



Zabul Province

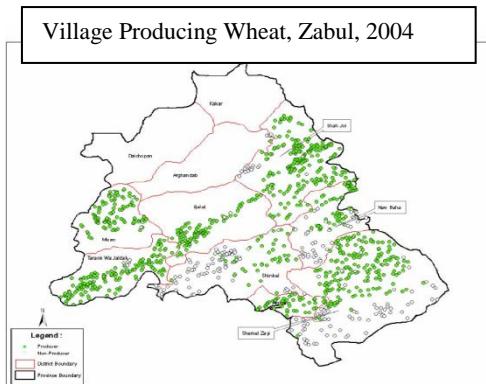
About Zabul

Zabul province is located in the south eastern of Afghanistan. Zabul has a total population of 244,899 people (2008 census). Around 96% of the population in Zabul lives in rural area while the rest live in urban area. Zabul has a population of Kuchi/Nomads which varies depend on the season.



Zabul Districts: Agricultural Characteristics

Zabul has 8 districts: Ghalat (Zabul Center), Shah Joi, Mizan, Tarang va Jaldak, Shinki, Atghar, Shamal Zaei, and Nobahar.



Agriculture is the major source of income in the province, but recent drought has had a major impact on agriculture and farming- mainly because the Karezes (water canals) dried out. In Zabul, farmers keep dairy cows, sheep, camel, goats and chickens. But drought has reduced the number of household animals.

Main Agricultural Crops

Fruit	Almond
	Grape
	Apricot
Grain	Wheat
	Maize
Vegetable	Potato
Industrial	Flax, Cotton

Important Exporting Products

Kabul is a major market for Zabul's farmers.

Possible opportunities for Agriculture improvement

The most important field crops grown in Zabul are wheat, maize, and flax. Potential opportunities for improvement include: Irrigation system (Kareze), bee keeping, financial services for farmers (Credit), field fertility/fertilizer, certified seeds, animal husbandry, value adding (product processing), and postharvest technology.

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