

Introduction

?Do forests reduce floods?
?Where does my well water come from?
?What is the temperature of the water that will be found in a well on my farm?
?Will salt or fresh water be found if I drill a well?
?Is the water table falling in my State?

These and similar problems are discussed in this book. The section on "The supply of water" concerns the occurrence of water in Alabama, and some aspects of climate and land which affect the supply of water. The section "The use of water" is about the use of water in Alabama, and problems associated with water supply and flood control. The "Tomorrow's water" section discusses opportunities for further development.

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