



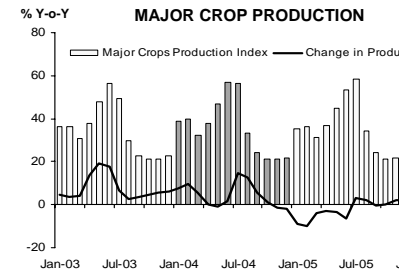
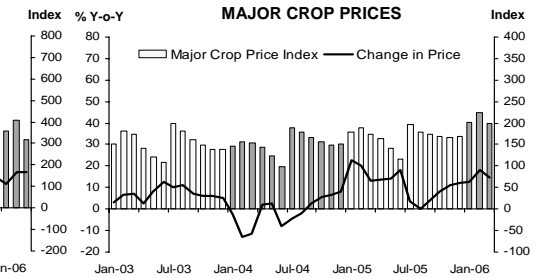
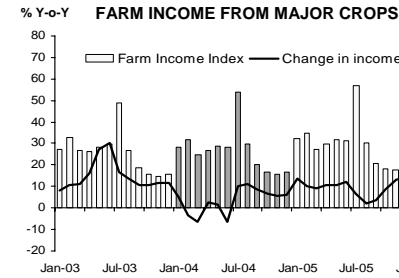
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FARM INCOME FROM MAJOR CROPS



CHANGE IN FARM INCOME FROM MAJOR CROPS,
MAJOR CROP PRODUCTION AND MAJOR CROP PRICES

△ % (Y-O-Y)	2005	2006				
	Q4	Q1	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Farm Income	10.6%	10.9%	15.3%	11.4%	16.9%	16.5%
Production	-0.8%	1.5%	0.2%	-1.3%	-1.3%	1.7%
Price	11.4%	9.4%	15.1%	12.7%	18.2%	14.8%

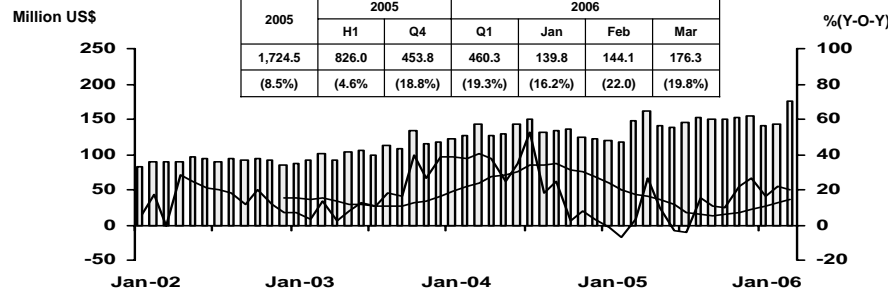
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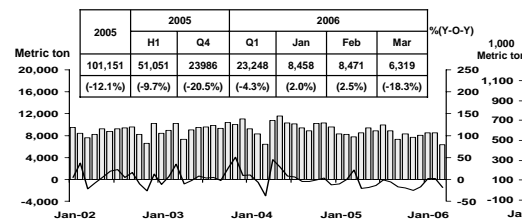


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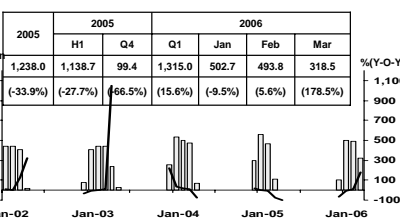
Export value by Lamphun Customs House



