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Afghanistan Opium Price Monitoring Monthly Report



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Afghanistan Opium Price Monitoring, July 2010

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 also collected from six province of Afghanistan and Peshawar, the nearest town in Pakistan.

- Dry opium prices**

Dry Opium	July- 09	July-10	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Farm gate price (US\$/Kg)	71	172	144%
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	76	187	147%

- Fresh opium prices**

Fresh Opium	July- 09	July-10	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Farm gate price (US\$/Kg)	52	148	186%
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	58	158	171%

- Heroin and cannabis resin prices in Afghanistan**

Afghanistan	July- 09	July-10	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Heroin price (US\$/Kg)	2157	2935	36%
Cannabis price (US\$/Kg)	48	97	101%

- Heroin and Hashish prices in Peshawar, Pakistan**

Peshawar, Pakistan	July- 09	July-10	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Heroin price (US\$/Kg)	2415	3255	35%
Hashish price (US\$/Kg)	242	523	116%

DRY OPIUM:

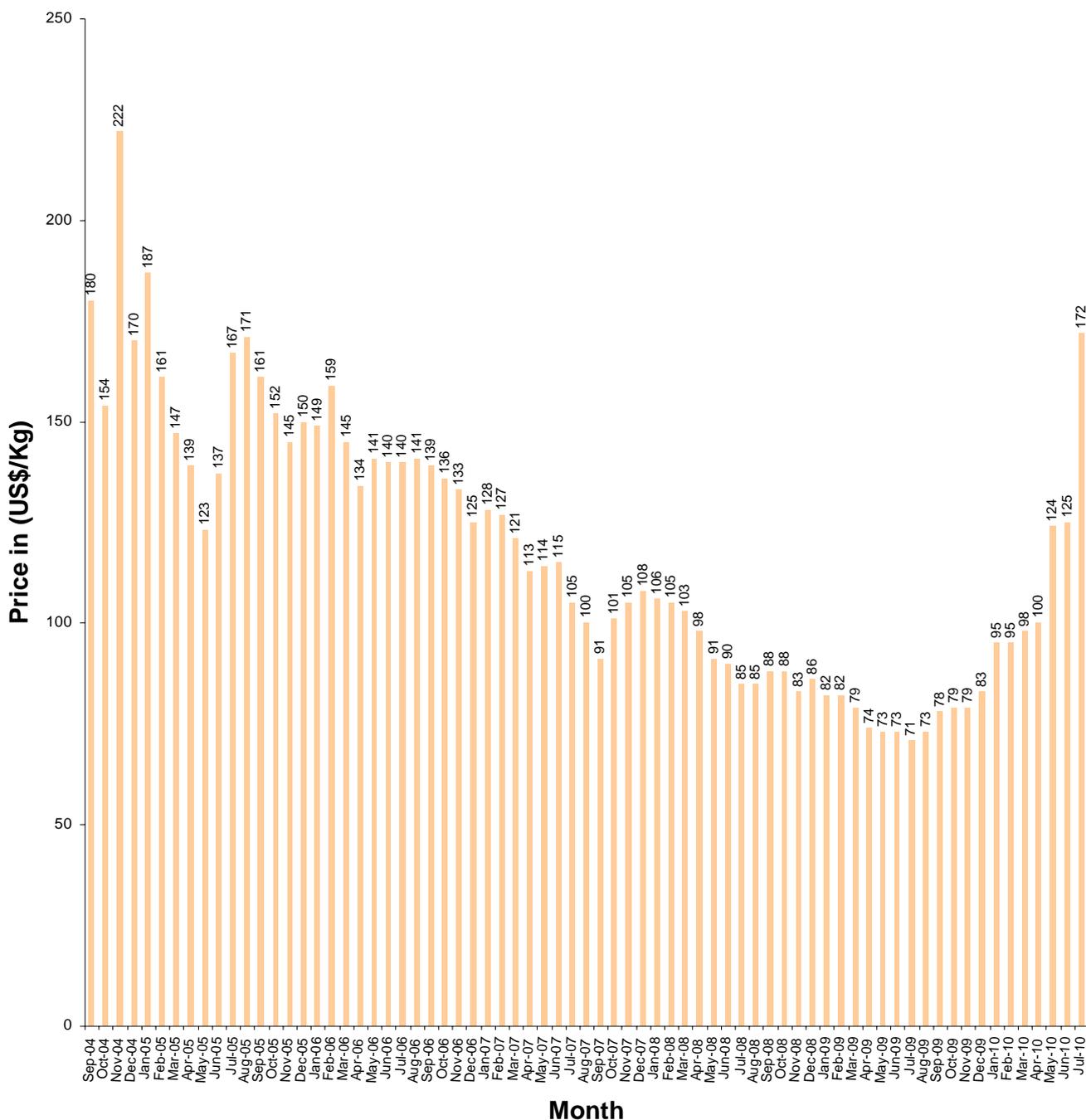
FARM GATE PRICE:

