



Nangarhar Province

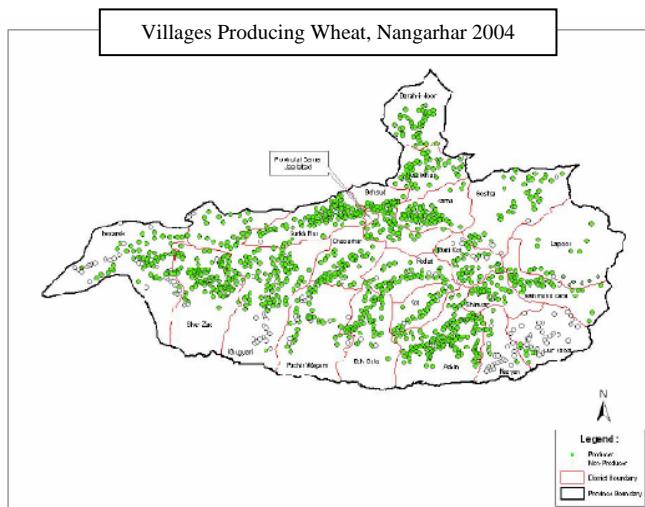
About Nangarhar

Nangarhar is located in eastern side of Afghanistan. More than half of province is mountainous (55%) while the rest is made up of flat or semi mountainous land. Nangarhar has a total population of 1,342,514 people (2008 census). Nangarhar is also one of the Kuchi (nomadic herdsmen) destinations during different season.



Nangarhar Districts: Agricultural Characteristics

Nangarhar has 21 districts; Jalalabad, Bihsud, Surkh Rod, Chaparhar, Rodat, Kuz Kunar, Dara-I-Nur, Sherzad, Hisarak, Khogyani, Pachir Wa Agam, Dih Bala, Kot, Achin, Nazyan, Dih Bala, Shinwar, Bati Kot, Momand Dara, Goshta, and Lal Pur.



Nangarhar can be called the food basket of Afghanistan. The good climate in this province provides good environmental condition various crops during different seasons. There is a trend to increased vegetable production due to market demand and its price. DAI, RI, GAA, and ICARDA are the main organizations promoting agriculture in the area. Most farmers have livestock with sheep and goats being dominant.

Main Agricultural Crops

Fruit and Nuts	Grape Orange, Watermelon Walnut/Mulberry
Grains	Wheat, Maize
Vegetables	Onion, Potato
Industrial	Cotton, Sugarcane

Important Export Crops

Grape, Watermelon
Walnut
Potato, Pomegranate

Possible Opportunities for Agriculture Improvement

Farmers in Nangarhar produce different crops, especially fruits and vegetables such as grape, olive, orange, watermelon, okra, tomato, spinach and etc. Financial services for farmers (Credit), animal husbandry, horticultural project (nursery improvement), value adding (product processing), postharvest technology and irrigation system improvement are some potential areas for development.

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