

**COLOR TELEVISION RECEIVERS:
U.S. PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES,
EXPORTS, EMPLOYMENT, MAN-
HOURS, AND PRICES, FIRST
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Highlights

First quarter 1981 U.S. production of color television receivers was 2.8 million sets, which was 6.5 percent greater than production in the corresponding quarter of 1980, and 46,000 more sets than in the fourth quarter of 1980. U.S. producers' shipments of all screen sizes in the first quarter of 1981 were 2.5 million sets, which was 2.7 percent greater than in the corresponding 1980 period. Shipments of sets 20 inches and over increased by 1.1 percent, shipments in the 18- and 19-inch screen-size category remained essentially constant, and those in the 17-inch-and-under category increased by 14.0 percent.

Ending March 1981 total inventories of U.S. producers were 48.8 percent higher than March 1980 levels. Inventories of all screen-size categories ranged from a 2.4-percent decrease in the category of 20 inches and over to an increase of 93.9 percent in the 18- and 19-inch screen-size category.

Exports of U.S.-made color sets amounted to 158,000 sets in the first quarter of 1981, compared with 152,000 sets in the preceding quarter.

The number of all persons and of production and related workers employed by U.S. producers declined by 3.1 and 1.3 percent, respectively, in the first quarter of 1981, compared with the first quarter of 1980.

Average unit net selling prices of U.S. producers rose for all screen sizes except the category of 14 through 17 inches. In the first quarter of 1981, as compared with the corresponding 1980 quarter, average quarterly prices in the 13-inch category increased by \$9.35 (4.1 percent), in the category of 18 and 19 inches by \$12.52 (4.1 percent), and in the 20 inches and over category by \$22.04 (4.6 percent). Average quarterly prices in the category of 14 through 17 inches decreased by \$36.76 (11.9 percent).

4.1 percent higher than those in the first quarter of 1979. Stocks of sets 17 inches and under increased by an average of 50.1 percent, compared with the levels in the first quarter of 1980. In the category of 18 and 19 inches, average inventories increased by 85.3 percent, and in screen sizes of 20 inches and over, by 5.3 percent, compared with first quarter 1980 levels. Compared with the inventories of the fourth quarter 1980, current average quarterly inventories for screen-size categories 17 inches and under were 12.8 percent higher; for 18 and 19 inches, 16.8 percent higher and for 20 inches and over, 4.3 percent higher.

U.S. producers' exports

U.S. producers' exports of color television receivers amounted to 158,000 sets during the first quarter of 1981, compared with 152,000 sets during the preceding quarter. The category of 18 and 19 inches accounted for 80,000 sets, or 51.0 percent of total exports.

U.S. employment

Employment in U.S. producers' establishments maintained the slow, general decline in both production and related workers and in managerial employees. The average number of production and related workers employed during the first quarter 1981 was 20,671 persons, down 1.3 percent from 20,949 persons in the corresponding period of 1980. The average number of all workers was 23,723, down from 24,482 in the first quarter of 1980. Also, the number of man-hours worked by production and related workers was 10.5 million in the first quarter of 1981, down from 11.2 million in the corresponding period of 1980. This continuing decrease in employment and man-hours worked is believed to be the result of increasing imports of major subassemblies and the increasing use of integrated circuits in color television receivers, both of which reduce the amount of assembly labor required.

Capsulized Trend Analysis

U.S. production

U.S. production of color television receivers in the first quarter of 1981 was 2.8 million sets, 6.5 percent higher than production in the first quarter of 1980 and 32.0 percent higher than in the first quarter of 1979.

Compared with the first quarter of 1980, production was higher in all categories of screen sizes. The share of production contributed by each of the three major screen-size categories changed minimally from the fourth quarter of 1980 to the first quarter of 1981.

U.S. producers' shipments

U.S. producers' shipments of color television receivers in the first quarter of 1981 were 4.8 percent less in quantity than those in the fourth quarter of 1980. In the first quarter of 1981, shipments amounted to 2.5 million sets, which were 2.7 percent greater than those in the first quarter of 1980, but 28.7 percent higher than shipments in the first quarter of 1979. Compared with the first quarter of 1980, current shipments rose in all categories except in screen sizes of 18 and 19 inches, which decreased in quantity by 7,451 sets. Total shipments recorded a smaller increase over shipments in 1980 than that recorded between the corresponding periods of 1980 and 1979 (2.7 and 25.3 percent, respectively).

