



# Kandahar Province

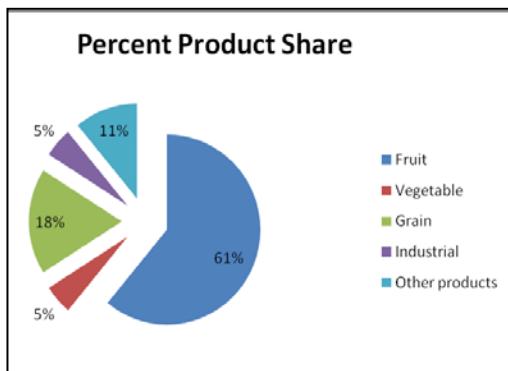
## About Kandahar

Kandahar is located in the southern region of Afghanistan. Most of the area is made up of flat land (85%). The rest of the area is mountainous or semi mountainous. Kandahar has a population of 912,030 people (2008 census). Kandahar province has a population of Kuchis or nomads whose numbers vary with the season. In winter, there are around 89,000 people, while in summer, the estimated number drops to around 39,000.



## Kandahar Districts: Agricultural Characteristics

Kandahar has 16 districts: Kandahar, Daman, Shah Wali Kot, Arghandab, Khakrez, Ghorak, Maywand, Zhire, Panjwayi, Shiga (Reg), Shorabak, Spin Boldak, Arghistan, Maruf, Miyanishin, and Nish.



Grapes are widely grown in this province. Crop production consists of fruit (61%), grain (18%), vegetables (5%), and industrial crops (5%). Most farmers have livestock, especially the Kuchi or nomads who base their economy on animal husbandry. Sheep and goats are the dominant livestock.

### Main Agricultural Crops

Fruit	Pomegranates Grape Melon/Watermelon
Grain	Wheat Maize
Vegetable	Onion, Tomato
Industrial	Tobacco, Cotton

### Important Export Crops

Grapes
Pomegranate
Melon
Grape/Raisin

## Possible Opportunities for Agriculture Improvement

Kandahar is famous for producing grapes (Kishmish), pomegranates, palms and apricots. Animal husbandry plays a big role in the province's economy and includes the large population of Kuchi farmers. Animal husbandry, pasture improvement, horticultural project (nursery improvement), value adding (product processing), postharvest technology and irrigation system improvement are some potential areas for development.

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