



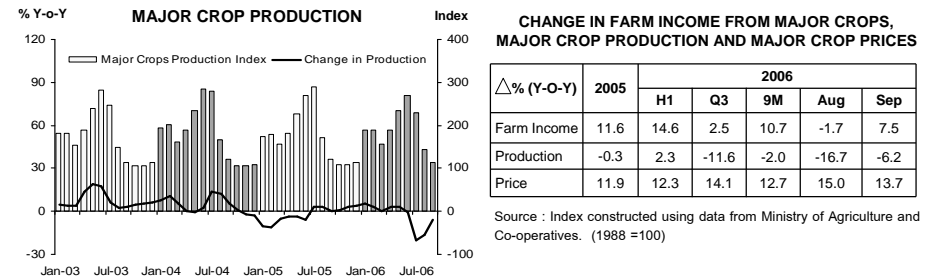
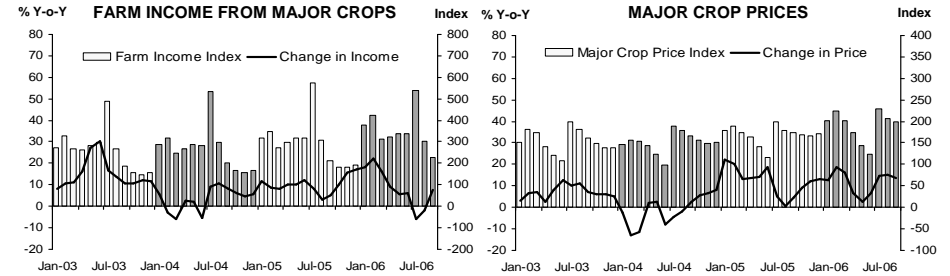
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FARM INCOME FROM MAJOR CROPS



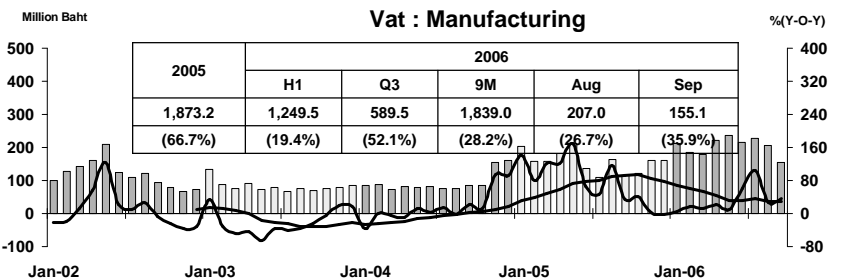
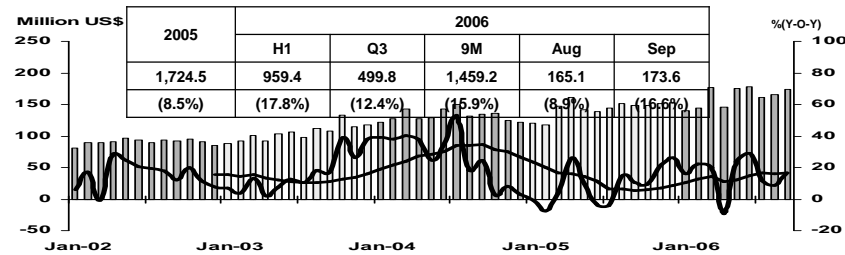
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MANUFACTURING