U.S. producers' inventories

U.S. producers' inventories of color television receivers at the end of March 1981 were 912,531 units, 48.8 percent higher than the number in March 1980. Quarterly average inventories for the first quarter 1981 were 45.4 percent higher than inventories in the first quarter of 1980, but only

Prices

Average unit net selling prices of U.S. producers were higher for three of the four major screen-size categories during the first quarter of 1981, compared with those in the corresponding quarter of 1980. The average prices of the 13-inch size increased by \$9.35 (4.1 percent), those of the 14- through 17-inch sizes decreased by \$36.76 (11.9 percent), those of the 18- and 19-inch sizes increased by \$12.52 (4.1 percent), and those of the 20 inch and over sizes increased by \$22.04 (4.6 percent). These increases are well under the inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

Screen sizes in the categories of 13 inches and 18- and 19 inches showed increased average quarterly prices in the first quarter of 1981 as compared with the fourth quarter of 1980. The 13-inch size increased by \$1.13, and the category of 18- and 19-inches by \$3.22. The category of 14 through 17 inches decreased by \$18.73, and that of 20 inches and over by \$2.57.

Table 1.--Complete color television receivers: U.S. production, by screen size categories, by months, January 1979-March 1981

(In units)

Period	Screen-size category				Total
	17 inches and under	18 inches and 19 inches	20 inches and over		
:	:	:	:	:	:
1979:	:	:	:	:	:
January-----:	133,132 :	347,299 :	211,106 :		691,523
February-----:	112,669 :	345,098 :	217,073 :		674,840
March-----:	154,143 :	390,024 :	236,869 :		781,036
Subtotal 1/-----:	399,944 :	1,082,421 :	665,048 :		2,147,413
April-----:	156,947 :	299,899 :	195,557 :		652,403
May-----:	125,708 :	379,069 :	231,956 :		736,733
June-----:	139,984 :	414,966 :	263,767 :		818,717
Subtotal-----:	422,639 :	1,093,934 :	691,280 :		2,207,853
July-----:	125,624 :	282,438 :	173,023 :		581,085
August-----:	235,471 :	349,928 :	257,577 :		842,976
September-----:	151,783 :	374,665 :	255,529 :		781,977
Subtotal-----:	512,878 :	1,007,031 :	686,129 :		2,206,038
October-----:	179,614 :	498,056 :	277,710 :		955,380
November-----:	172,668 :	482,812 :	247,835 :		903,315
December-----:	122,377 :	394,618 :	175,443 :		692,438
Subtotal-----:	474,659 :	1,375,486 :	700,988 :		2,551,133
Total, 1979-----:	1,810,120 :	4,558,872 :	2,743,445 :		9,112,437
1980:	:	:	:	:	:
January-----:	198,715 :	512,959 :	210,102 :		921,776
February-----:	145,346 :	482,926 :	220,367 :		848,639
March-----:	169,272 :	488,290 :	232,937 :		890,499
Subtotal-----:	513,333 :	1,484,175 :	663,406 :		2,660,914
April-----:	192,926 :	499,310 :	202,527 :		894,763
May-----:	199,196 :	528,210 :	222,077 :		949,483
June-----:	192,620 :	464,216 :	223,325 :		880,161
Subtotal-----:	584,742 :	1,491,736 :	647,929 :		2,724,407
July-----:	172,670 :	363,437 :	198,486 :		734,593
August-----:	148,112 :	402,953 :	218,800 :		769,865
September-----:	209,336 :	503,570 :	268,416 :		981,322
Subtotal-----:	530,118 :	1,269,960 :	685,702 :		2,485,780
October-----:	245,909 :	614,528 :	279,135 :		1,139,572
November-----:	205,511 :	461,568 :	201,898 :		868,977
December-----:	164,069 :	430,712 :	185,590 :		780,371
Subtotal-----:	615,489 :	1,506,808 :	666,623 :		2,788,920
Total, 1980-----:	2,243,682 :	5,752,679 :	2,663,660 :		10,660,021
1981:	:	:	:	:	:
January-----:	183,392 :	477,975 :	214,489 :		875,856
February-----:	206,270 :	492,026 :	226,572 :		924,868
March-----:	243,169 :	557,933 :	232,915 :		1,034,017
Subtotal-----:	632,831 :	1,527,934 :	673,976 :		2,834,741
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1/ Does not include data for two firms accounting for less than 5 percent of total U.S. industry shipments.

