

## NORTHERN REGION OF THAILAND


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	Unit	2006	2007	2006		2007				2008	
				H1	H2	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Dec	Jan
<b>1. Agriculture</b>											
- Major crop prices											
Major Rice 5%	Baht/Metric ton	6,413.2	6,242.1	6,512.3	6,314.1	6,150.7	6,333.4	6,163.8	6,503.1	6,820.3	6,922.1
		(1.4)	(-2.7)	(4.2)	(-2.4)	(-5.6)	(0.3)	-	(3.0)	(11.9)	(10.6)
Glutinous	Baht/Metric ton	8,024.8	10,979.6	6,953.7	9,096.0	11,027.5	10,931.6	12,499.2	9,364.1	8,491.4	8,402.7
		(29.3)	(36.8)	(12.6)	(45.9)	(58.6)	(20.2)	(41.6)	(-0.0)	(-10.9)	(-17.9)
Second Rice 14-15%	Baht/Metric ton	6,524.9	6,189.9	6,446.5	6,629.3	6,133.0	6,235.5	6,184.0	6,312.8	-	-
		(0.9)	(-5.1)	(1.5)	(0.7)	(-4.9)	(-5.9)	(-6.7)	-	-	-
Sugarcane	Baht/Metric ton	944.4	912.4	944.4	855.2	912.4	732.9	-	732.9	732.9	757.7
		(26.7)	(-3.4)	(26.7)	(-2.0)	(-3.4)	(-14.3)	-	(-14.3)	(-14.3)	(-14.2)
Cassava	Baht/Kilogram	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.9
		(-15.3)	(16.7)	(-10.7)	(-20.1)	(-5.6)	(42.6)	(23.9)	(63.5)	(82.0)	(102.4)
Maize 14%	Baht/Kilogram	5.3	6.9	5.1	5.6	6.9	7.0	6.8	7.3	7.2	7.4
		(8.7)	(29.9)	(3.2)	(14.2)	(34.5)	(25.7)	(23.6)	(27.8)	(18.2)	(14.2)
Soybean	Baht/Kilogram	10.2	11.9	10.1	10.4	10.3	13.5	12.0	15.1	15.6	16.1
		(-1.5)	(16.2)	(-6.4)	(3.4)	(1.6)	(30.8)	(15.9)	(45.7)	(51.2)	-
Garlic	Baht/Kilogram	36.7	38.3	27.9	45.5	38.3	-	-	-	-	24.5
		(55.7)	(4.3)	(29.6)	(80.1)	(37.1)	-	-	-	-	(-54.6)
Shallot	Baht/Kilogram	24.9	9.5	20.9	28.8	9.5	-	-	-	-	-
		(38.9)	(-61.8)	(75.2)	(20.7)	(-54.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Longan	Baht/Kilogram	9.5	8.8	-	9.5	-	8.8	8.8	-	-	-
		(28.8)	(-6.5)	-	(28.8)	-	(-6.5)	(-6.5)	-	-	-
Lychee	Baht/Kilogram	9.9	10.4	9.9	-	10.4	-	-	-	-	-
		(2.5)	(5.0)	(2.5)	-	(5.0)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>2. Manufacturing</b>											
- Value of export goods passed through Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	1,951.9	1,891.8	959.4	992.5	917.9	970.9 1/	477.3	493.6 1/	163.2 1/	151.6 1/
		(14.0)	(-3.0)	(17.8)	(10.5)	(-4.3)	(-2.2)	(-4.5)	(0.2)	(5.4)	(8.1)
- Sugar production	'000 metric tons	1,593.1	2,139.4	1,321.0	272.2	1,808.8	330.6	-	330.6	323.7	637.3
