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Ferahan (or Feraghan) is in NW Iran and became an important area for carpet weaving in the 18th century. Both the city and the surrounding plain received same name and are in a triangle formed by Qom, Sultanabad and Hamadan.

Nadir Shah (1736-1747) forced weavers who lived in Herat (today's Afghanistan) to come over to Ferahan and to settle in the area. The local production was totally reshaped. Patterns from eastern provinces of the empire suddenly appeared on the market and influenced the traditional style of the local weavers.

Upto the end of the 19th century many of the rugs were produced in Mushkabad. Sultanabad (now Arak) Saruk, Goltuk, Malayer and Mahal.