



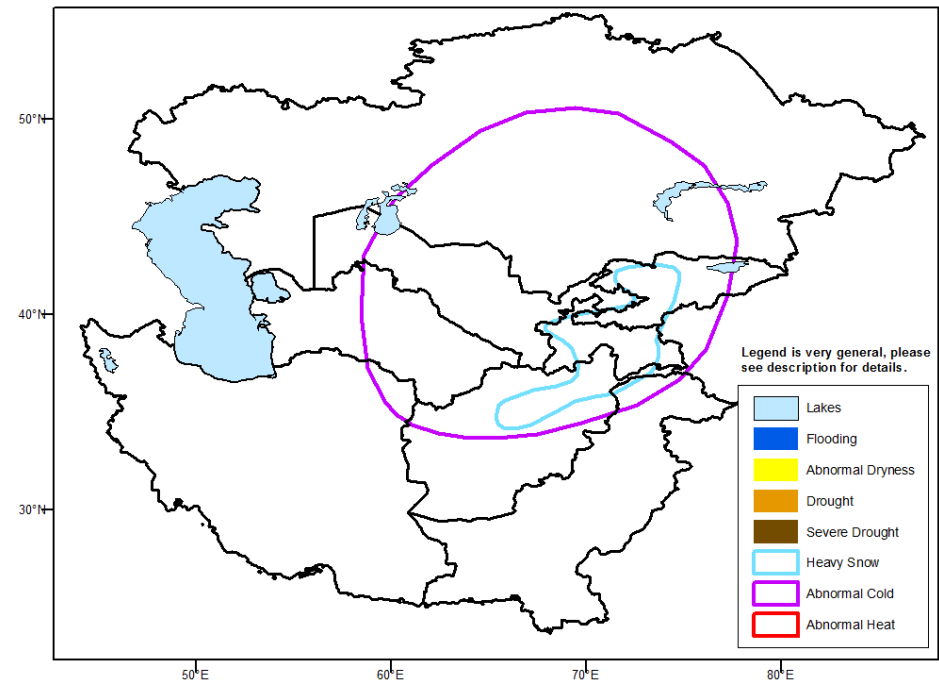
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook October 11 - 17, 2018

Temperatures:

Above-normal temperatures prevailed from September 30 to October 6 with the largest positive anomalies (5 to 7 degrees C) across southwest Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Subfreezing temperatures were observed during this time period across northern Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of northeast Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. The GFS and ECMWF models indicate that much below-normal temperatures are likely to develop from Kazakhstan south to Afghanistan during the next week.

Precipitation

On October 7 and 8, heavy precipitation occurred across northern Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Multiple gauges recorded more than 100 mm of precipitation in these areas. Heavy rain may have triggered flooding with higher elevations experiencing heavy snow. A second upper-level low this month is forecast to bring another round of heavy snow to the higher elevations of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and northern Afghanistan from October 15 to 17.



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.