

III. OILSEEDS

1. Import Policy

Import tariffs: (i) Oilseeds - import ban
 (ii) Crude oil - Baht 1.45/litre
 (iii) Oilseed meal - 6.6% of CIF value
 (iv) Refined oil - Baht 2.20/litre
 (US\$1 = Baht 23.05)

Imports of all oilseeds are controlled by the Government.

Importation procedure and structure: Refiners are allowed to import soya bean oil (import permit required) and palm oil (on a quota basis).

2. Additional factors: The Thai government intends to put a restriction on crude oil imports and encourages refiners to utilize raw materials which are available locally.

3. Supply of oilseeds and products by type, thousands of tonnes:

Base year: 1983

<u>Seed Type</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Quantity Processed</u>	<u>Principal Sources of Imports</u>
Soybean	113	4	113	China
Rice bran	1,800		800	
Coconut	1,067	8	1,067	Philippines
Groundnuts	145	-	100	
Others*	310	-	20	
TOTAL	3,435.0	12	2,100	
<u>Oil Type</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Imports of Oils</u>		
		(Crude)	(Refined)	
Vegetable oil	190	25	-	Soyabean oil - USA Palm oil - Malaysia

4. Number and capacity of oilseeds crushing plants:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Type of seed crushed</u>	<u>Capacity (tonnes/24h)</u>
14	Soybean) Cottonseed) Kapok seed)	190.0

5. Export Policy

Local production of oilseeds is not yet sufficient for domestic demand. There are no exports of oilseeds.