



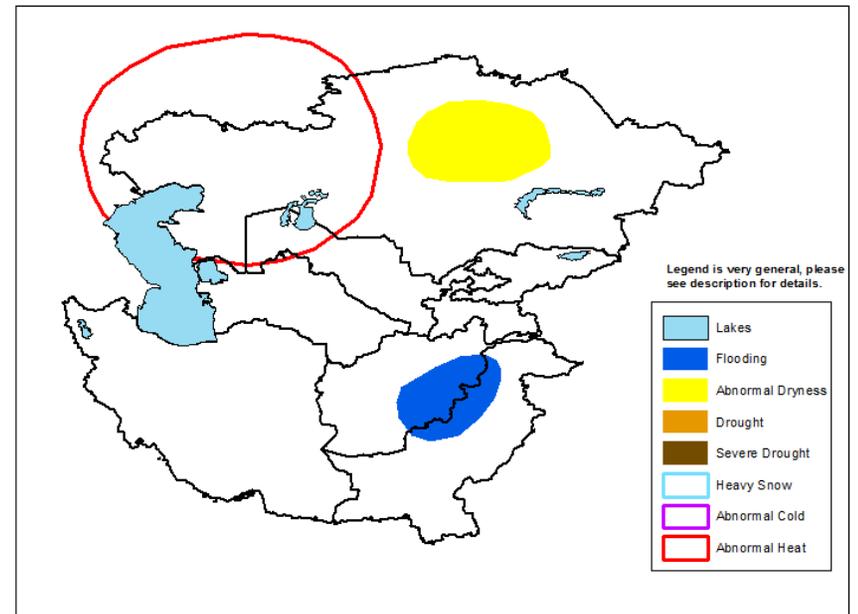
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook May 15 - 21, 2014

Temperatures:

Temperatures averaged above-normal across Central Asia from May 4 – 10 with the largest positive temperatures anomalies (5 or more degrees C) observed across southern Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. Maximum temperatures ranged from the upper teens (degrees C) across northern Kazakhstan to the middle 30s (degrees C) across Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and the lowlands of Afghanistan. Temperatures are forecast to remain above-normal during the next week. Abnormal heat is posted for western Kazakhstan and northern Uzbekistan where weekly temperatures are forecast to average more than 8 degrees C above normal.

Precipitation

Abnormal dryness is posted for parts of north-central Kazakhstan where the Vegetative Health Index indicates below-average vegetation levels for this time of year. Cmorph (satellite precipitation estimates) indicates some rainfall across western Kazakhstan during the past week. Dry weather is forecast to prevail across most of Central Asia. However, the GFS model depicts locally heavy rainfall across eastern Afghanistan which could trigger flooding.



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.