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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

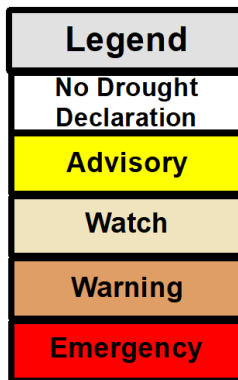
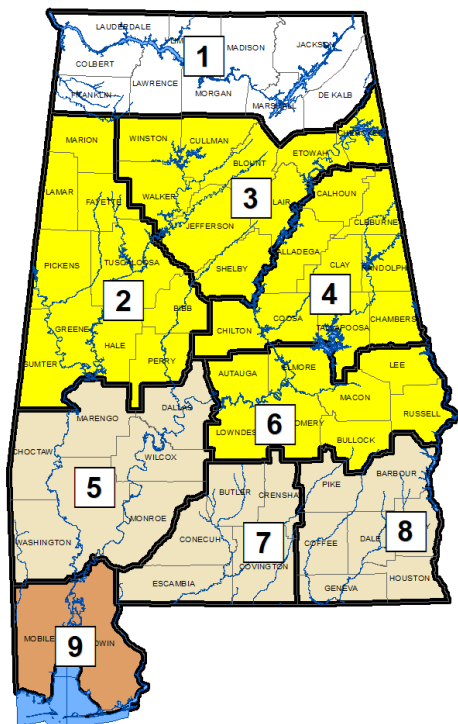
Emergency None

Warning Drought Region 9 which include the counties of: Baldwin and Mobile.

Watch Drought Regions 5, 7, and 8 which include the counties of: Barbour, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Marengo, Monroe, Pike, Washington, and Wilcox.

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

None Drought Region 1 which include the counties of: Colbert, DeKalb, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, and Morgan.



Although temperatures have been cooler, there has been a widespread lack of rainfall, especially in the southern parts of the state. Streamflows and groundwater levels are declining, and weather forecasts are not predicting any significant rainfall for the near future. As a result, Drought Region 9 has been placed in a Drought Warning, and Drought Regions 5, 7, and 8 have been placed under a Drought Watch. Drought Regions 2, 3, 4, and 6 are classified in a 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.