



Nimroz Province

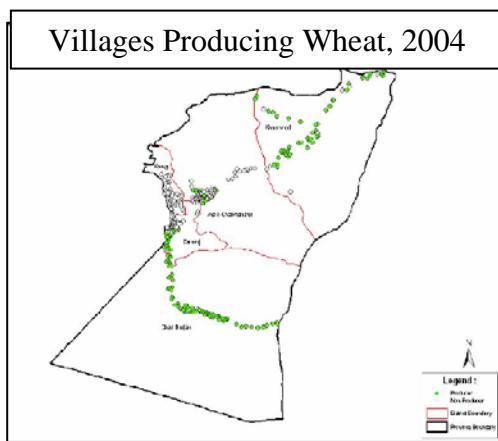
About Nimroz

Nimroz is located in southwest Afghanistan and is the fifth largest province. Most of the province made up of flat land (95%). Nimroz has a total population of 117,991 people (2008 census). Nearly most of the population lives in rural areas (85%). Nimroz is one of the Kuchi (nomadic herdsmen) pastoral destinations.



Nimroz Districts: Agricultural Characteristics

Nimroz has 5 districts; Zaranj (Nimroz Center), Kang, Chahar Burjak, Chakhansur, and Khash Rod.



In past years, drought has negatively affected agricultural production. Lack of sufficient surface water and irrigation systems has resulted in a 90% reduction in crops yields. Drought has also affected livestock; only 10% of all livestock survived the drought. The dominant household livestock are sheep, goats, dairy cows, and camels.

Main Agricultural Crops

Fruits	Grape Watermelon Melon
Grains	Wheat Maize
Vegetables	Potato, Onion
F&Industrial	Alfalfa, Clover

Important Export Crops

Grape
Watermelon

Possible Opportunities for Agriculture Improvement

Agriculture is mainly based on crops like wheat, maize, melons, watermelons, and some grapes. Years of drought has severely reduced agriculture production by almost 80-90%. Irrigation system improvement, animal husbandry (dairy farms), fodder production, veterinary services, financial credit for farmers, value adding (product processing), and post-harvest technology are some potential areas for development.

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