

NORTHERN REGION OF THAILAND



**Table Attached to Press Release on Northern Region Economic Conditions  
in March 2006 and the First Quarter of 2006**

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	Unit	2005	2005				2006			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Jan	Feb	Mar
<b>1. Agriculture</b>										
- Major crop prices										
Major Rice 5%	Baht/Metric ton	6,386.0 (21.4)	6,037.5 (28.5)	- -	- -	6,734.5 (15.6)	6,725.0 (11.4)	6,725.0 (12.6)	6,725.0 (10.2)	- -
Glutinous	Baht/Metric ton	6,204.6 (-1.3)	6,048.4 (-3.1)	6,304.3 (-4.5)	6,393.3 (-1.7)	6,072.3 (5.0)	6,296.0 (4.1)	5,860.0 (-2.0)	6,313.0 (5.4)	6,715.0 (8.7)
Second Rice 14-15%	Baht/Metric ton	6,501.3 (19.6)	6,325.0 (26.0)	6,475.0 (22.7)	6,495.0 (15.5)	6,775.0 (17.3)	6,706.0 (6.0)	- -	- -	6,706.0 (6.0)
Sugarcane	Baht/Metric ton	745.3 (42.1)	745.3 (42.3)	745.3 (42.1)	- -	825.4 (16.1)	893.0 (19.8)	859.9 (17.5)	882.8 (18.8)	893.0 (19.8)
Cassava	Baht/Kilogram	1.3 (61.8)	1.3 (83.1)	1.3 (113.6)	1.3 (57.2)	1.2 (18.5)	1.3 (-1.5)	1.2 (2.9)	1.3 (-4.0)	1.3 (-3.1)
Maize 14%	Baht/Kilogram	4.9 (6.2)	5.0 (18.2)	4.9 (-15.5)	5.0 (2.2)	4.8 (9.1)	4.7 (-5.5)	4.8 (-4.2)	4.7 (-6.1)	4.7 (-6.2)
Soybean	Baht/Kilogram	10.4 (-14.4)	11.2 (-17.4)	10.5 (-30.8)	10.4 (-2.8)	9.8 (-8.2)	10.4 (-7.7)	- -	- -	10.4 (-6.8)
Garlic	Baht/Kilogram	23.6 (23.0)	23.0 (14.9)	20.6 (10.6)	21.5 -	29.0 -	24.4 (6.2)	27.2 -	19.9 (-17.0)	26.1 (18.7)
Shallot	Baht/Kilogram	16.9 (58.5)	8.8 (-15.5)	11.7 (7.3)	25.8 -	25.6 -	15.9 (81.0)	15.4 (63.9)	15.6 (83.8)	16.6 (97.3)
Longan	Baht/Kilogram	7.3 (-19.4)	- -	- -	7.3 (-12.6)	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Lychee	Baht/Kilogram	9.6 (6.3)	- -	9.6 (6.3)	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
<b>2. Manufacturing</b>										
- Export value registered at Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	1,724.5 (8.5)	385.7 (-1.5)	440.4 (10.5)	444.7 (6.6)	453.8 (18.8)	460.3 (19.3)	139.8 (16.2)	144.1 (22.0)	176.3 (19.8)
