

AFGHANISTAN SEED AND CROP IMPROVEMENT SITUATION ASSESSMENT

Table 42
Profiles of three ambidextrous wheat farmers in Kabul province

Name	Land status	education	Debt	Ethnicity	Varieties
Sorgaol	4 jerib owned	0	\$2286	Tajik	Red Leaf White Leaf Pameer, Ataya
Sayed Agha	40 rented in	4	\$1667	Tajik Sayed ¹	Roshan, Darluma4 Red Leaf
Sayed Ameer	13 rented in	0	\$571	Tajik Sayed	Ataya, Red Leaf

Source: mission survey in Kabul and Logar provinces, May 2002.

¹ Actually, Sayeds are, usually not considered a different ethnicity. They claim that they are descendants of Mohammad. Hence, according to this claim, they would be neither Tajiks nor Pushtuns, but of Arab descent. They are viewed in Afghanistan as a more respected group of people. Some Sayeds are Pushtu speakers; others are Farsi speakers. They are not thought of as having been very involved in Afghanistan's civil war, but Sayd Ahmad Gailanee was one of the seven warlords who fought against the Soviet-supported regime and who fought in the subsequent civil war. All male Sayeds carry the title Sayed before their first name.