

By the numbers

Achievements of Raisi's Agriculture Ministry

The agricultural sector plays a significant role in ensuring food security, and one might even say it underpins national security.

The following report outlines the actions taken by the government of Iran's late president Ebrahim Raisi regarding some staple items; it then goes on to detail some of the initiatives of organizations under the Ministry of Agriculture, breaking down the work carried out within each department, starting with the Natural Resources and Watershed Management Organization (NRWO).

Natural Resources, Watershed Management Organization

Natural resource land ownership: The country holds 137 million hectares of natural resource land. Prior to the Raisi government, approximately 77 million hectares of these lands had ownership documentation. Under the previous government, this figure rose to 134.5 million hectares.

Watershed management: Before the Raisi government took office, watershed management projects were implemented in several provinces, covering several thousand hectares. However, due to the previous government's efforts, a land restoration program for several million hectares was initiated

for the first time. Scientific studies have already been conducted on seven million hectares of land across the country.

Following comprehensive and expert studies, watershed management of 20 million hectares of the country's pastures was incorporated into the 7th National Development Plan (2023–27). During his visit to the Agriculture Ministry, president Raisi emphasized the revitalization of 50 million hectares of land nationwide, and this initiative was approved after further expert studies. It is also worth noting that the Raisi government fulfilled approximately 42% of the objectives outlined in the 6th National Development Plan (2016–2022) regarding watershed management.



According to experts from the country's natural resources organization, there is a groundwater deficit of more than 140 billion cubic meters nationwide. This deficit can be addressed through the implementation of watershed management projects.

Demarcation of lands: The delineation of natural resource lands and watershed management was one of the other positive measures taken by the Raisi government. The demarcation of lands in this sector witnessed a 57% increase, rising from 89 million hectares at the start of that government to 140 million hectares by the end of the Iranian calendar year of 1402 (ended March 19, 2024).

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