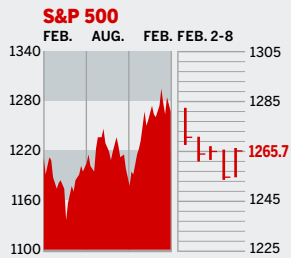


# Personal Business Figures of the Week

## STOCKS



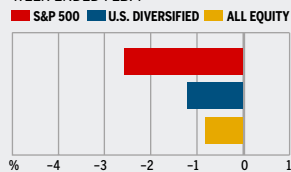
### COMMENTARY

Signs of falling productivity and rising inflationary pressures, along with the Iran nuclear crisis, lopped more than 1% off the S&P 500 index in the first two trading sessions. Stocks never recovered. Rising housing inventories sent stocks lower on Feb. 7, but tech stocks jumped on Feb. 8 when Cisco posted strong earnings and forecast strong sales for the next quarter.

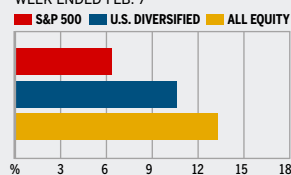
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## MUTUAL FUNDS

### 4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



### 52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



Data: Standard & Poor's

## U.S. MARKETS

	FEB. 8	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1265.7	-1.3	1.4	5.3
Dow Jones Industrials	10,858.6	-0.9	1.3	1.2
NASDAQ Composite	2267.0	-1.9	2.8	8.6
S&P MidCap 400	768.3	-1.7	4.1	16.0
S&P SmallCap 600	372.6	-2.0	6.2	12.7
DJ Wilshire 5000	12,757.2	-1.4	2.1	7.7

## SECTORS

	FEB. 8	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>BusinessWeek 50*</b>	754.2	-2.0	1.7	6.7
<b>BW Info Tech 100**</b>	384.1	-2.0	1.0	6.6
<b>S&amp;P/BARRA Growth</b>	602.2	-1.4	1.0	4.3
<b>S&amp;P/BARRA Value</b>	659.5	-1.2	1.8	6.3
<b>S&amp;P Energy</b>	400.5	-3.8	7.4	28.5
<b>S&amp;P Financials</b>	424.9	-1.0	-0.3	4.4
<b>S&amp;P REIT</b>	160.8	-2.5	5.1	17.9
<b>S&amp;P Transportation</b>	253.8	-1.1	1.6	15.3
<b>S&amp;P Utilities</b>	160.1	-2.2	0.3	8.3
<b>GSTI Internet</b>	199.4	-4.0	-2.8	23.4
<b>PSE Technology</b>	871.5	-1.1	4.2	15.0

\*Mar. 19, 1999=1000 \*\*Feb. 7, 2000=1000

## GLOBAL MARKETS

	FEB. 8	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>S&amp;P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)</b>	1578.6	-2.2	4.4	16.2
<b>London (FT-SE 100)</b>	5725.1	-1.3	1.9	14.6
<b>Paris (CAC 40)</b>	4895.1	-2.1	3.8	23.0
<b>Frankfurt (DAX)</b>	5666.4	-1.0	4.8	29.6
<b>Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)</b>	16,272.7	-1.3	1.0	41.6
<b>Hong Kong (Hang Seng)</b>	15,373.4	-2.3	3.3	11.0
<b>Toronto (S&amp;P/TSX Composite)</b>	11,735.1	-1.8	4.1	24.9
<b>Mexico City (IPC)</b>	18,410.2	-3.9	3.4	36.3

## FUNDAMENTALS

	FEB. 7	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>S&amp;P 500 Dividend Yield</b>	1.81%	1.77%	1.93%
<b>S&amp;P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)</b>	17.9	18.1	20.4
<b>S&amp;P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*</b>	14.6	14.9	16.3
<b>First Call Earnings Surprise*</b>	3.20%	3.29%	4.13%

\*First Call Corp.

## TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	FEB. 7	WEEK AGO	READING
<b>S&amp;P 500 200-day average</b>	1223.7	1221.4	Positive
<b>Stocks above 200-day average</b>	63.0%	68.0%	Neutral
<b>Options: Put/call ratio</b>	0.80	0.66	Positive
<b>Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio</b>	4.02	3.84	Negative

## BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
<b>Agricultural Products</b>	17.5	69.5
<b>Steel</b>	13.1	67.8
<b>Railroads</b>	10.9	67.7
<b>Constr. Materials</b>	9.7	61.4
<b>Constr. &amp; Farm Mchnry.</b>	8.5	59.1
<b>Divsfd. Metals &amp; Mining</b>	69.5	69.5
<b>Oil &amp; Gas Refining</b>	67.8	67.8
<b>Oil &amp; Gas Equipment</b>	67.7	67.7
<b>Oil &amp; Gas Exploration</b>	61.4	61.4
<b>Oil &amp; Gas Drilling</b>	59.1	59.1

## WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
<b>Internet Software</b>	-24.2	-39.3
<b>Internet Retailers</b>	-21.2	-31.1
<b>Tires &amp; Rubber</b>	-17.4	-23.5
<b>Auto Parts &amp; Equip.</b>	-13.9	-19.1
<b>Educational Services</b>	-9.4	-18.0
<b>Automobiles</b>	-39.3	-39.3
<b>Photographic Products</b>	-31.1	-31.1
<b>Auto Parts &amp; Equip.</b>	-23.5	-23.5
<b>Building Products</b>	-19.1	-19.1
<b>Divsfd. Commercial Svcs.</b>	-18.0	-18.0

## EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
<b>LEADERS</b>		<b>LEADERS</b>	
Latin America	4.5	Latin America	67.0
Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	3.1	Precious Metals	60.2
Precious Metals	3.0	Natural Resources	45.5
Pacific/Asia ex-Japan	2.5	Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	42.9
<b>LAGGARDS</b>		<b>LAGGARDS</b>	
Large-cap Growth	-3.0	Domestic Hybrid	6.0
Technology	-2.6	Large-cap Blend	7.1
Financial	-2.2	Large-cap Value	7.4
Health	-2.2	Miscellaneous	8.0

## EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
<b>LEADERS</b>		<b>LEADERS</b>	
Dreyfus Prmr. Gr. China A	12.8	ProFunds Ultra Japan Inv.	101.3
ProFunds UltSh. OTC Inv.	11.6	ProFunds Precs. Mtls. Inv.	85.6
Rydex Dyn. Vent. 100 H	11.6	ING Russia A	84.7
Gartmore China Opps. A	10.9	Midas	77.9
<b>LAGGARDS</b>		<b>LAGGARDS</b>	
ProFunds Internet Inv.	-13.1	Ameritor Investment	-63.2
Rydex Dyn. Veloc. 100 H	-10.8	American Heritage Grth.	-42.9
ProFunds UltraOTC Inv.	-10.8	Frontier MicroCap	-25.9
Alpine U.S. RI. Est. Eq. Y	-10.6	ProFds. USH. Mid Cap Inv.	-24.9

## INTEREST RATES

### KEY RATES

	FEB. 8	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>Money Market Funds</b>	3.99%	3.94%	1.95%
<b>90-Day Treasury Bills</b>	4.51	4.48	2.52
<b>2-Year Treasury Notes</b>	4.63	4.58	3.31
<b>10-Year Treasury Notes</b>	4.59	4.56	4.02
<b>30-Year Treasury Bonds</b>	4.68	4.71	4.37
<b>30-Year Fixed Mortgage†</b>	6.19	6.14	5.62

†BanxQuote, Inc.

## BLOOMBERG MUNI YIELD EQUIVALENTS

Taxable equivalent yields on AAA-rated, tax-exempt municipal bonds, assuming a 30% federal tax rate.

	10-YR. BOND	30-YR. BOND
<b>General Obligations</b>	3.85%	4.43%
<b>Taxable Equivalent</b>	5.50	6.33
<b>Insured Revenue Bonds</b>	3.93	4.47
<b>Taxable Equivalent</b>	5.61	6.39

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**RETAIL SALES** Tuesday, Feb. 14, 8:30 a.m. EST » January retail sales most likely rose 0.7% for a second straight month. That's the median forecast of economists polled by Action Economics LLC. Minus autos, sales probably grew 0.6%, after a 0.2% December gain.

**BUSINESS INVENTORIES** Tuesday, Feb. 14, 10 a.m. EST » December inventory levels are expected to have risen 0.3%, after a November jump of 0.5%.

**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION** Wednesday, Feb. 15, 9:15 a.m. EST » Factory output very likely improved 0.2% in January, after a 0.6% gain in December. The average operating rate probably edged up to 80.8%, from 80.7%.

**RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION** Thursday, Feb. 16, 8:30 a.m. EST » Housing starts in January most likely rebounded to an annual rate of 2 million, after slowing to a pace of 1.93 million in December.

**EXPORT-IMPORT PRICES** Thursday, Feb. 16, 8:30 a.m. EST » January export prices are expected to have risen 0.1% for a second consecutive month. Import prices probably climbed 0.6%, following a 0.2% fall in December.

