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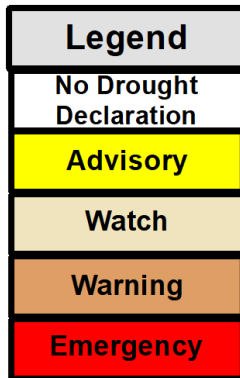
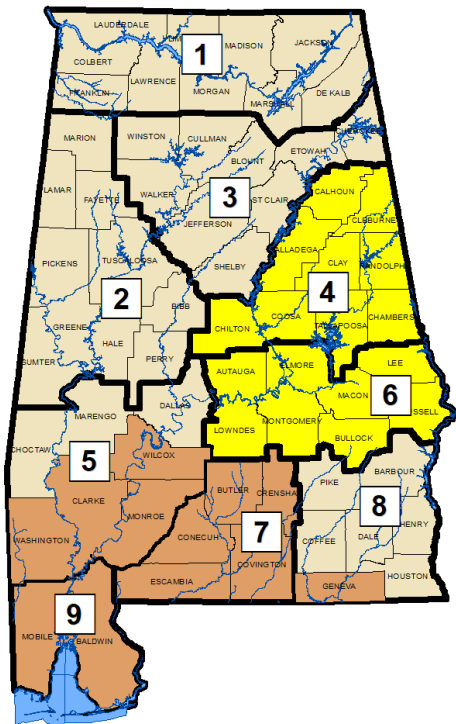


For Public Dissemination Alabama Drought Declaration

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



Drought conditions are continuing to expand across the entire state of Alabama as precipitation deficits continue to climb. As a result, Drought Region 9 remains in a Warning status. The Warning status has been expanded into region 7 and parts of regions 5 and 8. Drought Regions 1, 2, 3, and parts of Drought Regions 5 and 8 have been upgraded to a Drought Watch. Drought Regions 4 and 6 are 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 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.