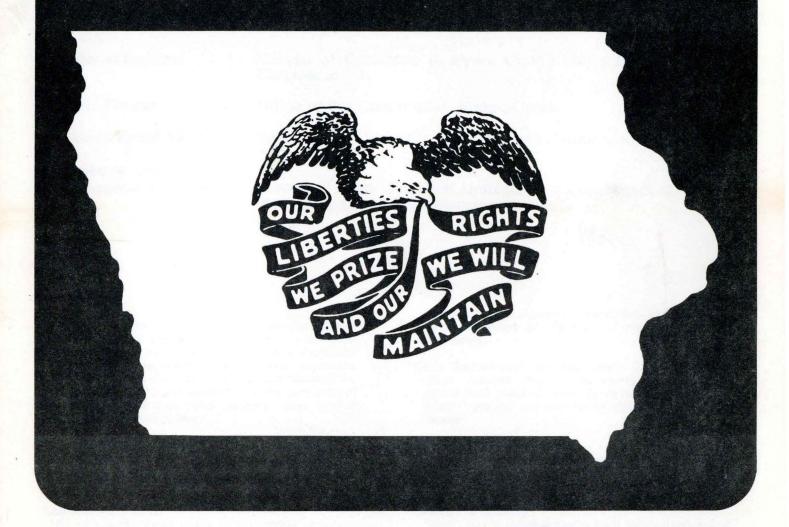
# lowa Economic Indicators



**Data Through First Quarter 1978** 

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# **SOURCES OF STATISTICAL SERIES**

Agriculture:

Statistical Reporting Service, United States Department of

Agriculture

Construction:

F.W. Dodge Division, McGraw Hill Information Systems

**Energy:** 

Iowa Energy Policy Council

**Labor Force:** 

Research and Statistics Division, Iowa Employment Security

Commission

Personal Income:

Bureau of Economic Analysis, United States Department of

Commerce

**Public Finance:** 

Office of the Comptroller, State of Iowa

Taxable Retail Sales:

Research and Statistics Division, Iowa Department of Revenue

Wholesale and

Consumer Price Index:

Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor,

Iowa State University Extension Service

#### Personal Income

Personal Income consists of private and government wage and salary payments in cash and in kind, other labor income, farm and non-farm proprietors' income, interest, net rents, dividends and transfer payments. From this total is deducted personal contributions for Social Security. It is measured before the deduction of personal income and other personal taxes and is reported in current dollars.

### Taxable Retail Sales

Taxable retail sales are all sales subject to the retail sales tax as established under Chapter 422.42 Code of lowa, 1975.

### Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index is a monthly (for U.S. quarterly for Cedar Rapids) statistical measure of the average change in prices of goods and services purchased by urban wage earners and clerical workers. It is based on the prices of approximately 400 items. Cedar Rapids is the only reporting point in the state.

## Wholesale Price Index

The Wholesale Price Index is a monthly income of the

average change in price of commodities which re sold in large quantities at the time of the first sale by producers.

#### Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings

Cash receipts from farm marketings represent agricultural products sold by farmers multiplied by prices received per unit of production at the local market.

#### Prices Paid by Farmers

Prices paid by farmers is an index of expenditures made by farmers for commodities, service, interest, taxes, and wages. This service is used to compile the parity index.

#### Residential Building

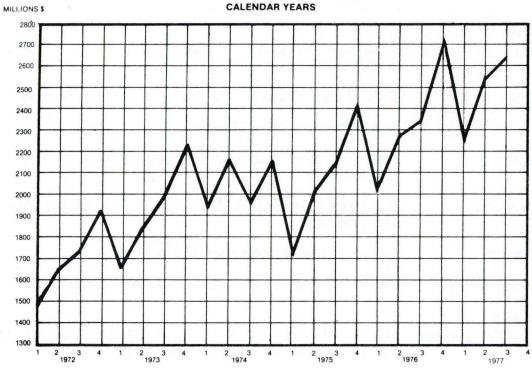
Residential building includes both housekeeping and non-housekeeping units such as hotels, motels, dormitories, and other shelter.

#### Non-Residential Building

Non-residential building includes commercial, manufacturing, educational and science buildings, hospitals, public buildings, religious, and amusement buildings.

