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

- Dry opium prices**

| Dry Opium | Sep-09 | Sep-10 | Increase/ Decrease (%) |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|
| Farm gate price (US\$/Kg) | 78 | 207 | 165% |
| Trader price (US\$/Kg) | 84 | 226 | 169% |

- Fresh opium prices**

| Fresh Opium | Sep-09 | Sep-10 | Increase/ Decrease (%) |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|
| Farm gate price (US\$/Kg) | 60 | 173 | 188% |
| Trader price (US\$/Kg) | 65 | 184 | 183% |

- Heroin and cannabis resin prices in Afghanistan**

| Afghanistan | Sep-09 | Sep-10 | Increase/ Decrease (%) |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|
| Heroin (US\$/Kg) | 2174 | 3225 | 48% |
| Cannabis (US\$/Kg) | 52 | 125 | 140% |

- Heroin and Hashish prices in Peshawar, Pakistan**

| Peshawar, Pakistan | Sep-09 | Sep-10 | Increase/ Decrease (%) |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|
| Heroin (US\$/Kg) | 2400 | 4437 | 85% |
| Cannabis (US\$/Kg) | 336 | 677 | 101% |

DRY OPIUM:

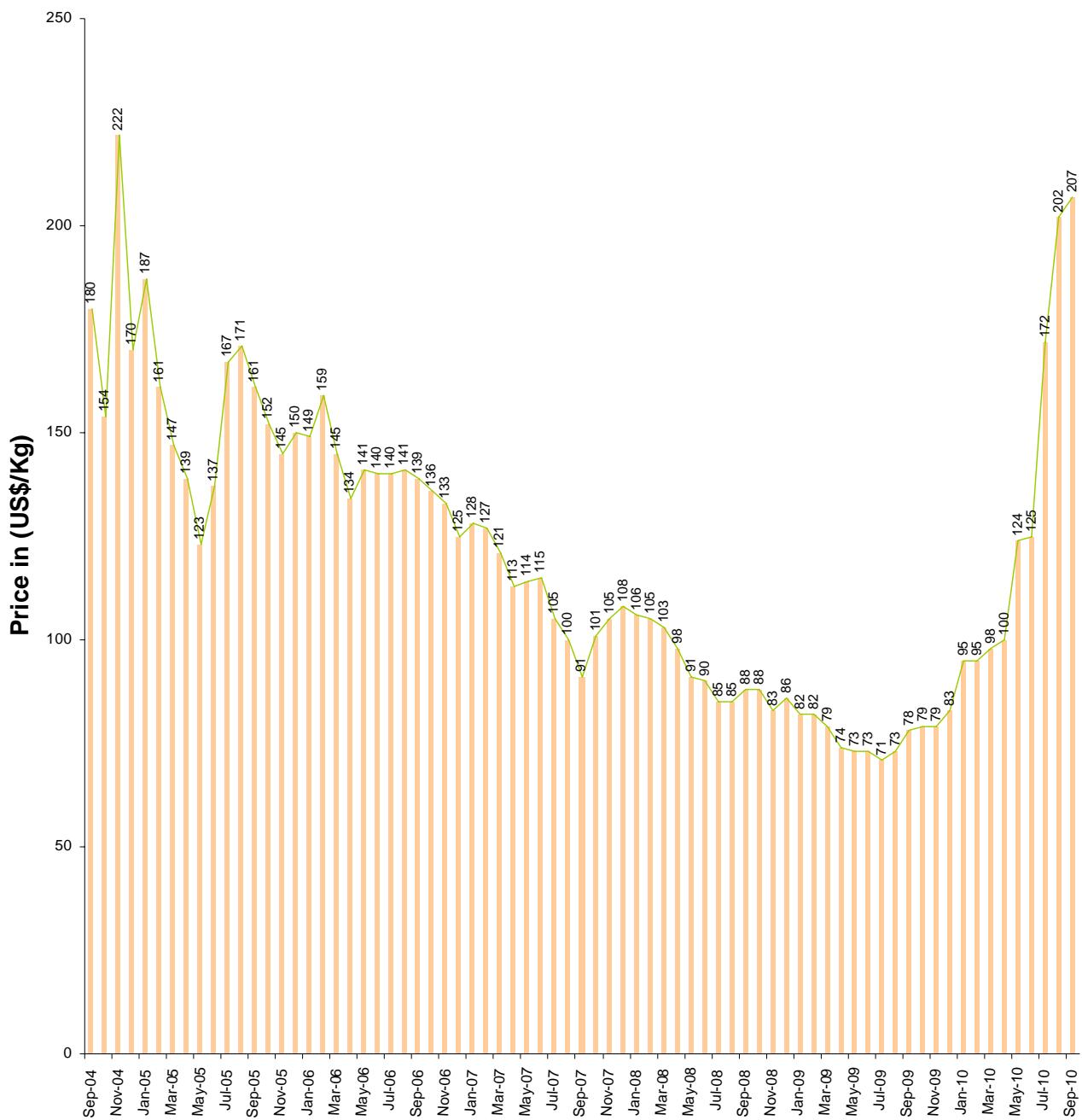
FARM GATE PRICE:

