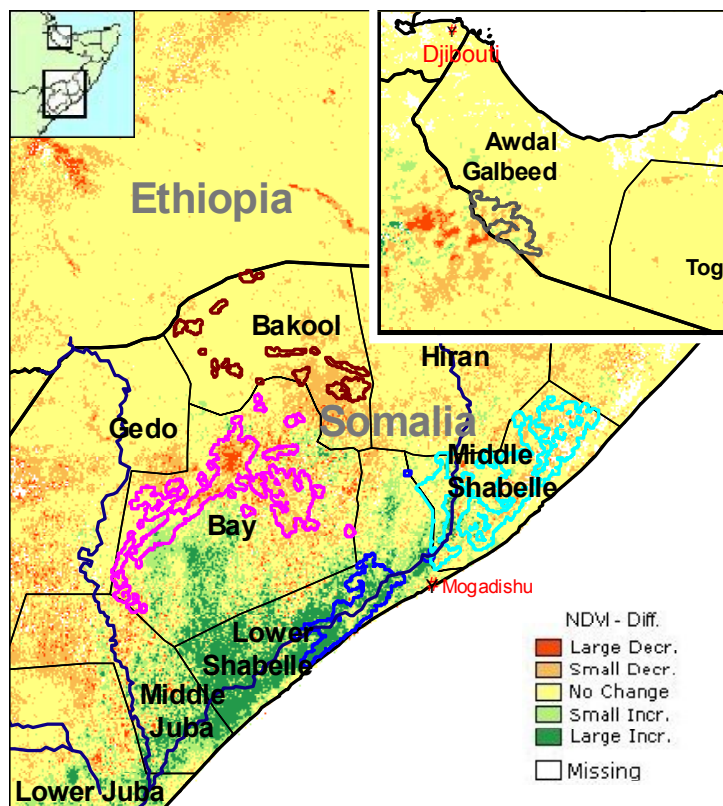


Agricultural areas



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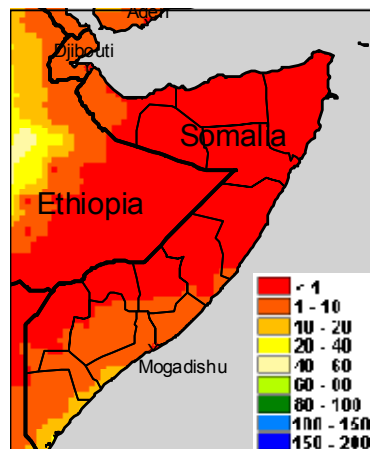
Highlights

Rainfall

Some low rainfall is visible over the southern coastal regions of the country while the situation in the northern pastoral areas remains dry.

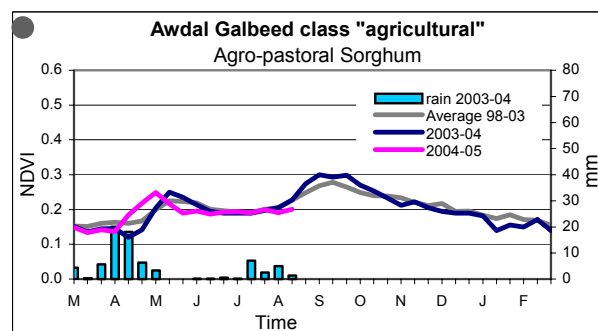
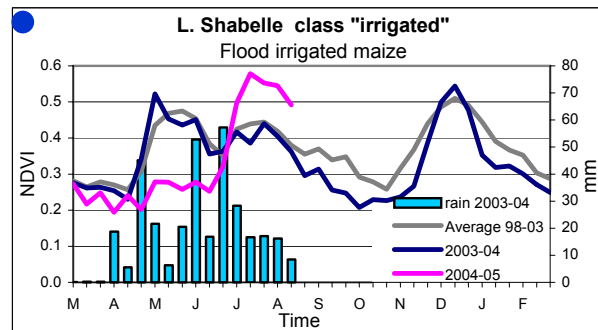
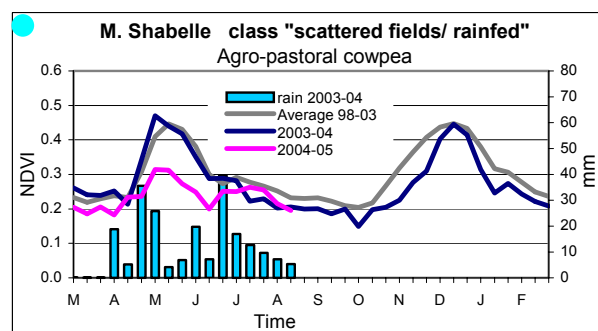
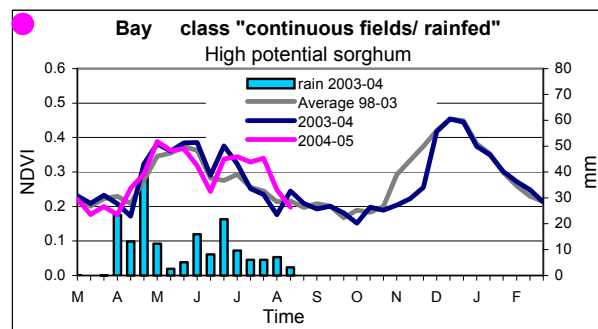
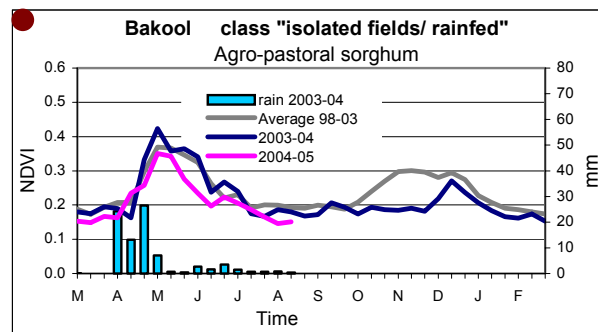
Crops

