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Summary Highlights of Economic Conditions in the Nonrubber Footwear Industry in the Third Calendar Quarter of 1985

U.S. production.--Preliminary data indicate that domestic production of nonrubber footwear during the third quarter of 1985 declined by 2 percent from that in the corresponding period of 1984 to 67 million pairs (table 1).

U.S. producers' shipments.--Preliminary data show that producers' nonrubber footwear shipments in the third quarter of 1985 amounted to \$1.1 billion, 9 percent less than those in the year-earlier period (table 2).

U.S. imports.--U.S. imports of nonrubber footwear in the third quarter of 1985 rose by 2 percent over those in the corresponding period of 1984 to 217.2 million pairs (table 6). In terms of value, imports increased by 6 percent to \$1.6 billion (table 7). Taiwan and Korea, the two largest suppliers, generated virtually all the growth. Taiwan increased its shipments by 6 percent to 96 million pairs (\$481.3 million); Korea increased its shipments by 18 percent to 42.5 million pairs (\$305.9 million). However, imports from Brazil, the third largest supplier, declined by 12 percent to 29 million pairs (\$244.4 million).

U.S. exports.--U.S. exports in the third quarter of 1985 totaled 3.3 million pairs (\$26 million), an increase of 39 percent over those in the year-earlier period (tables 13 and 14).

Apparent U.S. consumption.--Preliminary data indicate that apparent consumption of nonrubber footwear in July-September 1985 amounted to 280.6 million pairs, valued at \$2.6 billion, representing only a 1 percent increase in quantity and showing no change in value from the levels in the corresponding period of 1984 (tables 1 and 2).

Ratio of imports to consumption.--Third quarter data for 1985 show that the quantity of imports accounted for 77 percent of U.S. consumption, compared with 76 percent in the corresponding period of 1984 (table 1). In terms of value, imports captured 60 percent of the market in the 1985 period, compared with 56 percent during the 1984 period (table 2).

Prices.--During the second quarter of 1985, the Producer Price Index and the Consumer Price Index for footwear increased by 3 percent and 1 percent, respectively, over their year-earlier levels (table 5).

Employment and unemployment rate.--Preliminary data show that the number of persons employed in the U.S. nonrubber footwear industry during the third quarter of 1985 declined by 12 percent from that in the corresponding period of 1984 to 104,300 persons (table 3). The unemployment rate in the leather and leather products industry averaged slightly less than 10 percent during the third quarter of 1985 versus almost 15 percent in the year-earlier quarter (table 5). 1/

1/ Data on monthly unemployment rates are subject to considerable fluctuation because of the small sample used and, consequently, should be used with caution.

Price range trend of U.S. imports.--In January-September 1985, a sizable increase occurred in imports of footwear valued under \$1.25 per pair and footwear valued between \$1.26 and \$2.50 per pair, especially women's and misses' leather footwear. Fairly large increases also occurred in the more expensive categories, consisting primarily of leather athletic, women's and misses' leather footwear, and men's, youths' and boys' leather footwear (table 9).

Imports of certain rubber footwear.--Imports of rubber footwear with fabric uppers and soles of rubber or plastics, another sector of the footwear industry, including sneakers, joggers, and certain casual shoes and slippers, decreased by 30 percent in the third quarter of 1985 from those in the year-earlier period to 17 million pairs (\$39 million) (tables 10 and 11).

Table 1.--Nonrubber footwear: Quantity of U.S. production, imports for consumption, and apparent consumption, by quarters, 1983-84 and January-September 1985

Quarter	Production				Imports				Apparent consumption ^{1/}				Ratio of imports to consumption		
	1983	1984	1985 ^{2/}	Percent- age change, 1985 from 1984	1983	1984	1985	Percent- age change, 1985 from 1984	1983	1984	1985	Percent- age change, 1985 from 1984	1983	1984	1985
	Million pairs				Million pairs				Million pairs				Percent		
First quarter-----	90.7	86.0	66.0	-23	160.4	193.1	218.3	13	249.4	277.6	281.9	2	64	70	77
Second quarter-----	85.1	80.4	68.4	-15	137.2	186.9	212.8	14	220.3	265.1	278.7	5	62	71	76
6-month total or average-----	175.8	166.4	134.4	-19	297.6	380.0	431.0	13	469.7	542.7	560.6	3	63	70	77
Third quarter-----	82.0	68.2	66.7	-2	142.4	211.6	217.2	3	222.5	277.7	280.6	1	64	76	77
9-month total or average-----	257.8	234.6	201.1	-14	440.0	591.6	648.3	10	692.2	820.4	841.3	3	64	72	77
Fourth quarter-----	81.4	66.7			141.8	134.3			221.4	198.3			64	68	
Grand total or yearly average--	339.2	301.4			581.8	725.9			913.7	1,018.5			64	71	

^{1/} Includes deductions for exports, which totaled 7.4 million pairs in 1983 and 8.8 million pairs in 1984. In 1984, total exports accounted for 2.9 percent of total production. In January-September 1985, exports totaled 4.8 million pairs.

^{2/} Preliminary.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

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Table 2.--Nonrubber footwear: Value of U.S. producers' shipments, imports for consumption, and apparent consumption, by quarters, 1983-84 and January-September 1985

Quarter	Producers' shipments				Imports				Apparent consumption ^{1/}				Ratio of imports to consumption		
	1983	1984	1985 ^{2/}	Percent- age change, 1985 from 1984	1983	1984	1985	Percent- age change, 1985 from 1984	1983	1984	1985	Percent- age change, 1985 from 1984	1983	1984	1985
	-----Million dollars-----				-----Million dollars-----				-----Million dollars-----				-----Percent-----		
First quarter-----	1,210.1	1,177.9	816.6	-32	926.7	1,149.2	1,295.9	13	2,114.1	2,306.4	2,087.2	-10	44	50	62
Second quarter-----	1,128.8	1,124.5	832.8	-26	809.3	1,048.2	1,154.5	10	1,914.7	2,147.8	1,963.2	-9	42	49	59
6-month total or average-----	2,338.9	2,302.4	1,649.4	-28	1,736.0	2,197.4	2,450.4	12	4,028.8	4,454.2	4,050.4	-9	43	49	60
Third quarter-----	1,207.7	1,168.6	1,068.2	-9	1,016.2	1,483.2	1,573.9	6	2,202.0	2,626.1	2,615.9	^{3/}	46	56	60
9-month total or average-----	3,546.6	3,471.0	2,717.6	-22	2,752.3	3,680.7	4,024.3	9	6,230.8	7,080.3	6,666.3	-6	44	52	60
Fourth quarter-----	1,211.8	1,060.9			909.5	970.6			2,099.5	2,004.4			43	48	
Grand total or yearly average-----	4,758.4	4,532.0			3,661.8	4,651.3			8,330.3	9,084.7			44	51	

^{1/} Includes deductions for exports, which totaled \$91.0 million in 1983 and \$97.3 million in 1984. In 1984, total exports accounted for 2 percent of producers' shipments. In January-September 1985, exports totaled \$49.4 million.

^{2/} Preliminary.

^{3/} Less than 0.5 percent.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

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Table 3.--Nonrubber footwear: Average number of employees, total and production workers, by months, January 1983-September 1985

Month	All employees				Production workers			
	1983	1984	1985	Percent- age change, 1985 from 1984	1983	1984	1985	Percent- age change, 1985 from 1984
	Thousands				Thousands			
January	128.4	125.8	105.5	-16	108.7	107.2	89.1	-17
February	127.5	125.1	104.4	-17	108.3	106.5	88.0	-17
March	126.9	124.2	103.0	-17	107.7	105.6	86.5	-18
Average	127.6	125.0	104.3	-17	108.2	106.4	87.9	-17
April	127.4	124.7	103.6	-17	107.8	106.3	87.1	18
May	129.0	125.4	105.6	-16	110.0	106.8	89.5	-16
June	130.2	125.7	106.8	-15	110.8	107.1	91.1	-15
Average	128.9	125.3	105.3	-16	109.5	106.7	89.2	-16
6-month average	128.2	125.2	104.8	-16	108.9	106.6	88.5	-17
July	118.5	116.2	100.5	-14	100.5	98.9	85.3	-14
August	129.5	120.5	107.1	1/ -11	111.0	102.8	91.5	1/ -11
September	129.2	117.4	105.4	1/ -10	110.6	99.7	90.1	1/ -10
Average	125.7	118.0	104.3	1/ -12	107.4	100.5	89.0	1/ -11
October	128.3	115.9			109.8	98.3		
November	128.5	115.3			110.2	97.8		
December	125.7	112.4			107.0	95.1		
Average	127.5	114.5			109.0	97.1		
6-month average	126.6	116.3			108.2	98.8		
Yearly average	127.4	120.7			108.5	102.7		

1/ Preliminary.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Table 4.—Nonrubber footwear: U.S. production, imports for consumption, exports of domestic merchandise, apparent consumption, average number of employees, total and production workers, and unemployment rate, 1970-84

