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Afghanistan Opium Price Monitoring Monthly Report



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Summary

- Opium prices are collected from 15 of 34 provinces. The prices are collected for dry and fresh opium from traders (Trader prices) and farmers (farm gate prices). Heroin and cannabis resin prices are collected from six provinces of Afghanistan. Heroin and hashish prices are also collected from Peshawar, the nearest town in Pakistan. As of February 2011, prices of wheat, saffron, cotton and acetic anhydride are also collected from six provinces of Afghanistan.

- Dry opium prices**

Dry Opium	Apr-10	Apr-11	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	100	256	157%
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	110	273	149%

- Fresh opium prices**

Fresh Opium	Apr-10	Apr-11	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	85	227	168%
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	91	237	161%

- Heroin and cannabis resin prices in Afghanistan**

Afghanistan	Apr-10	Apr-11	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Heroin price (US\$/Kg)	2,377	3,658	54%
Cannabis resin price (US\$/Kg)	77	136	76%

- Heroin and Hashish prices in Peshawar, Pakistan**

Peshawar, Pakistan	Apr-10	Apr-11	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Heroin price (US\$/Kg)	2,479	4,516	82%
Hashish price (US\$/Kg)	531	630	19%

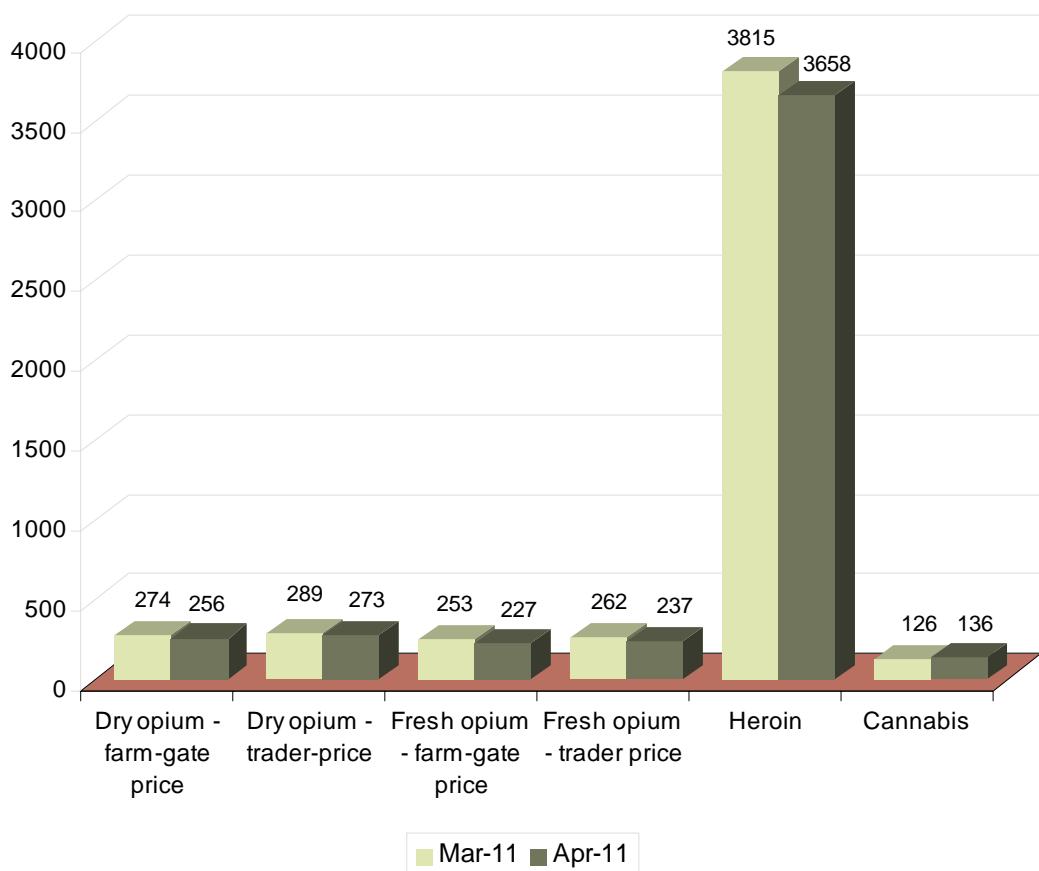
- Prices at consumer level**

Afghanistan	Apr-11		
	Heroin	Opium	Hashish
Price in (US\$/Kg)	6,641	495	291

- Licit crops prices in Afghanistan**

Afghanistan	Mar-11			Apr-11		
	Wheat	Saffron	Cotton	Wheat	Saffron	Cotton
Price in (US\$/Kg)	0.3	3,037	2.2	0.4	3,190	2.3

