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Dick Allison

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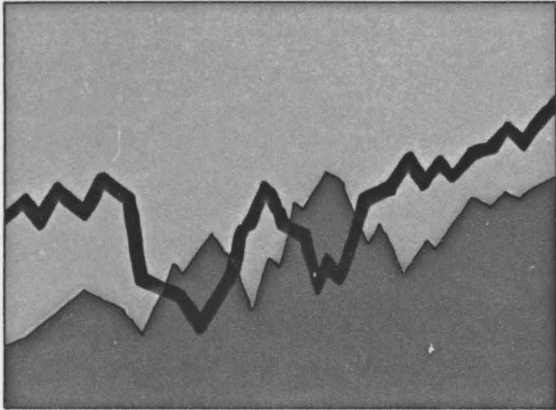
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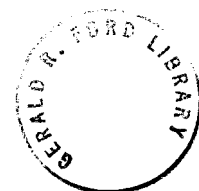
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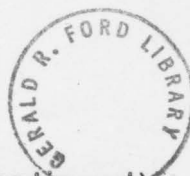
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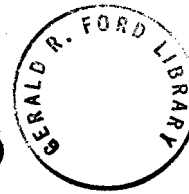
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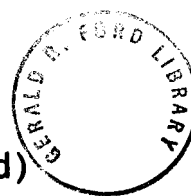
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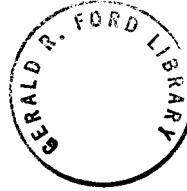
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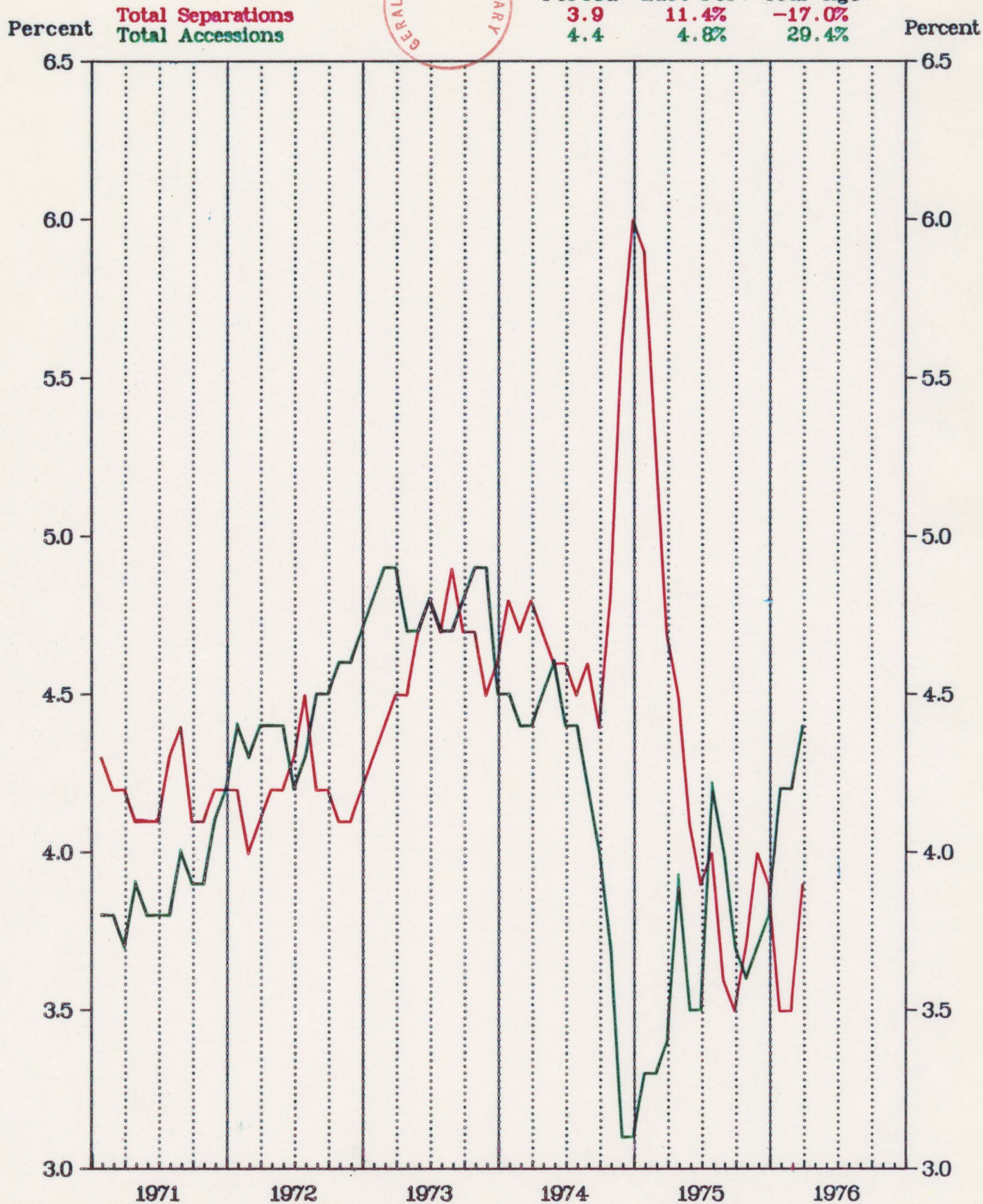
E.7 Characteristics of Women

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A.2.4-Labor Turnover in Manufacturing

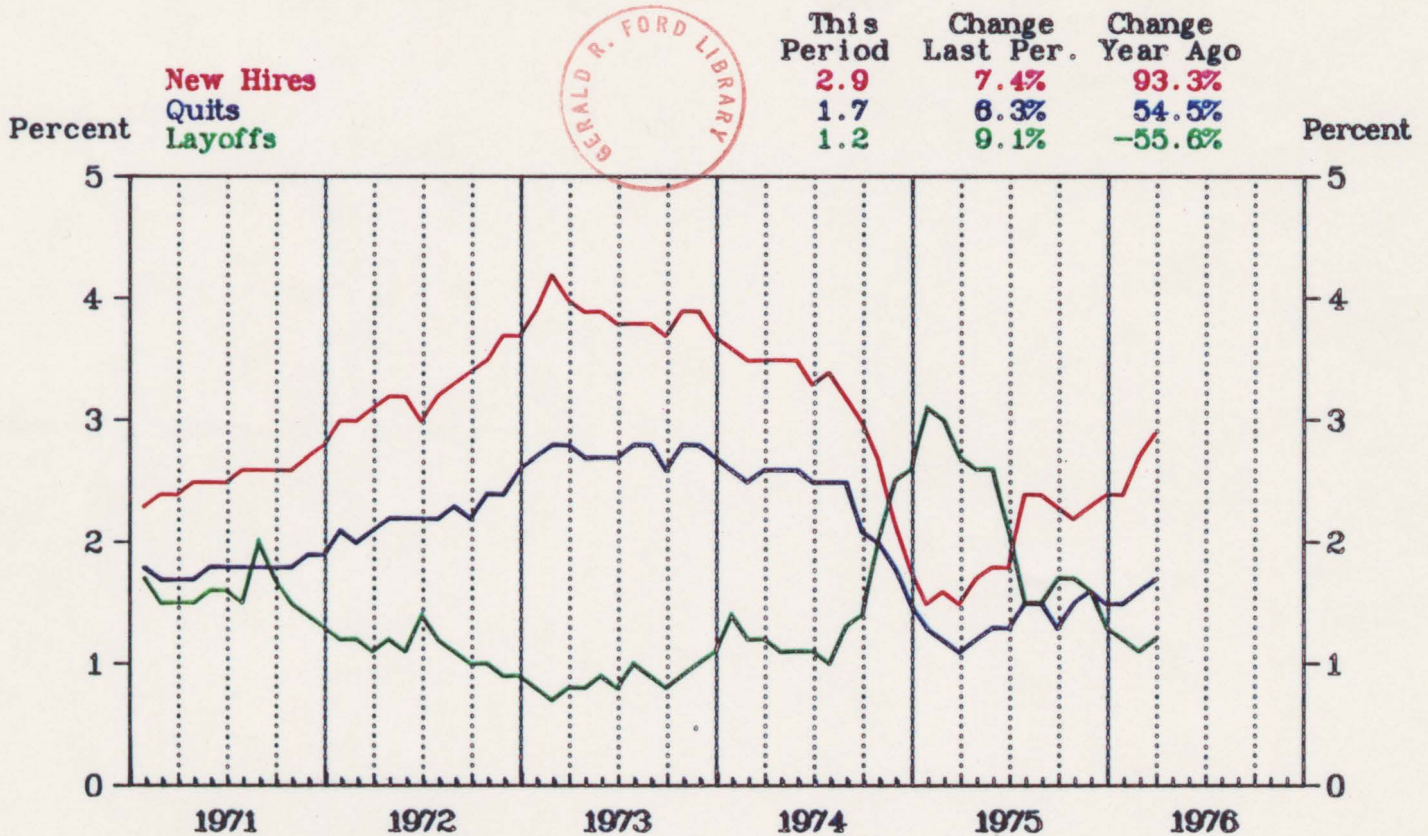


This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
3.9	11.4%	-17.0%
4.4	4.8%	29.4%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
3 May 1976

A.2.4—Components of Labor Turnover



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
3 May 1976

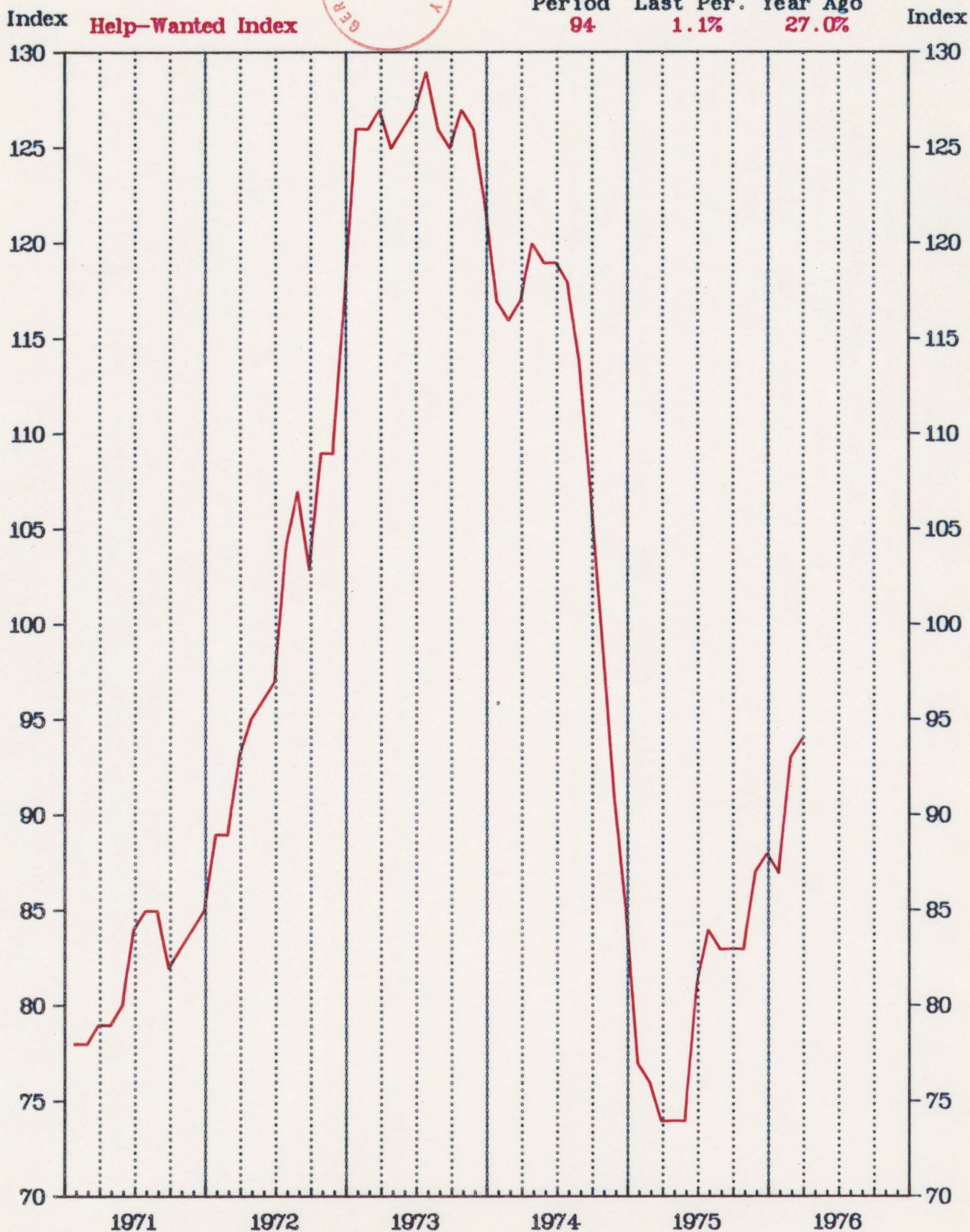
- The Total Separation Rate rose 11.4 percent in March after remaining unchanged in February.
- Layoffs rose for the first time since September 1975, up 9.1 percent.
- The Quit Rate rose 6.3 percent, the second straight monthly increase totaling 13.3 percent.
- Total Accessions rose 4.8 percent in March, registering a total gain of 22.2 percent since December 1974.
- New Hires increased 7.4 percent to a rate of 2.8 per 100 employees--highest since September 1974.

A.2.5-Index of Help-Wanted Advertising

(1967=100)



This	Change	Change
Period	Last Per.	Year Ago
94	1.1%	27.0%

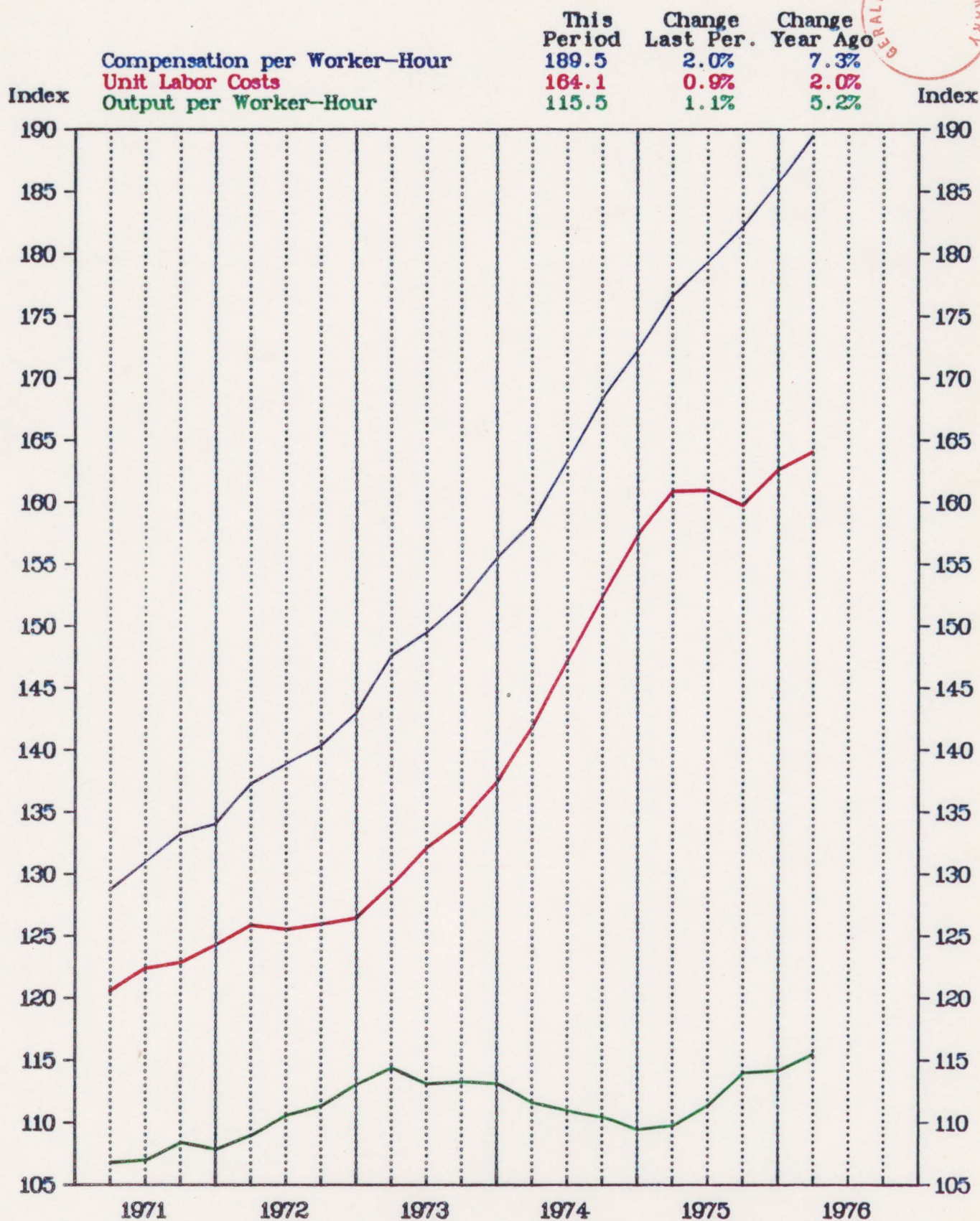


Source: The Conference Board
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- The Index of Help Wanted Advertising rose 1 point in March to 94, the highest level since October 1974.
- Over the past year, the Index has risen a total of 20 points from the recession low of 74, but still remains 35 points below the July 1973 high.

