

NORTHERN REGION OF THAILAND



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| | Unit | 2005 | 2005 | | 2006 | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | | H1 | H2 | Q1 | Q2 | H1 | Jun | Jul | |
| 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) | - (11.4) | 6,725.0 (11.4) | - (11.4) | - (11.4) | - (11.4) |
| Glutinous | Baht/Metric ton | 6,204.6 (-1.3) | 6,176.4 (-3.9) | 6,232.8 (1.5) | 6,296.0 (4.1) | 7,611.3 (20.7) | 6,953.7 (12.6) | 7,960.0 (26.0) | 8,340.0 (31.8) | |
| Second Rice 14-15% | Baht/Metric ton | 6,501.3 (19.6) | 6,437.5 (23.5) | 6,565.0 (16.0) | 6,706.0 (6.0) | 6,475.0 (0.0) | 6,532.8 (1.5) | 6,475.0 (0.0) | 6,475.0 (0.0) | |
| Sugarcane | Baht/Metric ton | 745.3 (42.1) | 745.3 (42.1) | 825.4 (16.1) | 893.0 (19.8) | 893.0 (19.8) | 893.0 (19.8) | - (19.8) | - (19.8) | - (19.8) |
| Cassava | Baht/Kilogram | 1.3 (61.8) | 1.3 (97.4) | 1.2 (36.4) | 1.3 (-1.5) | 1.1 (-19.5) | 1.2 (-10.7) | 1.0 (-25.4) | 1.0 (-20.8) | |
| Maize 14% | Baht/Kilogram | 4.9 (6.2) | 4.9 (7.1) | 4.9 (5.5) | 4.7 (-5.5) | 5.5 (12.1) | 5.1 (3.2) | 5.7 (19.0) | 5.7 (13.3) | |
| Soybean | Baht/Kilogram | 10.4 (-14.4) | 10.8 (-26.3) | 10.0 (-6.0) | 10.4 (-7.7) | 10.0 (-5.1) | 10.1 (-6.4) | - (-6.4) | 10.4 (-6.4) | |
| Garlic | Baht/Kilogram | 23.6 (23.0) | 21.6 (12.4) | 25.3 (-) | 24.4 (6.2) | 29.2 (41.4) | 26.8 (24.2) | 31.5 (49.5) | 34.3 (78.5) | |
| Shallot | Baht/Kilogram | 16.9 (58.5) | 9.9 (-7.0) | 25.7 (-) | 15.9 (81.0) | 24.7 (63.7) | 20.3 (70.1) | 25.5 (15.8) | 23.1 (9.1) | |
| Longan | Baht/Kilogram | 7.3 (-19.4) | - (-19.4) | 7.3 (-23.2) | - (-23.2) | - (-23.2) | - (-23.2) | - (-23.2) | 10.0 (30.4) | |
| Lychee | Baht/Kilogram | 9.6 (6.3) | 9.6 (6.3) | - (-) | - (-) | 9.9 (2.5) | 9.9 (2.5) | 7.5 (7.1) | - (-) | |
| 2. Manufacturing | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Export value registered at Lamphun Customs House | Million US\$ | 1,712.8 (7.8) | 814.3 (3.1) | 898.5 (12.4) | 460.3 (19.3) | 499.1 (16.5) | 959.4 (17.8) | 178.2 (29.0) | 161.1 (11.7) | |
| - Sugar production | '000 metric tons | 1,238.0 (-33.9) | 1,138.7 (-27.7) | 99.4 (-66.5) | 1,315.0 (15.6) | 6.0 (416.0) | 1,321.0 (16.0) | - (-) | - (-) | |
| - Zinc production | Metric tons | 101,151 (-12.1) | 51,051.0 (-9.7) | 50,100 (-14.4) | 23,248 (-4.3) | 25,676 (-4.1) | 48,924 (-4.2) | 7,701 (-12.9) | 9,245 (-7.2) | |
| 3. Services | | | | | | | | | | |
| - VAT collected from hotels and restaurants | Million baht | 272.5 (7.3) | 141.9 (0.9) | 130.6 (15.3) | 89.2 (18.5) | 70.6 (6.0) | 106.0 (12.7) | 20.5 (-7.3) | n.a. (-) | |
| - Air passenger | '000 persons | 4,018.4 (4.9) | 1,952.1 (11.4) | 2,066.3 (-0.7) | 1,112.0 (3.3) | 907.6 (3.7) | 2,019.2 (3.4) | 280.2 (6.2) | 324.8 (1.0) | |
