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Poppy Seed Update

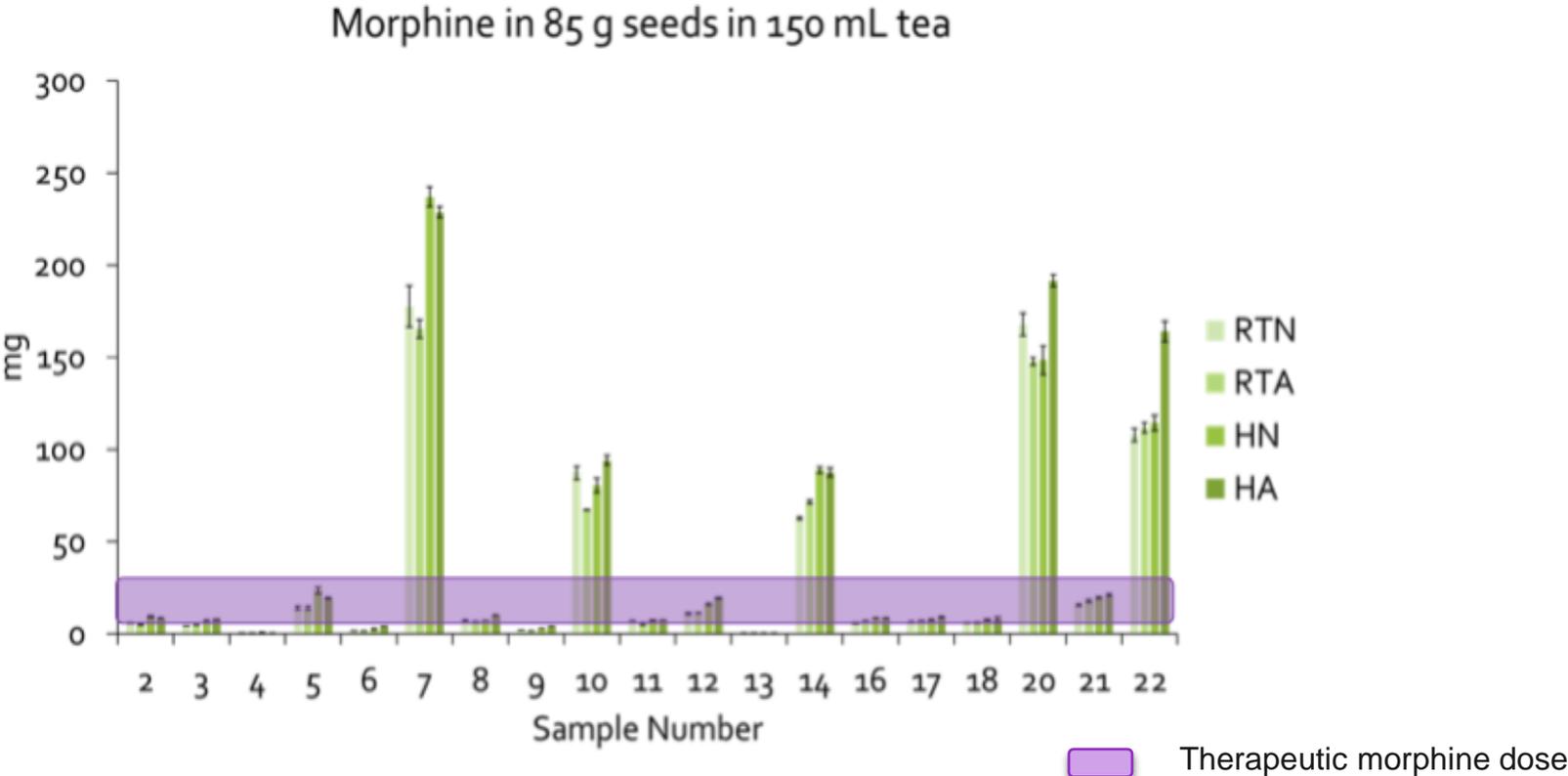
In July 2018, Senator Cotton met with an Arkansas family whose son died from morphine-intoxication from poppy seed tea



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The family worked with Sam Houston State University to study the morphine content in poppy seeds advertised as “unwashed”



Poppy seeds designed for “poppy tea” are still being openly sold online through major retailers for \$25 lb or more

 Kindle Customer

★★★★★ **These seeds are good.**

October 25, 2018

Size: 1 Pounds | [Verified Purchase](#)

These poppy seeds are tasty and have a good crunch to them. Mine had substantial plant matter in all 3 bags, so bakers probably want to sift the seeds to keep plant matter out of your baked goods. For those who are unaware, this means they are unprocessed and unwashed which is what you want in poppy seeds. Don't return the bags if you find plant matter in your seeds, it's normal! They retain an earthy, bitter, nutty flavor and taste way better than the processed/already washed stuff. It makes the difference between an "okay" muffin and a "great" muffin.

All the 1 or 2 star ratings are bull, and will get yet "another" acceptable product pulled from Amazon. If the product matches the product description, then review it accordingly. If you make soaps, cosmetics, or whatever your off-label use is- they're made to "eat". Review accordingly.

Stop ruining it for everyone else that can use them.

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 Justin

★★★★☆ **Definitely unwashed, but of middling quality**

January 5, 2019

Size: 1 Pounds | [Verified Purchase](#)

Despite the polarizing reviews, I decided to get a bag. I was pleasantly surprised, they were potent and effective in my recipe. They had all the tell-tale signs of strong poppy seeds: bits of plant matter in the bag, dark blue color, bitter and earthy aroma, and they turn water a dark yellow color. However they aren't anything to write home about, the quality is sufficient but just barely. They are cheap too, which makes this a viable brand for regulars.

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Senator Cotton's bi-partisan Stephen Hacala Poppy Seed Safety Act would prohibit selling seeds containing unsafe levels of opiates to consumers

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<p style="text-align: center;">APRIL 3, 2015</p> <p>Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. BOGZEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">A BILL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To prohibit the sale of food that is, or contains, unsafe poppy seeds.</p> <p>1 <i>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-</i> 2 <i>tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,</i></p> <p>3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.</p> <p>4 This Act may be cited as the "Stephen Hacala Poppy 5 Seed Safety Act".</p> <p>6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.</p> <p>7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:</p> <p>8 (1) Stephen Hacala was a 24-year-old from 9 Fayetteville, Arkansas, who was dearly loved by fam- 10 ily and friends when he died from morphine intoxica-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>1 tion caused by consumption of contaminated poppy 2 seeds.</p> <p>3 (2) More than a dozen people in the United 4 States have been confirmed to have died from mor- 5 phine overdoses from contaminated poppy seeds.</p> <p>6 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pro- 7 hibit the distribution and sale of contaminated poppy 8 seeds in order to prevent harm, addiction, and further 9 deaths from morphine-laced poppy seeds.</p> <p>10 SEC. 3. UNSAFE POPPY SEEDS AS ADULTERANTS IN FOOD.</p> <p>11 Section 301 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic 12 Act (21 U.S.C. 331) is amended by adding at the end the 13 following:</p> <p>14 “(ff) Selling, or offering to sell, directly to con- 15 sumers a food that is or contains poppy seeds, including 16 concentrates, metabolites, constituents, or extracts of 17 poppy seeds, that contain levels of morphine, codeine, or 18 other alkaloid compounds that may render the food inju- 19 rious to health.”.</p>
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