- Sugar production	'000 metric tons	1,238.0 (-33.9)	1,137.5 (-24.6)	1.2 (-98.2)	0.0 (0.0)	99.4 (-66.5)	1,315.0 (15.6)	502.7 (-9.5)	493.8 (5.6)	318.5 (178.5)
- Zinc production	Metric tons	101,151 (-12.1)	24,289 (1.3)	26,762 (-17.8)	26,114 (-8.0)	23,986 (-20.5)	23,248 (-4.3)	8,458 (2.0)	8,471 (2.5)	6,319 (-18.3)
<b>3. Services</b>										
- VAT collected from hotels and restaurants	Million baht	272.5 (7.3)	75.3 (-4.4)	66.6 (7.6)	62.2 (16.6)	68.4 (14.1)	89.2 (18.5)	28.6 (6.9)	32.9 (33.1)	27.7 (16.3)
- Air passenger	'000 persons	4,018.4 (4.9)	1,076.9 (13.3)	875.2 (9.1)	919.0 (-1.6)	1,147.2 (0.1)	1,112.0 (3.3)	412.8 (5.6)	358.6 (2.6)	340.6 (1.2)
- Service business electrical usage	Million kw-h	250.3 (4.5)	56.4 (1.8)	67.2 (4.7)	64.9 (3.1)	61.8 (8.3)	62.5 (10.9)	19.2 (9.0)	19.3 (7.4)	24.0 (15.5)
- Hotel average occupancy rate	Percent	53.7 -	63.1 -	41.8 -	46.6 -	63.2 -	64.3 -	71.4 -	69.4 -	52.1 -
- Hotel average room rate	Baht/room-night	922.3 (3.9)	991.8 (6.2)	902.5 (2.6)	803.0 (3.4)	991.9 (3.1)	1,015.8 (2.4)	1,104.7 (1.4)	998.7 (3.6)	944.0 (2.4)
<b>4. Private Consumption</b>										
- VAT	Million baht	6,464.3 (29.5)	1,571.4 (26.6)	1,636.1 (40.2)	1,564.3 (32.4)	1,692.5 (20.5)	1,947.6 (23.9)	733.4 (26.3)	609.8 (20.5)	604.4 P (24.7)
- Registered motorcycle	Units	315,505 (0.6)	83,543 (8.0)	81,480 (-3.7)	77,801 (-2.1)	72,681 (0.9)	80,618 (-3.5)	25,271 (0.5)	24,477 (-7.5)	30,870 (-3.3)
- Registered car	Units	72,791 (12.4)	22,385 (15.4)	19,110 (11.8)	17,386 (13.5)	13,910 (7.2)	23,356 (4.3)	9,025 (3.2)	6,814 (12.2)	7,517 (-0.7)
- Household electrical usage	Million kw-h	3,176.1 (1.1)	709.8 (-4.1)	888.9 (4.5)	807.9 (-2.2)	769.5 (6.3)	748.4 (5.4)	233.9 (6.0)	225.9 (-1.3)	288.5 (10.9)
<b>5. Private Investment</b>										
- Construction areas permitted in municipal zone	'000 Square meters	1,349 (2.9)	357 (15.0)	301 (-8.0)	324 (-10.7)	367 (18.0)	279 (-21.8)	80 (0.8)	70 (-44.2)	128 P (-15.2)
- Land transaction fees	Million baht	518.6 (1.6)	128.1 (0.8)	126.7 (7.1)	131.6 (3.5)	132.2 (-4.3)	112.9 (-12.9)	32.2 (-30.0)	36.7 (2.1)	43.1 P (-6.4)

