



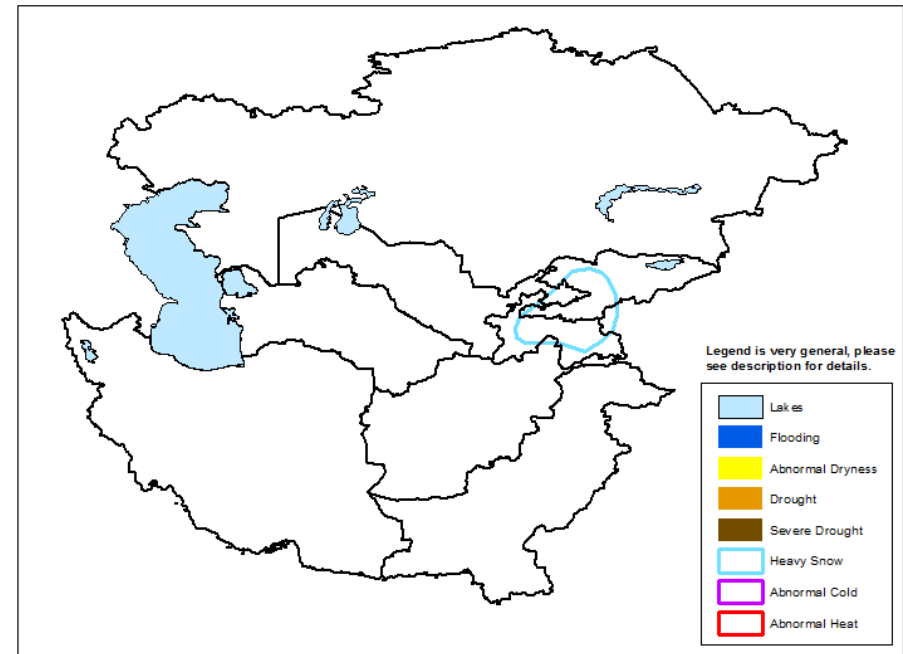
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook October 22 - 28, 2015

Temperatures:

Below-normal temperatures prevailed across most of Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan from October 11 to 17, while near to slightly above-normal temperatures were observed across the remainder of the region. Freezing temperatures occurred as far south as northern Uzbekistan during the past week with minimum temperatures falling to -12 degrees C across northern Kazakhstan. The GFS model indicates that near to below-normal temperatures will persist across Kazakhstan with above-normal temperatures for the remainder of Central Asia. Minimum temperatures are predicted to be similar to this past week.

Precipitation

During the past week, moderate to locally heavy precipitation (more than 50 mm) was observed across eastern Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and eastern Uzbekistan. The higher elevations of Kyrgyzstan likely received their first significant snowfall of the season. The CPC Unified Gauge analysis during the past 30 days indicates near to above-normal precipitation across the region. A relatively wet pattern is expected to continue with more heavy snow possible across the higher elevations of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Lighter precipitation amounts forecast for Afghanistan preclude designation of a heavy snow hazard for its northeast mountains.



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.