



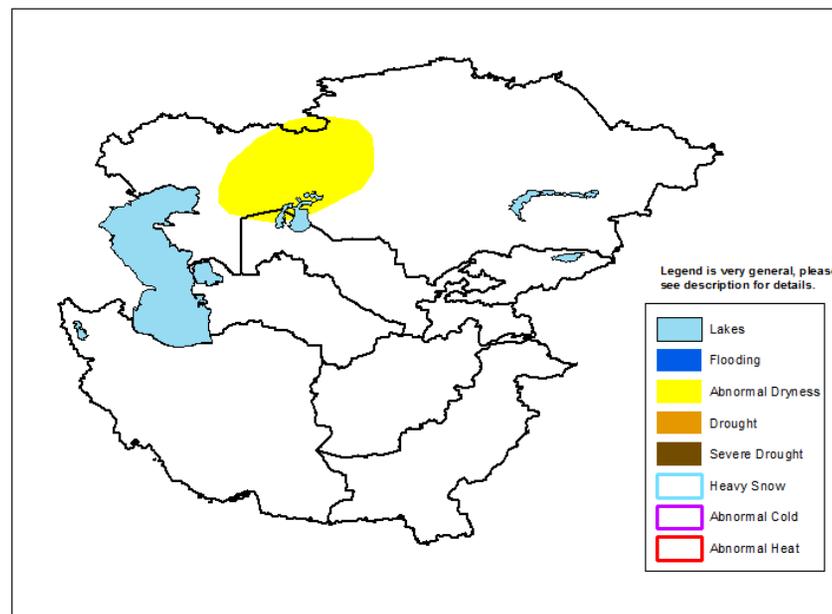
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook April 24 - 30, 2014

Temperatures:

Temperatures averaged 3 to 5 degrees C below-normal across southern Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, eastern Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan from April 13 - 19. Subfreezing temperatures were observed as far south as northern Uzbekistan and southern Kazakhstan during this time period, while maximum temperatures warmed to around 30 degrees C across southwest Afghanistan. During the next week, above-normal temperatures are forecast for Afghanistan and Turkmenistan with below-normal temperatures for the remainder of the region. Maximum temperatures may reach 35 degrees C across Turkmenistan and southwest Afghanistan. Subfreezing temperatures are forecast to persist across northeast Kazakhstan.

Precipitation

According to the Afghanistan Agrometeorological Monthly Bulletin, winter wheat is in normal to good condition during March as it progresses from the emergence to flowering stage. Meanwhile, abnormal dryness is posted for northwest Kazakhstan where precipitation deficits have increased during the past two months. The Vegetative Health Index indicates below-average vegetation levels for this time of year. Mostly dry weather is expected across Kazakhstan, while occasional rain showers and high-elevation snow is forecast for Afghanistan and Tajikistan. Heavy precipitation is not expected at this time.



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.