

AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

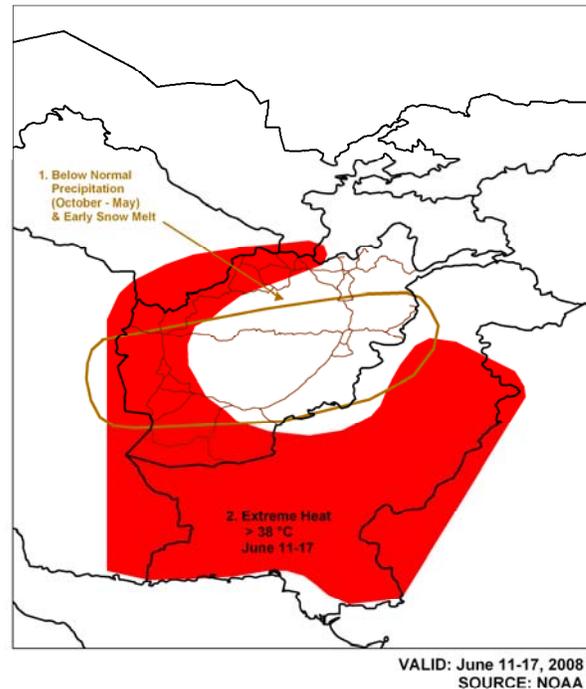
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Temperatures remain warmer than normal across most of Afghanistan. These above-normal temperatures are more moderate in the higher elevations, but are far enough above normal that they have depleted snow pack 4- 6 weeks earlier than normal. The remaining snow pack now resides in the highest elevations of northeast Afghanistan. Snow pack in the highland areas of Afghanistan is critical because it is used for irrigation in the lowland areas.

Precipitation across most of Afghanistan is below normal as well. Fewer fronts than normal passed through the country from October - May. The above normal temperatures have aggravated this situation, melting snow early and evaporating more water than normal.

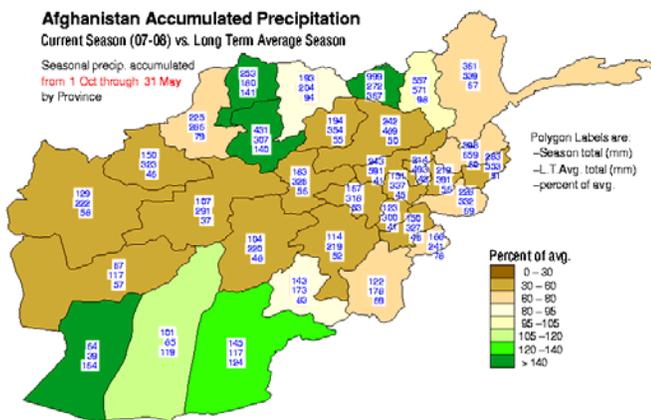
- 1) Much of Afghanistan has experienced below normal precipitation during the winter and spring along with an early snow melt.
- 2) Extreme heat (maximum temperatures above 38 °C) will affect the lowlands of Afghanistan and continue to increase water evaporation.

Figure 1. Weather hazards in Afghanistan as of June



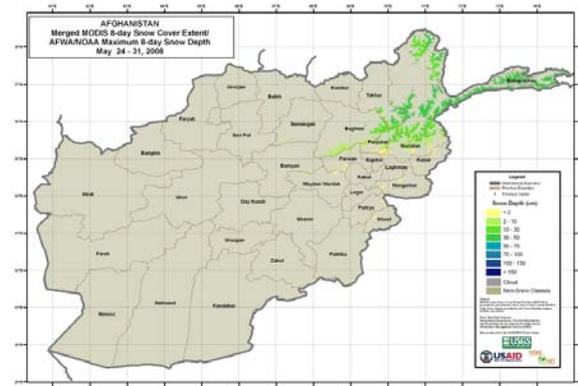
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Figure 2. Accumulated liquid precipitation as of May 31



Source: FEWS NET, USGS

Figure 3. Approximate snow depth



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