



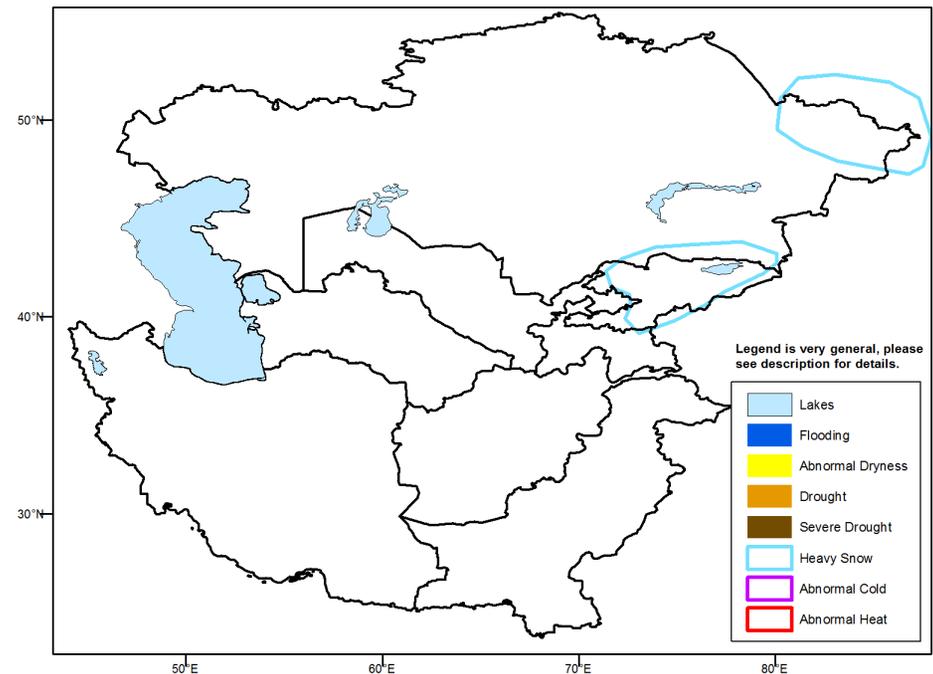
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook November 29 – December 5, 2018

Temperatures:

During the last week, temperatures returned to near normal throughout much of the region, with some moderate positive temperature departures (3-7°C) observed across northern Kazakhstan and throughout many areas in Afghanistan. Both minimum and maximum daily temperatures remained below freezing throughout northern and eastern Kazakhstan, while minimum temperatures remained slightly below freezing across the higher elevations of Afghanistan. For the upcoming outlook period, there is some potential for abnormal cold across northeastern Kazakhstan, however, above normal temperatures remain likely for another week for many parts western Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Afghanistan with positive departures of (4-8°C) forecast.

Precipitation

An increase in seasonal precipitation was received during the last seven days and snapped a period of predominately dry weather observed across most of region since early November. Light, but well distributed weekly precipitation amounts ranging between 2-25mm were received across most of Afghanistan, with more moderate and locally heavier amounts (25-75mm), received further north throughout eastern Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, much of which falling in the form of snow. Despite the increase in moisture during the last week, negative precipitation anomalies remain over northern Afghanistan, eastern Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan since late October. For the upcoming outlook period, the return to drier conditions is forecast for much of Afghanistan. Light to locally moderate precipitation amounts are expected over the northern Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan during the next week. Higher and well distributed precipitation is forecast for northern Kazakhstan. A heavy snow hazard is posted for areas where the GFS model indicates snowfall amounts likely to exceed 30 cm over a 24 hour period.



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.