

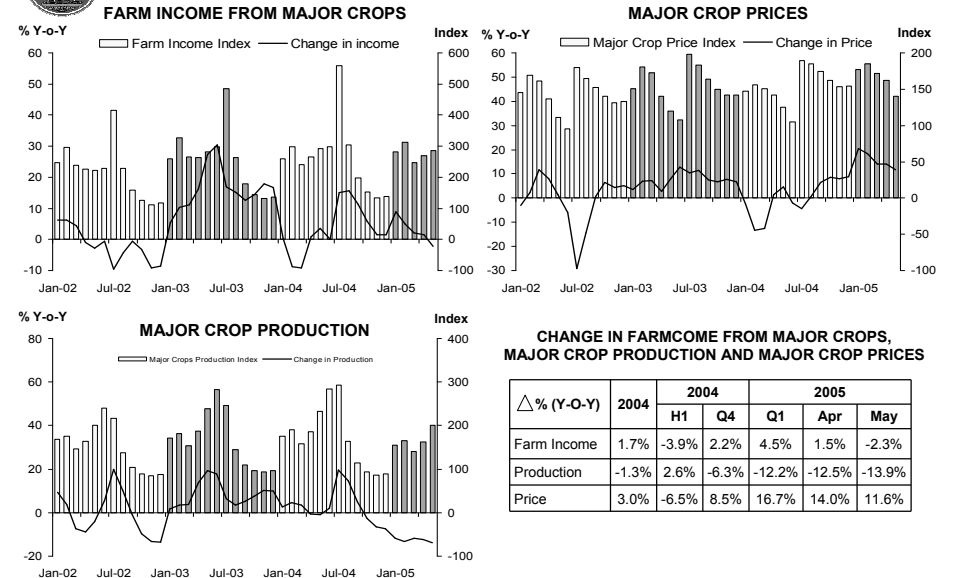


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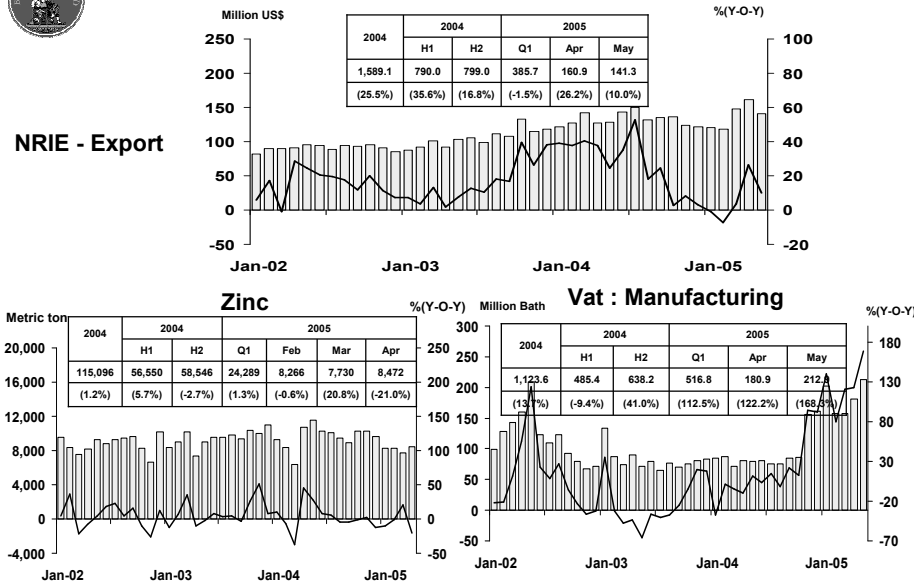
FARM INCOME FROM MAJOR CROPS



