



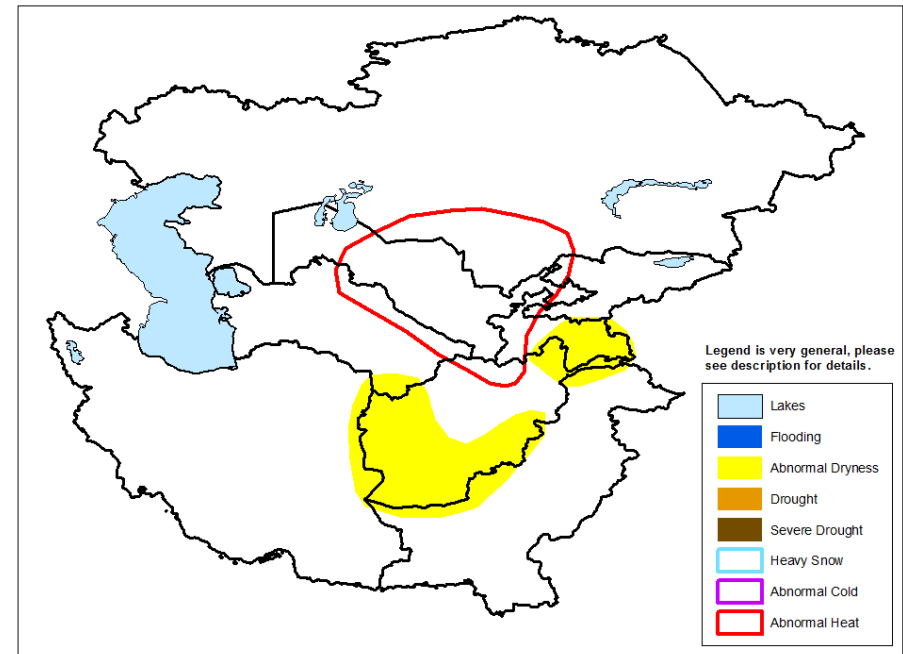
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook February 25 – March 2, 2016

Temperatures:

From February 11-20, temperatures averaged above normal, with warm anomalies ranging from 4-8 degrees Celsius in western and northern Kazakhstan. Farther south, near normal temperatures prevailed across the central and southern portions of Central Asia. During the next outlook period, warmer than normal weather is forecast to return throughout the region, with temperature anomalies exceeding 8 degrees Celsius in the central portions of Central Asia. Maximum temperature is expected to range between 20-30 degrees Celsius over Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, southern Kazakhstan, and northern Afghanistan.

Precipitation

From February 16-22, light to locally moderate (< 25 mm liquid equivalent) precipitation fell in western Kazakhstan and the northern parts of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. According to the gridded-gauge CPC Unified precipitation data, drier than normal conditions have been experienced over southern Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, western Kyrgyzstan, southern Turkmenistan, and western Afghanistan since late November of the previous year to present. During the next outlook period, scattered light to moderate precipitation is forecast across Afghanistan, Tajikistan, southern Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and southern Kazakhstan, but it will likely not be sufficient to mitigate dryness in the region.



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.