**Temperature:**

Recent 7-day mean maximum temperatures were generally within a couple degrees of average. Some provinces registered 2-4°C positive anomalies in eastern Afghanistan. Weekly average maximum temperatures between 35°C and 40°C were observed in southwestern Afghanistan, and under 35°C in the remainder of the lower elevations. Minimum temperatures dipped below freezing in the central highlands.

The GEFS model forecast shows strong ridging across Central Asia which will result in above-average maximum temperatures across Afghanistan. The largest departures, across the North, are forecast to be 2-4°C. Weekly average maximum temperatures are expected to be at least 30-35°C in most lower-elevation regions, with slightly warmer temperatures in the Southwest. Mean minimum temperatures are forecasted to be 1-6°C warmer than average.

**Precipitation:**

During the last 7 days, some light rain (5-25mm) was registered in eastern Afghanistan. Seasonal rainfall performance has been 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.

During the outlook period, the GEFS weekly ensemble mean forecasts a little light precipitation in eastern and northeastern Afghanistan.