

Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET October 31 – November 6, 2012

Temperatures:

During the second dekad of October, temperatures remained below-average throughout the northeast highlands, with more normal to slightly above-average temperatures observed across the rest of the country. For the upcoming outlook period, below normal temperatures are forecast in the northeast mountains with above average temperatures throughout the rest of the country. Weekly minimum temperatures in the northeast mountains may fall below -15 degrees C, and less than 0 degrees C in the central highlands.

Precipitation

Light to locally moderate (5-20mm) amounts of precipitation were observed across the country during the last seven days. Since the beginning of October, many provinces in the north have experienced below-average precipitation, with more neutral moisture conditions along the Afghanistan and Pakistan border. During the next week, an increase in precipitation is expected for the northern and central provinces of the country, with more well-distributed amounts ranging between 5-20mm.



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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