



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook August 14 - 20, 2014

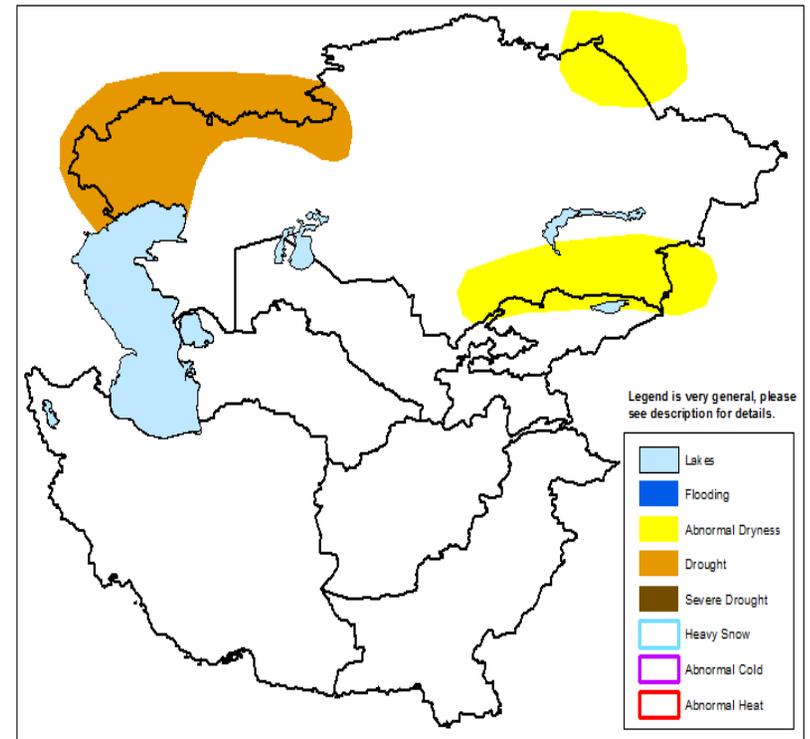
Temperatures:

During early August, temperatures averaged close to normal except for western Kazakhstan where temperatures averaged as much as 5 degrees C above-normal. Maximum temperatures warmed into the mid-30s (degrees C) across this part of Central Asia. During the next week, above-normal temperatures are likely to continue across northwestern Kazakhstan and intensify drought conditions.

Precipitation

Mostly dry weather returned to Central Asia with only isolated areas of northern Kazakhstan receiving more than 10 mm of rainfall. Due to the prolonged period of below-normal precipitation since May and guidance from VHI, a drought area is posted across parts of northwest Kazakhstan.

During the next week, mostly dry weather is forecast to continue throughout most of Central Asia. However, the latest GFS model indicates scattered showers with locally heavy amounts of more than 25 mm across north-central Kazakhstan. The heaviest monsoon rainfall is expected to remain generally east of Afghanistan.



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.