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Sugar

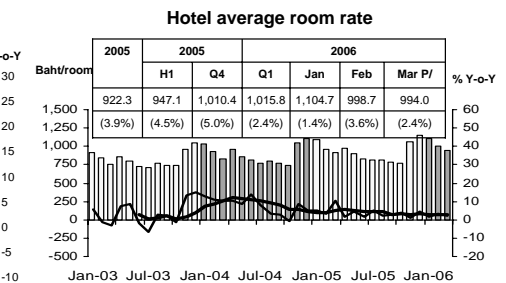
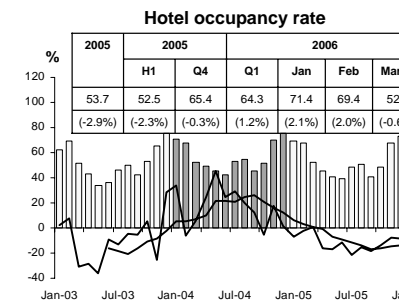
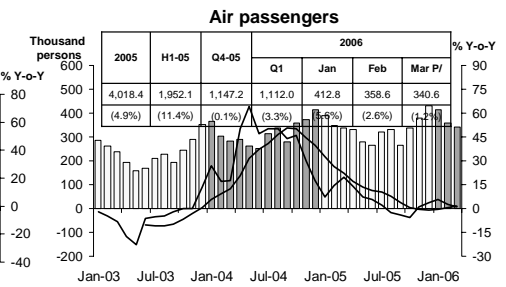
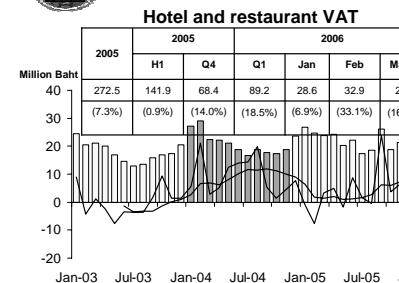


Sources: Customs Department, Pa-Dang Industry Co., Ltd., and Thai Cane and Sugar Cooperation Co., Ltd.

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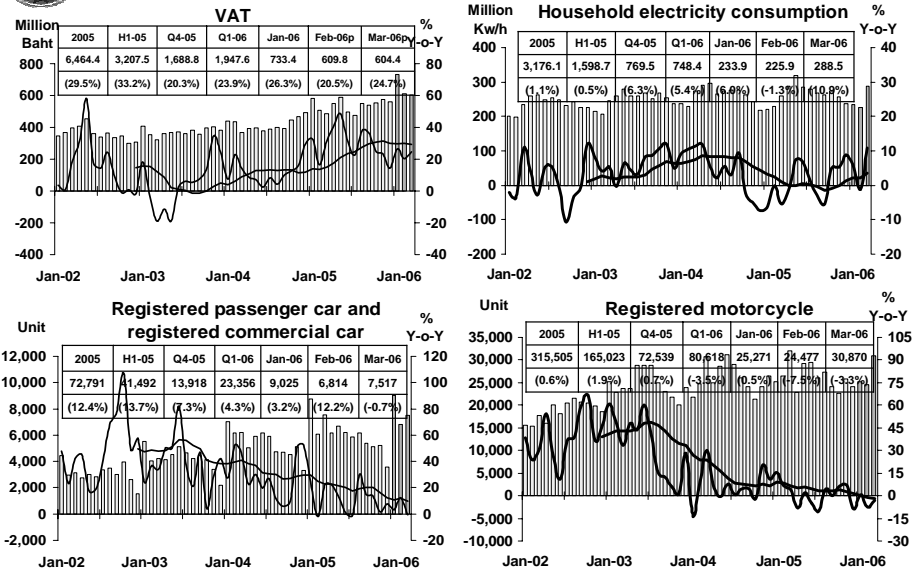
SERVICES



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

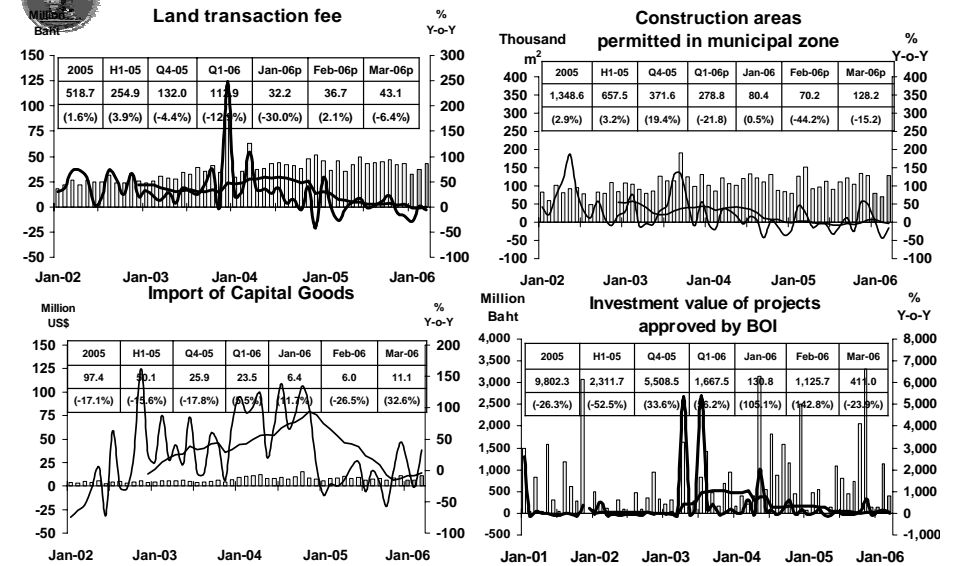
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PRIVATE CONSUMPTION



