



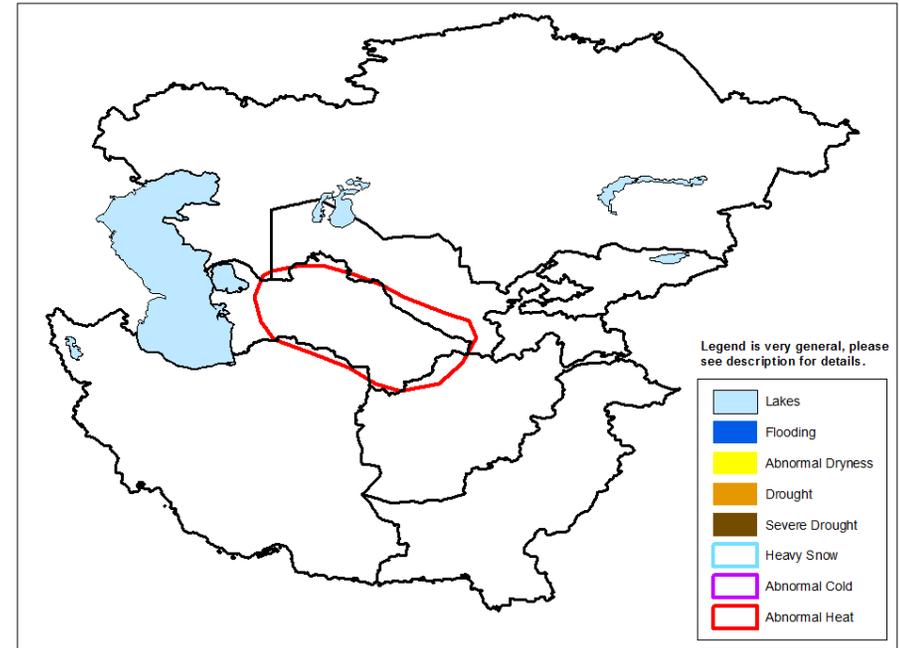
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook May 28 – June 3, 2015

Temperatures:

During the second dekad (10-day period) of May, above-normal temperatures were observed across the eastern and southern portions of Central Asia. Temperatures averaged 4 - 8 degrees Celsius above normal in eastern Kazakhstan, southern Turkmenistan, and western Afghanistan. In contrast, below-normal temperatures, with negative departures from normal ranging between 4 - 8 degrees Celsius were recorded in western Kazakhstan. During the next week, above-normal temperatures are forecast to return over western Central Asia, including Turkmenistan, where maximum temperature could exceed 40 degrees Celsius.

Precipitation

During the past week, moderate to heavy (up to 60 mm) rains fell over parts of Central Asia, in particular north-central Kazakhstan and portions of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. The consistent wetness over the past consecutive weeks has sustained precipitation surpluses across many regions of Central Asia since late February. Recent vegetation indices have indicated favorable to positive conditions for most parts of the region. During the next week, near-normal weather is forecast over Central Asia, with scattered, light to moderate showers over Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and central Afghanistan. Light rains are expected over northern Kazakhstan, while suppressed rains are expected elsewhere.



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.