Table 2.--Complete color television receivers: U.S. producers' shipments
 (excluding exports) of U.S.-made and imported receivers, 1/ by screen size
 categories, by months, January 1979-March 1981

Period	Screen-size category				Total
	17 inches and under	18 inches and 19 inches	20 inches and over		
Quantity (units)					
1979:	:	:	:	:	
January-----	121,859 :	293,259 :	182,814 :	597,932	
February-----	102,233 :	302,034 :	195,384 :	599,651	
March-----	152,739 :	368,101 :	224,145 :	744,985	
Subtotal 2/-----	376,831 :	963,394 :	602,343 :	1,942,568	
April-----	101,915 :	259,791 :	123,948 :	485,654	
May-----	119,215 :	358,411 :	211,111 :	688,737	
June-----	161,547 :	442,836 :	268,429 :	872,812	
Subtotal-----	382,677 :	1,061,038 :	603,488 :	2,247,203	
July-----	130,397 :	321,208 :	178,624 :	630,229	
August-----	131,176 :	396,360 :	259,577 :	787,113	
September-----	165,270 :	408,337 :	278,398 :	852,005	
Subtotal-----	426,843 :	1,125,905 :	716,599 :	2,269,347	
October-----	189,819 :	502,743 :	284,437 :	976,999	
November-----	167,058 :	483,020 :	235,736 :	885,814	
December-----	128,565 :	383,891 :	186,970 :	699,426	
Subtotal-----	485,442 :	1,369,654 :	707,143 :	2,562,239	
Total, 1979-----	1,671,793 :	4,519,991 :	2,629,573 :	8,821,357	
1980:	:	:	:	:	
January-----	168,210 :	447,830 :	216,767 :	832,807	
February-----	148,075 :	452,198 :	206,989 :	807,262	
March-----	158,090 :	433,097 :	202,492 :	793,679	
Subtotal-----	474,375 :	1,333,125 :	626,248 :	2,433,748	
April-----	160,529 :	382,667 :	155,596 :	698,792	
May-----	156,107 :	356,397 :	178,703 :	691,207	
June-----	174,897 :	383,532 :	219,471 :	777,900	
Subtotal-----	491,533 :	1,122,596 :	533,770 :	2,167,899	
July-----	156,450 :	363,682 :	201,546 :	721,678	
August-----	148,496 :	405,635 :	228,111 :	782,242	
September-----	185,623 :	514,577 :	287,359 :	987,559	
Subtotal-----	490,569 :	1,283,894 :	717,016 :	2,491,479	
October-----	213,170 :	555,016 :	258,823 :	1,028,009	
November-----	171,864 :	457,937 :	200,238 :	830,039	
December-----	154,273 :	433,781 :	179,220 :	767,274	
Subtotal-----	539,307 :	1,477,734 :	638,281 :	2,625,322	
Total, 1980-----	1,995,784 :	5,187,349 :	2,535,315 :	9,718,448	
1981:	:	:	:	:	
January-----	172,595 :	414,181 :	213,555 :	800,331	
February-----	163,798 :	433,100 :	190,809 :	787,707	
March-----	204,366 :	478,393 :	228,706 :	911,465	
Subtotal-----	540,759 :	1,325,674 :	633,070 :	2,499,503	
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See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2.--Complete color television receivers: U.S. producers' shipments
 (excluding exports) of U.S.-made and imported receivers, ^{1/} by screen size
 categories, by months, January 1979-March 1981--continued

