

## The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan November 4 - 10, 2009

Below-freezing temperatures have moved into Afghanistan slightly earlier than they usually do. Seasonally, below freezing temperatures are now regularly reaching into the valleys and lowland areas of Afghanistan. During the upcoming week, temperatures are forecast to average above-normal across much of the country. Despite the warmer-than-normal temperatures, freezing temperatures can be expected in the central highlands.

Although precipitation is usually relatively light during October and early November, precipitation amounts have been greater than the long-term average. Typically rain and snow amounts increase during November. During the past week, parts of northeast Afghanistan received more than 10 mm, liquid equivalent. As a low pressure system tracks east on Friday and Saturday, rain and mountain snow is expected to develop across the northern half of the country. Snow will likely fall in the highest elevations of northeast Afghanistan.

Although not posted on the map, the potential for localized heavy snow exists in the mountains of northeast Afghanistan.

