



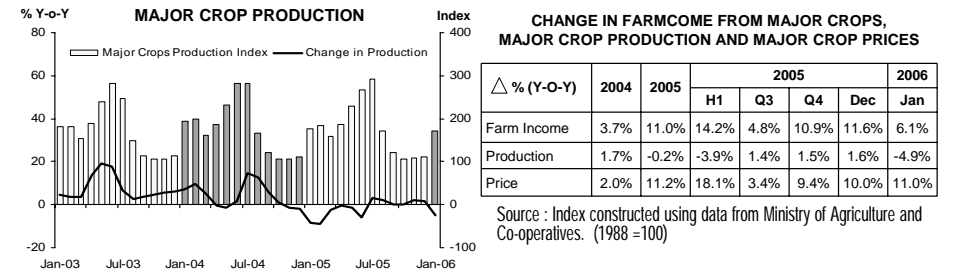
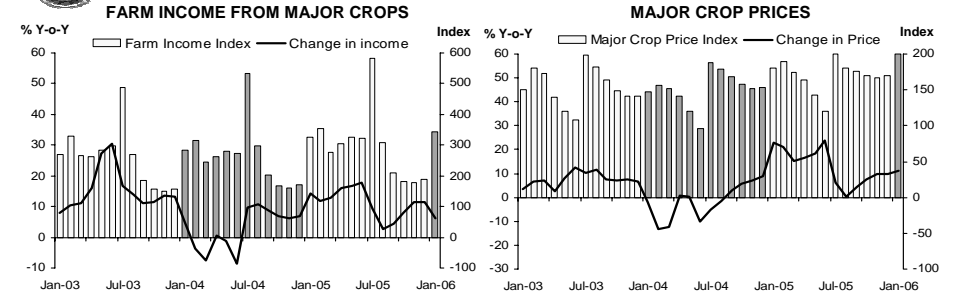
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FARM INCOME FROM MAJOR CROPS

