



## *Drought Conditions*

### **Prolonged Drought Conditions End**

One of the most persistent hydrologic features from late 2010 through the beginning of 2013 was the damaging drought. At the beginning of 2013, areas east of a line from Selma to Heflin remained in drought. The most impacted areas were Macon, Lee, Chambers, Tallapoosa, Clay and Randolph Counties. These locations were in the Extreme to Exceptional Drought category (D3-D4). In actuality, the above normal rainfall in December 2012 and January 2013 brought much needed relief for many places and the drought area was decreased.

Widespread rainfall during the first half of February greatly improved drought conditions. Monthly rain amounts of 10 to 13 inches dropped all Central Alabama counties out of drought conditions, but a few areas remained Abnormally Dry. Several areas flirted with the Abnormally Dry conditions throughout the year, but most locations received well above normal precipitation in 2013. Therefore, we will end 2013 drought free.