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- BOI's approved project										
Number	Projects	56	15	10	13	18	16	3	9	4 P
Investment value	Million baht	(-23.3)	(7.1)	(-33.3)	(-43.5)	(-14.3)	(6.7)	(0.0)	(125.0)	(-50.0) P
		9,802.3	1,067.6	1,244.1	1,982.1	5,508.5	1,667.5	130.8	1,125.7	411.0 P
		(-26.3)	(37.9)	(-69.6)	(-53.9)	(33.6)	(56.2)	(105.1)	(142.8)	(-23.9)
6. Foreign Trade										
- Exports registered at northern region customs houses	Million US\$	2,481.8	578.8	620.5	639.3	643.1	663.7	195.3	217.4	251.0
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses	Million US\$	(14.8)	(11.7)	(14.8)	(12.0)	(20.7)	(14.7)	(10.8)	(21.0)	(12.6)
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	195.1	32.3	51.7	71.5	39.6	49.6	9.8	17.5	22.3
Border trade	Million US\$	(37.2)	(1.8)	(31.0)	(82.9)	(23.8)	(53.4)	(20.1)	(68.2)	(62.0)
Myanmar	Million US\$	1,724.5	385.7	440.4	444.7	453.8	460.3	139.8	144.1	176.3
Southern China	Million US\$	(8.5)	(-1.5)	(10.5)	(6.6)	(18.8)	(19.3)	(16.2)	(22.0)	(19.8)
- Imports registered at northern region customs houses	Million US\$	562.1	160.9	128.5	123.1	149.6	153.9	45.7	55.8	52.4
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses	Million US\$	(30.4)	(69.2)	(25.6)	(7.5)	(25.7)	(-4.4)	(-4.5)	(9.2)	(-15.4)
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	419.7	125.1	104.1	86.4	104.0	120.2	35.5	43.8	40.9
Border trade	Million US\$	(18.1)	(54.7)	(14.1)	(-9.0)	(17.8)	(-4.0)	(-2.0)	(0.8)	(-10.0)
Myanmar	Million US\$	101.8	27.1	17.0	26.2	31.5	24.5	8.1	8.8	7.5
Southern China	Million US\$	(94.6)	(170.7)	(135.0)	(157.9)	(26.4)	(-9.7)	(-14.1)	(61.9)	(-38.3)
- Trade Balance	Million US\$	1,534.7	339.8	388.3	384.2	422.4	415.4	125.9	128.4	161.0
		(13.4)	(-1.1)	(15.6)	(12.0)	(27.9)	(22.2)	(23.7)	(31.3)	(14.9)
		25.8	5.1	6.3	6.0	8.4	18.2	2.4	6.9	8.8
		(49.7)	(20.2)	(49.8)	(22.3)	(115.8)	(258.0)	(74.6)	(323.6)	(331.4)
		1,431.3	315.0	363.0	362.0	391.3	375.1	117.5	113.5	144.0
		(14.4)	(-2.1)	(15.5)	(12.8)	(33.2)	(19.1)	(26.6)	(24.5)	(9.9)
		77.6	19.8	19.0	16.2	22.6	22.2	5.9	8.0	8.2
		(-8.5)	(12.6)	(8.0)	(-4.8)	(-30.7)	(12.3)	(-21.3)	(58.8)	(14.9)
		35.6	11.8	10.0	6.3	7.5	12.1	2.7	4.8	4.7
		(-19.3)	(10.3)	(5.9)	(-33.2)	(-48.6)	(2.7)	(-37.8)	(48.0)	(9.3)
		27.2	3.8	5.3	7.0	11.1	4.1	1.7	1.4	1.1
		(-10.8)	(6.6)	(-0.7)	(7.4)	(-26.4)	(7.1)	(-11.8)	(78.0)	(-8.5)
		947.1	239.0	232.2	255.1	220.7	248.3	69.4	89.0	90.0
7. Price Level										
- Headline inflation	Percent	4.6	2.9	3.7	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.4	5.7	5.8
Food	Percent	5.4	3.9	3.2	6.7	7.9	5.9	6.4	5.0	6.5
Non-food	Percent	4.2	2.4	4.1	5.5	4.9	5.9	6.2	6.1	5.4
- Core inflation (exclude raw food and energy)	Percent	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4
8. Banking										
- Commercial banks' deposits	Billion baht	312.5	302.3	304.8	308.8	312.5	n.a.	314.1	319.2	n.a.
		(5.0)	(5.5)	(4.5)	(4.6)	(5.0)	-	(3.9)	(5.4)	-
- Commercial banks' credits	Billion baht	250.2	225.1	227.3	236.1	250.2	n.a.	250.3	251.8	n.a.
		(16.5)	(10.1)	(10.0)	(12.2)	(16.5)	-	(15.7)	(13.2)	-
- Credits/Deposits	Percent	80.1	74.5	74.6	76.4	80.1	n.a.	79.7	78.9	n.a.

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