Temperature:
Recent 7-day mean maximum temperatures were warmer than average for most of the country. The majority of provinces registered 2-4°C positive anomalies. Weekly average maximum temperatures between 35°C and 40°C were observed in southwestern Afghanistan and in Jawzjan province in the north. Minimum temperatures dipped below freezing in the central highlands.

The GEFS model forecast shows troughing and cooler temperatures moving into the Central Asia region. Negative maximum temperature anomalies of 1-2 degrees are expected, especially for southern and eastern areas. Weekly average maximum temperatures of 30-35°C are to be confined mainly to the southwestern regions.

Precipitation:
During the last 7 days, a few light rain showers (2-10mm total) were registered in far-eastern Afghanistan. Summer season rainfall performance was much wetter than normal in eastern Afghanistan after an extremely active Indian monsoon. Seasonal surpluses in the East run from 100mm to 300mm which equate to 4-6 times the average rainfall. As a result, vegetation health appears largely very good across eastern and southern Afghanistan heading into the fall months.

During the outlook period, the GEFS weekly ensemble mean forecasts some light to moderate rain and high elevation snow in northeastern Afghanistan. Precipitation is most likely during the second half of the period.