



# AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TEAM

## Mission

Agribusiness Development Teams (ADTs) promote the revitalization of the agriculture in Afghanistan and set the stage for transition to civilian led agricultural teams. This will be accomplished through "Combined and Unified Actions" alike.

ADTs operate in areas of conflict/post conflict and the goal is to create a stable environment that leads to a more secure area in order for good governance and development to emerge.

## Support

States providing support to the ADT Mission include: Missouri, Texas, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Indiana, Tennessee, California, Iowa, South Carolina, Nevada, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Each ADT utilizes their states Land Grant University for specific agriculture training during pre-mobilization and as a "Reach Back Capability" once deployed to country

ADTs grounded success relies on the pool of members with agriculture skill sets who continually deploy and the security force personnel who provide freedom of movement.



**Overview:** An Agribusiness Development Team (ADT) is composed of Army and Air National Guard personnel with backgrounds and expertise in various sectors of the agribusiness field; this 58-Soldier team is made up of 12 agriculture experts, 34 security forces personnel and 12 headquarters personnel.

The ADT goal is to build habitual, long term, trusted relationships between a state and partner providence. National Guard members, who also are successful farmers and ranchers, teach and mentor a nation in conflict to use its own resources in order to provide a better opportunity to develop into a nation who can feed its own people.

## ADT Current Projects:

- Women Empowerment Project through apiculture, poultry and kitchen gardens
- Cash for Work Projects, which provides short-term employment in cleaning, water infrastructures such as canals and karizes
- Afghan Extension Agent training
- Seed cleaning and storage facilities
- Veterinary training for government and private veterinaries alike
- Orchard management to include Integrated Pest Management
- Demonstration farms and greenhouses to train extension agents and local farmers

**Partners:** ADTs work through Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock (MAIL) employees, local farmers, other governmental agencies (OGA) such as Department of State (DOS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), United States Aid for International Development (USAID) and various Non-governmental Organizations (NGO) to foster " Whole of Government " .

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