



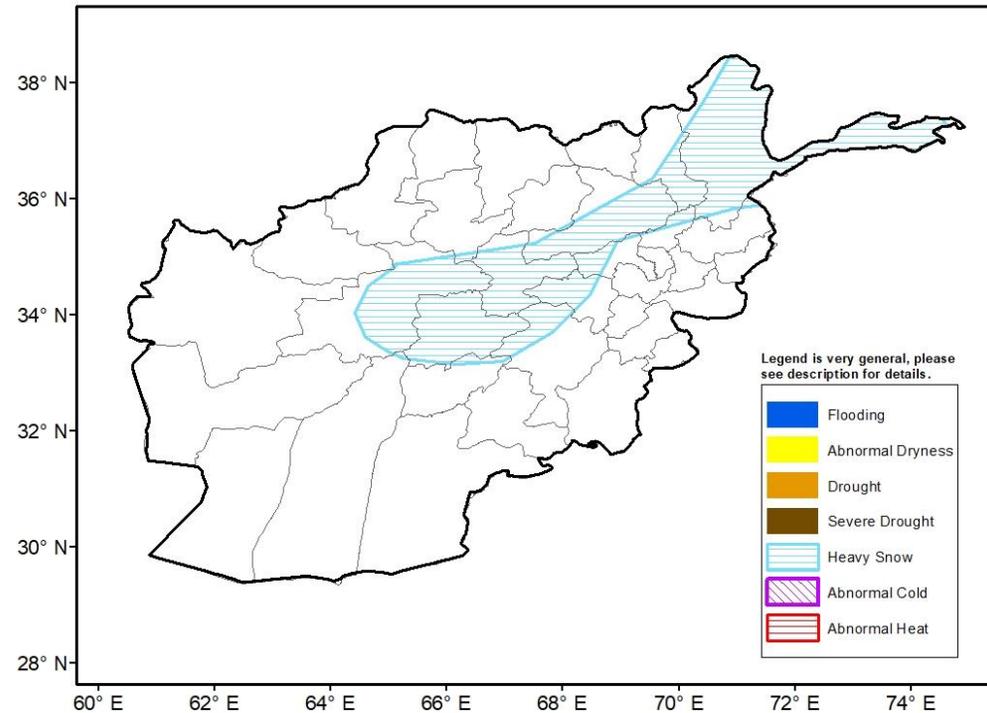
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook December 3 – December 9, 2020

Temperatures:

During the past week, maximum temperatures averaged near or slightly cooler than normal across Afghanistan. However, with a cold air mass still in place early in the period, the week's minimum temperatures were well-below normal in the north and west. The northern two thirds of the country observed subfreezing temperatures as low as 10-15°C below zero. During the outlook period, above-average temperatures currently present in the region will give way to near-average conditions, and eventually colder than average temperatures are possible by the end. Minimum temperatures should remain above freezing throughout most of the lower elevations of Afghanistan.

Precipitation:

The pattern across Afghanistan was quiet during the past 7 days with little precipitation being observed. After beneficial early-season snow during November, positive snow depth anomalies currently exist across most of the northeast mountains and central highlands of Afghanistan based on USGS snowfall analysis. During early December, a couple of low pressure systems are forecast to emerge from the Middle East and light to moderate precipitation is expected all across the country. The GFS model forecasts 5-25mm liquid equivalent with locally higher totals during the outlook period. Snowfall is expected in all the usual mountain regions, where a Heavy Snow hazard is posted.



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.

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