



Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook December 5 – December 11, 2019

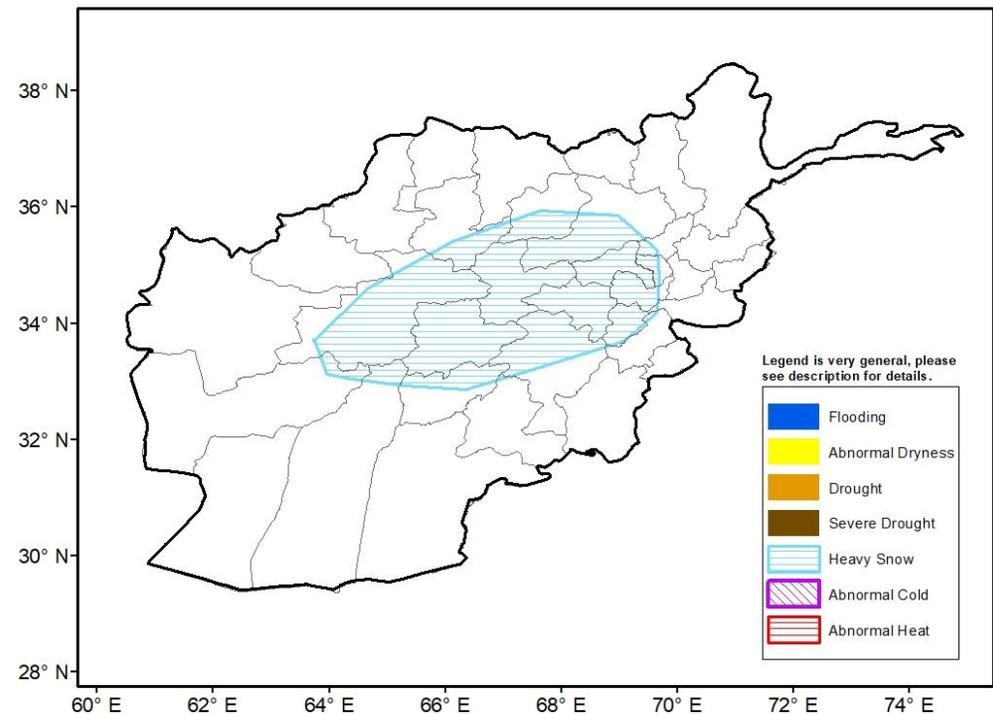
Temperatures:

Mean maximum temperatures were near or slightly below normal during the past week across the country. Some of the coldest nights of the season so far were observed this week with hard freezes extending into the lower elevations of western Afghanistan. Temperatures are forecast to warm considerably and be above normal during the outlook period. With upper level ridging in place for much of the period, positive mean temperature anomalies of 2-4°C are expected, especially for lower elevations.

Precipitation:

Afghanistan was largely dry during the past week. Only a few scattered light showers were observed. Over the past 30 days, some rainfall deficits have emerged in the north. Rainfall anomalies of 25-50mm are observed according to satellite rainfall analysis. Favorably wet conditions have been observed in the south and east.

The GFS model remains consistent that a low pressure system emerges from the Middle East later in the outlook period bringing unsettled weather. Heavy snow is expected to develop across the central highlands of Afghanistan on Dec 10 and 11. Total snowfall of 12-24cm is possible and 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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