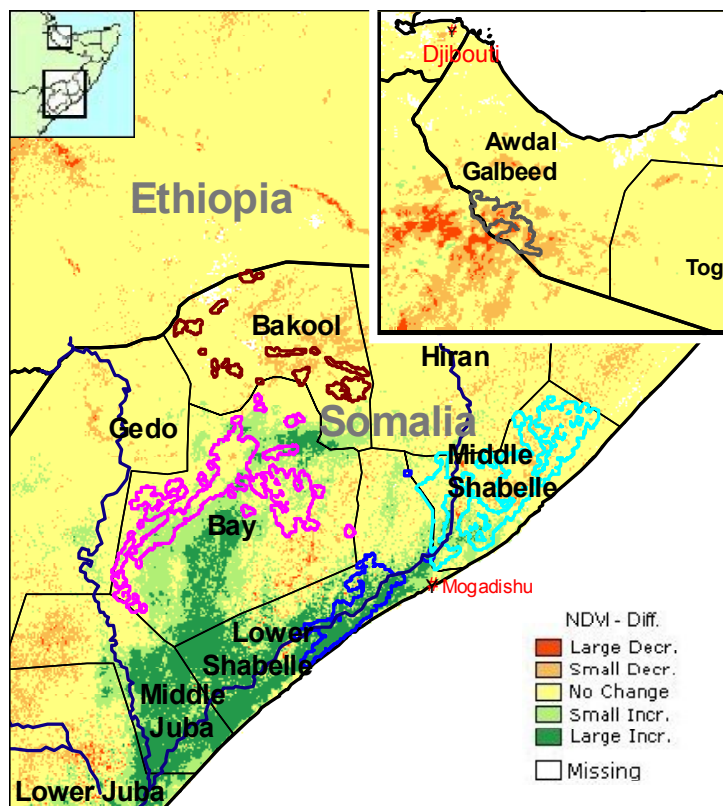


Agricultural areas



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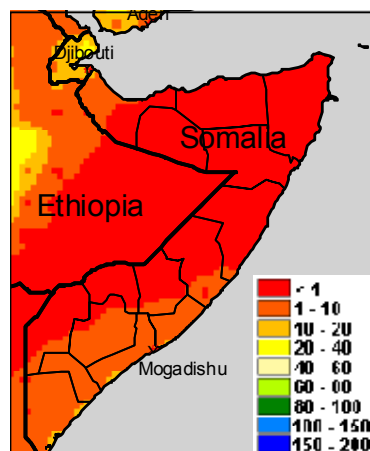
Rainfall

No significant rainfall is visible over Somalia.

Crops

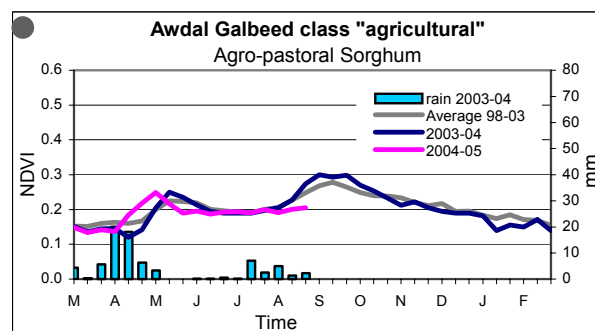
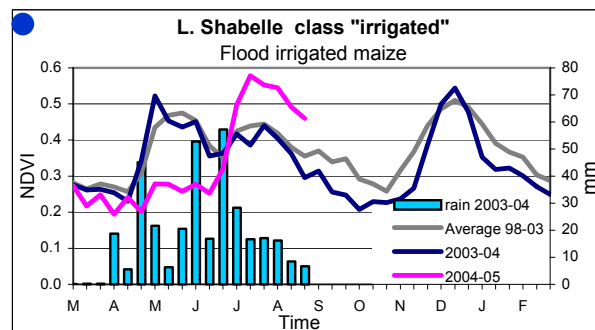
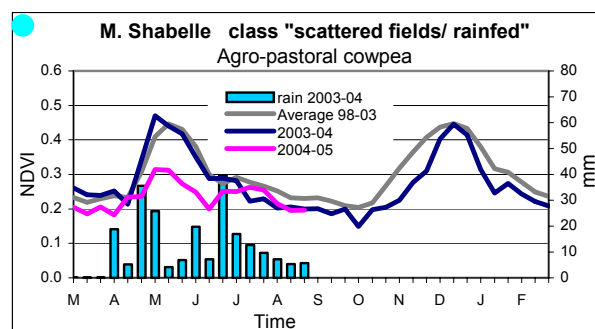
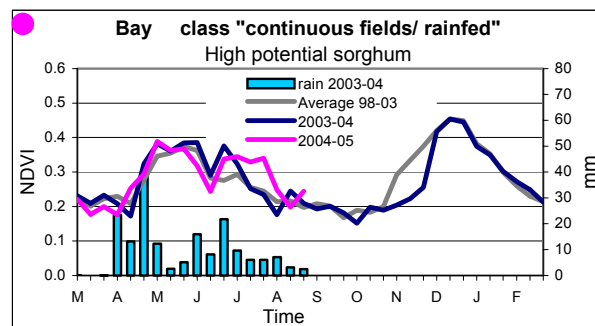
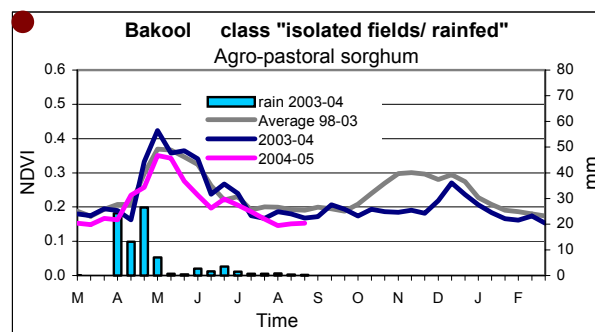
The greenness of agricultural vegetation is low after the end of the *Gu* season, with the exception of *Lower Shabelle* where the late rain led to a delayed crop cycle. The overall cereals production in Southern Somalia is significantly worse than in 2003.

