April.

PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT: The Federal Reserve Board's adjusted index of industrial production, which makes allowance for changes in the number of working days and for usual seasonal variations, was 88 per cent of the 1923-1925 average in March, as compared with 89 per cent in February and 90 in January. Steel production, after declining in the latter part of February, showed little change during March and the first three weeks of April. Output of automobiles increased further and was larger than in the corresponding period of any other year since 1929. In the cotton textile industry, daily average output declined in March and, according to trade reports, showed a further considerable decrease in the early part of April. Activity at woolen mills also decreased somewhat in March, while shoe production showed little change. Activity in the meat packing industry in March, as in other recent months, was at a lower level than a year ago. Output of bituminous coal declined sharply in the early part of April, following an increase earlier in the year.

Factory employment and payrolls increased between the middle of February and the middle of March by somewhat more than the usual seasonal amount. The most marked increases were in industries producing machinery, furniture, and clothing, while employment in industries producing textile fabrics and foods showed a decline.

The value of construction contracts awarded for residential building increased in March and the first half of April, according to reports by the F. W. Dodge Corporation, while contracts for public projects continued at a lower level than a year ago.

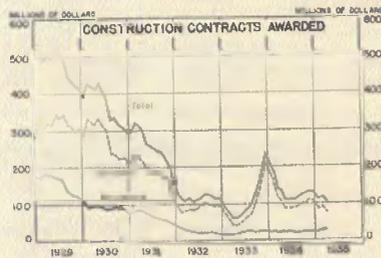
DISTRIBUTION: Distribution of commodities by rail showed little change in March. In the early part of April, however, shipments declined, reflecting a sharp reduction in loadings of coal. Department store sales increased from February to March by more than the estimated seasonal amount.

WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES: The general level of wholesale commodity prices, as measured by the index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, advanced from 78.8 per cent of the 1926 average in the week ending March 23 to 80.3 per cent in the week ending April 20, reflecting chiefly advances in the prices of farm products and foods. The increase in the general index followed a decline from a level of 79.6 per cent in the early part of March.

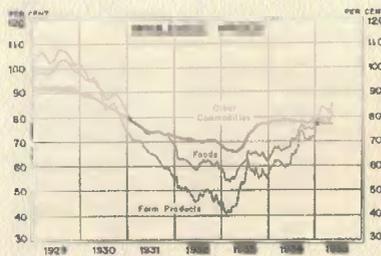
BANK CREDIT: During the four weeks ended April 17, member bank balances with the Federal Reserve banks increased by \$140,000,000, and excess reserves rose to \$2,100,000,000. This increase reflected gold imports of \$120,000,000 and disbursements of \$105,000,000 by the Treasury from the balance with the Reserve banks, offset in part by an increase of \$60,000,000 in the demand for currency.

Total loans and investments of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities increased by \$150,000,000 in the four weeks ended April 17. Loans on securities declined somewhat during this period, while other loans and holdings of investments increased. Net demand deposits of these banks increased by \$380,000,000.

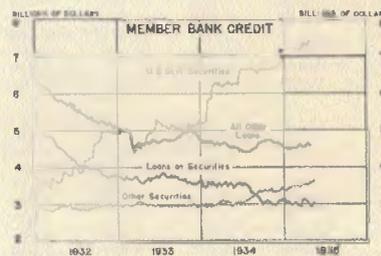
The rate for call money on the New York Stock Exchange was reduced in April to 1/4 per cent from the 1 per cent level that had been in effect for more than a year. Quotations for 90-day time money were also lowered to 1/4 per cent, and there was a reduction in rates on acceptances of the longer maturities.



Three-month moving averages of F. W. Dodge data for 37 Eastern states, adjusted for seasonal variation. Latest figure based on data for February and March and estimate for April.



Indexes of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. (1926=100.) By months 1929 to 1931; by weeks 1932 to date.



Wednesday figures for reporting member banks in 91 leading cities. Latest figures are for April 17.