

NORTHERN REGION OF THAILAND



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	Unit	2004	2005	2005					2006
				H1	Q3	Q4	Nov	Dec	Jan
1. Agriculture									
- Major crop prices									
Major Rice 5%	Baht/Metric ton	5,370.8 (7.7)	- -	6,244.7 (22.0)	- -	- -	- -	- -	6,725.0 (12.6)
Glutinous	Baht/Metric ton	6,283.6 (11.0)	6,204.6 (-1.3)	6,176.4 (-3.9)	6,393.3 (-1.7)	6,072.3 (5.0)	5,917.0 (2.9)	5,886.0 (-0.1)	5,860.0 (-2.0)
Second Rice 14-15%	Baht/Metric ton	5,228.5 (14.7)	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Sugarcane	Baht/Metric ton	524.5 (-5.6)	745.3 (42.1)	745.3 (42.1)	- -	825.4 (16.1)	- -	825.4 (16.1)	859.9 (17.5)
Cassava	Baht/Kilogram	0.8 (-11.1)	1.3 (61.8)	1.3 (97.4)	1.3 (57.2)	1.2 (18.5)	1.1 (8.4)	1.1 (7.6)	1.2 (2.9)
Maize 14%	Baht/Kilogram	4.6 (6.8)	4.9 (6.2)	4.9 (7.1)	5.0 (2.2)	4.8 (9.1)	4.8 (9.6)	4.8 (-3.7)	4.8 (-4.2)
Soybean	Baht/Kilogram	12.2 (17.1)	10.4 (-14.4)	10.8 (-26.3)	10.4 (-2.8)	9.8 (-8.2)	10.0 (-12.6)	10.2 (-11.0)	- -
Garlic	Baht/Kilogram	19.2 (-34.8)	23.6 (23.0)	21.6 (12.4)	21.5 -	29.0 -	32.9 -	28.0 -	27.2 -
Shallot	Baht/Kilogram	10.7 (-38.9)	16.9 (58.5)	9.9 (-7.0)	25.8 -	25.6 -	31.6 -	16.5 -	15.4 (63.9)
Longan	Baht/Kilogram	9.1 (-23.6)	7.3 (-19.4)	- -	7.3 (-12.6)	- -	- -	- -	- -
Lychee	Baht/Kilogram	9.1 (-41.6)	9.6 (6.3)	9.6 (6.3)	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
2. Manufacturing									
- Export value registered at Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	1,589.1 (25.5)	1,724.5 (8.5)	826.0 (4.6)	444.7 (6.6)	453.8 (18.8)	151.5 (21.9)	153.5 (26.3)	139.8 (16.2)
- Sugar production	'000 metric tons	1,872.2 (3.8)	1,238.0 (-33.9)	1,138.7 (-27.7)	- -	99.4 (-66.5)	- -	99.4 (-66.5)	502.7 (-9.5)
- Zinc production	Metric tons	115,096 (1.2)	101,151 (-12.1)	51,051 (-9.7)	26,114 (-8.0)	23,986 (-20.5)	7,701 (-25.2)	8,002 (-16.9)	8,458 (2.0)
3. Services									
- VAT collected from hotels and restaurants	Million baht	253.9 (18.2)	272.5 (7.3)	141.9 (0.9)	62.2 (16.6)	68.4 (14.1)	21.3 (12.7)	28.4 (20.1)	28.5 P/ (6.3)
- Air passenger	'000 persons	3,832.3 (35.7)	4,018.4 (4.9)	1,952.1 (11.4)	919.0 (-1.6)	1,147.2 (0.1)	378.3 (1.2)	429.6 (3.8)	412.8 (5.6)
- Service business electrical usage	Million kw-h	239.6 (5.8)	230.9 (-3.6)	123.6 (3.4)	64.9 (3.1)	42.5 (-25.6)	21.1 (7.6)	19.34 (14.5)	n.a. -
- Hotel average occupancy rate	Percent	56.6	54.3	51.9	48.0	65.4	69.6	76.9	72.6 P/
- Hotel average room rate	Baht/room-night	888.0 (11.8)	934.4 (5.2)	964.0 (6.3)	799.2 (2.9)	1,010.4 (5.0)	1,089.4 (4.0)	1,161.8 (5.6)	1,104.7 P/ (1.4)
4. Private Consumption									
- VAT	Million baht	4,993.3 (11.9)	6,464.4 (29.5)	3,207.5 (33.2)	1,564.3 (32.4)	1,692.5 (20.5)	576.4 (23.3)	561.5 (14.2)	726.1 P/ (25.0)
- Registered motorcycle	Units	313,476 (6.0)	315,505 (0.6)	165,023 (1.9)	77,801 (-2.1)	72,681 (0.9)	25,855 (6.9)	24,187 (-9.0)	25,393 P/ (1.0)
- Registered car	Units	64,786 (28.1)	72,791 (12.4)	41,495 (13.7)	17,386 (13.5)	13,910 (7.5)	5,232 (1.7)	3,562 (7.5)	8,853 P/ (1.3)
- Household electrical usage	Million kw-h	3,141.0 (4.4)	3,176.1 (1.1)	1,598.7 (0.5)	807.9 (-2.2)	769.5 (6.3)	255.8 (5.3)	238.7 (9.0)	n.a. -
5. Private Investment									
- Construction areas permitted in municipal zone	'000 Square meters	1,311 (-4.4)	1,349 (2.9)	658 (3.2)	324 (-10.7)	367 (18.0)	136 (56.0)	128 (50.6)	83 P/ (4.5)
- Land transaction fees	Million baht	510.6 (15.4)	518.7 (1.6)	254.9 (3.9)	131.6 (3.5)	132.2 (-4.3)	42.2 (-12.0)	43.0 (-17.0)	32.5 P/ (-29.4)

