

equipment needed by the Armed Forces, such as shipbuilding, aircraft, automobiles, miscellaneous chemical products, and primary iron and steel, advanced to higher positions. With the decline in the production of war equipment during 1945, the food industries, by reason of the continuing demand for their products bettered

The solid portions of the bars according to which the industries below are arranged show the values added by them, respectively, to the raw materials they purchase to work on. This value, actually added by the industry, is the criterion by which its importance can best be measured. To take a few examples, i.e., judging on gross value of production (shaded plus solid portion), slaughtering and meat packing, non-ferrous metal smelting and refining, or the automobile manufacturing industry would rank higher than many industries whose individual contributions to the manufacturing process are substantially greater.