Source : Index constructed using data from Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operatives. (1988 = 100)
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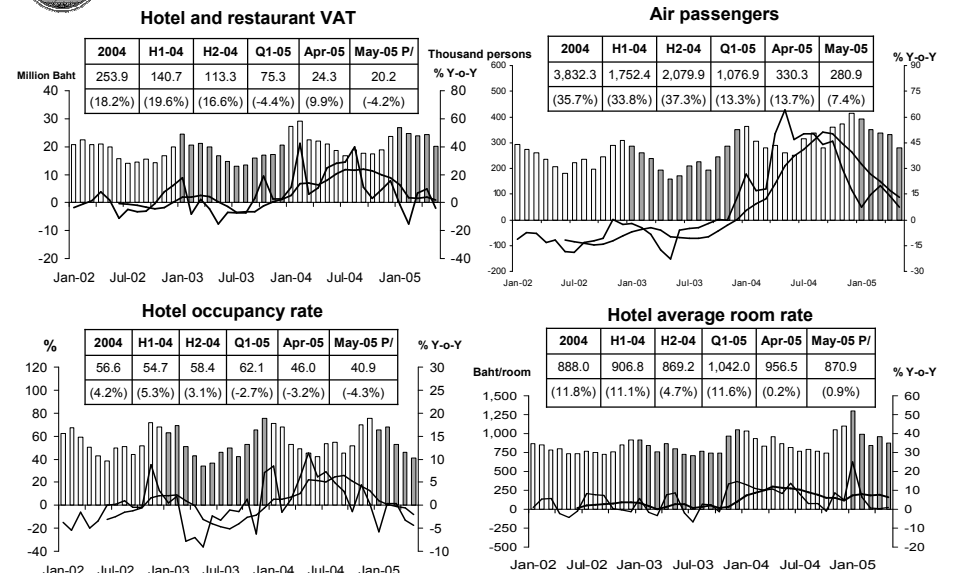
MANUFACTURING



Sources: Pa-Dang Industry Co., Ltd.; Thai Cane and Sugar Cooperation Co.,Ltd.; and Chiang Mai Airport Customs House
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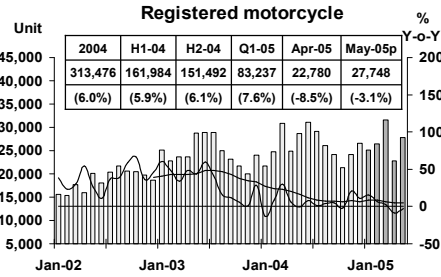
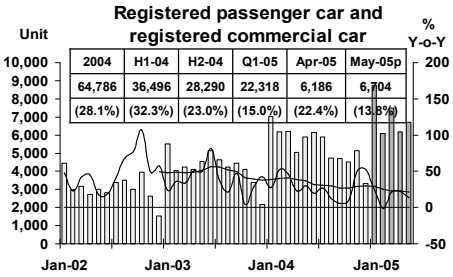
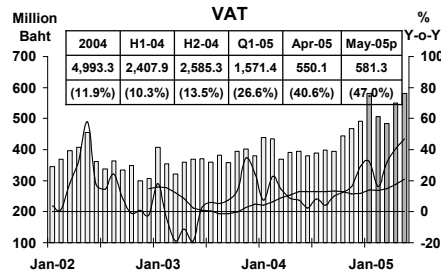
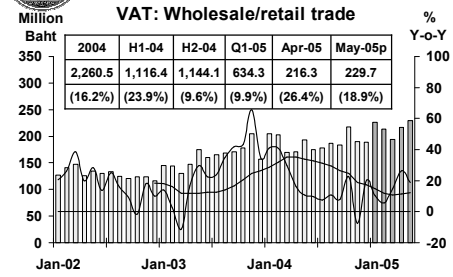
SERVICES



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PRIVATE CONSUMPTION

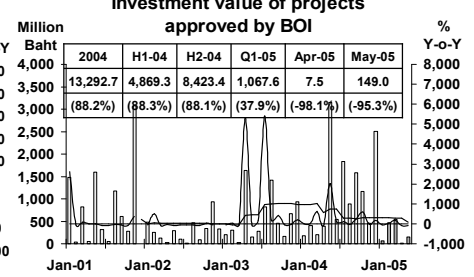
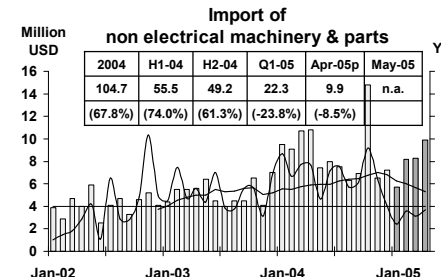
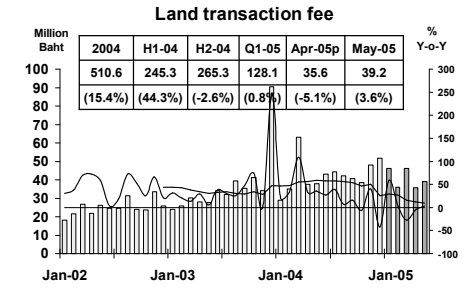
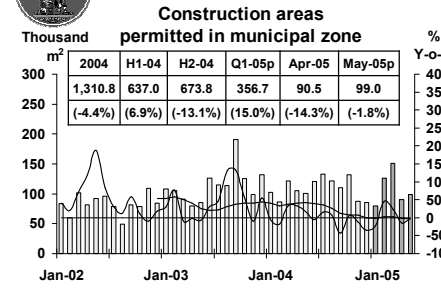