Period	Screen-size category				Total
	17 inches and under	18 inches and 19 inches	20 inches and over		
	(Value (1,000 dollars))				
1978:					
October	31,512	105,279	136,954		273,745
November	29,894	107,660	122,257		259,811
December	28,171	95,567	104,540		228,278
Subtotal	89,577	308,506	363,751		761,834
Total, 1979	322,638	1,135,862	1,344,190		2,802,690
1979:					
January	28,416	88,563	87,150		204,129
February	24,243	91,861	92,101		208,205
March	37,069	109,008	104,180		250,257
Subtotal	89,728	289,432	283,431		662,591
April	25,002	76,123	56,570		157,695
May	31,617	112,156	98,245		242,018
June	39,767	135,770	127,481		303,018
Subtotal	96,386	324,049	282,296		702,731
July	31,318	97,127	83,518		211,963
August	32,232	121,338	122,479		276,049
September	39,878	124,717	131,725		296,320
Subtotal	103,428	343,182	337,722		784,332
October	47,970	151,930	136,857		336,757
November	41,133	140,481	114,472		296,086
December	30,788	109,966	95,609		236,363
Subtotal	119,891	402,377	346,938		869,206
Total, 1979	409,433	1,359,040	1,250,040		3,018,860
1980:					
January	41,474	135,696	107,078		284,248
February	37,846	137,886	97,847		273,579
March	38,416	130,555	96,850		265,821
Subtotal	117,736	404,137	301,775		823,648
April	38,963	114,263	73,967		227,193
May	38,991	111,702	89,748		240,441
June	42,975	122,946	113,908		279,829
Subtotal	120,929	348,911	277,623		747,463
July	39,271	117,986	100,583		257,840
August	35,742	127,874	118,113		281,729
September	45,567	161,752	142,126		349,445
Subtotal	120,580	407,612	360,822		889,014
October	51,550	174,820	130,679		357,049
November	41,488	141,687	101,571		284,746
December	37,929	135,844	91,030		264,803
Subtotal	130,967	452,351	323,280		906,598
Total, 1979	490,212	1,613,011	1,263,500		3,366,723
1981:					
January	38,680	115,296	86,336		240,312
February	36,456	120,530	78,859		235,845
March	43,264	119,822	87,614		250,700
Subtotal	118,400	355,648	252,809		726,857
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^{1/} Does not include imported receivers after June 1980, which were negligible.

^{2/} Does not include data for two firms accounting for less than 5 percent of total U.S. industry shipments.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 3.--Complete color television receivers: U.S. producers' inventories 1/ of U.S.-made and imported receivers, 2/ by screen size categories, by months, January 1979-March 1981

(In units)

Period	Screen-size category				Total
	17 inches and under	18 inches and 19 inches	20 inches and over		
1979:					
January-----	104,883	394,658	272,521	:	772,062
February-----	117,362	431,118	279,216	:	827,696
March-----	111,446	447,646	285,708	:	844,800
Average 1/-----	111,230	424,474	279,148	:	814,852
April-----	162,681	469,043	346,392	:	978,116
May-----	171,778	491,240	354,148	:	1,017,166
June-----	147,838	448,179	329,049	:	925,066
Average-----	160,766	469,487	343,196	:	973,449
July-----	135,656	390,413	318,797	:	844,866
August-----	135,439	324,228	306,407	:	766,074
September-----	115,618	266,331	272,497	:	654,446
Average-----	128,904	326,991	299,234	:	755,129
October-----	92,678	232,485	252,857	:	578,020
November-----	92,018	211,161	260,167	:	563,346
December-----	79,291	191,407	250,826	:	521,524
Average-----	87,996	211,684	254,613	:	554,297
Average, 1979-----	122,224	358,159	294,048	:	774,430
1980:					
January-----	103,300	231,686	235,492	:	570,478
February-----	96,406	220,195	250,217	:	566,818
March-----	96,992	247,273	268,972	:	613,235
Average-----	98,899	233,051	251,561	:	583,511
April-----	121,035	346,723	295,705	:	763,463
May-----	154,234	477,705	335,625	:	967,564
June-----	151,051	508,942	328,057	:	988,050
Average-----	142,107	444,456	319,795	:	906,359
July-----	132,061	458,097	312,937	:	903,095
August-----	120,559	415,920	291,394	:	827,873
September-----	108,655	358,255	254,741	:	721,651
Average-----	120,425	410,757	286,357	:	817,539
October-----	124,744	383,334	252,317	:	760,395
November-----	135,841	374,827	254,512	:	765,180
December-----	134,175	351,902	255,244	:	741,321
Average-----	131,588	370,022	254,025	:	755,635
Average, 1980-----	123,255	364,571	277,934	:	765,760
1981:					
January-----	125,765	391,749	259,716	:	777,230
February-----	149,037	433,920	272,324	:	855,281
March-----	170,642	479,418	262,471	:	912,531
Average-----	148,481	432,029	264,838	:	848,348

1/ Reported on the last day of the month.

