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# SUPPLEMENT <br> CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS 

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## DOMESTIC NONFINANCIAL ECONOMY

## Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization

Total industrial production is estimated to have edged up 0.1 percent last month, after declines of 0.3 percent in September and 0.6 percent in October. Abstracting from the disruptions caused by the Boeing strike and natural disasters, IP has been down slightly, on balance, in recent months.

Most of the October decline in IP is attributable to the strike against Boeing, which reduced output of aircraft and parts $16-1 / 2$ percent in that month. ${ }^{1}$ Production of aircraft in November is estimated to have retraced about 15 percent of the October decline, as most Boeing workers were back on the job by Thanksgiving. This provided a slight boost to November IP (less than 0.1 percentage point). Aircraft production is expected to return to its pre-strike level by early next year. In addition, the California earthquake apparently disrupted output of computers and semiconductors in October; these effects seem to have been retraced almost fully in November.

Auto assemblies declined 500,000 units in November, but this was nearly offset by a 10 percent increase in output of trucks. ${ }^{2}$ Output of consumer goods excluding motor vehicles declined 0.2 percent last month, after a 0.6 percent increase in October. Output of these goods advanced at a strong pace during the first half of this year, but has slowed appreciably, on balance, in recent months. Production of durables excluding motor vehicles has been particularly weak. Output of nondurables decelerated markedly

[^1]GROWTH IN SELECTED COMPONENTS OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (Percent change from preceding comparable period)

|  | Share of total IP ${ }^{1}$ | $1987{ }^{2}$ | $1988{ }^{2}$ | 1989 |  | 1989 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{HI}^{2}$ | $03^{r}$ | Sept. | ${ }^{r}$ Oct. ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | Nov. ${ }^{\text {e }}$ |
|  |  |  |  | -Annual rate- |  | ---Monthly rate--- |  |  |
| Total index | 100.0 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 2.7 | 1.1 | -. 3 | -. 6 | . 1 |
| Previous |  | 5.8 | 5.0 | 2.7 | 1.3 | . 0 | -. 7 |  |
| Excluding aircraft \& parts | 95.5 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 2.6 | . 9 | -. 3 | -. 1 | . 1 |
| Final products | 47.1 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.0 | . 0 | -. 4 | -1.2 | . 4 |
| Consumer goods | 24.9 | 3.2 | 6.0 | 3.5 | -1.7 | -. 2 | . 4 | -. 2 |
| Motor vehicles | 2.7 | 4.4 | 8.8 | -3.6 | -21.6 | -1.4 | -1.8 | . 0 |
| Durables ex. motor veh. | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 6.3 | -1.2 | -. 3 | -. 5 | -. 9 |
| Nondurables | 18.6 | 2.8 | 6.0 | 4.1 | 1.4 | -. 1 | . 9 | -. 1 |
| Business equipment | 16.5 | 7.0 | 8.3 | 9.5 | . 5 | -. 7 | -2.7 | 1.3 |
| Motor vehicles | 1.0 | 3.9 | 10.7 | -13.2 | -25.0 | -. 1 | -3.0 | -. 8 |
| Computers | 4.2 | 9.4 | 8.7 | 24.0 | -6.4 | -. 1 | -4.4 | 4.0 |
| Other | 11.2 | 6.4 | 8.0 | 6.7 | 5.9 | -. 9 | -2.1 | . 4 |
| Manufacturing | 3.1 | 6.2 | 12.7 | 7.0 | 5.6 | -1.1 | -. 2 | . 5 |
| Civilian aircraft | . 8 | 3.3 | 7.1 | 22.7 | 18.7 | -. 1 | -24.6 | 6.9 |
| Construction supplies | 6.0 | 4.7 | 5.2 | -0.3 | 2.7 | -. 6 | . 5 | . 4 |
| Business supplies | 8.3 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 2.5 | . 6 | . 4 | -. 2 |
| Materials | 38.6 | 7.2 | 4.6 | -. 1 | 1.9 | -. 3 | -. 2 | -. 2 |
| Durable | 20.2 | 8.0 | 6.9 | -. 3 | 4.0 | -. 4 | -1.1 | -. 2 |
| Nondurable | 9.7 | 8.1 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 2.4 | -1.2 | 1.3 | -. 1 |
| Energy | 8.7 | 4.5 | -. 1 | -2.7 | -3.7 | . 9 | . 4 | -. 2 |
| Memo: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing | 87.6 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 3.4 | 1.4 | -. 4 | -. 8 | . 2 |
| Durable | 50.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 2.8 | . 1 | -. 7 | -1.8 | . 5 |
| Nondurable | 36.8 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 3.2 | . 1 | . 5 | -. 2 |

