

*Non-durable Manufactures.*—The trend of output among the individual groups of the non-durable sector of manufacturing in the postwar period was visibly smoother than in the durable sector but the general trend was the same—except for 1954, no interruption occurred in the upward movement of production—although this advance continued through 1957. Unlike durable goods, non-durable commodities are mostly consumer goods and are less influenced by sudden changes in the international situation or the capital investment programs of producers and governments. By 1957 the non-durables index of output had reached 139.7, the highest on record. For the group as a whole there was an increase of 1.2 p.c. in volume compared with 1956. Trends, however, were mixed. The majority of industrial groups reported increases in volume of production compared with 1956, the greatest being that of 10.3 p.c. shown by the tobacco and tobacco products group. This was followed by chemicals and allied products with an increase of 4.9 p.c., miscellaneous industries 4.3 p.c., beverages 3.5 p.c., products of petroleum and coal 3.4 p.c., foods 1.4 p.c., printing, publishing and allied trades 0.7 p.c. and textiles 0.3 p.c. Three groups reported declines in volume—rubber and rubber products reported a drop of 4.0 p.c., paper products 1.7 p.c. and clothing 0.7 p.c. The leather products group, which has experienced an erratic long-term trend, reported no change in 1957 after showing an 8.2-p.c. increase in 1956 over 1955.

**7.—Indexes of the Volume of Manufactured Production of the Groups Comprised within the Non-durable Manufactures Classification, 1935-57**

(1949=100)

Year	Foods	Beverages	Tobacco and Tobacco Products	Rubber Products	Leather Products	Textiles
1935.....	51.2	27.1	31.1	49.8	70.8	49.7
1936.....	56.6	32.1	35.7	54.5	71.1	55.5
1937.....	58.7	37.8	41.4	63.6	78.1	59.8
1938.....	59.0	37.1	45.9	55.0	68.9	48.1
1939.....	63.0	38.7	49.2	60.4	80.3	59.5
1940.....	68.5	45.5	53.1	66.0	85.7	81.8
1941.....	79.5	52.9	61.3	87.5	104.2	91.7
1942.....	83.4	60.8	76.0	85.3	110.8	102.0
1943.....	89.9	56.6	82.3	83.3	111.6	93.8
1944.....	97.7	66.7	89.6	84.4	110.5	87.9
1945.....	98.7	71.8	103.2	102.1	114.5	87.5
1946.....	103.0	82.2	90.6	89.5	124.0	88.7
1947.....	100.4	87.3	93.4	127.4	109.1	94.0
1948.....	99.5	95.3	93.4	116.4	95.5	97.3
1949.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950.....	104.4	102.1	103.4	116.8	95.6	112.5
1951.....	107.0	106.2	95.0	124.9	90.4	113.1
1952.....	112.8	115.5	108.0	118.9	101.0	102.9
1953.....	115.1	124.6	120.3	130.3	106.4	107.9
1954.....	120.2	121.7	124.7	119.2	100.2	94.3
1955.....	125.6	130.6	135.5	141.0	106.9	114.0
1956.....	131.4	138.4	145.9	154.0	115.6	117.3
1957.....	133.2	143.2	161.0	147.8	115.6	117.6