



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook August 30 – September 5, 2018

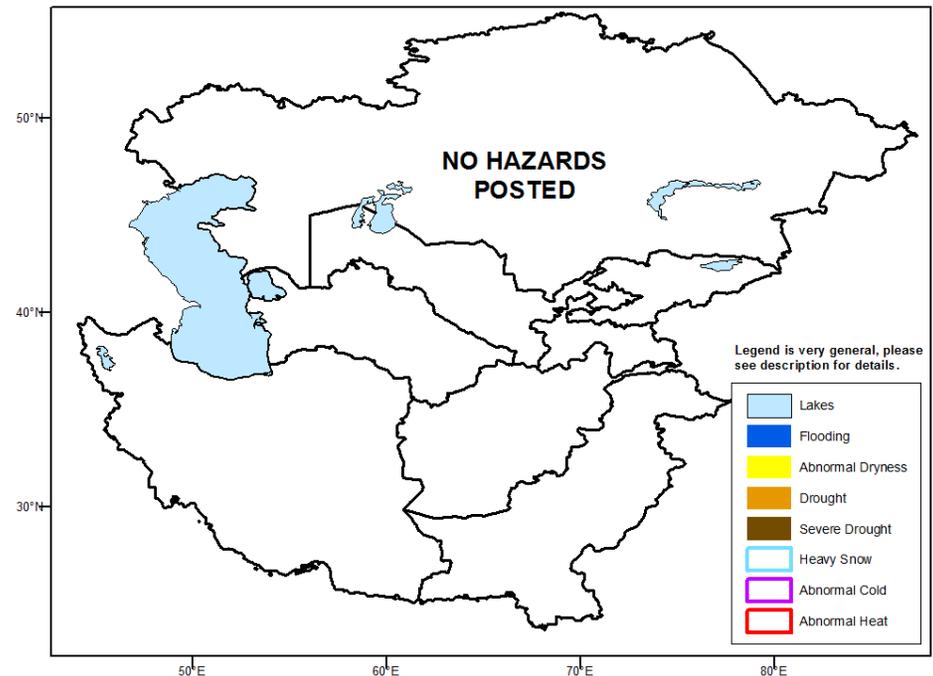
Temperatures:

Weekly temperatures averaged at or below-normal across much of the region as a strong mid-level area of low pressure developed. Minimum temperatures remained above 5 degrees C across the major crop producing areas of north-central Kazakhstan. Temperatures are forecast to remain at or below-normal through the beginning of September. Minimum temperatures are expected to fall below 5 degrees C across northeast Kazakhstan where patchy frost may occur.

Precipitation

A strong area of mid-level low pressure resulted in widespread, heavy rainfall (50 to 133 mm) across north-central Kazakhstan from August 19 to 25. Heavy rain, associated with the Indian Monsoon, was limited to northeast Pakistan. During the past 90 days, gauge observations indicate that precipitation deficits range from 25 to 50 mm across northwest Kazakhstan.

Widespread rain (locally more than 25 mm) is forecast across northeast Kazakhstan during the next week. Only isolated thunderstorms are expected across northern Pakistan and adjacent areas of northeast Afghanistan as moisture associated with the Indian Monsoon begins its typical withdrawal to the east during early September.



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.

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