Price change of dry opium, fresh opium, heroin and cannabis resin between March 2011 and April 2011



DRY OPIUM:

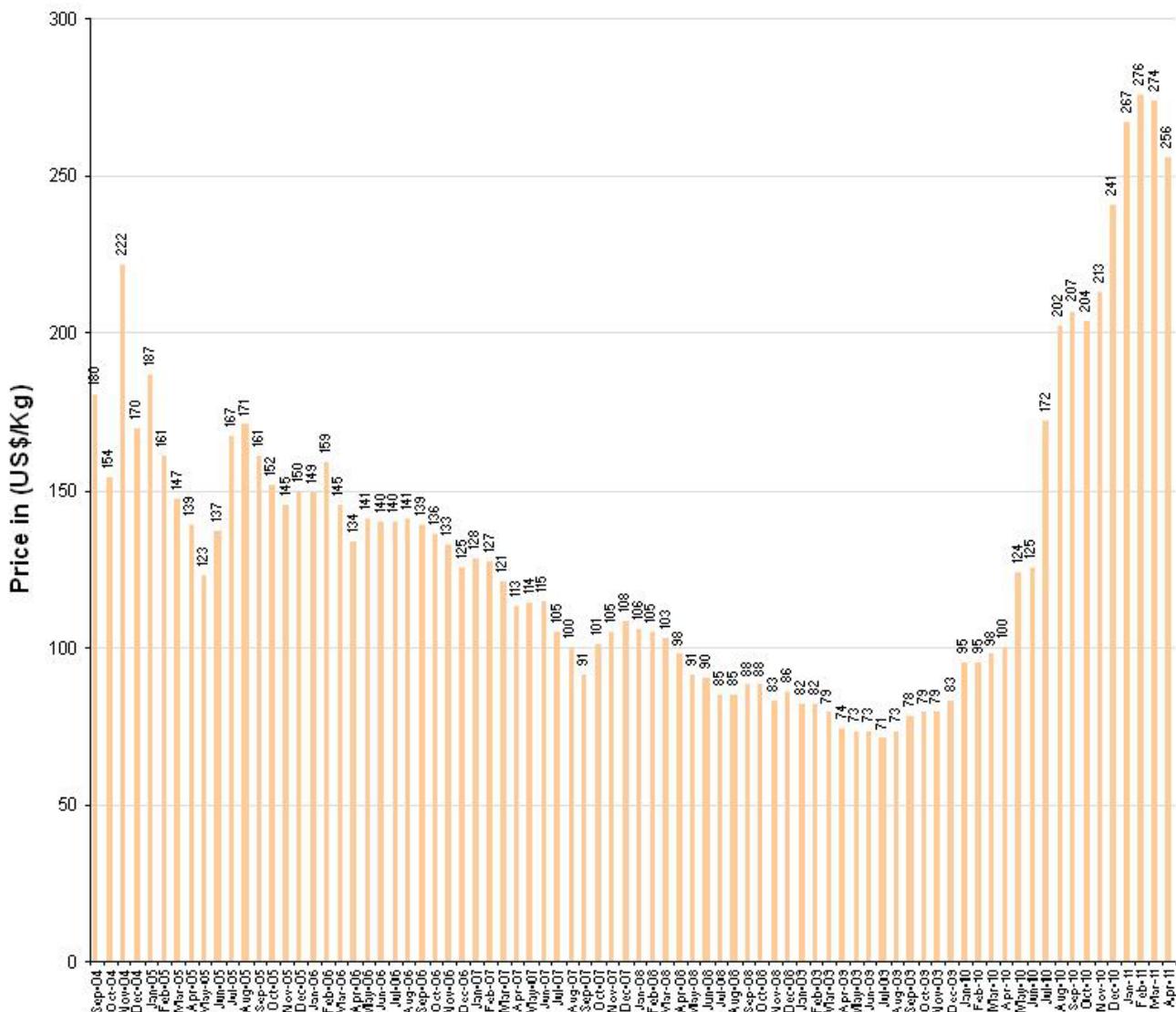
FARM-GATE PRICE:

At the end of April 2011, the national average price for one kilogram of dry opium in Afghanistan at the farm-gate level was **US\$ 256/kg** with 6% decrease compared to price reported in March 2011 (**US\$ 274/kg**).

