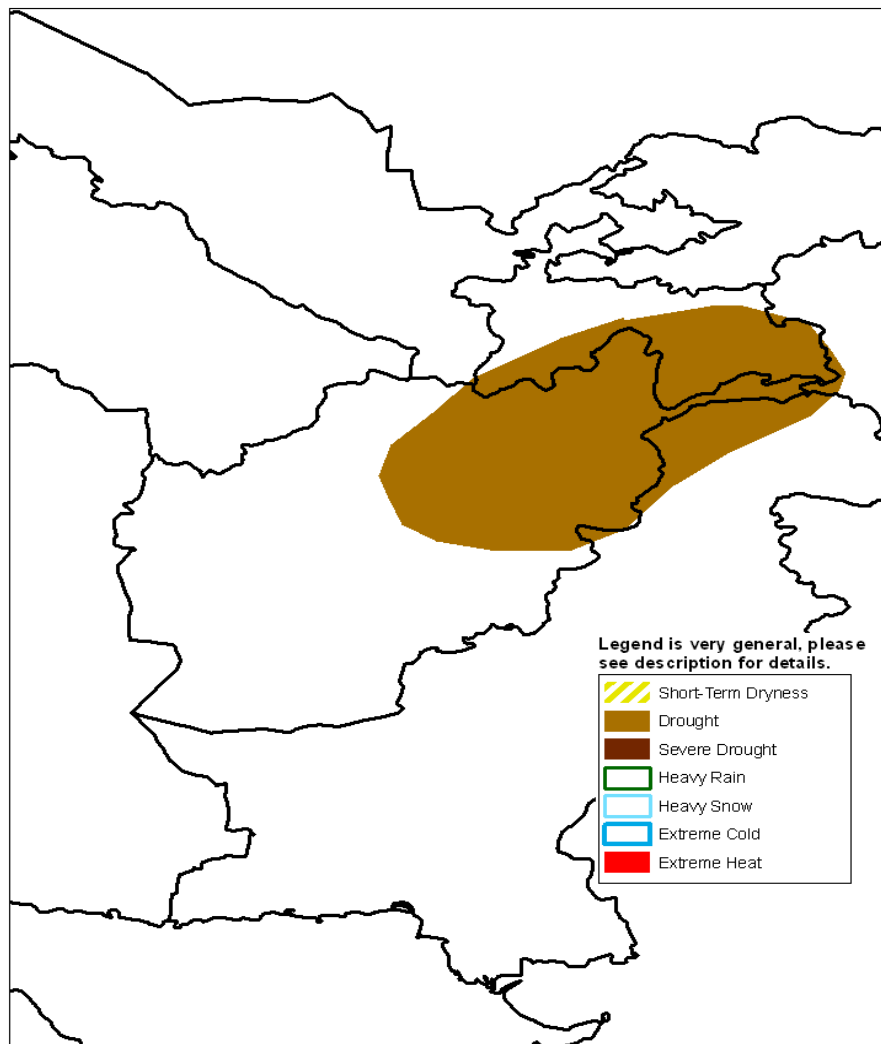


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Throughout most of April, temperatures remained above normal across much of Afghanistan with the largest positive anomalies observed in the southern lowlands of Afghanistan. However, during late April, lower than normal temperatures were observed in the northeast, which may decelerate snow melt in some local areas. During the next week, temperatures are expected to average below normal in the northeast mountains and central highlands with above normal temperatures forecast across the remainder of the country.

Despite periods of rain and snow during March and April, precipitation deficits for the wet season (October 2009 – April 2010) remain large in the northeast mountains and central highlands. During early May, unseasonable wetness occurred with precipitation amounts exceeding 25 mm (liquid equivalent) in the northeast mountains. Despite the unseasonable wetness in early May, large precipitation deficits continue. Therefore, no adjustments have been made to the drought area. During the next week, drier weather that is more typical of May is expected to return.



Note: The Hazards assessment 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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