

NORTHERN REGION OF THAILAND


**Table Attached to Northern Region Economy
in March 2009 and in the First Quarter of 2009**

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	Unit	2008	2008				2009			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Jan	Feb	Mar
1. Agriculture										
- Major crop prices										
Major Rice 5%	Baht/Metric ton	10,754.0 (72.3)	7,992.4 (28.4)	13,033.1 (114.6)	11,888.9 (92.9)	10,101.6 (55.3)	10,457.1 (30.8)	10,569.0 (52.7)	10,572.4 (38.1)	10,230.0 (8.8)
Glutinous	Baht/Metric ton	8,091.5 (-26.3)	8,463.2 (-20.2)	10,510.8 (-8.2)	- (-)	6,696.0 (-28.5)	7,877.8 (-6.9)	7,550.0 (-10.1)	8,200.0 (0.7)	7,883.3 (-10.9)
Second Rice 14-15%	Baht/Metric ton	11,593.2 (86.9)	9,526.9 (53.4)	13,126.9 (114.9)	11,859.5 (91.8)	- (-)	10,270.5 (7.8)	- (-)	- (-)	10,270.5 (7.8)
Sugarcane	Baht/Metric ton	883.4 (9.1)	882.2 (8.8)	883.4 (9.1)	- (-)	870.1 (4.2)	943.6 (7.0)	906.6 (5.8)	929.3 (6.7)	943.6 (7.0)
Cassava	Baht/Kilogram	1.6 (29.1)	2.0 (95.2)	2.1 (83.2)	- (-)	1.2 (-23.1)	1.1 (-47.7)	1.1 (-42.6)	1.0 (-49.9)	1.0 (-50.0)
Maize 14%	Baht/Kilogram	7.7 (10.8)	7.5 (9.1)	8.3 (21.7)	8.7 (28.6)	6.2 (-14.3)	6.0 (-19.9)	6.0 (-19.0)	5.9 (-17.1)	6.1 (-23.3)
Soybean	Baht/Kilogram	17.2 (43.3)	16.5 (52.0)	18.7 (85.3)	17.8 (48.0)	15.9 (5.2)	14.9 (-9.9)	- (-)	- (-)	14.9 (-11.8)
Garlic	Baht/Kilogram	20.3 (-45.6)	19.4 (-50.6)	17.3 (-50.7)	22.2 (-)	- (-)	23.7 (21.8)	- (-)	- (-)	23.7 (38.5)
Shallot	Baht/Kilogram	29.9 (267.1)	22.3 (105.0)	27.6 (408.6)	31.0 (-)	38.8 (-)	10.9 (-50.9)	9.7 (-)	10.7 (-)	12.4 (-44.2)
Longan	Baht/Kilogram	17.6 (99.0)	- (-)	- (-)	17.6 (99.0)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Lychee	Baht/Kilogram	9.5 (63.0)	- (-)	9.5 (63.0)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
2. Manufacturing R/										
- Manufacturing Production Index, seasonally adjusted	Level	-	-	-	-	-	-	111.4	100.1	96.8
- Manufacturing Production Index, without seasonal adjustment	Level	154 (1.3)	161 (12.7)	141 (7.8)	169 (9.4)	145 (-19.4)	101 (-37.2)	104 (-33.3)	95 (-38.5)	104 (-39.7)
3. Services										
- VAT collected from hotels and restaurants	Million baht	376.2 (-0.8)	121.3 (1.8)	94.0 (11.0)	77.5 (2.7)	83.0 (-17.0)	104.0 (-14.2)	35.9 (-12.8)	36.9 (-8.8)	31.3 (-21.5)
- Air passenger	'000 persons	3,985.0 (-7.7)	1,233.9 (1.8)	939.0 (4.8)	883.9 (-15.0)	926.6 (-25.8)	1,014.0 (-17.9)	382.0 (-13.3)	317.0 (-21.4)	315.0 (-19.4)
- Service business electrical usage	Million kw-h	302.5 (7.3)	70.2 (12.0)	80.5 (9.6)	78.4 (2.4)	73.4 (6.1)	n.a. (n.a.)	22.1 (-0.3)	23.0 (4.5)	n.a. (n.a.)
- Average of hotel occupancy rate	Percent	51.9	63.7	39.6	43.9	60.5	60.6	71.4	66.4	44.0
- Average of hotel room rate	Baht/room-night	972.6 (-2.2)	1,049.2 (-0.1)	931.7 (1.4)	856.6 (0.8)	1,044.0 (-0.5)	1,048.1 (-0.2)	1,179.9 (1.2)	1,008.2 (-0.6)	956.2 (-1.1)
4. Private Consumption										
- VAT collected from all types of businesses (Real term) 1/	Million Baht	6,946.2 (-2.4)	2,193.0 (0.3)	1,982.4 (-5.3)	1,591.3 (-7.9)	1,798.4 (3.0)	2,201.3 P (0.4)	867.0 (7.1)	696.0 (-3.8)	638.0 P (-3.2)
- Registered motorcycle	Units	256,840 (8.5)	62,907 (-1.7)	70,581 (5.2)	67,913 (21.7)	55,439 (11.2)	57,050 (-9.3)	18,978 (-8.3)	17,709 (-16.7)	20,363 (-2.9)
- Registered cars	Units	65,369 (0.2)	23,010 (7.6)	18,437 (8.5)	13,355 (-14.2)	10,567 (-606.0)	19,427 (-15.6)	7,674 (-13.3)	5,916 (-17.6)	5,837 (-16.3)
- Household electrical usage	Million kw-h	3,537.1 (2.9)	814.9 (8.6)	963.3 (2.8)	917.3 (1.1)	841.5 (-0.2)	n.a. (n.a.)	260.0 (1.4)	260.4 (-0.4)	n.a. (n.a.)
5. Private Investment										
- Construction areas permitted in municipal zones	'000 Square meters	1,180.9 (9.5)	329.5 (28.3)	239.5 (-23.5)	273.7 (13.1)	338.1 (27.0)	222.7 (-32.4)	66.7 (-47.0)	65.4 (-36.3)	90.6 (-10.2)
- Land transaction fees	Million Baht	416.5 (-10.2)	120.6 (12.8)	116.3 (5.2)	96.2 (-15.8)	83.5 (-36.8)	80.0 (-33.7)	25.8 (-39.0)	21.6 (-52.9)	32.5 (0.3)

