



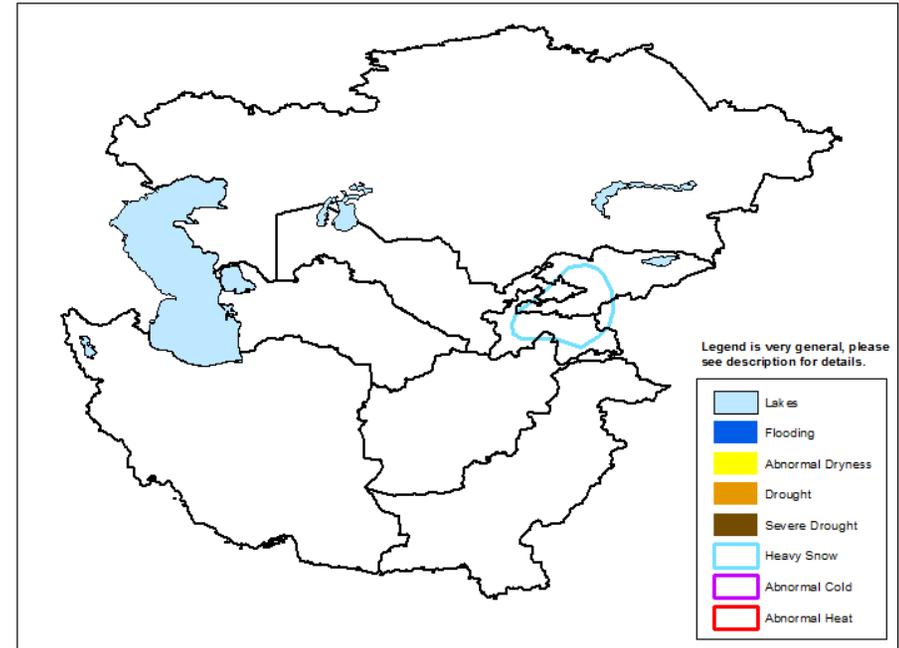
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook October 15 - 21, 2015

Temperatures:

Near to above-normal temperatures prevailed across most of Central Asia from October 4 to 10 with the largest positive anomalies observed across southeast Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. Freezing temperatures were observed across the northern two-thirds of Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of the region. The GFS model indicates that near to above-normal temperatures will continue through mid-October. Minimum temperatures are predicted to remain above freezing except for northern/central Kazakhstan along with the higher elevations of northeast Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

Precipitation

During the past week, a cold front triggered showers (locally more than 20 mm) from central Kazakhstan southwest to Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The CPC Unified Gauge analysis during the past 30 days indicates below-normal precipitation across northwest Kazakhstan with deficits ranging from 10 to 25 mm. During the next week, rain and high-elevation snow (locally more than 25 mm) is expected across much of the region. A heavy snow hazard is posted for the highest elevations of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan since this will be the first potential for heavy snow this season.



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.