A.3.3-Productivity and Costs, Total Private Economy (1967=100)

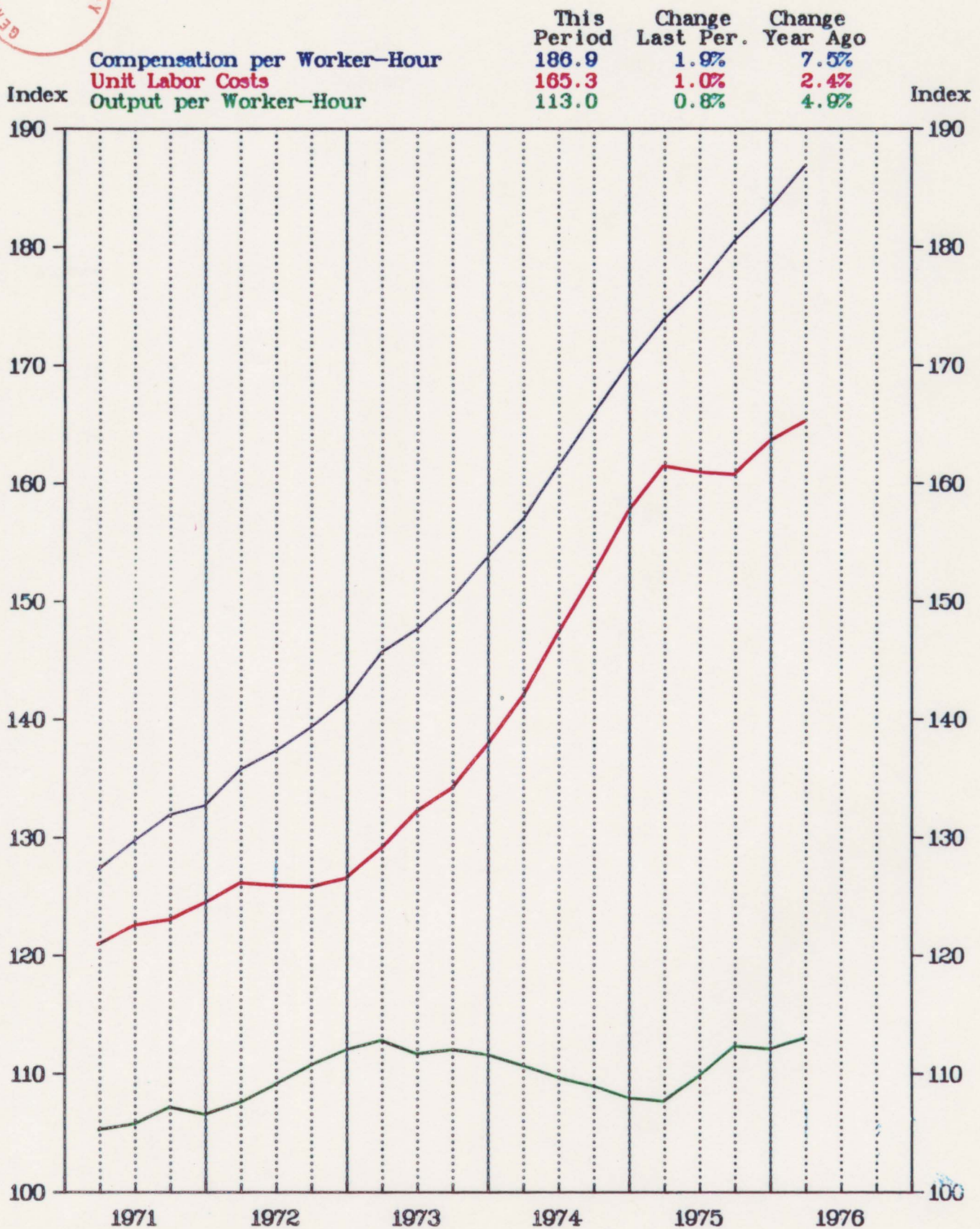


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
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- Productivity (Output per Worker-Hour) in the Total Private Economy quickened in the first quarter to an annual rate of 4.6 percent; a significant increase from the downward-revised rate of 0.6 percent in the previous quarter, but less than half of the 9.9-percent increase in the third quarter of 1975.
 - Reflects a rise of 7.9 percent in output and 3.2 percent in hours worked.
- Compensation per Worker-Hour recorded an 8.5-percent rise, the third consecutive quarter of accelerated increase for this measure.
- Unit Labor Costs rose 3.7 percent as the effects of the increase in hourly compensation were somewhat blunted by increased productivity.
 - A 7.1-percent rise in the previous quarter.

A.3.3-Productivity and Costs— Private Nonfarm Sector (1967=100)

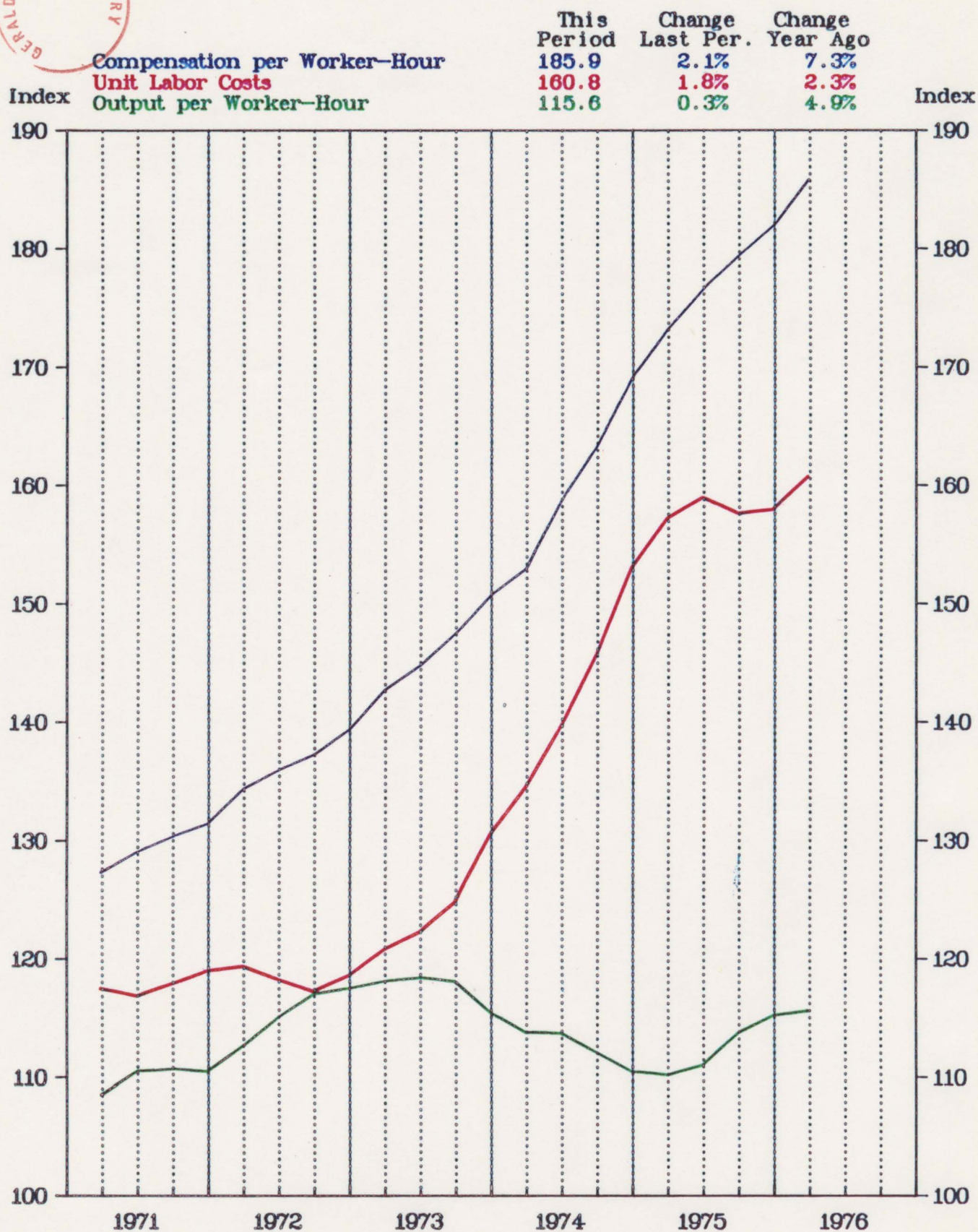


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
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- For the first quarter 1976, productivity in the Private Nonfarm Sector (Output per Worker-Hour) rose at an annual rate of 3.3 percent, reflecting a 7.7-percent increase in output which outpaced a 4.3-percent rise in hours.
 - In the previous quarter productivity declined 0.6 percent.
- As a result of the rise in productivity, the increase in Unit Labor Costs was reduced from 7.2 to 4.3 percent.

A.3.3—Productivity and Cost in Manufacturing (1967=100)

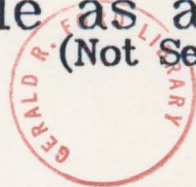


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- Productivity (Output per Worker-Hour) in Manufacturing rose at an annual rate of 1.4 percent, much slower than the 5.4 percent of the previous quarter and lower than the 4.6 percent registered by the Total Private Economy for the current quarter.
- Unit Labor Costs rose 7.3 percent in the first quarter compared to a 0.7-percent increase in the preceding quarter.
 - Compensation per Hour rose at an 8.8-percent rate which was partially offset by the 1.4-percent productivity increase.

A.3.5-Days Idle as a Result of Work Stoppages (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Millions
of Days

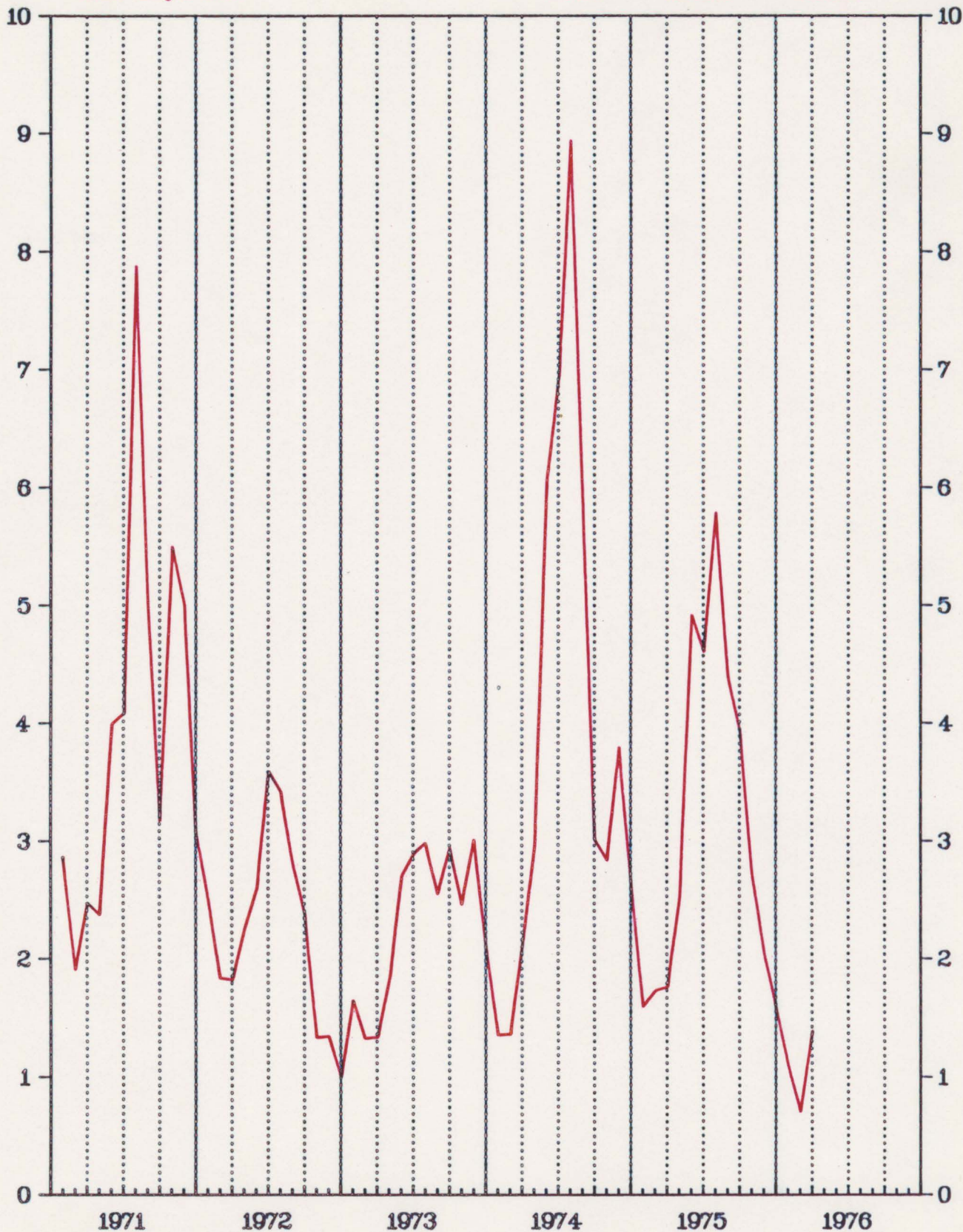
Man-Days Idle

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1.40

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91.8%

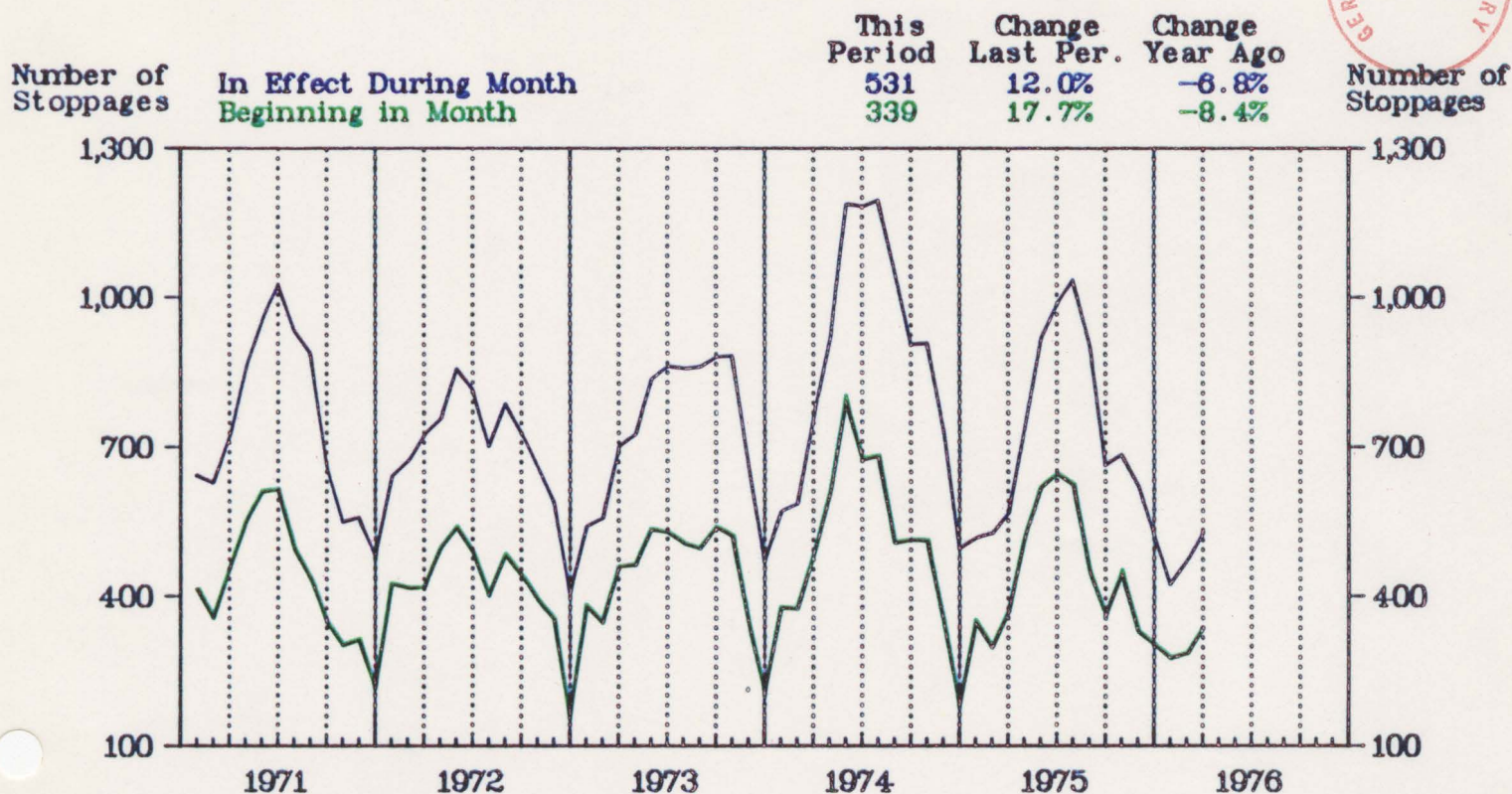
Change
Year Ago
-20.9%

Millions
of Days



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
3 May 1976

A.3.5—Number of Work Stoppages (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
3 May 1976

