

Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET August 8 - 15, 2019

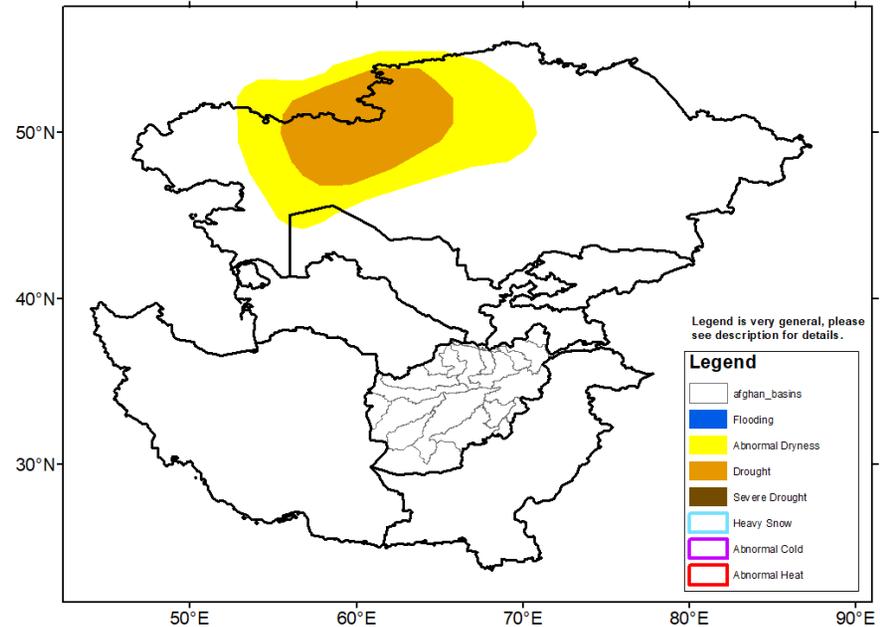
Temperatures:

Temperatures averaged above normal throughout most of the region from July 28 to August 3. The largest positive anomalies (5 to 7 degrees C) were observed across Afghanistan. During that week, maximum temperatures ranged low to mid 30s (degrees C) across north-central Kazakhstan to the mid 40s (degrees C) across the hottest locations of Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. A variable temperature pattern is forecast across Central Asia during early to mid-August as a couple of cold fronts are likely to advance east across Kazakhstan.

Precipitation

Although scattered showers fell across northwest Kazakhstan during the past week, the abnormal dryness hazard is degraded to drought across northwest Kazakhstan. The drought area is based on large 90-day precipitation deficits (50 to 100 mm) along with poor VHI and SPI values. Also, drought impacts to spring grains in the Kostanay Oblast area of northwest Kazakhstan were reported.

During early to mid-August, much needed rainfall (10 to 25 mm, locally more) is forecast for parts of the drought plagued area of northwest Kazakhstan. A monsoon low is expected to track west across central India and may bring locally heavy rainfall to extreme southeast Pakistan.



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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