The average dry opium price is **157%** higher than the price reported in April 2010 which was **US\$ 100/kg**.

The further decrease in the prices is due to the opium harvesting season and availability of fresh opium in the market.

Graph 1: ¹ Average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from September 2004 to April 2011



TRADER PRICE:

At the end of April 2011, the national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 273/kg** with 6% decrease compared to the price reported in March 2011 (**US\$ 289/kg**).

The average dry opium price is **149%** higher than the price reported last year in April 2010 which was **US\$ 110/kg**.

¹ Simple average of all observations

Dry opium price collected from traders has decreased by 4%, 13%, 7%, and 3% in Eastern, Southern, Western and North-eastern region respectively. Prices have increased by 1% in Northern region.

The decrease in the prices is due to the opium harvesting season and availability of fresh opium in the market.

Table 1: Regional average² price of dry opium collected from traders (US\$/Kg)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (USD/Kg)		Change
	Mar-11	Apr-11	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	305	294	-4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar)	287	251	-13%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	361	334	-7%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Takhar)	179	173	-3%
Northern region (Balkh, Faryab, Kunduz)	205	208	1%
Average³	289	273	-6%

Graph 2: Regional average² price of dry opium from traders (February 2005 to April 2011)

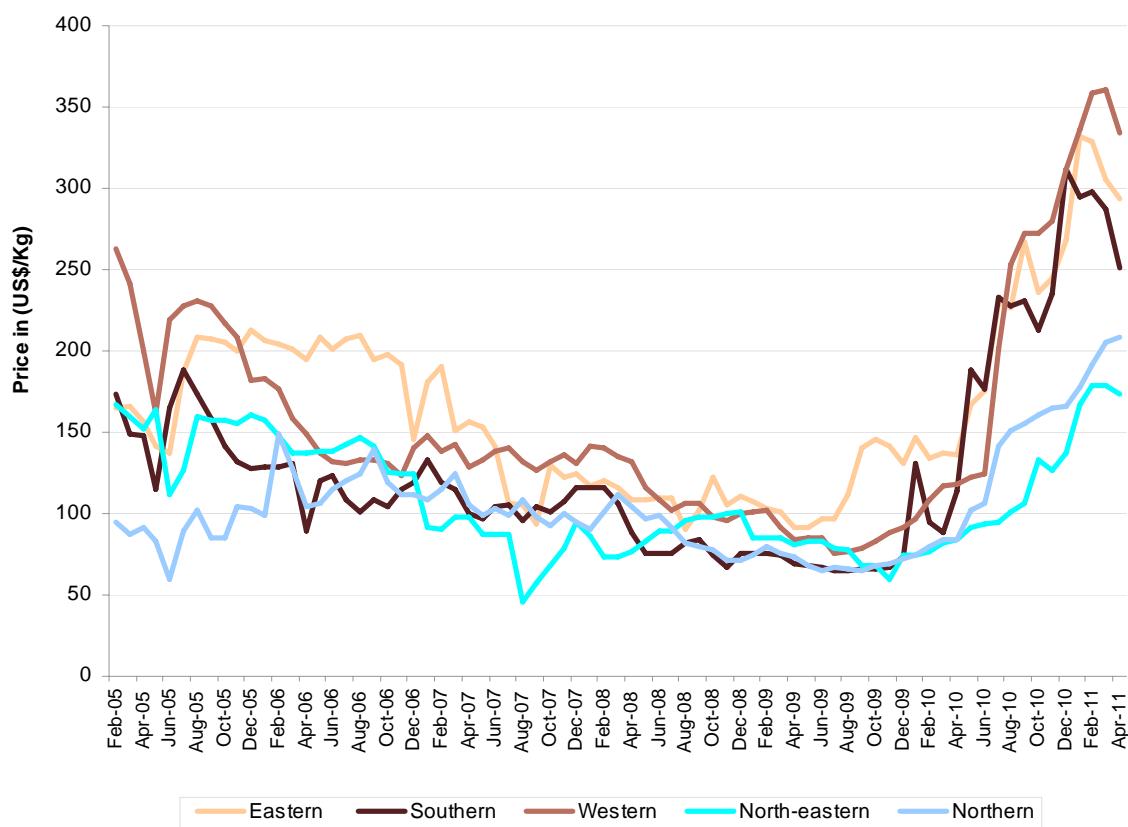


Table 2: Price of Afghanistan dry opium in Peshawar, Pakistan (US\$/Kg):

	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
Dry Opium	213	326	233	291	289	350	NA	364	NA	NA	329	320	261

² Simple average of all observations

³ Simple average of all observations

FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of April 2011, the national average price of fresh opium was **US\$ 227/kg** and **US\$ 237/kg** at the farm-gate and trader level with **10% and 9%** decrease respectively compared to the price reported in March 2011 which was **US\$ 253/kg** and **US\$ 262/kg** at the farm-gate and trader level respectively.

The decrease in the prices is due to the opium harvesting season and availability of fresh opium in the market.

After the harvest season there is no fresh opium available, but farmers keep their fresh opium in plastic bags or dishes covered with leaves in order to preserve moisture. This opium is referred as fresh opium.

Graph: 3 National average⁴ price of fresh opium price, US\$/kg (August 2009 to April 2011)

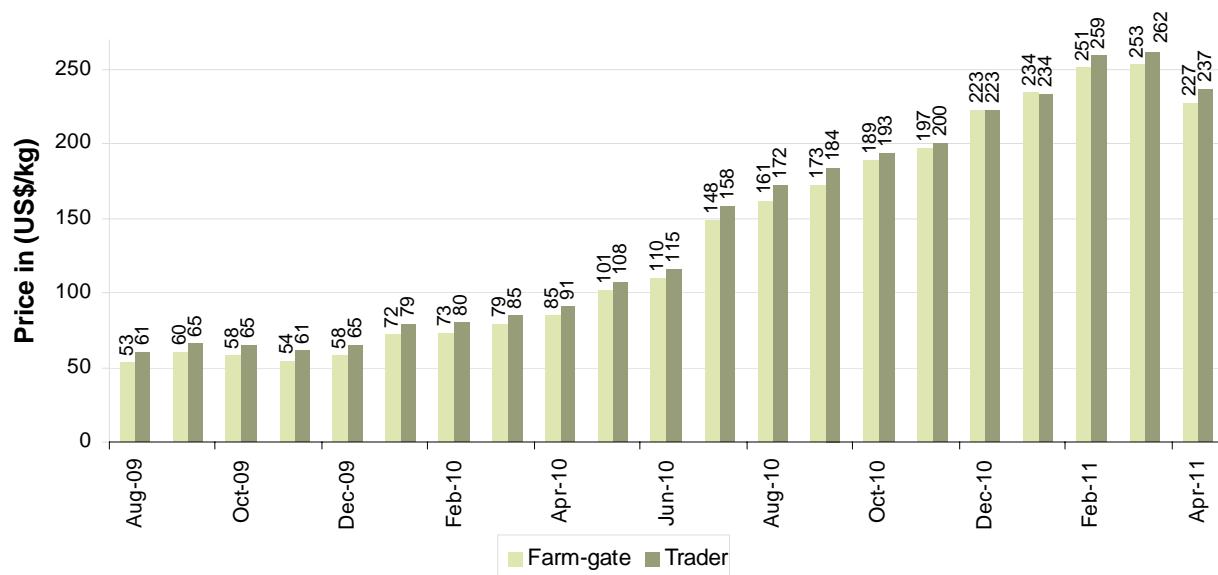


Table 3: Number of observations of dry and fresh opium prices

	Number of observations (n)		Number of provinces price collected
	Farm-gate price	Trader price	
Dry Opium	199	187	15
Fresh Opium	120	120	10

HEROIN:

MCN (Ministry of Counter Narcotics) and UNODC regional offices in Afghanistan and Pakistan reported the prices for Heroin as below (prices of best quality considered).