- The number of Man-Days Idle rose for the first time in 8 months to 1.4 million; almost double the 18-year low of 0.7 million reported in February, but below March 1975 levels.
 - In the first 3 months of 1976, there were 3.24 million idle days due to work stoppages, the lowest first quarter total since 1964.
 - Although strike activity is historically low in the first quarter, all major work stoppage measures were lower in 1976 than in any first quarter during the past decade.
- The number of Stoppages in Effect increased for the second month in a row, up 12.0 percent to 531.
 - For the first quarter as a whole, an estimated 1,055 Stoppages were in effect, the lowest number since 1963. Approximately 317,000 workers were involved, the lowest total since 1961.
- The number of Work Stoppages begun in March increased by 51 to 339.
 - The number of workers involved in these walkouts almost doubled, from 74,000 to 143,000 in March.

A.4.4—Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders All Manufacturing

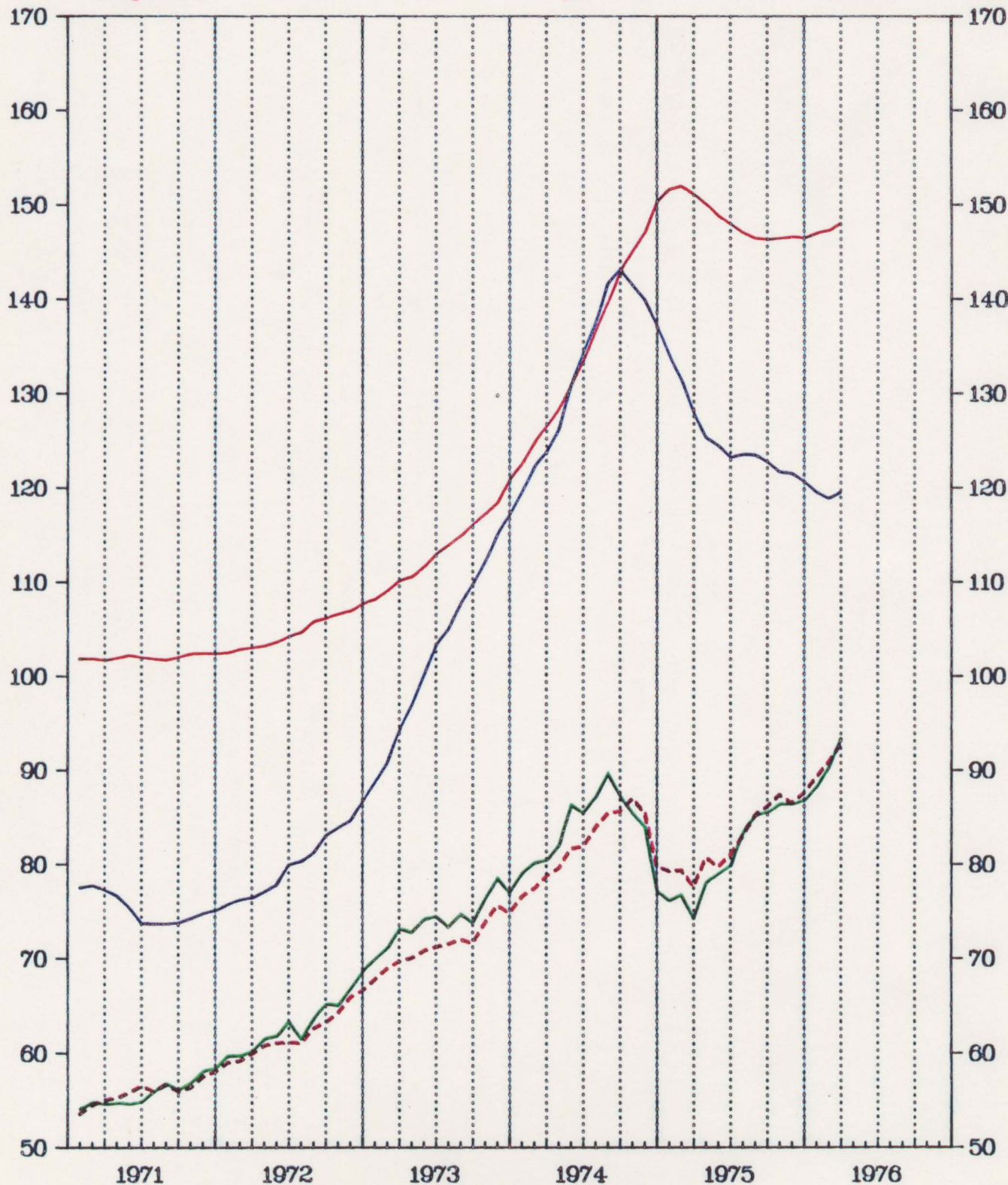


Total Inventories
Unfilled Orders
New Orders
Shipments - - -

This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
\$148.1	0.5%	-2.1%
\$119.5	0.5%	-6.7%
\$93.4	3.5%	25.9%
\$92.8	2.1%	19.6%

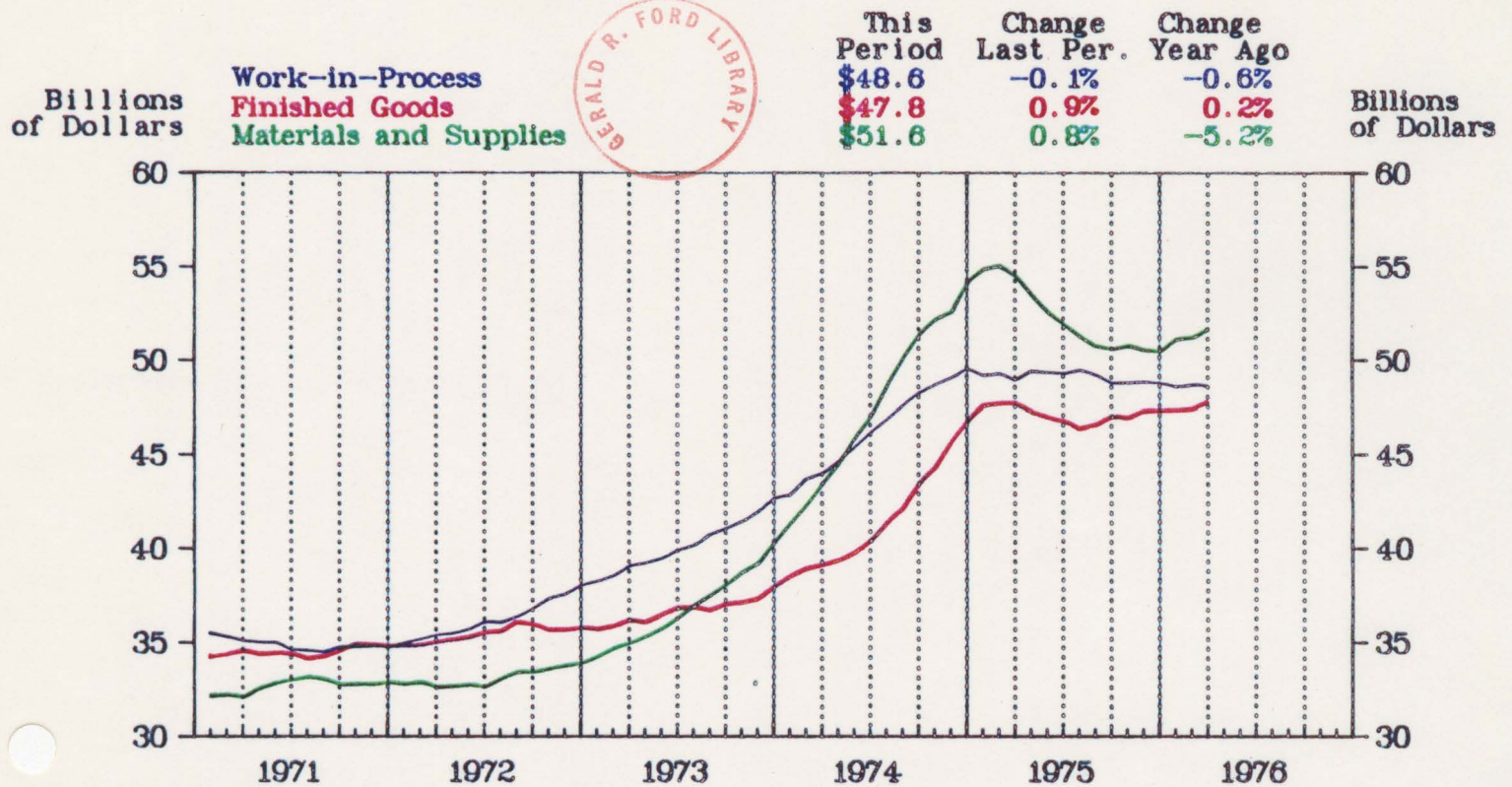
Billions
of Dollars

Billions
of Dollars



Source: Bureau of the Census
3 May 1976

A.4.4—Inventories by Stage of Fabrication All Manufacturing



Source: Bureau of the Census
3 May 1976

- In March, New Orders posted the largest monthly gain since last July, advancing 3.5 percent to a new record high of \$93.4 billion.
 - Up 25.9 percent from the \$74.4 billion low of a year ago.
- Shipments climbed \$1.9 billion, or 2.1 percent, to \$92.8 billion.
- New Orders exceeded Shipments for the first time since July-August resulting in a 0.5-percent rise in Unfilled Orders.
 - This is the first significant increase in the Unfilled Orders backlog since the decline began 17 months ago.
- Manufacturers' Inventories rose more quickly in March, up 0.5 percent to \$148.1 billion.
 - A 0.1-percent decline in Work-In-Process was more than offset by gains in Materials and Supplies (0.8 percent) and Finished Goods (0.9 percent).

A.4.4—Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders Durable Goods

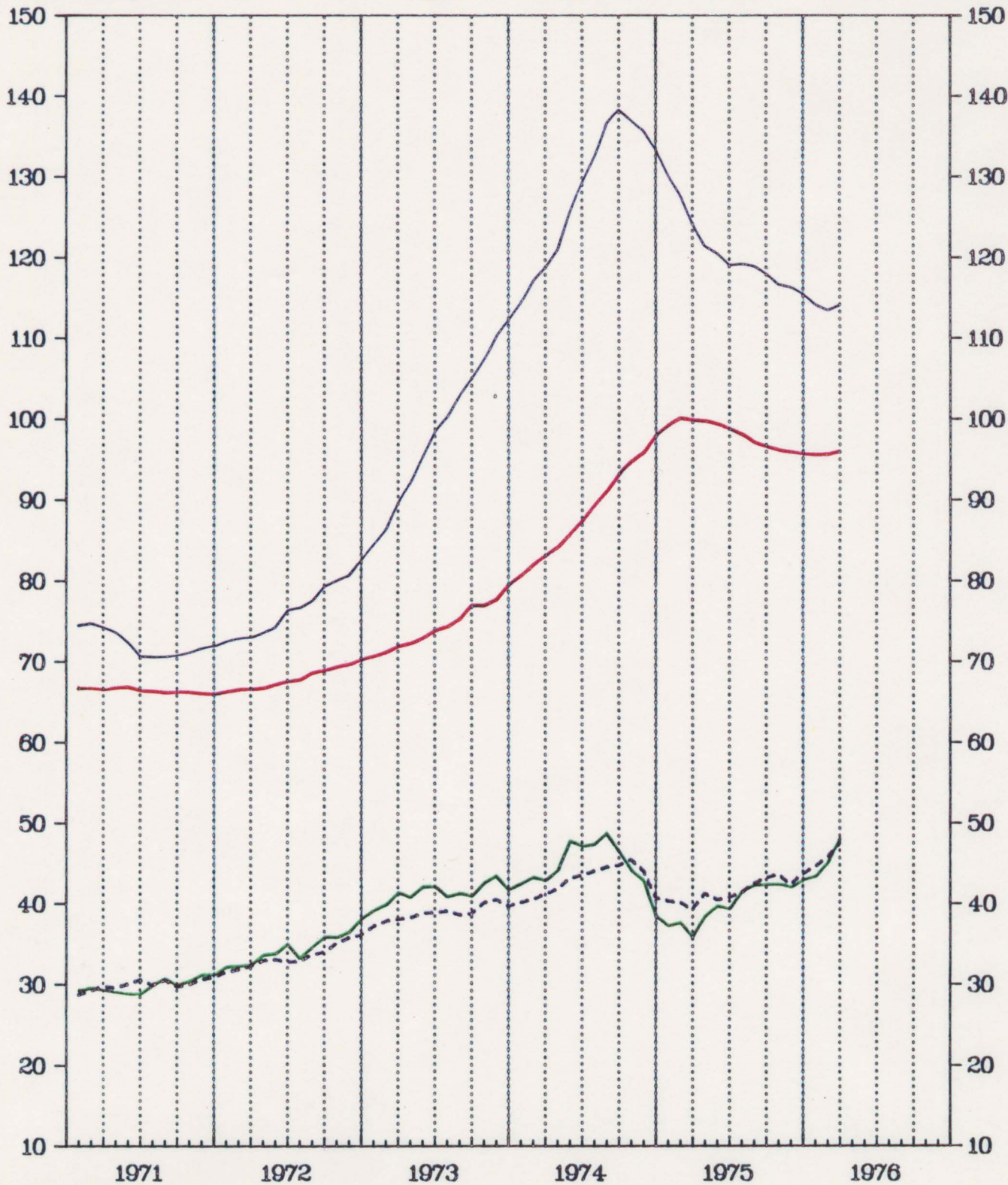


Unfilled Orders
Total Inventories
New Orders
Shipments - - -

This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
\$114.1	0.5%	-8.2%
\$96.0	0.4%	-3.8%
\$48.0	6.7%	34.2%
\$47.4	3.9%	20.9%

