

NORTHERN REGION OF THAILAND



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	Unit	2005	2005				2006				
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1. Agriculture											
- 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 (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)	6,313.0 (5.4)	6,715.0 (8.7)	7,298.0 (16.1)	7,576.0 (20.0)
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)	6,475.0 (0.0)	6,475.0 (0.0)
Sugarcane	Baht/Metric ton	745.3 (42.1)	745.3 (42.3)	745.3 (42.1)	- -	825.4 (16.1)	893.0 (19.8)	882.8 (18.8)	893.0 (19.8)	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)	1.3 (-4.0)	1.3 (-3.1)	1.2 (-13.2)	1.0 (-20.0)
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)	4.7 (-6.1)	4.7 (-6.2)	5.2 (7.3)	5.5 (10.2)
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)	10.0 (-12.0)	10.0 (-2.0)
Garlic	Baht/Kilogram	23.6 (23.0)	23.0 (14.9)	20.6 (10.6)	21.5 -	29.0 -	24.4 (6.2)	19.9 (-17.0)	26.1 (18.7)	25.6 (26.8)	30.4 (47.6)
Shallot	Baht/Kilogram	16.9 (58.5)	8.8 (-15.5)	11.7 (7.3)	25.8 -	25.6 -	15.9 (81.0)	15.6 (83.8)	16.6 (97.3)	21.5 (118.5)	27.3 (101.9)
Longan	Baht/Kilogram	7.3 (-19.4)	- -	- -	7.3 (-12.6)	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	23.0 -
Lychee	Baht/Kilogram	9.6 (6.3)	- -	9.6 (6.3)	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	8.8 (27.1)
2. Manufacturing											
- 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)	144.1 (22.0)	176.3 (19.8)	145.9 (-2.2)	175.0 (23.9)
- 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)	493.8 (5.6)	318.5 (178.5)	6.0 (416.0)	- -
- 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)	8,471 (2.5)	6,319 (-18.3)	8,492 (0.2)	9,483 (0.4)
3. Services											
- 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)	32.9 (33.1)	27.7 (16.3)	26.3 (8.4)	23.1 P (14.0)
- 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)	358.6 (2.6)	340.6 (1.2)	335.8 (1.7)	291.6 (3.8)
- 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)	19.3 (7.4)	24.0 (15.5)	23.9 (5.6)	n.a. n.a.
- Hotel average occupancy rate	Percent	53.7	63.1	41.8	46.6	63.2	64.3	69.4	52.1	46.5	37.9 P
- 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)	998.7 (3.6)	944.0 (2.4)	821.3 (0.4)	779.2 P (-2.2)
4. Private Consumption											
- 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)	1,959.6 (24.7)	609.8 (20.5)	616.4 (27.2)	647.3 (17.7)	692.3 P (17.7)
- 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)	24,477 (-7.5)	30,870 (-3.3)	20,715 (-9.1)	32,935 P (12.8)
- 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)	6,814 (12.2)	7,517 (-0.7)	5,590 (-9.6)	7,315 P (9.2)
- 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)	225.9 (-1.3)	288.5 (10.9)	309.6 (7.7)	n.a. n.a.
5. Private Investment											
- 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)	277 (-22.5)	70 (-44.2)	123 (-18.5)	73 (-20.7)	105 P (8.2)
- 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)	111.8 (-12.7)	36.7 (2.1)	42.5 (-7.9)	31.3 (-12.0)	41.2 P (-0.5)

