



Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook September 19 – September 25, 2019

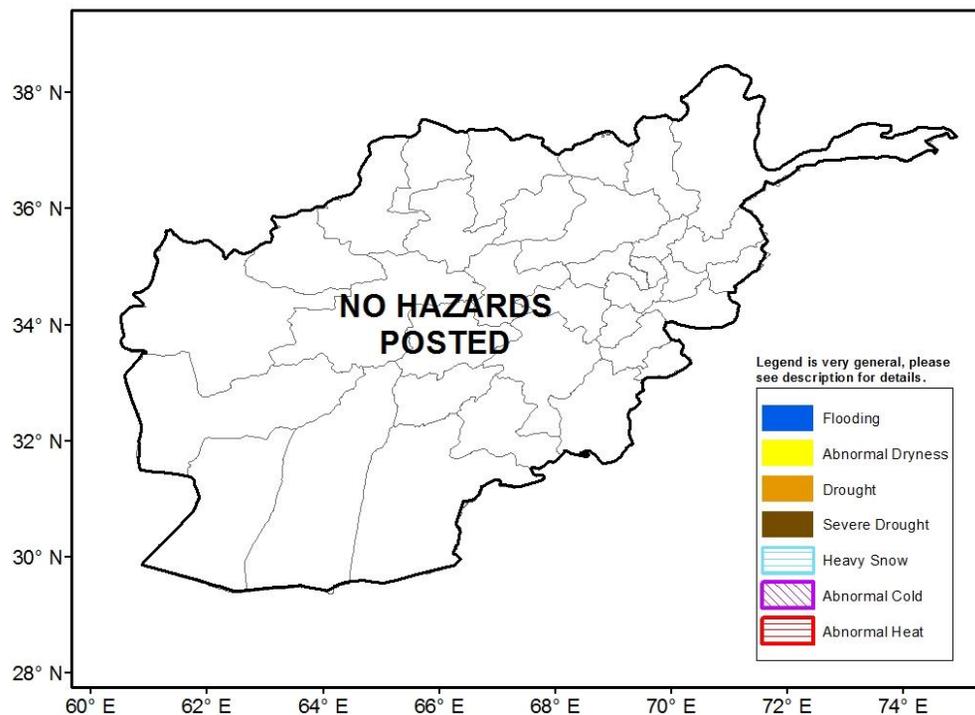
Temperatures:

During the past week, mean temperatures varied across Afghanistan. Positive temperature anomalies as large as 8°C were observed in southern and eastern portions of the country, while negative anomalies were observed in the north. With autumn beginning, temperatures were beginning to cool slightly - Maximum temperatures topped out in the middle 30s degrees C across the lower elevations. One station did report 40°C in Nangarhar province. Minimum temperatures generally remained above freezing except for the highest peaks.

Warmer-than-average temperatures are forecast to predominate in Afghanistan during the late September period. Some of the largest departures from normal (8-12°C) will be found in the north. Maximum temperatures reaching near 40°C are possible across many lower elevation regions of the country.

Precipitation:

Conditions were seasonably dry across much of Afghanistan during the past 7 days. Vegetation health is ok, but a few provinces in the north and the south show low VHI values. The low index values in the south likely stem from some suppression of rainfall associated with the Indian monsoon this summer. The forecast during the outlook period is for seasonably dry conditions over the country during late September



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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