[^2]CAPACITY UTILIZATION IN INDUSTRY ${ }^{1}$ (Percent of capacity; seasonally adjusted)

|  | 1967-88 | 1973 | 1978-79 | 1988 |  | 1989 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ave. | Ave. | Ave. | Nov. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. |
| Total industry | 81.6 | 87.9 | 85.0 | 84.1 | 83.4 | 82.8 | 82.7 |
| Manufacturing | 80.7 | 87.0 | 84.4 | 84.4 | 83.7 | 82.8 | 82.7 |
| Primary processing | 82.0 | 91.3 | 86.3 | 88.1 | 86.0 | 85.8 | 85.5 |
| Advanced processing | 80.2 | 85.1 | 83.3 | 82.6 | 82.8 | 81.4 | 81.4 |
| Durable manufacturing | 78.8 | 86.2 | 83.5 | 83.0 | 82.1 | 80.4 | 80.7 |
| Primary metals | 79.9 | 96.6 | 87.8 | 90.4 | 85.3 | 84.5 | 82.1 |
| Iron and steel | 79.0 | 97.9 | 88.2 | 90.2 | 82.4 | 82.6 | 79.9 |
| Nonferrous metals | 81.5 | 94.2 | 87.1 | 90.7 | 89.2 | 87.0 | 85.1 |
| Nonelectrical machinery | 78.2 | 86.6 | 83.2 | 82.8 | 85.8 | 83.9 | 85.5 |
| Motor vehicles \& parts | 78.2 | 94.5 | 83.6 | 85.5 | 77.2 | 75.4 | 74.9 |
| Autos | 76.1 | 89.3 | 81.7 | 76.7 | 70.7 | 69.8 | 64.3 |
| Aerosp. \& misc. trans. eq. | 78.1 | 75.4 | 77.6 | 85.6 | 86.9 | 77.7 | 79.1 |
| Nondurable manufacturing | 83.6 | 88.1 | 85.7 | 86.4 | 85.9 | 86.1 | 85.6 |
| Paper and products | 88.8 | 94.2 | 89.4 | 93.7 | 92.4 | 92.5 | 92.5 |
| Chemicals and products | 79.3 | 86.9 | 81.4 | 89.1 | 86.6 | 87.4 | 87.1 |
| Petroleum products | 86.9 | 97.1 | 87.8 | 84.9 | 87.3 | 88.6 | 87.8 |
| Mining | 86.5 | 91.4 | 90.5 | 83.3 | 83.1 | 83.5 | 83.8 |
| Utilities | 86.7 | 92.8 | 85.3 | 80.8 | 80.6 | 81.1 | 80.9 |
| Memo: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industrial materials | 82.3 | 91.1 | 86.7 | 85.1 | 83.5 | 83.2 | 82.9 |
| Raw steel | 80.7 | 100.4 | 90.7 | 89.3 | 84.0 | 84.6 | 81.8 |
| Aluminum | 87.8 | 93.8 | 94.0 | 100.5 | 96.4 | 93.5 | 91.0 |
| Paper materials | 92.0 | 96.8 | 92.1 | 96.7 | 95.2 | 95.4 | 95.4 |
| Chemical materials | 81.3 | 91.1 | 85.9 | 90.5 | 86.7 | 87.9 | 87.3 |
| Energy materials | 88.9 | 93.7 | 89.4 | 86.2 | 85.1 | 85.5 | 85.3 |

[^3]during the third quarter, but the level of output in November was up 3-1/4 percent (annual rate) from the third-quarter average.

