



Agriculture in Afghanistan s Economy (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Agriculture in Afghanistan s Economy Afghanistan s economy is basically agricultural. From 75 to 85 percent of the population of about 16 million are directly engaged in agriculture. About 10 percent of those in agriculture are nomads who migrate seasonally with their livestock in search of pasture. They are the main suppliers of livestock products. The remaining 90 percent are primarily involved in the production of wheat, corn, barley, rice, cotton, fruits, and vegetables. The country was self-sufficient in the production of foodstuffs, excepting sugar and tea, until 1957 when metric tons of wheat were imported. During the First and Second Economic Development Plans and annual imports of wheat averaged 1 million tons and 1.2 million tons, respectively. Of the total land area of about 63 million hectares (square miles), 12 million hectares or 12 percent is under cultivation. Of this 12 million, 3 million hectares are equipped with irrigation facilities, but due to shortages of irrigation water only about 1 million hectares are irrigated in any given year; another 1 million hectares of wheat and barley, about 50 percent of the area devoted to these crops, are nonirrigated. In...



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