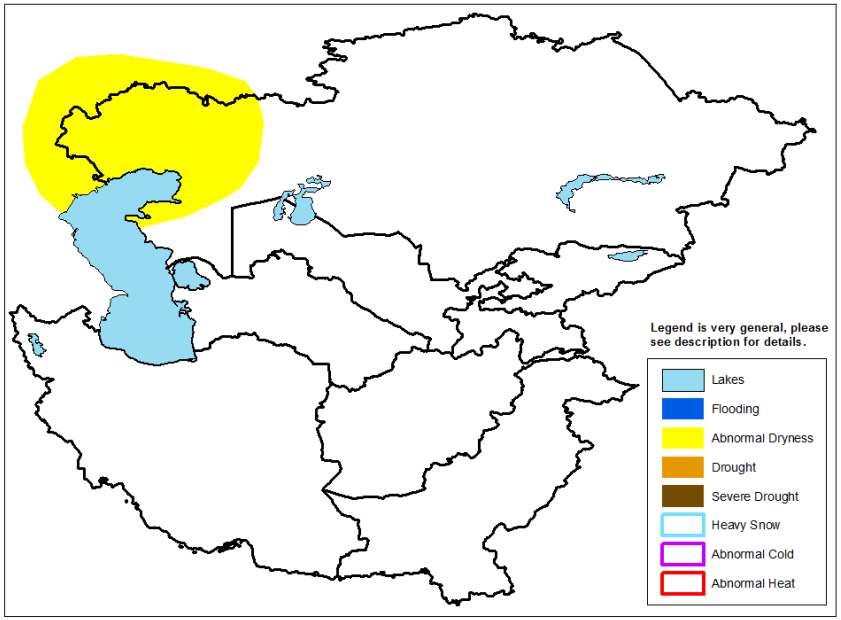
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook
July 3 – July 9, 2014

Temperatures:

Temperatures generally ranged in the lower 30's throughout Kazakhstan, with temperatures breaking 40 degrees further south across Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. While temperatures were more seasonal in the south, positive temperature anomalies throughout much of Kazakhstan ranged 1-4 degrees above average. For the upcoming week, anomalously high maximum temperatures in excess of 35 degrees are forecast for western Kazakhstan, which is also expected to remain unfavorable for developing dryness conditions in some western provinces of the country.

Precipitation

During the last week, a seasonable distribution of precipitation was received throughout northern Kazakhstan, as well as increased seasonal rains further south across Pakistan. Since late May, however, precipitation has remained below average across northern Kazakhstan, as 30-day rainfall deficits greater than 20 mm exist for many local areas. Precipitation forecasts for the upcoming outlook period suggest a significant increase in rains and moisture throughout the north central and northeastern provinces of Kazakhstan, which is expected to considerably alleviate residual moisture deficits in the region. However, suppressed rainfall forecast throughout northwest Kazakhstan is expected to strengthen seasonal moisture shortages, and sustain any ongoing crop stresses.



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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