



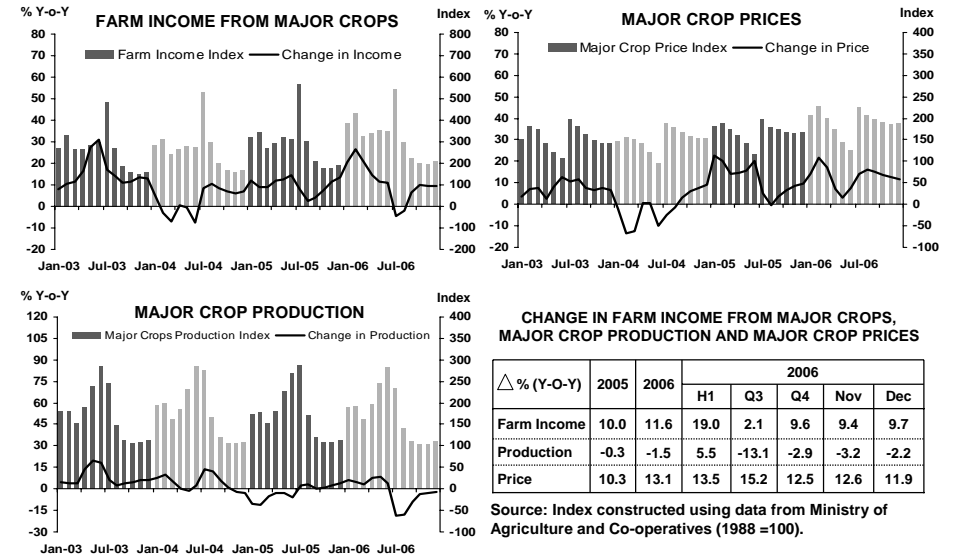
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FARM INCOME FROM MAJOR CROPS

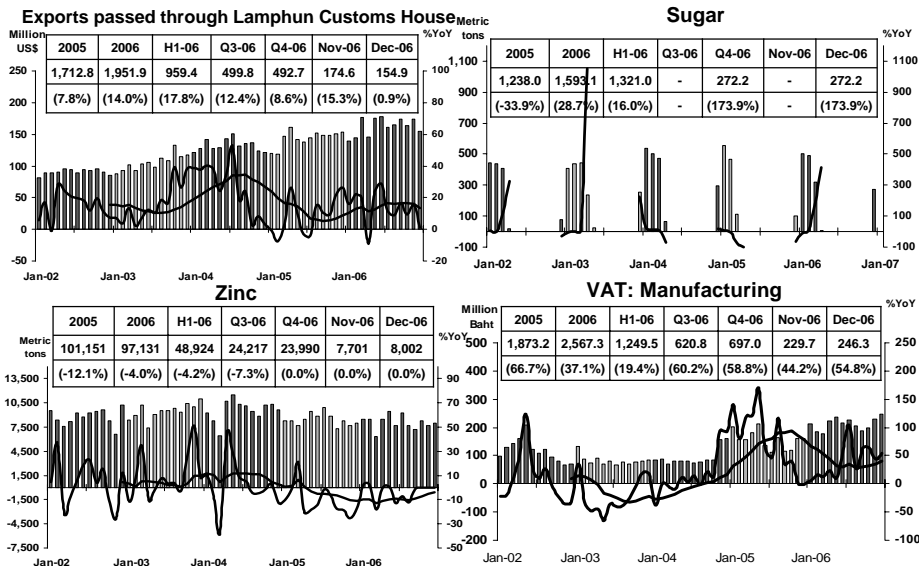
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MANUFACTURING

