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# Southwest Florida Water Management District

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**The Southwest Florida Water Management District urges year-round water conservation. Water levels may rise and fall, but our water resources remain limited. The District encourages efficient, non-wasteful uses of water to sustain our high quality of life. For more information about ways to conserve water, contact the District at 1-800-423-1476 or visit the District's website at [WaterMatters.org](http://WaterMatters.org)**

## Aquifer Resource Weekly Update Feb. 10, 2012

### Aquifer Levels (in feet) \*

Regions **	Feb 8	Previous week	Same date last year	Normal range ***
North	-1.62	-1.63	-0.48	0 to +3
Central	0.40	0.78	1.90	0 to +5.5
South	-1.79	-1.82	0.54	0 to +8

\* Aquifers are underground layers of rock and sand that hold water. In southwest Florida, more than 80 percent of the water supply comes from aquifers.

\*\* **North** (Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Levy, Marion and Sumter counties)  
**Central** (Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk counties)  
**South** (Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Manatee and Sarasota counties)

\*\*\* Aquifer levels normally fluctuate to varying degrees in different regions. The normal range shows how much each region normally fluctuates, with 0 as the bottom of the normal range.

\*\*\*\* Readings show how current levels compare to normal ranges for this time of year. Anything below a zero is below the normal range.

**2012 Rainfall** (in inches) \*

	Feb 1-8	Feb	Jan-Feb	Jan-Feb
	Actual **	Historic Avg. ***	Actual	Historic Avg.
North	0.41	3.08	1.38	5.86
Central	0.15	2.88	1.08	5.31
South	0.23	2.60	0.72	4.79

**Historic Rainfall** (January - December in inches)

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	Jan-Dec
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Historic Avg.
North	48.35	49.61	50.63	49.30	45.43	38.73	58.85	62.50	53.51
Central	53.44	49.29	51.56	46.64	41.44	43.13	51.62	68.52	52.45
South	46.40	48.61	48.84	47.37	38.53	42.28	61.65	62.65	52.39

\* The rainfall values for the current month and year are considered provisional and subject to revision. The other annual figures are final.

\*\* Actual rainfall for the time frame referenced at the top of the column.

\*\*\* Historical average rainfall for the time frame referenced at the top of the column. The District's historical rainfall records date back to 1914.