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	Unit	2004	2005	2005					2006
				H1	Q3	Q4	Nov	Dec	Jan
- BOI's approved project									
Number	Projects	73	56	25	13	18	10	2	n.a.
Investment value	Million baht	(35.2)	(-23.3)	(-13.8)	(-43.5)	(-14.3)	(42.9)	(-75.0)	-
		13,292.7	9,802.3	2,311.7	1,982.1	5,508.5	3,316.2	136.5	n.a.
		(88.2)	(-26.3)	(-52.5)	(-53.9)	(33.6)	(637.3)	(-94.6)	-
6. Foreign Trade									
- Exports registered at northern region customs houses	Million US\$	2,162.3	2,481.8	1,199.4	639.3	643.1	209.9	217.2	195.3
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses	Million US\$	(28.8)	(14.8)	(13.3)	(12.0)	(20.7)	(22.2)	(21.9)	(10.8)
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	142.3	195.1	84.0	71.5	39.6	11.3	10.7	9.8
Border trade	Million US\$	(-0.7)	(37.2)	(18.0)	(82.9)	(23.8)	(4.4)	(14.4)	(20.1)
Myanmar	Million US\$	1,589.1	1,724.5	826.0	444.7	453.8	151.5	153.5	139.8
Southern China	Million US\$	(25.5)	(8.5)	(4.6)	(6.6)	(18.8)	(21.9)	(26.3)	(16.2)
- Imports registered at northern region customs houses	Million US\$	431.0	562.1	289.3	123.1	149.6	47.1	53.0	45.7
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses	Million US\$	(60.3)	(30.4)	(46.6)	(7.5)	(25.7)	(28.5)	(12.2)	(-4.5)
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	355.3	419.7	229.3	86.4	104.0	33.6	37.8	35.5
Border trade	Million US\$	(96.2)	(18.1)	(33.2)	(-9.0)	(17.8)	(33.1)	(4.1)	(-2.0)
Myanmar	Million US\$	52.3	101.8	44.1	26.2	31.5	8.8	10.3	8.1
Southern China	Million US\$	(-29.9)	(94.6)	(155.7)	(157.9)	(26.4)	(-3.4)	(17.1)	(-14.1)
- Trade Balance	Million US\$	1,352.8	1,534.7	728.1	384.2	422.4	150.9	141.4	125.9
		(21.3)	(13.4)	(7.2)	(12.0)	(27.9)	(33.7)	(30.0)	(23.7)
		17.2	25.8	11.4	6.0	8.4	4.2	2.5	2.4
		(25.9)	(49.7)	(35.0)	(22.3)	(115.8)	(234.8)	(50.9)	(74.6)
		1,250.7	1,431.3	678.0	362.0	391.3	138.3	131.3	117.5
		(19.8)	(14.4)	(6.6)	(12.8)	(33.2)	(38.0)	(37.3)	(26.6)
		84.8	77.6	38.7	16.2	22.6	8.4	7.6	5.9
		(48.5)	(-8.5)	(10.3)	(-4.8)	(-30.7)	(-25.9)	(-33.3)	(-21.3)
		44.1	35.6	21.8	6.3	7.5	2.8	2.4	2.7
		(89.0)	(-19.3)	(8.2)	(-33.2)	(-48.6)	(-42.7)	(-57.0)	(-37.8)
		30.5	27.2	9.2	7.0	11.1	3.9	3.7	1.7
		(14.9)	(-10.8)	(2.2)	(7.4)	(-26.4)	(-29.3)	(-16.0)	(-11.8)
		809.5	947.1	471.2	255.1	220.7	59.0	75.8	69.4
7. Price Level				(% Change from the same period last year)					
- Headline inflation	Percent	2.8	4.6	3.3	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.9	6.4
Food	Percent	4.8	5.4	3.6	6.7	7.9	8.2	7.3	6.4
Non-food	Percent	1.7	4.2	3.3	5.5	4.9	4.4	5.1	6.2
- Core inflation (exclude raw food and energy)	Percent	0.1	1.3	0.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3
8. Banking									
- Commercial banks' deposits	Billion baht	297.6	312.5	304.8	308.8	312.5	305.3	312.5	n.a.
		(5.1)	(5.0)	(4.5)	(4.6)	(5.0)	(3.1)	(5.0)	-
- Commercial banks' credits	Billion baht	214.8	250.2	227.3	236.1	250.2	247.6	250.2	n.a.
		(7.1)	(16.5)	(10.0)	(12.2)	(16.5)	(14.8)	(16.5)	-
- Credits/Deposits	Percent	72.2	80.1	74.6	76.4	80.1	81.1	80.1	n.a.

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