At the end of July 2010, the national average price for one kilogram of dry opium in Afghanistan at the farm gate level was **US\$ 172/kg** with **38%** increase compared to price reported in June 2010 (**US\$ 125/kg**). The dry opium price at the farm gate level has increasing trend since July 2009

The dramatic increase in the prices of dry opium is due to very high demand for opium and less availability of opium in the market.

The average dry opium price is **144%** higher than the price reported in July 2009 which was **US\$ 71/kg**.

Graph 1: ¹ Average price of dry opium from September 2004 to July 2010



¹ Simple average of all observations

TRADER PRICE:

At the end of July 2010, the national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 187/kg** with **40%** increase compared to the price reported in June 2010 (**US\$ 134/kg**).

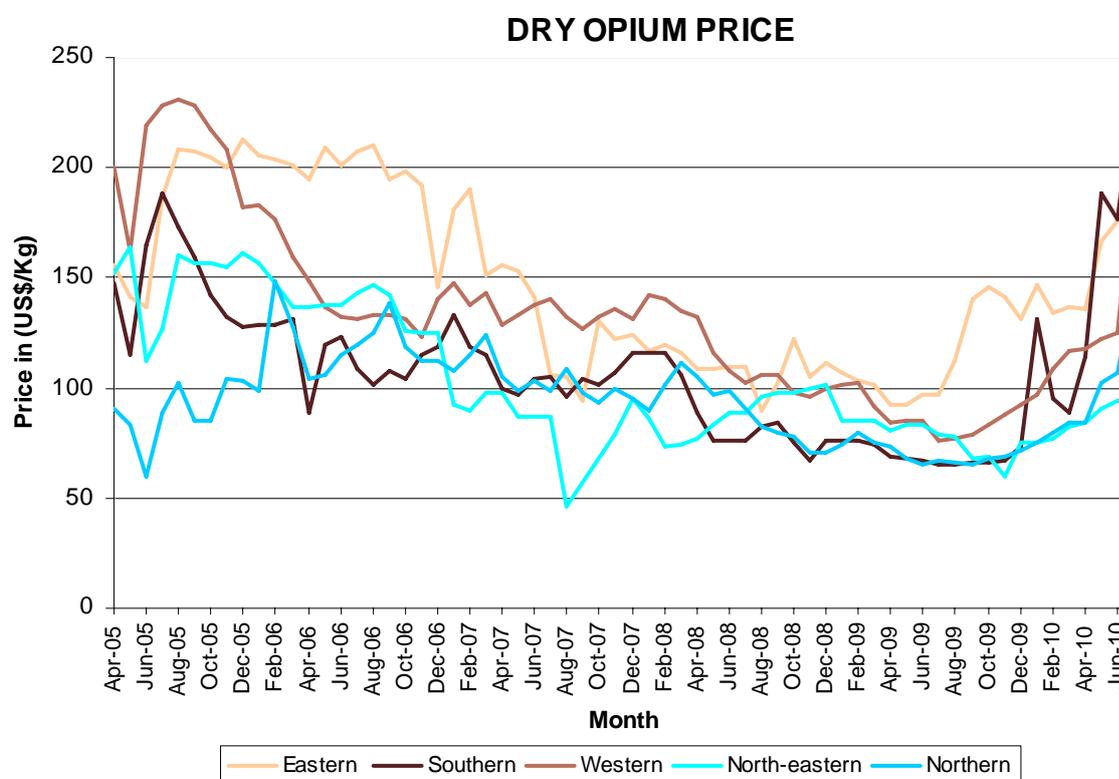
Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 56%, 33%, 32%, 31% and 1% in Western, Northern, Southern, Eastern and North-eastern regions respectively.

