



Over the past year, the eastern Horn of Africa has experienced two consecutive poor rainy seasons, resulting in one of the driest years since 1950/51 in many pastoral zones. The impacts of the drought have been exacerbated by high local cereal prices, excess livestock mortality, conflict and restricted humanitarian access in some areas.^a

Typical Season^a

Rains in pastoral areas of **Somalia, Kenya, southern Ethiopia** and cropping areas of **south-eastern Kenya** bring pasture regeneration, increase water availability, and support crop development.

Typical lean season in pastoral areas. Main harvest in **south-eastern Kenya**. Minor harvest in **Somalia**.

Main rains in southern pastoral and belg-producing **Ethiopia, Somalia**, and pastoral areas of **Kenya**; secondary rains in south-eastern cropping areas of **Kenya**.

Main harvest in **Somalia** (mid-Jun to mid-Aug). Minor harvests in **south-eastern Kenya**.

Sep 2010



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Jan 2011

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Drought 2010-2011^a

One of the driest Oct-Dec seasons ever. Second or third consecutive poor season in some pastoral and cropping areas. Very poor livestock production.

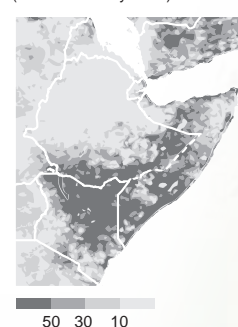
Livestock body conditions worsen. Crops fail in all marginal cropping areas of the eastern Horn. Lean season shortages exacerbated.

Late start of rains and erratic distribution over season. Rainfall less than 30% of the 1995-2010 average in some areas. Excess livestock mortality of 15-30% reported in pastoral areas, with mortality levels as high as 40-60% in localized areas, especially for cattle and sheep.

Harvests expected to be delayed and below normal. Crop failure in marginal cropping areas likely. Staple cereal prices approach/exceed record levels.

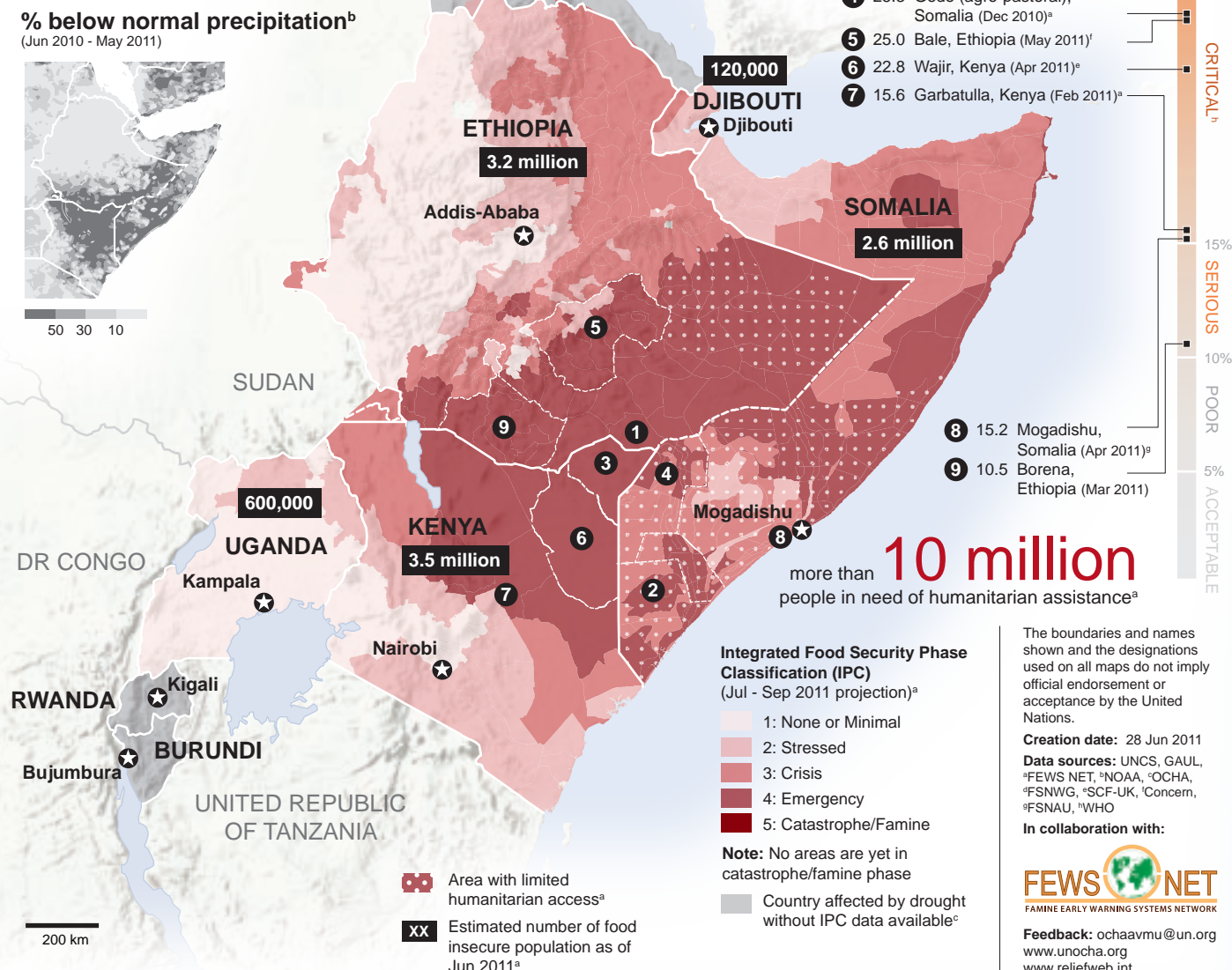
% below normal precipitation^b

(Jun 2010 - May 2011)



Dramatic increases in cereal prices

Grain Market ^b	Grain	% price change (May '10- May '11)
Baidoa, Somalia	Red Sorghum	+ 240%
Jiiga, Ethiopia	Yellow Maize	+ 117%
Mandera, Kenya	White Maize	+ 58%



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