



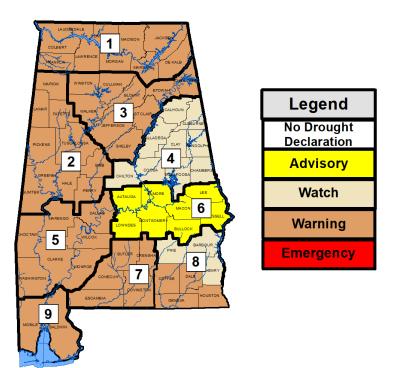
## For Public Dissemination Alabama Drought Declaration

In accordance with the Alabama Drought Planning and Response Act (<u>Code of Ala. 1975</u>, §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 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, and a portion of 8 which include the counties of: Baldwin, Bibb, Blount, Butler, Cherokee, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Colbert, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Cullman, Dale, Dallas, DeKalb, Escambia, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Geneva, Greene, Hale, Houston, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Mobile, Monroe, Morgan, Perry, Pickens, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, Walker, Washington, Wilcox, and Winston
- WatchDrought Region 4 and a portion of 8 which include the counties of:Barbour, Calhoun, Chambers,<br/>Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Henry, Pike, Randolph, Talladega, and Tallapoosa
- Advisory Drought Region 6 which include the counties of: Autauga, Bullock, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, and Russell
- None None



Drought conditions are increasing in severity in Alabama as precipitation deficits continue to climb. Drought Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, and a portion of Region 8 have been declared in the Drought Warning status. The Drought Watch status includes Region 4 and a portion of Region 8. Drought Region 6 is still classified as Drought Advisory. 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 <u>water.alabama.gov</u> 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 <u>water@adeca.alabama.gov</u>.