Sources: Ministry of Finance, Provincial Land Transportation Offices

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PRIVATE INVESTMENT

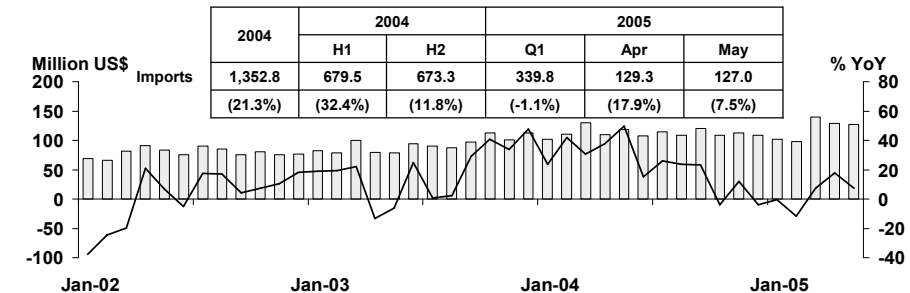
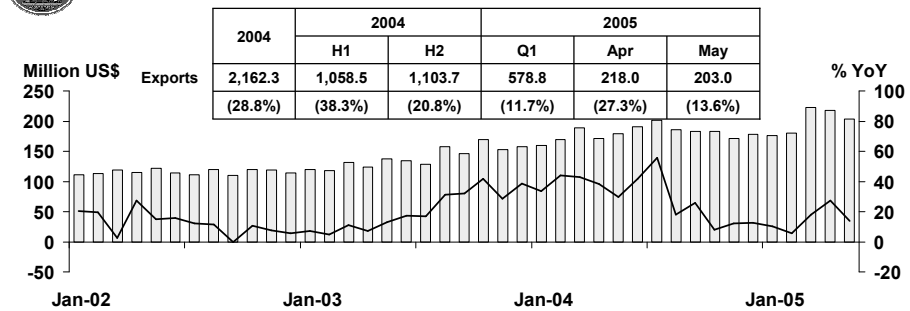


Sources: Municipality Offices; Provincial Land Offices; Customs Department; Northern Region Investment and Economic Center (BOI)

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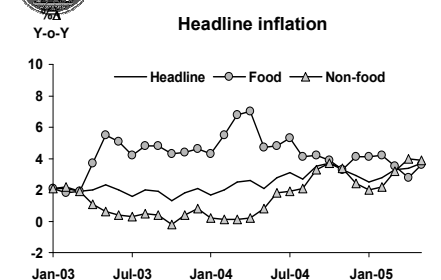
FOREIGN TRADE



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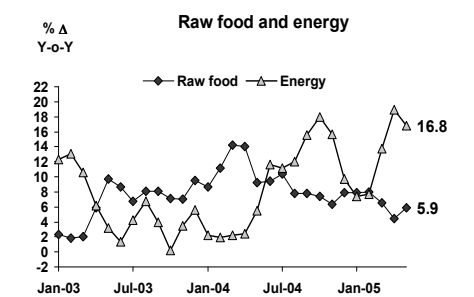
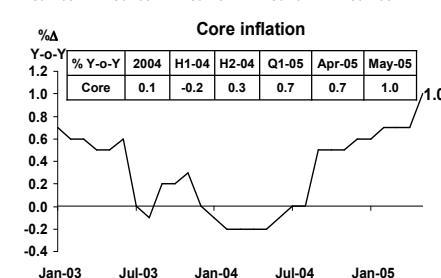


PRICE LEVEL



Headline inflation (2002 = 100)

