



Badakhshan Province

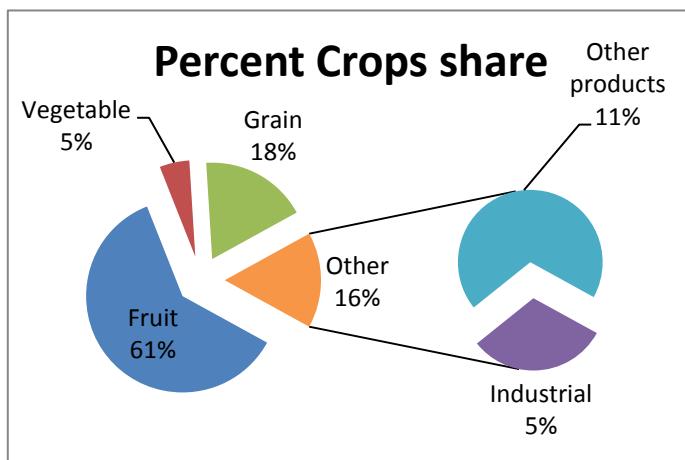
About Badakhshan

Badakhshan is located in northeastern Afghanistan. Nearly nine-tenths of the province is mountainous or semi mountainous; occupied by the Pamir and Hindu Kush mountain range. Badakhshan has 1,851 villages with an estimated population of 819,396 people (2008 census).



Badakhshan Districts: Agricultural Characteristics

Badakhshan has 28 districts. Jurm, Yaftali Payin, Shahri Buzurg, Darayim, and Nharak account for a little over half of the total population in the province.



The most common crops grown in garden plots include fruits and nuts (61%), grains (18%), vegetables (5%), and fodder and industrial crops (3%). Most farmers have livestock. The topography of the area (hilly and mountainous) makes a good environment for raising animals (mainly sheep, goats and cows).

Main Agricultural Crops

Fruits and Nuts	Grape, Almond Pomegranate Melon/Watermelon
Grains	Wheat Maize
Vegetables	Onion, Potato
Industrial	Cotton, Sesame

Important Export Products

Livestock Products	Ag-Products
Rugs	Raisin
Carpets	Almond

Possible Opportunities for Agriculture Improvement

Badakhshan is famous for producing rugs, carpets, grapes, and nuts. Herders raise sheep and goats in several districts. Value adding (product processing), pasture improvement, postharvest technology and irrigation system improvement are some potential areas for development.

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