

Appropriate Postharvest Handling, Processing, and Marketing of Dried Apricots in Tajikistan

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Strengthening Partnerships and Innovations

Who:

- Tajik Agrarian University
- Tajikistan Agriculture and Water Activity
- Purdue University

Where we work:

Khatlon province, Tajikistan
(major city: Qurgonteppa)

What we do:

Apply market-relevant technologies to increase the value of apricots



Rationale

- Apricots are a perishable crop
- Current drying methods are inefficient, poor quality product
- Current methods result in high S, limiting markets
- Improved methods could increase market opportunities, and income to growers and processors



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Anticipated outcomes

- Effective partnerships established
- Understand value chain
- New drying technologies adopted
- International standards met
- Food safety improved



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Technologies



Solar dryer



Chimney solar dryer (UC Davis)



Blanket dryer



Our team

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