In *Awdal Galbeed* the second crop season appears to be slightly delayed.

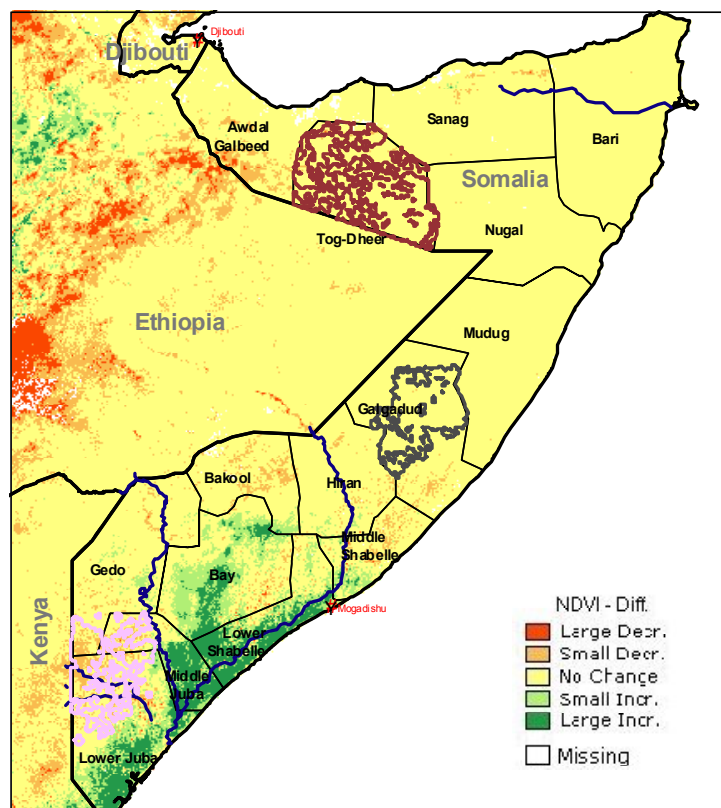


10-day cumulated rainfall
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 Data derived from ECMWF model
 Produced by METEOCONSULT

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Pastoral areas



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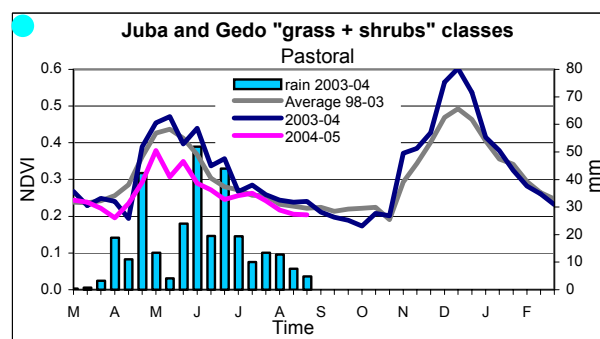
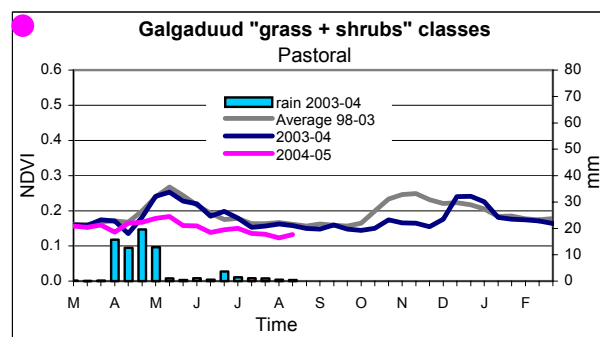
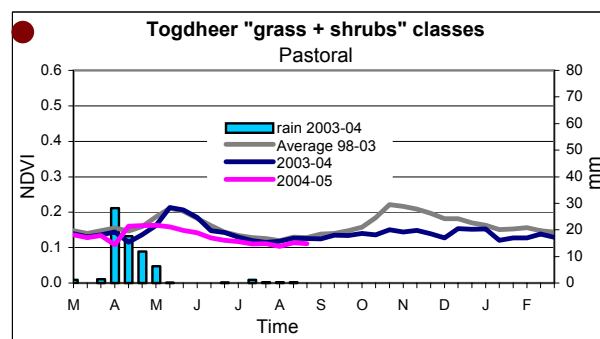
Highlights

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 led to extremely hard conditions for livestock and pastoralists.

Legend: Food crop situation:

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



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