

NORTHERN REGION OF THAILAND



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	Unit	2004	2005	2005					2006	
				H1	Q3	Q4	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1. Agriculture										
- Major crop prices										
Major Rice 5%	Baht/Metric ton	5,261.0 (5.5)	6,386.0 (21.4)	6,037.5 (28.5)	- (15.6)	6,734.5 (16.8)	6,744.0 (16.8)	6,725.0 (14.5)	6,725.0 (12.6)	6,725.0 (10.2)
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)	6,313.0 (5.4)
Second Rice 14-15%	Baht/Metric ton	5,437.9 (19.3)	6,501.3 (19.6)	6,437.5 (23.5)	6,495.0 (15.5)	6,775.0 (17.3)	-	-	-	-
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)	882.8 (18.8)
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)	1.3 (-4.0)
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)	4.7 (-6.1)
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 (-)	19.9 (-17.0)
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)	15.6 (83.8)
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)	144.1 (22.0)
- 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)	493.8 (5.6)
- 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)	n.a. (-)
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)	28.6 (6.9)	32.4 P/ (31.1)
- 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)	358.6 (2.6)
- Service business electrical usage	Million kw-h	239.6 (5.8)	250.3 (4.5)	123.6 (3.4)	64.9 (3.1)	61.8 (8.3)	21.1 (7.6)	19.34 (14.5)	n.a. (-)	n.a. (-)
- Hotel average occupancy rate	Percent	56.6	53.7	52.5	46.6	63.2	67.9	73.5	71.4	69.4 P/
- Hotel average room rate	Baht/room-night	888.0 (11.8)	922.3 (3.9)	947.1 (4.5)	803.0 (3.4)	991.9 (3.1)	1,059.0 (1.1)	1,149.7 (4.5)	1,104.7 (1.4)	998.7 P/ (3.6)
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)	733.4 (26.3)	593.4 P/ (17.3)
- 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)	25,271 (0.5)	24,464 P/ (-7.5)
- 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)	9,025 (3.2)	6,814 P/ (12.2)
- 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)	233.9 (6.0)	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)	135 (54.4)	128 (50.6)	80 (0.5)	100 P/ (-20.9)
- 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)	32.2 (-30.0)	36.7 P/ (2.1)

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- BOI's approved project										
Number	Projects	73	56	25	13	18	10	2	3	2 P/
Investment value	Million baht	13,292.7	9,802.3	2,311.7	1,982.1	5,508.5	3,316.2	136.5	130.8	556.5 P/
		(88.2)	(-26.3)	(-52.5)	(-53.9)	(33.6)	(637.3)	(-94.6)	(105.1)	(20.1)
6. Foreign Trade										
- Exports registered at northern region	Million US\$	2,162.3	2,481.8	1,199.4	639.3	643.1	209.9	217.2	195.3	217.4
customs houses		(28.8)	(14.8)	(13.3)	(12.0)	(20.7)	(22.2)	(21.9)	(10.8)	(21.0)
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses	Million US\$	142.3	195.1	84.0	71.5	39.6	11.3	10.7	9.8	17.5
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	1,589.1	1,724.5	826.0	444.7	453.8	151.5	153.5	139.8	144.1
Border trade	Million US\$	(25.5)	(8.5)	(4.6)	(6.6)	(18.8)	(21.9)	(26.3)	(16.2)	(22.0)
Myanmar	Million US\$	431.0	562.1	289.3	123.1	149.6	47.1	53.0	45.7	55.8
Southern China	Million US\$	(60.3)	(30.4)	(46.6)	(7.5)	(25.7)	(28.5)	(12.2)	(-4.5)	(9.2)
	Million US\$	355.3	419.7	229.3	86.4	104.0	33.6	37.8	35.5	43.8
	Million US\$	(96.2)	(18.1)	(33.2)	(-9.0)	(17.8)	(33.1)	(4.1)	(-2.0)	(0.8)
	Million US\$	52.3	101.8	44.1	26.2	31.5	8.8	10.3	8.1	8.8
	Million US\$	(-29.9)	(94.6)	(155.7)	(157.9)	(26.4)	(-3.4)	(17.1)	(-14.1)	(61.9)
- Imports registered at northern region	Million US\$	1,352.8	1,534.7	728.1	384.2	422.4	150.9	141.4	125.9	128.4
customs houses		(21.3)	(13.4)	(7.2)	(12.0)	(27.9)	(33.7)	(30.0)	(23.7)	(31.3)
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses	Million US\$	17.2	25.8	11.4	6.0	8.4	4.2	2.5	2.4	6.9
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	(25.9)	(49.7)	(35.0)	(22.3)	(115.8)	(234.8)	(50.9)	(74.6)	(323.6)
Border trade	Million US\$	1,250.7	1,431.3	678.0	362.0	391.3	138.3	131.3	117.5	113.5
Myanmar	Million US\$	(19.8)	(14.4)	(6.6)	(12.8)	(33.2)	(38.0)	(37.3)	(26.6)	(24.5)
Southern China	Million US\$	84.8	77.6	38.7	16.2	22.6	8.4	7.6	5.9	8.0
	Million US\$	(48.5)	(-8.5)	(10.3)	(-4.8)	(-30.7)	(-25.9)	(-33.3)	(-21.3)	(58.8)
	Million US\$	44.1	35.6	21.8	6.3	7.5	2.8	2.4	2.7	4.8
	Million US\$	(89.0)	(-19.3)	(8.2)	(-33.2)	(-48.6)	(-42.7)	(-57.0)	(-37.8)	(48.0)
	Million US\$	30.5	27.2	9.2	7.0	11.1	3.9	3.7	1.7	1.4
	Million US\$	(14.9)	(-10.8)	(2.2)	(7.4)	(-26.4)	(-29.3)	(-16.0)	(-11.8)	(78.0)
- Trade Balance	Million US\$	809.5	947.1	471.2	255.1	220.7	59.0	75.8	69.4	89.0
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	5.7
Food	Percent	4.8	5.4	3.6	6.7	7.9	8.2	7.3	6.4	5.0
Non-food	Percent	1.7	4.2	3.3	5.5	4.9	4.4	5.1	6.2	6.1
- Core inflation (exclude raw food and energy)	Percent	0.1	1.3	0.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.4
8. Banking										
- Commercial banks' deposits	Billion baht	297.6	312.5	304.8	308.8	312.5	305.3	312.5	314.1	n.a.
		(5.1)	(5.0)	(4.5)	(4.6)	(5.0)	(3.1)	(5.0)	(3.9)	-
- Commercial banks' credits	Billion baht	214.8	250.2	227.3	236.1	250.2	247.6	250.2	250.3	n.a.
		(7.1)	(16.5)	(10.0)	(12.2)	(16.5)	(14.8)	(16.5)	(15.6)	-
- Credits/Deposits	Percent	72.2	80.1	74.6	76.4	80.1	81.1	80.1	79.7	n.a.

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