At the end of September 2010, the national average price for one kilogram of dry opium in Afghanistan at the farm gate level was **US\$ 207/kg** with 3% increase compared to price reported in August 2010 (**US\$ 202/kg**). The dry opium price at the farm gate level has increasing trend since July 2009. The price is getting close to the highest price reported since September 2004 which was in November 2004 (**US\$ 222/kg**).

The increase in the price of dry opium at the farm-gate level is due to speculation of further increase in prices of opium in the market. This year the opium production has reduced in the disease affected crops in the southern and western provinces.

The average dry opium price is **165%** higher than the price reported in September 2009 which was **US\$ 78/kg**.

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



¹ Simple average of all observations

TRADER PRICE:

At the end of September 2010, the national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 226/kg** with **8%** increase compared to the price reported in August 2010 (**US\$ 209/kg**).

The average dry opium price is **169%** higher than the price reported in September 2009 which was **US\$ 84/kg**.

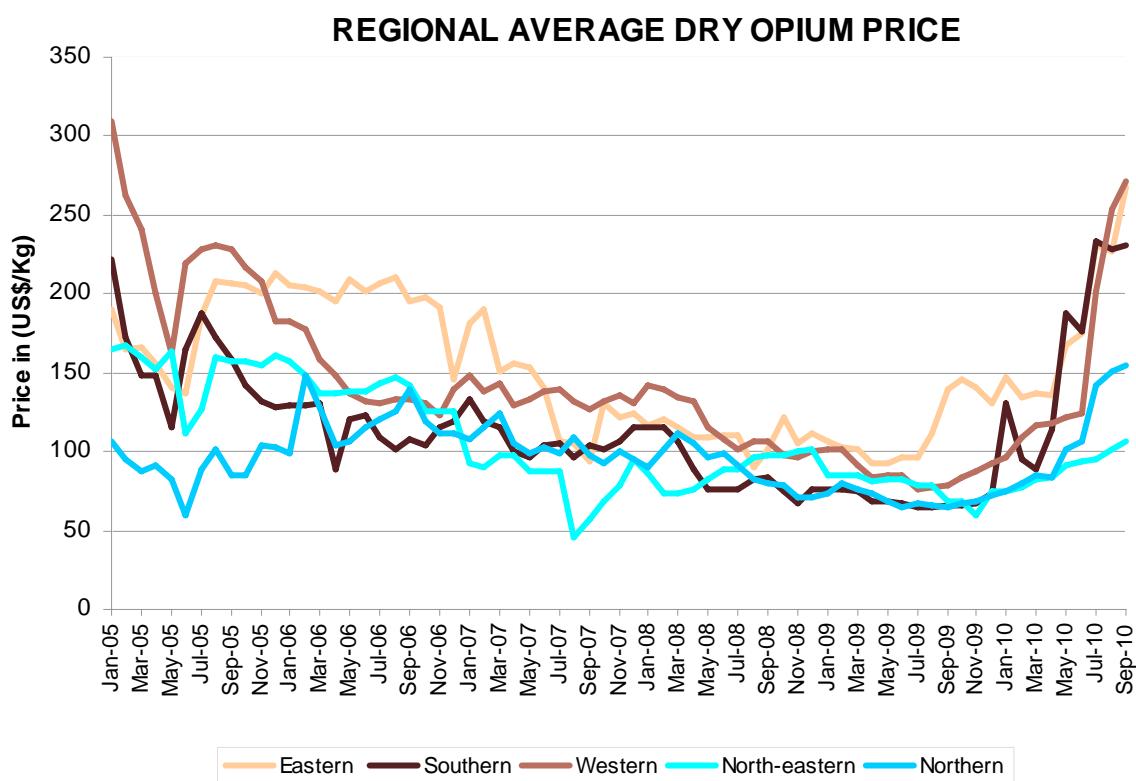
Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by **18%, 1%, 7%, 4% and 3%** in Easterns, southern, Western, North-eastern and Northern regions respectively. The average price of opium during September 2010 is **US\$ 226/Kg** with an increased of **8%** than last month.

