



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook September 25 – October 1, 2014

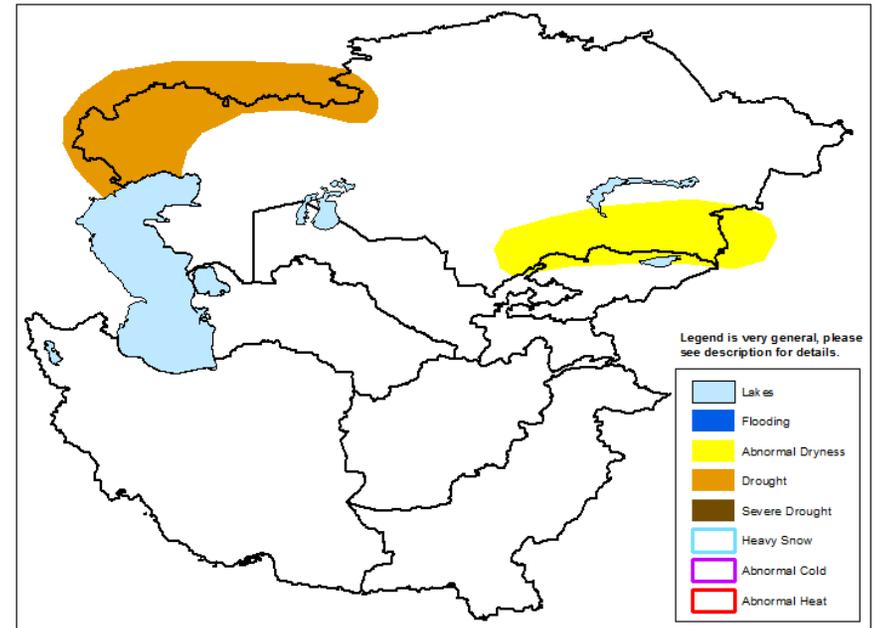
Temperatures:

Weekly temperatures averaged 1 to 3 degrees C below-normal across Kazakhstan from September 14-20, while temperatures averaged 1 to 3 degrees above-normal across the remainder of Central Asia. During the past week, northwest Kazakhstan experienced a widespread freeze. The GFS model predicts that temperatures will average above-normal during the next week.

Precipitation

The drought area, posted for northwest Kazakhstan, is based on a lack of adequate precipitation dating back to May. No precipitation occurred during the past week across area designated as drought with only light precipitation (8 mm or less) across the abnormal dryness areas.

During the next week, the GFS model indicates widespread precipitation across much of Kazakhstan with local amounts more than 25 mm. Accumulating snow is possible across the highest elevations of southeast Kazakhstan. If the precipitation amounts forecast by the GFS model verify, then major relief to the drought and abnormal dryness areas would occur.



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.