Billions
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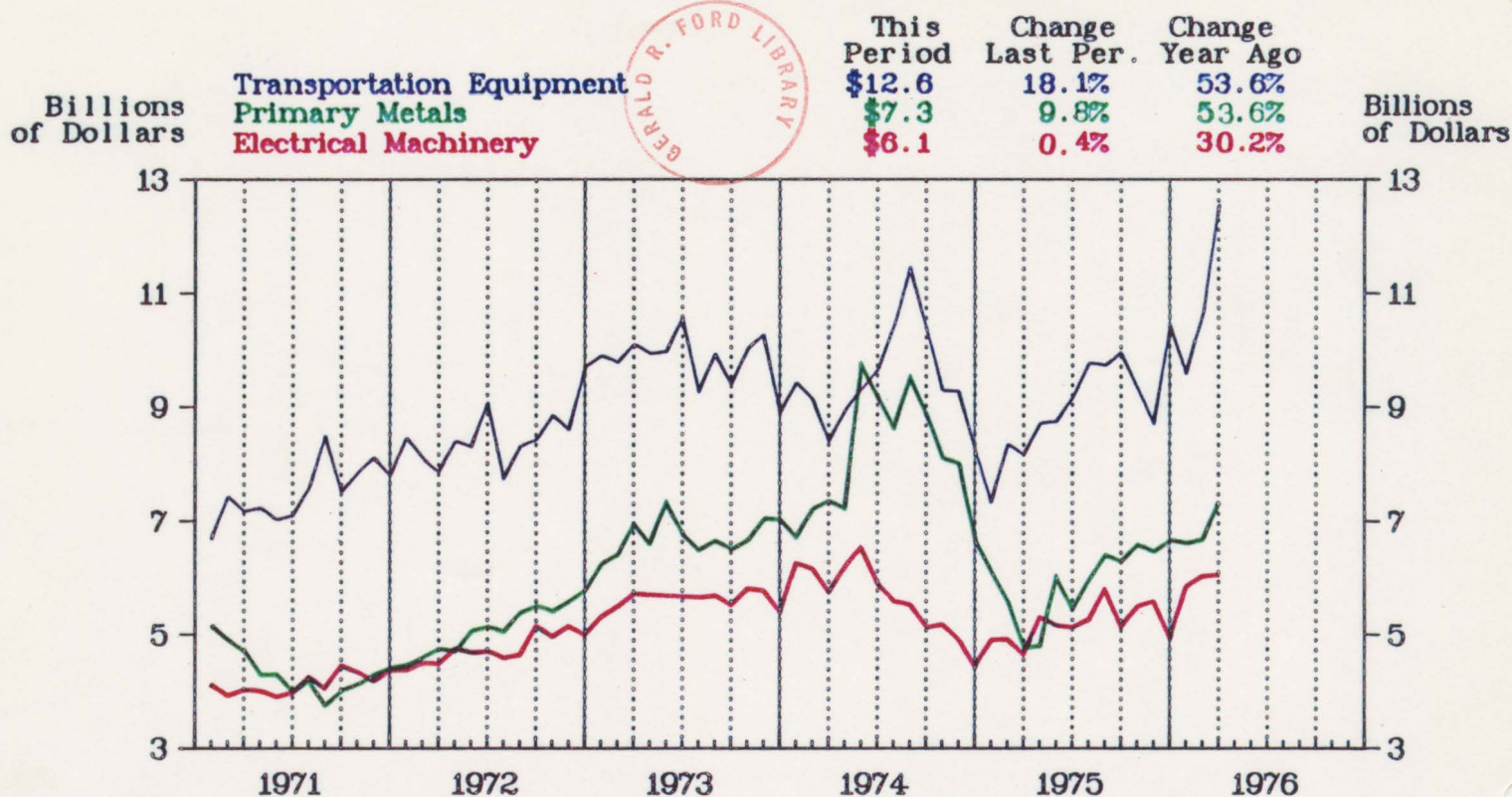


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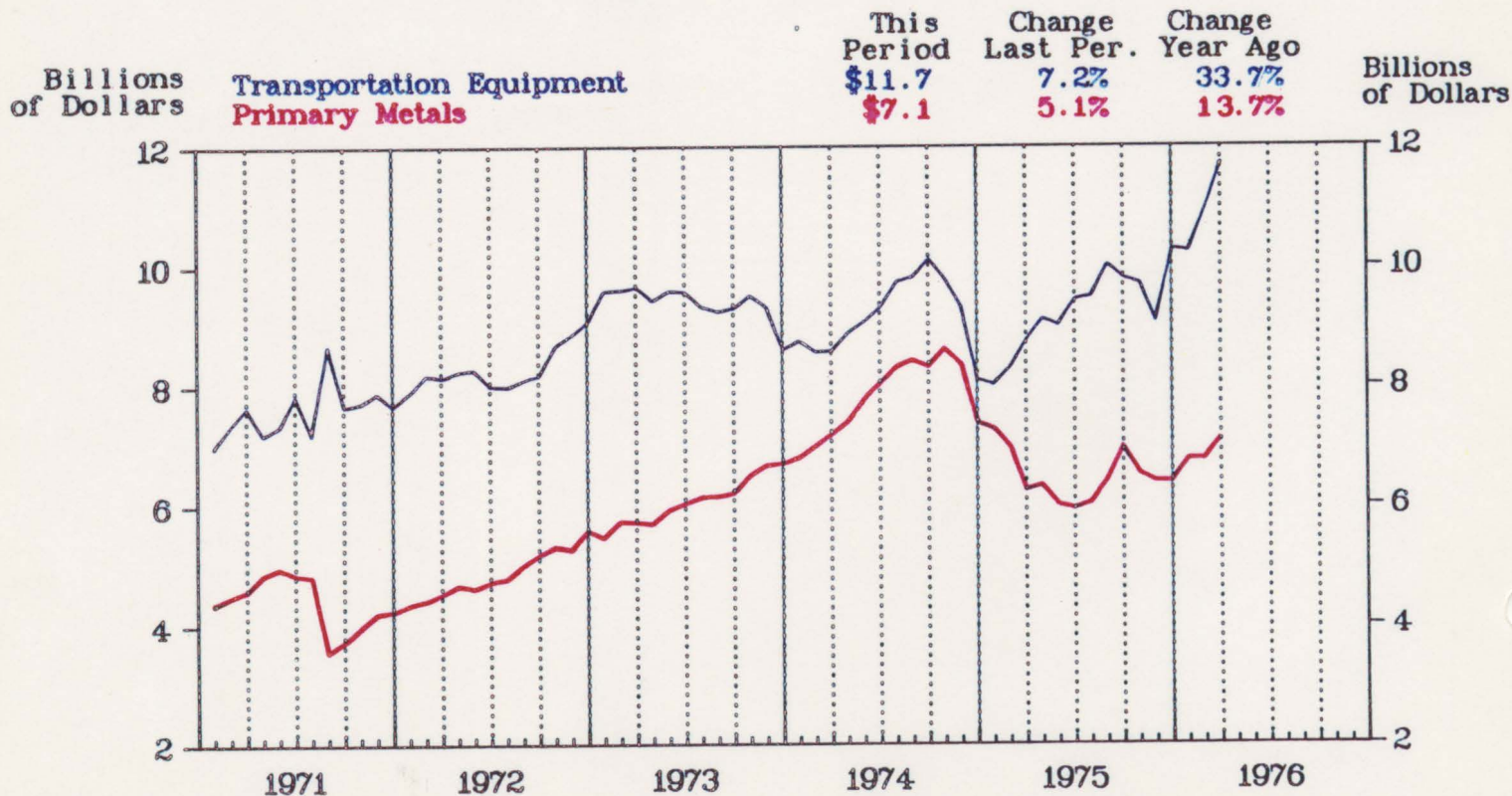


- In March, New Orders for Durable Goods climbed 6.7 percent to a near-record \$48.0 billion.
 - Largest percentage increase since the 7.3-percent gain reported for April of last year.
 - The advance was broadly based with nearly all durable goods industries reporting increases.
- Shipments continued to climb--up 3.9 percent to a new high of \$47.4 billion.
- With New Orders outpacing Shipments, the backlog of Unfilled Orders rose 0.5 percent--the first significant increase in 18 months.
 - Strongest gains reported in Transportation Equipment industries.
- Durable Inventories edged up 0.4 percent in March but remained 3.8 percent below the level of a year ago.

A4.4-Manufacturers' New Orders Components of Durable Goods



Manufacturers' Shipments Components of Durable Goods





- New Orders for Transportation Equipment climbed to a new high of \$12.6 billion, led by a \$1.1 billion advance in the Aircraft and Parts Industries.
- The second strongest gain in New Orders among the Durable Goods Industries was posted for Primary Metals--up 9.8 percent, or \$655 million.
- Electrical Machinery gained for the third consecutive month, increasing 0.4 percent to \$6.1 billion.
- Increases in Transportation Equipment (7.2 percent) and Primary Metals (5.1 percent) were mainly responsible for the advance in Durable Goods Shipments.

A.5.1-Exports and Imports

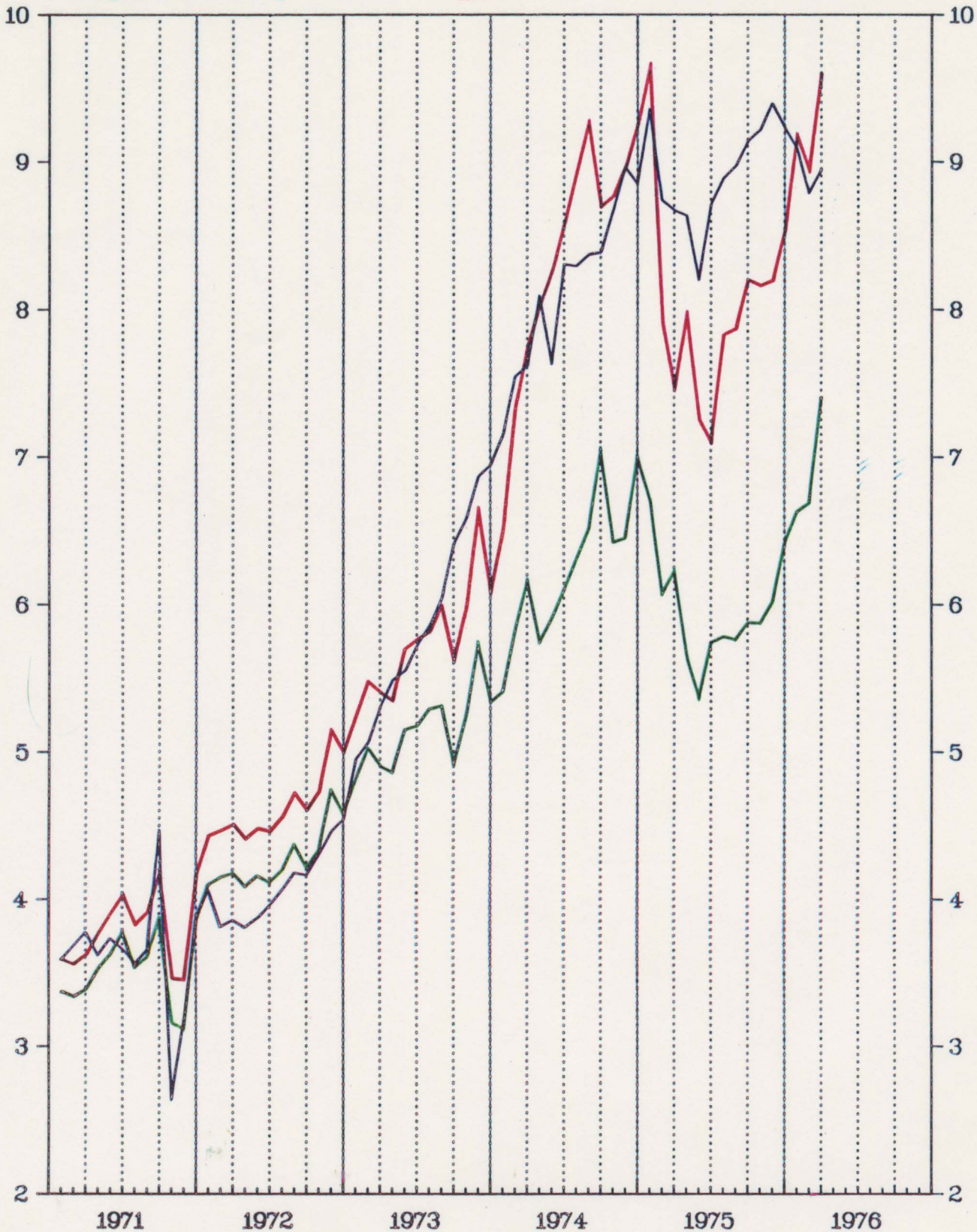
Billions
of Dollars

Total Exports
Total Imports
Imports Excluding Petroleum



This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
\$9.0	1.8%	3.1%
\$9.6	7.4%	28.7%
\$7.4	10.7%	19.0%

Billions
of Dollars



Source: Bureau of the Census
3 May 1976

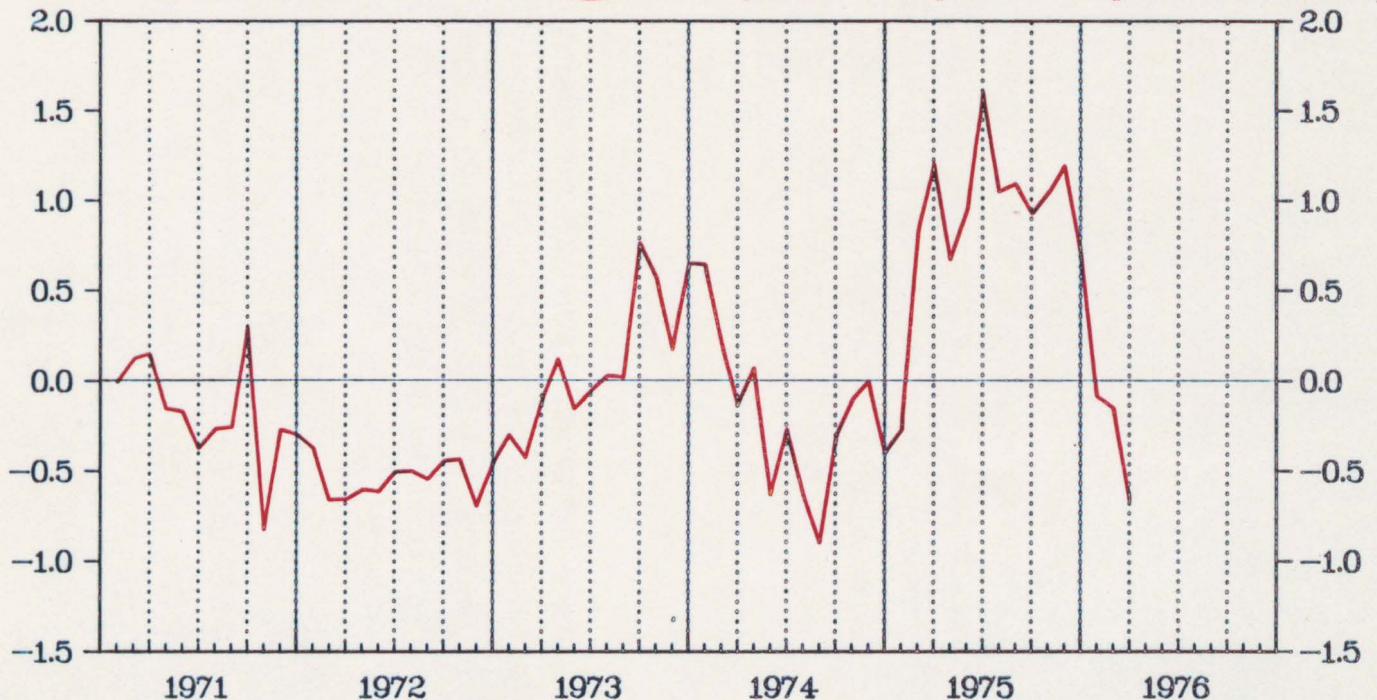
A.5.1—Merchandise Trade Balance Excluding Military Assistance

Billions
of Dollars

Trade Balance

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-**\$0.651**
Change
Last Per.
-**\$0.51**
Change
Year Ago
-**\$1.87**