Year	Production	Imports	Exports	Apparent consumption	Ratio of imports to consumption	Average number of employees		Unemployment rate ^{1/}
						All persons	Production workers	
	Million pairs				Percent	Thousands		Percent
1970-----	562.3	241.7	2.2	801.8	30	213.6	185.5	6.9
1971-----	535.8	268.6	2.1	802.3	33	200.6	173.6	8.0
1972-----	526.7	296.7	2.3	821.1	36	193.3	168.3	7.2
1973-----	490.0	307.5	3.6	793.9	39	182.9	158.5	6.1
1974-----	453.0	266.4	4.0	715.4	37	172.4	148.9	7.5
1975-----	413.1	286.4	4.6	694.9	41	157.7	136.4	12.9
1976-----	422.5	370.0	6.0	786.5	47	164.2	143.7	10.5
1977-----	418.4	368.1	5.4	781.1	47	156.9	136.5	11.0
1978-----	418.9	373.5	6.9	785.5	48	158.4	138.1	8.8
1979-----	398.9	404.6	9.3	794.2	51	148.9	128.0	8.0
1980-----	386.3	365.7	13.0	739.0	49	143.6	122.9	7.7
1981-----	372.0	375.6	11.2	736.4	51	146.4	125.9	12.5
1982-----	359.1	479.6	8.8	829.9	58	135.1	115.1	16.8
1983-----	339.2	581.8	7.4	913.6	64	127.4	108.5	17.8
1984-----	301.4	725.9	8.8	1,018.5	71	120.7	102.7	14.4

^{1/} For the leather and leather products industry (SIC 31). Approximately two-thirds of the workers in the leather and leather products industry are nonrubber footwear workers, for whom separate data are not available.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Table 5.--Unemployment rate for the leather and leather products industry (SIC 31), ^{1/} Producer Price Index for footwear (BLS code 043), and Consumer Price Index for footwear of leather and non-leather, by months, January 1983-September 1985

Month	Unemployment rate ^{2/}			Producer Price Index (1967=100.0) ^{3/}			Consumer Price Index (1967=100.0) ^{3/}		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
	-----Percent-----								
January-----	20.3	12.8	16.5	251.5	250.9	252.4	204.8	206.7	208.6
February-----	22.3	18.5	13.4	247.7	252.5	256.6	205.6	206.4	210.1
March-----	16.3	13.7	15.1	248.1	253.5	255.5	206.6	207.7	213.7
Average-----	19.6	15.0	15.0	249.1	252.3	254.8	205.7	206.9	210.6
April-----	21.3	18.4	15.9	250.0	251.6	255.3	207.5	208.9	213.2
May-----	22.1	10.4	9.2	248.7	251.8	253.9	208.0	210.2	213.2
June-----	19.7	13.3	7.7	249.9	250.3	257.1	206.8	209.6	213.9
Average-----	21.0	14.0	10.9	249.5	251.2	255.4	207.4	209.6	213.4
6-month average---	20.3	14.5	13.0	249.3	251.8	255.1	206.6	208.3	212.1
July-----	19.1	14.6	9.3	249.9	250.1	257.2	203.8	208.0	211.4
August-----	20.8	16.5	8.7	250.9	250.9	258.5	205.7	207.7	210.3
September-----	16.6	13.0	11.0	251.6	252.1	259.3	208.0	211.1	210.9
Average-----	18.8	14.7	9.7	250.8	251.0	258.3	205.8	208.9	210.9
October-----	11.6	19.2	10.0	251.3	252.2	259.6	208.6	212.9	
November-----	12.8	10.9		251.3	249.1		209.1	212.9	
December-----	10.0	11.4		250.3	249.6		207.9	211.4	
Average-----	11.5	13.8		251.0	250.3		208.5	212.4	
6-month average---	15.2	14.3		250.9	250.7		207.2	210.7	
Yearly average----	17.8	14.4		250.1	251.2		206.9	209.5	

^{1/} Approximately two-thirds of the workers in the leather and leather products industry are nonrubber footwear workers, for whom separate data are not available.

^{2/} Monthly unemployment rate data are subject to considerable fluctuation because the sample is extremely small; they should be used with caution.

^{3/} Data unadjusted for seasonal variations.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table 6.--Nonrubber footwear: 1/ Quantity of U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, January-September 1983-85, July-September 1983-85, and annual 1983-84

(In thousands of pairs)

Source	January-September--			Percent- age change, Jan.- Sept. 1985 from Jan.- Sept. 1984	July-September--			Percent- age change, July - Sept. 1985 from July - Sept. 1984	1983	1984	Percent- age change, 1984 from 1983
	1983	1984	1985		1983	1984	1985				
Total, all countries-----	439,999	591,582	648,266	10	142,385	211,554	217,218	3	581,837	725,865	25
Taiwan-----	182,485	251,960	289,499	15	58,945	90,253	95,892	6	243,430	307,115	26
Korea-----	87,707	99,731	98,073	-2	31,565	35,855	42,464	18	118,854	118,282	2/
Brazil-----	45,618	84,169	87,642	4	16,309	32,928	28,992	-12	64,391	109,711	70
Italy-----	48,136	52,878	59,919	13	11,137	16,186	16,022	-1	56,355	62,944	12
Spain-----	20,111	28,481	29,536	4	7,622	10,900	10,641	-2	26,706	36,230	36
Hong Kong-----	13,207	22,492	28,379	26	4,176	7,771	6,782	-13	18,186	27,627	52
China-----	5,336	10,726	16,904	58	1,404	3,723	3,591	-4	7,167	12,659	77
France-----	3,482	4,413	5,084	15	1,056	1,823	1,982	9	4,254	5,774	36
Romania-----	3,092	2,036	2,108	4	1,617	1,409	1,269	-10	3,606	2,931	-19
Yugoslavia-----	1,921	2,335	2,537	9	937	1,306	1,235	-5	2,583	2,953	14
Canada-----	1,538	2,129	2,461	16	733	962	1,042	8	2,357	3,181	35
Thailand-----	4,444	4,591	3,649	-21	560	932	989	6	5,142	5,227	2
Philippines-----	6,481	6,852	5,451	-20	1,098	1,356	952	-30	7,632	7,835	3
Mexico-----	3,484	4,704	2,840	-40	902	1,159	822	-29	4,224	5,530	31
Japan-----	2,753	3,273	2,336	-29	902	1,220	780	-36	3,649	3,961	9
West Germany-----	850	1,080	1,189	10	285	467	504	8	1,078	1,391	29
Portugal-----	436	877	1,183	35	204	344	431	25	622	1,154	86
United Kingdom-----	520	688	871	27	194	255	344	35	733	894	22
India-----	1,022	1,145	2,193	91	100	396	312	-21	1,098	1,400	28
Poland-----	550	444	573	29	137	177	295	67	665	582	-12
Czechoslovakia-----	841	828	732	-12	324	323	266	-18	1,076	1,016	-6
Switzerland-----	256	322	644	100	78	109	168	54	329	447	36
Uruguay-----	171	369	306	-17	102	204	160	-22	250	510	104
Hungary-----	930	515	471	-8	371	141	153	9	1,236	641	-48
Greece-----	819	629	548	-13	131	168	110	-35	952	750	-21
Haiti-----	1,078	765	235	-69	438	301	104	-65	1,529	1,059	-31
Argentina-----	162	131	111	-15	67	21	86	300	250	144	-42
El Salvador-----	57	134	274	104	50	49	83	68	113	153	35
Dominican Republic-----	62	374	176	-53	26	106	81	-24	82	459	461
Macao-----	139	188	236	25	44	9	76	727	247	360	46
All other-----	2,311	2,323	2,106	-9	869	699	590	-16	3,043	2,944	-3

1/ Excludes disposable footwear.

2/ Less than 0.5 percent.

SOURCE: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 7.--Nonrubber footwear: 1/ Value of U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, January-September 1983-85, July-September 1983-85, and annual 1983-84