# **TAXABLE RETAIL SALES**

**CALENDAR YEARS** 

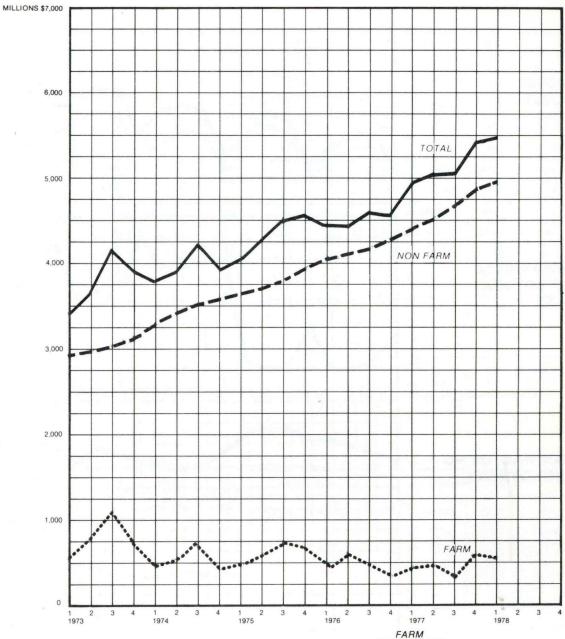


FOOD	AND	DRUGS	EXEMPTED	

		Taxable	Retail Sales			Taxable	Retail Sales
		QUARTER	ANNUAL TOTAL			QUARTER	ANNUAL TOTAL
1972	1	1,472,676,889	6,779,517,611	1975	1	1,717,620,910	\$8,321,249,001
	2	1,637,536,437			2	2,039,933,115	
	3	1,727,238,507			3	2,155,944,712	
	4	1,942,065.778			4	2,407,750,264	
1973	1	1,666,582,312	7,759,028,179	1976	1	2,004,444,659	\$9,422,573,981
	2	1,849,169,835			2	2.298.000.000	54
	3	1,998,955,445			3	2.395,968,272	
	4	2,244,320,587			4	2,724,161,050	
1974	1	1,929,828,525	8,253,179,085	1977	1	2,251,807,235	
	2	2,171,996,710			2	2,533,554,888	
	3	1,974,041,107			3	2,658,198,755	
	4	2,177,312,743			4	2,927,199,724	

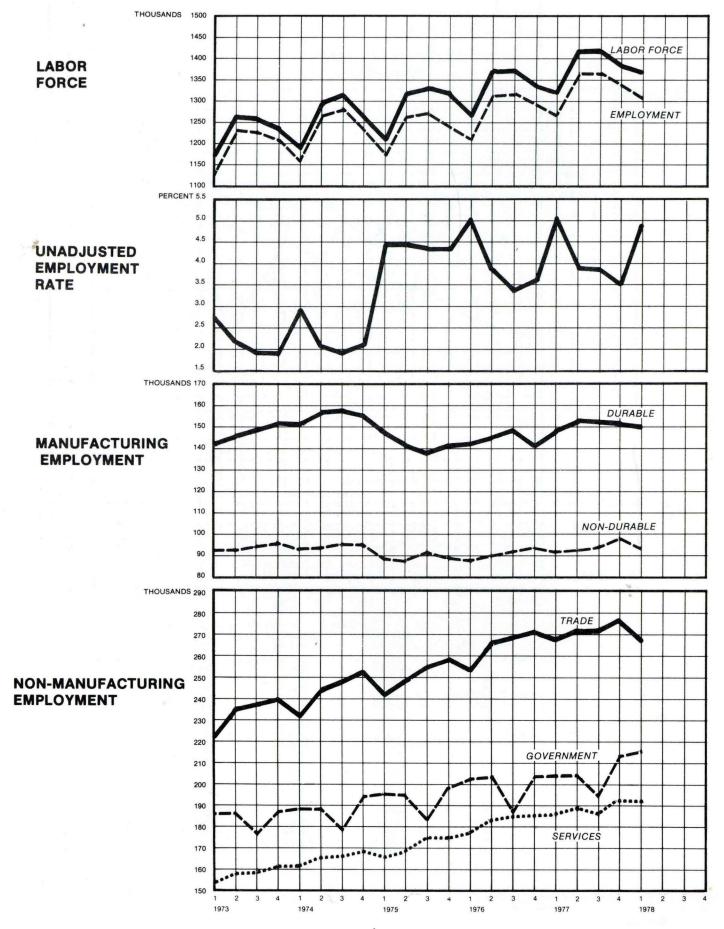
Last Qtr. 10.1 Last Year 7.5 Percentage Change from