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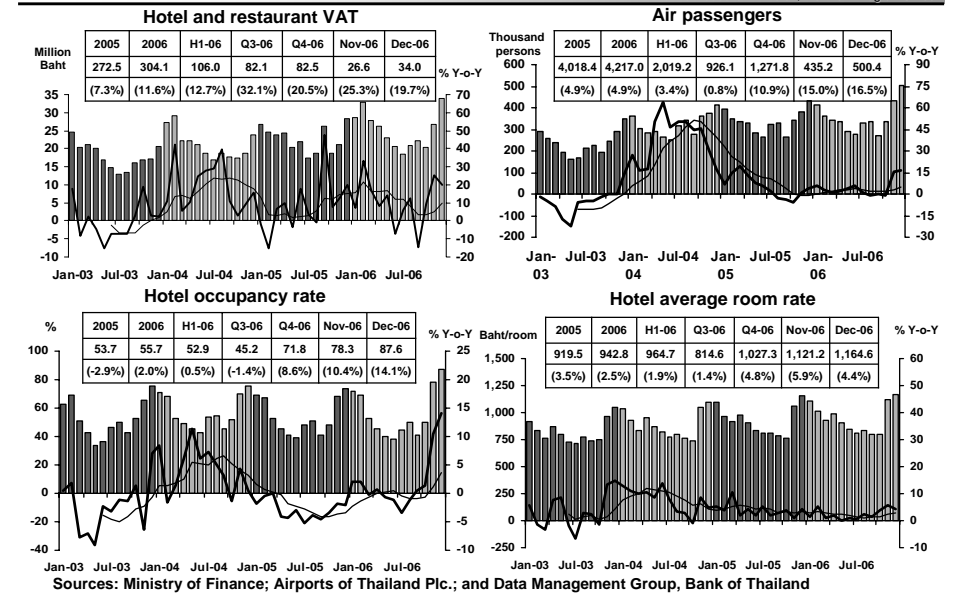
Sources: Lamphun Customs House; Thai Cane and Sugar Cooperation Co., Ltd; Pa-Dang Industry Co., Ltd.; and Ministry of Finance



SERVICES

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Sources: Ministry of Finance; Airports of Thailand Plc.; and Data Management Group, Bank of Thailand

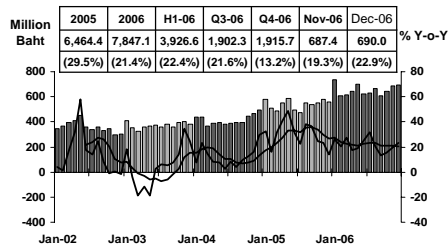


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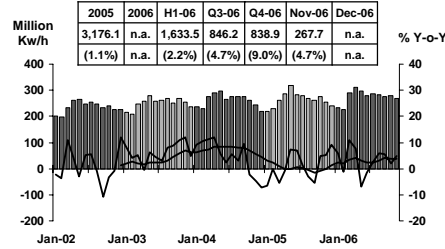
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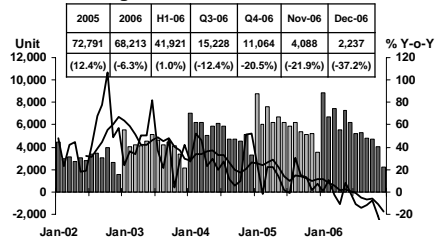
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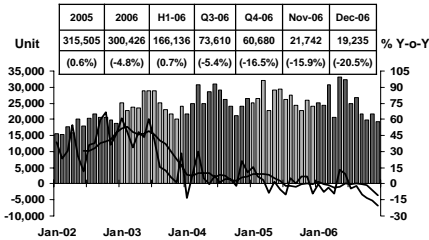
Household electricity consumption