Export value by Lamphun Customs House

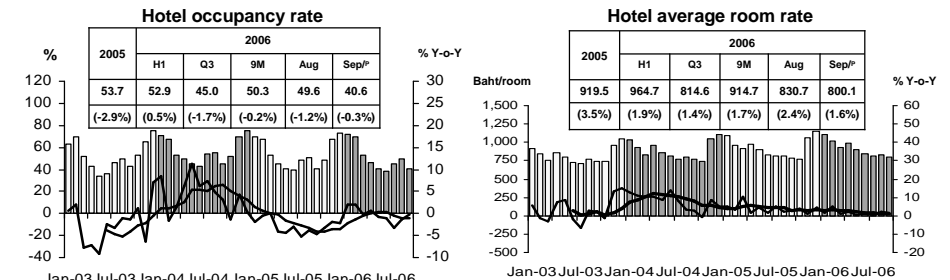
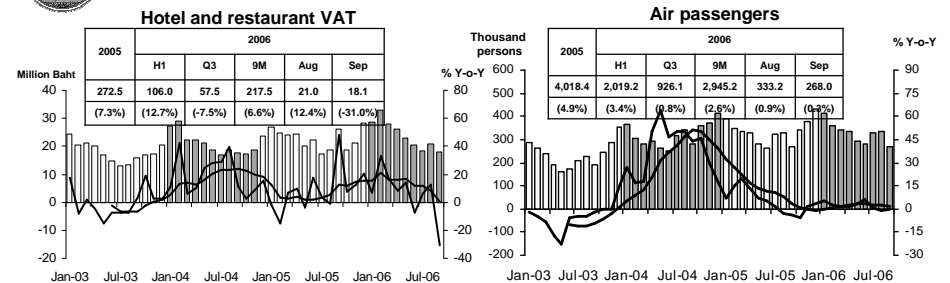


Sources: Lamphun Customs House, and Ministry of Finance

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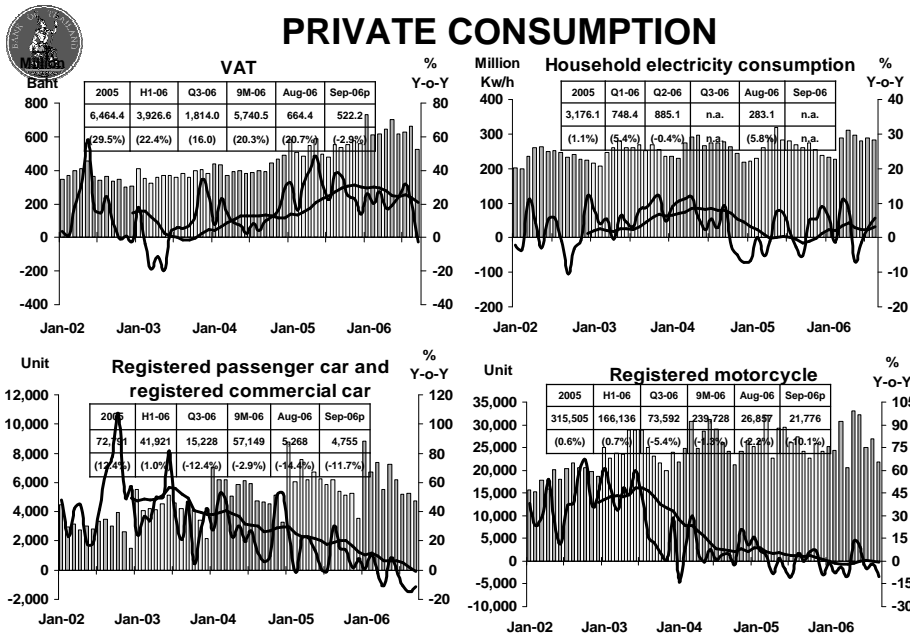
SERVICES