2/ Does not include imported receivers after June 1980, which were negligible in quantity.

3/ Does not include data for two firms accounting for less than 5 percent of total U.S. industry shipments.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 4.--Complete color television receivers: U.S. producers exports of U.S.-made receivers, by screen size categories, by months, July 1980-March 1981

Period	Screen-size category				Total
	17 inches and under	18 inches and 19 inches	20 inches and over		
Quantity (units)					
1980:					
July-----	32,470 :	35,752 :	8,745 :		76,967
August-----	12,460 :	46,974 :	10,634 :		70,068
September-----	33,029 :	50,659 :	14,850 :		98,538
Subtotal-----	77,959 :	133,385 :	34,229 :		245,573
October-----	19,769 :	44,676 :	11,413 :		75,858
November-----	21,538 :	15,559 :	2,593 :		39,690
December-----	12,373 :	22,001 :	1,838 :		36,212
Subtotal-----	53,680 :	82,236 :	15,844 :		151,760
1981:					
January-----	16,058 :	20,870 :	7,901 :		44,829
February-----	17,398 :	26,285 :	9,284 :		52,967
March-----	18,449 :	33,317 :	8,152 :		59,918
Subtotal-----	51,905 :	80,472 :	25,337 :		157,714
(Value 1,000 dollars)					
1980:					
July-----	8,064 :	11,662 :	3,989 :		23,715
August-----	3,180 :	14,763 :	5,293 :		23,236
September-----	8,603 :	16,810 :	6,783 :		32,196
Subtotal-----	19,847 :	43,235 :	16,065 :		79,147
October-----	4,644 :	15,977 :	6,131 :		26,752
November-----	5,340 :	5,774 :	1,354 :		12,468
December-----	3,158 :	7,704 :	1,361 :		12,223
Subtotal-----	13,142 :	29,455 :	8,846 :		51,443
1981:					
January-----	3,905 :	7,364 :	4,101 :		15,370
February-----	4,475 :	9,086 :	4,536 :		18,097
March-----	4,762 :	11,611 :	4,436 :		20,809
Subtotal-----	13,142 :	28,061 :	13,073 :		54,276

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 5.--Color television receivers: Average number of persons employed and man-hours worked in the production of color television receivers 1/ in those establishments where complete television receivers are produced, by months, January 1979-March 1981

Period	Average number of persons employed		Man-hours worked	
	All persons	Production and related workers	All persons	Production and related workers
	<u>Number</u> ----- 1,000 man-hours -----			
1979:				
January-----	25,886	21,909	4,323	3,586
February-----	25,773	21,831	4,228	3,535
March-----	25,700	21,729	4,838	4,110
Average or subtotal-----	25,786	21,823	13,389	11,231
April-----	24,972	21,410	4,083	2,967
May-----	25,601	21,964	4,331	3,232
June-----	26,417	22,697	5,267	3,796
Average or subtotal-----	25,663	22,024	13,681	9,995
July-----	26,639	22,855	4,353	3,716
August-----	26,700	22,948	4,522	3,812
September-----	27,002	23,478	4,695	4,075
Average or subtotal-----	26,780	23,094	13,570	11,603
October-----	27,164	23,549	4,842	4,132
November-----	26,180	22,714	4,679	3,990
December-----	26,254	22,550	4,111	3,482
Average or subtotal-----	26,532	22,937	13,632	11,604
Average or total, 1979-----	26,190	22,470	54,272	44,433
April-----	24,876	21,721	4,237	3,675
May-----	25,446	22,219	4,288	3,724
June-----	25,228	22,068	4,727	4,148
Average or subtotal-----	25,183	22,003	13,252	11,547
July-----	24,525	21,379	3,919	3,376
August-----	24,994	21,823	4,037	3,521
September-----	25,324	22,158	4,511	3,928
Average or subtotal-----	24,947	21,786	12,467	10,825
October-----	25,387	22,300	4,626	4,056
November-----	25,118	22,012	4,201	3,670
December-----	24,724	21,609	3,844	3,303
Average or subtotal-----	25,076	21,975	12,671	11,029
Average or total, 1980-----	24,859	21,678	51,480	44,592
1980:				
January-----	24,295	21,451	4,110	3,607
February-----	23,438	20,337	3,828	3,290
March-----	23,441	20,227	4,223	3,635
Average or subtotal-----	23,723	20,671	12,161	10,532