| - Service business electrical usage | Million kw-h | 250.3 (4.5) | 123.6 (3.4) | 126.7 (5.6) | 62.5 (10.9) | 69.4 (3.3) | 131.9 (6.8) | 22.9 (9.6) | 23.4 (2.2) | |
| - Hotel average occupancy rate | Percent | 53.7 | 52.5 | 54.9 | 64.4 | 41.4 | 53.0 | 38.4 | 44.8 | P |
| - Hotel average room rate | Baht/room-night | 922.3 (3.9) | 947.1 (4.5) | 897.4 (3.2) | 1,016.3 (2.5) | 913.1 (1.2) | 964.7 (1.9) | 844.3 (1.1) | 813.1 (0.3) | P |
| 4. Private Consumption | | | | | | | | | | |
| - VAT | Million baht | 6,464.3 (29.5) | 3,207.5 | 3,256.8 | 1,959.6 (24.7) | 1,960.7 (19.8) | 3,920.3 (22.2) | 612.7 (23.0) | n.a. (-) | |
| - Registered motorcycle | Units | 315,505 (0.6) | 165,023 (1.9) | 150,482 (-0.7) | 80,204 (-4.0) | 85,932 (5.5) | 166,136 (0.7) | 32,266 (9.4) | 24,959 (-4.4) | P |
| - Registered car | Units | 72,791 (12.4) | 41,495 (13.7) | 31,296 (10.6) | 22,942 (2.5) | 18,979 (-0.7) | 41,921 (1.0) | 6,204 (-0.3) | 5,205 (-11.0) | P |
| - Household electrical usage | Million kw-h | 3,176 (1.1) | 1,598.7 | 1,577.4 | 748.4 (5.4) | 885.1 (-0.4) | 1,633.5 (2.2) | 279.6 (-1.4) | 287.5 (3.1) | |
| 5. Private Investment | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Construction areas permitted in municipal zone | '000 Square meters | 1,349 (2.9) | 657 (3.2) | 691 (2.6) | 277 (-22.5) | 256 (-15.0) | 532 (-19.0) | 76 (-32.3) | 112 (24.5) | P |
| - Land transaction fees | Million baht | 519 (1.6) | 255 (3.9) | 264 (-0.6) | 112 (-12.7) | 111 (-12.1) | 223 (-12.4) | 39 (-21.3) | 43 (-0.4) | P |

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| - BOI's approved project | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | Projects | 56 | 25 | 31 | 17 | 14 | 31 | 6 | 1 P |
| | | (-23.3) | | | (13.3) | (40.0) | (24.0) | (50.0) | (-50.0) |
| Investment value | Million baht | 9,802.3 | 2,311.7 | 7,490.6 | 1,671.5 | 1,815.5 | 3,487.0 | 560.3 | 208.0 P |
| | | (-26.3) | | | (56.6) | (45.9) | (50.8) | (-48.5) | (-74.0) |
| 6. Foreign Trade | | | | | | | | | |
| - Exports registered at northern region | Million US\$ | 2,470.0 | 1,187.6 | 1,282.4 | 663.7 | 669.8 | 1,333.5 | 230.1 | 208.2 |
| customs houses | | (14.2) | (12.2) | (16.2) | (14.7) | (10.0) | (12.3) | (15.4) | (2.6) |
| Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses | Million US\$ | 195.1 | 84.0 | 111.1 | 49.6 | 50.2 | 99.8 | 11.5 | 10.9 |
| | | (37.2) | (18.0) | (56.3) | (53.4) | (-2.9) | (18.8) | (-44.2) | (-47.4) |
| Lamphun Customs House | Million US\$ | 1,712.8 | 814.3 | 898.5 | 460.3 | 499.1 | 959.4 | 178.2 | 161.1 |
| | | (7.8) | (3.1) | (12.4) | (19.3) | (16.5) | (17.8) | (29.0) | (11.7) |
| Border trade | Million US\$ | 562.1 | 289.3 | 272.8 | 153.9 | 120.5 | 274.4 | 40.4 | 36.2 |
