

AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

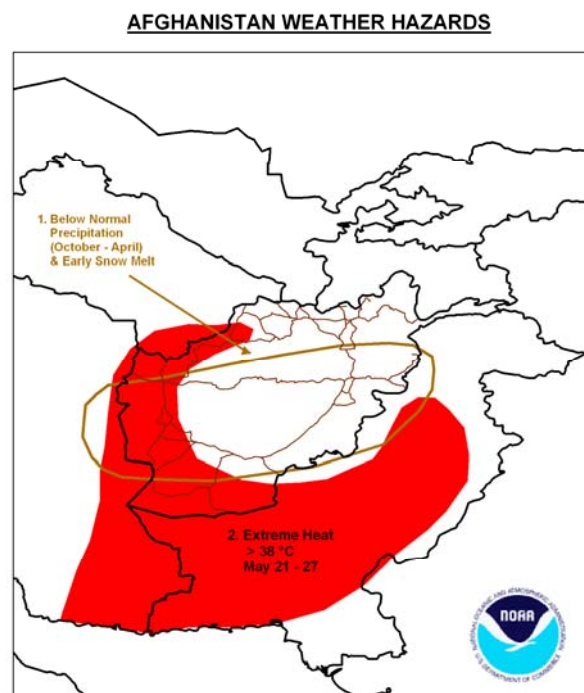
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Temperatures remain warmer than normal across most of the lowland areas of Afghanistan. These above normal temperatures are less anomalous in the higher elevations, but are far enough above normal that they have depleted snow pack earlier than normal. Almost all of the remaining snow pack is in the northeastern part of Afghanistan. Snow pack in the highland areas of Afghanistan is critical because it is used for irrigation in the lowland areas.

Precipitation across most of Afghanistan is below normal as well. Fewer fronts than normal passed through the country from October - April. The above normal temperatures have aggravated this situation, melting snow early and evaporating more water than normal.

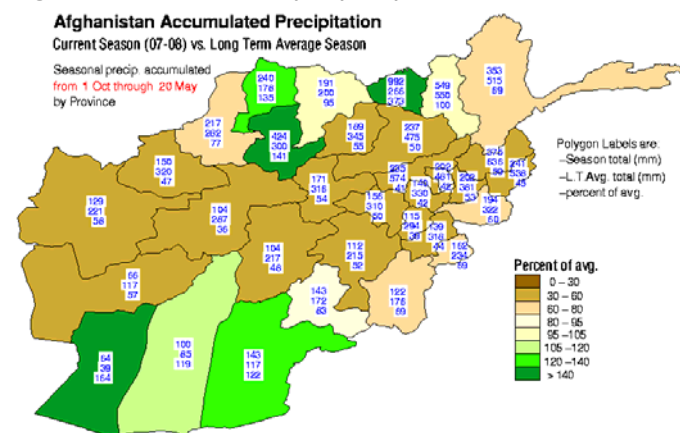
- 1) Much of Afghanistan has experienced below normal precipitation during the winter and an early snow melt.
- 2) Extreme heat (maximum temperatures above 38 °C) will affect southwest Afghanistan.

Figure 1. Weather hazards in Afghanistan



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Figure 2. Accumulated liquid precipitation



Source: FEWS NET, USGS

Figure 3. Approximate snow depth

