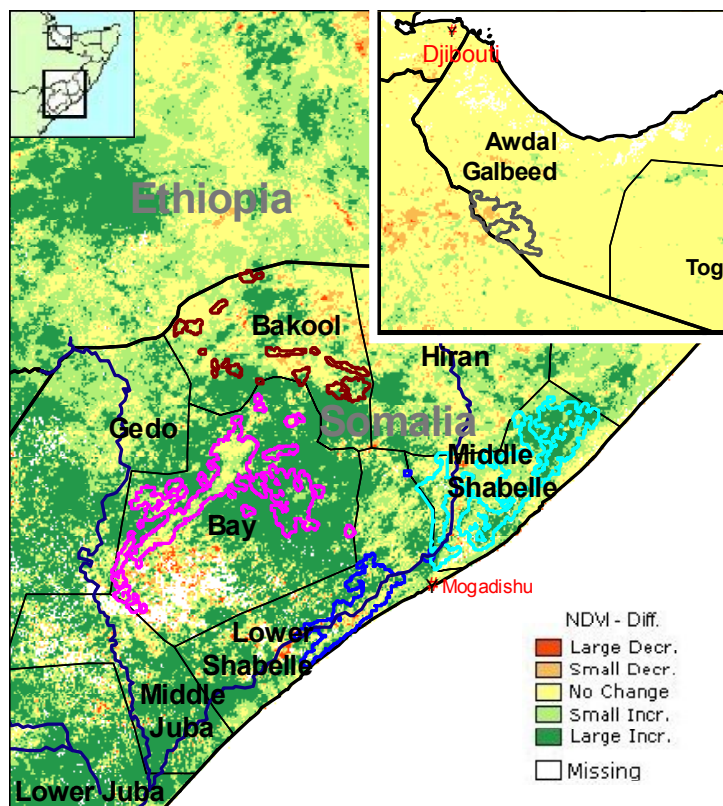
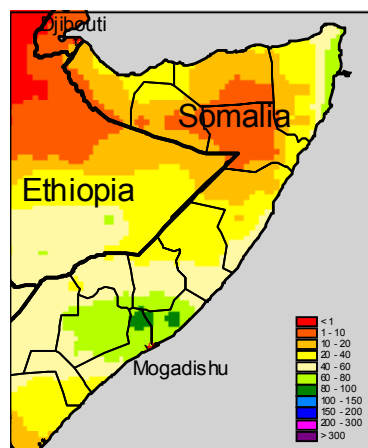


Agricultural areas



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



10-day cumulated rainfall
Period: October 2004 Dekad: III
Data derived from ECMWF model
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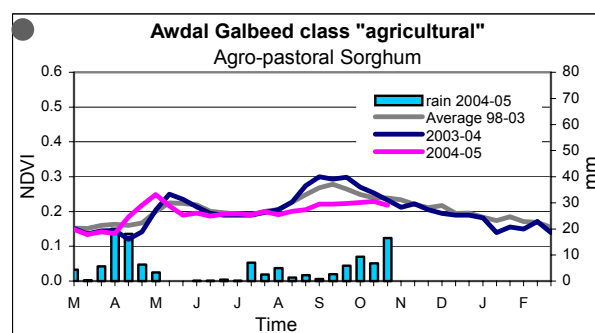
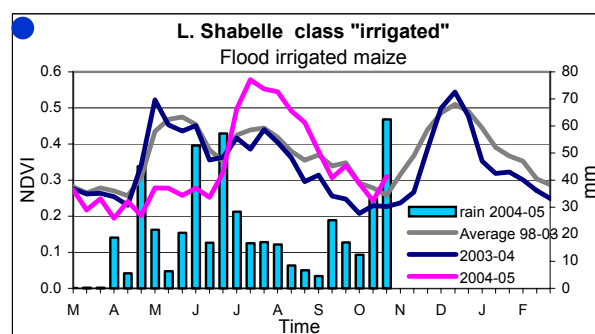
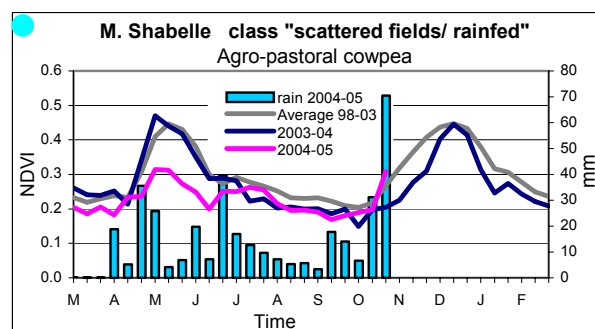
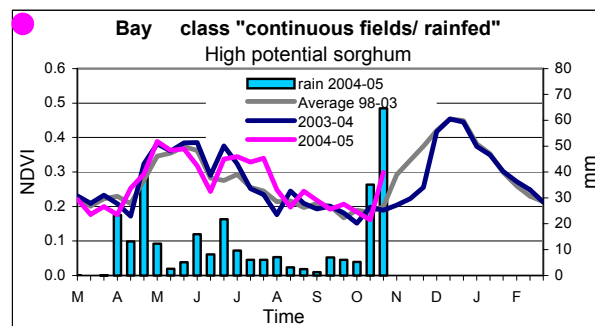
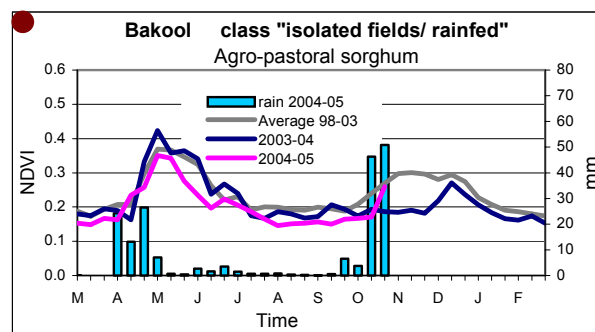
Rainfall

Heavy rainfall occurred in many areas of the country with peaks of up to 100 mm in the South/West, relieving agricultural and pastoral areas but also causing flash flood hazard.