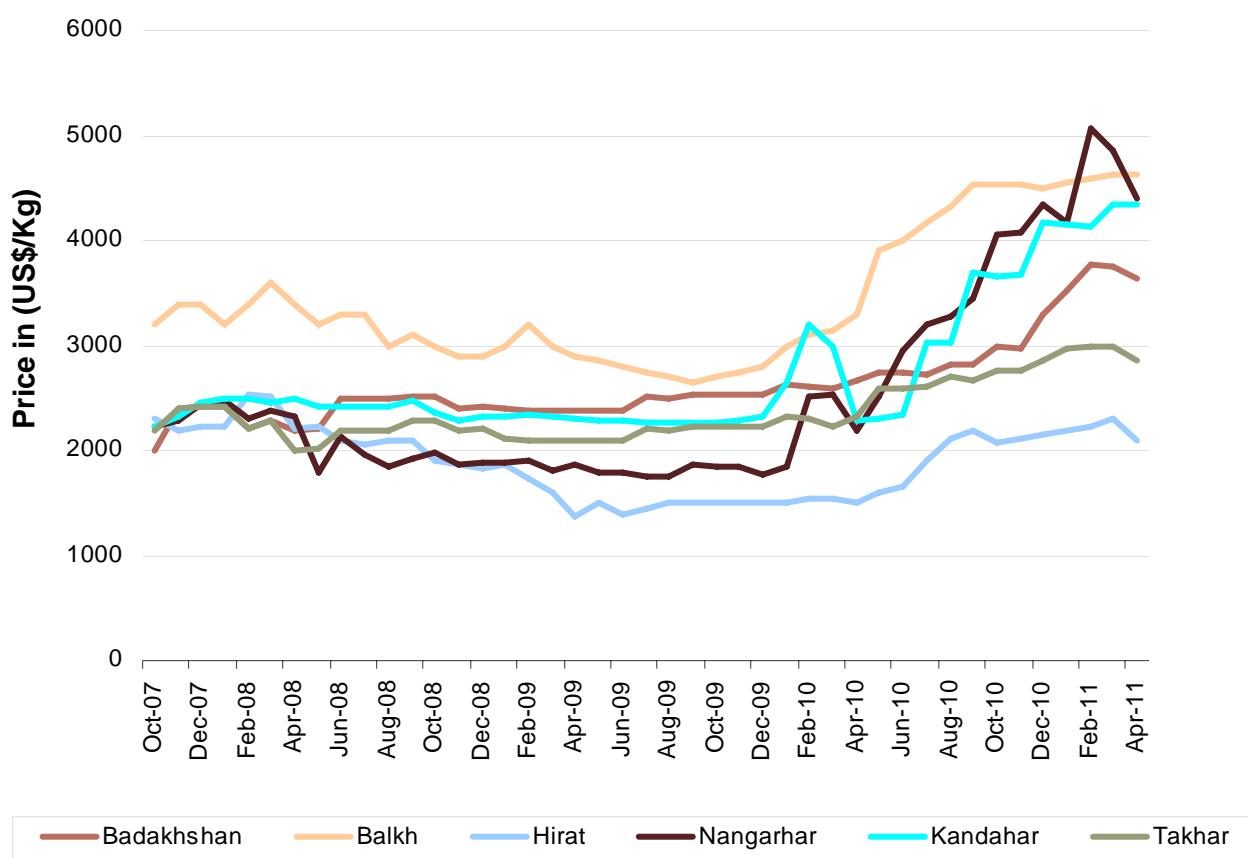
⁴ Simple average of all observations

Table 4: Heroin Price in Afghanistan and Pakistan (US\$/Kg)

Afghanistan	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
Badakhshan	2664	2736	2743	2715	2816	2813	2983	2979	3300	3522	3765	3756	3630
Balkh	3300	3900	4000	4169	4322	4540	4541	4539	4490	4552	4596	4638	4631
Hirat	1505	1602	1650	1905	2115	2184	2083	2121	2150	2200	2221	2310	2091
Nangarhar	2186	2517	2955	3194	3278	3456	4050	4070	4334	4167	5058	4858	4404
Kandahar	2280	2310	2350	3023	3020	3700	3650	3680	4170	4155	4140	4342	4338
Takhar	2326	2586	2592	2602	2707	2658	2761	2759	2860	2972	2988	2983	2856
Average ⁵	2,377	2,609	2,715	2,935	3,043	3,225	3,345	3,358	3,551	3,595	3,795	3,815	3,658

