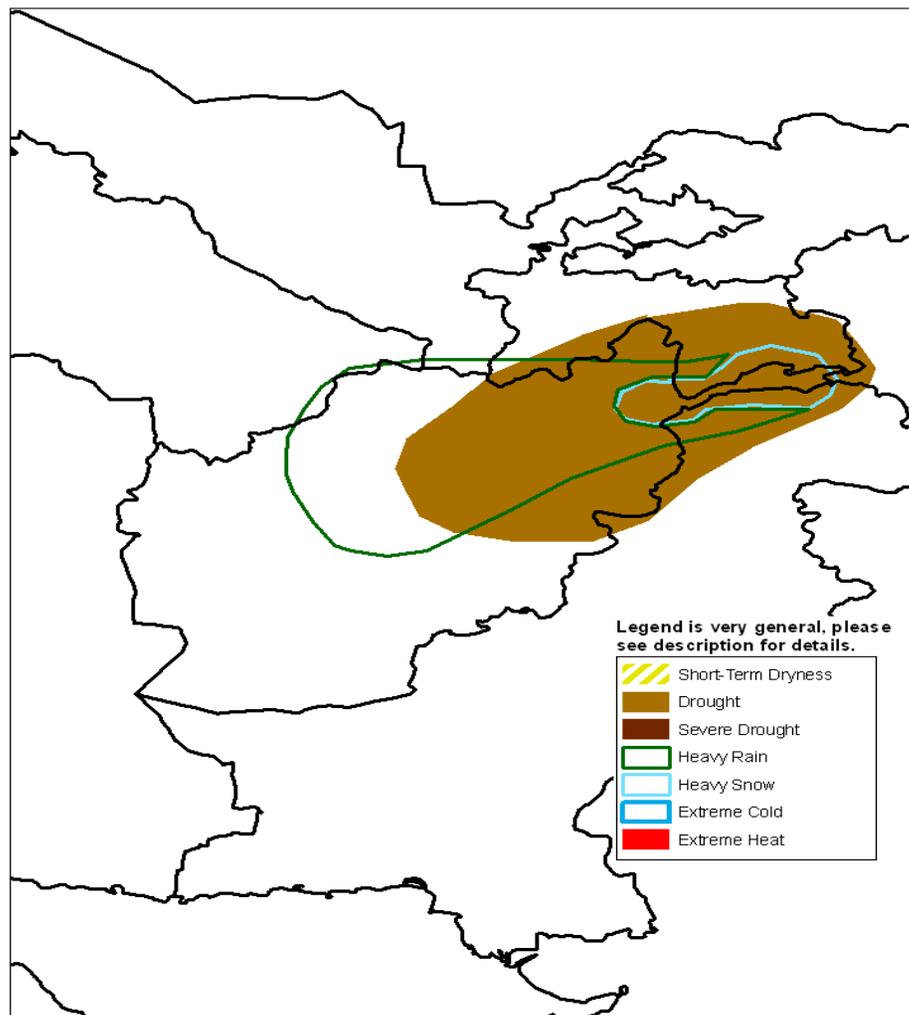


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Throughout most of April, temperatures remained above normal across much of Afghanistan with the largest positive anomalies observed in the southern lowlands of Afghanistan. However, during late April, lower than normal temperatures were observed in the northeast, which may decelerate snow melt in some local areas. During the next week, temperatures are expected to average below normal in the northeast mountains and at or above normal across the remainder of the country.

Despite periods of rain and snow during March and April, precipitation deficits for the wet season (October 2009 – April 2010) remain large in the northeast mountains. Seasonal dryness has spread south into the central highlands, including areas west and north of Kabul. Due to the seasonal precipitation deficits, a drought area is currently posted for parts of the central highlands and northeast mountains.

During the next week, periods of heavy rain are expected in the central highlands with periods of heavy snow in the northeast mountains. Heavy rainfall may trigger river flooding. With heavy precipitation during the upcoming week, the drought area will be reassessed in the hazards outlook issued on May 11.



Note: The Hazards assessment 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.

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