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

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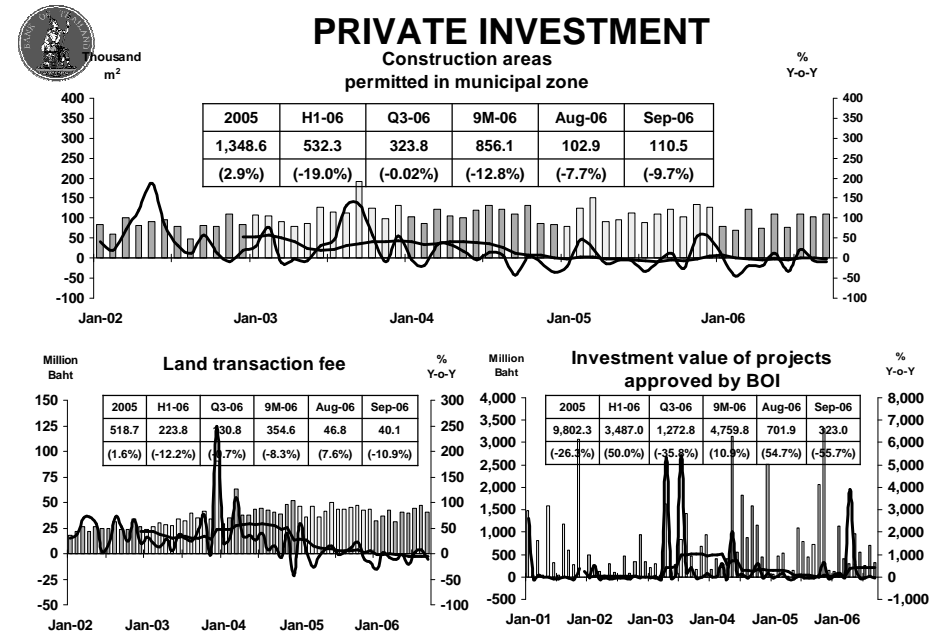
PRIVATE CONSUMPTION



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

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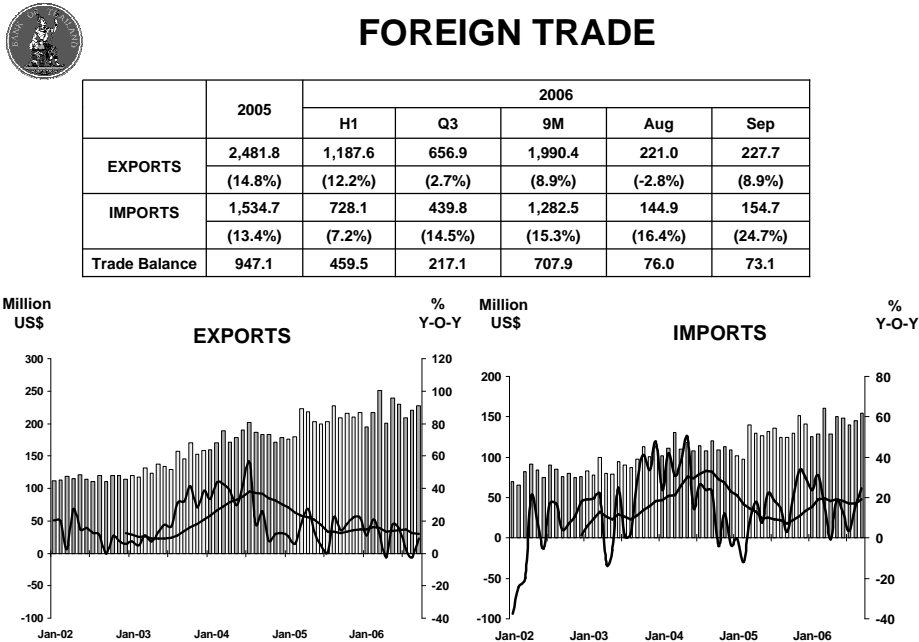
PRIVATE INVESTMENT



Sources: Municipality Offices, Provincial Land Offices, and Northern Region Investment and Economic Center (BOI)

