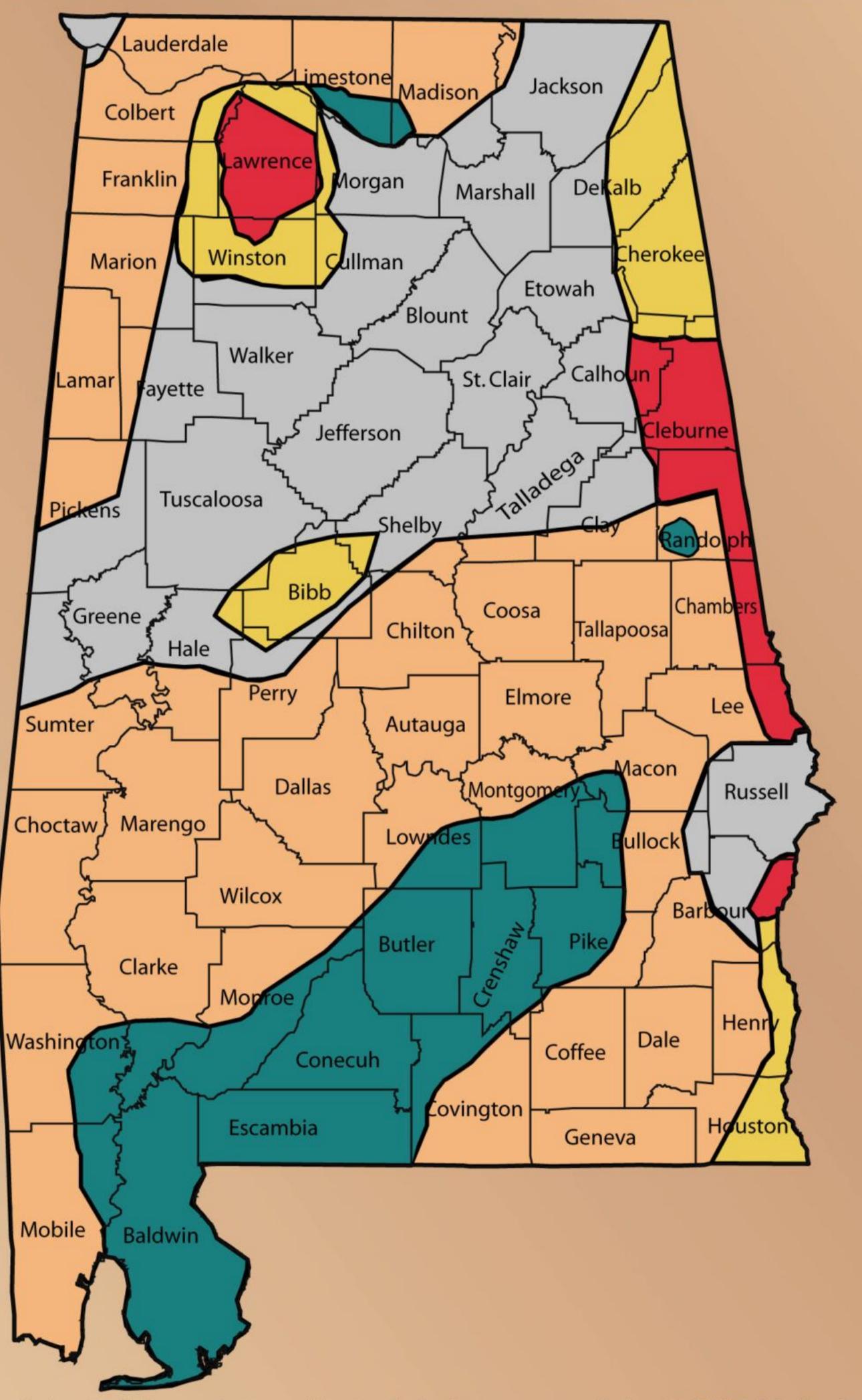
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Late Nov. To Early Dec.

Mid Dec. To Late Dec.

Early Jan. To Mid Jan.

Late Jan.

Early Feb.

AON's map originated from data collected during research by DCNR biologists on conception dates. The term "peak" of the rut applies to the traditional peak of breeding activity. Some does will always come into estrous before and after the traditional peak, and environmental factors like the weather, drought, food sources and condition of deer may affect the timing of breeding from year to year.

AON also compiles reports from hunters about mature bucks chasing and breeding does.