



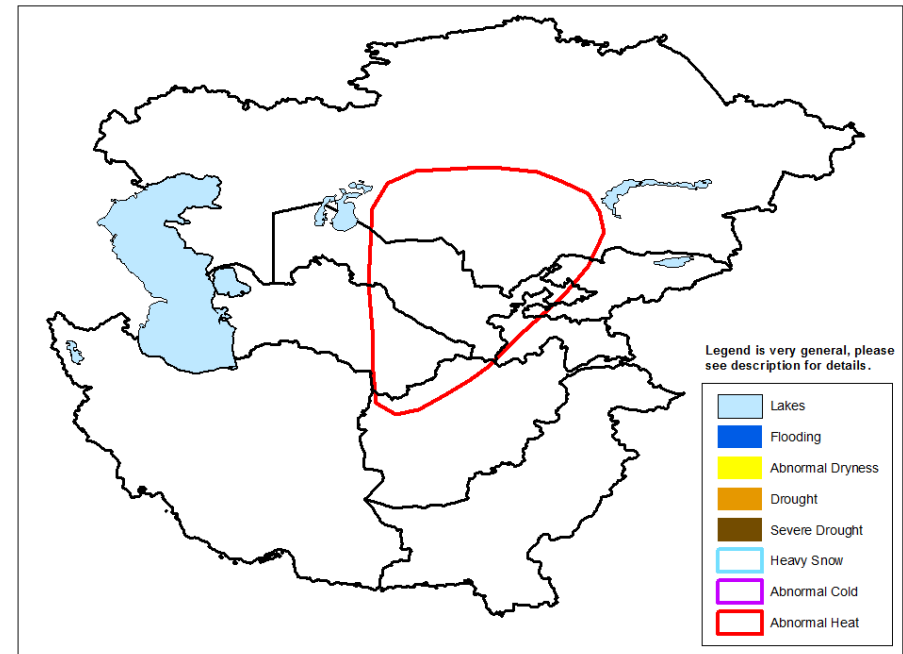
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook March 24 - 30, 2016

Temperatures:

From March 11-20, temperatures remained above normal across the northern portions of Central Asia. Positive anomalies, exceeding 8 degrees Celsius were observed over central Kazakhstan, while near normal to slightly above normal temperatures were registered farther south. During the next week, higher than normal temperatures are forecast to continue over the central portions of Central Asia, with maximum temperature forecast to exceed 12 degrees Celsius above normal from south-central Kazakhstan, southern Uzbekistan, southern Turkmenistan, to northern Afghanistan. High temperature is expected to range between 20-35 degrees Celsius in the region.

Precipitation

During the past week, normal to above normal precipitation continued across Central Asia, with moderate to locally heavy (> 25 mm liquid equivalent) precipitation over parts of northern Afghanistan, western Tajikistan, southern Uzbekistan and western Kazakhstan. Light and widespread precipitation was recorded elsewhere. The consistent, favorable precipitation over the recent few weeks has improved ground conditions and eliminated thirty-day precipitation deficits over many areas of the dry portions of Central Asia. During the next week, moderate precipitation is forecast over central and southeastern Afghanistan and parts of western Tajikistan. To the north, light precipitation is expected over central Kazakhstan.



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.