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

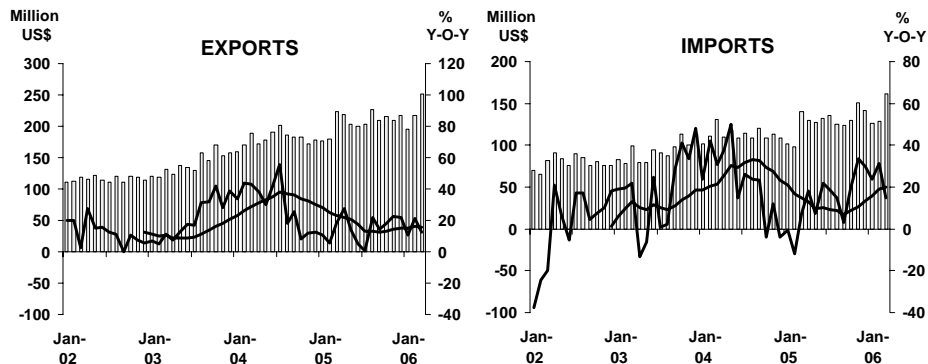


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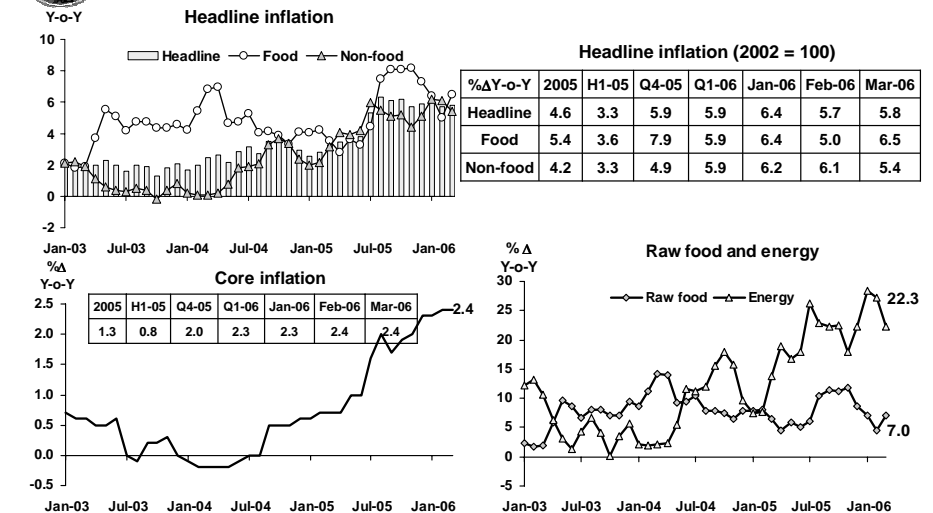
FOREIGN TRADE

	2005	2005		2006			
		H1	Q4	Q1	Jan	Feb	Mar
EXPORTS	2,481.8	1,199.4	643.1	663.7	195.3	217.4	251.0
	(14.8%)	(13.3%)	(20.7%)	(14.7%)	(10.8%)	(21.0%)	(12.6%)
IMPORTS	1,534.7	728.1	422.4	415.4	125.9	128.4	161.0
	(13.4%)	(7.2%)	(22.9%)	(22.2%)	(23.7%)	(31.3%)	(14.9%)
Trade Balance	947.1	471.3	220.7	248.3	69.4	89.0	90.0



