



Badghis Province

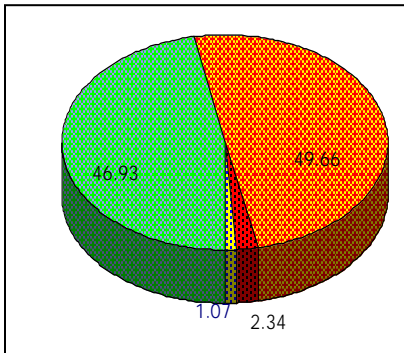
About Badghis

Badghis is located in northwestern Afghanistan and belongs to the Murghab River Basin. Most cultivated land is concentrated in the southwestern and northeastern districts because of the altitude and fertile soils of the Farah Road River Basin. Badghis has a total of 1,182 villages with an estimated population of 83,200 people (2008 census).



Badghis Districts: Agricultural Characteristics

Badghis has 7 districts (Abkamary, Balamurghab, Ghormach, Qadis, Maqur, Jawand, Qalha-e-now)



The total crop production in 2008 was estimated at 283,364 metric tons (MT), consisting of fruits (49%), grains (47%), vegetables (3%) and fodder and industrial crops (1%) of the total production. The total market value (farm gate) of 2008 agricultural production was estimated at \$242 million. Some parts of the province are more suitable for raising livestock due to the hilly and mountainous terrain. Sheep and goats are the dominant household livestock.



Main Agricultural Crops

Fruit	Pistachio
	Melon
	Grape
Grain	Wheat
	Barley
Vegetable	Onion + Tomato
Legume	Pea

Market Structure

Market type	Significance
Subsistence	Important
Local markets	Important
Herat, Kabul	Somewhat
Export	Somewhat

Possible opportunities for Agriculture improvement

Badghis is famous for producing pistachio, cashmere and wool. The Majority of its inhabitants raise sheep, cattle and goats. Agricultural productivity, pasture improvement, value adding programs (product processing), postharvest technology and irrigation system improvement are some of the potential areas for development.

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