



# Paktika Province

## About Paktika

Paktika province is located in the south east of Afghanistan. More than half of the province is covered by mountains (51%) while the rest made up of flat land. The province has a total population of 809,772 people (2008 census). Around 99% of the population in Paktika live in rural area while only 1% live in urban area. The Kuchi (Nomadic herdsmen) population varies with season.



## Paktika Districts: Agricultural Characteristics

Paktika has 19 districts: Sharn, Matakhan, Yosof Kahlil, Yahia Kheil, Omane, Sar Roaze, Zarghon Shahr, Jani Kheil, Gomal, Sarobi, Argon, Ziroom, Nike, Dile va Khoshamand, Vaze Khah, Tarvoo, Varmami, Barmal, and Gian.



Both crops and livestock are important sources of income in Paktika. Wheat, alfalfa, clover or other fodders are the main crops. The main animal products are meat, milk, eggs, and yoghurt. Cotton, sugar, sesame, tobacco, olives, and Sharsham are the most common industrial crops.

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### Main Agricultural Crops

Fruits	Grape
	Watermelon
	Melon
Grains	Wheat
	Maize
Vegetables	Onion, Potato
Industrial	Sugar, Tobacco

### Important Export Crops

Grape
Watermelon

## Possible opportunities for Agriculture improvement

Wheat, maize, grape, cotton, alfalfa are the main field crops in Paktika. Grapes, melons and animal products (meat, milk, eggs, and yoghurt) are also important. Irrigation system improvement, financial services for farmers (Credit), animal husbandry, value adding (product processing), and postharvest technology are some potential areas for development.

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