Registered passenger car and registered commercial car



Registered motorcycle



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

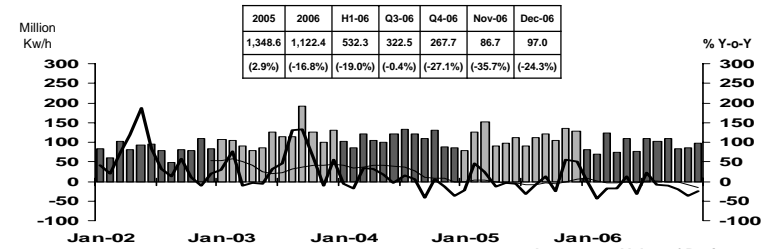


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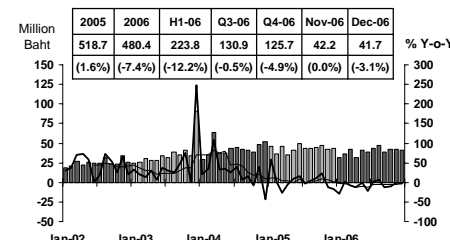
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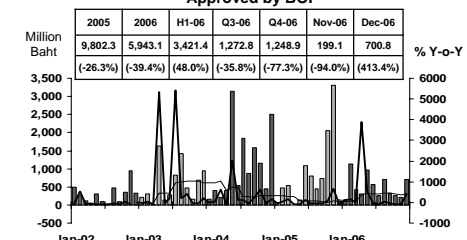
Construction Permitted in Municipal Zone



Land Transaction Fee



Investment Value of Projects Approved by BOI



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

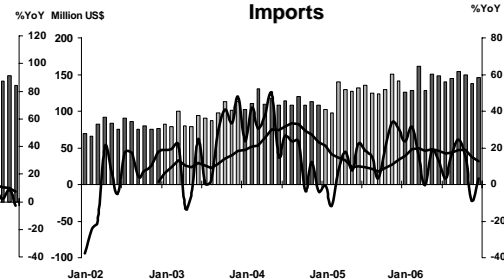
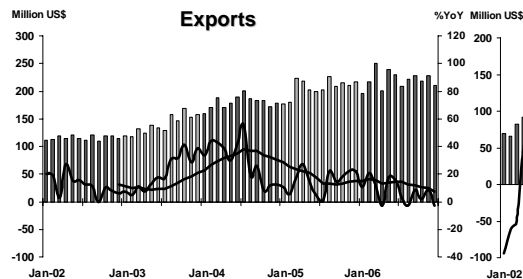


FOREIGN TRADE

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	2005	2006	2006				
			H1	Q3	Q4	Nov	Dec
EXPORTS	2,481.8	2,648.6	1,333.5	656.9	658.2	228.5	210.6
	(14.8%)	(7.2%)	(12.3%)	(2.7%)	(2.4%)	(8.9%)	(-3.0%)
IMPORTS	1,534.7	1,715.9	842.7	439.8	433.5	137.5	146.4
	(13.4%)	(11.8%)	(15.7%)	(14.5%)	(2.6%)	(-8.9%)	(3.5%)
Trade Balance	947.1	932.7	490.8	217.1	224.7	91.0	64.2



Source: Customs Houses in northern region

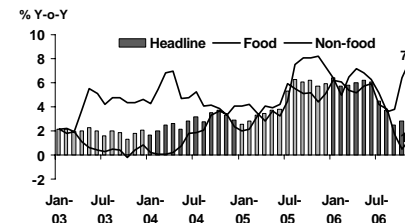


PRICE LEVEL

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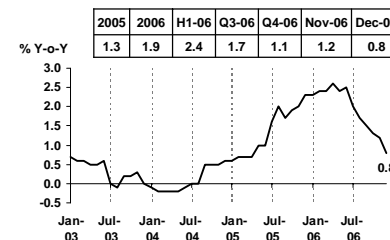
Headline Inflation



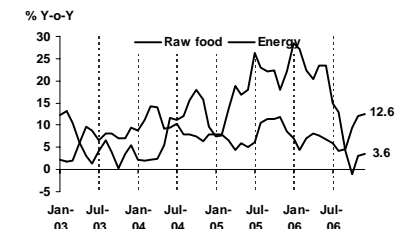
Headline inflation (2002 = 100)

% Y-o-Y	2005	2006	H1-06	Q3-06	Q4-06	Nov-06	Dec-06
Headline	4.6	4.7	6.0	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.7
Food	5.4	6.0	6.4	4.2	7.2	7.8	7.3
Non-food	4.2	3.9	5.8	3.2	1.1	1.3	1.5