Production of business equipment increased 1.3 percent last month; about 1 percentage point of this gain is attributable to a bounceback in computer output. ${ }^{3}$ In addition, a partial rebound in output of aircraft added about $1 / 4$ percentage point to the business equipment index. Excluding motor vehicles, production of capital goods weakened considerably last sumer when computer production turned down. More recently, abstracting from special factors, it appears to have flattened out.

Production of materials declined 0.2 percent in November, the third consecutive monthly decline. Part of this weakness stems from declines in auto and truck assemblies, both of which are at much lower levels currently than early last summer.

The manufacturing operating rate edged down 0.1 percentage point in November to 82.7 percent, and has fallen $1-3 / 4$ percentage points since June. Retail Trade Inventories

Retail inventories fell at an annual rate of $\$ 9$ billion in current-cost terms in October, largely reflecting a $\$ 29$ billion decline in auto dealers' stocks. With a 0.3 percent drop in sales, the retailers' inventory-sales ratio moved up from 1.63 to 1.65 months in October. Excluding auto dealers, the ratio rose from 1.52 to 1.54 months, well above the upper end of the range that has prevailed over the past year (chart). The pickup in October in the rate of accumulation of nonauto retail inventories was widespread. For the broad range of retail establishments in the general merchandise, apparel, and furniture and appliances (G.A.F.) grouping, inventories rose at

[^4]CHANGES IN MANUFACTURING AND TRADE INVENTORIES
(Billions of dollars at annual rates;
based on seasonally adjusted data)


Current-cost basis:

| Total | 47.1 | 61.2 | 39.1 | 33.4 | 2.4 | 40.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Excluding autos and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ aircraft |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Constant-dollar basis:

| Total | 10.1 | 16.2 | 8.4 | 23.5 | -15.8 | n.a. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Excluding autos and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ aircraft |  |  |  |  |  |  | n.a.

1. All manufacturing and trade excluding transportation equipment in manufacturing, and autos and auto parts at retail dealers.
n.a. Not available.

INVENTORIES RELATIVE TO SALES ${ }^{1}$
(Months supply; based on seasonally adjusted data)

|  | 1989 |  |  | 1989 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q1 | Q2 | 03 | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. |
| Range in <br> preceding 12 months <br> Low $\quad$ High |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Current-cost basis:

| Total | 1.48 | 1.54 | 1.50 | 1.51 | 1.52 | 1.50 | 1.51 | 1.53 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Excluding autos and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ airaraft |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Constant-dollar basis:

| Total | 1.48 | 1.52 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.49 | 1.48 | 1.48 | n.a. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Excluding autos and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| aircraft ${ }^{3}$ | 1.42 | 1.44 | 1.43 | 1.43 | 1.43 | 1.42 | 1.42 | n.a. |
| Manufacturing | 1.52 | 1.63 | 1.57 | 1.57 | 1.58 | 1.55 | 1.57 | n.a. |
| Wholesale | 1.32 | 1.36 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.32 | 1.32 | 1.31 | n.a |
| Retail | 1.50 | 1.56 | 1.55 | 1.55 | 1.51 | 1.50 | 1.50 | n.a |
| Automotive | 1.68 | 1.93 | 1.93 | 1.88 | 1.69 | 1.68 | 1.67 | n.a. |
| Excluding aute | 1.43 | 1.46 | 1.45 | 1.46 | 1.46 | 1.45 | 1.45 | n.a. |

[^5]Ratio of Inventories to Sales
(Current-cost data)



RETAIL EXCLUDING AUTOS

a $\$ 6.5$ billion annual rate in October. Flat sales left the inventory-sales ratio for stores in the G.A.F. grouping at 2.47 months in October--somewhat higher than the average of 2.43 months over the past year.

For all manufacturing and trade, inventories rose at an annual rate of $\$ 40$ billion in October, about the same as in the third quarter. The inventory-sales ratio rose to 1.53 months in October for all manufacturing and trade, and to 1.44 months when aircraft manufacturers and retail auto dealers are excluded.

