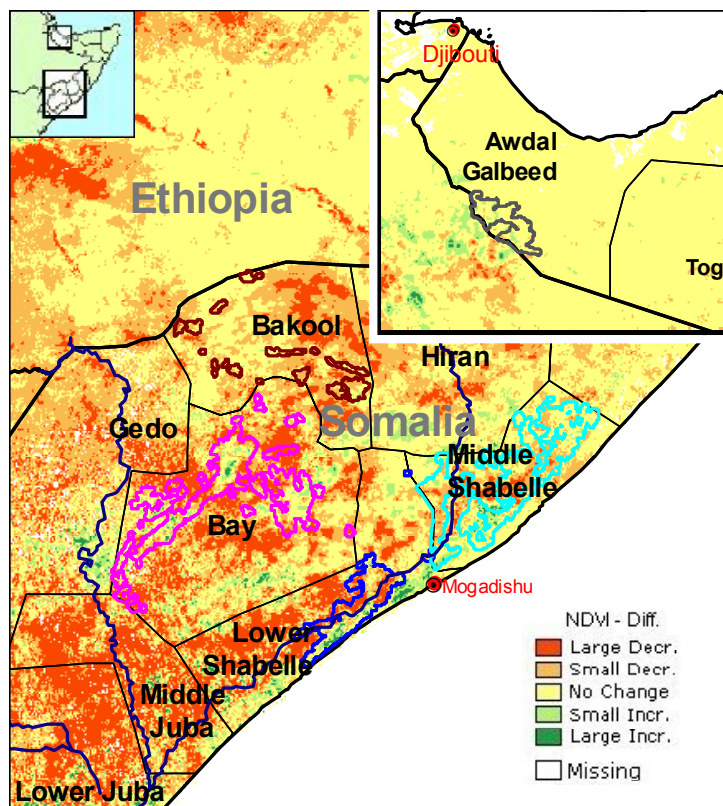
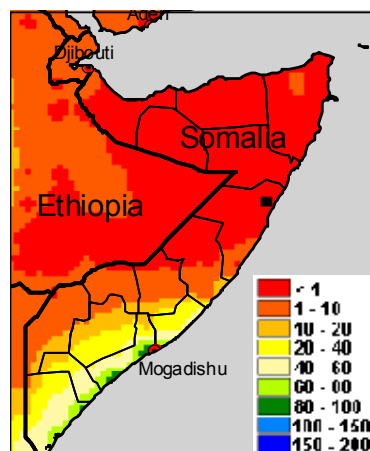


Agricultural areas



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



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

Legend: Food crop situation:

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

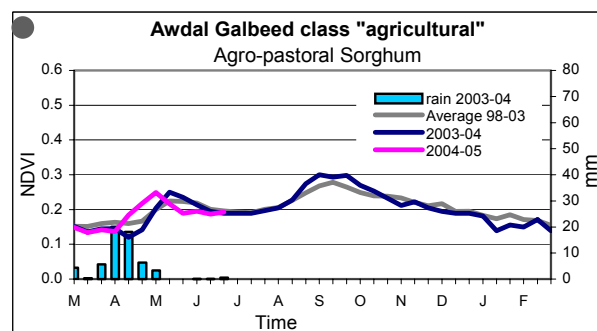
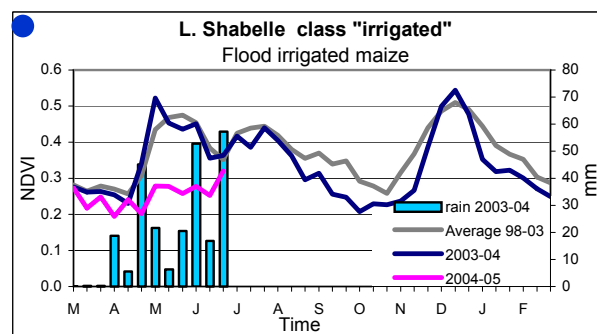
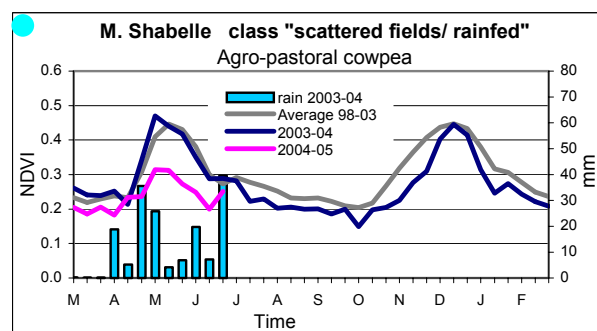
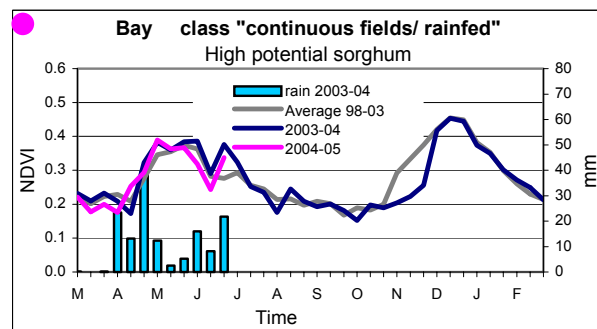
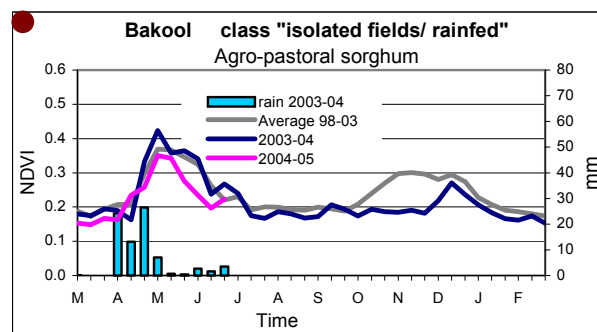
Highlights