Pakistan	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
Peshawer	2,479	2,909	2,909	3,255	4,276	4,437	NA	4,226	NA	NA	4,582	4,863	4,516

Graph: 4 Monthly whole sale price of best quality of heroin, US\$/kg (October 2007 to April 2011)



CANNABIS RESIN:

MCN (Ministry of Counter Narcotics) and UNODC regional offices in Afghanistan and Pakistan reported the prices for cannabis resin and hashish respectively as below (prices of best quality considered).

⁵ Simple average of all observations

Table 5: Cannabis resin price in Afghanistan (US\$/Kg)

Afghanistan	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
Badakhshan	72	78	86	96	109	133	155	177	176	198	199	199	198
Balkh	148	172	183	182	192	206	210	199	142	158	173	155	165
Hirat	58	58	58	57	63	63	60	64	64	71	72	75	68
Nangarhar	84	98	99	124	123	149	116	100	82	82	67	74	85
Kandahar	45	50	55	53	68	90	103	107	115	85	74	77	122
Takhar	56	58	65	69	98	111	110	132	132	143	155	177	176
Average⁶	77	86	91	97	109	125	126	130	119	123	123	126	136

Graph 5: Average⁷ price of cannabis resin, US\$/Kg (October 2007 to April 2011)

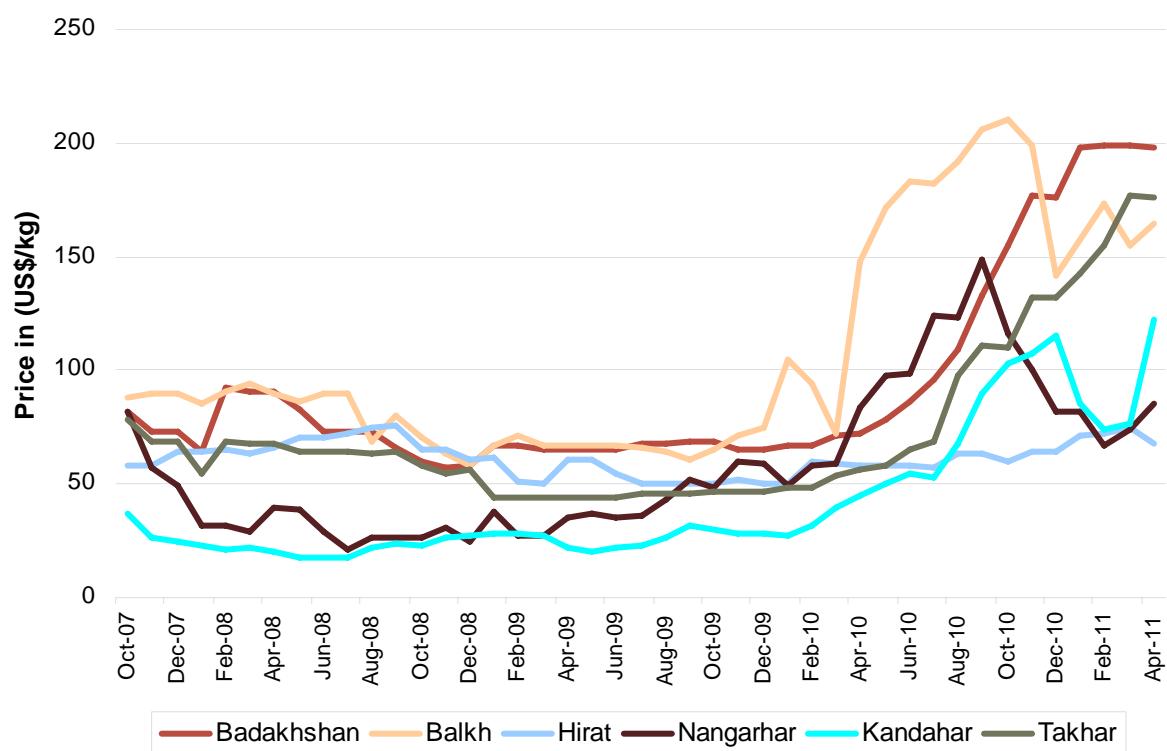


Table 6: Hashish price in Peshawar, Pakistan (US\$/Kg)

Pakistan	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
Peshawar	531	582	582	NA	624	677	NA	681	NA	NA	646	629	630

LICIT CROPS:

The prices of some licit crops (wheat, saffron and cotton) collected from different regions of Afghanistan are as below.

