

**Press Release on  
Northern Region Economic Conditions in February 2004**

Northern Region Office, Bank of Thailand

<http://www.bot.or.th> Economic Research Division, Northern Region Office

### CHANGE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION (major crops)

weight 16% of Northern GRP

	2002	2003	2003		2004		
			H1	Q3	Q4	Jan	Feb
Change in Farm Income	-2.6%	10.9%	16.7%	3.5%	16.3%	5.9%	-4.0%
Change in Production	-5.7%	5.0%	3.3%	-2.2%	10.1%	5.0%	6.1%
Change in Price	3.1%	5.9%	13.4%	5.7%	6.2%	0.9%	-10.1%

Index constructed using data from Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives. (1988=100)  
<http://www.bot.or.th> Economic Research Division, Northern Region Office

### MANUFACTURING

#### NRIE - Export

2002	2003	H1-03	Q4-03	Dec-03	Jan-04	Feb-04
1,088.4	1,266.6	582.8	365.5	117.9	121.6	127.5
(15.6%)	(16.4%)	(7.7%)	(4.7%)	(8.3%)	(8.9%)	(7.8%)

#### Sugar

2002	2003	H1-03	Q4-03	Dec-03	Jan-04	Feb-04
1,387.2	1,894.1	1,549.3	79.1	254.9	536.8	501.8
(21.9%)	(28.1%)	(18.4%)	(29.7%)	(22.1%)	(22.3%)	(14.8%)

#### Zinc

2002	2003	H1-03	Q4-03	Jan-04	Feb-04	
105,135	113,685	53,492	31,458	11,033	9,281	8,320
(2.8%)	(8.1%)	(3.4%)	(25.5%)	(8.4%)	(18.5%)	(7.3%)

<http://www.bot.or.th> Economic Research Division, Northern Region Office

### SERVICES (weight 19% of Northern GRP)

#### Hotel and restaurant VAT

2002	2003	H1-03	H2-03	Jan-04	Feb-04
215.6	193.1	117.4	75.5	n.a.	n.a.
(-0.2%)	(-10.4%)	(-2.6%)	(-20.7%)	n.a.	n.a.

#### Air passengers

2002	2003	H1-03	H2-03	Jan-04	Feb-04
2,948.7	2,825.1	1,399.6	1,515.3	364.5	384.7
(-10.3%)	(-4.2%)	(-9.6%)	(1.0%)	(26.8%)	(16.9%)

#### Hotel occupancy rate

2002	2003	H1-03	H2-03	Jan-04	Feb-04
54.7	51.7	49.4	53.9	64.0	62.6

#### Hotel average room rate

2002	2003	H1-03	H2-03	Jan-04	Feb-04
811.1	844.0	845.7	842.3	938.0	938.5
(3.5%)	(8.1%)	(3.9%)	(4.3%)	(6.5%)	(1.4%)

<http://www.bot.or.th> Economic Research Division, Northern Region Office

### PRIVATE CONSUMPTION INDICATORS

#### VAT : wholesale and retail trade

2002	2003	H1-03	Jan-Nov-03	Jan-04P
1,549	1,777	901	875	n.a.
(18.2%)	(24.9%)	(11.8%)	(9.8%)	

#### Household electricity consumption

2002	2003	H1-03	H2-03	Jan-04	Feb-04
2,832	3,009	1,469	1,542	236	n.a.
(8.8%)	(6.2%)	(4.5%)	(7.9%)	(9.1%)	

#### Passenger cars & commercial cars

2002	2003	H1-03	H2-03	Jan-04P	Feb-04P
37,163	49,789	26,787	23,002	6,795	5,562
(47.9%)	(4.9%)	(40.1%)	(27.7%)	(23.2%)	(37.2%)

#### Motorcycles

2002	2003	H1-03	H2-03	Jan-04P	Feb-04P
224,479	295,676	152,935	142,741	20,402	22,842
(37.8%)	(51.7%)	(48.9%)	(17.3%)	(18.8%)	(3.2%)

<http://www.bot.or.th> Economic Research Division, Northern Region Office

### PRIVATE INVESTMENT

#### Construction areas

2002	2003	H1-03	H2-03	Jan-04	Feb-04P
996	1,371	596	775	55	59
(41.1%)	(37.7%)	(15.9%)	(80.8%)	(48.8%)	(43.9%)

#### Land transaction fees

2002	2003	H1-03	H2-03	Jan-04	Feb-04P
382	442	170	272	27	31.8
(41.5%)	(64.4%)	(22.3%)	(87.6%)	(12.1%)	(22.4%)

#### Import value of Non-electrical machinery and parts

2002	2003	H1-03	H2-03	Jan-04	Feb-04P
59	82	32	31	10	9
(34.9%)	(25.0%)	(33.1%)	(17.2%)	(117.4%)	(86.9%)

#### Investment value of new factories

2002	2003	H1-03	H2-03	Jan-04	Feb-04P
5,180	5,501	2,552	2,950	336	355
(99.6%)	(39.9%)	(36.4%)	(47.3%)	(38.8%)	(25.4%)

<http://www.bot.or.th> Economic Research Division, Northern Region Office