## Producer Prices

The producer price index for finished goods edged down 0.1 percent in November, held down by a 3-1/4 percent decrease in finished energy prices. Reflecting recent swings in crude oil costs, gasoline prices fell 7-3/4 percent in November, and retraced much of the large runup in September and October. Food prices increased substatially for a second month, rising 0.8 percent in November. The November increase reflected sharp jumps in the prices of beef and veal, pork, and dairy products that were partly offset by a 15 percent drop in the price of fresh and dried vegetables. Excluding food and energy, finished goods prices rose 0.2 percent, held down by a 0.3 percent decrease in prices of new cars and a 1 percent drop in prices of light trucks. Prices of capital equipment increased 0.3 percent in November, as declines in truck prices only partly offset widespread increases in the prices of industrial machinery and a 1.6 percent increase in the index for civilian aircraft.

Prices of intermediate materials other than food and energy were unchanged in November, as they have been since the spring. Increases in prices of components for manufacturing and materials for nondurable manufacturing were offset by declines in prices of some industrial metals.

RECENT CHANGES IN PRODUCER PRICES (Percentage change; based on seasonally adjusted data) ${ }^{1}$

|  | Relative importance Dec. 1988 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |  |  | 1989 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Oct. | Nov. |
|  |  |  |  | ------Annual rate----- |  |  | -Monthly rate- |  |
| Finished goods | 100.0 | 2.2* | 4.0 | 10.2 | 5.8 | -. 3 | . 4 | -. 1 |
| Consumer foods | 25.8 | -. 2 | 5.7 | 13.1 | -1.3 | -1.3 | 1.4 | . 8 |
| Consumer energy | 8.8 | 11.2 | -3.6 | 41.0 | 31.8 | -16.8 | . 2 | -3.3 |
| Other finished goods | 65.3 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 3.3 | . 1 | . 2 |
| Consumer goods | 39.6 | 2.7 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 2.6 | . 2 | . 0 |
| Capital equipment | 25.8 | 1.3 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.8 | -. 3 | . 3 |
| Intermediate materials ${ }^{2}$ | 94.8 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 8.7 | 2.9 | -1.1 | . 1 | -. 1 |
| Excluding food and energy | 83.4 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 5.5 | . 3 | -. 7 | . 1 | . 0 |
| Crude food materials | 43.8 | 1.8 | 14.2 | 16.9 | -17.8 | -2.2 | -. 6 | 1.7 |
| Crude energy | 36.9 | 10.7 | -9.5 | 48.3 | 23.6 | -6.5 | . 5 | . 3 |
| Other crude materials | 19.3 | 22.6 | 7.5 | 10.3 | -9.3 | -. 6 | . 3 | -2.3 |

1. Changes are from final month of preceding period to final month of period indicated.
2. Excludes materials for food manufacturing and animal feeds.

RECENT CHANGES IN PRODUCER PRICES -- RELATIVE CONTRIBUTION ${ }^{1}$
(Percentage change; based on seasonally adjusted data) ${ }^{2}$

|  | Relative importance Dec. 1988 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |  |  | 1989 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Oct. | Nov. |
|  |  |  |  | -----Annual rate----- |  |  | -Month | rate- |
| Finished goods | 100.0 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 10.2 | 5.8 | -. 3 | . 4 | -. 1 |
| Consumer foods | 25.8 | -. 1 | 1.5 | 3.3 | -. 3 | -. 3 | . 3 | . 2 |
| Consumer energy | 8.8 | . 9 | -. 3 | 3.2 | 2.7 | -1.8 | . 0 | -. 3 |
| Other finished goods | 65.3 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.1 | . 1 | . 1 |
| Consumer goods | 39.6 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 1.0 | . 1 | . 0 |
| Capital equipment | 25.8 | . 3 | . 9 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | -. 1 | . 1 |
| Memorandum: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beef and veal | 2.2 | . 1 | . 3 | . 4 | -. 4 | . 2 | . 0 | . 1 |
| Pork | 1.2 | -. 2 | . 0 | . 7 | -. 2 | -. 3 | . 1 | . 1 |
| Dairy products | 3.7 | . 0 | . 2 | . 1 | . 1 | . 8 | . 1 | . 1 |
| Fresh and dried vegetables | . 7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 3 | . 2 | -. 8 | . 1 | -. 1 |

1. Data may not add due to rounding.
2. Changes are from final month of preceding period to final month of period indicated.

MONETARY AGGREGATES
(based on seasonally adjusted data unless otherwise noted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Growth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


-----Average monthly change in billions of dollars---

## MEMORANDA: 6

| 24. Managed liabilities at conmercial barks $(25+26)$ | 5.0 | 9.0 | 3.4 | 5.8 | 11.7 | 5.5 | 713.1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25. Large time deposits, gross | 3.3 | 4.0 | -0.3 | -2.4 | 1.3 | 2.0 | . 461.3 |
| 26. Mondeposit funds | 1.7 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 8.2 | 10.4 | 3.5 | 251.8 |
| 27. Nat due to related foreign institutions | -0.4 | -0.2 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | -1.2 | 8.7 |
| 28. Other ${ }^{7}$ | 2.1 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 7.8 | 10.1 | 4.7 | 243.1 |
| 29. U.S. government deposits at commercial barks ${ }^{8}$ | 0.0 | 2.4 | -1.2 | 0.9 | -3.9 | 0.4 | 20.3 |

[^6]COMPIERCIAL BANK CREDIT AND SEORT- AND INTERMEDIATE-TERM BUSINESS CREDIT (Percentage changes at annual rates, based on seasonally adjusted data) ${ }^{1}$



1. Average of Fednesdays.
2. Loans at foreign branches are loans made to v.s. firms by foreign branches of domestically chartered banks.
3. Based on average of data for current and preceding ands of month.
4. Consists of acceptances that finance U.S. imports, U.S. axports, and domestic shipment and storage of goods.
5. October data.
p--preliminary.
n.a.--not available

SEDCTED FINANCIAL MAREET QOTATICNS 1/
(percent)

|  | 1987 | 1989 |  |  | Change from: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\text { oct }{ }_{16}^{2 /}$ | March Highs | $\mathrm{FOMC}_{\mathrm{Hor}}^{14}$ | Dec 14 | Mar 89 Highs | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{FONC} \\ & \mathrm{Nov} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| Short-term rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Federal funds 3/ | 7.59 | 9.85 | 8.57 | 8.50 | -1.35 | -0.07 |  |  |
| Treasury bills 4/ 3 -month 6 -mpoth $i=$ year | 6.93 7.58 7.74 | 9.09 9.11 9.05 | 7.66 7.43 7.20 | 7.62 7.39 7.21 | -1.47 -1.72 -1.84 | $\begin{gathered} -0.04 \\ -0.04 \\ 0.01 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Coumercial paper } \\ & 1 \text {-month } \\ & 3-\text { month } \end{aligned}$ | 7.94 | 10.05 10.15 | 8.43 8.35 | 8.65 8.35 | -1.40 -1.80 | 0.22 0.00 |  |  |
| Large negotiable CD's 1-month $3-$ month $6-$ month | $\begin{array}{r} 4 / \\ 7.92 \\ 8.90 \\ 9.12 \end{array}$ | 10.07 10.32 10.08 | 8.39 8.36 8.18 | 8.71 8.41 8.21 | -1.36 -1.91 -1.87 | 0.38 0.05 0.03 |  |  |
| Eurodollar deposits 5/ $\begin{aligned} & 1-\text { month } \\ & 3 \rightarrow \text { month } \end{aligned}$ | $7 / 8$ 8.00 9.06 | 10.19 10.50 | 8.44 8.25 | 8.75 8.50 | -1.44 -2.00 | 0.31 0.25 |  |  |
| Eank prime rate | 9.25 | 11.50 | 10.50 | 10.50 | -1.00 | 0.00 |  |  |
| Intermediate- and long-term rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. Treasury (constant 3 -year 10-year 30-year | ant maturi 9.52 10.23 10.24 | ty) $\begin{aligned} & 9.88 \\ & 9.83 \\ & 9.31\end{aligned}$ | 7.75 7.87 7.90 | 7.70 7.79 7.85 | $\begin{aligned} & -2.18 \\ & -1.74 \\ & -1.46 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & =0.05 \\ & =0.08 \\ & =0.05 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| Municipal reverue $6 /$ (Bond Buyer index) | 9.59 | 7.95 | 7.45 | 7.29 | -0.66 | -0.16 |  |  |
| Corporate-A utility Recently offered | 11.50 | 10.47 | 9.27 | 9.33 | -1.14 | 0.06 |  |  |
| Home mortgage rates 7/ Fixed-rate ARM, 1-year | 11.58 8.45 | 11.22 9.31 | 9.79 8.52 | 9.76 8.39 | -1.46 -0.92 | -0.03 -0.13 |  |  |
|  | 1987 |  |  | 1989 | Percent change from: |  |  |  |
|  | Highs | Lows | Oct 12 | $\text { FONC } 14 \text { Dec } 14$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1987 \\ & \text { Highs } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1987 \\ & \text { Lows } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1989 \\ & \text { oct } 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FOMC } \\ & \text { Nov } 14 \end{aligned}$ |
| Stock prices |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dow-Jones Industrial <br> NTSE Composite <br> AMEX Composite <br> NASDAQ (OIC) Wilshire | $\begin{array}{r} 2722.42 \\ 18.99 \\ 365.01 \\ 459.26 \\ 3299.44 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1738.74 \\ 155.91 \\ 231.90 \\ 29.98 \\ 2188.11 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2159.84 \\ 199.98 \\ 395.01 \\ 348.19 \\ 3485.24 \end{array}$ |  | 1.15 3.18 3.24 3 -1.71 2.94 | $\begin{aligned} & 58.37 \\ & 54.05 \\ & 62.49 \\ & 53.31 \\ & 55.23 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.23 \\ & -4.81 \\ & -5.95 \\ & -5.84 \\ & -5.06 \end{aligned}$ | 5.49 3.45 1.43 -1.44 2.65 |