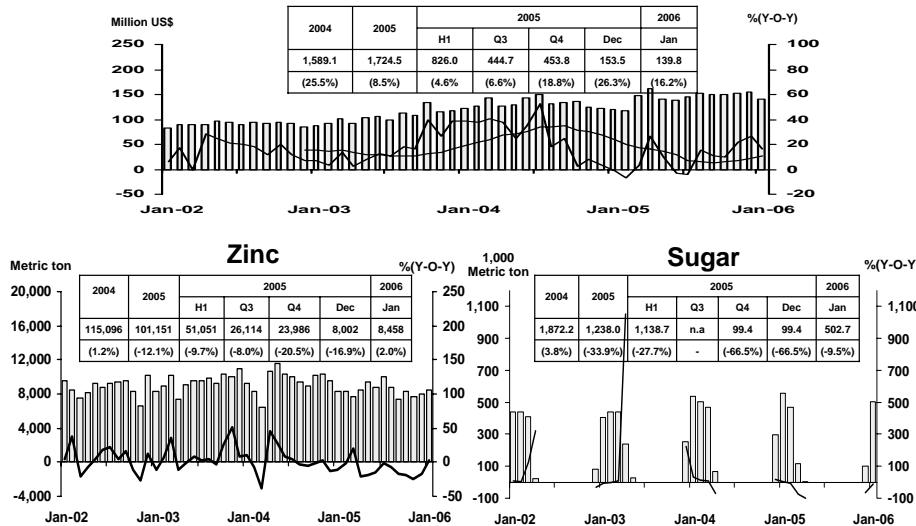


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MANUFACTURING

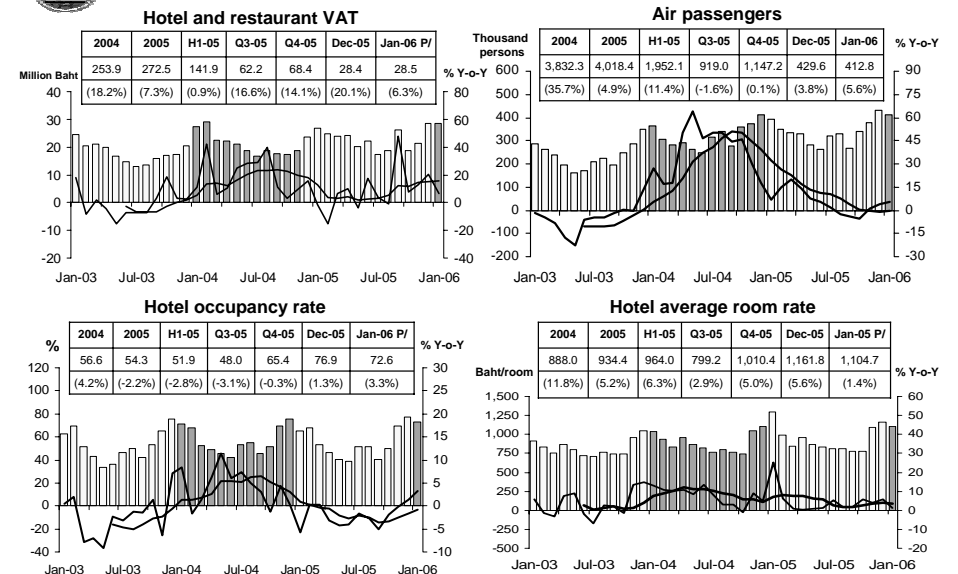
Export value by Lumphun Customs House



Sources: Lumphun Customs House, Padaeng Industry Plc., and Thai Cane and Sugar Cooperation Co.,Ltd.
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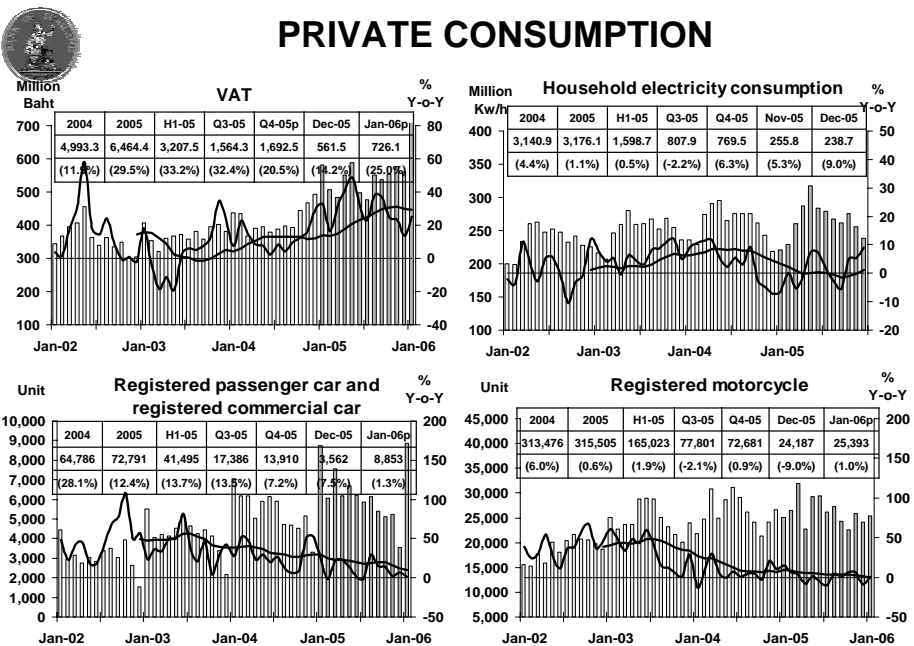


SERVICES



Sources: Ministry of Finance; Airports of Thailand Public Company Limited.; and Data Management Group, Bank of Thailand
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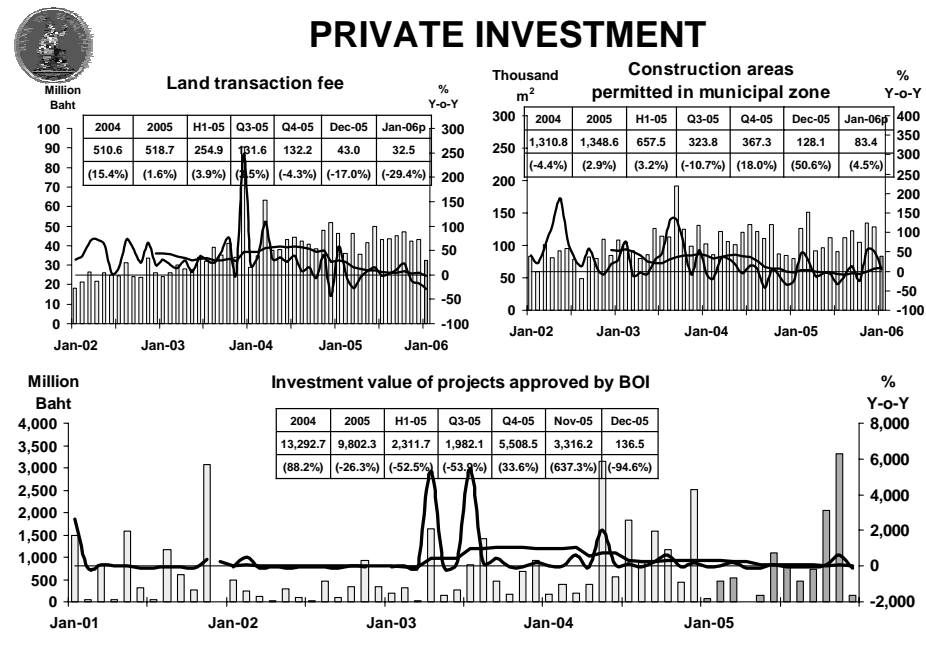
PRIVATE CONSUMPTION