1/ Does not include color picture tubes.

2/ Does not include data for two firms accounting for less than 5 percent of total U.S. industry shipments.

Table 6.--Color television receivers: Average unit net selling price of U.S. producers, by selected screen size categories, by months, January 1979-March 1981

Period	Screen-size category			
	13 inches	14 inches- 17 inches 1/	: 18 inches and: 19 inches	20 inches and over
	:	:	:	:
1979:				
January-----	214.90 :	277.61 :	302.00 :	476.71
February-----	212.46 :	293.43 :	304.14 :	471.38
March-----	225.12 :	282.52 :	296.14 :	464.79
Average 2/-----	218.28 :	283.92 :	300.43 :	470.55
April-----	220.33 :	307.15 :	293.02 :	456.40
May-----	237.16 :	306.45 :	312.93 :	465.37
June-----	227.45 :	296.31 :	306.59 :	474.92
Average-----	228.32 :	302.95 :	305.41 :	467.77
July-----	227.85 :	328.14 :	302.38 :	467.56
August-----	222.36 :	315.57 :	306.13 :	471.84
September-----	227.18 :	299.96 :	305.43 :	473.15
Average-----	225.97 :	311.18 :	304.81 :	471.28
October-----	227.32 :	310.73 :	302.20 :	481.15
November-----	222.50 :	315.37 :	290.84 :	485.59
December-----	220.74 :	290.66 :	286.45 :	511.34
Average-----	223.82 :	306.72 :	293.78 :	490.62
Average, 1979-----	224.02 :	300.88 :	300.67 :	475.51
1980:				
January-----	230.41 :	300.18 :	303.01 :	493.98
February-----	228.20 :	314.72 :	304.92 :	472.72
March-----	231.97 :	314.55 :	301.45 :	478.29
Average-----	230.38 :	308.51 :	303.15 :	481.88
April-----	233.39 :	305.36 :	298.60 :	475.38
May-----	238.09 :	322.62 :	313.42 :	502.22
June-----	235.96 :	327.68 :	320.56 :	519.01
Average-----	235.70 :	319.23 :	310.81 :	501.33
July-----	233.36 :	306.64 :	324.42 :	499.06
August-----	233.66 :	288.25 :	315.24 :	517.79
September-----	242.20 :	306.96 :	314.34 :	494.59