| | | (30.4) | (46.6) | (16.8) | (-4.4) | (-6.2) | (-5.2) | (-0.7) | (-4.9) |
| Myanmar | Million US\$ | 419.7 | 229.3 | 190.4 | 120.2 | 92.1 | 212.3 | 27.6 | 26.0 |
| | | (18.1) | (33.2) | (3.9) | (-4.0) | (-11.5) | (-7.4) | (-19.5) | (-10.0) |
| Southern China | Million US\$ | 101.8 | 44.1 | 57.6 | 24.5 | 18.5 | 43.0 | 8.9 | 8.1 |
| | | (94.6) | (155.7) | (64.5) | (-9.7) | (8.6) | (-2.7) | (108.1) | (35.3) |
| - Imports registered at northern region | Million US\$ | 1,534.7 | 728.1 | 806.6 | 415.4 | 427.3 | 842.7 | 148.6 | 140.2 |
| customs houses | | (13.4) | (7.2) | (19.8) | (22.2) | (10.0) | (15.7) | (12.6) | (3.3) |
| Chiang Mai Airport Customs Houses | Million US\$ | 25.8 | 11.4 | 14.5 | 18.2 | 17.8 | 35.9 | 4.2 | 2.5 |
| | | (49.7) | (35.0) | (63.8) | (258.0) | (182.8) | (216.4) | (87.5) | (26.9) |
| Lamphun Customs House | Million US\$ | 1,431.3 | 678.0 | 753.3 | 375.1 | 383.8 | 758.9 | 136.8 | 130.6 |
| | | (14.4) | (6.6) | (22.5) | (19.1) | (5.7) | (11.9) | (11.8) | (0.9) |
| Border trade | Million US\$ | 77.6 | 38.7 | 38.8 | 22.2 | 25.7 | 47.9 | 7.5 | 7.0 |
| | | (-8.5) | (10.3) | (-21.8) | (12.3) | (35.5) | (23.7) | (2.0) | (69.8) |
| Myanmar | Million US\$ | 35.6 | 21.8 | 13.8 | 12.1 | 15.7 | 27.8 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| | | (-19.3) | (8.2) | (-42.6) | (2.7) | (56.6) | (27.5) | (28.7) | (134.9) |
| Southern China | Million US\$ | 27.2 | 9.2 | 18.0 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 9.0 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| | | (-10.8) | (2.2) | (-16.3) | (7.1) | (-8.6) | (-2.0) | (-46.2) | (30.5) |
| - Trade Balance | Million US\$ | 935.3 | 459.5 | 475.8 | 248.3 | 242.5 | 490.8 | 81.6 | 68.0 |
| 7. Price Level | | | | | | | | | |
| - Headline inflation | Percent | 4.6 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 4.5 |
| Food | Percent | 5.4 | 3.6 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 5.2 |
| Non-food | Percent | 4.2 | 3.3 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 4.2 |
| - Core inflation (exclude raw food and energy) | Percent | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.0 |
| 8. Banking | | | | | | | | | |
| - Commercial banks' deposits | Billion baht | 312.5 | 304.8 | 312.5 | 320.9 | 328 | 328 | 327.5 | n.a. |
| | | (5.0) | (4.5) | (5.0) | (6.1) | 8 | 8 | (7.5) | - |
| - Commercial banks' credits | Billion baht | 250.2 | 227.3 | 250.2 | 255.4 | 259 | 259 | 258.6 | n.a. |
| | | (16.5) | (10.0) | (16.5) | (13.5) | 14 | 14 | (13.8) | - |
| - Credits/Deposits | Percent | 80.1 | 74.6 | 80.1 | 79.6 | 79 | 79 | 79.0 | n.a. |

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