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## SEASONAL BULLETIN ANOMALIES OF AVERAGE AIR TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION IN KAZAKHSTAN FOR THE WINTER OF 2024-2025

## **INTRODUCTION**

The study of regional climate and continuous monitoring of its change is one of the priority tasks of the national hydrometeorological service of Kazakhstan RSE «Kazhydromet».

For the preparation of the bulletin used observation data on the network of meteorological monitoring RSE «Kazhydromet»: series of average seasonal air temperatures and seasonal precipitation totals in the period since 1941.

Anomalies of mean seasonal surface air temperatures and seasonal precipitation totals are determined relative to the norms - mean multiyear values calculated for the period 1991-2020, recommended by the World Meteorological Organization as a baseline for monitoring the degree of anomaly of the current climate. Air temperature anomalies are calculated as deviations of the observed value from the norm. Precipitation anomalies are presented in percent of the norm, that is as a percentage ratio of the amount of precipitation to the corresponding value of the norm.

To characterize climatic extremes, maps are given, where for each station the range of empirical probability of non-exceedance of the current value in the time series of the variable under consideration for the period from 1941 to the current year is given (empirical probability of non-exceedance is the fraction of time series values less than or equal to the current value). If the probability of non-exceedance of the current value of the variable falls into the extreme ranges (0-5 % or 95-100 %), it means that this value occurred in no more than 5 % of cases in the period from 1941. If we look at the amount of precipitation, the former indicates extremely low precipitation, the latter extremely high precipitation.

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## ANOMALIES OF THE AVERAGE AIR TEMPERATURE PER SEASON

In the winter period of 2024–2025, positive air temperature anomalies were observed throughout the territory of Kazakhstan, except for the foothill areas in the south and southeast of the country (Fig. 1). The average for the winter negative anomalies were not lower than -1 °C. The exception was the weather station Zhalanashkol (26.5 km from Dzungarian Gate), where the anomaly was -1.2 °C. The average air temperature anomaly for the winter period in Kazakhstan amounted to +2.7 °C. There was an increase in thermal anomalies from +1 °C from the south to the. In the northern half of Kostanay region, North Kazakhstan and in the north of Pavlodar region anomalies of +5 °C and above were observed.

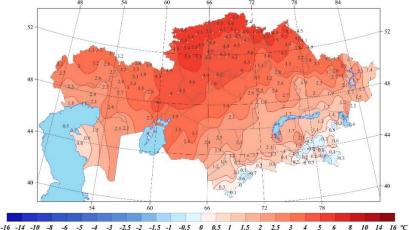


Figure 1–Spatial distribution of anomalies of the average winter air temperature (°C) in 2024–2025, calculated relative to the norms for the period 1991-2020

For the period of winter 2024–2025. 127 meteorological stations located in the western, central, eastern and northern southern regions of the country entered the gradation "warm" with a probability of non-exceedance of 75–95 % (Fig. 2). In Kostanay, North-Kazakhstan region and the northern part of Akmola region temperature anomalies were recorded in the category

"extremely warm" with a probability of non-exceedance of 95–100 %. At MS Rudny in Kostanay region, the records of seasonal air temperatures for the winter period were updated (Table 1).

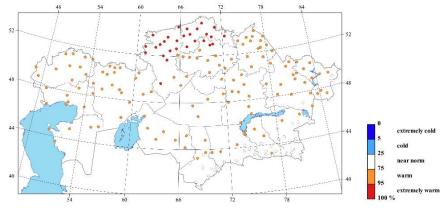


Figure 2 – Spatial distribution of probabilities of non-exceeding the average winter air temperature (°C) in 2024–2025, calculated relative to the norms for the period 1941–2025.

Table 1. Maximum record values of air temperature for the winter of 2024-2025

№	Meteorological station	Region	A new seasonal record for air temperature, °C	Previous record seasonal air temperature, °C
1	Rudny	Kostanay	-8,6	-8,8 (2020)

**Comparative analysis of air temperature changes showed that the winter period of 2024-2025 was warmer than the winter period of 2023-2024, relative to the norms for the multiyear period 1991-2020 (Fig. 3).** The largest positive temperature anomaly was +7.6 °C in January at the Ust-Kamenogorsk meteorological station in East Kazakhstan region. The most significant negative anomaly was observed in February and amounted to --3 °C at the Markakol meteorological station in East Kazakhstan region.