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

Region	Price of Dry Opium (USD/Kg)		
	Jun-10	Jul-10	Change
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	176	230	31%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar)	177	233	32%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	125	195	56%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Takhar)	94	95	1%
Northern region (Balkh, Faryab, Kunduz)	106	142	33%
Average	134	187	40%

Graph 2: Regional average² price of dry opium from traders (January 2005- July 2010)



² Simple average of all observations

Graph 3: Provincial average price of dry opium collected from traders (January 2010 - July 2010)

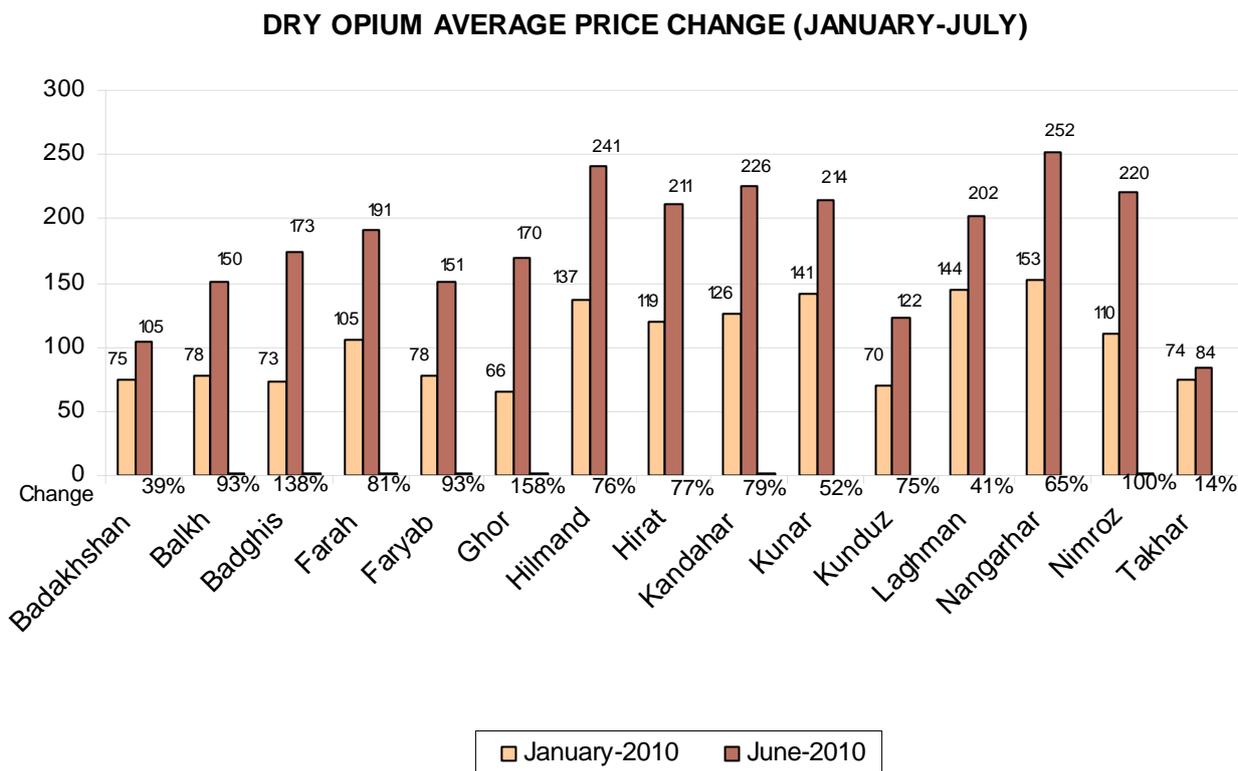


Table 2: Price of Afghanistan dry opium in Peshawar, Pakistan (US\$/Kg):

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10
Dry Opium	97	145	156	180	143	153	139	198	207	213	326	233	291

FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of July 2010, the national average price of fresh opium was **US\$ 148/kg** at farm gate level with **34%** increase and **US\$ 158/kg** at trader level with **37%** increase compared to the prices reported last month (**US\$ 110/kg** and **US\$ 115/kg**) respectively.