		(28.7)	(34.3)	(16.0)	(173.9)	(36.9)	(21.5)	-	(21.5)	(18.9)	(9.5)
- Zinc production	Metric tons	97,131	98,878	48,924	48,207	47,400	51,478	25,609	25,869	9,129	8,465
		(-4.0)	(1.8)	(-4.2)	(-3.8)	(-3.1)	(6.8)	(5.7)	(7.8)	(14.1)	(7.8)
<b>3. Services</b>											
- VAT collected from hotels and restaurants	Million baht	304.6	379.4	160.0	144.6	203.9	175.4	75.4	100.0	43.6	40.8
		(11.8)	(24.5)	(12.7)	(10.7)	(27.5)	(21.3)	(22.3)	(20.6)	(26.3)	(-5.4)
- Air passenger	'000 persons	4,217.0	4,317.3	2,019.2	2,197.9	2,028.3	2,289.1	1,039.7	1,249.3	465.0	439.3
		(4.9)	(2.4)	(3.4)	(6.4)	(0.5)	(4.1)	(12.3)	(-1.8)	(-7.1)	(-9.4)
- Service business electrical usage	Million kw-h	268.0	281.8	131.9	136.0	136.1	145.7	76.6	69.1	22.5	23.1 E/
		(7.1)	(5.2)	(6.8)	(7.4)	3.2	(7.1)	(11.9)	(2.3)	(-0.1)	(10.5)
- Average of hotel occupancy rate	Percent	54.9	53.7	52.9	56.9	52.8	54.7	45.8	63.6	76.0	74.2
- Average of hotel room rate	Baht/room-night	948.6	969.4	966.1	931.1	984.7	954.1 R/	858.6	1,049.6 R/	1,177.5	1,166.4
		(3.2)	(2.2)	(2.0)	(4.4)	(1.9)	(2.5)	(3.6)	(1.5)	(-0.3)	(0.5)
<b>4. Private Consumption</b>											
- VAT collected from all types of businesses (Real term)	Million Baht	7,857.7	7,120.2	3,452.8	3,398.0	3,645.1	3,475.1	1,728.5	1,746.6	604.9	685.4
		(21.6)	(6.3)	(18.5)	(-1.6)	(7.3)	(-4.7)	(-3.1)	(1.0)	(9.4)	(-3.4)
- Registered motorcycle	Units	300,202	236,780	166,136	134,066	131,127	105,653	55,799	49,854	14,986	20,689
		(-4.9)	(-21.1)	(0.7)	(-10.9)	(-21.1)	(-21.2)	(-24.2)	(-17.5)	(-21.4)	(-18.8)
- Registered cars	Units	68,023	65,253	41,921	26,102	38,376	26,877	15,562	11,315	2,377	8,852
		(-6.6)	(-4.1)	(1.0)	(-16.6)	(-8.5)	(3.0)	(2.2)	(4.1)	(10.7)	(-6.2)
- Household electrical usage	Million kw-h	3,298.2	3,437.5	1,633.5	1,664.7	1,687.3	1,750.6	907.1	843.1	266.4	281.0 E/
		(3.8)	(4.2)	(2.2)	(5.5)	(3.3)	(5.2)	(7.2)	(3.0)	(-1.5)	(20.5)
<b>5. Private Investment</b>											
- Construction areas permitted in municipal zones	'000 Square meters	1,142.3	1,078.3	532.3	610.0	570.0	508.3	242.0	266.3	78.5	125.8
		(-15.3)	(-5.6)	(-19.0)	(-11.4)	(7.1)	(-16.7)	(-25.0)	(-7.4)	(-29.1)	(14.9)
- Land transaction fees	Million Baht	483.6	463.8	223.8	259.8	217.5	246.3	114.2	132.1	49.5	41.4
		(-6.8)	(-4.1)	(-12.2)	(-1.5)	(-2.8)	(-5.2)	(-12.8)	(2.5)	(10.2)	(21.1)

