

The following lists important agricultural products where Thailand is expected to maintain a comparative advantage over the next 5-10 years.

Table 7

Products	Export Amount (1988) (million baht)	Value (million baht)	Technological Considerations
Rice	2.8	19,600	
Cassava	7.2	20,700	- Productivity 2.2 ton/rai can be improved to 5-6 ton/rai.
Rubber	900,000	23,500	- Currently replacing 60% of plantation with variety providing 1 year faster growth and 50% better yield.
Shrimp	40,000	n.a.	- Imported technology. High impact on related industries and on the environment.
Fruits/Vegetables	n.a.	7,750	- High potential in increasing varieties and improving technology and vegetable seeds.
Orchids	7,500	510	- High potential in improving production technology.
Herbs and Spices	615	34,000	- High potential for variety improvements and high impacts on linkage industries.
* fish meal	360,000	n.a.	- Plant and animals for animal feed. SCP may replace protein fish meal.
* atemia	300	n.a.	- Need to improve production technology.
* soyabean meal	450,000	n.a.	- Potential to increase production to satisfy market need by developing pest-resistant varieties and utilizing rhizobia.

Source: Thailand Development Research Institute, Thailand's Capability in Industry. 1989.