



Takhar Province

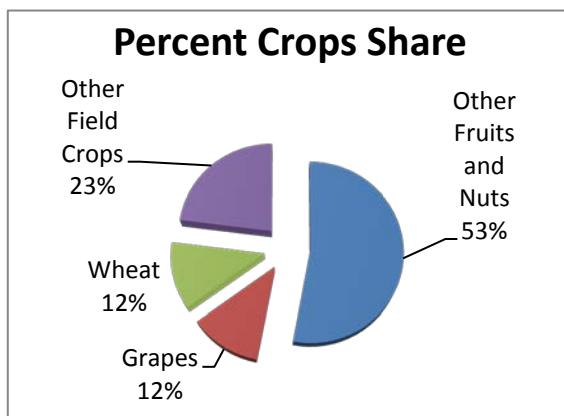
About Takhar

Takhar is located in north-eastern region of Afghanistan. More than half of the province (57%) is mountainous or semi mountainous terrain, while more than one third (37%) is flat. Takhar has 121,276 households with an estimated population of 830,319 people (2008 census).



Takhar Districts: Agricultural Characteristics

Takhar has 17 districts. Taluquan (Takhar center), Hazar Samuch, Baharak, Khwaja Ghar, Bangi, Eshkamesh, Chal, Namak Ab, Farkhar, Kalafgan, Rustaq, Chahab, Yangi Qala, Khwaja Bahawuddin, Darqad, Dasht Qala, and Warsaj.



The Takhar River allows for intensive double cropping. Double cropping systems of wheat, rice and cotton in rotation with fodder (alfalfa, maize), legumes (bean), and vegetable crops (potato, tomato) are common. Years of crisis have led to loss of markets and households are forced into subsistence farming. The most common fruits grown in the province are grapes, mulberries, watermelon and melon. Almond and walnuts are the main nuts. Most common livestock is cattle. Meat and milk production is very important.

Main Agricultural Crops

Fruits and Nuts	Almond, Walnut Mulberries, Grape Melon/Watermelon
Grains	Wheat, Rice, Maize
Vegetables	Potato, Onion, Tomato
Industrial	Cotton, Clover, Sesame, Alfalfa

Important Export Products

Livestock Products	Ag-Products
Rugs	Raisin
Carpets	Cotton

Possible Opportunities for Agriculture Improvement

Takhar is famous for producing rugs, carpets, grapes, rice and nuts (mainly almonds). Herders raise cattle, sheep and goats in several districts. Market development, value adding (product processing), financial credit for farmers, herd and pasture improvement, postharvest technology and irrigation system improvement are some potential areas for development.

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