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## Effects of Flood

### Floods damaged agriculture and its sub-sectors

One of the devastating effects of flood is on agriculture and its sub-sectors. Agriculture, the backbone of Pakistan's economy, has been hit hard in floods of 2022. Various important crops have been damaged. As a result, domestic price of essential food items including wheat flour, rice, cooking oil, pulses, milk and meat have spiked. Furthermore, a sharp rise in wheat and wheat flour, pulses, vegetables and livestock products prices during peak of floods in period between July-Sep 2022. The floods damaged the Kharif crops. The floods damaged the agriculture and its sub-sectors to the tune of Rs 800 bn or \$ 3.725 bn. Around 1,784,126 hectares (4,408,575 acres) of agriculture land have become derelict and over 8,00,000 animals died in six affected provinces and their 94 districts (Planning Commission of Pakistan,

24 Dec, 22). In this way, floods  
have damaged the major sector of  
agriculture in Pakistan.