

7.—Indexes of the Volume of Manufacturing Production for the Groups of the Purpose Classification, Representative Years, 1923-37.

(1926=100.)

Group and Class.	1923.	1929.	1932.	1933.	1935.	1936.	1937.
Food	84.7	102.8	92.7	91.9	104.1	113.6	116.7
Breadstuffs.....	90.8	110.6	97.4	94.5	103.8	109.8	112.8
Fish.....	74.1	77.9	57.2	59.2	66.7	74.2	63.7
Fruit and vegetable preparations.....	59.3	127.5	109.4	116.2	147.6	176.4	190.7
Meats.....	90.1	97.3	90.6	94.4	107.0	124.3	133.1
Milk products.....	37.4	96.7	100.8	98.5	113.3	121.4	125.3
Oils and fats.....	111.5	87.8	101.9	89.9	119.9	125.9	191.9
Sugar.....	74.3	83.0	84.1	77.4	86.1	96.9	90.7
Infusious.....	97.0	112.9	114.8	124.2	142.6	150.0	153.0
Miscellaneous.....	82.9	120.2	111.6	118.7	150.4	173.8	184.6
Clothing	82.9	114.8	93.2	97.9	110.5	117.3	124.6
Boots and shoes.....	79.8	110.0	83.0	87.4	97.2	104.0	115.0
Fur goods.....	48.3	114.6	89.3	95.1	101.2	113.3	115.1
Garments and personal furnishings.....	90.6	113.3	87.8	96.5	115.7	119.1	125.6
Gloves and mittens.....	93.9	133.3	97.7	121.1	145.9	167.9	172.1
Hats and caps.....	67.1	109.2	87.0	85.1	107.9	113.1	117.6
Knitted goods.....	83.9	111.4	103.2	107.5	116.4	126.2	131.8
Waterproofs.....	78.4	143.8	107.9	105.2	140.5	162.5	190.5
Drink and Tobacco	76.0	140.5	101.7	96.2	125.2	137.9	163.3
Beverages, alcoholic.....	69.2	148.0	94.0	84.6	119.7	135.7	156.9
Beverages, non-alcoholic.....	86.0	146.8	137.4	131.5	155.9	174.9	245.6
Tobacco.....	81.3	133.3	108.8	113.4	129.3	133.2	149.2
Personal Utilities	85.4	101.9	70.6	71.0	87.9	94.7	107.0
Jewellery and time-pieces.....	92.4	104.2	78.3	79.7	103.1	110.6	124.2
Recreational supplies.....	93.0	85.0	28.0	23.2	35.6	44.9	51.4
Personal utilities.....	78.6	111.7	104.1	109.3	127.0	131.9	149.2
House Furnishings	78.9	137.7	89.9	87.3	109.2	121.3	140.5
Books and Stationery	93.1	131.5	127.6	122.0	154.9	159.7	168.8
Producers Materials	84.9	124.7	75.0	77.9	105.6	118.7	137.1
Farm materials (fertilizers).....	78.3	130.8	381.1	505.8	675.3	754.9	1,001.0
Manufacturers materials.....	82.9	124.4	82.9	91.0	123.7	137.8	159.3
Building materials.....	88.0	123.1	54.1	47.3	65.4	76.3	88.0
General materials.....	95.4	133.4	79.2	76.8	96.0	105.4	119.6
Industrial Equipment	76.3	129.5	75.6	70.2	100.5	112.5	134.4
Farming equipment.....	66.8	98.9	25.4	29.6	59.0	66.1	79.3
Manufacturing equipment.....	86.2	131.4	65.0	58.2	101.8	118.2	156.9
Trading equipment.....	83.3	116.4	120.2	120.6	137.3	135.0	156.7
Service equipment.....	96.3	107.9	103.7	103.1	157.6	128.9	143.3
Light, heat and power equipment.....	66.2	149.0	100.3	87.7	122.8	134.5	159.2
General equipment.....	84.3	130.0	68.2	66.4	93.8	109.5	130.3
Vehicles and Vessels	71.4	131.6	52.4	53.3	83.5	87.0	109.0
Miscellaneous	85.0	125.1	99.4	113.3	148.6	164.8	207.2
Totals, All Manufactures	81.8	122.9	81.9	82.0	106.5	116.6	132.0

In analysing the changes in the volume of production, on the purpose classification basis, some interesting facts are revealed. In comparing 1933 with 1929 it is found that the food group reported a decrease of 10.6 p.c., while that of clothing decreased 14.7 p.c. The output of vehicles and vessels, which is largely made up of the automobile and rubber-tire industries, recorded a decrease of 59.5 p.c.—this is the greatest decrease of any group. Producers materials and industrial equipment declined 37.5 p.c. and 45.8 p.c., respectively, due to the general decline in industrial activity. House furnishings dropped 36.6 p.c., personal utilities 30.3 p.c., drink and tobacco 31.5 p.c., and books and stationery 7.2 p.c. The decrease in the personal utilities group needs some explanation. The production of musical instruments, which is included in this group, has been decreasing steadily during the past few years, the output of pianos, phonographs, and phonograph records becoming smaller and smaller. The main product of the musical instruments industry, namely, the radio, is now produced in the electrical apparatus industry. This industry, however, is credited to the industrial equipment group, as by far the largest part of its output consists of industrial equipment.

All groups shared in the improvement since 1933, and all groups, with the exception of vehicles and vessels, showed increases in 1937 over 1929, the greatest percentage advances being in miscellaneous 65.6, books and stationery 28.4, drink and tobacco 16.2, and food 13.5.