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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

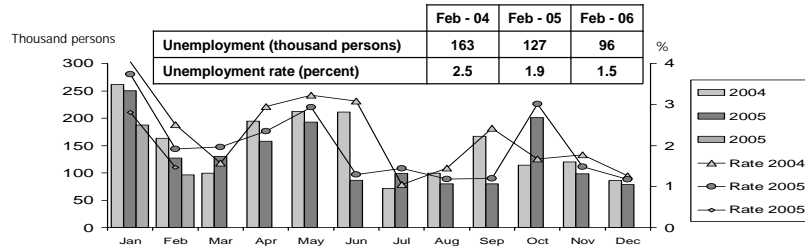
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Labor Force Survey

	% of Total Labour Force (as of Feb 2006)	2004 (Δ%)	2005 (Δ%)	H1-05 (Δ%)	Q3-05 (Δ%)	Jan-06 (Δ%)	Feb-06 (Δ%)
Labor Force (1,000 Persons)	100.0	6,787	6,705	6,638	6,660	6,677	6,568
Employed persons	97.9	3.6	-0.7	-1.6	-2.3	1.4	-0.4
• Agriculture	42.1	-3.8	0.5	-6.9	-0.2	6.2	0.7
• Non-agriculture	55.8	13.0	-2.1	4.1	-4.4	-2.7	-1.2
- Wholesale & retail trade	13.5	26.2	-4.2	-7.5	-5.6	0.0	-6.3
- Manufacturing	12.6	16.6	-14.5	-14.7	-15.3	11.6	1.6
- Construction	8.9	4.5	8.2	34.1	-9.3	-18.1	10.5
- Hotel & restaurants Services	5.5	-2.5	9.0	83.4	28.5	0.5	3.2
- Others	15.4	8.8	2.0	4.2	-1.1	-9.4	-5.9
Unemployed persons	1.5	-6.5	-7.7	-59.3	-52.1	-24.9	-24.2
Seasonally inactive persons	0.7	-4.0	-81.9	156.9	91.7	-52.2	-15.6

Unemployment

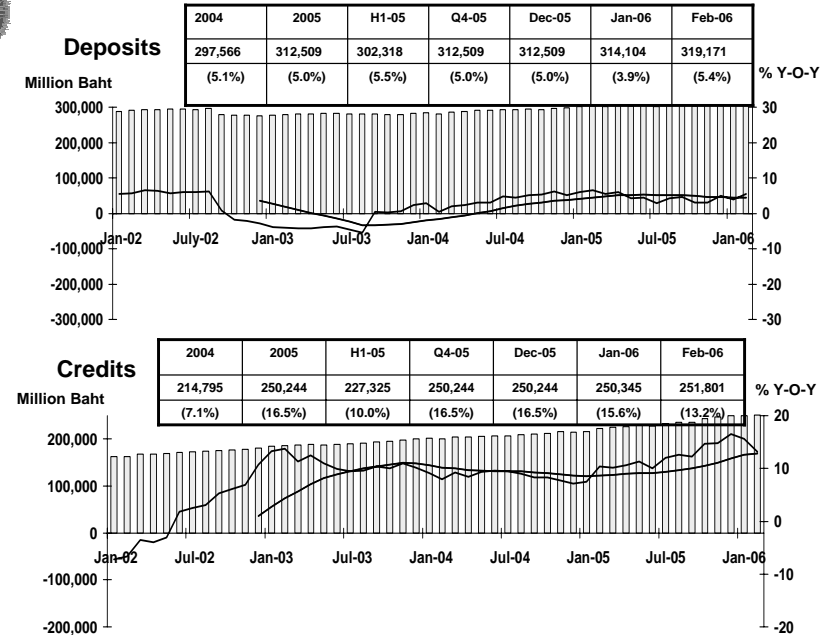


Source: National Statistical Office

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DEPOSITS AND CREDITS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS



Source: Bank of Thailand

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