



Khost Province

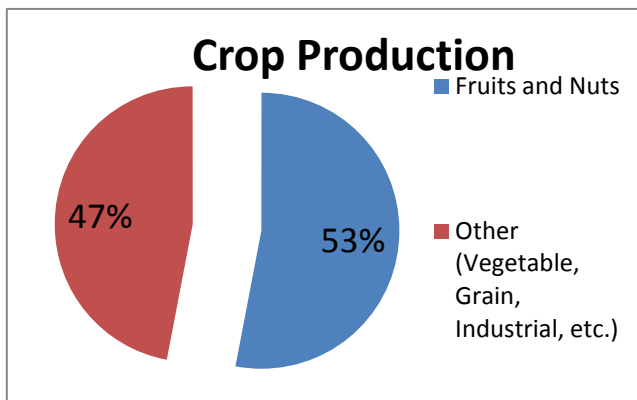
About Khost

Khost is located in southeast region of Afghanistan. Around 63% of the province is mountainous. Khost has a population of 638,849 people (2008 census). Khost also hosts Kuchi people (nomadic herdsman) in different season.



Khost Districts: Agricultural Characteristics

Khost has 13 districts; Khost, Bak, Jaji Maidan, Sabari, Musa Khel, Qalandar, Nadir Shah Kot, Mandoazi, Shamal, Spera, Tani, Tere Zayi and Gurbuz.



Unlike other provinces, agricultural production is not concentrated in any particular district, and there is a degree of crop specialization each district. Fruits and nuts make up the biggest share in crop production (53%). Other important crops include wheat, maize, alfalfa, and clover. Most farmers have livestock with poultry, cattle, goats, donkeys and sheep being the most common.

Main Agricultural Crops

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| Fruits and Nuts | Pomegranate |
| | Walnut |
| | Melon/Watermelon |
| Grains and Pulses | Wheat, Beans, Pea |
| Vegetables | Onion, Tomato |
| F&Industrial | Tobacco, Cotton, Alfalfa, Clover |

Important Export Crops

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| Walnut |
| Pomegranate |

Possible Opportunities for Agriculture Improvement

Animal husbandry, pasture improvement, horticultural project (nursery improvement), value adding (product processing), postharvest technology and irrigation system improvement are some potential areas for development.

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