The further increase in the price of dry opium at the trader level is due to high speculation in the market because of disease affecting the opium crop this year.

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

| Region | Price of Dry Opium (USD/Kg) | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| | Aug-10 | Sep-10 | Change |
| Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar) | 227 | 267 | 18% |
| Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar) | 228 | 231 | 1% |
| Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz) | 254 | 272 | 7% |
| North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Takhar) | 102 | 106 | 4% |
| Northern region (Balkh, Faryab, Kunduz) | 151 | 155 | 3% |
| Average | 209 | 226 | 8% |

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



² Simple average of all observations

Graph 3: Provincial average price of dry opium collected from traders, US\$/Kg (Jan 2010 - September 2010)

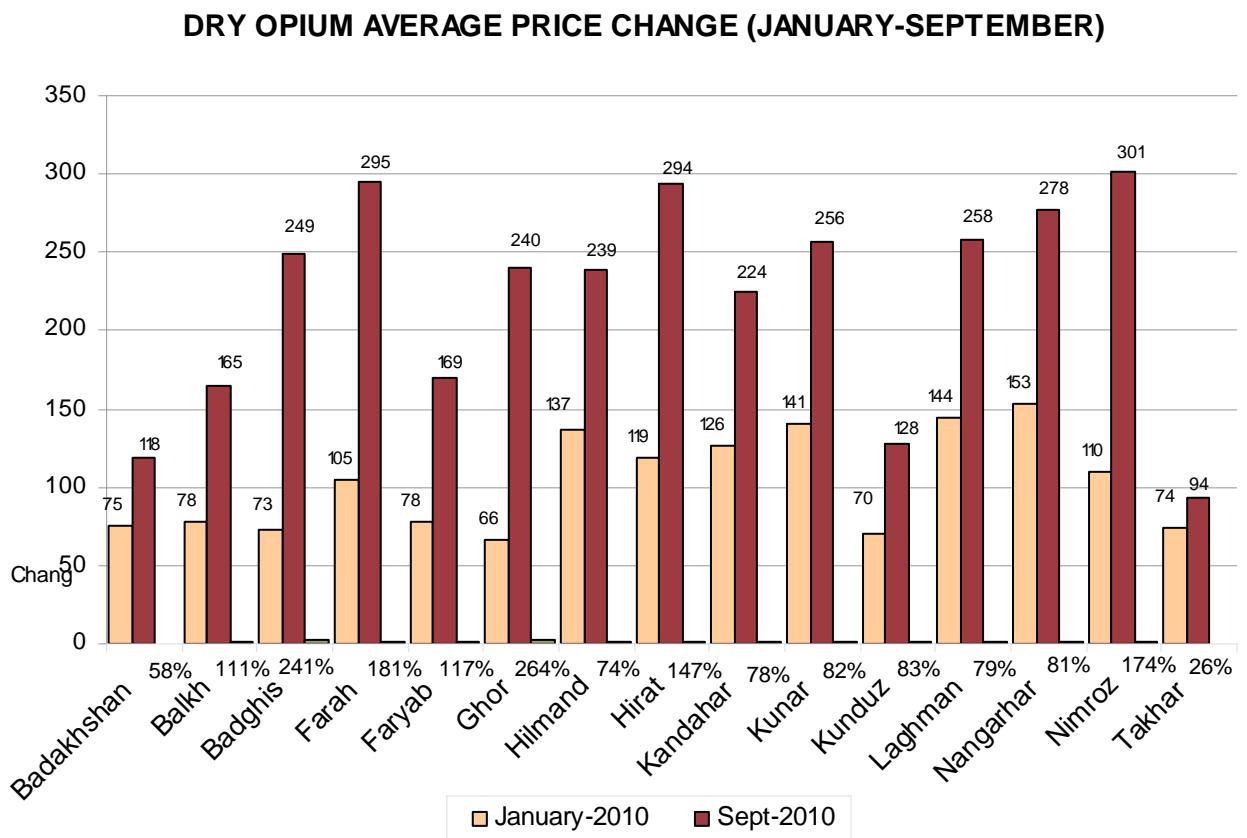


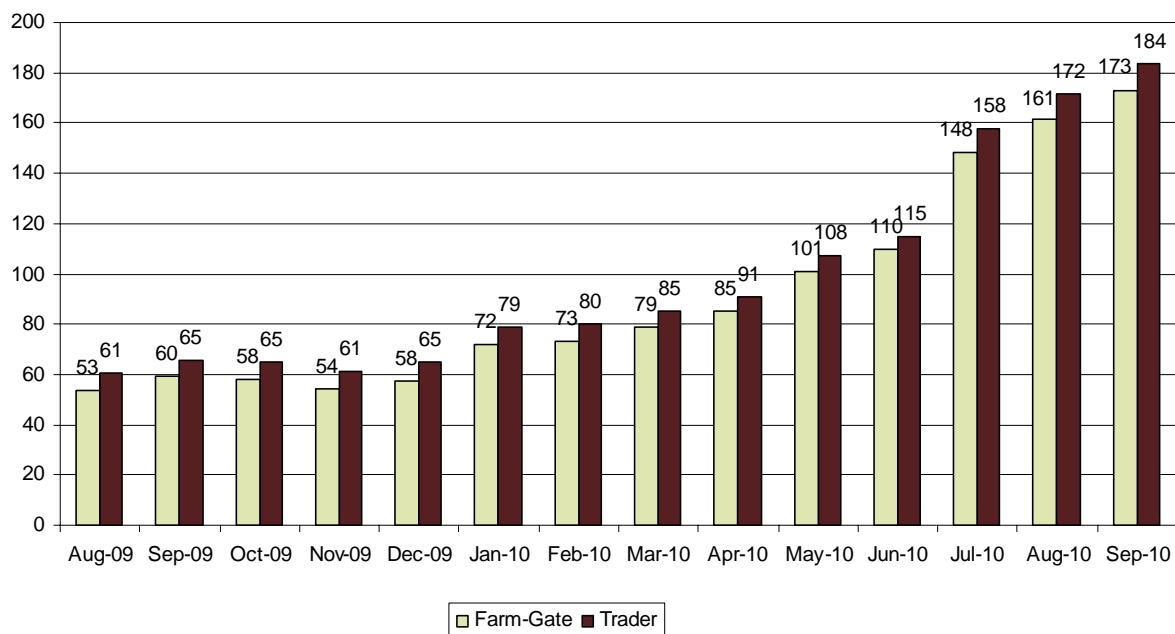
Table 2: Price of Afghanistan dry opium in Peshawar, Pakistan (US\$/Kg):

| | Sep-09 | Oct-09 | Nov-09 | Dec-09 | Jan-10 | Feb-10 | Mar-10 | Apr-10 | May-10 | Jun-10 | Jul-10 | Aug-10 | Sep-10 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Dry Opium | 156 | 180 | 143 | 153 | 139 | 198 | 207 | 213 | 326 | 233 | 291 | 289 | 350 |

FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of September 2010, the national average price of fresh opium was **US\$ 173/kg** at farm gate level with 7% increase and **US\$ 184/kg** at trader level with 7% increase compared to the prices reported last month (**US\$ 161/kg** and **US\$ 172/kg**) respectively. Fresh opium has increasing trend since November 2009.

FRESH OPIUM AVERAGE PRICE



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 | Sep-09 | Oct-09 | Nov-09 | Dec-09 | Jan-10 | Feb-10 | Mar-10 | Apr-10 | May-10 | Jun-10 | Jul-10 | Aug-10 | Sep-10 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Badakhshan | 2526 | 2536 | 2539 | 2539 | 2633 | 2610 | 2595 | 2664 | 2736 | 2743 | 2715 | 2816 | 2813 |
| Balkh | 2650 | 2700 | 2750 | 2800 | 3000 | 3100 | 3150 | 3300 | 3900 | 4000 | 4169 | 4322 | 4540 |
| Hirat | 1509 | 1505 | 1508 | 1509 | 1514 | 1539 | 1535 | 1505 | 1602 | 1650 | 1905 | 2115 | 2184 |
| Nangarhar | 1866 | 1857 | 1853 | 1769 | 1847 | 2510 | 2541 | 2186 | 2517 | 2955 | 3194 | 3278 | 3456 |
| Kandahar | 2270 | 2275 | 2280 | 2320 | 2640 | 3200 | 2990 | 2280 | 2310 | 2350 | 3023 | 3020 | 3700 |
| Takhar | 2223 | 2232 | 2234 | 2234 | 2317 | 2296 | 2226 | 2326 | 2586 | 2592 | 2602 | 2707 | 2658 |
| Average | 2174 | 2184 | 2194 | 2195 | 2325 | 2543 | 2506 | 2377 | 2609 | 2715 | 2935 | 3043 | 3225 |