Billions
of Dollars

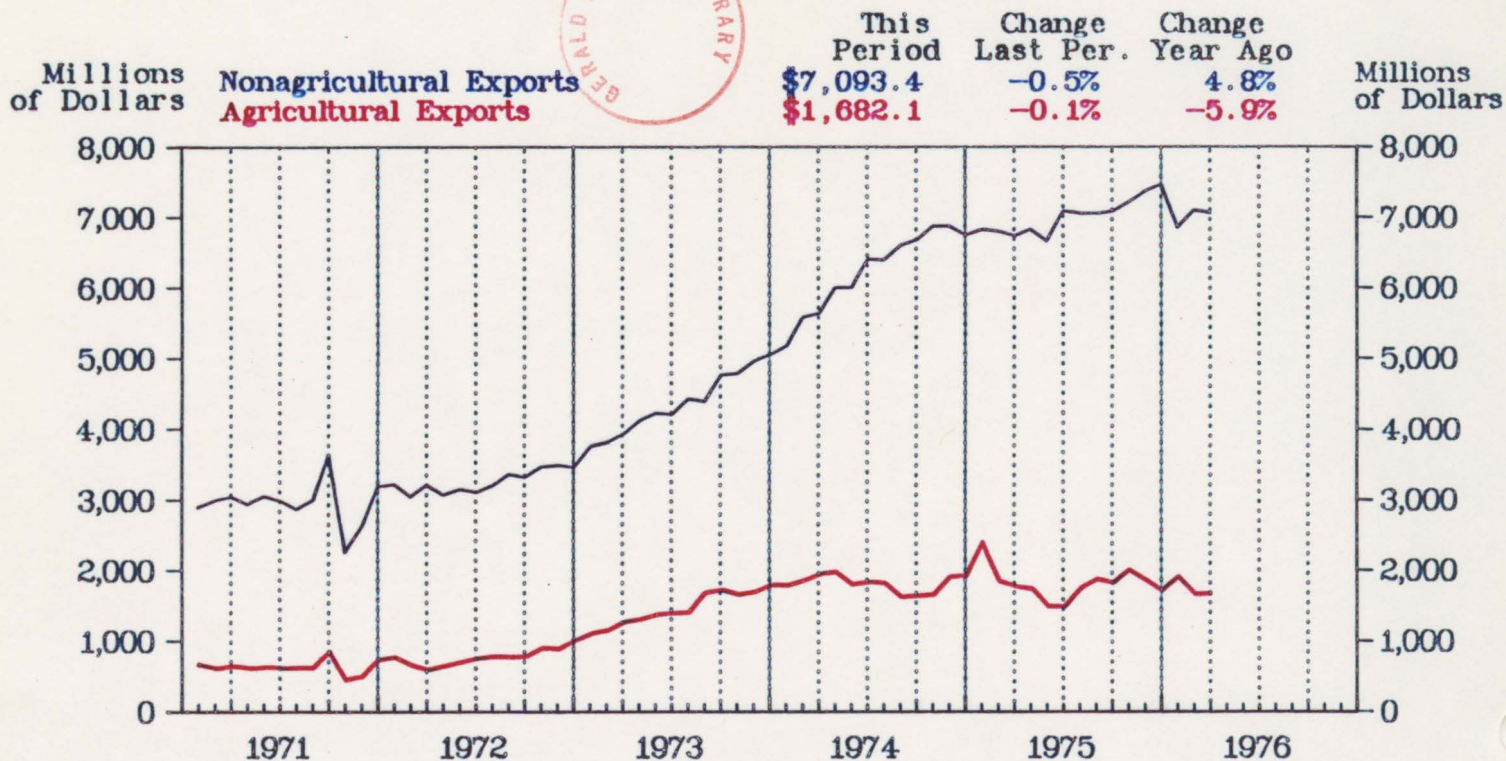


Source: Bureau of the Census
3 May 1976

- The Merchandise Trade Balance posted the third deficit in a row in March.
 - Imports exceeded Exports by \$651 million, more than four times the \$141 million posted in February.
 - A total deficit of \$864 million was reported for the first quarter of 1976.
- Total Exports rose for the first time in 4 months, up \$156 million to \$8.96 billion.
- After declining in February, Total Imports rose \$666 million to \$9.6 billion, the largest increase since last July when Imports increased \$729 million.
- Imports Excluding Petroleum climbed \$719 million to a new high of \$7.41 billion.
 - Largest monthly increase since December 1971 when a rise of \$727 million was reported.