		М	IILLION \$	QUARTERLY TOTAL	NON-FARM INCOME	PROPRIETORS AND LABORERS INCOME	ANNUAL TOTAL
		1973	1 2	3454.3 3740.8	2877.5 2956.5	576.8 784.3	15,299.9
			3	4202.5 3902.3	3082.0 3168.0	1,120.5 734.3	
		1974	1 2 3	3766.0 3889.8 4249.8	3266.5 3384.8 3512.8	499.5 505.0 737.0 361.5	15,883.9
		1975	1 2 3	3978.3 4047.0 4293.8 4518.8 4577.5	3616.8 3644.5 3709.8 3783.3 3902.7	402.5 584.0 735.5 674.8	17,437.0
		1976	1 2 3 4	4437.5 4654.0 4713.5 4673.3	4026.5 4137.5 4231.2 4302.0	411.0 516.5 482.3 371.3	18,478.3
		1977	1 2 3 4	4926.6 5041.0 5.068.8 5,376.0	4468.8 4575.0 4699.0 4,850.2	457.8 466.0 369.8 525.8	20,412.3
		1978	1* 2 3 4	5,462.5	4,947.2	515.3	
	Percentage Change	From Last Year Ago	Quarter	1.6 10.3	2.0 10.7	- 2.0 12.6	
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\*Estimate



# LABOR FORCE Monthly Average By Quarter

THOUSANDS

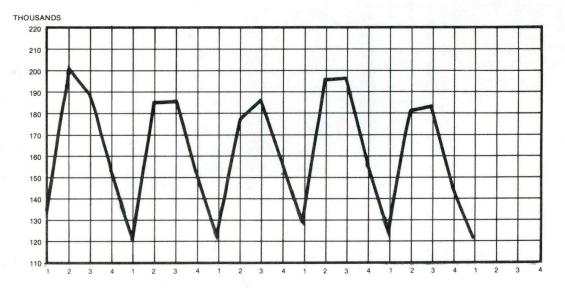
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	YEAR LAB		UNEMPLOY- MENT	TOTAL RESIDENT	MANUFA	CTURING		NON-MANUE	ACTURING	
YEA	R	FORCE	RATE UNADJUSTED	EMPLOY- MENT	DURABLE	NON- DURABLE	WHOLESALE & RETAIL	SERVICES	GOV'T	AGRI.
1973	1	1,166.8	2.7	1,134.7	141.4	93.3	222.8	154.0	185.9	135.0
	2	1,267.2	2.1	1,240.8	147.3	93.6	234.0	156.6	184.7	203.5
	3	1,260.0	1.9	1,236.1	149.2	94.4	237.3	158.5	174.2	188.2
	4	1,232.9	1.9	1,209.9	151.6	94.2	240.2	160.6	186.2	152.8
1974	1	1,194.1	2.9	1,160.1	151.2	92.4	231.3	160.4	188.4	120.7
	2	1,293.1	2.0	1,267.2	157.2	94.4	242.8	164.6	188.1	184.9
	3	1,304.5	1.9	1,279.2	158.1	96.2	247.5	167.5	178.2	184.8
	4	1,267.8	2.2	1,240.3	155.7	94.5	250.5	168.5	192.2	148.0
1975	1	1,222.7	4.4	1,168.5	149.2	89.4	240.1	165.8	193.2	120.2
	2	1,309.3	4.4	1,251.9	140.4	87.6	249.3	171.5	193.2	177.8
	3	1,323.8	4.3	1,267.6	139.0	90.1	254.6	173.8	182.3	185.1
	4	1,304.3	4.3	1,248.7	140.4	88.8	258.6	175.0	199.1	154.6
1976	1	1,267.3	5.0	1,203.4	140.2	88.1	253.7	177.0	200.7	131.0
	2	1,366.6	3.8	1,314.5	144.7	89.2	265.5	181.7	200.1	195.1
	3	1,366.5	3.4	1,319.3	148.8	90.6	269.2	183.5	184.0	193.6
	4	1,347.6	3.6	1,298.8	141.3	93.0	272.2	184.4	202.9	154.1
1977	1	1,329.6	5.0	1,262.8	149.0	91.0	266.4	185.0	205.2	124.0
	2	1,412.9	3.9	1,357.8	150.9	91.4	270.7	187.4	205.0	180.0
	3	1,409.3	3.8	1,356.4	150.6	92.6	270.8	185.8	191.6	181.4
	4	1,388.2	3.5	1,339.1	150.4	93.4	276.9	190.5	211.1	146.7
1978	1	1,370.1	4.9	1,303.3	150.1	92.5	268.5	190.4	213.8	120.0
	2							× 1		
	3									
	4									
		-1.3	40.0	-2.7	-0.2	-1.0	-3.0	-0.1	1.3	-18.2
		3.0	- 2.0	3.2	0.7	1.6	0.8	2.9	4.2	- 3.2