1/ One-day quotes except as noted.
$2 /$ Last busíness day prior to stock market decline on Monday Oct. 19, 1987.
3/ Averape for two-week reserve maintenance period closest to date hown. Last observation is average for the maintenance period ending December 13, 1989.

4/ Secondary market.
5/ Bid rates for Burodollar deposits at 11 a.m. London time.
6/ Based an ane-day Thurscay quotes and futures-market index changes.
7/ Gotes for week ending
Friday closest to date shown.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

## U.S. Merchandise Trade in October

The U.S. merchandise trade deficit was $\$ 10.2$ billion in October (on a seasonally adjusted Census basis, customs valuation), compared with a revised $\$ 8.5$ billion deficit in September.

Most of the widening of the deficit in October resulted from a sharp increase in imports of industrial supplies. While the October
U.S. MERCHANDISE TRADE: MONTHLY DATA
(Billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted; Census customs basis)

|  | Exports |  |  | Imports |  |  | Balance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Ag . | Nonag. | Total | 0 il | Non-oil |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | (nsa) |  |  |
| 1988-Oct. | 27.9 | 3.1 | 24.8 | 37.1 | 2.9 | 34.2 | -9.2 |
| Nov. | 27.6 | 3.2 | 24.3 | 38.1 | 2.9 | 35.2 | -10.5 |
| Dec. | 28.9 | 3.3 | 25.6 | 39.7 | 3.3 | 36.4 | -10.8 |
| 1989-Jan. | 29.0 | 3.2 | 25.7 | 37.9 | 3.5 | 34.4 | -8.9 |
| Feb. | 28.8 | 3.4 | 25.4 | 38.2 | 3.2 | 35.0 | -9.4 |
| Mar. | 30.1 | 3.9 | 26.2 | 39.5 | 3.7 | 35.9 | -9.5 |
| Apr. | 30.8 | 3.7 | 27.1 | 39.0 | 4.0 | 35.0 | -8.3 |
| May | 30.5 | 3.5 | 27.0 | 40.5 | 4.7 | 35.8 | -10.1 |
| Jun. | 31.3 | 3.3 | 28.0 | 39.3 | 4.2 | 35.1 | -8.0 |
| Jul. | 30.5 | 3.3 | 27.2 | 38.7 | 4.3 | 34.4 | -8. 2 |
| Aug. r | 30.6 | 3.0 | 27.5 | 40.7 | 4.3 | 36.4 | -10.1 |
| Sept. ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | 30.7 | 3.2 | 27.4 | 39.2 | 4.0 | 35.2 | -8.5 |
| Oct. | 31.0 | 3.2 | 27.8 | 41.2 | 4.4 | 36.8 | -10.2 |

