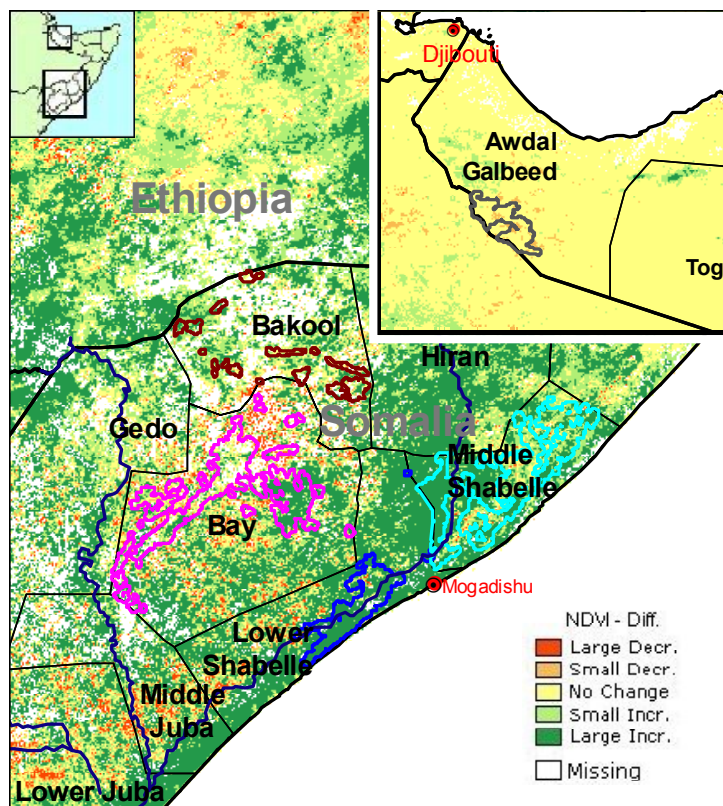
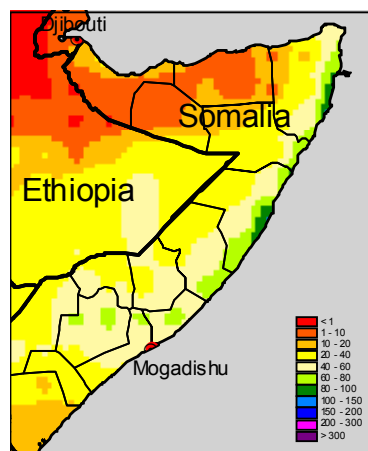


Agricultural areas



Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)
Absolute difference w.r.t. previous year (Act. - Prev.)
Period: November 2004 Dekad: II



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

Legend: Food crop situation:
Very bad; Bad; Near Normal; Good; Very Good

Highlights

Rainfall

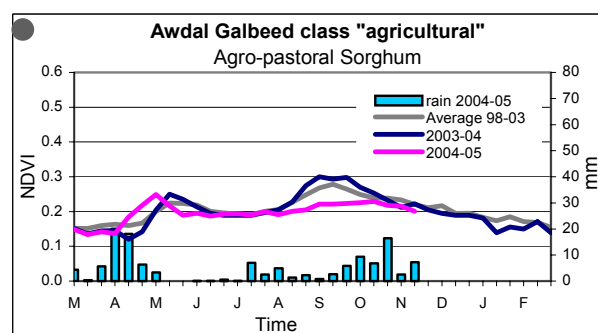
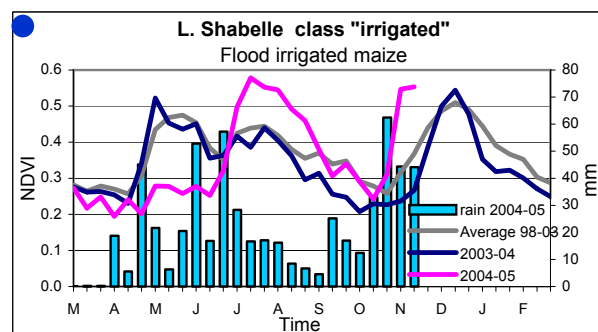
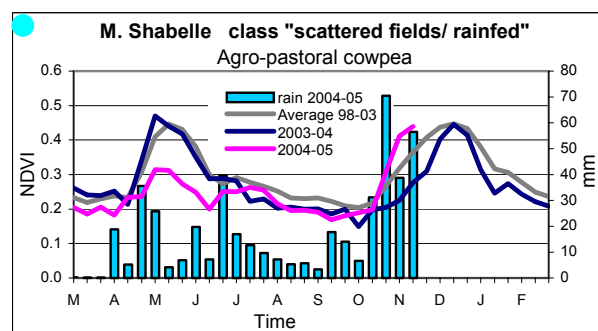
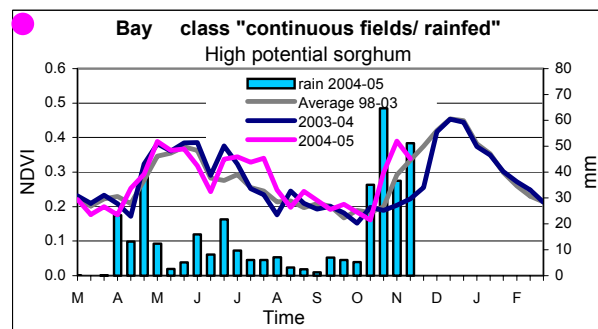
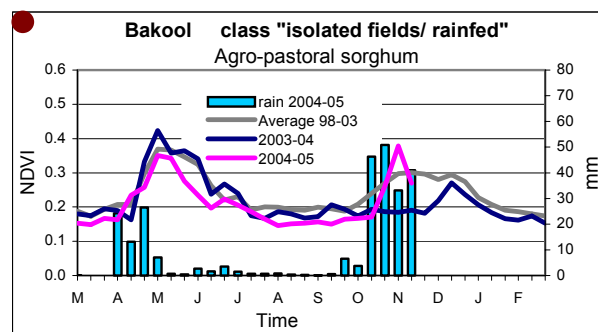
Heavy rainfall occurred in many areas of the country with peaks of up to 100 mm along the coastline. The risk of flooding remains high.