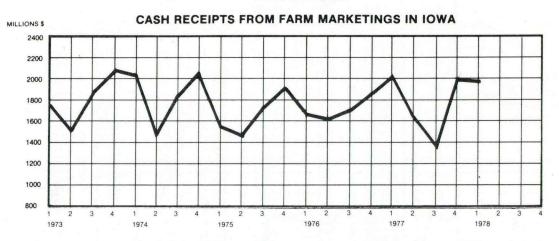
## LABOR FORCE Annual Average THOUSANDS

YEAR	LABOR	UNEMPLOY- MENT	TOTAL RESIDENT	MANUFACTURING		NON-MANUFACTURING			
	FORCE	RATE UNADJUSTED	EMPLOY- MENT	DURABLE	NON- DURABLE	WHOLESALE & RETAIL	SERVICES	GOV'T	AGRI.
1973	1,231.7	2.1	1,250.4	147.4	93.9	233.6	157.4	182.8	169.9
1974	1,264.9	2.2	1,236.7	155.5	94.4	243.0	165.3	186.7	161.2
1975	1,290.0	4.3	1,234.2	141.4	89.0	250.8	171.5	192.0	159.4
1976	1,337.0	4.0	1,284.0	143.7	90.2	265.2	181.7	196.9	168.5
1977	1,385.0	4.0	1,329.0	150.2	92.1	271.2	187.2	203.2	158.0
1978									