$\mathrm{r}=$ Revised $\quad \mathrm{p}=$ Preliminary
increase in imports of industrial supplies largely reverses declines in the previous three months, the rate of those imports in October was still about 3 percent higher than the rate recorded in either the first or second quarters. Among the different categories, the strength of imports of paper, steel, and textiles were most notable. Smaller increases were recorded in October for food and oil imports. The
average price of oil imports rose 4 percent (about 70 cents per barrel) while the quantity increased about $1 / 2$ percent. Prices of imports of non-oil industrial supplies declined slightly on average in October.

Exports showed a small (1 percent or less) increase in October for the third month in a row. Exports of aircraft declined sharply, while exports of automotive products and industrial supplies rose.
U.S. Current Account in 1989:03

The U.S. current account deficit narrowed to $\$ 91$ billion (saar) in the third quarter, from $\$ 128$ billion (revised) in the second quarter (table below). Nearly all of the improvement was attributable to a swing from reported capital losses to reported capital gains on net direct investment assets (line 6), reflecting changes in the exchange value of the dollar.

Excluding capital gains and losses, the current account narrowed by \$6 billion in the third quarter, entirely the result of increased net service receipts (lines $7-10$ in the table). The largest increases resulted from recovery of insured losses (from Hurricane Hugo) from foreign reinsurers (part of line 10), and increased military sales (line 9). There were also smaller increases in direct investment income other than capital gains (line 7) and in net portfolio income (line 8).

Outlook for the Current Account. Incorporating the new information for services into the staff forecast would result in a small positive adjustment to the outlook -- attributable to increased net service receipts of about \$3 billion for 1990 and \$2 billion for 1991.
U.S. CURRENT ACCOUNT
(Billions of dollars, annual rates, seasonally adjusted)

|  | 1989 | 1989 | 1989 | S Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 01 | Q2-r | 03-p | Q3-02 |
| 1. Trade Balance | -113.5 | -110.2 | -111.0 | -0.8 |
| 2. Exports | 351.7 | 365.7 | 366.3 | 0.6 |
| 3. Imports | 465.2 | 475.9 | 477.3 | 1.4 |
| 4. Investment Income, net | -9.7 | -24.5 | 10.4 | 34.9 |
| 5. Direct Investment, net 1 | 23.9 | 12.2 | 46.0 | 33.8 |
| 6. Capital Gains or Losses ${ }^{1}$ | -13.9 | -21.1 | 10.9 | 32.0 |
| 7. Other Direct Investment | 37.8 | 33.3 | 35.1 | 1.8 |
| 8. Portfolio Income, net | -33.5 | -36.7 | -35.5 | 1.2 |
| 9. Military, net | -6.0 | -6.1 | -3.9 | 2.2 |
| 10. Other Services, net | 21.7 | 23.9 | 28.3 | 4.4 |
| 11. Unilateral Transfers | -14.1 | -11.5 | -14.6 | -3.2 |
| Current Account Balance: |  |  |  |  |
| 12. Published | -121.6 | -128.3 | -90.8 | 37.6 |
| 13. Excluding Capital Gains and Losses | -107.7 | -107.2 | -101.6 | 5.6 |

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## U.S. Capital Account in 1989:03

U.S. direct investment abroad increased sharply in the third quarter of 1989; but the increase was more than accounted for by the movement from unrealized currency translation losses to gains. (See line 6 of the Summary of U.S. International Transactions table that follows.) Foreign direct investment in the United States (line 7) dropped off further from the very high rates recorded early in the year;


1. These data have not been adjusted to exclude comissions on securities transactions and, therefore, do not match exactly the data on U.S. international transactions as published by the Department of Commerce.
2. Includes all U.S. bonds other than Ireasury obligations.
3. Includes deposits in banks, commercial paper, accoptances, borrowing under repurchase agreements, and other securities.
4. Seasonally adjusted.