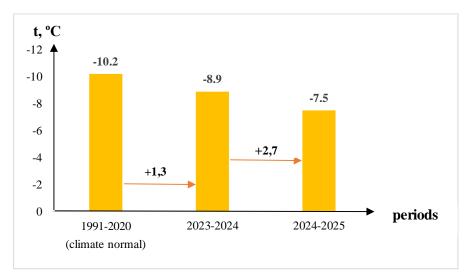
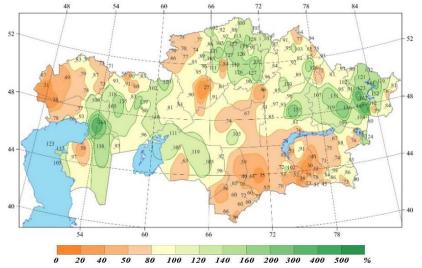
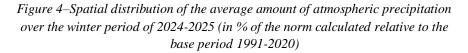


Figure 3–Average winter air temperature (°C) relative to the norm for the longterm period 1991-2020, for the winters of 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

## SEASONAL PRECIPITATION

In winter 2024-2025, the amount of precipitation on the territory of the country was unevenly distributed (Fig. 4). Excess precipitation (more than 120 % of the norm) was observed in the west, (Atyrau, Mangystau and Aktobe regions) in the north (North Kazakhstan and Akmola regions) and in the east (Abai, East Kazakhstan and eastern part of Karaganda regions). The largest amount of precipitation fell on MS Aksuat in Abai region -17.1 mm, which amounted to 166.9 % of the norm. The amount of precipitation near the norm (80-120 %) fell in Kostanay, Aktobe, Karaganda, Pavlodar, Ulytau and Zhetysu regions. However, even in these regions there were some centers of both deficit and excess precipitation. Precipitation deficit was mainly recorded in West Kazakhstan and Kostanay regions, as well as in regions of central and southern the country.





Precipitation deficit centers were recorded in Mangystau, Aktobe, Kyzylorda, Akmola, Pavlodar and East Kazakhstan regions. At the weather station Amangeldy in Kostanay region records of minimum winter precipitation amounts were updated: only 3.9 mm were recorded, which amounted to 26.9 % of the norm (Table 2).

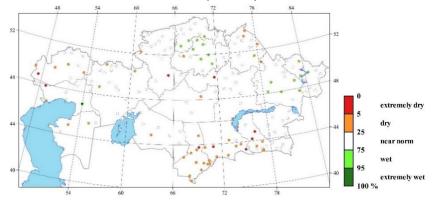


Figure 5 – Spatial distribution of the probability of not exceeding the average amount of precipitation over the winter period of 2024-2025. The probabilities are calculated based on data from the period 1941-2025.

According to 9 meteorological stations (Aidarly, Bakanas, Uyuk, Korday, Urda, Ushtogan, Sholakkorgan, Amangeldy, Kertindy) 5 % e extremes were recorded and entered the gradation "extremely dry" (Fig. 5). And only MS Kulsary in Atyrau region entered the "extremely wet" gradation.

№	Meteorological station	Region	New record for monthly precipitation, mm	The previous record for monthly precipitation, mm
1	Amangeldy	Kostanay	3,9	4,7 (2021)

Table 2. Minimum record values of monthly precipitation over the winter

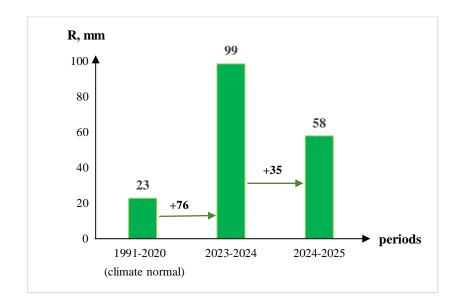


Figure 6 – Average amount of precipitation over the winter period (°C) relative to the norms for the long-term period 1991-2020, for the winters of 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

Comparative analysis of precipitation amounts showed that the winter period 2024-2025 received less precipitation than the winter period 2023-2024, but significantly higher relative to norms for the multi-year period 1991-2020 (Fig.6).