



Farah Province

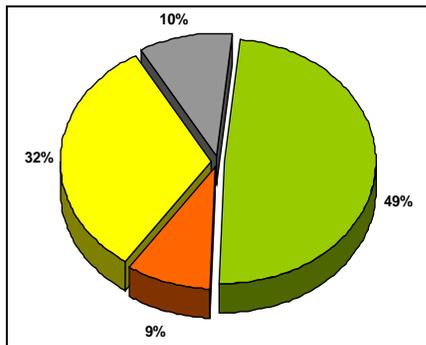
About Farah

Farah is located in western Afghanistan and belongs to the Farah road river basin. Much of Farah is characterized by sand blown hills and there is a high degree of desertification. About one fourth of the province's cultivated land is located in the central and southern districts due to the Farah road river basin (fertile soil). Farah has a total of 549 villages with an estimated population of 726,170 people (2008 census).



Farah Districts: Agricultural Characteristics

Farah has 11 districts: Khak-I-safed, Anar Dara, Purchaman, Bakwah, Pshtrud, Shib Koh, Blabuluk, Lash-I-Juwayn, Farah Center, Gulistan, Qala-I-Kah



The total crop production in 2008 was estimated at 1,072,193 metric tons (MT), consisting of fruit (49%), fodder and industrial crops (32%), grain (10%) and vegetables (9%). The total market value (farm gate) of 2008 for agricultural production was estimated at \$428.8 million. Farmers raise livestock in almost all districts, but mainly in the northeast because of the hilly topography (sheep, goats and cows are the dominant household livestock).



Main Agricultural Crops

Grain	Wheat, Barley
Fruit	Grape, Pomegranate
	Watermelon, Apricot
F&Industrial	Alfalfa, Maize
Vegetable	Eggplant, Cucumber
	Tomato, Onion, Okra

Market Structure

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

Possible Opportunities for Agriculture Improvement

Farah is famous for producing wheat and fruits, especially watermelons. Livestock is important, especially with the Kuchi nomad population. Animal husbandry, agricultural productivity, pasture improvement, value adding (product processing), postharvest technology and irrigation system improvement (high lands and lower rivers) are some potential areas for development.

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