

AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

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An overall above average wet season for Afghanistan gave way to more seasonal dry weather during the summer. During the winter months a deep snow pack developed across the central highlands and northeast mountains. As temperatures began to warm during the spring months, as is typical, the snow began to melt. The snow melt combined with rainfall triggered localized flooding.

Snow pack now remains confined to the highest elevations of the northeast, as is typical for September.

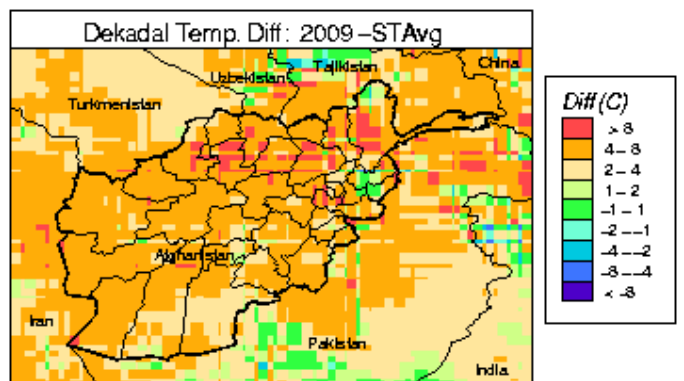
After unseasonal wetness earlier in September, seasonal dry weather returned during the past few weeks. Dry weather can be expected to continue into the beginning of October.

Temperatures have averaged below-normal during the first ten days of September but averaged above-normal during the rest of September (Figure 2). Temperatures, however continue to drop, and will likely slip below zero degrees during the next week across the central highlands (Figure 3) over night during the next week. High temperatures also continue to drop.

Figure 1. Weather hazards in Afghanistan

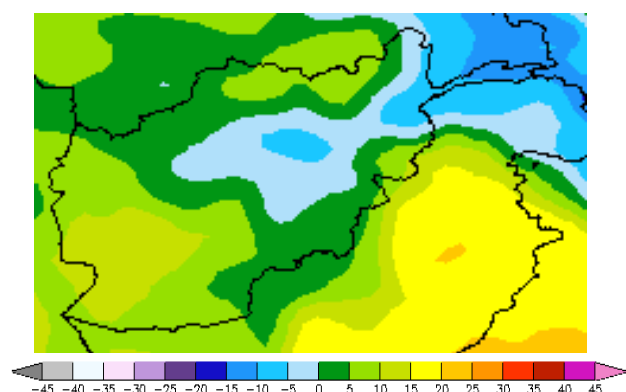


Figure 2. Temperature Anomaly (°C) for September 1 -10, 2009



Source: USGS

Figure 3. Extreme Minimum Temperature (°C) for October 5- 12, 2009



Source: NOAA/CPC