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

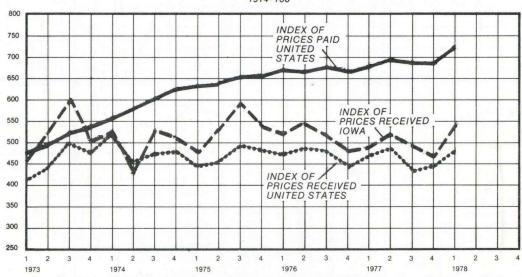


# **AGRICULTURE**

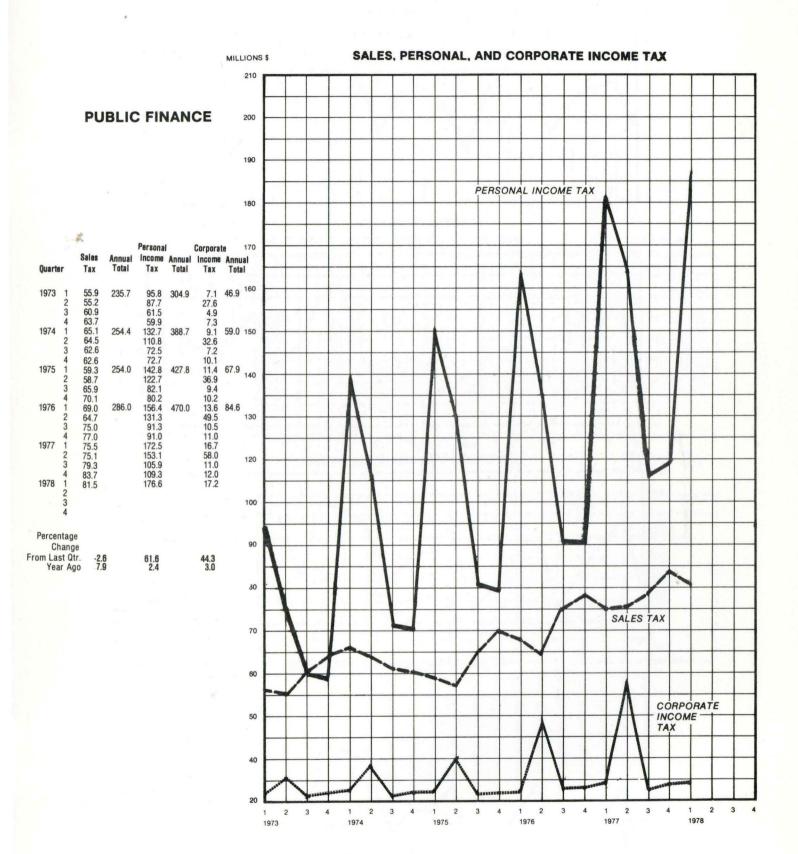


# INDEX OF PRICES PAID AND RECEIVED

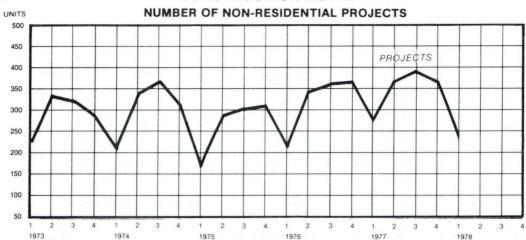
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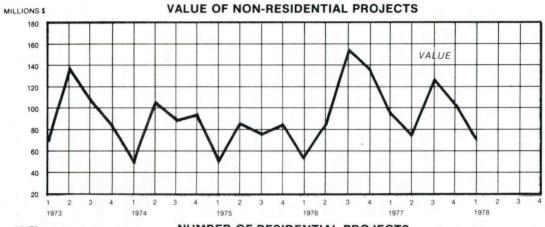


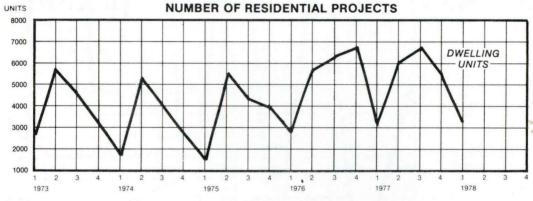
*			Average Price	es Paid U.S.		je Prices . Iowa		e Prices	Cash Re Farm Mark	ceipts from tetings - Iowa
			Quarter	Annual	Quarter	Annual	Quarter	Annual	Quarter	<b>Annual Total</b>
									THOU	ISANDS
	1973	1 2 3	465 489 509	496	445 500 581	504	384 418 484	438	1,673,812 1,432,200 1,802,422	6,989,816
		4	514		488		467		2,081,382	
	1974	1 2 3	548 564 588 612	578	520 423 508 502	488	502 442 459 462	466	2,056,828 1,472,547 1,830,054 2,074,381	7,433,810
	1975	1 2 3	615 624 640 645	632	463 517 582 533	524	428 449 481 478	459	1,544,727 1,459,220 1,690,187 1,920,111	6,614,245
	1976	1 2 3 4	661 658 663 659	660	505 534 512 456	502	472 479 475 442	467	1,671,297 1,635,222 1,795,743 1,907,434	7,009,696
	1977	1 2 3 4	679 693 687 687		490 522 486 476		466 476 440 447		1,957,065 1,603,631 1,399,357 1,981,439	6,941,492
		1 2 3 4	718		539		482		1,900,010	
Percentage ) Change From		Qtr. Year	4.5 5.7		13.2 10.0		7.8 3.4		-4.1 -2.9	

