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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

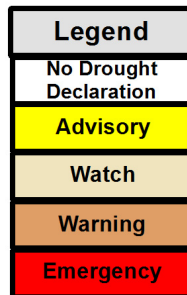
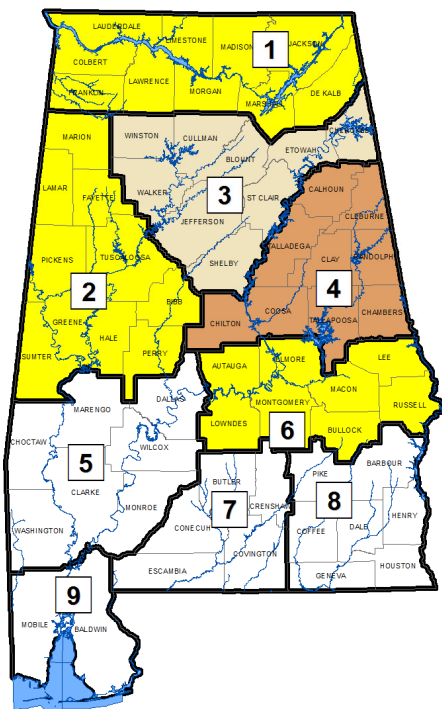
**Emergency** None

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

**Watch** **Region 3 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties of:** Autauga, Bibb, Blount, Cherokee, Cullman, Etowah, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Walker, and Winston

**Advisory** **Regions 1,2 and 6 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties of:** Autauga, Bibb, Bullock, Colbert, DeKalb, Elmore, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hale, Jackson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lee, Limestone, Lowndes, Macon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pickens, Russell, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa

**None** **Regions 5, 7, 8, and 9 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties of:** Baldwin, Barbour, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Pike, Washington, and Wilcox



The state has experienced widespread and in some locations significant rainfall since the release of the previous Alabama Drought Declaration. While certainly beneficial, these rains have not completely overcome moisture deficits at deeper soil depths. This Drought Declaration depicts widespread improvements but also reflects that some areas of the state are slower to recover from drought conditions. It will take continued rainfall to completely offset drought deficits in the hardest hit areas. Water managers are urged to continue monitoring water sources. 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.

For further information, please visit our web site at <http://water.alabama.gov> and follow the links to the Office of Water Resources. You may also reach our office at (334) 242-5499, fax at (334) 242-0776, or e-mail at [water@adeca.alabama.gov](mailto:water@adeca.alabama.gov).