Core Inflation



Raw food and Energy



Source: Bureau of Trade and Economic Indices, Ministry of Commerce



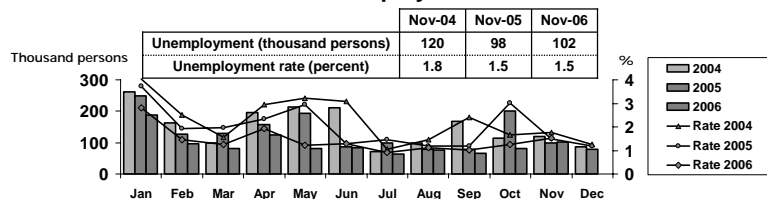
LABOR FORCE SURVEY

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	% of Total Labor Force (as of Nov 2006)	2005 ($\Delta\%$)	Q1-06 ($\Delta\%$)	Q2-06 ($\Delta\%$)	Q3-06 ($\Delta\%$)	Oct-06 ($\Delta\%$)	Nov-06 ($\Delta\%$)
Labor Force (1,000 Persons)	100.0	6,705	6,520	6,526	6,503	6,528	6,734
Employed persons	98.1	-0.7	-0.5	-1.4	-2.2	-0.7	1.0
• Agriculture	48.5	0.5	5.6	5.0	-7.1	1.9	2.1
• Non-agriculture	49.6	-2.1	-5.3	-7.5	3.0	-3.0	0.0
- Wholesale & retail trade	14.2	-4.2	-6.0	-7.9	12.8	-9.9	6.2
- Manufacturing	10.4	-14.5	-9.3	-8.6	-14.0	16.4	-7.0
- Construction	5.4	8.2	8.8	-13.6	13.5	-9.3	-8.7
- Hotel & restaurants Services	5.1	9.0	-13.1	-12.3	5.4	-5.8	-3.5
- Others	14.5	2.0	-6.1	-1.0	0.9	-6.5	4.8
Unemployed persons	1.5	-7.7	-37.9	-1.8	-17.5	-59.1	3.4
Seasonally inactive persons	0.4	-81.9	-28.7	-55.8	13.1	178.2	157.7

Unemployment



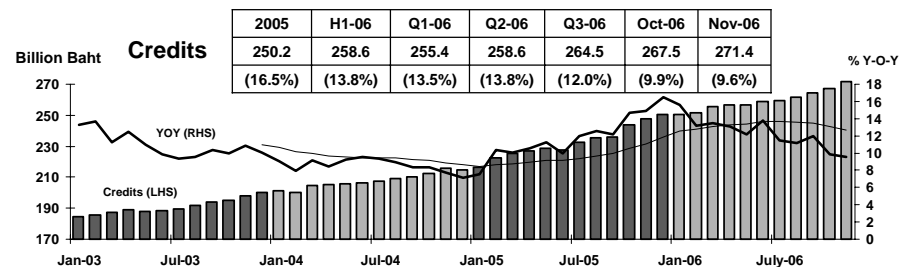
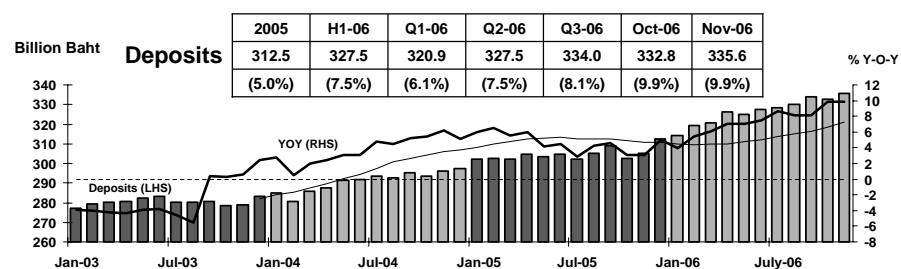
Source: National Statistical Office



DEPOSITS AND CREDITS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS

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Source: Bank of Thailand