Source	(In thousands of dollars)										
	January-September--			Percent- age change, Jan. - Sept. 1985 from Jan. - Sept. 1984	July-September--			Percent- age change, July - Sept. 1985 from July - Sept. 1984	1983	1984	Percent- age change, 1984 from 1983
	1983	1984	1985		1983	1984	1985				
Total, all countries-----	2,752,351	3,680,713	4,024,316	9	1,016,293	1,483,294	1,573,932	6	3,661,857	4,651,317	27
Taiwan-----	775,688	1,083,315	1,262,612	17	287,538	425,129	481,325	13	1,079,368	1,357,248	26
Korea-----	524,172	640,454	692,930	8	191,582	243,863	305,902	25	700,189	774,104	11
Brazil-----	364,125	635,309	671,098	6	141,845	271,079	244,368	-10	513,181	853,519	66
Italy-----	548,480	634,268	659,265	4	195,148	263,416	253,432	-4	658,612	774,817	18
Spain-----	193,426	287,079	297,678	4	73,759	115,017	113,642	-1	254,731	365,560	44
Hong Kong-----	33,547	54,268	66,127	22	12,130	20,730	22,328	8	48,690	70,095	44
China-----	13,136	17,700	26,609	50	3,184	6,049	7,006	16	17,758	22,053	24
France-----	60,612	71,123	89,870	26	20,312	33,553	40,157	20	74,108	95,609	29
Romania-----	25,306	17,237	17,043	-1	13,837	11,799	10,857	-8	29,990	25,365	-15
Yugoslavia-----	18,932	20,644	25,189	22	9,276	9,836	12,622	28	25,260	27,124	7
Canada-----	16,727	22,586	24,916	10	8,721	9,698	11,250	16	26,347	33,471	27
Thailand-----	10,670	13,350	12,185	-9	2,974	3,678	5,070	38	13,438	16,831	25
Philippines-----	22,854	24,326	12,456	-49	6,194	6,824	3,350	-51	29,356	28,827	-2
Mexico-----	23,055	29,369	27,153	-8	7,294	9,197	9,915	8	31,380	38,125	21
Japan-----	15,625	16,390	10,310	-37	4,166	7,073	3,567	-50	19,114	19,368	1
West Germany-----	12,406	14,297	15,788	10	4,694	5,722	6,989	22	16,198	18,897	17
Portugal-----	5,723	10,582	14,562	38	2,561	4,315	5,677	32	8,296	14,116	70
United Kingdom-----	11,183	14,282	18,716	31	4,102	5,475	7,710	41	15,536	18,703	20
India-----	5,270	9,243	15,412	67	684	4,956	3,565	-28	6,041	12,097	100
Poland-----	3,355	2,899	3,674	27	1,009	1,074	2,019	88	4,142	4,056	-2
Czechoslovakia-----	7,714	7,111	7,085	2/	3,101	2,453	2,548	4	10,035	9,211	-8
Switzerland-----	10,148	12,668	15,908	26	3,407	4,582	5,944	30	13,233	18,065	37
Uruguay-----	2,896	5,207	4,041	-22	1,661	3,498	2,424	-31	3,715	7,142	92
Hungary-----	8,507	5,719	4,133	-28	3,808	1,597	1,508	-6	11,621	6,735	-42
Greece-----	8,102	6,476	5,444	-16	1,627	2,384	1,423	-40	9,524	7,797	-18
Haiti-----	6,596	1,698	882	-48	2,557	762	412	-46	9,260	2,259	-76
Argentina-----	1,609	1,138	1,062	-7	655	185	759	311	2,318	1,319	-43
El Salvador-----	327	755	1,429	89	284	291	467	60	618	853	38
Dominican Republic-----	226	2,085	738	-65	96	669	215	-68	298	2,744	820
Macao-----	102	111	248	123	15	4	30	746	193	324	68
All other-----	21,830	19,026	19,752	4	8,070	8,389	7,454	-11	29,306	24,883	-15

1/ Excludes disposable footwear.

2/ Less than 0.5 percent.

SOURCE: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 8.--Nonrubber footwear: 1/ Average unit value 2/ of U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources
January-September 1983-85, July-September 1983-85, and annual 1983-84

Source	(Per pair)										
	January-September--			Percent- age change, Jan.- Sept. 1985 from Jan.- Sept. 1984	July-September--			Percent- age change, July- Sept. 1985 from July- Sept. 1984	1983	1984	Percent- age change, 1984 from 1983
	1983	1984	1985		1983	1984	1985				
Total, all countries-----	6.26	6.22	6.21	3/	7.14	7.01	7.25	3	6.29	6.41	2
Taiwan-----	4.25	4.30	4.36	1	4.88	4.71	5.02	7	4.43	4.42	3/
Korea-----	5.98	6.42	7.07	10	6.07	6.80	7.20	6	5.89	6.54	11
Brazil-----	7.98	7.55	7.66	1	8.70	8.23	8.43	2	7.97	7.78	-2
Italy-----	11.39	12.00	11.00	-8	17.52	16.27	15.82	-3	11.69	12.31	5
Spain-----	9.62	10.08	10.08	3/	9.68	10.55	10.68	1	9.54	10.09	6
Hong Kong-----	2.54	2.41	2.33	-3	2.90	2.67	3.29	23	2.68	2.54	-5
China-----	2.46	1.65	1.57	-5	2.27	1.62	1.95	20	2.48	1.74	-30
France-----	17.41	16.12	17.68	10	19.23	18.40	20.26	10	17.42	16.56	-5
Romania-----	8.18	8.47	8.08	-5	8.56	8.37	8.56	2	8.32	8.65	4
Yugoslavia-----	9.85	8.84	9.93	12	9.91	7.53	10.22	36	9.78	9.18	-6
Canada-----	10.88	10.61	10.12	-5	11.90	10.08	10.80	7	11.18	10.52	-6
Thailand-----	2.40	2.91	3.34	15	5.31	3.95	5.13	30	2.61	3.22	23
Philippines-----	3.53	3.55	2.29	-36	5.64	5.03	3.52	-30	3.85	3.68	-4
Mexico-----	6.62	6.24	9.56	53	8.08	7.94	12.06	52	7.43	6.89	-7
Japan-----	5.68	5.01	4.41	-12	4.62	5.80	4.58	-21	5.24	4.89	-7
West Germany-----	14.60	13.24	13.28	3/	16.47	12.26	13.87	13	15.03	13.59	-10
Portugal-----	13.13	12.06	12.31	2	12.56	12.56	13.18	5	13.34	12.23	-8
United Kingdom-----	21.52	20.76	21.49	4	21.09	21.50	22.39	4	21.20	20.92	-1
India-----	5.16	8.07	7.03	-13	6.85	12.53	11.41	-9	5.50	8.64	57
Poland-----	6.10	6.53	6.42	-2	7.34	6.06	6.84	13	6.23	6.96	12
Czechoslovakia-----	9.17	8.59	9.68	13	9.57	7.59	9.58	26	9.32	9.06	-3
Switzerland-----	39.65	39.33	24.72	-37	43.48	41.98	35.31	-16	40.17	40.40	1
Uruguay-----	16.94	14.11	13.22	-6	16.30	17.11	15.16	-11	14.86	14.00	-6
Hungary-----	9.15	11.11	8.77	-21	10.27	11.32	9.83	-13	9.40	10.51	12
Greece-----	9.89	10.29	9.93	-3	12.46	14.23	12.97	-9	10.01	10.40	4
Haiti-----	6.12	2.22	3.75	69	5.83	2.53	3.95	56	6.06	2.13	-65
Argentina-----	9.95	8.70	9.57	10	9.84	8.62	8.84	3	9.28	9.15	-1
El Salvador-----	5.79	5.63	5.21	-7	5.65	5.90	5.64	-4	5.47	5.58	2
Dominican Republic-----	3.61	5.58	4.20	-25	3.76	6.29	2.65	-58	3.64	5.97	64
Macao-----	.73	.59	1.05	78	.34	.38	.39	2	.78	.90	15
All other-----	9.45	8.19	9.38	15	9.28	12.00	12.63	5	9.63	8.45	-12

- 1/ Excludes disposable footwear.
2/ Calculated from unrounded figures.
3/ Less than 0.5 percent.

SOURCE: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 9.--Nonrubber footwear: U.S. imports and percentage distribution of shipments, by types and by price ranges (per pair), 1982-84, January-September 1984, and January-September 1985

Type and price range 1/	1982	1983	1984	Percentage change, 1984 from 1983	January-September		Percentage change, Jan.-Sept. 1985 from Jan.-Sept. 1984
					1984	1985	
Men's, youths' and boys' leather:							
Total quantity-----1,000 pairs--	30,044	40,136	52,295	30	39,861	43,128	8
Less than \$1.25-----do-----	339	239	659	176	548	861	57
\$1.26 - \$2.50-----do-----	494	328	755	131	576	549	-5
\$2.51 - \$5.00-----do-----	2,804	5,568	4,672	-16	3,941	4,640	18
\$5.01 - \$8.00-----do-----	6,959	10,005	11,898	19	9,616	8,609	-10
\$8.01 and over-----do-----	19,448	23,996	34,310	43	25,180	28,470	13
Women's and misses' leather:							
Total quantity-----1,000 pairs--	94,806	131,077	180,285	38	141,069	158,578	12
Less than \$1.25-----do-----	600	913	3,589	293	2,795	3,747	34
\$1.26 - \$2.50-----do-----	1,642	2,776	4,238	53	3,233	6,607	104
\$2.51 - \$5.00-----do-----	20,183	28,510	27,358	-4	23,806	27,118	14
\$5.01 - \$8.00-----do-----	26,768	40,753	58,567	44	44,711	51,046	14
\$8.01 and over-----do-----	45,611	58,125	86,533	49	66,524	70,060	5
Men's, youths', and boys' plastic							
Total quantity-----1,000 pairs--	24,961	27,440	31,029	13	24,067	31,729	32
Less than \$1.25-----do-----	3,068	3,831	4,700	23	3,915	4,183	7
\$1.26 - \$2.50-----do-----	4,231	4,335	3,737	-14	2,969	3,346	13
\$2.51 - \$5.00-----do-----	7,740	10,366	12,268	18	9,792	14,117	44
\$5.01 - \$8.00-----do-----	8,035	7,550	9,131	21	6,630	9,040	36
\$8.01 and over-----do-----	1,888	1,358	1,193	-12	761	1,044	37
Women's and misses' plastic:							
Total quantity-----1,000 pairs--	122,081	127,236	180,029	41	151,452	164,867	9
Less than \$1.25-----do-----	16,610	18,932	39,798	110	35,535	36,488	3
\$1.26 - \$2.50-----do-----	22,628	20,869	24,876	19	22,037	18,848	-14
\$2.51 - \$5.00-----do-----	53,217	62,294	80,052	29	66,006	81,201	23
\$5.01 - \$8.00-----do-----	25,342	21,830	31,891	46	25,318	25,469	1
\$8.01 and over-----do-----	4,284	3,311	3,412	3	2,556	2,860	12
Leather athletic:							
Total quantity-----1,000 pairs--	76,908	79,213	111,211	40	92,126	113,071	23
Less than \$1.25-----do-----	1,044	1,150	1,670	45	1,280	1,052	-18
\$1.26 - \$2.50-----do-----	207	577	502	-13	288	853	196
\$2.51 - \$5.00-----do-----	13,408	21,560	23,488	9	20,299	23,776	17
\$5.01 - \$8.00-----do-----	36,257	29,061	45,303	56	39,217	42,290	8
\$8.01 and over-----do-----	25,993	26,864	40,249	50	31,041	45,099	45
Plastic athletic:							
Total quantity-----1,000 pairs--	10,084	8,824	10,331	17	7,705	14,779	92
Less than \$1.25-----do-----	174	361	560	55	294	825	181
\$1.26 - \$2.50-----do-----	616	462	1,191	158	1,013	603	-40
\$2.51 - \$5.00-----do-----	7,031	5,678	5,126	-10	4,030	9,809	143
\$5.01 - \$8.00-----do-----	1,130	1,017	1,504	48	1,019	1,612	58
\$8.01 and over-----do-----	1,133	1,306	1,950	49	1,349	1,930	43