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- BOI's approved project										
Number	Projects	79	15	24	9	31	14	3	6	5
Investment value	Million Baht	9,244.4	1,140.1	1,766.3	305.0	6,033.1	859.3	90.0	233.1	562.0
		(17.2)	(-69.8)	(0.3)	(-66.6)	(319.6)	(-24.6)	(-93.1)	(164.6)	(344.6)
6. Foreign Trade R/										
- Exports passed through customs houses in northern region	Million US\$	2,798.9	687.9	758.1	734.9	618.0	432.3	138.2	134.3	159.7
Chiang Mai Airport Customs House	Million US\$	1,871.9	467.8	512.2	505.5	386.4	211.6	77.3	66.7	67.5
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Service Sub Division	Million US\$	38.0	17.2	9.1	2.2	9.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Lamphun Customs Service Sub Division	Million US\$	1,833.9	450.6	503.1	503.3	377.0	211.0	77.1	66.5	67.3
Border trade	Million US\$	927.0	220.0	246.0	229.4	231.6	220.7	60.9	67.6	92.2
Myanmar	Million US\$	757.3	184.1	206.9	187.1	179.1	187.6	52.0	56.5	79.2
Southern China	Million US\$	110.1	22.4	25.8	27.0	34.9	17.2	4.4	5.8	7.0
Lao PDR	Million US\$	59.6	13.5	13.2	15.3	17.6	15.9	4.6	5.3	6.0
- Imports passed through customs houses in northern region	Million US\$	1,627.9	383.5	491.7	413.1	339.6	189.6	65.5	51.3	72.8
Chiang Mai Airport Customs House	Million US\$	1,513.5	359.0	469.0	385.2	300.3	163.3	57.1	43.4	62.7
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Service Sub Division	Million US\$	268.3	15.6	104.3	73.3	75.1	32.6	9.2	8.0	15.3
Lamphun Customs Service Sub Division	Million US\$	1,245.2	343.4	364.7	311.9	225.2	130.7	47.9	35.4	47.4
Border trade	Million US\$	114.3	24.5	22.7	27.9	39.2	26.3	8.3	7.9	10.1
Myanmar	Million US\$	50.4	11.4	10.7	10.3	18.0	16.6	4.9	5.2	6.5
Southern China	Million US\$	40.4	5.4	7.2	12.7	15.2	3.8	1.9	1.0	0.9
Lao PDR	Million US\$	23.5	7.7	4.8	4.9	6.1	5.8	1.5	1.6	2.7
- Trade Balance	Million US\$	1,171.1	304.4	266.4	321.8	278.5	242.7	72.8	83.0	86.9
7. Price Level 1/										
- Headline inflation	Percent	6.6	5.6	9.5	8.7	2.8	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.2
Food	Percent	14.2	8.0	15.5	16.4	16.6	12.4	13.7	11.9	11.6
Non-food	Percent	2.0	4.2	5.8	3.7	-5.8	-7.7	-8.6	-7.2	-7.3
- Core inflation (exclude raw food and energy)	Percent	2.7	1.0	3.1	3.7	3.1	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.8
8. Banking										
- Commercial banks' deposits	Billion Baht	375.5	357.6	356.0	361.7	375.5	n.a.	381.6	384.5	n.a.
- Commercial banks' credits	Billion Baht	305.7	294.2	302.1	301.8	305.7	n.a.	301.2	300.1	n.a.
- Credits/Deposits	Percent	81.4	82.3	84.9	83.4	81.4	n.a.	78.9	78.0	n.a.

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