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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

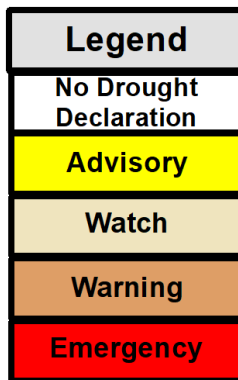
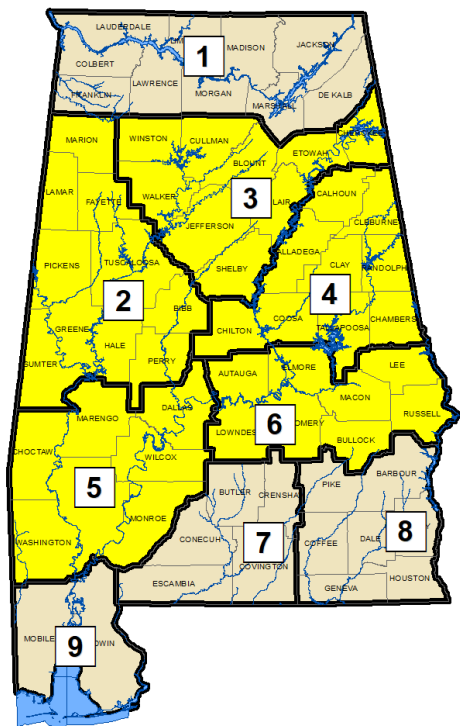
Emergency None

Warning None

Watch **Drought Regions 1, 7, 8, and 9 which include the counties of:**
Baldwin, Barbour, Butler, Coffee, Colbert, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, DeKalb, Escambia, Franklin, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Mobile, Morgan, and Pike.

Advisory **Drought Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 which include the counties of:**
Autauga, Bibb, Blount, Bullock, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Cullman, Dallas, Elmore, Etowah, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Jefferson, Lamar, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Pickens, Randolph, Russell, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker, Washington, Wilcox, and Winston.

None None



The lack of any significant rainfall over the last 30-60 days and the lack of any forecasted rainfall have intensified drought declaration levels across the state. While reservoirs are within operating guidelines, streamflows and groundwater levels are beginning to decline. In recognition of these conditions, Drought Regions 1, 7, 8, and 9 are declared to be at the Drought Watch level while the remainder of Alabama is declared to be at the Drought Advisory level. 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 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.