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).

Table 3: Heroin Price in Afghanistan and Pakistan (US\$/Kg)

Afghanistan	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10
Badakhshan	2512	2495	2526	2536	2539	2539	2633	2610	2595	2664	2736	2743	2715
Balkh	2750	2700	2650	2700	2750	2800	3000	3100	3150	3300	3900	4000	4169
Hirat	1450	1499	1509	1505	1508	1509	1514	1539	1535	1505	1602	1650	1905
Nangarhar	1751	1749	1866	1857	1853	1769	1847	2510	2541	2186	2517	2955	3194
Kandahar	2270	2265	2270	2275	2280	2320	2640	3200	2990	2280	2310	2350	3023
Takhar	2211	2196	2223	2232	2234	2234	2317	2296	2226	2326	2586	2592	2602
Average	2157	2151	2174	2184	2194	2195	2325	2543	2506	2377	2609	2715	2935

Pakistan	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10
Peshawar	2415	2412	2400	2636	2152	2234	2251	2568	2364	2479	2909	2909	3255

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).

Table 4: Cannabis resin price in Afghanistan (US\$/Kg)

Afghanistan	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10
Badakhshan	68	68	69	69	65	65	67	67	71	72	78	86	96
Balkh	66	64	61	65	71	75	105	94	72	148	172	183	182
Hirat	50	50	50	50	52	50	50	60	59	58	58	58	57
Nangarhar	36	43	52	48	60	59	49	58	59	84	98	99	124
Kandahar	23	26	32	30	28	28	27	32	40	45	50	55	53
Takhar	46	46	46	47	47	47	48	48	54	56	58	65	69
Average	48	50	52	52	54	54	58	60	59	77	86	91	97

Cannabis resin price was stable till December 2009 but after January 2010 it has increasing trends.

Graph 4: Average price of cannabis resin (January 2009 - July 2010)

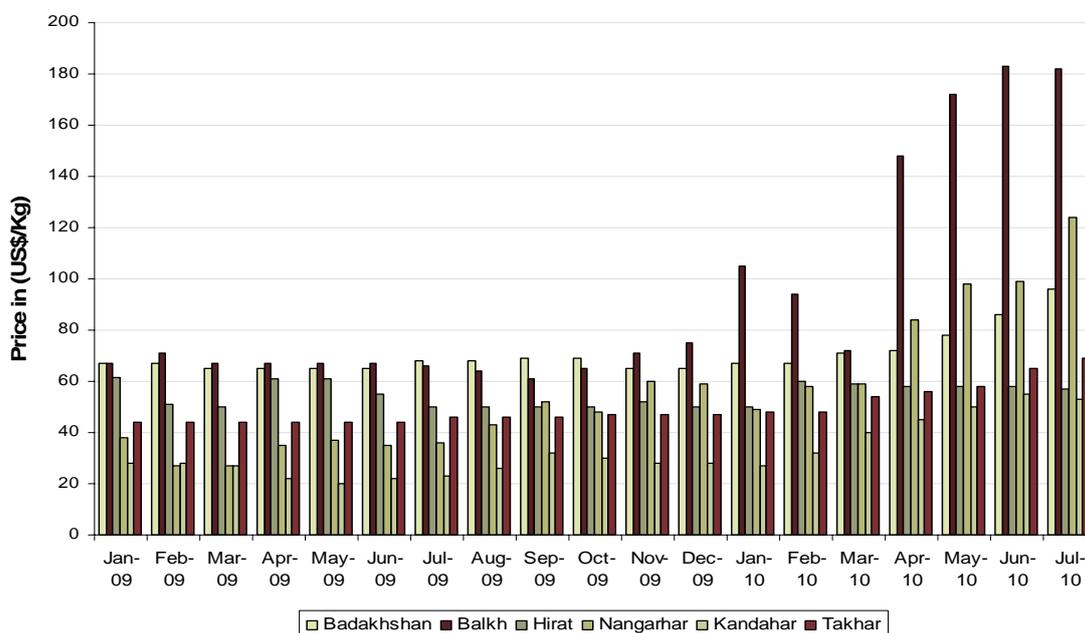


Table 5: Hashish price in Peshawar, Pakistan (US\$/Kg)

