

Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET September 12-18, 2012

Temperatures:

Temperatures averaged above average across the lowlands of Afghanistan during the second and third dekads of August with the largest positive temperature anomalies across north-central Afghanistan. During the next week, above average temperatures are expected to persist across the lowlands with near average temperatures across the central highlands and northeast mountains. Maximum temperatures are forecast to exceed 35 degrees C in southwest Afghanistan, while minimum temperatures fall to freezing across the northeast mountains and central highlands.

Precipitation

Although heavy rain (locally more than 100 mm) occurred across central and southern Afghanistan, only scattered showers (less than 25 mm) spread west into eastern Afghanistan. During the next week, mostly dry weather should prevail across Afghanistan which is typical for September. Moisture associated with the Indian monsoon begins to shift east away from Pakistan during the latter half of September.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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