

# Opium is king in Afghanistan

The opium trade has funded insurgents fighting NATO forces and corrupted the government. Afghanistan is the world's top opium producer.

## Where opium is grown

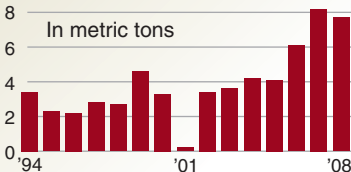
- None, or very little     Low to moderate  
 High to very high



**2008**  
Produced  
75% of  
nation's  
opium

## Opium production

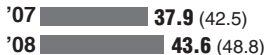
Production has increased almost every year since the U.S.-led invasion in 2001



## Opium cultivation

- Area being planted has decreased, yet the yield has increased

### Pounds per acre (kg/ha)



- Farmers involved **2.4 million**

- Average annual income **\$1,997**

- Income per hectare for opium compared to wheat