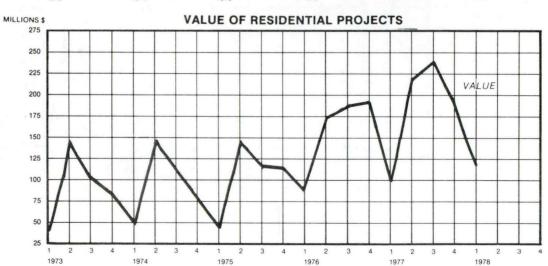


## **CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY**









# CONSTRUCTION

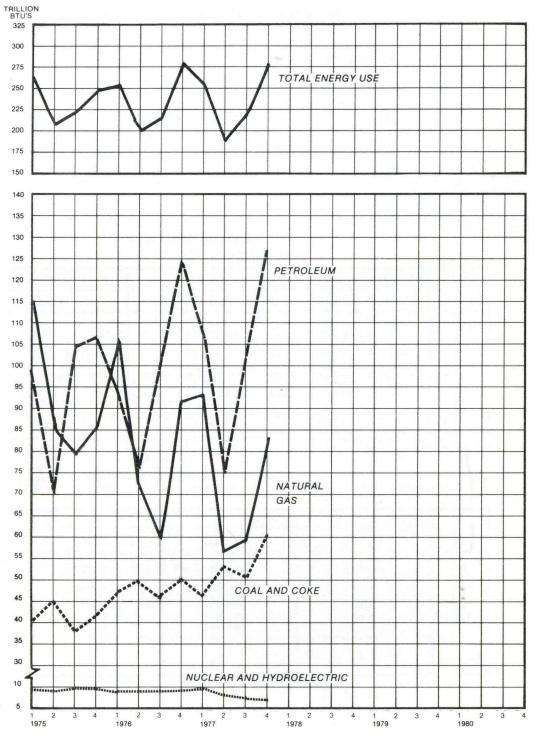
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	NON-RES	SIDENTIAL	RESI	DENTIAL	NON-RESIDENTIAL		RESIDENTIAL			
	PROJECTS	VALUE THOUSANDS	UNITS	VALUE THOUSANDS			PROJECTS	VALUE THOUSANDS	UNITS	VALUE THOUSANDS
1973 1 2 3 4 1974 1 2 3 4 1975 1 2 3 3	235 338 332 278 216 337 354 307 160 281 299 307	71,030 137,360 103,817 82,133 51,462 103,919 85,872 87,326 49,176 81,171 77,386 82,877	2,954 5,844 4,838 3,164 1,980 5,181 3,892 2,903 1,612 5,223 4,111 3,927	74,711 145,470 112,141 83,745 53,455 139,755 113,516 76,264 45,607 139,738 114,146 109,235	1976 1977 1978	1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3	203 347 351 354 275 369 394 372 241	58.281 84,477 154,162 130,169 84,648 78,488 126,537 104,175 62,260	2,923 5,554 6,293 6,636 3,212 6,251 6,771 5,289 3,026	82.268 171,126 191,590 187,175 99,750 221,747 244,987 193,517 117,277

Pct. chg. from
Last Qtr. -35.2 40.2 -42.8 -39.4
Last Yr. -12.4 -26.5 - 5.8 17.8

	NON-RES	IDENTIAL	RESIDENTIAL			
	PROJECTS	VALUE THOUSANDS	UNITS	VALUE THOUSANDS		
1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976	992 1,175 2,358 1,214 1,047 1,255 1,410	223,986 258,609 394,340 328,579 290,610 427,089 393,848	13,873 14,969 16,800 13,596 14,873 21,406 21,523	268,421 337,506 416,067 382,990 408,726 632,159 760,001		
Pct. Chg.	12.4	-7.8	0.5	20.2		

# **ENERGY**



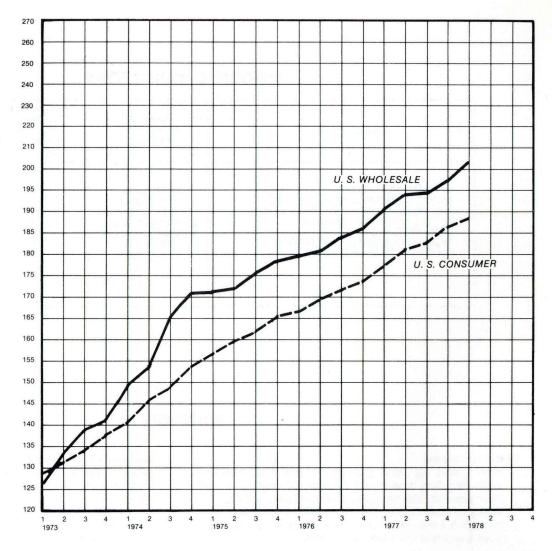
TRILLION BTU'S

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	NATURAL GAS	PETROLEUM	COAL AND COKE	NUCLEAR	HYDRO- ELECTRIC	TOTAL USES			NATURAL GAS	PETROLEUM	COAL AND COKE	NUCLEAR	HYDRO- ELECTRIC	TOTAL USES
1975 1 2 3 4 1976 1 2 3 4 1977 1 2 3 4	114.0 83.4 73.7 94.7 104.5 71.7 59.4 92.2 93.8 55.7 59.2 82.7	96.9 69.6 103.9 106.1 93.7 74.9 102.7 124.2 105.8 74.3 104.4 127.9	38.2 44.9 37.3 41.5 45.8 47.7 45.0 51.0 45.6 52.8 50.4 60.0	4.8 4.1 4.2 4.9 4.0 4.3 5.4 5.0 5.8 4.3 5.6 5.6	1.7 2.5 3.2 2.5 2.8 3.0 2.2 2.1 1.9 2.0 1.7	255.6 204.5 222.3 249.7 250.8 201.6 214.7 274.5 252.8 189.0 221.6 277.9	1978	1 2 3 4	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

