

Cropping Calendar: Dates of Planting and Harvest major crops

Region SOUTHWEST: Kandahar, Helmand, Zabol, Nimroz, Uruzgan (Zabol & upper Uruzgan are colder)

Source: ICARDA http://www.icarda.org/afghanistan/NA/Full/Primary_F.htm

Crop	Season	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Wheat	Fall												
Barley	Fall												
Rice	Spring												
Maize	Summer												
Pulses	Spring												
Potato	Fall												
Onion	Fall												
Oilseed	Summer												
Clover	Fall												
Alfalfa	Fall												
Cotton	Summer												
Melons	Summer												
Opium poppy													
Sugarcane	Fall												
Cumin (Black)													
Cumin (white)													

Planting



Harvest



Notes

Wheat	Fall	All Fall sown
Barley	Fall	very little
Maize	Summer	Grain & forage
Pulses	Spring	Mainly Mung bean
Potato	Fall	Upper Zabol & Uruzgan
Oilseed	Summer	Mustard, sunflower, sesame, flax
Clover	Fall	Commercial in lower Surkhrud
Alfalfa	Fall	Perennial harvest
Cotton	Summer	For domestic use
Sugarcane	Fall	Very little, some Helmand
Cumin (Black)		Perennial, mainly Zabol
Cumin (white)		Biennial