| Pakistan | Sep-09 | Oct-09 | Nov-09 | Dec-09 | Jan-10 | Feb-10 | Mar-10 | Apr-10 | May-10 | Jun-10 | Jul-10 | Aug-10 | Sep-10 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Peshawar | 2400 | 2636 | 2152 | 2234 | 2251 | 2568 | 2364 | 2479 | 2909 | 2909 | 3255 | 4276 | 4437 |

Heroin price has increasing trend since April 2010 in Afghanistan and since March 2010 in Pakistan.

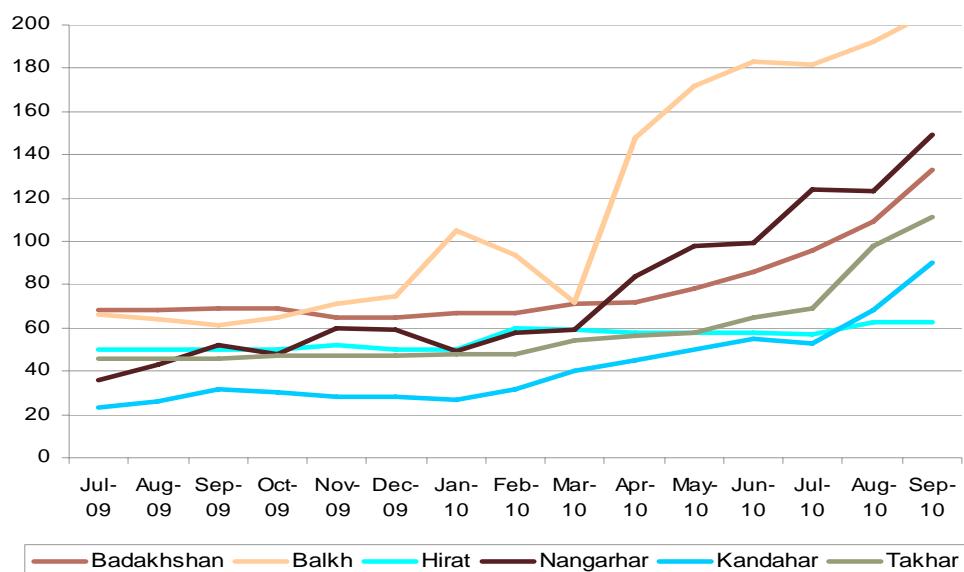
CANNABIS RESIN:

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 | Sep-09 | Oct-09 | Nov-09 | Dec-09 | Jan-10 | Feb-10 | Mar-10 | Apr-10 | May-10 | Jun-10 | Jul-10 | Aug-10 | Sep-10 |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Badakhshan | 69 | 69 | 65 | 65 | 67 | 67 | 71 | 72 | 78 | 86 | 96 | 109 | 133 |
| Balkh | 61 | 65 | 71 | 75 | 105 | 94 | 72 | 148 | 172 | 183 | 182 | 192 | 206 |
| Hirat | 50 | 50 | 52 | 50 | 50 | 60 | 59 | 58 | 58 | 58 | 57 | 63 | 63 |
| Nangarhar | 52 | 48 | 60 | 59 | 49 | 58 | 59 | 84 | 98 | 99 | 124 | 123 | 149 |
| Kandahar | 32 | 30 | 28 | 28 | 27 | 32 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 53 | 68 | 90 |
| Takhar | 46 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 48 | 48 | 54 | 56 | 58 | 65 | 69 | 98 | 111 |
| Average | 52 | 52 | 54 | 54 | 58 | 60 | 59 | 77 | 86 | 91 | 97 | 109 | 125 |

Graph 4: Average price of cannabis resin, US\$/Kg (July 2009 – September 2010)