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 9.--Nonrubber footwear: U.S. imports and percentage distribution of shipments, by types and by price ranges (per pair), 1982-84, January-September 1984, and January-September 1985--Continued

Type and price range ^{1/}	1982	1983	1984	Percentage change, 1984 from 1983	January-September		Percentage change, Jan.-Sept. 1985 from Jan.-Sept. 1984
					1984	1985	
Leather work:							
Total quantity-----1,000 pairs--	6,874	8,044	9,059	13	6,615	7,784	18
Less than \$1.25-----do-----	1	1	23	2,200	22	4	-82
\$1.26 - \$2.50-----do-----	1	12	8	-33	5	26	420
\$2.51 - \$5.00-----do-----	48	167	227	36	180	323	79
\$5.01 - \$8.00-----do-----	343	513	445	-13	334	294	-12
\$8.01 and over-----do-----	6,482	7,350	8,356	14	6,074	7,136	17
Children's and infants':							
Total quantity-----1,000 pairs--	19,892	24,340	30,737	26	25,425	35,868	41
Less than \$1.25-----do-----	3,050	4,141	5,924	43	5,097	8,569	68
\$1.26 - \$2.50-----do-----	4,478	4,771	5,182	9	4,471	6,637	48
\$2.51 - \$5.00-----do-----	9,212	12,373	15,238	23	12,806	16,427	28
\$5.01 - \$8.00-----do-----	2,628	2,477	3,539	43	2,399	3,468	45
\$8.01 and over-----do-----	524	578	853	48	653	768	18
All other footwear: ^{2/}							
Total quantity-----1,000 pairs--	93,883	135,406	120,771	-11	103,168	78,399	-24
Less than \$1.25-----do-----	34,066	32,891	40,392	23	35,301	44,419	26
\$1.26 - \$2.50-----do-----	8,014	11,602	12,618	9	8,616	11,181	30
\$2.51 - \$5.00-----do-----	17,476	42,059	31,903	-24	27,051	11,282	-58
\$5.01 - \$8.00-----do-----	28,765	39,053	29,313	-25	26,629	7,029	-74
\$8.01 and over-----do-----	5,563	9,800	6,545	-33	5,571	4,488	-19
All categories:							
Total quantity-----1,000 pairs--	479,534	581,716	725,746	25	591,488	648,203	10
Less than \$1.25-----do-----	58,951	62,458	97,314	56	84,787	100,147	18
\$1.26 - \$2.50-----do-----	42,310	45,733	53,107	16	43,209	48,650	13
\$2.51 - \$5.00-----do-----	131,120	188,576	200,332	6	167,910	188,693	12
\$5.01 - \$8.00-----do-----	136,226	152,260	191,591	26	155,873	148,858	-5
\$8.01 and over-----do-----	110,926	132,689	183,402	38	139,708	161,854	16

^{1/} Import values are customs value, not including freight, insurance, duties, and importers' markups.

^{2/} Includes TSUS items 700.72-700.95, excluding slipper socks (TSUSA items 700.7220 and 700.7320), and disposable footwear (TSUSA item 700.9000).

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Note.--Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Table 10.--Certain rubber footwear: 1/ Quantity of U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, January-September 1983-85, July-September 1983-85, and annual 1983-84

(In thousands of pairs)

Source	January-September--			Percent- age change, Jan.- Sept. 1985 from Jan.- Sept. 1984	July-September--			Percent- age change, July- Sept. 1985 from July- Sept. 1984	1983	1984	Percent- age change, 1984 from 1983
	1983	1984	1985		1983	1984	1985				
Mexico	7,484	11,751	13,913	18	2,032	4,529	5,727	26	10,614	16,281	53
Korea	24,584	24,648	13,283	-46	6,384	6,788	3,461	-49	32,688	28,830	-12
Taiwan	30,754	35,263	18,161	-48	5,026	7,638	3,008	-61	38,313	38,645	1
China	9,664	12,374	11,930	-4	2,823	3,402	2,613	-23	12,935	14,487	12
Hong Kong	2,575	2,969	4,119	39	812	1,060	1,367	29	3,668	3,894	6
Haiti	0	159	385	143	0	125	256	105	0	351	2/
Japan	806	1,035	749	-28	162	370	145	-61	935	1,149	23
Philippines	255	517	673	30	62	106	126	19	316	571	81
Spain	465	519	645	24	99	115	88	-24	519	617	19
Sri Lanka	278	537	379	-29	91	127	87	-32	292	603	107
France	403	205	217	6	91	40	46	17	476	227	-52
Malaysia	108	44	73	65	14	2	39	2/	129	45	-65
United Kingdom	1	4	47	2/	0	0	37	2/	1	32	2/
Italy	678	369	286	-23	52	95	32	-67	747	441	-41
Canada	17	50	46	-8	3	18	28	49	42	55	32
Brazil	96	67	73	9	37	20	20	4	228	76	-67
Thailand	441	923	647	-30	52	45	17	-62	495	961	94
Czechoslovakia	0	26	161	523	0	26	13	-52	12	57	376
Switzerland	6	0	77	2/	1	0	10	2/	7	0	-97
Colombia	0	4	10	155	0	0	8	2/	2	4	116
All other	45	133	120	-10	13	83	39	-53	65	282	334
Total	78,660	91,595	65,995	-28	17,754	24,590	17,166	-30	102,484	107,609	5

1/ Provided for under TSUS items 700.59-700.71, and includes footwear with fabric uppers and soles of rubber or plastics. Such footwear includes sneakers, joggers, and certain casual shoes.

2/ Not meaningful.

SOURCE: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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Table 11.--Certain rubber footwear: 1/ Value of U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, January-September 1983-85, July-September 1983-85, and annual 1983-84

(In thousands of dollars)

Source	January-September--			Percent age change, Jan.- Sept. 1985 from Jan.- Sept. 1984	July-September--			Percent age change, July- Sept. 1985 from July- Sept. 1984	1983	1984	Percent- age change, 1984 from 1983
	1983	1984	1985		1983	1984	1985				
Mexico	9,348	14,872	20,256	36	2,532	5,899	8,951	52	13,234	20,285	53
Korea	76,754	84,389	46,045	-45	19,852	25,308	11,985	-53	101,560	100,396	-1
Taiwan	81,199	95,466	47,329	-50	15,933	23,789	8,873	-63	104,711	107,344	3
China	11,132	15,405	13,713	-11	3,227	4,109	2,975	-28	15,268	17,845	17
Hong Kong	3,023	3,416	4,573	34	959	1,280	1,823	42	4,232	4,652	10
Haiti	-	350	487	39	-	251	348	38	-	630	2/
Japan	1,811	3,935	4,815	22	576	2,186	1,510	-31	2,440	5,091	109
Philippines	617	689	1,549	125	180	206	398	94	741	816	10
Spain	1,237	1,366	1,274	-7	253	272	186	-32	1,421	1,600	13
Sri Lanka	618	1,309	1,116	-15	165	343	261	-24	648	1,505	132
France	4,719	2,588	2,074	-20	1,070	664	823	24	5,597	2,917	-48
Malaysia	433	45	195	336	70	1	78	2/	458	47	-90
United Kingdom	17	32	267	723	-	5	124	2/	18	158	799
Italy	2,927	2,896	1,770	-39	564	913	347	-62	3,543	3,696	4
Canada	170	482	317	-34	32	309	183	-41	366	582	59
Brazil	269	223	181	-19	105	57	47	-17	677	246	-64
Thailand	1,147	1,283	721	-44	148	68	22	-68	1,206	1,353	12
Czechoslovakia	-	61	347	471	-	61	29	-52	35	132	279
Switzerland	2	-	85	2/	-	-	9	2/	3	1	-75
Colombia	-	12	45	293	-	-	43	2/	5	12	157
All other	509	788	675	-14	171	355	271	-24	728	1,080	48
Total	195,934	229,608	147,835	-36	45,667	66,248	39,285	-41	256,888	270,388	5

1/ Provided for under TSUS items 700.59-700.71, and includes footwear with fabric uppers and soles of rubber or plastics. Such footwear includes sneakers, joggers, and certain casual shoes.

2/ Not meaningful.

SOURCE: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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Table 12.--Certain rubber footwear: 1/ Average unit value of U.S. imports for consumption, by principal sources, January-September 1983-85, July-September 1983-85, and annual 1983-84

Source	(Per pair)										
	January-September--			Percent- age change, Jan.- Sept. 1985 from Jan.- Sept. 1984	July-September--			Percent- age change, July- Sept. 1985 from July- Sept. 1984	1983	1984	Percent- age change, 1984 from 1983
	1983	1984	1985		1983	1984	1985				
Mexico	1.25	1.27	1.46	15	1.25	1.30	1.56	20	1.25	1.25	-
Korea	3.12	3.42	3.47	1	3.11	3.73	3.46	-7	3.11	3.48	12
Taiwan	2.64	2.71	2.61	-4	3.17	3.11	2.95	-5	2.73	2.78	2
China	1.15	1.24	1.15	-8	1.14	1.21	1.14	-6	1.18	1.23	4
Hong Kong	1.17	1.15	1.11	-4	1.18	1.21	1.33	10	1.15	1.19	4
Haiti	-	2.21	1.26	-43	-	2.01	1.36	-33	-	1.80	-
Japan	2.25	3.80	6.43	69	3.56	5.91	10.39	76	2.61	4.43	70
Philippines	2.42	1.33	2.30	73	2.92	1.94	3.16	63	2.34	1.43	-39
Spain	2.66	2.63	1.97	-25	2.56	2.37	2.12	-11	2.74	2.60	-5
Sri Lanka	2.22	2.44	2.95	21	1.81	2.70	2.99	11	2.22	2.50	12
France	11.72	12.62	9.54	-24	11.73	16.74	17.78	6	11.76	12.83	9
Malaysia	4.00	1.01	2.66	165	4.91	.70	1.99	183	3.56	1.05	-70
United Kingdom	17.97	8.39	5.63	-33	-	17.53	3.38	-81	18.05	4.92	-73
Italy	4.32	7.85	6.20	-21	10.83	9.58	10.95	14	4.74	8.39	77
Canada	10.23	9.64	6.89	-29	10.37	16.74	6.64	-60	8.70	10.51	21
Brazil	2.80	3.33	2.48	-26	2.84	2.89	2.30	-21	2.97	3.25	9
Thailand	2.60	1.39	1.11	-20	2.87	1.51	1.27	-16	2.44	1.41	-42
Czechoslovakia	-	2.35	2.15	-8	-	2.35	2.31	-2	2.90	2.31	-20
Switzerland	.37	1.53	1.10	-29	.50	-	.92	-	.39	2.87	626
Colombia	3.00	2.98	4.59	54	3.00	-	5.17	-	2.50	2.98	19
All other	11.34	5.94	5.63	-5	12.71	4.28	6.99	63	11.21	3.83	-66
Total	2.49	2.51	2.24	-11	2.57	2.69	2.29	-15	2.51	2.51	-

1/ Provided for under TSUS items 700.59-700.71, and includes footwear with fabric uppers and soles of rubber or plastics. Such footwear includes sneakers, joggers, and certain casual shoes.

SOURCE: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 13.--Nonrubber footwear: Quantity of U.S. exports of domestic merchandise, by principal markets, January-September of 1983-85, July-September of 1983-85, and annual 1983-84

(In thousands of pairs)

Source	January-September--			Percent- age change, Jan.- Sept. 1985 from Jan.- Sept. 1984	July-September--			Percent- age change, July- Sept. 1985 from July- Sept. 1984	1983	1984	Percent- age change, 1984 from 1983
	1983	1984	1985		1983	1984	1985				
Mexico-----	346	692	2,117	206	84	253	1,333	428	456	1,034	127
Japan-----	694	1,818	2,241	23	297	859	725	-16	1,032	2,821	173
Italy-----	427	444	788	78	137	188	356	89	584	549	-6
Canada-----	703	445	338	-24	210	97	96	-1	920	567	-38
France-----	260	197	327	66	102	49	87	80	307	236	-23
Panama-----	50	97	121	25	8	45	58	30	63	154	144
Leeward and Windward Is-----	85	94	167	78	38	54	56	4	140	151	7
Dominican Republic-----	264	166	134	-19	101	92	51	-45	293	220	-25
Switzerland-----	79	43	89	105	44	12	45	272	88	63	-28
Jamaica-----	25	22	51	131	6	9	42	394	34	36	5
Singapore-----	57	51	66	30	12	16	42	158	85	66	-22
Bahamas-----	242	129	121	-6	79	59	37	-38	322	175	-46
Hong Kong-----	50	66	55	-17	8	7	35	405	63	200	219
Guinea-----	0	1	33	1/	0	0	33	1/	0	1	90
West Germany-----	126	111	86	-22	41	14	30	117	159	132	-17
All other-----	2,224	1,685	1,383	-18	821	661	324	-51	2,889	2,405	-17
Total-----	5,632	6,060	8,117	34	1,988	2,413	3,350	39	7,435	8,809	18

1/ Not meaningful.

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Table 14.--Nonrubber footwear: Value of U.S. exports of domestic merchandise, by principal markets, January-September of 1983-85, July-September of 1983-85, and annual 1983-84

Source	(In thousands of dollars)											
	January-September--			Percent- age change, Jan.- Sept. 1985 from Jan.- Sept. 1984	July-September--			Percent- age change, July- Sept. 1985 from July- Sept. 1984	1983	1984	Percent- age change, 1984 from 1983	
	1983	1984	1985		1983	1984	1985					
Mexico	1,124	1,352	2,806	108	351	479	1,539	221	1,563	2,092	34	
Japan	9,423	21,007	23,384	11	3,758	9,388	7,444	-21	13,633	31,641	132	
Italy	7,723	9,562	12,531	31	2,140	4,036	6,007	49	10,887	11,294	4	
Canada	7,748	5,315	4,855	-9	2,135	1,139	1,364	20	9,851	6,923	-30	
France	5,232	4,394	4,893	11	1,714	1,041	1,442	39	6,140	5,195	-15	
Panama	412	862	807	-6	119	376	372	-1	568	1,269	123	
Leeward and Windward Is	578	584	883	51	207	363	298	-18	914	887	-3	
Dominican Republic	1,117	666	952	43	310	239	325	36	1,302	1,114	-14	
Switzerland	838	971	1,749	80	380	201	657	227	974	1,430	47	
Jamaica	174	173	132	-24	50	70	67	-4	292	326	12	
Singapore	1,505	1,323	1,114	-16	398	341	546	-60	1,796	1,729	-4	
Bahamas	2,077	1,090	1,057	-3	776	400	334	-17	2,802	1,568	-44	
Hong Kong	740	740	844	14	190	213	397	86	980	1,292	32	
Guinea	5	11	296	1/	-	-	294	1/	5	11	110	
West Germany	1,635	2,347	1,547	-34	499	343	521	52	2,205	2,713	23	
All other	26,900	20,074	17,735	-12	8,651	6,680	4,566	-32	37,123	27,776	-25	
Total	67,232	70,472	75,585	7	21,678	25,307	26,172	3	91,037	97,261	7	

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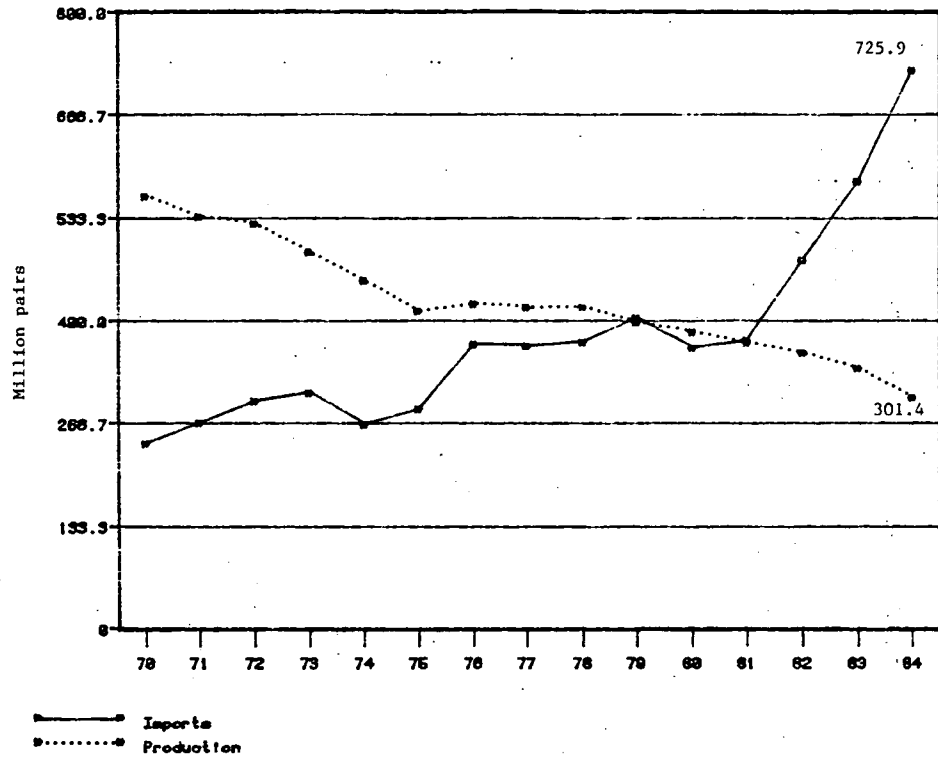
Table 15.--Nonrubber footwear: Average unit value of U.S. exports of domestic merchandise, by principal markets, January-September of 1983-85, July-September of 1983-85, and annual 1983-84