Sources: Ministry of Finance, Provincial Electricity Authority, Provincial Land Transportation Offices

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PRIVATE INVESTMENT

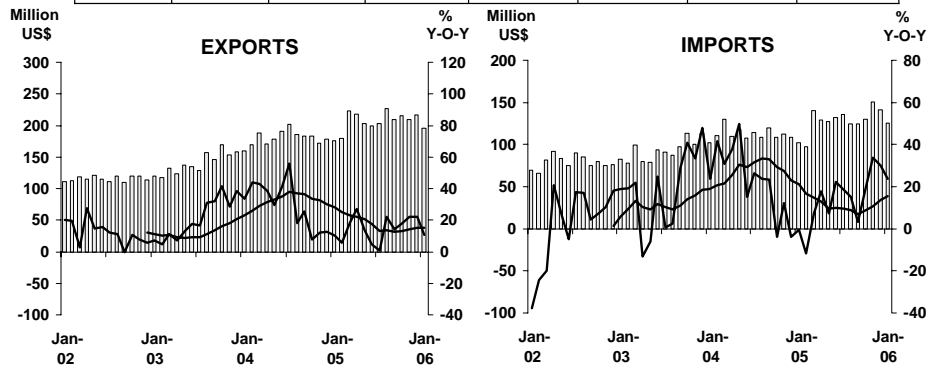


Sources: Provincial Land Offices, Municipality Offices; Northern Region Investment and Economic Center (BOI)

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FOREIGN TRADE

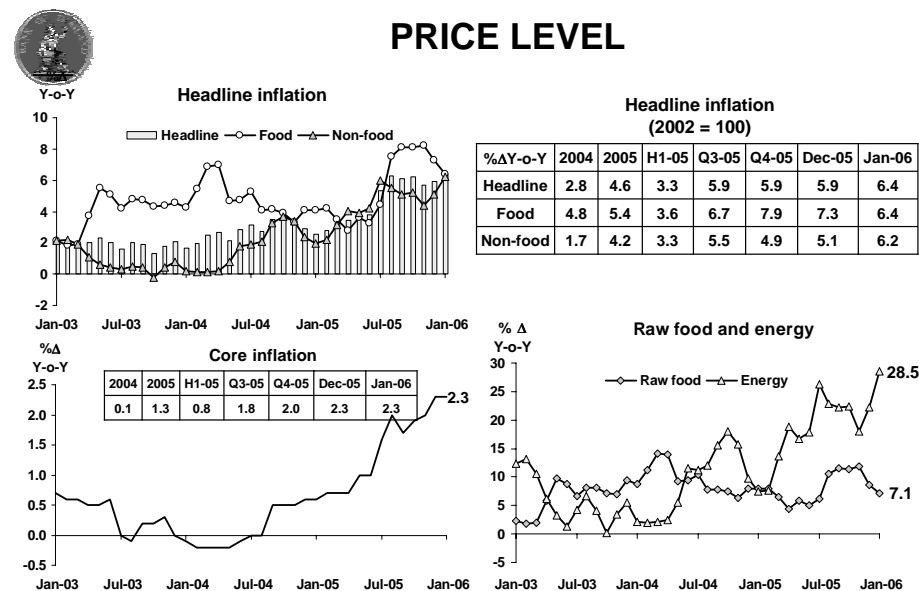
	2004	2005	2005				2006
			H1	Q3	Q4	Dec	
EXPORTS	2,162.3	2,481.8	1,199.4	639.3	643.1	217.2	195.3
	(28.8%)	(14.8%)	(13.3%)	(12.0%)	(20.7%)	(21.9%)	(10.8%)
IMPORTS	1,352.8	1,534.7	728.1	384.2	422.4	141.4	125.9
	(21.3%)	(13.4%)	(7.2%)	(12.0%)	(27.9%)	(30.0%)	(23.7%)
Trade Balance	809.5	947.1	471.3	255.1	220.7	78.8	69.4



