



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook September 20 - 26, 2018

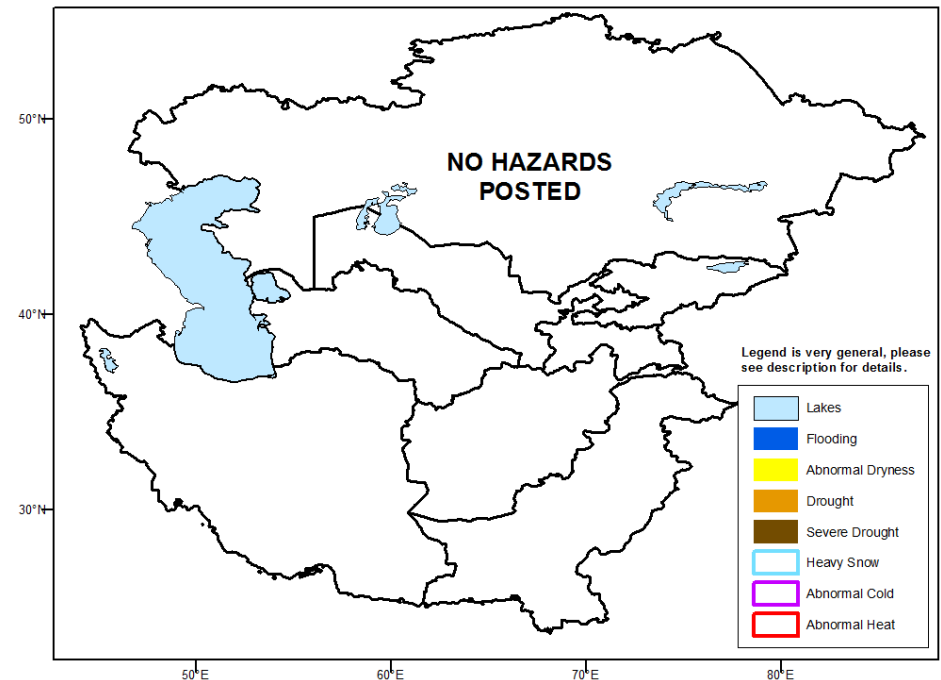
Temperatures:

Weekly temperatures averaged 1 to 6 degrees C below normal for the third consecutive week across much of Kazakhstan, but above-normal temperatures were observed across Afghanistan and Turkmenistan during the past week. The first hard freeze (minimum temperatures of -5 to -2 degrees C) of the season occurred across northeast Kazakhstan. The GFS model indicates that minimum temperatures will average above normal across throughout Central Asia during late September. Subfreezing minimum temperatures are expected to be limited to the higher elevations of northeast Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

Precipitation

Light rainfall (less than 25 mm) was observed across northeast Kazakhstan, while dry weather prevailed across the remainder of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Isolated, heavy rainfall (more than 25 mm) occurred across northern Pakistan and bordering areas of northeast Afghanistan. During the past 90 days, the largest precipitation deficits (according to gauges) exist across northwest Kazakhstan.

An area of upper-level low pressure is expected to result widespread rainfall (locally more than 25 mm) over north-central Kazakhstan during the next week. Mostly dry weather, typical for late September, is forecast for the remainder of Central Asia.



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.