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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

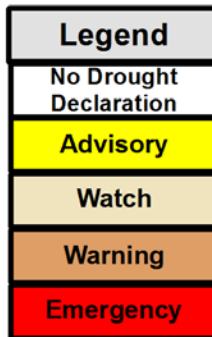
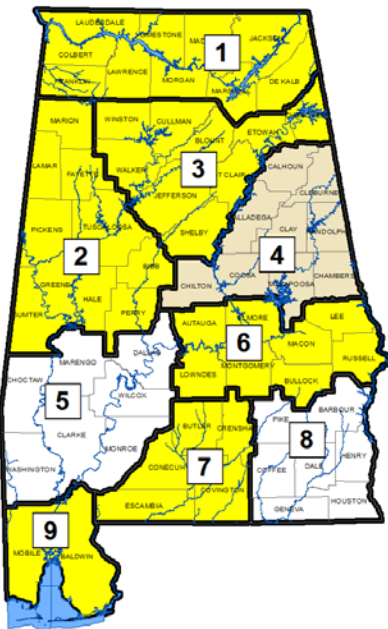
Emergency None

Warning None

Watch **Region 4 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties of:** Calhoun, Chambers, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Randolph, Talladega, and Tallapoosa

Advisory **Regions 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 9 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties of:** Autauga, Baldwin, Bibb, Blount, Bullock, Butler, Cherokee, Colbert, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Cullman, DeKalb, Elmore, Escambia, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lee, Limestone, Lowndes, Macon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pickens, Russell, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, Walker, and Winston

None **Regions 5 and 8 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties of:** Barbour, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Dale, Dallas, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Marengo, Monroe, Pike, Washington, and Wilcox



As we enter the warmer spring period of the year, below normal rainfall levels have resulted in reduced stream flows and drier soil conditions in many areas of the state. This revised Alabama Drought Declaration reflects the degradation of conditions in Regions 6, 7, and 9 to an Advisory level but the improvement in Region 3 from a Watch to Advisory level.

Water managers are urged to carefully monitor water sources and amend water conservation measures as needed. 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 water resources.

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