

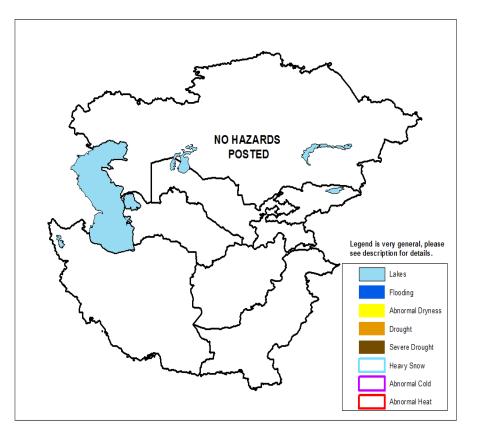
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook October 24-30, 2013

Temperatures:

Seasonal temperatures prevailed across Central Asia during the past week with only small temperature anomalies observed. During the next week, temperatures are forecast to average slightly above normal across the region. Widespread freezing temperatures occurred across northern and central Kazakhstan which is typical for mid-October. Minimum temperatures could fall below -5 degrees C early in the period across north-central Kazakhstan.

Precipitation

During the past week, Central Asia experienced mostly dry weather with light precipitation (6 mm or less) limited to northern Kazakhstan. Light to moderate precipitation can be expected across northern Kazakhstan during the final week of October, while the first significant snow may affect the mountains of Tajikistan and northeast Afghanistan. Snowfall amounts are not expected to be heavy at this time.



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.