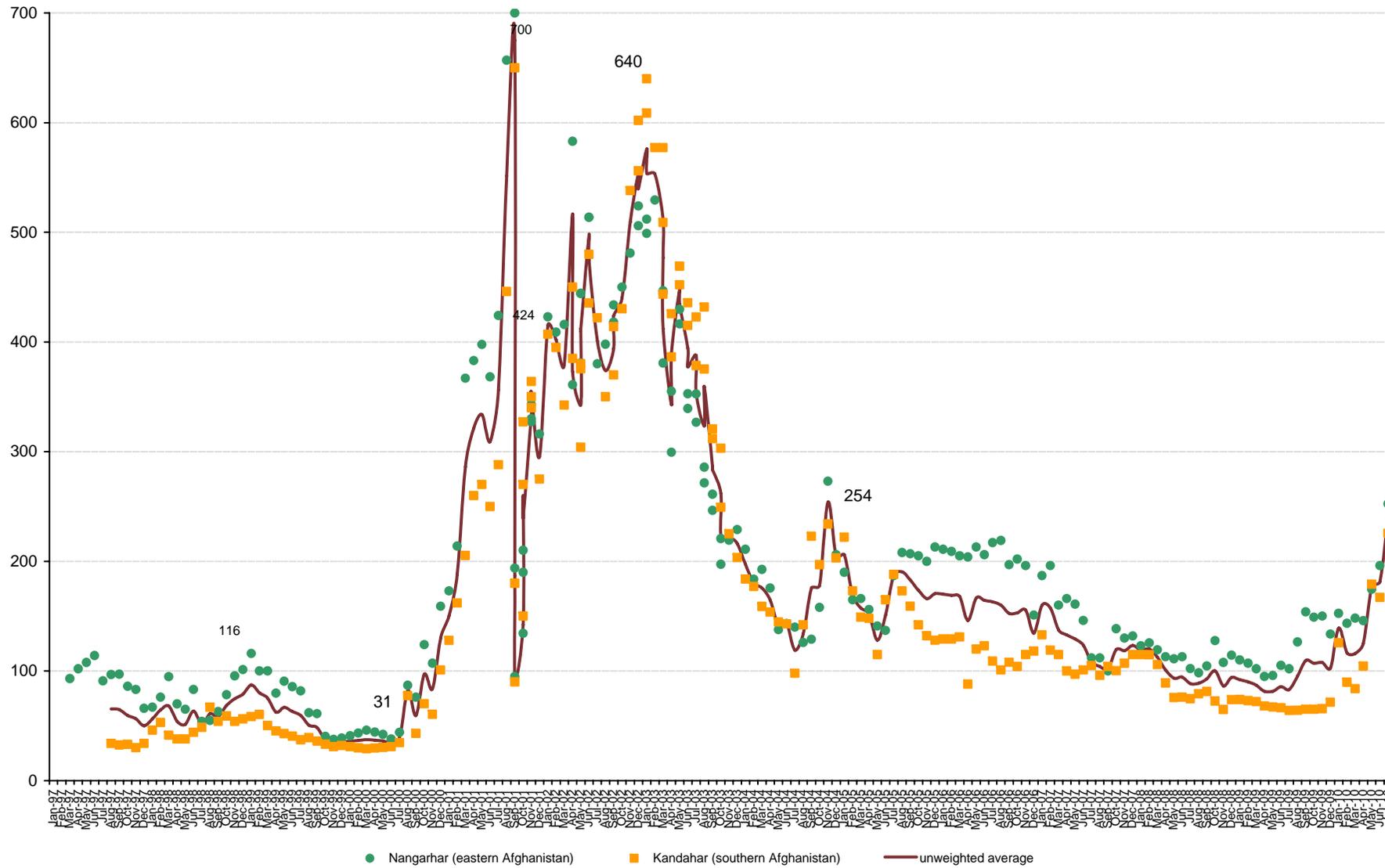
Pakistan	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10
Peshawar	242	302	336	312	227	200	254	374	473	531	582	582	523