Crops

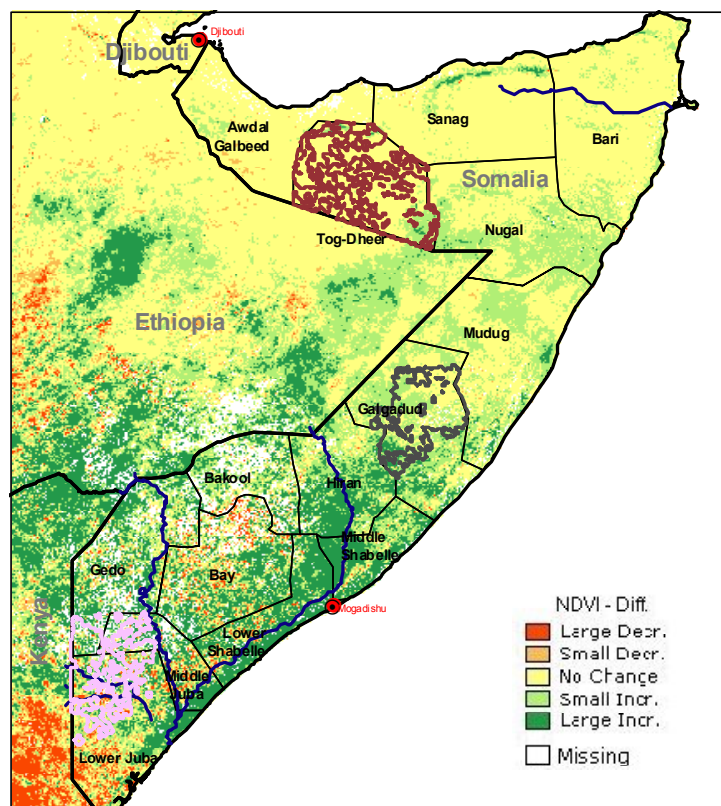
The greenness of agricultural vegetation is high after planting of *Deyr* crops. The second crop season in *Awdal Galbeed* was worse than normal.

Following the abundant rain, natural vegetation appears much greener than at the same time in 2003.

The slight decrease visible for the current dekad is partially due to the high cloud cover of the VGT image.



Pastoral areas



Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)
Absolute difference w.r.t. previous year (Act. – Prev.)
Period: November 2004 Dekad: II

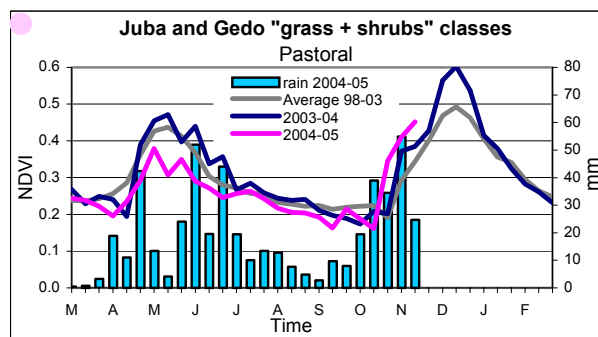
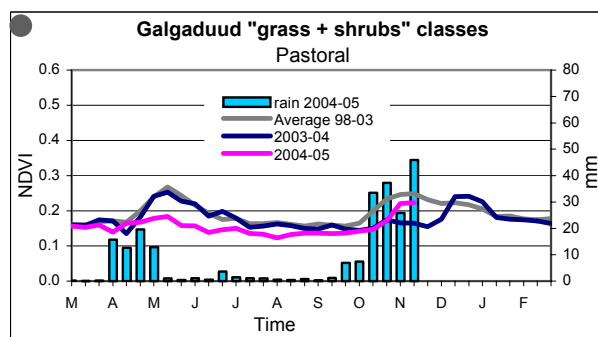
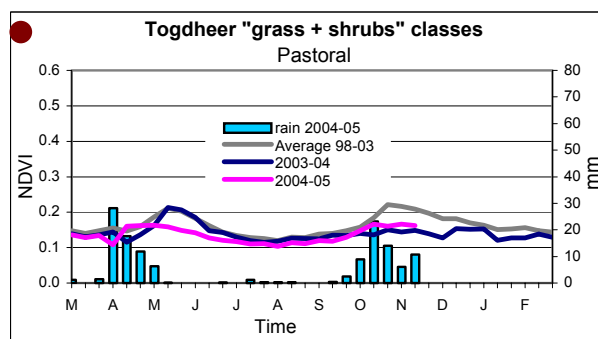
Highlights

Pastures

The conditions for pastoral livelihoods remain critical in the Northern and central parts of the country. However, the rainfall of the last 3 dekads helps natural vegetation to recover from the long drought in the central pastoral areas.

Legend: Food crop situation:

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



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