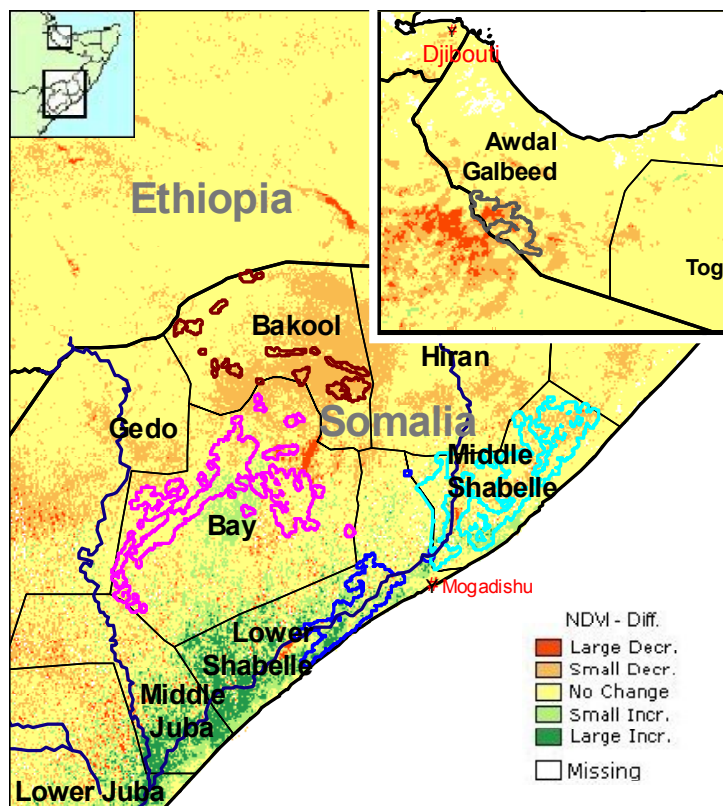


Agricultural areas



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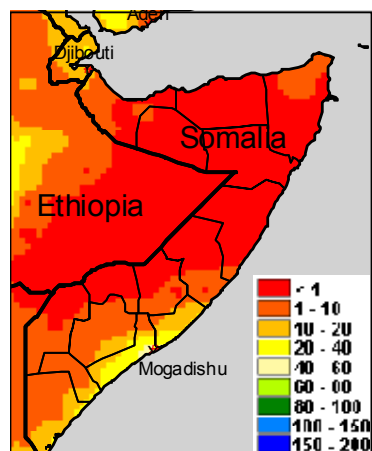
Highlights

Rainfall

The ECMWF model shows some rain over the Southern coastal regions of Somalia while dry conditions prevail over the rest of the country as normal for this season (*Hagal* Dry Season).

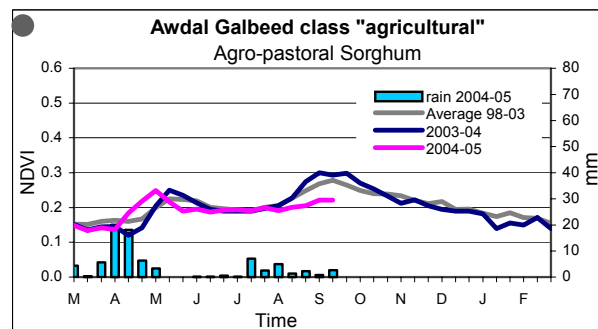
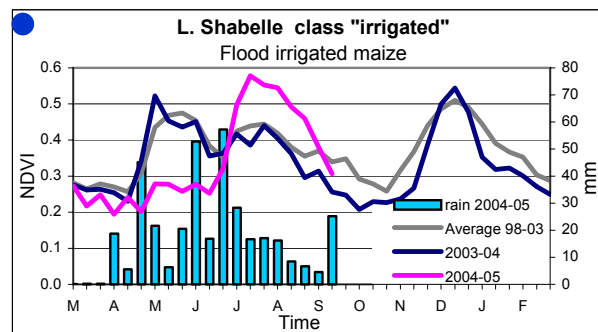
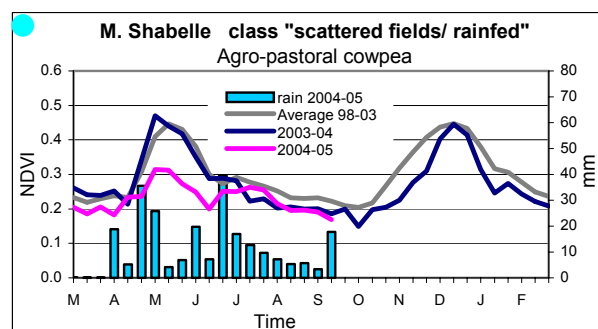
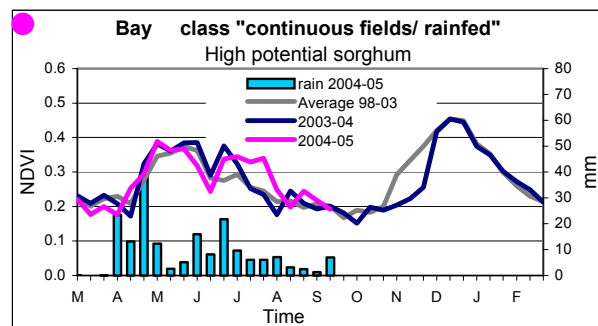
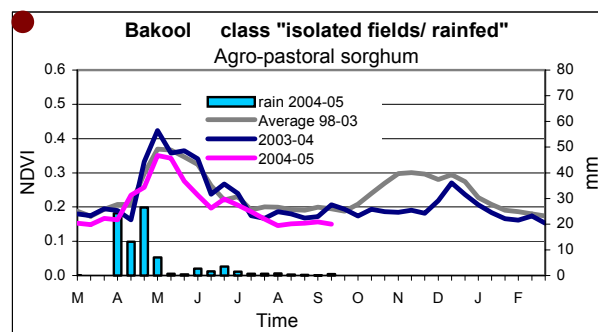
Crops

