



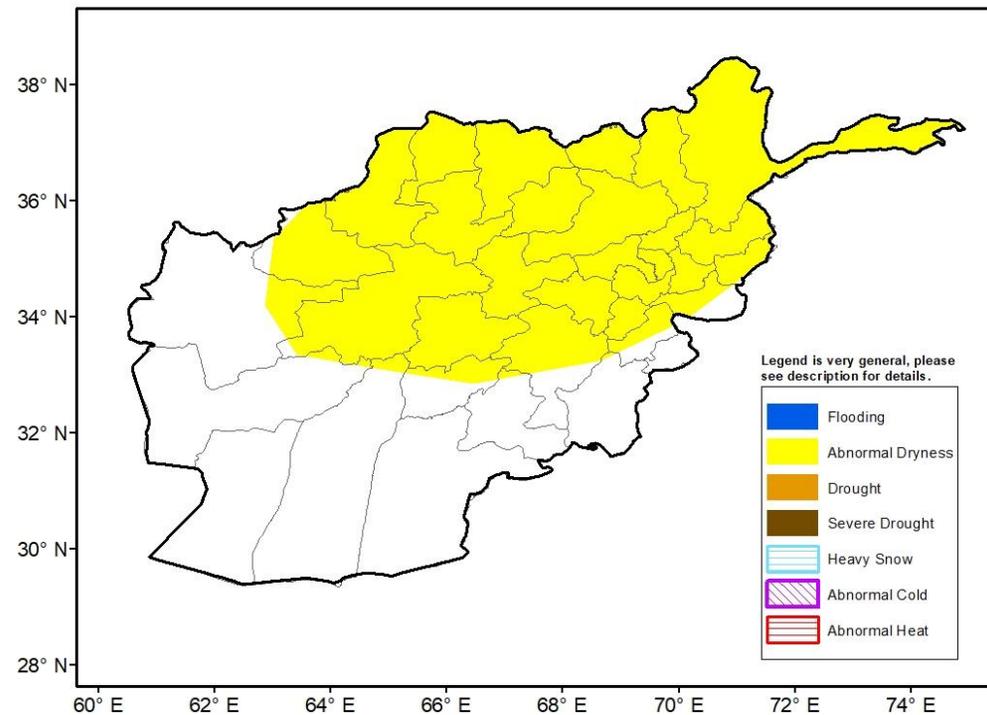
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook February 4 – February 10, 2021

Temperatures:

The past week's temperatures averaged above normal across most of Afghanistan. Anomalies reached up to 8°C. Minimum temperatures were generally on the mild side but some short-term colder conditions occurred, especially in the northeast and southwest where minimum temperatures dipped to 4-8°C below normal. A hard freeze (minimum temperatures around -5 degrees C) occurred across the lower elevations of western Afghanistan. For the outlook period, upper-level ridging in place over the region will keep temperatures relatively mild. Minimum temperatures are forecasted to be 8°C or more above average, while maximum temperatures will likely reach 6°C or more above average. Minimum temperatures are likely to remain above freezing across the lower elevations of Afghanistan.

Precipitation:

Last week, light rain or snow was observed across the northern tier of the country. Liquid equivalent amounts were less than 25mm. As of January 31, large negative seasonal snow depth anomalies continue across northeast Afghanistan. Based on these negative snow depth anomalies and 90-day precipitation deficits of more than 50mm (according to RFE satellite estimates), the abnormal dryness hazard was expanded to include more of Afghanistan. For the outlook period, some light rain or snow is forecast to traverse northern portions of the country early next week. Totals of around 10mm or less liquid equivalent are expected.



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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