Notes : The figures in parentheses represent percentage change from the same period last year (% change year-on-year)

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	Unit	2006	2007	2006		2007				2008	
				H1	H2	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Dec	Jan
- BOI's approved project											
Number	Projects	56	67	31	25	38	29	13	16	6	6 P/
Investment value	Million Baht	(0.0)	(19.6)	(24.0)	(-19.4)	(22.6)	(16.0)	(0.0)	(8.3)	(-200.0)	(-40.0)
		(-39.4)	(32.8)	(48.0)	(-66.3)	(61.9)	(-6.8)	(-28.3)	(15.1)	(-9.9)	(-78.1)
<b>6. Foreign Trade</b>											
- Exports passed through customs houses in northern region	Million US\$	2,648.6	2,535.5	1,333.5	1,315.1	1,235.3	1,300.2	620.5	679.6	233.7	210.3
		(7.2)	(-4.3)	(12.3)	(2.5)	(-7.4)	(-1.1)	(-5.5)	(3.3)	(11.0)	(2.3)
Chiang Mai Airport Customs House	Million US\$	161.0	122.7	99.8	61.2	81.8	40.9	24.4	16.5	3.9	4.1
		(-17.5)	(-23.8)	(18.8)	(-44.9)	(-18.0)	(-33.2)	(-26.6)	(-41.0)	(-55.1)	(-60.0)
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	1,951.9	1,735.7	959.4	992.5	856.8	878.9	427.9	451.0	135.2	134.4
		(14.0)	(-11.1)	(17.8)	(10.5)	(-10.7)	(-11.4)	(-14.4)	(-8.5)	(-12.7)	(-5.7)
Border trade	Million US\$	535.7	677.1	274.4	261.4	296.7	380.4	168.3	212.1	94.6	71.8
		(-4.7)	(26.4)	(-5.2)	(-4.2)	(8.1)	(45.5)	(35.8)	(54.3)	(101.4)	(35.9)
Myanmar	Million US\$	389.6	476.0	212.3	177.3	229.2	246.8	110.1	136.7	49.5	58.9
		(-7.2)	(22.2)	(-7.4)	(-6.9)	(8.0)	(39.2)	(28.7)	(48.9)	(63.3)	(55.4)
Southern China	Million US\$	108.2	163.5	43.0	65.2	50.0	113.5	46.8	66.7	41.7	8.2
		(6.3)	(51.1)	(-2.7)	(13.2)	(16.4)	(74.0)	(58.6)	(86.7)	(220.6)	(-25.7)
Lao PDR	Million US\$	37.9	37.5	19.1	(18.8)	17.5	20.1	11.3	8.7	3.3	4.7
		(-6.9)	(-0.9)	(19.9)	(-24.2)	(-8.6)	(6.9)	(28.4)	(-12.2)	(-7.8)	(20.3)
- Imports passed through customs houses in northern region	Million US\$	1,715.9	1,546.7	842.7	873.2	740.9	805.8	392.8	412.9	122.5	128.4
		(11.8)	(-9.9)	(15.7)	(8.3)	(-12.1)	(-7.7)	(-10.7)	(-4.7)	(-16.3)	(-6.3)
Chiang Mai Airport Customs House	Million US\$	70.1	71.3	35.9	34.2	35.1	36.3	18.1	18.2	4.4	5.5
		(171.6)	(1.7)	(216.4)	(136.5)	(-2.5)	(6.2)	(25.6)	(-8.0)	(-37.8)	(-36.7)
Lamphun Customs House	Million US\$	1,543.6	1,368.0	758.9	784.7	655.6	712.4	350.9	361.5	108.4	112.4
		(7.8)	(-11.4)	(11.9)	(4.2)	(-13.6)	(-9.2)	(-12.7)	(-5.5)	(-15.7)	(-4.8)
Border trade	Million US\$	102.2	107.4	47.9	54.3	50.3	57.1	23.8	33.3	9.7	10.5
		(31.8)	(5.0)	(23.7)	(39.9)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(2.8)	(6.8)	(-9.2)	(1.0)
Myanmar	Million US\$	53.1	51.7	27.8	25.3	27.3	24.4	11.0	13.4	4.4	4.3
		(49.1)	(-2.7)	(27.5)	(83.4)	(-1.9)	(-3.5)	(-10.0)	(2.5)	(-6.7)	(-32.3)
Southern China	Million US\$	28.6	28.6	9.0	19.6	10.8	17.9	6.9	11.0	3.2	3.0
		(5.3)	(0.0)	(-2.0)	(9.0)	(19.8)	(-9.0)	(-13.9)	(-5.6)	(-4.0)	(50.0)
Lao PDR	Million US\$	20.5	27.1	11.1	9.4	12.2	14.8	5.9	8.9	2.1	3.3
		(38.9)	(32.0)	(43.3)	(34.1)	(10.4)	(57.3)	(100.6)	(37.5)	(-20.4)	(55.9)
- Trade Balance	Million US\$	932.7	988.8	490.8	441.8	494.4	494.4	227.7	266.7	111.2	81.9
<b>7. Price Level</b>											
				<i>(Percentage change from the same period last year)</i>							
- Headline inflation	Percent	4.7	2.3	6.0	3.5	2.0	2.7	2.1	3.3	3.5	4.7
Food	Percent	6.0	4.6	6.4	5.7	4.7	4.4	5.7	3.2	2.9	5.4
Non-food	Percent	3.9	1.0	5.8	2.2	0.4	1.7	0.0	3.4	3.9	4.3
- Core inflation (exclude raw food and energy)	Percent	1.9	0.6	2.4	1.4	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.9
<b>8. Banking</b>											
- Commercial banks' deposits	Billion Baht	328.7	339.9	327.5	328.7	346.4	339.9	347.0	339.9	339.9	n.a.
		(5.2)	(3.4)	(7.5)	(5.2)	(5.8)	(3.4)	(3.9)	(3.4)	3.4	-
- Commercial banks' credits	Billion Baht	274.5	290.5	258.6	274.5	280.1	290.5	278.1	290.5	290.5	n.a.
		(9.7)	(5.8)	(13.8)	(9.7)	(8.3)	(5.8)	(5.2)	(5.8)	5.8	-
- Credits/Deposits	Percent	83.5	85.5	79.0	83.5	80.9	85.5	80.2	85.5	85.5	n.a.

Notes : The figures in parentheses represent percentage change from the same period last year (% change year-on-year)

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