Table 6: Number of observations of dry and fresh opium prices

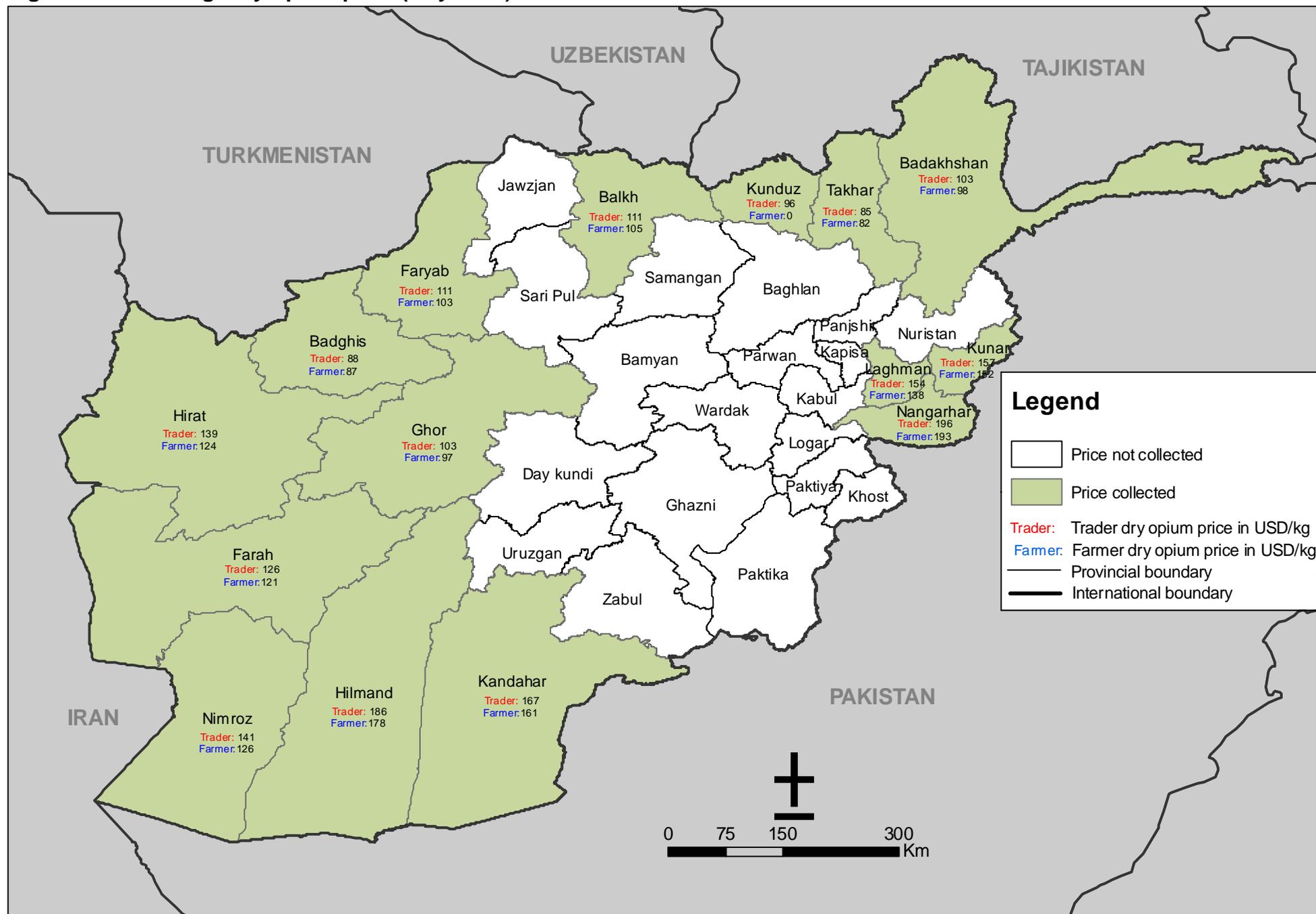
	Number of observations (n)		Number of provinces price collected
	Farm-gate price	Trader price	
Dry Opium	199	187	15
Fresh Opium	174	174	14

Graph 5:

Average price of dry opium in Nangarhar and Kandahar provinces collected from traders (US\$/kg), March 1997 - July 2010



Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (July 2010)



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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