Crops

The greenness of agricultural and vegetation is generally increasing most likely due to planting of Deyr crops.

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



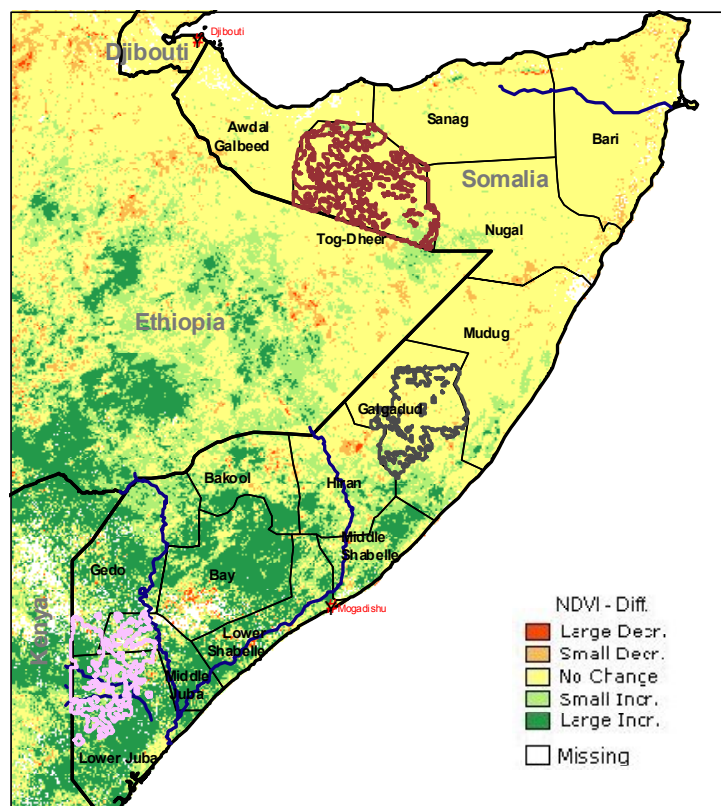
Legend: Food crop situation:
Very bad; Bad; Near Normal; Good; Very Good

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Pastoral areas



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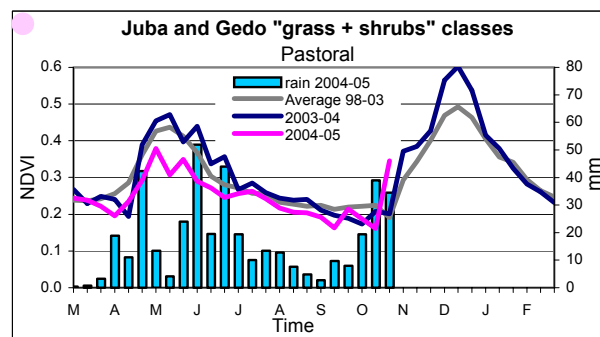
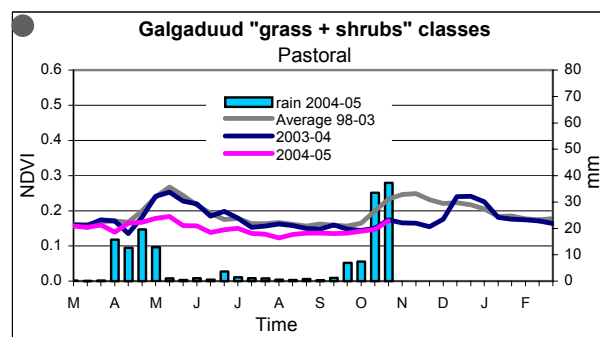
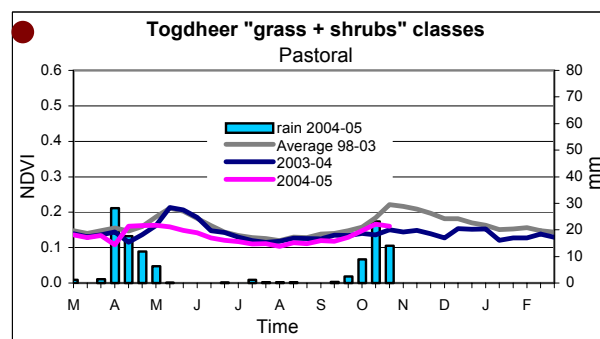
Highlights

Pastures

The conditions for pastoral livelihoods remain critical in the Northern and central parts of the country. However, the rainfall of the last 2 dekads helps natural vegetation to recover from the long drought, especially in the central pastoral areas.

Legend: Food crop situation:

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



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