

# AFGHANISTAN SEED AND CROP IMPROVEMENT SITUATION ASSESSMENT

**Table 2**  
**Major Agro-Ecological Production Zones and Agricultural Land Use**

<b>Agro-Ecological Zone</b>	<b>Orchards 000 ha</b>	<b>Irrigated 000 ha</b>	<b>Rainfed 000 ha</b>	<b>All Agri 000 ha</b>	<b>Unclassif 000 ha</b>	<b>Total sq km</b>
<b>Hindu Kush:</b>						
Wakhan	0	4.8	0	4.8	1,105.4	11,102
Badakhshan	5.9	72.2	714.4	792.6	3,331.4	41,241
Central Mountains	10.3	479.3	848.5	1,338.2	10,113.8	114,520
Eastern Mountains	12.7	452.1	151.1	615.9	4,466.0	50,819
Southern Mtns & Foothills	4.2	522.5	229.7	756.4	5,682.8	64,393
Northern Mtns & Foothills	7.6	301.4	2,258.8	2,567.8	6,461.9	90,297
<b>Surrounding Areas:</b>						
Turkestan Plains	16.2	647.8	627.2	1,291.2	3,599.0	48,902
Herat-Farah Lowlands	0.7	210.4	0.1	211.2	4,675.3	48,865
Helmand Valley/Sistan Basin	22.1	388.2	0.3	410.6	4,430.5	48,411
Western Stony Deserts	0.1	76.9	0	77.0	3,610.2	36,872
Southwestern Sandy Deserts	0	52.5	5.6	58.2	4,392.5	44,507
<b>Total, excluding Herat</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>3,208.0</b>	<b>4,835.7</b>	<b>8,124.0</b>	<b>51,869.0</b>	<b>599,929</b>
Herat						42,471
<b>Total including Herat</b>						<b>642,400</b>

(1972 data, from Afghanistan Agricultural Strategy, FAO, Rome, 1997; cited by Sloane)