Rainfall

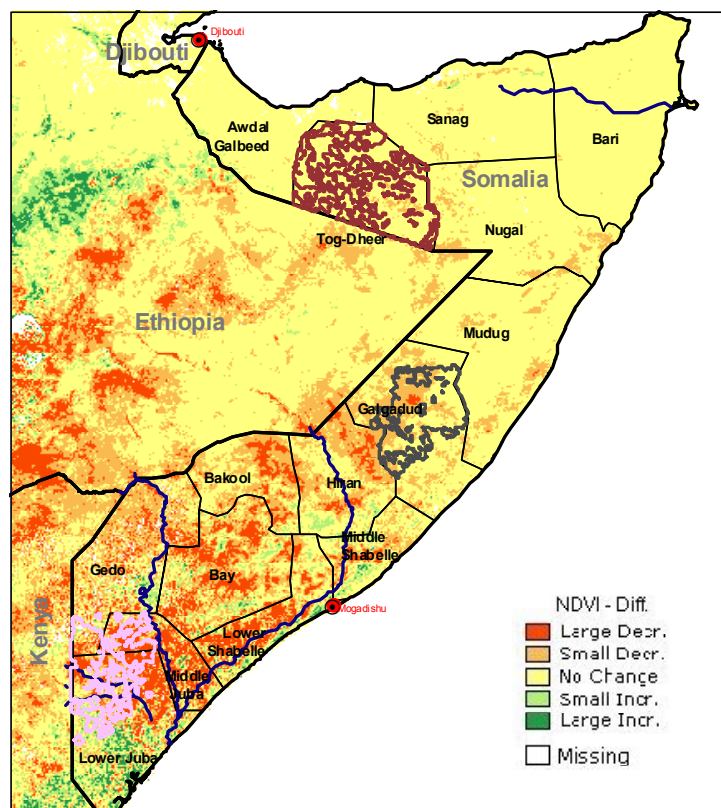
The rainfall shown by the ECMWF model for the southern coastal areas of the country for this dekad is considerably higher compared to the values of the last 4 years. The situation in the northern pastoral areas remains dry.

Crops

With the exception of Bay, the effects of short and insufficient *Gu* rains are clearly visible. The situation is particularly severe in the *Shabelle* regions where a nearly complete crop failure can be expected. The rainfall of this dekad comes fairly late for this *Gu* season and it is not clear whether it can still have a clear positive effect on food crops.



Pastoral areas



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

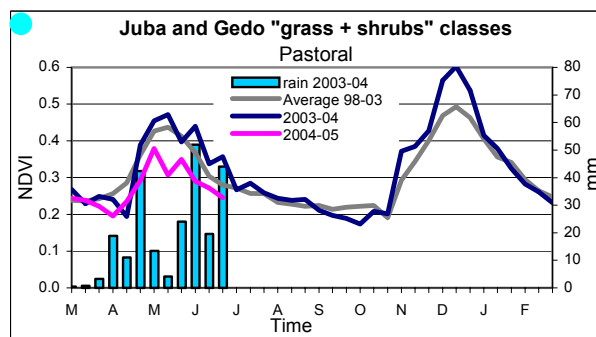
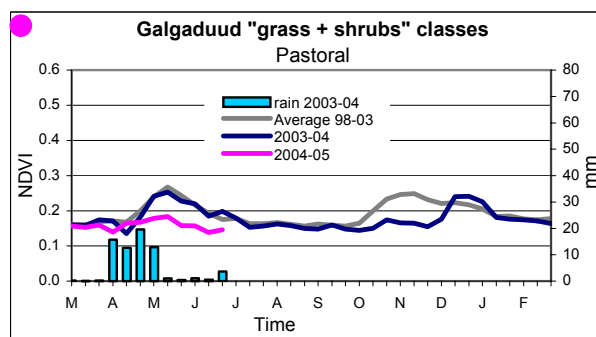
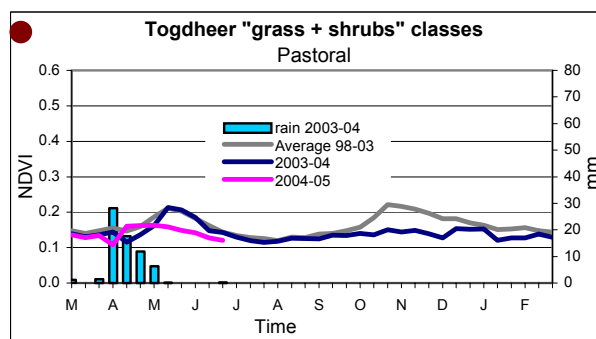
Highlights

Pastures

The dryness of the northern and central pastoral areas has not improved so far during the *Gu* season. Vegetation greenness is lower than normal in the Southern *Juba* regions.

Legend: Food crop situation:

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



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