⁶ Simple average of all observations

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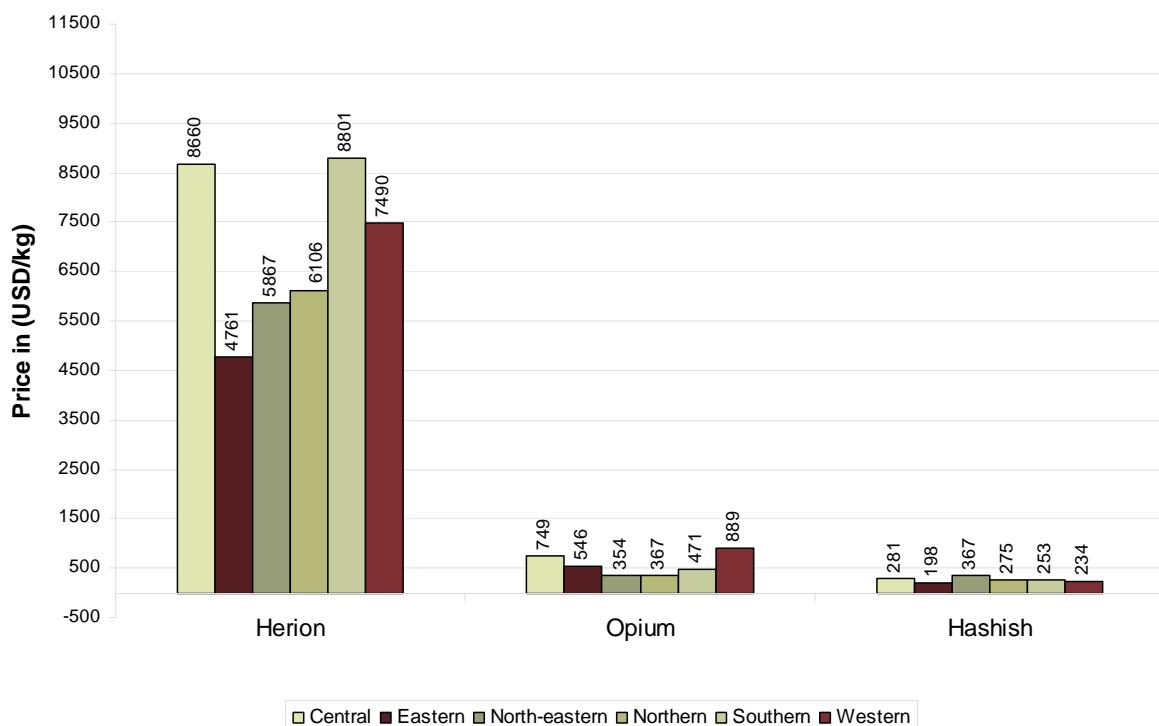
Table 7: Licit crops prices in Afghanistan (US\$/Kg)

Afghanistan	Mar-11			April-11		
	Wheat	Saffron	Cotton	Wheat	Saffron	Cotton
Badakhshan	0.4	na	na	0.5	na	na
Balkh	0.3	3,644	1.4	0.4	4,400	1.7
Hirat	0.3	2,429	2	0.4	1,980	2
Nangarhar	0.4	na	3.4	0.4	na	3.5
Kandahar	0.0	na	2.0	0.5	na	1.8
Takhar	0.4	na	na	0.4	na	na
Average⁸	0.3	3,037	2.2	0.4	3,190	2.3

Consumer price:

The consumer prices of heroin, opium and hashish collected from different regions of Afghanistan are as below. The quality of product varies in different regions.