Includes U.S. government assets other than official reserves, transactions by nonbanking concerns, and other banking and cial transactions not shown elsewhere. In addition, it includes amounts resulting from adjustments to the data made by Department of Comerce and revisions to the data in lines 1 through 5 since publication of the quarterly data in the Survey of Current Business.
*--Less than $\$ 50$ million.
NOTE: Details may not add to total because of rounding.
intercompany debt flows between foreign banks and their finance affiliates in the United States were responsible for much of the decline in inflows in the third quarter. A single transaction (the merger of SmithKline and Beecham) accounted for more than half of the increase in foreign equity in U.S. affiliates. The statistical discrepancy (line 10) fell sharply from the revised second quarter level.

## U.S. International Financial Transactions in October

Data currently available for October show net capital inflows through securities transactions. It is interesting to note that during this month of turbulence in financial markets, private foreigners continued to add on balance to their holdings of U.S. stocks (line 2 b ); they also added net to their holdings of corporate and U.S. government agency bonds (line 2a), but not to their holdings of U.S. Treasury securities (line 3). Inflows that had been recorded by banks in September were partially reversed in October. Foreign monetary authorities reduced their holdings of reserve assets in the United States, reflecting heavy intervention sales by the G-10 countries.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ In some cases, original copies needed to be photocopied before being scanned into electronic format. All scanned images were deskewed (to remove the effects of printer- and scanner-introduced tilting) and lightly cleaned (to remove dark spots caused by staple holes, hole punches, and other blemishes caused after initial printing).
    ${ }^{2}$ A two-step process was used. An advanced optimal character recognition computer program (OCR) first created electronic text from the document image. Where the OCR results were inconclusive, staff checked and corrected the text as necessary. Please note that the numbers and text in charts and tables were not reliably recognized by the OCR process and were not checked or corrected by staff.

[^1]:    1. Aircraft and parts constitutes about 2-1/2 percent of total IP. 2. The current proportion of trucks in total IP is a bit more than 1 percent, only slightly less than that of autos.
[^2]:    1. As of 1988.
    2. From the final quarter of the previous period to the final quarter of the period indicated.
    r--revised
    e--estimated
[^3]:    1. Data for iron and steel, nonferrous metals, paper and products, chemicals and products, raw steel, aluminum, paper materials, and chemical materials are unpublished estimates for October.
[^4]:    3. Computers currently constitute about one-fourth of the business equipment index.
[^5]:    1. Ratio of ond-of period inventories to average monthly sales for the period.
    2. Highs and lows are specific to each series and are not necessarily coincidental. Range ia for the 12 -month period preceding the latest month for which data are available.
    3. All manufacturing and trade excluding transportation equipment in manufacturing, and autos and auto parts at retail dealers.
    n.a. Not available.
[^6]:    1. Amounts shown are from fourth quarter to fourth quarter.
    2. Nontransactions M2 is seasonally adjusted as a whole.
    3. Commercial bank savings deposits excluding MMDAs grew during October and November at rates of 5.9 percent and 14.3 percent, respectively. At thrift institutions, savings deposits excluding MrDAs grew during October and November at rates of 3.8 percent and 7.6 percent, respectively.
    4. The non-M2 component of M3 is seasonally adjusted as a whole.
    5. Net of large denomiration time doposits held by money market mutual funds and thrift institutions.
    6. Dollar amounts shown under memoranda are calculated on an end-month-of-quarter basis.

    Consists of borrowing from other than commercial banks in the form of federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreaments to repurchase, and other liabilities for borrowed money (including borrowing from the federal Reserve and unaffiliated foreign barks, loan RPs and other minor items). Data are partially estimated.
    8. Consists of Treasury demand deposits and note balances at commarcial banks.
    p-preliminary

[^7]:    1. Gains or losses on net financial assets includes both realized capital gains (or losses) resulting from the sale of assets for more (or less) than book value, and unrealized gains (or losses) largely resulting from the revaluation at current exchange rates of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies.

    Plus = gains; minus = losses.
    r=Revised $\quad \mathrm{p}=$ Preliminary

