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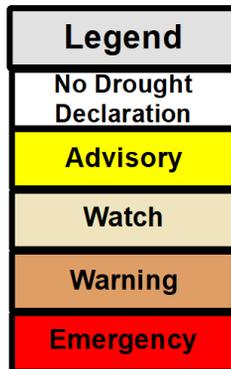
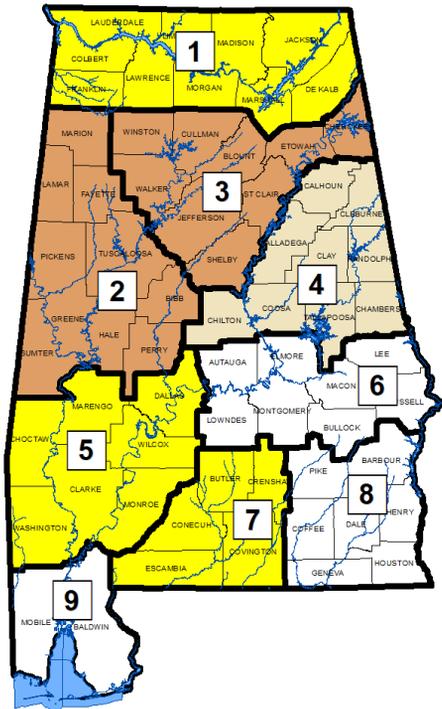


# For Public Dissemination Alabama Drought Declaration

In accordance with the Alabama Drought Planning and Response Act (Code of Ala. 1975, §9-10C-1, et seq.) and the Alabama Drought Management Plan, the ADECA Office of Water Resources (OWR), based on a review of current and anticipated conditions, has declared the following portions of Alabama to be under the specified drought declaration levels.

### Declaration Level

- Emergency**    None
- Warning**     **Drought Regions 2 and 3 which include the counties of:** Bibb, Blount, Cherokee, Cullman, Etowah, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Jefferson, Lamar, Marion, Perry, Pickens, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, Walker, and Winston
- Watch**        **Drought Region 4 which include the counties of:** Calhoun, Chambers, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Randolph, Talladega, and Tallapoosa
- Advisory**     **Drought Regions 1, 5, and 7 which include the counties of:** Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Colbert, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dallas, DeKalb, Escambia, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marengo, Marshall, Monroe, Morgan, Washington, and Wilcox
- None**          **Drought Regions 6, 8, and 9 which include the counties of:** Autauga, Baldwin, Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Mobile, Montgomery, Pike, and Russell



Drought conditions have improved over the northern and southern parts of the state. Region 1, 5, and 7 have been placed under a Drought Advisory. Drought Regions 6, 8, and 9 have been removed from any drought declaration level. The central portion of the state remains very dry and Drought Regions 2 and 3 are still under a Drought Warning, while Drought Region 4 is still under a Drought Watch. OWR will continue monitoring our water resources and update this Declaration as needed.

Water managers are urged to carefully monitor conditions and encourage the wise and efficient use of our water resources. Public water system customers are encouraged to follow their local water system’s recommendations regarding water use. All other water users should make prudent decisions on their water use to protect available resources.

For further information, please visit our web site at [water.alabama.gov](http://water.alabama.gov) and follow the links for Drought Planning and Management. You may also reach our office at (334) 242-5499, fax at (334) 242-0776, or e-mail at [water@adeca.alabama.gov](mailto:water@adeca.alabama.gov).