

The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan October 13 - 19, 2010

Temperatures:

Following above average temperatures in early September, cooler temperatures were experienced across many local areas during mid to late September and into early October. During the upcoming week, temperatures are forecast to return to above-average conditions throughout Afghanistan, with the possibility of below-average temperatures in the northeast highlands. Minimum temperatures will likely fall to around freezing in the central highlands, while minimum temperatures are forecast to range from -10 to -5C in the northeast mountains.

Precipitation

During the latter half of July and early August, heavy rain triggered deadly flooding in the Peshawar valley of northwest Pakistan and damaged crops in Pakistan. Flooding was also reported along the northeast border areas of Afghanistan, including in the Paktya and Day Kundi provinces. In the last seven days, fair to moderate amounts of precipitation were received throughout the central highlands, and in the northeast mountains. This precipitation likely fell in the form of snow, which has helped to contribute to seasonal snowpack that is expected to gradually accumulate during the next several months into winter. A continuation of light shower activity is expected during the upcoming week, with locally higher amounts expected near the Kabul region.



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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