Source	(Per pair)											
	January-September--			Percent- age change, Jan.- Sept. 1985 from Jan.- Sept. 1984	July-September--			Percent- age change, July- Sept. 1985 from July Sept. 1984	1983	1984	Percent- age change, 1984 from 1983	
	1983	1984	1985		1983	1984	1985					
Mexico-----	3.25	1.95	1.33	-32	4.18	1.90	1.15	-39	3.43	2.02	-41	
Japan-----	13.58	11.55	10.44	-10	12.67	10.93	10.27	-6	13.22	11.22	-15	
Italy-----	18.08	21.55	15.90	-26	15.64	21.47	16.88	-21	18.64	20.57	10	
Canada-----	11.03	11.96	14.37	20	10.15	11.72	14.19	21	10.71	12.22	14	
France-----	20.10	22.32	14.96	-33	16.76	21.40	16.49	-23	19.97	22.01	10	
Panama-----	8.31	8.90	6.68	-25	15.79	8.41	6.39	-24	9.03	8.25	-9	
Leeward and Windward Is-----	6.76	6.22	5.29	-15	5.39	6.72	5.32	-21	6.51	5.89	-10	
Dominican Republic-----	4.23	4.02	7.08	76	3.08	2.61	6.39	145	4.44	5.06	14	
Switzerland-----	10.60	22.43	19.71	-12	8.64	16.61	14.62	-12	11.10	22.72	105	
Jamaica-----	6.98	7.92	2.61	-67	8.68	8.16	1.58	-81	8.50	9.02	6	
Singapore-----	26.55	26.03	16.92	-35	32.00	21.07	13.11	-38	21.20	26.18	23	
Bahamas-----	8.57	8.44	8.72	3	9.80	6.78	9.10	34	8.72	8.95	3	
Hong Kong-----	14.88	11.20	15.45	38	23.03	30.61	11.30	-63	15.62	6.45	-59	
Guinea-----	15.84	17.44	9.06	-48	-	-	9.04	-	15.84	17.44	10	
West Germany-----	13.02	21.17	17.89	-16	12.08	24.49	17.17	-30	13.87	20.58	48	
All other-----	12.10	11.91	12.82	8	10.54	10.11	14.09	39	12.85	11.55	-10	
Total-----	11.94	11.63	9.31	-20	10.90	10.49	7.81	-26	12.24	11.04	-10	

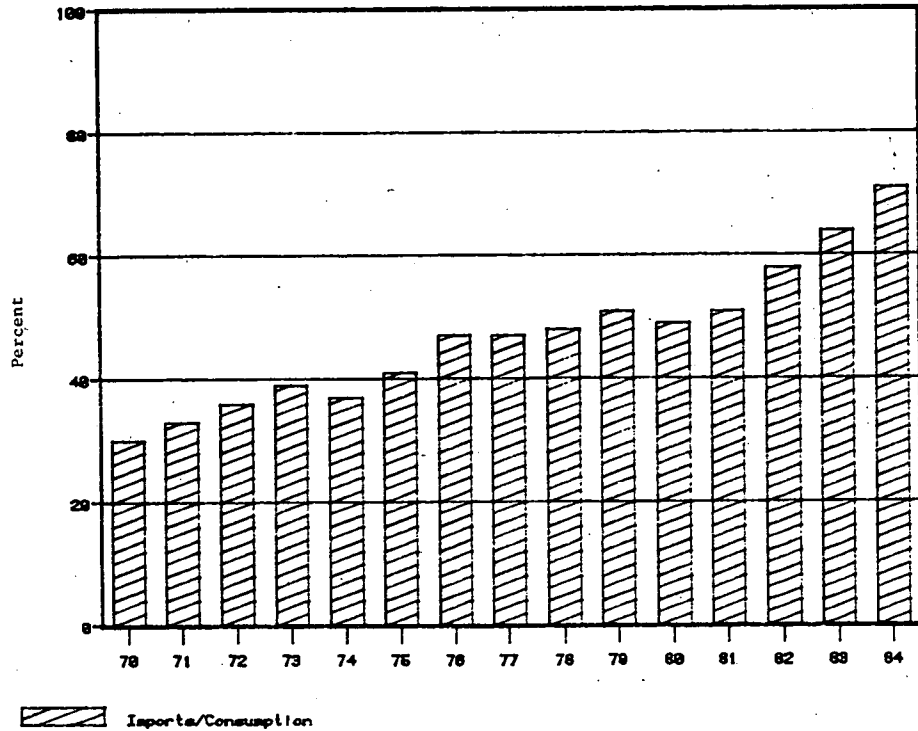
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Nonrubber footwear: U.S. production and imports for consumption, 1970-84

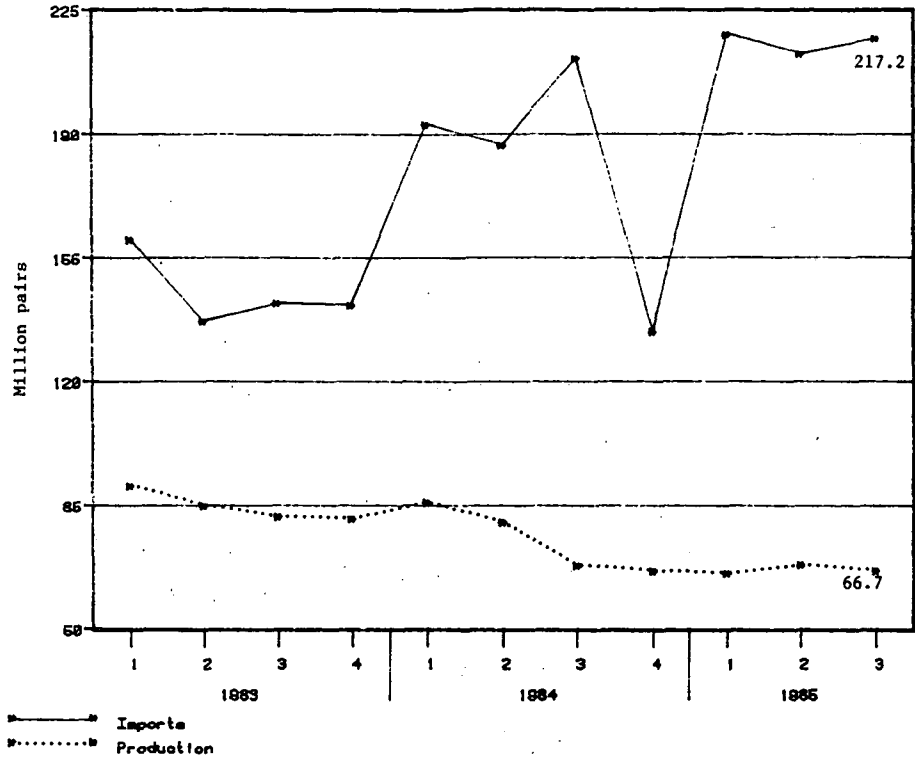


Nonrubber footwear: Ratio of imports to consumption, in terms of quantity, 1970-84

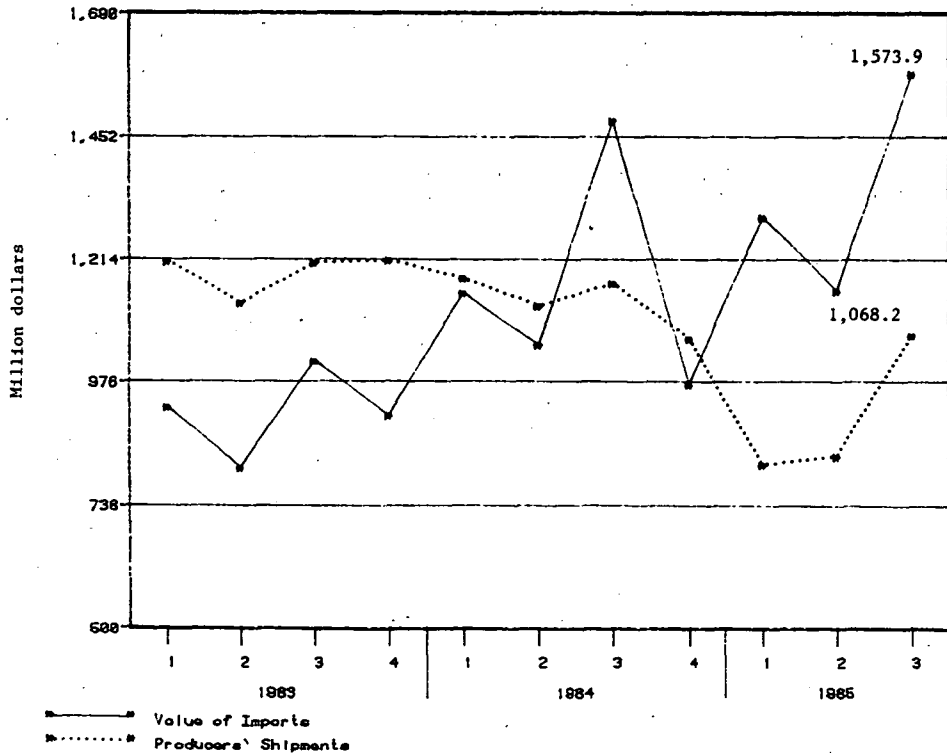


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Nonrubber footwear: Quantity of U.S. production and imports for consumption, by quarters, 1983-85

