

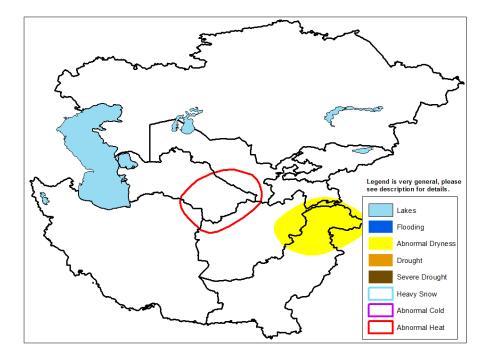
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook October 26 – November 1, 2017

Temperatures:

Above-normal temperatures (1 to 4 degrees C) prevailed throughout the region during the third week of October. Minimum temperatures fell to -11 degrees C over northeast Kazakhstan. The highest maximum temperatures (lower 30s degrees C) were observed across northwest Afghanistan along with southern parts of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Above-normal temperatures are likely to persist through the end of October. An abnormal heat hazard is posted for parts of Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan where the GFS model indicates that maximum temperatures will average more than 6 degrees C and exceed 30 degrees C.

Precipitation

Widespread precipitation (2 to 34 mm) fell across much of Kazakhstan and northern parts of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan from Oct 15 to 21, while dry weather persisted over the remainder of the region. Based on CMORPH precipitation estimates that feature precipitation deficits of more than 25 mm and recent above-normal temperatures, abnormal dryness is posted for parts of eastern Afghanistan and northern Pakistan. During the next week, widespread precipitation is expected to limited to northern Kazakhstan.



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.