The greenness of agricultural vegetation is low after the end of the *Gu* season, with the exception of *Lower Shabelle* where the late rain led to a delayed crop cycle. The overall cereals production in Southern Somalia is significantly worse than in 2003.

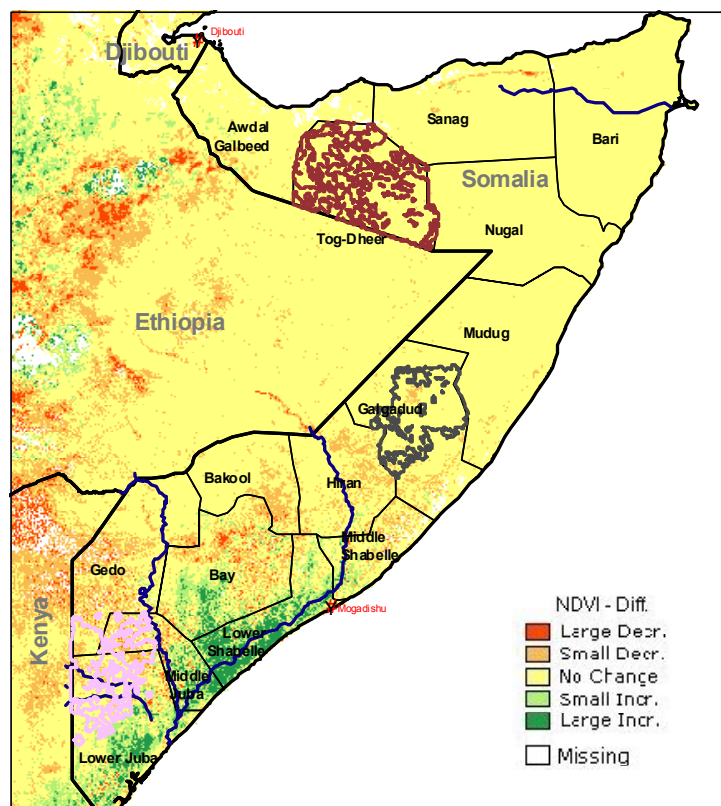


10-day cumulated rainfall
Period: August 2004 Dekad: II
Data derived from ECMWF model
Produced by METEOCONSULT

A technical description of the *Gu* production forecast can be found here:
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Pastoral areas



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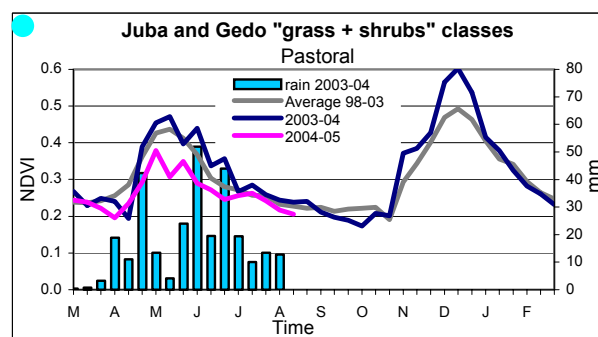
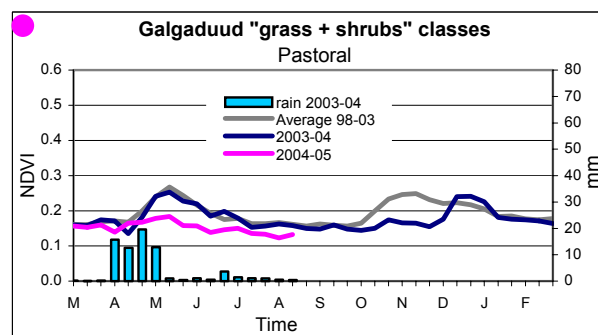
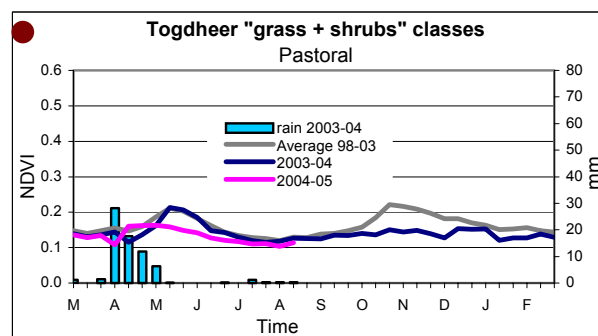
Highlights

Pastures

The dryness of the northern and central pastoral areas has not improved during the *Gu* season. Following at least two very dry years this situation has lead to extremely hard conditions for livestock and pastoralists.

Legend: Food crop situation:

Very bad; Bad; Near Normal; Good; Very Good



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