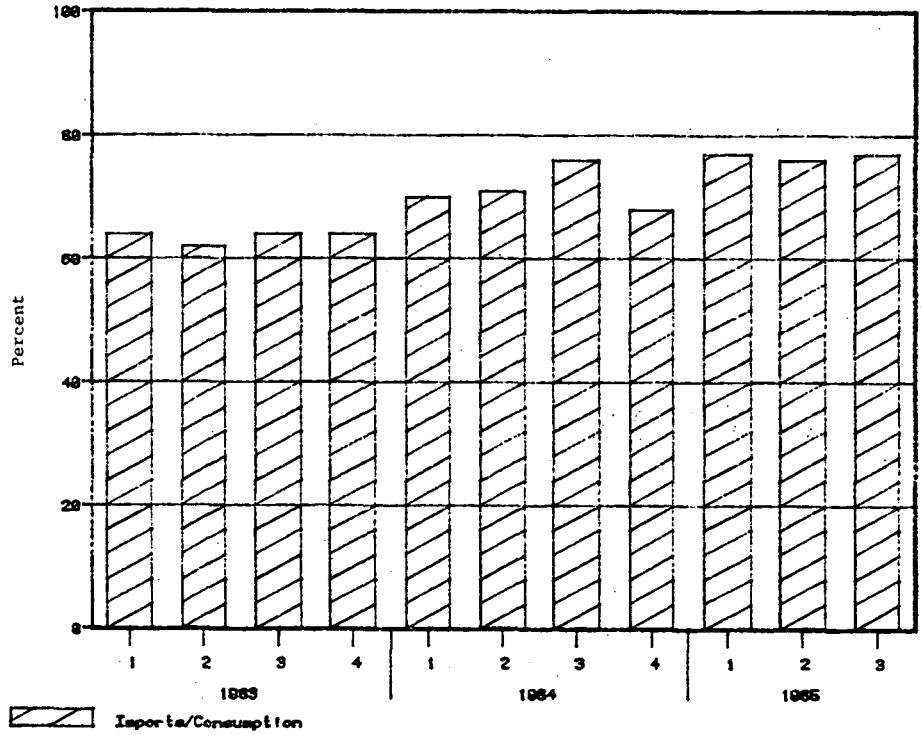


Nonrubber footwear: Value of U.S. producers' shipments and imports for consumption, 1983-85

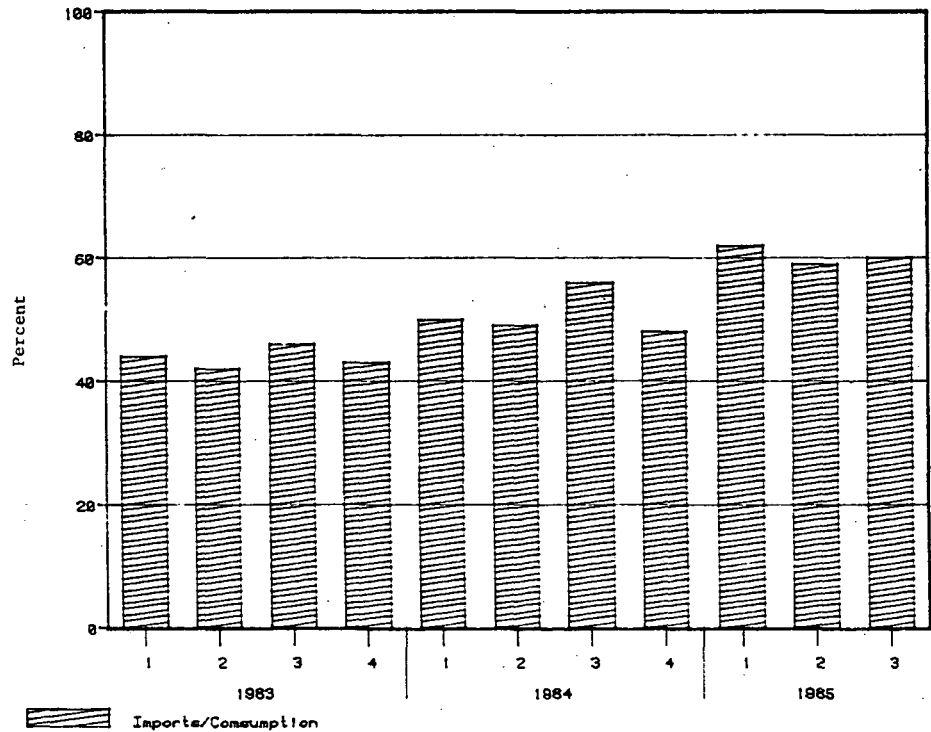


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Nonrubber footwear: Ratio of imports to consumption, in terms of quantity, by quarters, 1983-85