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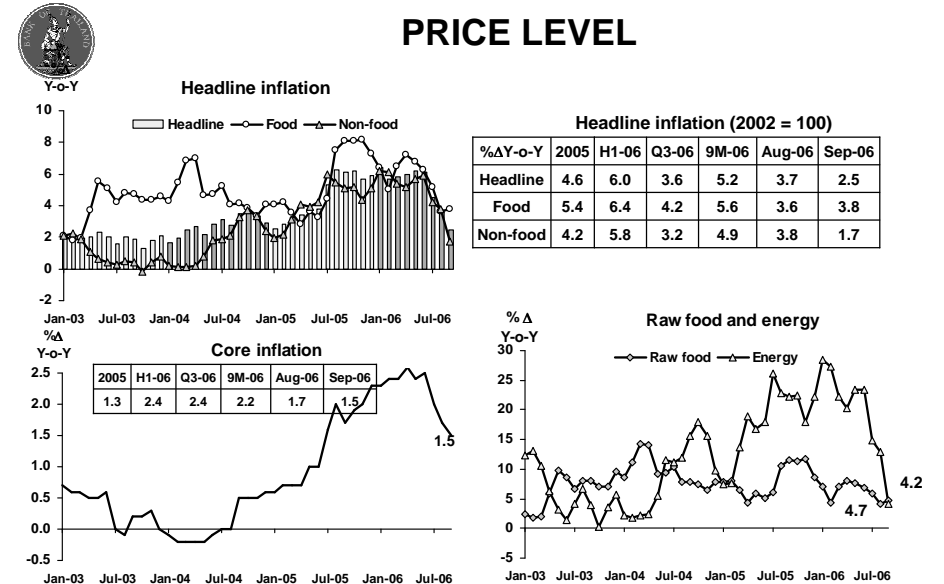
FOREIGN TRADE



Source: Customs Houses in the northern region

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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

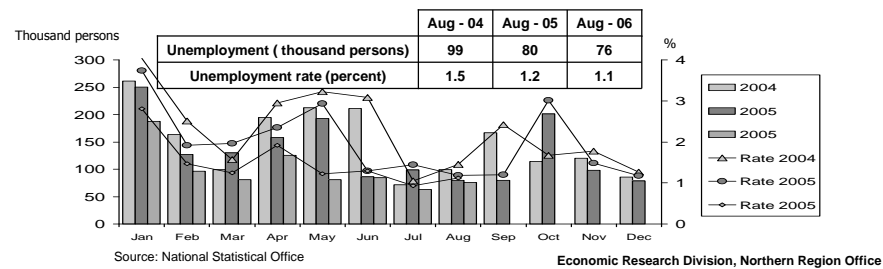
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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

| | % of Total Labour Force (as of Aug 2006) | 2005 (Δ%) | Q1-06 (Δ%) | Q2-06 (Δ%) | Jul-06 (Δ%) | Aug-06 (Δ%) |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Labor Force (1,000 Persons) | 100.0 | 6,705 | 6,520 | 6,526 | 6,770 | 6,776 |
| Employed persons | 98.7 | -0.7 | -0.5 | -1.4 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| • Agriculture | 49.5 | 0.5 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 10.7 | -5.0 |
| • Non-agriculture | 49.2 | -2.1 | -5.3 | -7.5 | -11.0 | 6.2 |
| - Wholesale & retail trade | 13.9 | -4.2 | -6.0 | -7.9 | -12.7 | 8.5 |
| - Manufacturing | 11.1 | -14.5 | -9.3 | -8.6 | 12.1 | 13.3 |
| - Construction | 4.9 | 8.2 | 8.8 | -13.6 | -25.3 | -0.3 |
| - Hotel & restaurants Services | 4.8 | 9.0 | -13.1 | -12.3 | -23.7 | -2.8 |
| - Others | 14.5 | 2.0 | -6.1 | -1.0 | -12.3 | 4.6 |
| Unemployed persons | 1.1 | -7.7 | -37.9 | -1.8 | -36.3 | -5.0 |
| Seasonally inactive persons | 0.2 | -81.9 | -28.7 | -55.8 | -61.0 | -0.7 |

Unemployment



DEPOSITS AND CREDITS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS

