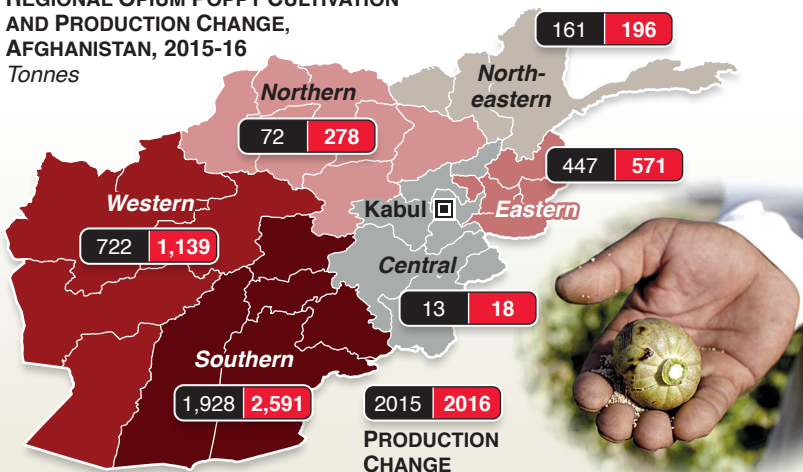


Dramatic surge in Afghan opium production

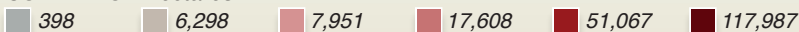
Poor security has led to a 43% rise in production of the illicit crop from 2015, with 4,800 tonnes produced this year, according to the UN

REGIONAL OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION AND PRODUCTION CHANGE, AFGHANISTAN, 2015-16

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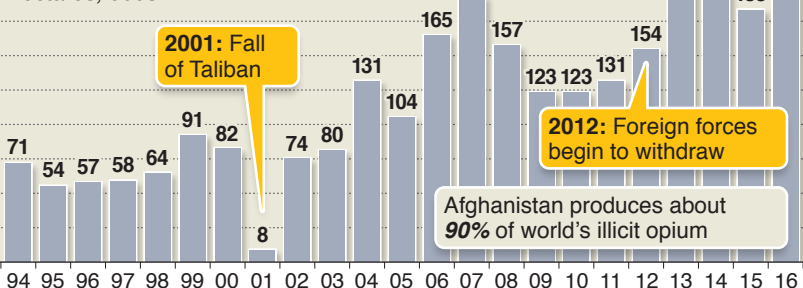


CULTIVATION Hectares



OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION 1994-2016

Hectares, 000s



Authorities have been able to destroy only **355 hectares** of opium poppies in 2016 compared to **3,760 hectares** in 2015 – **91% decrease**