The greenness of agricultural vegetation is generally low due to the dry season. The *Gu* crop cycle in *Lower Shabelle* shows a clear temporal shift due to the late rain this year. In *Awdal Galbeed* the second crop season is significantly delayed by the scarce rainfall received so far by this region.

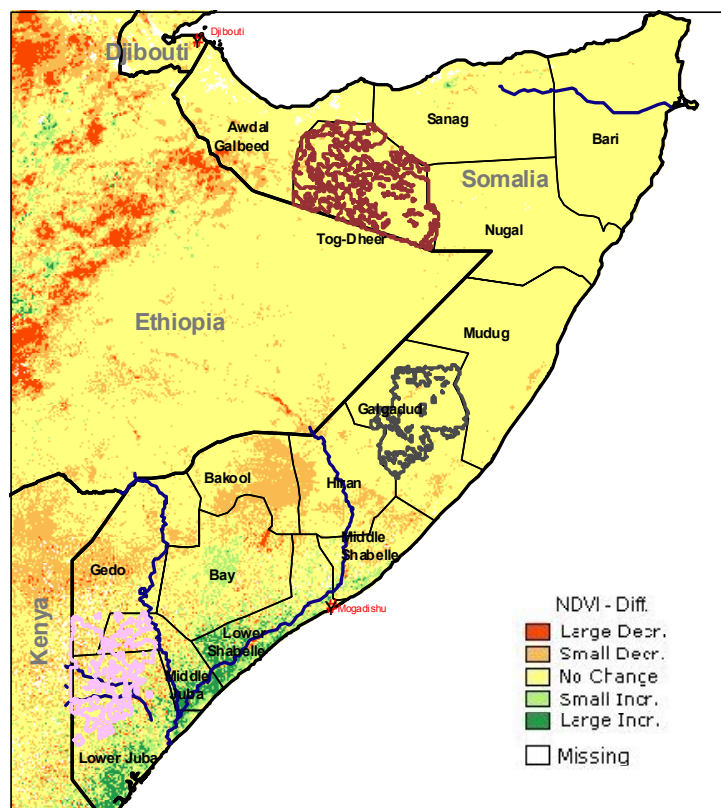


10-day cumulated rainfall
 Period: September 2004 Dekad: II
 Data derived from ECMWF model
 Produced by METEOCONSULT

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



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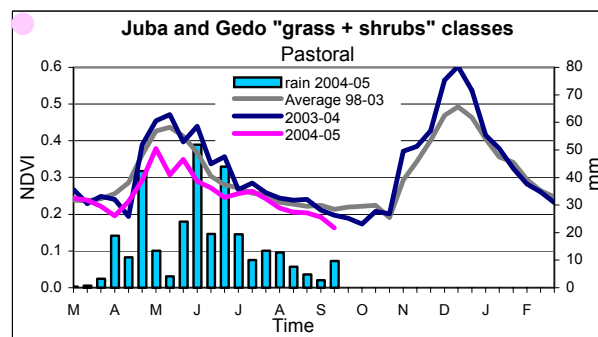
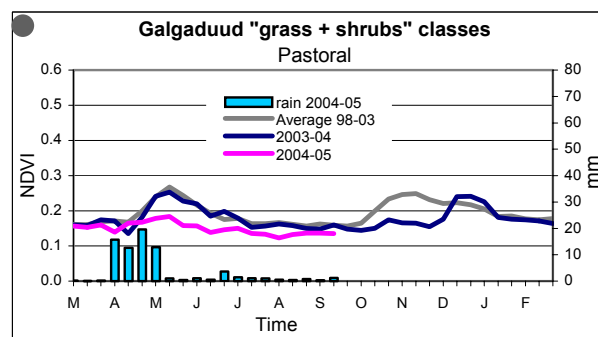
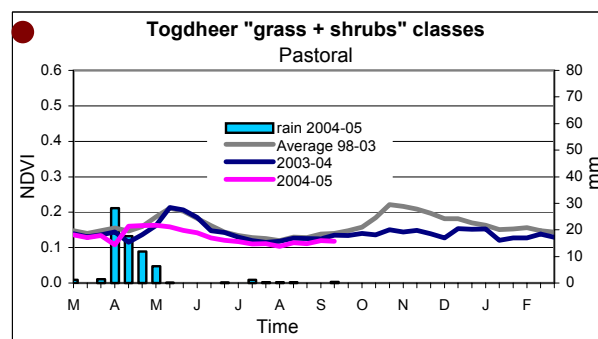
Highlights

Pastures

The conditions for pastoral livelihoods remain extremely critical in the Northern and central parts of the country.

Legend: Food crop situation:

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



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