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- BOI's approved project												
Number	Projects	56	15	10	13	18	17	9	5	4	1	P
Investment value	Million baht	(-23.3)	(7.1)	(-33.3)	(-43.5)	(-14.3)	(13.3)	(125.0)	(-37.5)	(300.0)	(-80.0)	P
		9,802.3	1,067.6	1,244.1	1,982.1	5,508.5	1,671.5	1,125.7	415.0	2,992.0	73.9	P
		(-26.3)	(37.9)	(-69.6)	(-53.9)	(33.6)	(56.6)	(142.8)	(-23.2)	(3,889.3)	(-50.4)	
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	217.4	251.0	200.9	238.8	
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses	Million US\$	(14.8)	(11.7)	(14.8)	(12.0)	(20.7)	(14.7)	(21.0)	(12.6)	(-2.6)	(17.6)	
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	195.1	32.3	51.7	71.5	39.6	49.6	17.5	22.3	17.3	21.5	
Border trade	Million US\$	(37.2)	(1.8)	(31.0)	(82.9)	(23.8)	(53.4)	(68.2)	(62.0)	(17.7)	(30.5)	
Myanmar	Million US\$	1,724.5	385.7	440.4	444.7	453.8	460.3	144.1	176.3	145.9	175.0	
Southern China	Million US\$	(8.5)	(-1.5)	(10.5)	(6.6)	(18.8)	(19.3)	(22.0)	(19.8)	(-2.2)	(23.9)	
Imports registered at northern region customs houses	Million US\$	562.1	160.9	128.5	123.1	149.6	153.9	55.8	52.4	37.8	42.3	
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses	Million US\$	(30.4)	(69.2)	(25.6)	(7.5)	(25.7)	(-4.4)	(9.2)	(-15.4)	(-11.0)	(-6.7)	
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	419.7	125.1	104.1	86.4	104.0	120.2	43.8	40.9	32.7	31.8	
Border trade	Million US\$	(18.1)	(54.7)	(14.1)	(-9.0)	(17.8)	(-4.0)	(0.8)	(-10.0)	(-6.9)	(-8.4)	
Myanmar	Million US\$	101.8	27.1	17.0	26.2	31.5	24.5	8.8	7.5	2.8	6.7	
Southern China	Million US\$	(94.6)	(170.7)	(135.0)	(157.9)	(26.4)	(-9.7)	(61.9)	(-38.3)	(-51.2)	(-3.4)	
- Imports registered at northern region customs houses	Million US\$	1,534.7	339.8	388.3	384.2	422.4	415.4	128.4	161.0	128.3	150.4	
Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses	Million US\$	(13.4)	(-1.1)	(15.6)	(12.0)	(27.9)	(22.2)	(31.3)	(14.9)	(-0.7)	(18.4)	
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	25.8	5.1	6.3	6.0	8.4	18.2	6.9	8.8	6.5	7.1	
Border trade	Million US\$	(49.7)	(20.2)	(49.8)	(22.3)	(115.8)	(258.0)	(323.6)	(331.4)	(246.1)	(225.9)	
Myanmar	Million US\$	1,431.3	315.0	363.0	362.0	391.3	375.1	113.5	144.0	115.2	131.7	
Southern China	Million US\$	(14.4)	(-2.1)	(15.5)	(12.8)	(33.2)	(19.1)	(24.5)	(9.9)	(-5.8)	(11.3)	
- Trade Balance	Million US\$	77.6	19.8	19.0	16.2	22.6	22.2	8.0	8.2	6.7	11.5	
		(-8.5)	(12.6)	(8.0)	(-4.8)	(-30.7)	(12.3)	(58.8)	(14.9)	(28.9)	(79.1)	
		35.6	11.8	10.0	6.3	7.5	12.1	4.8	4.7	3.7	8.0	
		(-19.3)	(10.3)	(5.9)	(-33.2)	(-48.6)	(2.7)	(48.0)	(9.3)	(20.3)	(108.7)	
		27.2	3.8	5.3	7.0	11.1	4.1	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.6	
		(-10.8)	(6.6)	(-0.7)	(7.4)	(-26.4)	(7.1)	(78.0)	(-8.5)	(48.6)	(31.4)	
		947.1	239.0	232.2	255.1	220.7	248.3	89.0	90.0	72.6	88.4	
7. Price Level												
- Headline inflation	Percent	4.6	2.9	3.7	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.2	
Food	Percent	5.4	3.9	3.2	6.7	7.9	5.9	5.0	6.5	7.2	6.8	
Non-food	Percent	4.2	2.4	4.1	5.5	4.9	5.9	6.1	5.4	5.2	5.7	
- Core inflation (exclude raw food and energy)	Percent	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.4	
8. Banking												
- Commercial banks' deposits	Billion baht	312.5	302.3	304.8	308.8	312.5	320.9	319.2	320.9	326.1	n.a.	
		(5.0)	(5.5)	(4.5)	(4.6)	(5.0)	(6.1)	(5.4)	(6.1)	(7.1)	n.a.	
- Commercial banks' credits	Billion baht	250.2	225.1	227.3	236.1	250.2	255.4	251.8	255.4	256.3	n.a.	
		(16.5)	(10.1)	(10.0)	(12.2)	(16.5)	(13.5)	(13.2)	(13.5)	(13.1)	n.a.	
- Credits/Deposits	Percent	80.1	74.5	74.6	76.4	80.1	79.6	78.9	79.6	78.6	n.a.	

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