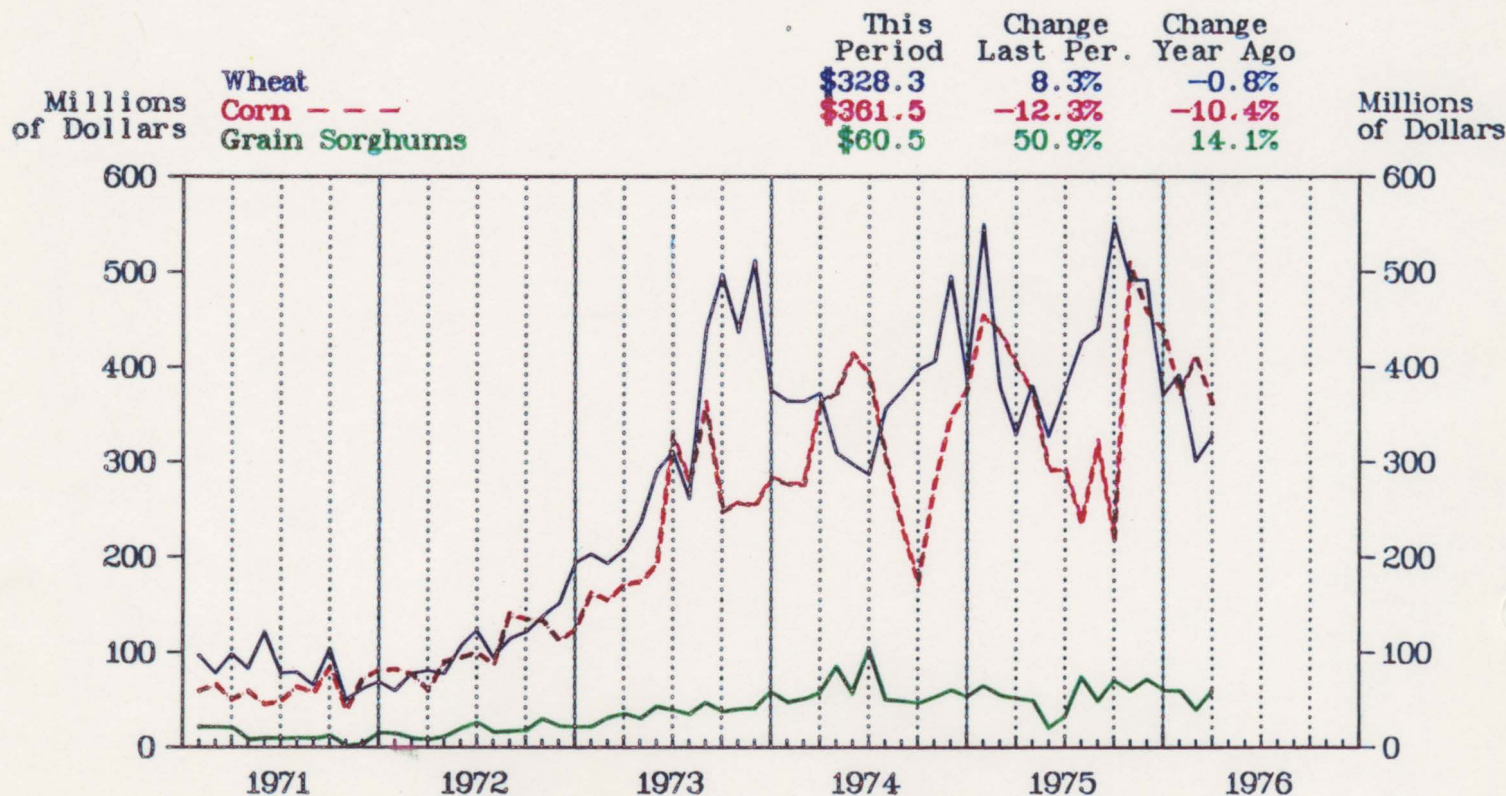
A.5.1-Exports

Domestic Nonagricultural and Agricultural Commodities

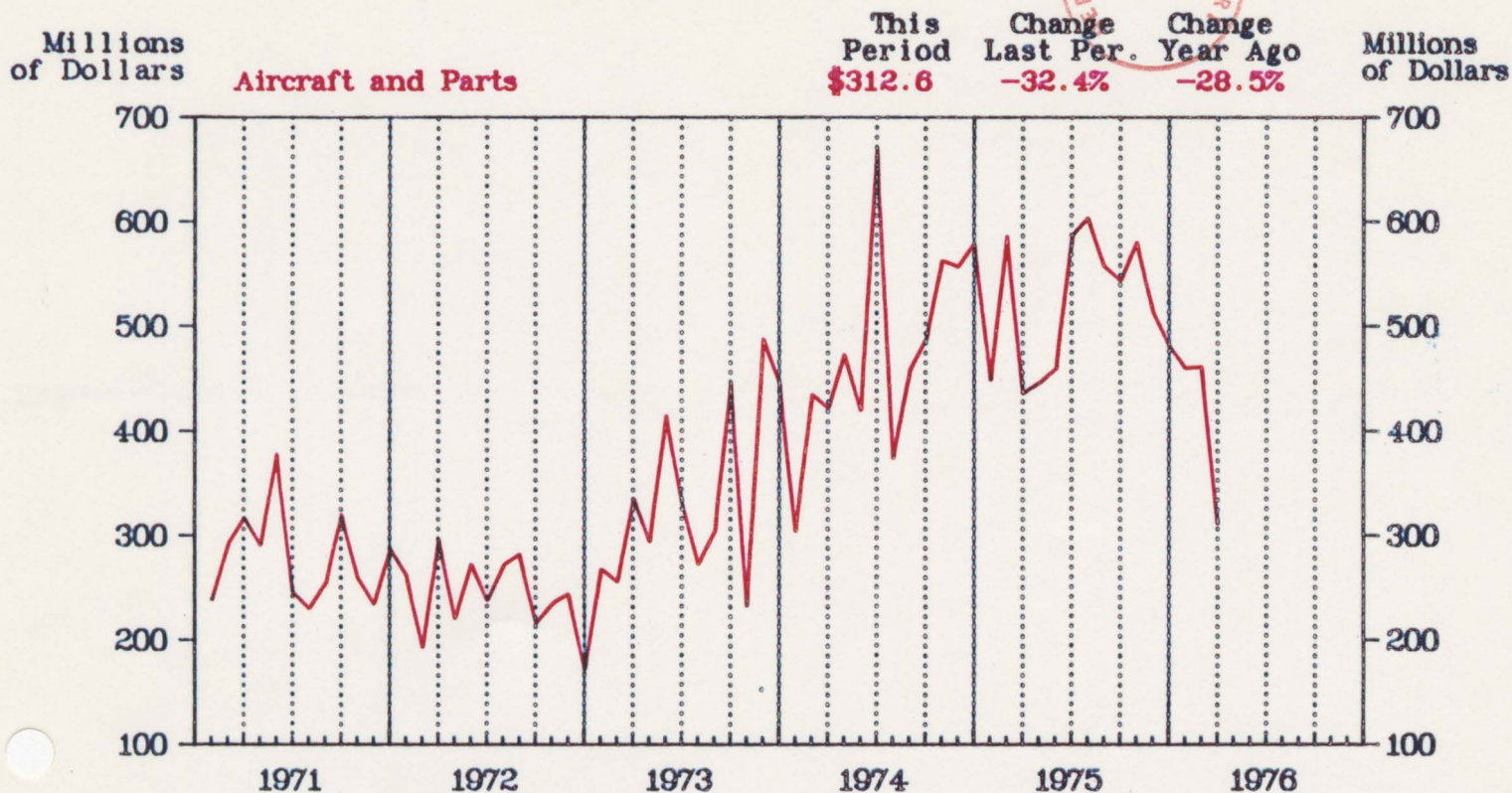


Exports of Domestic Agricultural Commodities

Selected Components



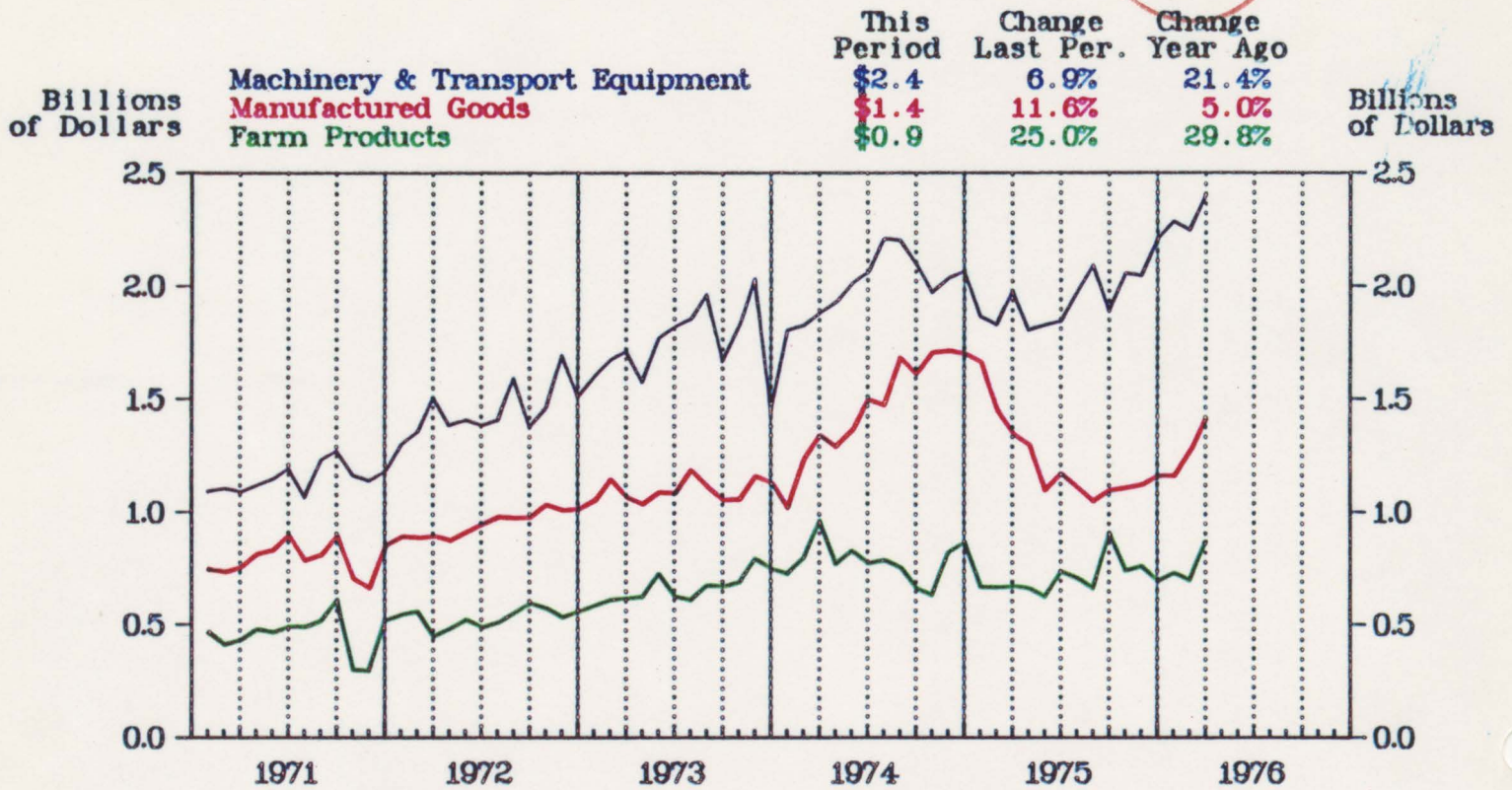
A.5.1-Exports Aircraft and Parts



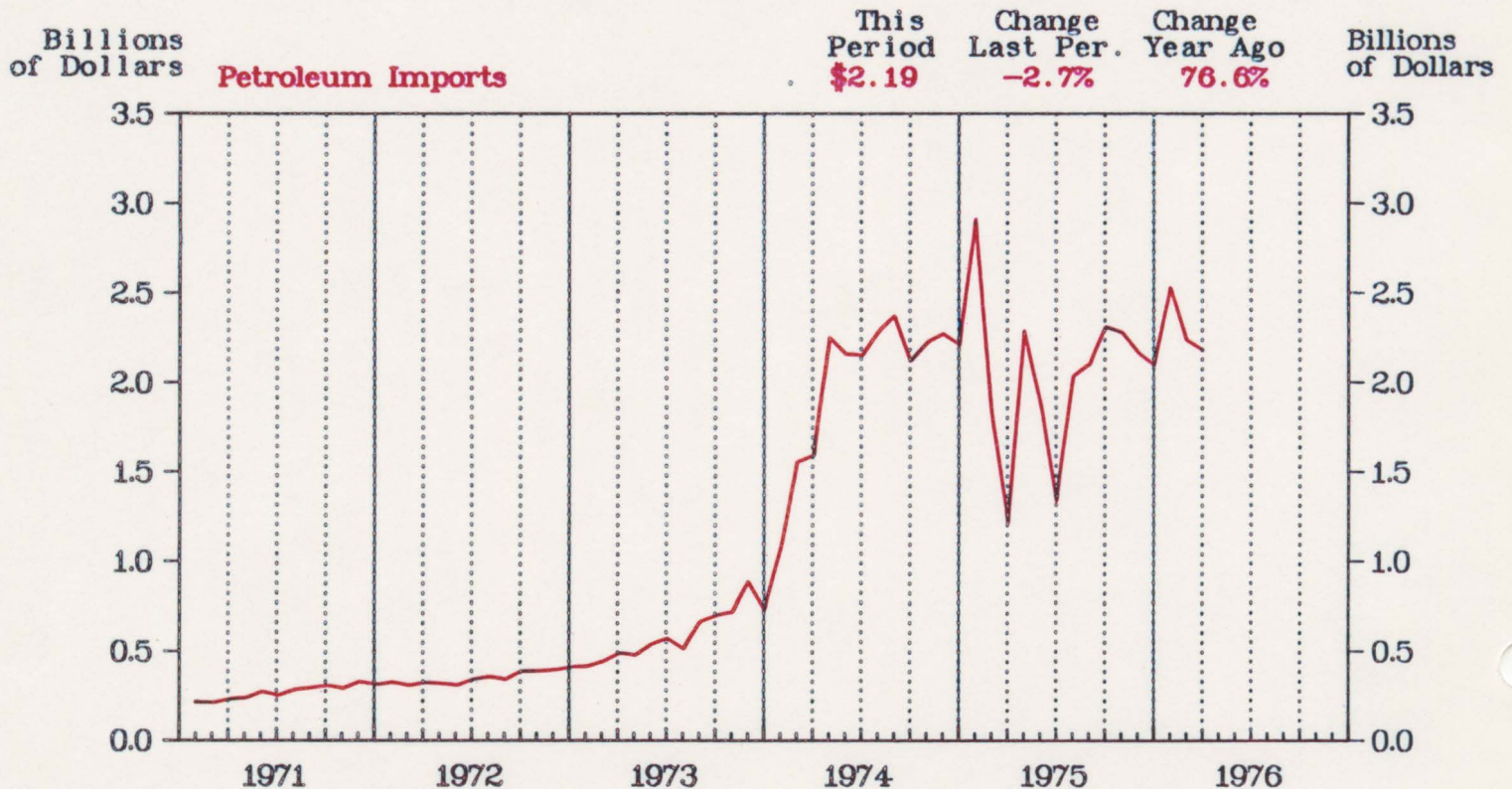
Source: Bureau of the Census
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- Nonagricultural Exports declined \$32 million (0.5 percent) to \$7,093 million, 5.3 percent below December's high of \$7,491 million.
 - A sharp (32.4 percent) decline was reported in Exports of Aircraft and Parts.
 - Down \$150 million to \$313 billion, the lowest level since January 1974.
- Following a \$236 million drop in February, Agricultural Exports were basically unchanged in March.
 - A \$51 million decline in Corn Exports offset increases in other agricultural commodities.
 - Wheat rose \$25 million, an increase of 8.3 percent over February's 20-month low of \$303 million.
 - Reversing February's decline, Grain Sorghums increased \$20 million.

A.5.1-Imports Selected Components



Petroleum and Petroleum Products



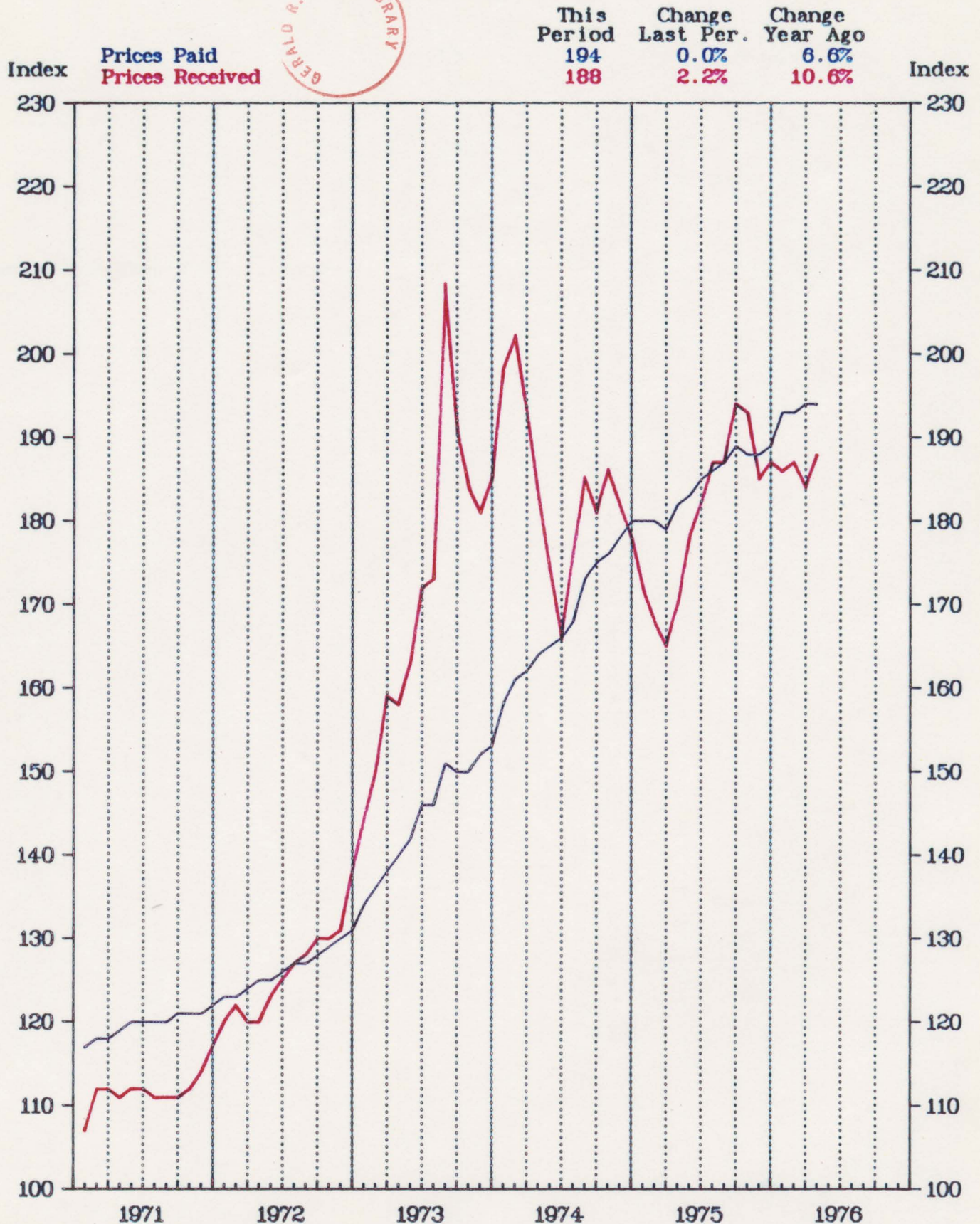


- The increase in Imports Excluding Petroleum was widely distributed.
- Farm imports posted the largest rise, up \$175 million.
- Machinery and Transport Equipment, recovering from February's decline, climbed \$154 million to a new high of \$1.4 billion.
- Imports of Manufactured Goods (classified by material*) rose sharply for the second month, up \$148 million to a 13-month high.
- Petroleum Imports fell for the second month, down 2.7 percent, or \$53 million.
- 76.6 percent above the March 1975 low of \$1.24 billion.

* Includes leather and leather manufactures except clothing; rubber manufacturers' wood manufactures except furniture; paper and paperboard products; textiles, yarn, and fabric except clothing; nonmetallic mineral manufactures; iron and steel mill products; nonferrous metals; metal manufactures other than machinery and motor vehicles.

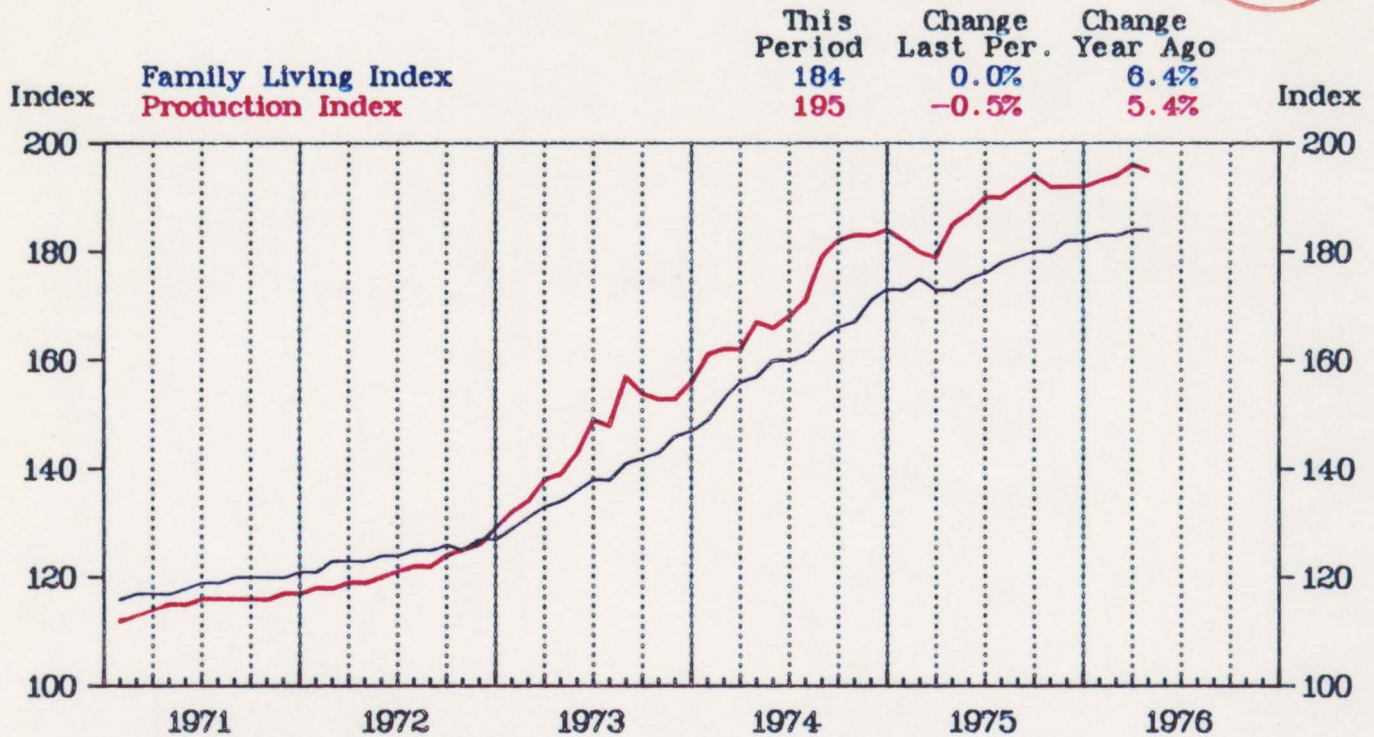
A.9.1—Prices Received and Paid by Farmers

Not Seasonally Adjusted
(1967=100)



Source: U. S. Department of Agriculture
3 May 1976

A.9.1—Prices Paid by Farmers Not Seasonally Adjusted Selected Components



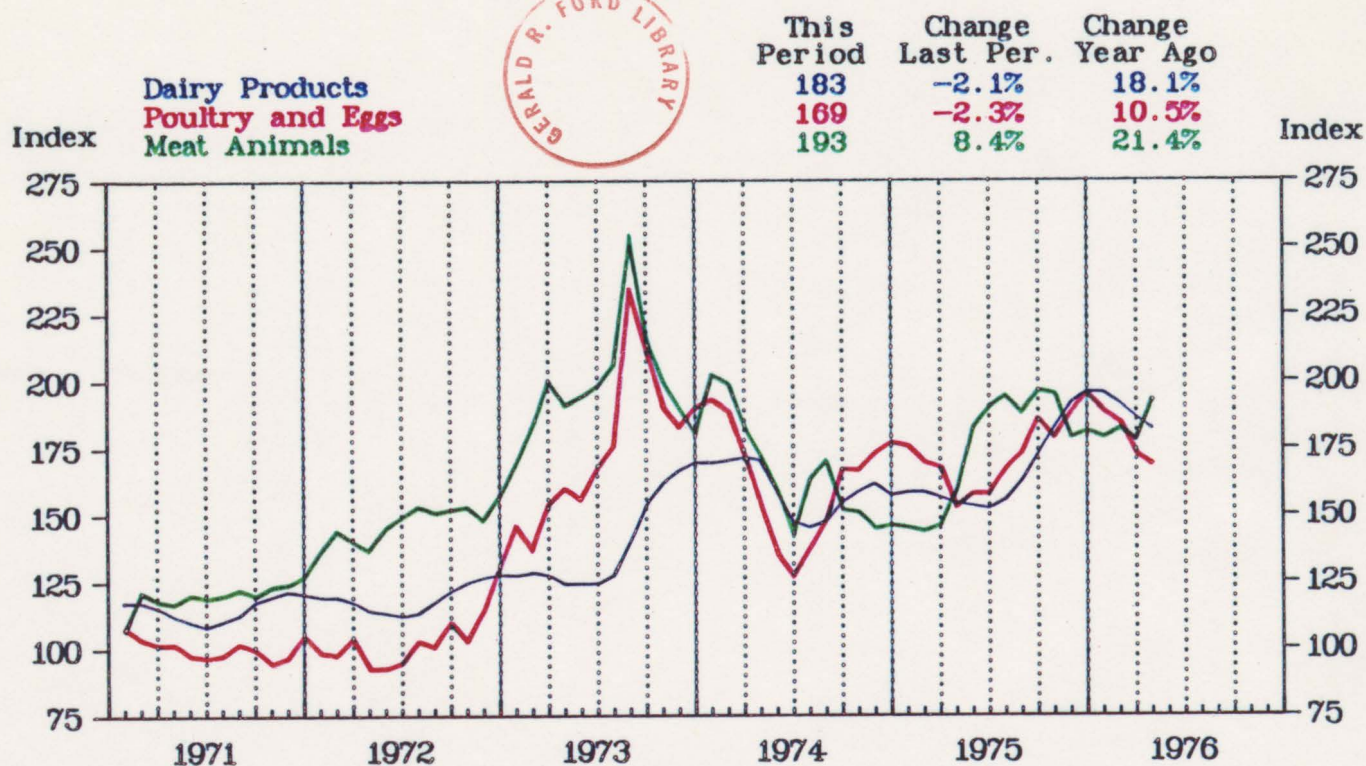
Source: U. S. Department of Agriculture
3 May 1976

- Recovering from March's decline, the Index of Prices Received by Farmers rose 4 points (2.2 percent) to 188, the highest level since last October.
 - Contributing most to the April rise were sharply higher prices for Meat Animals. Lower prices for milk, wheat, lettuce, and corn were partially offsetting.
- The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates was unchanged at 194.
 - The Production Goods Index declined 1 point (0.5 percent) as lower prices for fertilizer, seeds, and feed outweighed higher prices for other production goods.
 - The Family Living Index was unchanged from March at 184.
- The Index of Prices Paid has remained higher than Prices Received for 13 out of the last 17 months.