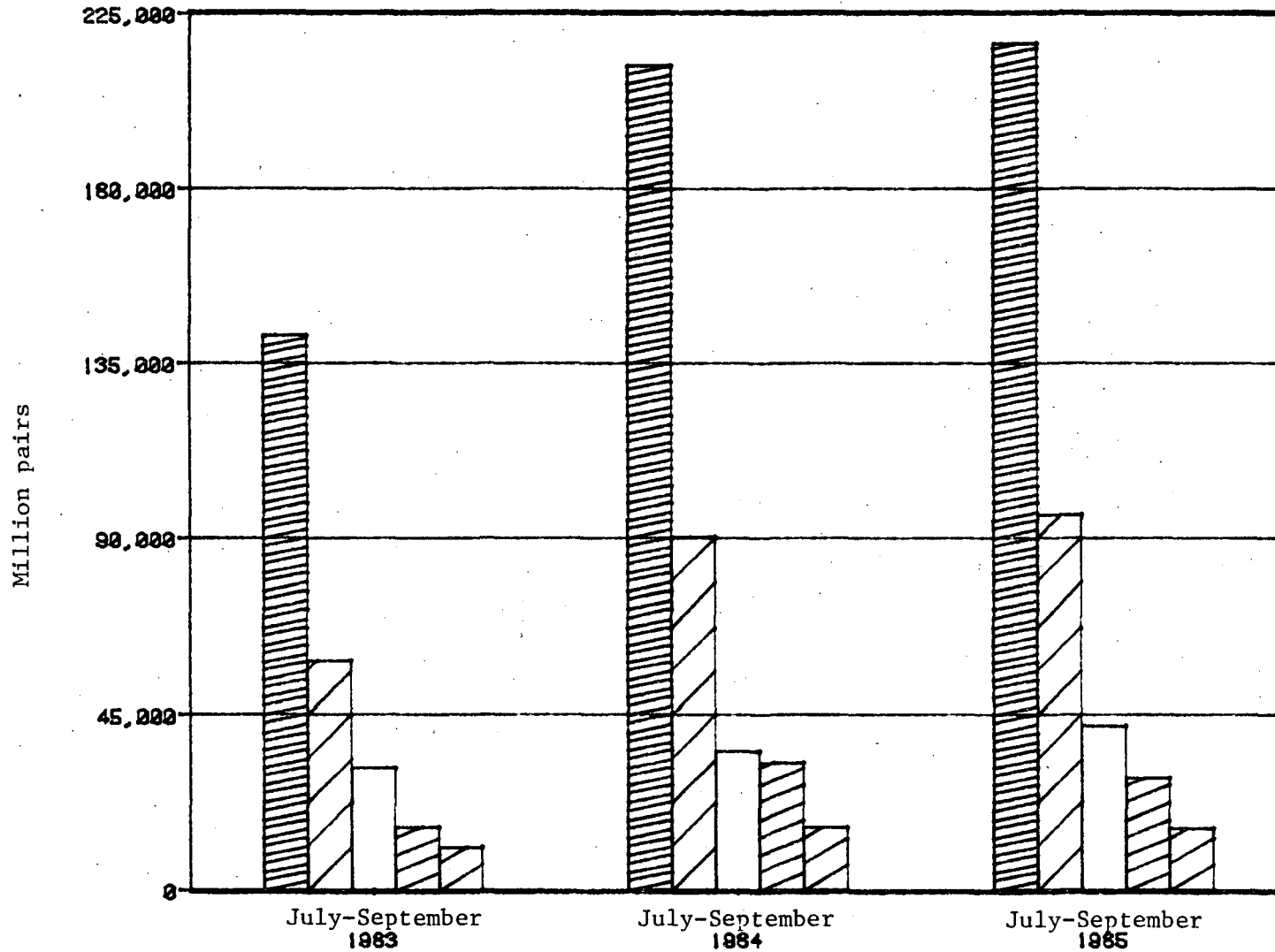


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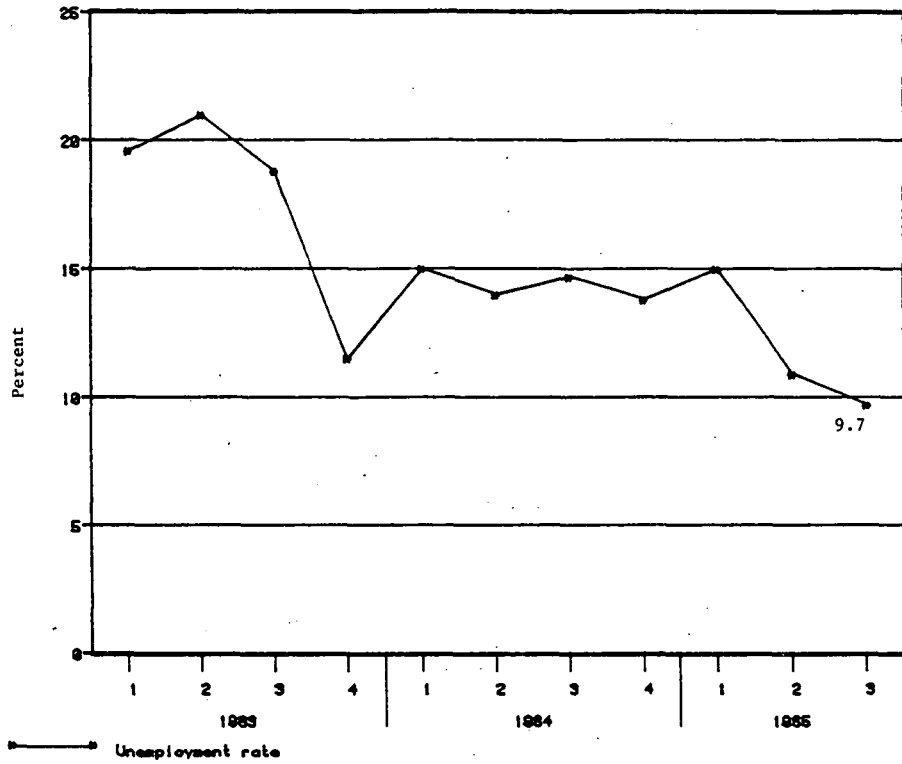
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Nonrubber footwear: Quantity of U.S. imports for consumption,
by principal sources, July-September 1983-85



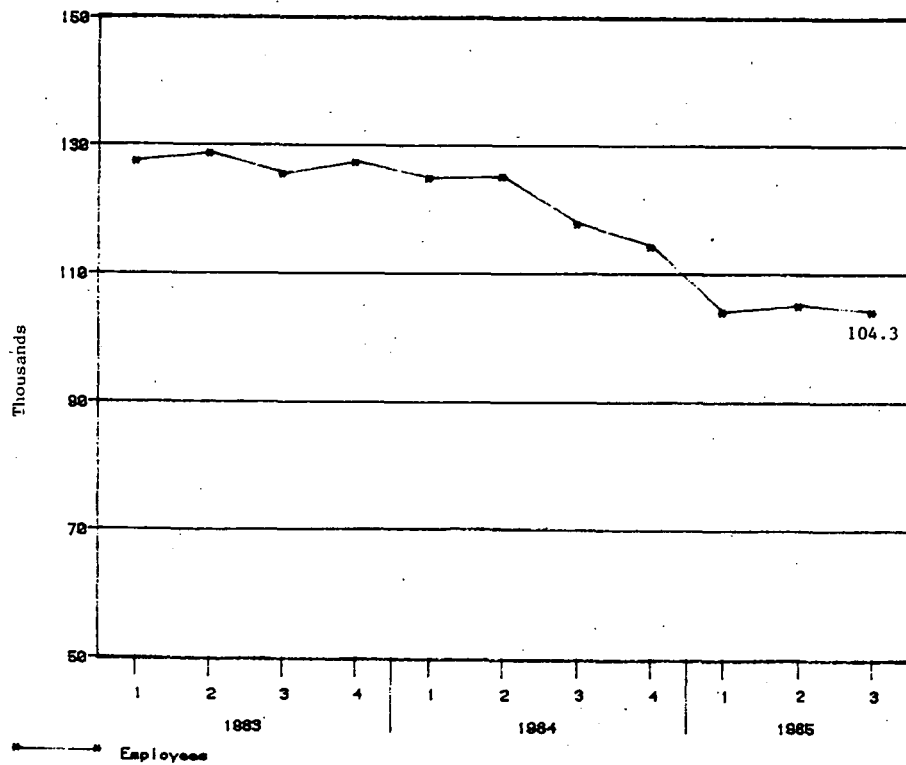
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Unemployment rate for the leather products industry ^{1/} by quarters, 1983-85



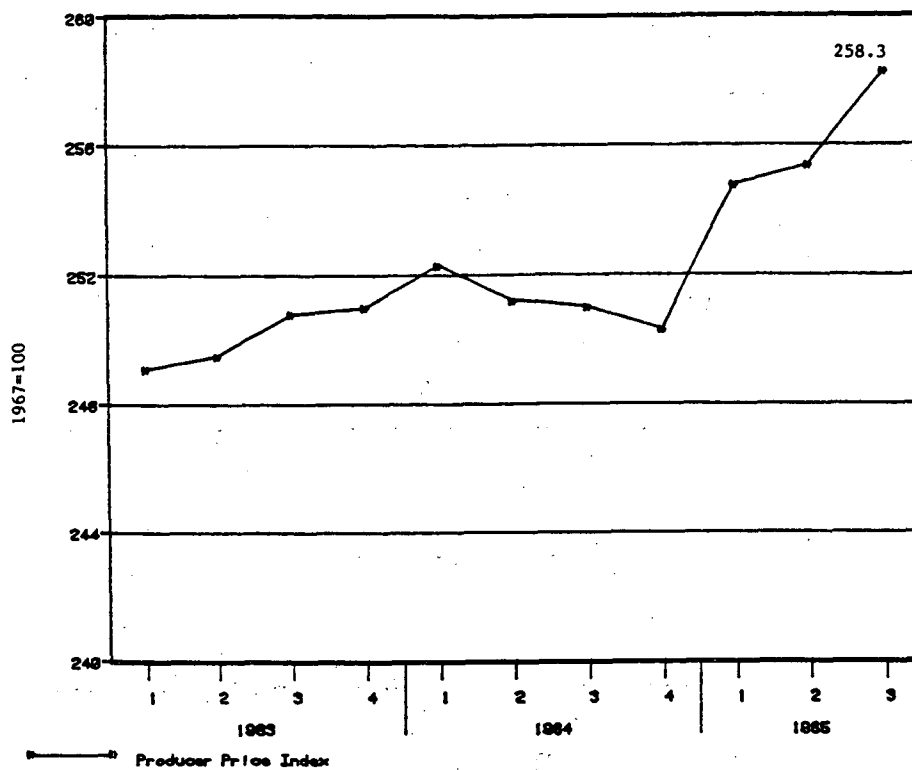
^{1/} Approximately two-thirds of the workers in the leather and leather products industry are nonrubber footwear workers.

Average number of all employees engaged in the manufacture of nonrubber footwear, by quarters, 1983-85

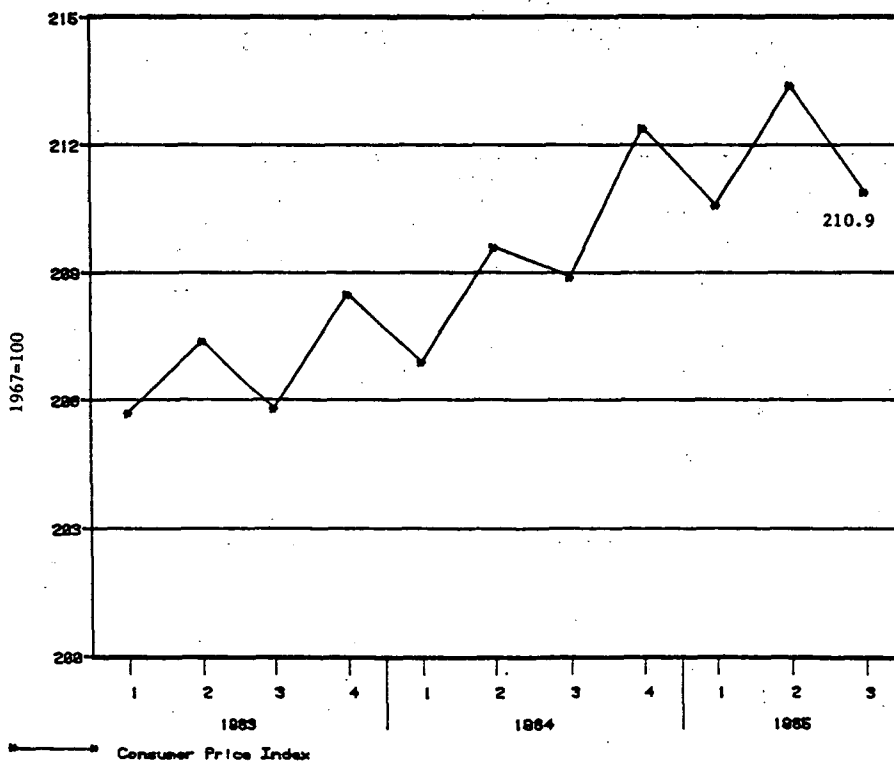


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Producer Price Index for footwear (BLS code 043), by quarters, 1983-85



Consumer Price Index for footwear for leather and nonleather, by quarters, 1983-85



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