Average-----	236.97 :	301.17 :	317.48 :	503.23
October-----	240.17 :	285.60 :	314.98 :	504.90
November-----	241.45 :	272.58 :	309.40 :	507.25
December-----	233.51 :	316.56 :	313.16 :	507.92
Average-----	238.60 :	290.48 :	312.45 :	506.49
Average, 1980-----	235.50 :	3/ :	310.95 :	498.36
1981:				
January-----	239.61 :	281.68 :	320.63 :	498.71
February-----	237.05 :	274.18 :	315.71 :	513.39
March-----	241.97 :	260.10 :	311.33 :	500.88
Average-----	239.73 :	271.75 :	315.67 :	503.92
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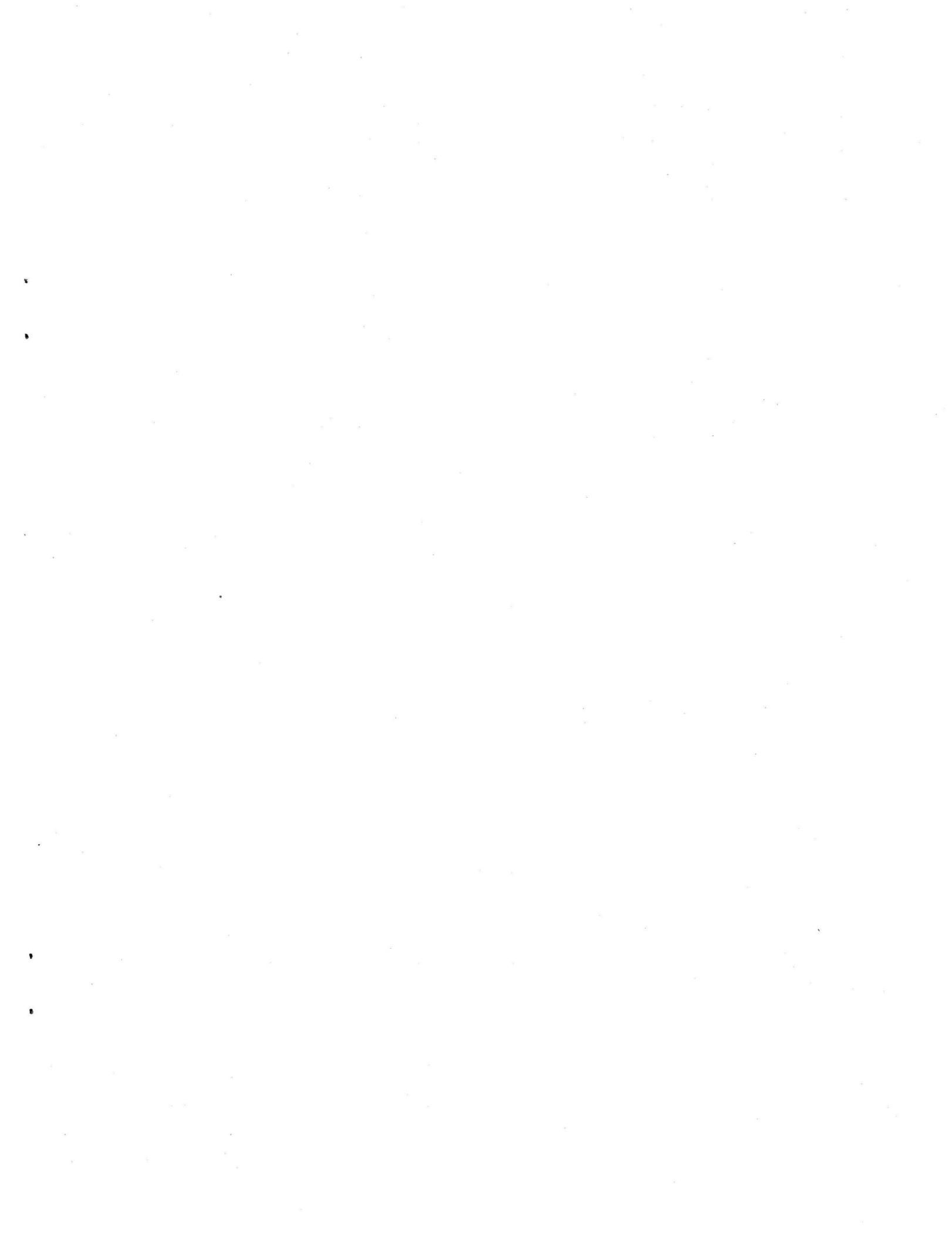
1/ Covered 16-inch and 17-inch sizes before July 1980.

2/ Does not include data for two firms accounting for less than 5 percent of total U.S. industry shipments.

3/ Meaningless, since size categories changed in July 1980.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

the first time, I have seen a *Phalaenoptilus* (as it was then called) in the field. It was a small bird, about the size of a sparrow, with a dark brown back, white wings with black patches, and a long, deeply forked tail. Its bill was short and strong, and its legs were very long. It was perched on a branch of a tree, and was looking down at something on the ground. I approached it very carefully, and it flew away. I followed it for a short distance, and then it alighted on another branch. I took out my gun and shot at it. It fell to the ground, and I picked it up. It was a female bird, with a white patch on each wing. I took it home with me, and kept it in a cage. It lived for several days, and then died. I do not know what species of bird it was, but it was certainly a member of the *Phalaenoptilus* genus.



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