



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook January 14 - 20, 2016

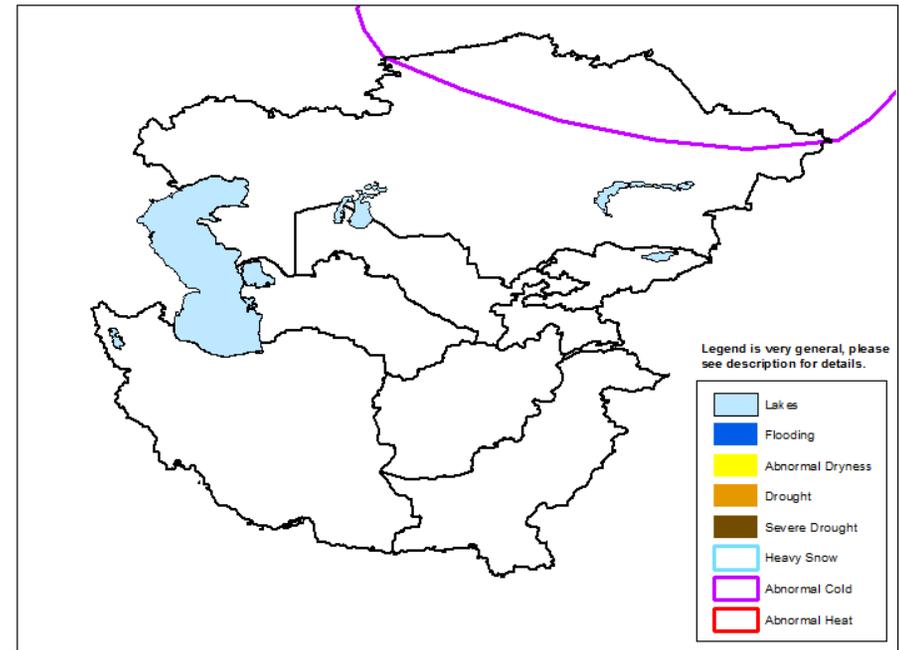
Temperatures:

Bitterly cold temperatures prevailed across northern Kazakhstan from January 3 to 9 when extreme minimum temperatures fell to -38 degrees C. Temperatures during this time period averaged as much as 11 degrees C below-normal across northern Kazakhstan, while above-normal temperatures were observed across the remainder of the region. The GFS model indicates that much below-normal temperatures will persist across northeast Kazakhstan where minimum temperatures are forecast to average more than 12 degrees C below-normal and could fall below -35 degrees C.

Precipitation

During the past week, the heaviest precipitation (25 to 60 mm, liquid equivalent) occurred across northern Afghanistan, eastern areas of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, and western Tajikistan. This recent precipitation eliminated the deficits that had increased during December.

During the next week, rain and snow (less than 25 mm, liquid equivalent) is expected to be generally limited to northern Kazakhstan with only light snow (less than 10 mm, liquid equivalent) across the mountains of northeast Afghanistan and Tajikistan.



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.