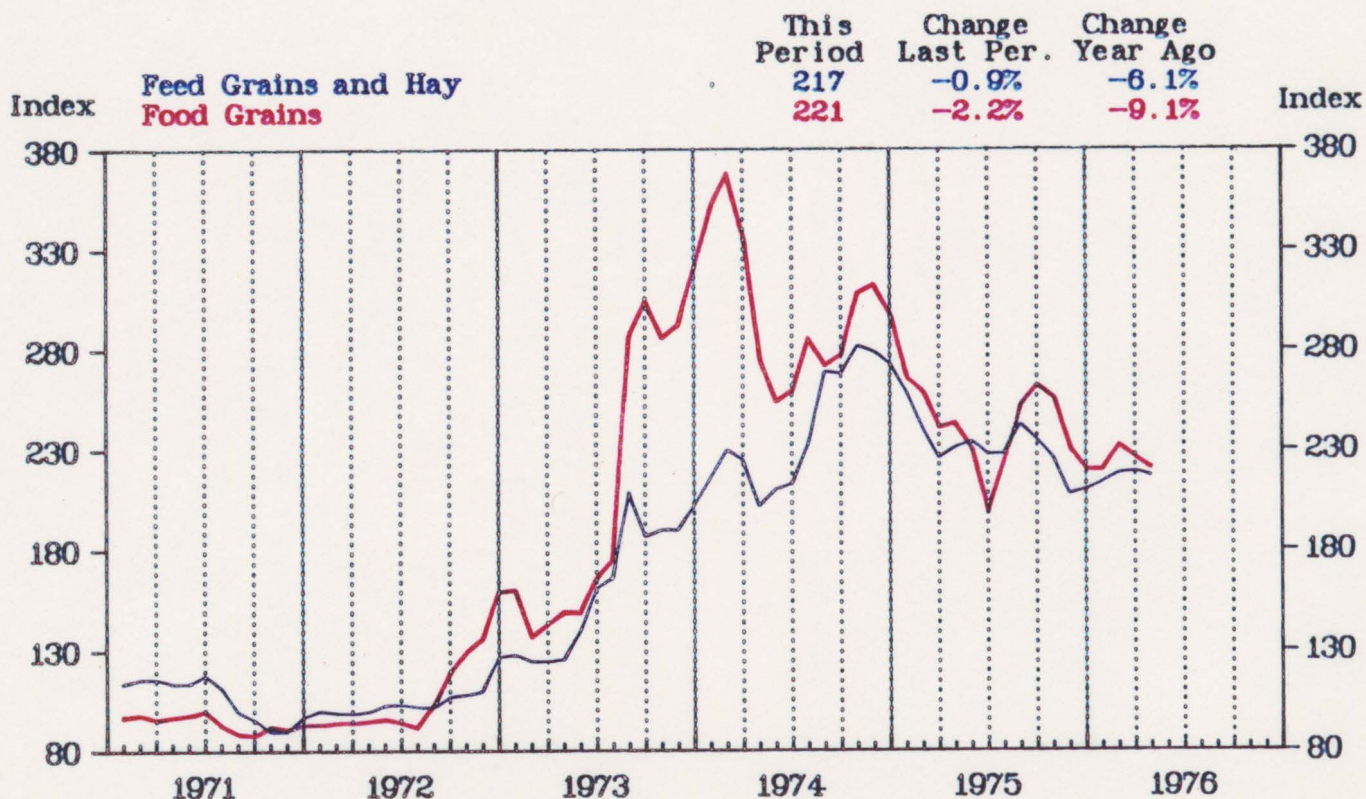
A.9.1—Prices Received by Farmers

Components of Livestock and Products

Not Seasonally Adjusted



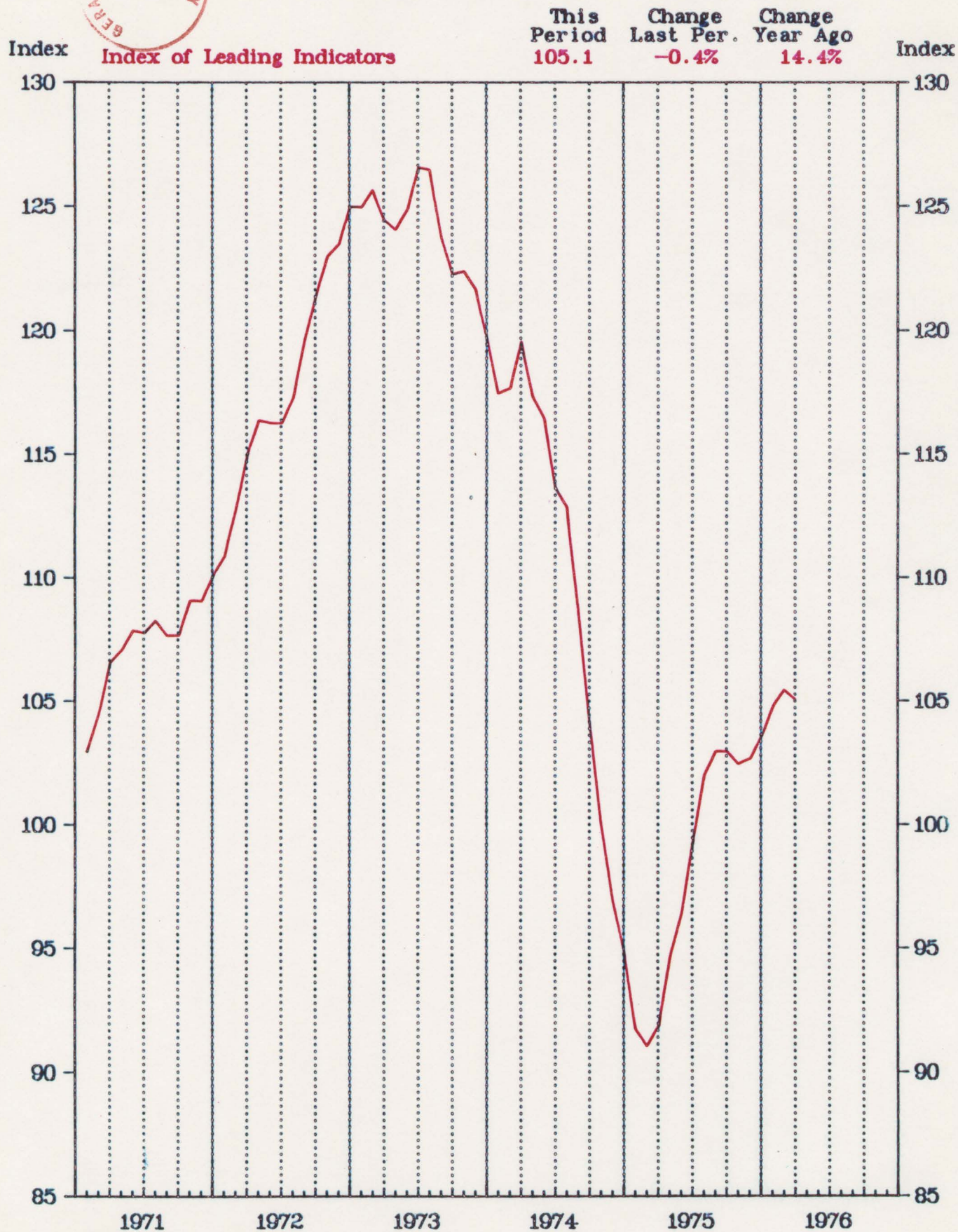
Selected Crops





- The Meat Animals index increased sharply, up 15 points (8.4 percent) to 193. The increase was widespread, with higher prices for cattle and hogs responsible for most of the April rise.
 - Beef cattle rose \$4.30 per cwt. to \$37.90; hog prices increased \$1.50 to \$47.00 per cwt; and lamb prices jumped \$4.90 to a record \$54.60 per cwt.
- The Dairy Products index declined 4 points (2.1 percent) to 183. Prices received for milk sold to plants declined 24 cents to \$9.48 per cwt.
- Poultry and Egg prices dropped 4 points. Egg prices declined 7 cents to 53.4 cents per dozen, and broiler prices also declined 7 cents to 23.7 cents per pound.
- The Food Grains index fell 5 points, reflecting a 15-cent drop in wheat prices to \$3.50 per bushel.
- The Feed Grains and Hay index moved down 2 points as prices declined for corn (4 cents), barley (3 cents), and oats (2 cents).

A.11.1-Composite Index of Leading Indicators (1967=100)



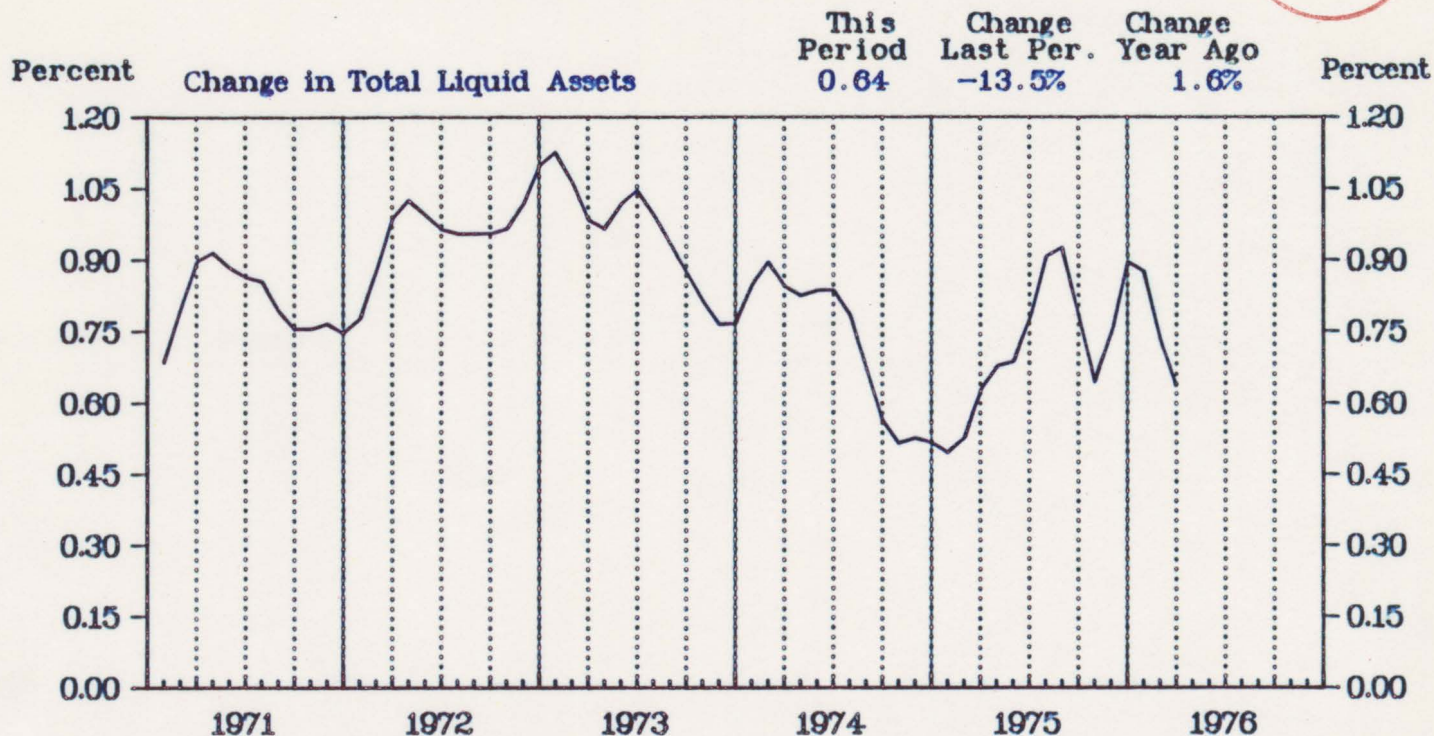
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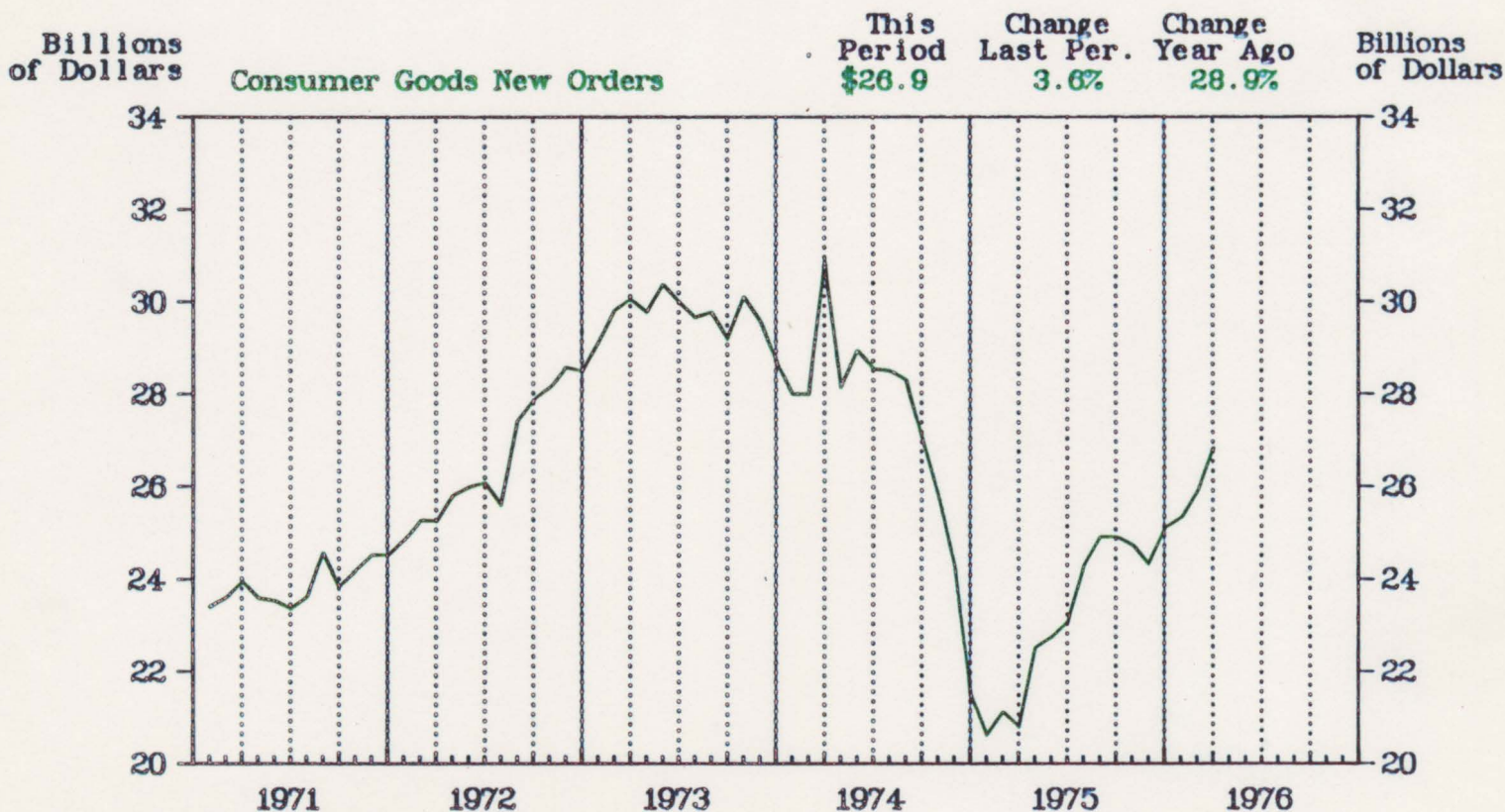
- The Composite Index of Leading Indicators declined 0.4 percent in March to 105.1, the first decline in 5 months.
- Still 14.4 percent above the level of 91.9 registered 1 year ago.
- For the first quarter as a whole, the Composite Index rose 2.1 percent.
- Six of the available measures for March declined while five improved.

