



Samangan Province

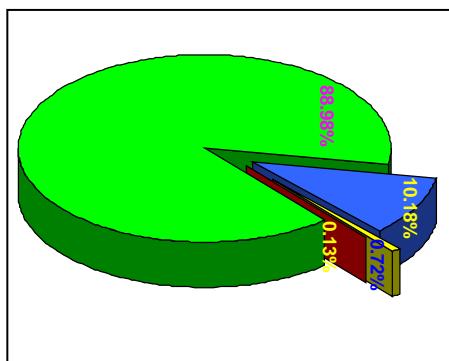
About Samangan

Samangan is located in northern Afghanistan. The cultivated area is mostly concentrated in the northwestern and southeastern districts near the Samangan River. Samangan has a total of 487 villages with an estimated population of 383,311 people (2008 census).



Samangan Districts: Agricultural Characteristics

Samangan has 7 districts: Aybak, Dara Sof Balla, Dara Sof Payan, Hazrati Sultan, Ruyi Du Ab, Feroz Nakhchir, Khuram Wa Sarbagh.



The total crop production in 2008 was estimated at 292,286 metric tons (MT), consisting of grains (89%), fruits and nuts (10%), vegetables (0.7%) and fodder and industrial crops (0.15%). The total 2008 market value for agricultural production was estimated at \$253 million (farm gate). Farmers raise livestock in most of the districts because of the mountainous terrain. Karakul sheep and goats are the dominant household livestock.

	Grains - 260,066 tons (89%)
	Fruits and Nuts - 29,746 tons (10%)
	Vegetables - 2,103 tons (0.7%)
	Fodder and Industrial crops - 371 tons (0.15%)

Main Agricultural Crops

Grains	Wheat, Barley
Fruits and Nuts	Pistachio
	Almond
	Melon, Watermelon
F&Industrial	Flax, Sesame
Vegetable	Potato, Onion

Market Structure

Market type	Significance
Subsistence	<i>Important</i>
Local markets	<i>Important</i>
Kabul, Mazar-e-Sharifi	<i>Important</i>
Export	<i>Somewhat</i>

Possible opportunities for Agriculture improvement

Animal husbandry and breeding, perennial crop production, seed quality programs, improving infrastructures (transportation), value adding (product processing), postharvest technology and irrigation system improvement are potential areas for development.

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