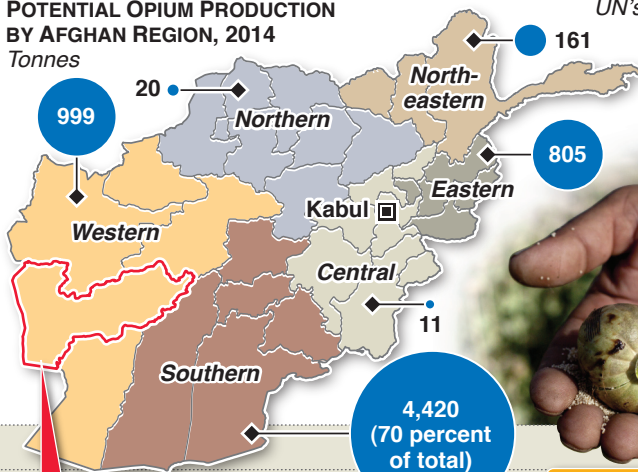


# IS extends influence over Afghan opium trade

Farmers in Afghanistan's remote western provinces are planting their first illegal opium crop of the year, and the drug masters now include so-called Islamic State (IS) militants as well as Taliban insurgents

## POTENTIAL OPIUM PRODUCTION BY AFGHAN REGION, 2014

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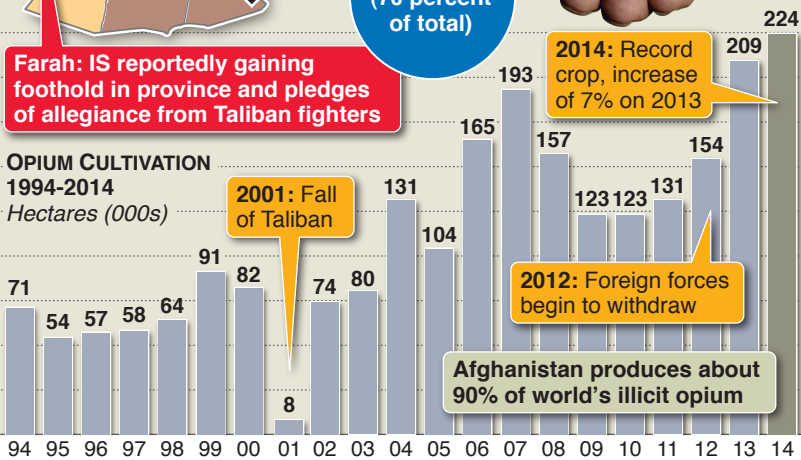
UN's drug watchdog says last year's record poppy crop could be exceeded in 2015



**Farah: IS reportedly gaining foothold in province and pledges of allegiance from Taliban fighters**

## OPIOUM CULTIVATION 1994-2014

Hectares (000s)



**Afghanistan produces about 90% of world's illicit opium**