WHOLESALE AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

1967 = 100 UNADJUSTED



AVERAGE FOR THREE	Sta	ited ites umer	Uni Sta Whol	tes
MONTH PERIOD		Annual		Annual
ENDING	Quarter	Average	Quarter	Average
1973 1	128.7	133.1	127.0	134.7
2	131.5	100.1	133.6	
3	134.4		139.3	
4	137.6		142.2	
1974 1	141.4	147.7	149,2	160.1
2	145.4		154.5	
3	149.9		165.4	
4	154.2		171.2	
1975 1	157.0	161.2	171.2	174.9
2	159.5		173.0	
3	162.9		176.7	
4	165.5		178.6	
1976 1	167.1	170.5	179.4	182.9
2	169.2		182.1	
3	171.9		184.2	
4	173.8		186.0	
1977 1	176.9	181.5	190.1	194.2
2	180.7		194.6	
3	183.3		194.9	
4	185.3		197.2	
1978 1	188.3		201.9	
2				
3				
4				
Change \ Last Quarter	1.6		2.4	
From Last Year	6.4		6.2	
110111 / 2001 1001	0.1			

# NATIONAL INDICATORS

INDICATOR	CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD	PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM LAST REPORTING PERIOD	PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (Seas. Adj.) UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (Seas. Adj.) INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (Seas. Adj.) GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT PERSONAL INCOME INDEX OF LEADING INDICATORS INDEX OF CONSUMER SENTIMENT	93,050 (I Qtr.)	1.0	4.5
	6.2 (I Qtr.)	-6.0	-16.2
	139.5 (I Qtr.)	0.1	5.8
	\$1,992.9 bill. (I Qtr.)	1.6	10.1
	\$1,636.7 bill. (I Qtr.)	2.1	10.8
	133.9 (I Qtr.)	-0.4	4.7
	78.8 (March)	-6.5	-9.9 (Feb. '77)

# SUMMARY

#### Personal Income

After rising by 42.2 percent in the first quarter, estimated farm income fell by only 2.0 percent in the fourth quarter due to higher prices offsetting the usual seasonal downturn in the volume of marketings. Farm income for the past two quarters was at the highest level since late 1975 and early 1976.

Non-farm income increased by 10.7 percent to \$4.9 billion due to higher levels of employment in services, government and non-durable manufacturing.

Total personal income was 10.3 percent higher than the first quarter of 1977.

## **Labor Force and Employment**

lowa's labor force totaled 1,370,100 workers in the first quarter, 3.0 percent greater than last year, but down seasonally by 1.3 percent. The unemployment rate was slightly lower than last year, 4.9 percent compared to 5.0 percent.

Durable goods manufacturing was sluggish, as employment was up by only 0.7 percent. Government, services, and non-durable goods employment experienced some gains. Total employment was 3.2 percent greater than the first quarter of 1977.

## Agriculture

The recovery in farm prices which began in the fourth quarter carried over into the first quarter as the index of prices received was 13.2 percent above the previous quarter and 10.0 percent ahead of the same quarter of last year. Prices paid by farmers increased at a much slower rate than prices received, indicating an improvement in the parity ratio.

Preliminary figures for cash receipts show a slight decrease from last year but indications are that the revised figure will show an increase.

#### **Public Finance**

The rate of increase of the sales, personal income, and corporate income taxes all slowed down during the first quarter, indicating slower growth in employment and income and adverse weather conditions. The corporate income tax was up by 3.0 percent for the year while the personal income tax was up by 2.4 percent and the sales tax 7.9 percent.

#### Construction

Residential and non residential construction units were both down from the last quarter and one year ago due to the weather conditions. Residential construction was down by -5.8 percent but did have an increase in value of +17.8 percent due to rising construction costs.

## Wholesale and Consumer Prices

Consumer prices increased by 1.6 percent for the quarter and were up 6.4 percent for the year. Wholesale prices were going up faster from the fourth to the first quarter, but were up by 6.2 percent from the year before. The Cedar Rapids Price Index has been discontinued due to revisions by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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