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

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

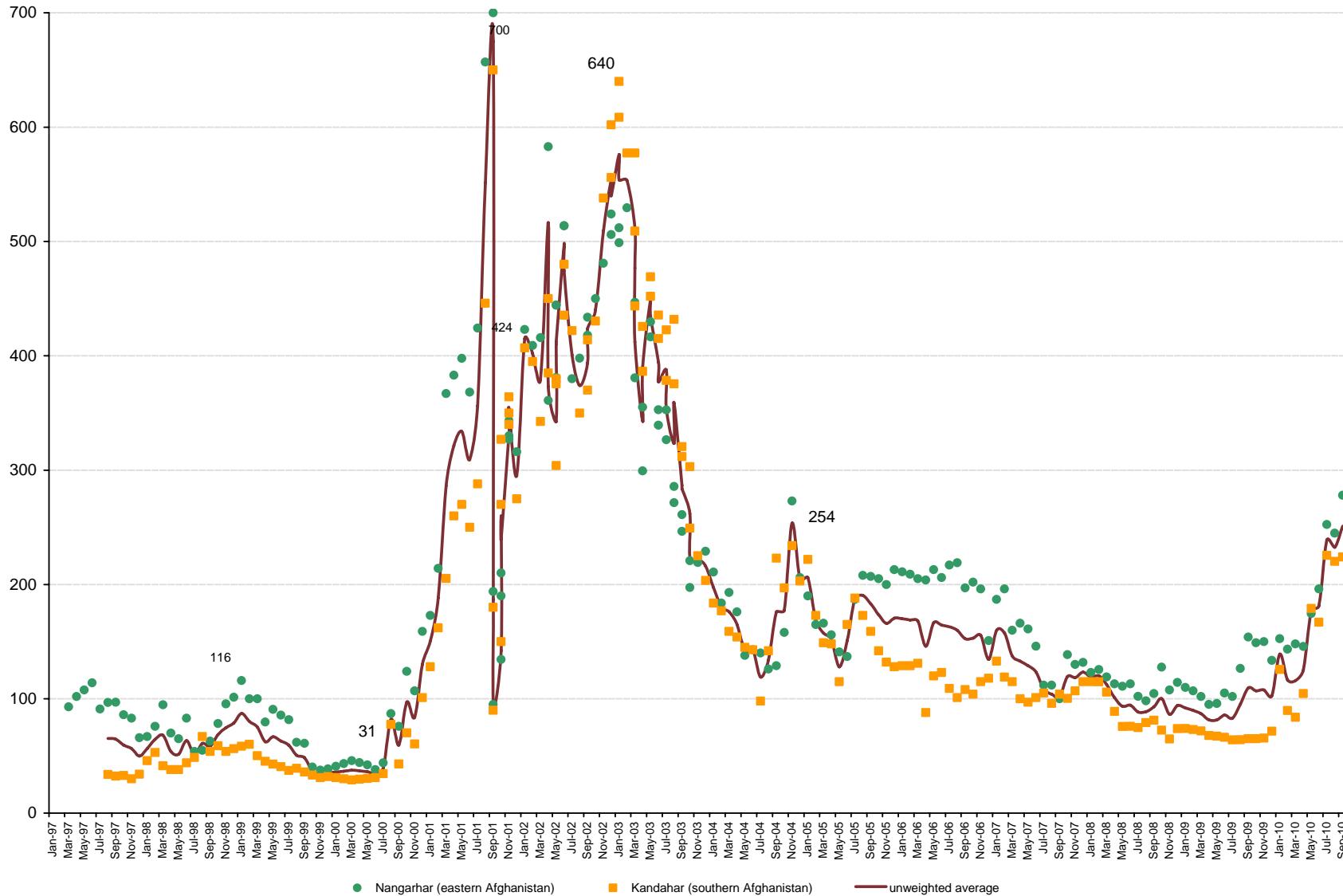
| Pakistan | Sep-09 | Oct-09 | Nov-09 | Dec-09 | Jan-10 | Feb-10 | Mar-10 | Apr-10 | May-10 | Jun-10 | Jul-10 | Aug-10 | Sep-10 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Peshawar | 336 | 312 | 227 | 200 | 254 | 374 | 473 | 531 | 582 | 582 | 523 | 624 | 677 |

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 | 140 | 140 | 13 |

Graph 5:

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



Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (Sep 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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