



Almond Nursery Priorities

Based on Roots of Peace experience and University of California, Davis (UC Davis) field surveys, the following are the major steps to develop an improved system for almond nurseries in Afghanistan.

The **Goal** of this process is to produce true-to-type Almond trees that ensure almond quality and ultimately give higher profits.



The priorities to establish an effective almond nursery management and improved system in Afghanistan are:

- Establish joint demonstration farm/mother blocks
- Adopt best practices in nurseries
 - Establish rootstock from known sources
 - Use budwood from known mother block material
 - Document rootstock, budwood and mother block trees and sources
 - Use good water management (avoid drought and/or water logging)
 - Grow straight trees (protect the growing point)
 - Fertilize trees to ensure vigorous growth
 - Dig trees to give a healthy young tree
 - Grade and label trees for sale



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