Source: The Customs Department, Ministry of Finance

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PRICE LEVEL



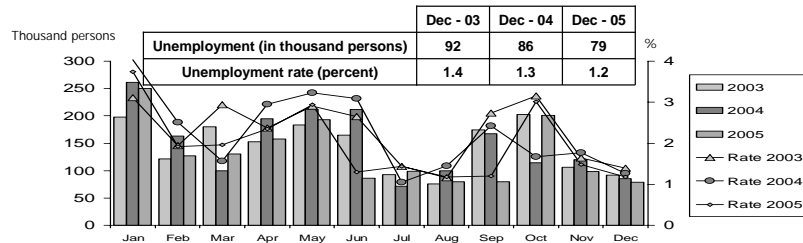
Source: Bureau of Trade and Economic Indices, Ministry of Commerce
Note: Northern region's Core CPI data has been released since January 2002

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LABOR FORCE SURVEY

	% of Total Labor Force (as of Dec 2005)	2004 (Δ %)	H1-05 (Δ %)	Q3-05 (Δ %)	Nov-05 (Δ %)	Dec-05 (Δ %)
Labor Force (1,000 Persons)	100.0	6,787	6,638	6,660	6,645	6,705
Employed persons	98.7	3.6	-1.6	-2.3	-1.5	-0.7
• Agriculture	52.1	-3.8	-6.9	-0.2	-3.3	0.5
• Non-agriculture	46.6	13.0	4.1	-4.4	0.3	-2.1
- Wholesale & retail trade	12.7	26.2	-7.5	-5.6	0.1	-4.2
- Manufacturing	9.2	16.6	-14.7	-15.3	5.0	-14.5
- Construction	5.6	4.5	34.1	-9.3	6.8	8.2
- Hotel & restaurants Services	5.3	-2.5	83.4	28.5	-3.2	9.0
- Others	13.8	8.8	4.2	-1.1	-4.3	2.0
Unemployed persons	1.2	-6.5	-59.3	-52.1	-17.9	-7.7
Seasonally inactive persons	0.1	-4.0	156.9	91.7	-3.5	-81.9

Unemployment



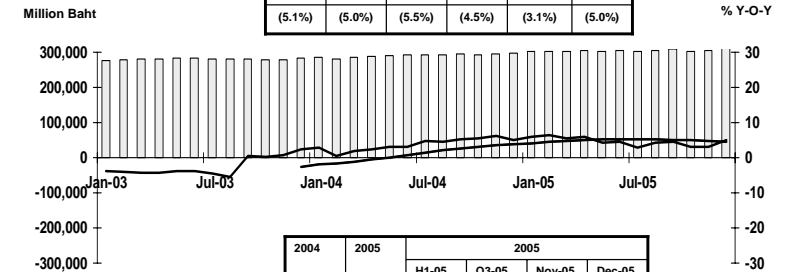
Source: National Statistical Office

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DEPOSITS AND CREDITS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS

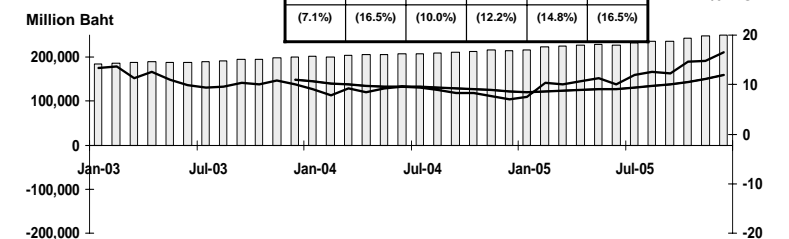
2004	2005	2005			
		Q3-05	Q4-05	Nov-05	Dec-05
297,566	312,509	302,318	304,834	305,260	312,509
(5.1%)	(5.0%)	(5.5%)	(4.5%)	(3.1%)	(5.0%)

Deposits



2004	2005	2005		
		H1-05	Q3-05	Nov-05
214,795	250,244	227,325	236,107	247,636
(7.1%)	(16.5%)	(10.0%)	(12.2%)	(14.8%)

Credits



Source: The Bank of Thailand

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