

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

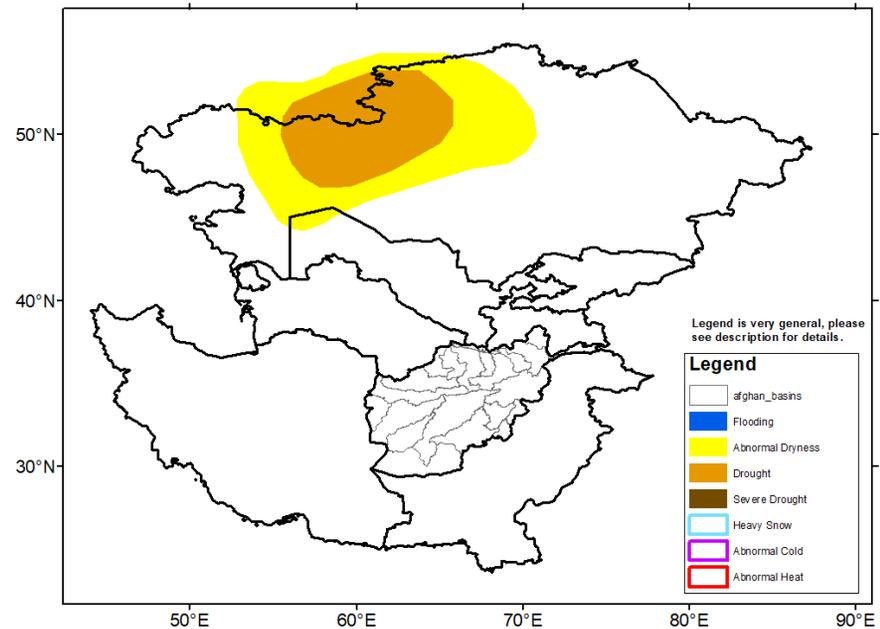
Temperatures:

Temperatures averaged slightly below normal across northwest Kazakhstan from August 4 to 10. Above normal temperatures were observed throughout the remainder of the region with the largest positive anomalies (5 to 9 degrees C) in Afghanistan. Although temperatures averaged slightly below normal in northwest Kazakhstan, extreme maximum temperatures reach the low to mid 30s (degrees C) across drought stressed areas. The GFS model indicates that temperatures are likely to average above normal across Kazakhstan which will likely exacerbate ongoing drought conditions.

Precipitation

Dry weather prevailed across a majority of Central Asia with rainfall limited to Pakistan, associated with monsoonal moisture. The drought area in northwest Kazakhstan 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 at the beginning of August.

During the next week, scattered showers are forecast for the northern third of Kazakhstan but the heaviest rainfall is likely to occur east of the ongoing drought area. Monsoon rainfall is forecast to continue across Pakistan where locally heavy amounts (more than 50 mm) are most likely in northern Pakistan. Reports indicate that locust numbers will likely increase across Pakistan through 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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