%ΔY-o-Y	2004	H1-04	H2-04	Q1-05	Apr-05	May-05
Headline	2.8	2.3	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.7
Food	4.8	5.5	4.1	3.9	2.8	3.6
Non-food	1.7	0.5	2.8	2.4	4.0	3.9



Sources: Bureau of Trade and Economic Indices, Ministry of Commerce, Note: Northern region's Core CPI data has been released since January 2002

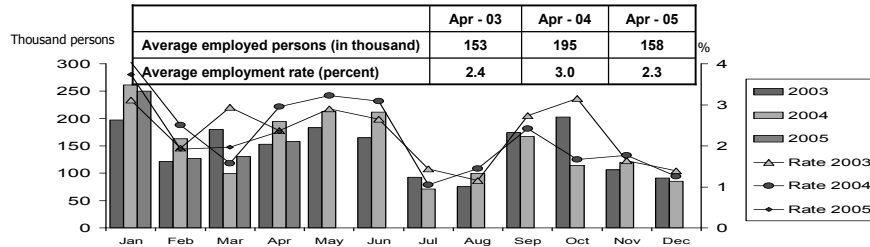
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LABOR FORCE SURVEY

	% of Total Labor Force (as of Apr 2005)	2003 (Δ %)	2004 (Δ %)	H1-04 (Δ %)	H2-04 (Δ %)	Mar-05 (Δ %)	Apr-05 (Δ %)
Labour Force (1,000 Persons)	100.0	6,563	6,787	6,849	6,787	6,629	6,723
Employed persons	96.0	3.0	3.6	10.2	3.6	3.9	2.0
• Agriculture	40.6	-3.8	-3.8	11.7	-3.8	2.7	5.0
• Non-agriculture	55.4	13.3	13.0	8.6	13.0	4.8	0.0
- Wholesale & retail trade	15.5	-0.7	26.2	27.3	26.2	4.6	3.8
- Manufacturing	11.4	22.5	16.6	32.5	16.6	20.1	-1.0
- Construction	7.9	25.3	4.5	-20.2	4.5	-15.1	-16.4
- Hotel & restaurants Services	5.8	15.9	-2.5	-27.7	-2.5	10.7	-4.3
- Others	14.7	15.5	8.8	0.9	8.8	5.1	10.0
Unemployed persons	2.3	-7.2	-6.5	28.2	-6.5	30.9	-18.9
Seasonally inactive persons	1.6	180.6	-4.0	-72.0	-4.0	16.2	57.4

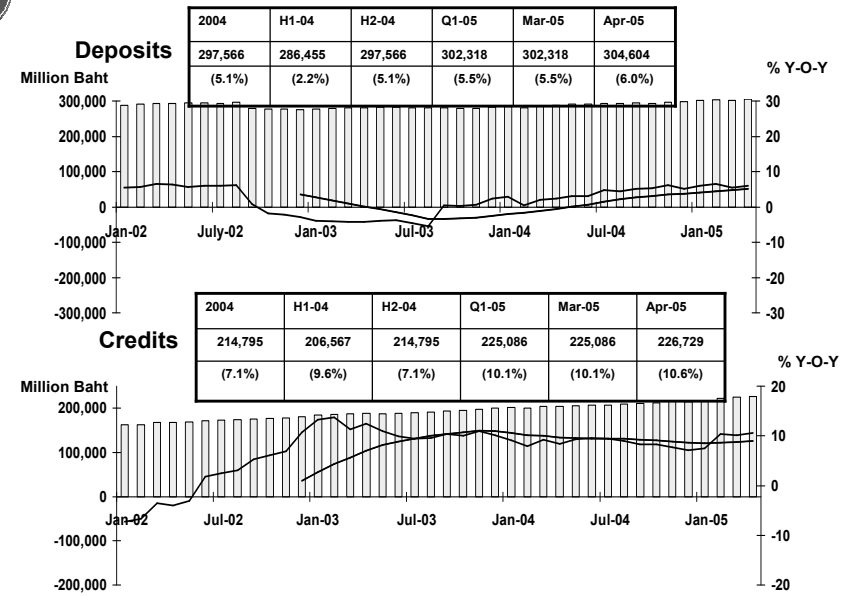
Unemployment



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DEPOSITS AND CREDITS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS



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