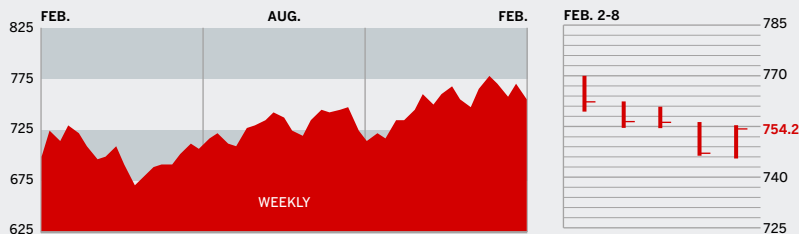
**PRODUCER PRICE INDEX** Friday, Feb. 17, 8:30 a.m. EST » Producer prices probably held steady in January, after a 0.9% rise. Less food and energy, prices likely grew 0.3%, after a 0.1% gain.

The BusinessWeek production index slipped to 269.5 for the week ended Jan. 28, but remained 12.7% above the year-ago level. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index eased to 269.1.

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For the BW50, more investment data, and the components of the production index visit [www.businessweek.com/extras](http://www.businessweek.com/extras)

## THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



The BW50 fell 2%, lagging the broader indexes. Energy stocks, reacting to a dip in oil prices, were the biggest losers, led by Sunoco, the refiner. A strong sales and profit a forecast from Cisco lifted its shares 4.4%. Dell, the largest PC maker, rose on positive analyst comments. But not all tech stocks were treated equally: Apple lost 8.8%; investors are worried of slower profit growth.

### COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE		RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE	
		WEEK	SINCE 3/1/05			WEEK	SINCE 3/1/05
1	Nucor	-4.0	28.4	26	Carnival	-0.5	-4.4
2	ConocoPhillips	-6.6	8.6	27	Adobe Systems	-4.2	25.7
3	ChevronTexaco	-1.4	-6.7	28	Cummins	-0.2	35.8
4	Valero Energy	-6.3	57.0	29	Boston Scientific	1.6	-31.9
5	UnitedHealth Group	-3.2	26.3	30	EOG Resources	-10.9	62.3
6	Occidental Petroleum	-4.7	27.5	31	Symantec	-0.4	-22.4
7	Exxon Mobil	-2.5	-4.6	32	Starbucks	10.7	34.0
8	Yahoo	-5.7	2.3	33	Electronic Arts	-0.8	-15.7
9	Apache	-3.6	13.3	34	WellPoint	-1.8	25.0
10	Devon Energy	-6.8	31.4	35	Deere	-2.0	3.5
11	Pulte Homes	-1.6	-1.9	36	United States Steel	-3.7	-8.4
12	Qualcomm	-2.0	30.3	37	Zimmer Holdings	-1.0	-21.3
13	Apple Computer	-8.8	53.4	38	FedEx	0.6	2.7
14	Dell	5.9	-21.4	39	Chubb	-2.2	19.3
15	Paccar	-2.2	-7.8	40	XTO Energy	-5.5	32.5
16	Coach	-1.0	29.3	41	Microsoft	-4.0	7.0
17	Sunoco	-13.3	62.2	42	Danaher	-1.0	3.7
18	eBay	-5.5	-5.5	43	Dow Chemical	-3.9	-26.3
19	Burlington Resources	-3.3	77.4	44	Cisco Systems	4.4	11.4
20	Progressive	0.2	20.1	45	Gilead Sciences	-3.5	71.9
21	Caremark Rx	0.0	29.1	46	Nike	1.5	-2.9
22	Caterpillar	-0.6	44.8	47	Anadarko Petroleum	-1.5	34.0
23	Phelps Dodge	-4.2	45.5	48	Bank of America	-0.6	-6.4
24	Autodesk	-7.1	23.1	49	Eaton	0.4	-4.4
25	Johnson & Johnson	1.3	-10.7	50	3M	-3.0	-15.4

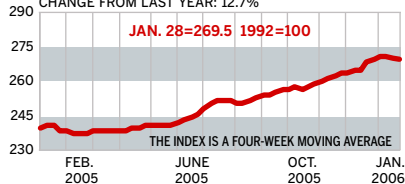
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## BW PRODUCTION INDEX

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK: -0.2%  
CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR: 12.7%



The production index slipped again. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index decreased from 270.4 to 269.1. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the declines were concentrated in auto and truck assemblies. Steel production was off modestly, while electric power production posted a tiny decline. Coal output registered the biggest increase, followed by crude-oil refining, lumber, and rail-freight traffic. In January, the index average stood at 269.5, down from 270 in December.

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