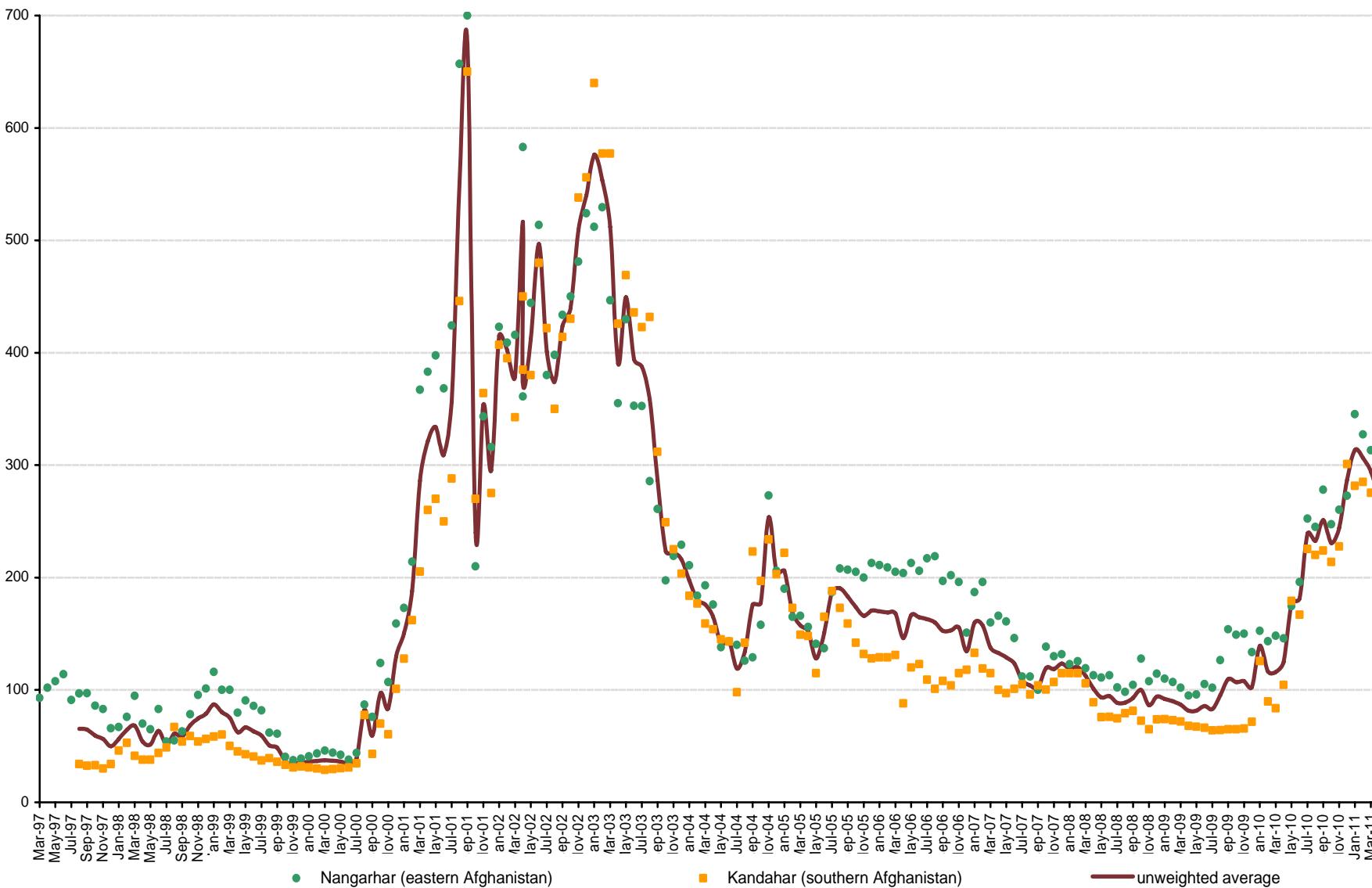
Graph 6: Regional consumer price of Heroin, Opium and Hashish in (US\$/Kg)



⁸ Simple average of all observations

Graph 7:

Average price of dry opium in Nangarhar and Kandahar provinces collected from traders



Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (Apr 2011)



Source: Government of Afghanistan - National monitoring system implemented by MCN / UNODC

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Regional grouping of provinces for the opium poppy survey in Afghanistan



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