



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook January 8 - 14, 2015

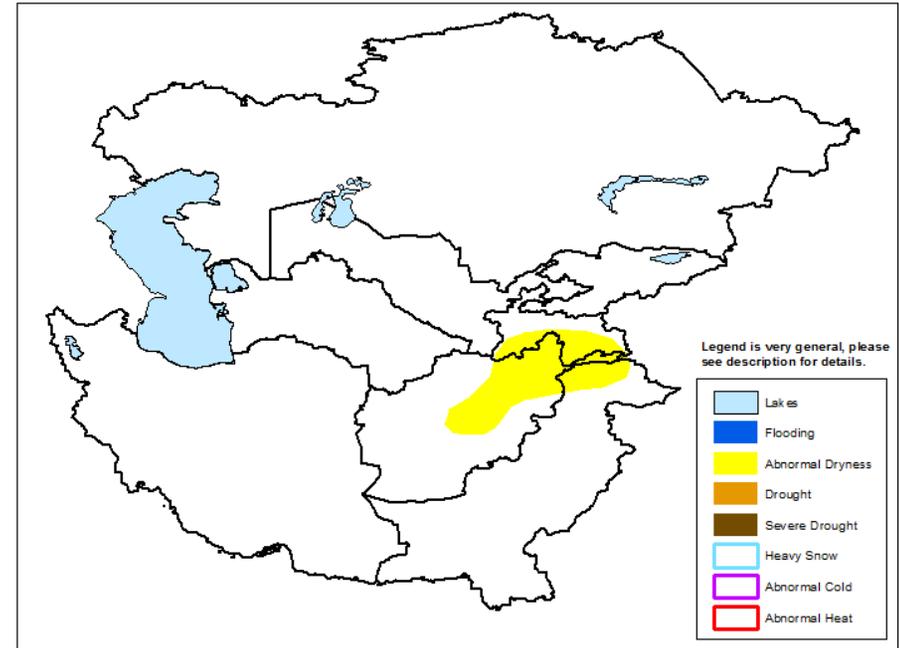
Temperatures:

Temperatures average at or above-normal across Central Asia from Dec 28, 2014 to January 3, 2015 with the largest positive temperature anomalies observed across southern Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Maximum temperatures were above freezing across these areas during this time period and result in a lack of snow cover for this time of year. During the next week, the GFS model indicates that above-normal temperatures are likely to continue for the region during the second week of January.

Precipitation

Light to moderate rain and snow (2 to 25 mm, locally more) fell across much of Kazakhstan from Dec 28, 2014 to Jan 3, 2015, while dry weather prevailed across the remainder of the region. During the next week, light to moderate rain and snow (25 mm or less, liquid equivalent) is expected across Kazakhstan, while heavy snow (more than 25 mm, liquid equivalent) is possible across the higher elevations of northeast Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

Snow water equivalent values are currently running well below-normal for Afghanistan. Therefore, an abnormal dryness polygon is posted for the higher elevations of Afghanistan.



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.