A.11.1—Selected Components of Composite Index

Change in Total Liquid Assets



New Orders for Consumer Goods (1967 Dollars)

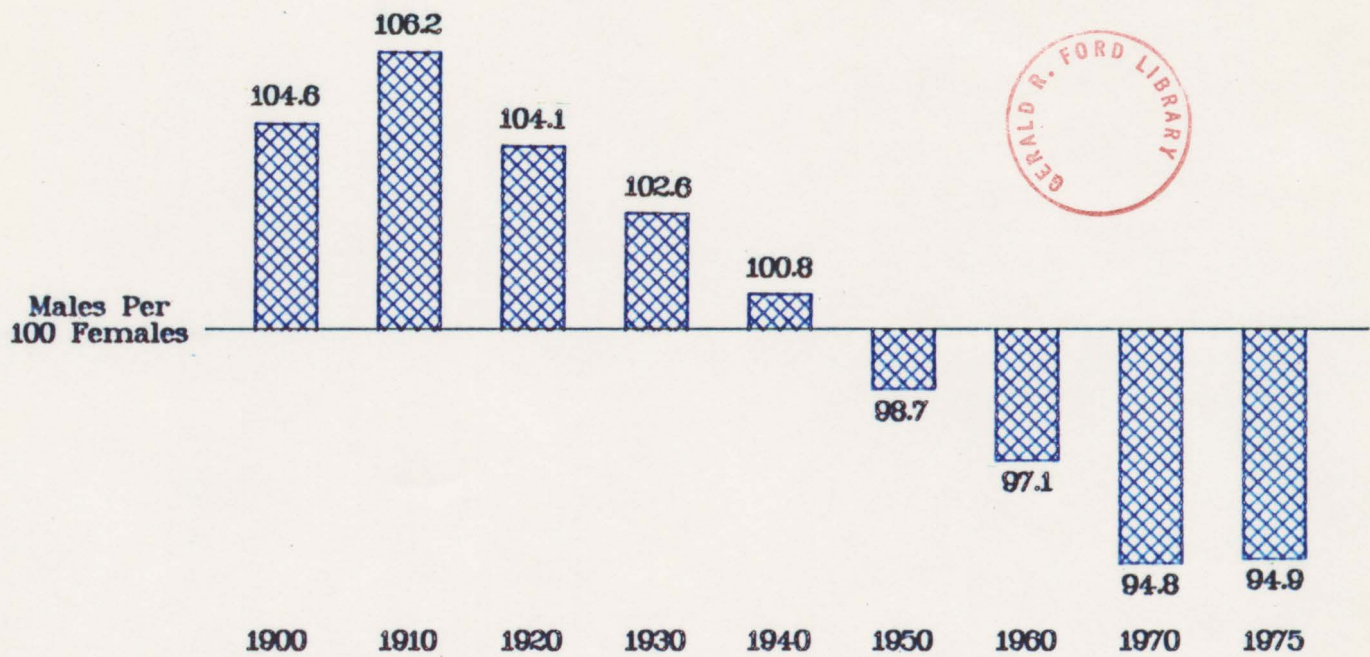




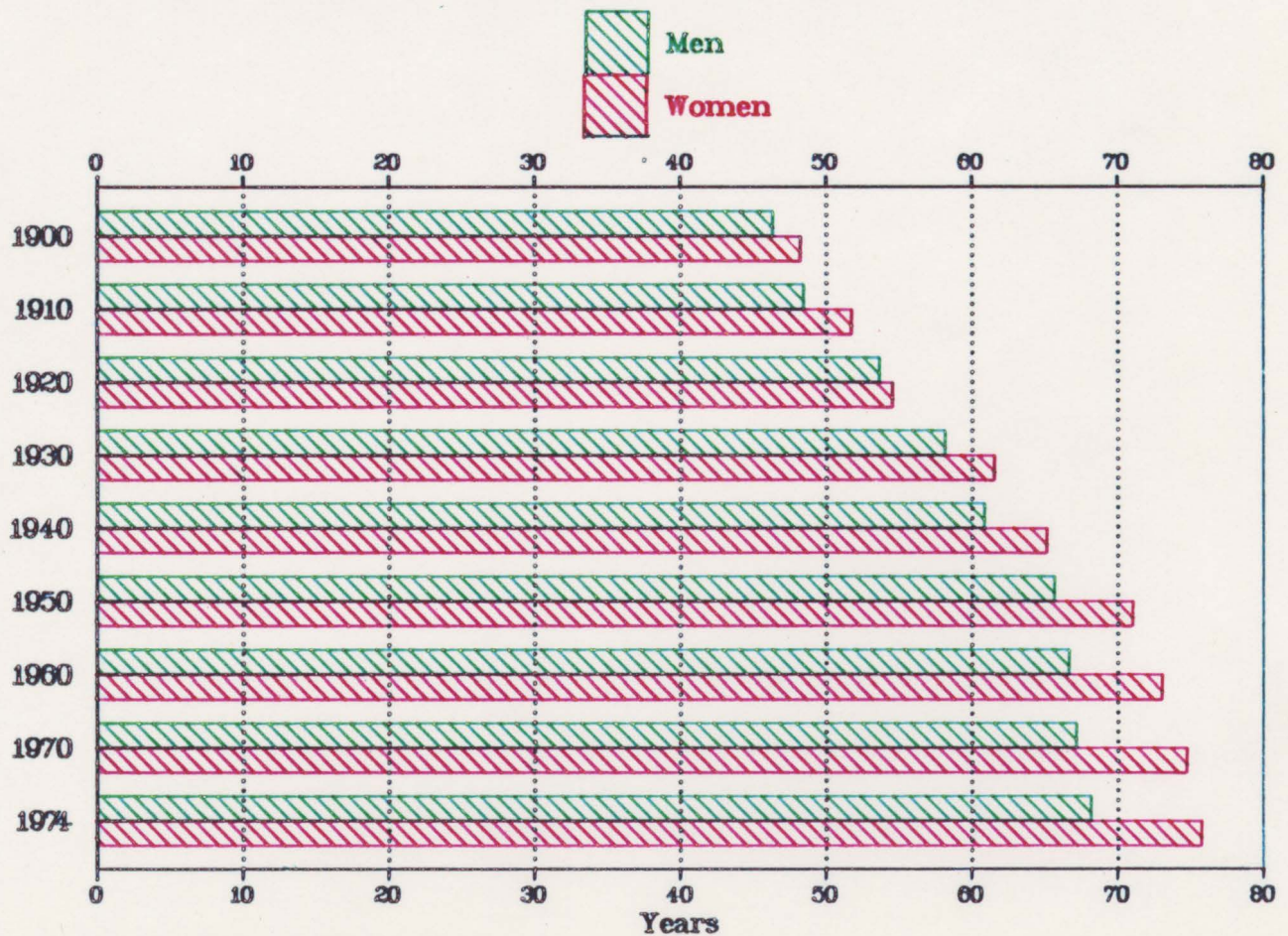
- The component contributing most to the March decline was Total Liquid Assets, which grew 0.64 percent, down from a 0.74-percent increase in February.
- Among the improving indicators, New Orders for Consumer Goods, rising 3.6 percent over last month's level, had the most favorable impact on the index.

E.7-Characteristics of U.S. Women

Sex Ratios: 1900 to 1975



Life Expectancy At Birth: 1900 To 1974

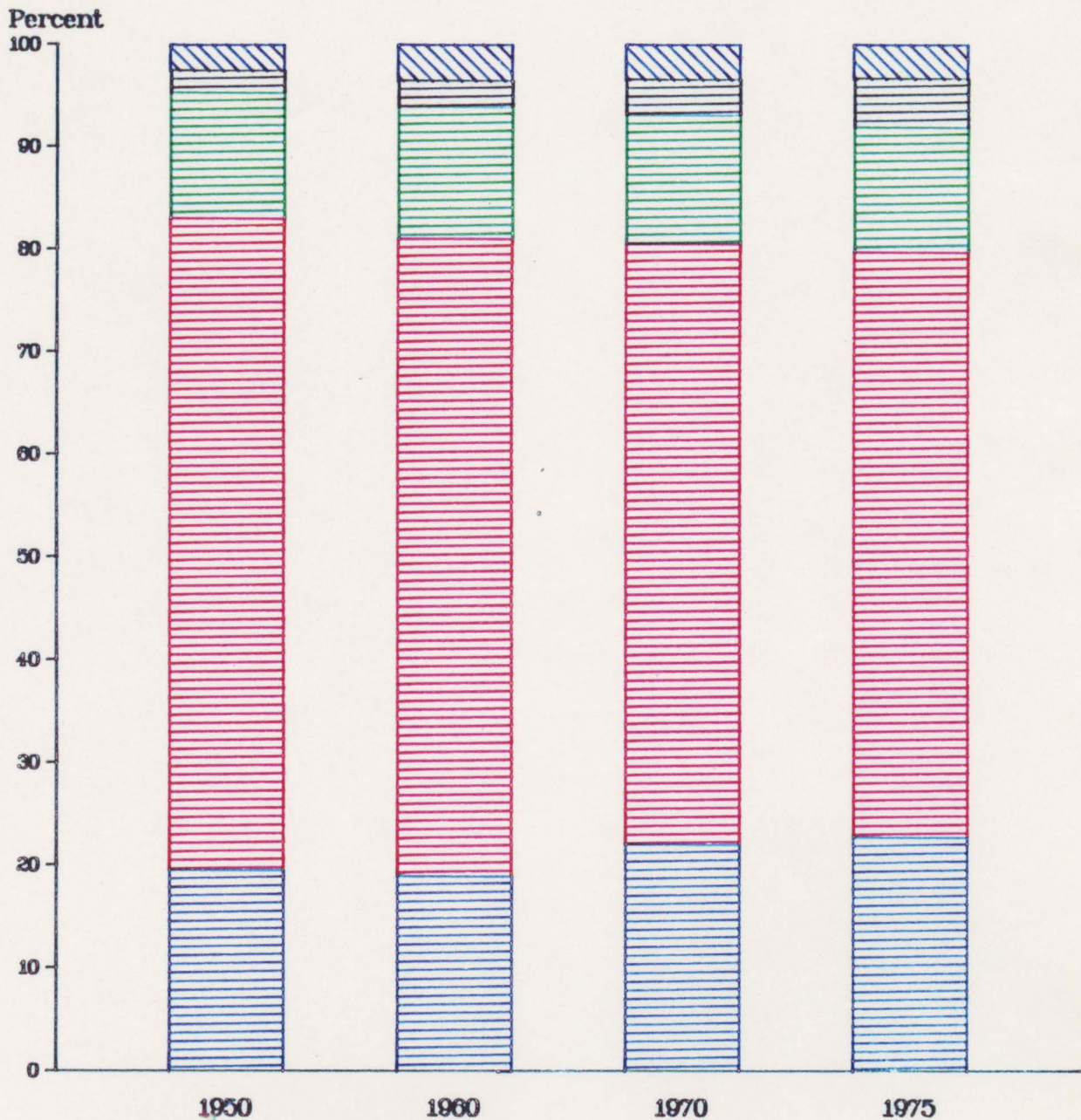
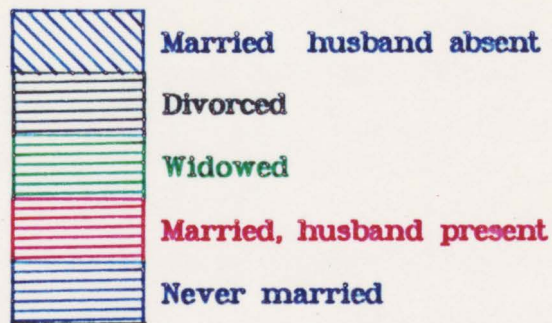


Source: Bureau of the Census
3 May 1976



- The sex ratio (number of males per 100 females) has declined steadily from 106.2 in 1910, to 94.9 in 1975. At the turn of the century, men constituted 51.1 percent of the total population; in 1950, for the first time in any decennial census, women outnumbered men.
- The decline is largely due to the widening gap between female and male mortality rates.
- Also due to the decreasing effect of the male-dominated immigration which occurred during the first quarter of this century.
- From 1900 to 1974, the average length of life for females increased from 48.3 years to 75.8 years--an increase of 27.5 years. For the same period, male life expectancy at birth increased only 21.8 years, advancing from 46.3 years to 68.1 years..

E.7-Marital Status of Women: 1950, 1960, 1970, 1975



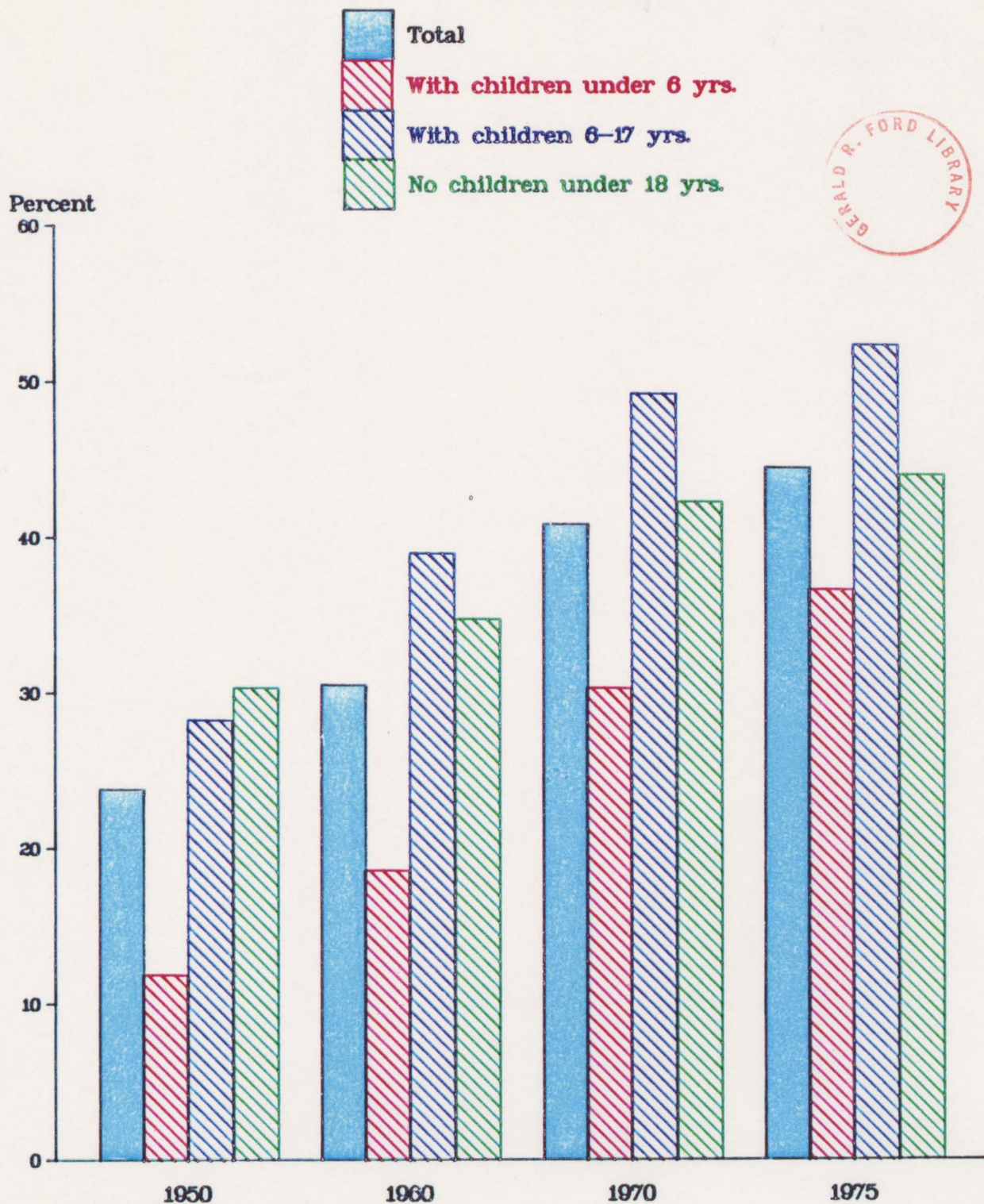
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- Recent marriage and divorce trends in the United States have resulted in a growing proportion of women who are single, or divorced and not remarried.
- In 1950 (when the median age at first marriage was 20.3 years) 19.6 percent of women were single; by 1975 (when median marriage age was 21.1 years) the proportion of single women had risen to 22.8 percent.
- During the same period, divorce rates among women more than doubled, while marriage rates declined from 63.4 percent to 56.9 percent.
- Some probable correlates of these recent trends include: broadening education and work experience of women leading to increased economic and social independence; growing societal acceptance of divorce and of remaining single; and liberalization of divorce laws.

E.7-Percentage Married Women in Labor Force

By Presence of Children



Source: Bureau of the Census
3 May 1976





- Recent data indicate that the roles of wife and mother are becoming more compatible with employment outside the home for greater numbers of married women (husbands present in household).
- The percentage of working wives (husband present) nearly doubled between 1950 and 1975.
- The largest gain was among mothers of preschool children, whose labor force participation increased from 11.9 percent in 1950 to 36.6 percent in 1975.
- By 1975, more than half of all married women with school aged children held jobs--an increase of 84.8 percent over 1950.
- The proportion of working women with no children under 18 (i.e., without any children or with grown children) climbed gradually from 30.3 percent in 1950 to 43.9 percent in 1975.

E.7-Median Earnings of Full-Time Civilian Workers 14 Years and Over



Source: Bureau of the Census
3 May 1976



- Although women have made substantial gains in terms of longevity, education, and employment in recent years, the income gap between women and men continues to widen.
- In 1960, median annual earnings for men in the full-time civilian labor force was \$5,368--65 percent more than the \$3,257 earned by the civilian female worker.
- By 1974, the typical male worker was making \$11,835--nearly 75 percent more than the \$6,772 median salary of the average woman.
- During the 14-year period, men's earning advantage accelerated 15.4 percent.