



April 2013:

Below-normal March and April temperatures resulted in a much slower, but closer-to-normal launch to the growing season, as compared to the previous year. Day-time highs and overnight lows were approximately 1°C below normal this month. Accumulated growing degree days (base 10°C) for the month were just slightly below normal. The growing-degree-day accumulation at the end of April 2013 is similar to that of April 2011. April rainfall averaged 45% above normal across the Lake Erie North Shore appellation.

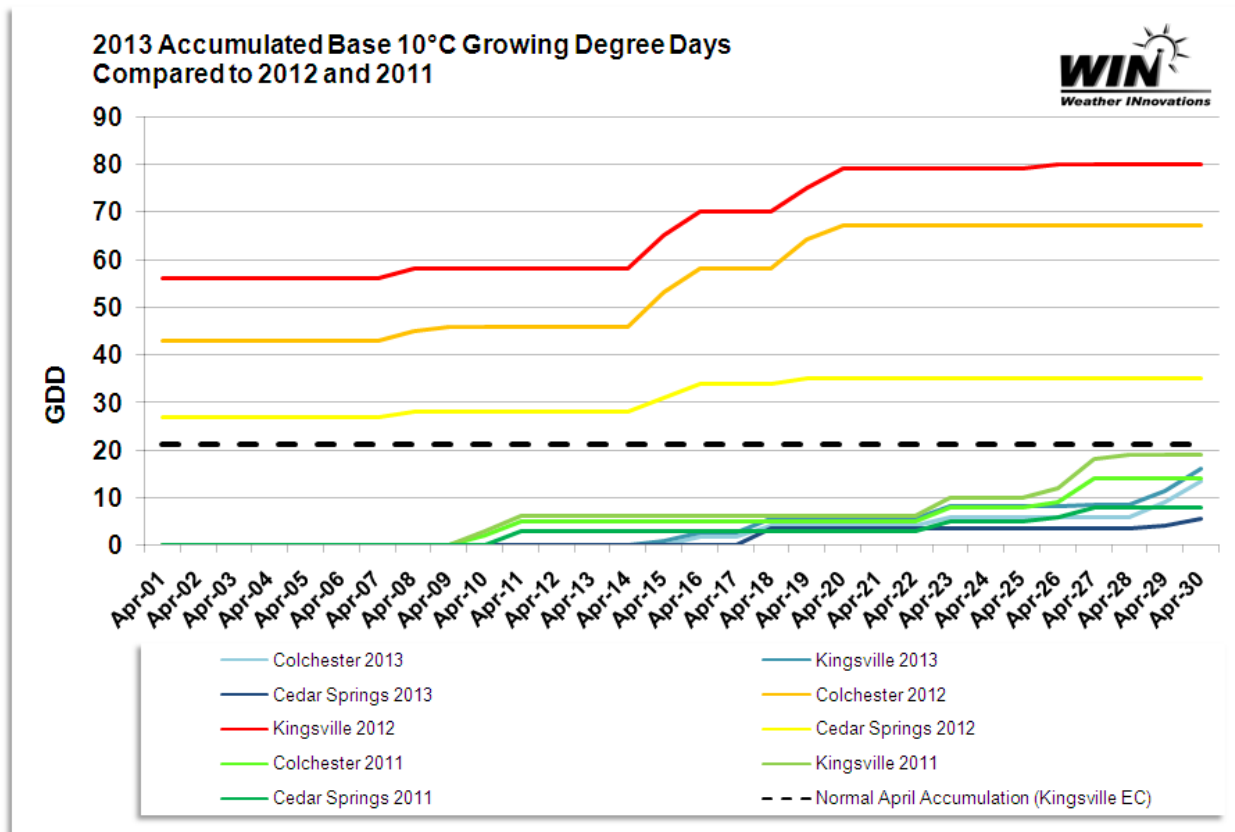


Figure 1: Growing Degree Days



LENS: Average Daily Maximums Compared to Normal (2013)



	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Normal (Kingsville EC)	11.8	18.9	23.8	26.5	25.5	21.6	14.9
Colchester	10.8						
Kingsville	10.9						
Cedar Springs	9.4						

- Normal
- Above-normal
- Below-normal

Figure 2: Maximum Temperatures

LENS: Average Daily Minimums Compared to Normal (2013)



	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Normal (Kingsville EC)	2.9	9.5	15.1	17.8	16.8	12.9	6.6
Colchester	2.4						
Kingsville	1.9						
Cedar Springs	1.7						

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Figure 3: Minimum Temperatures

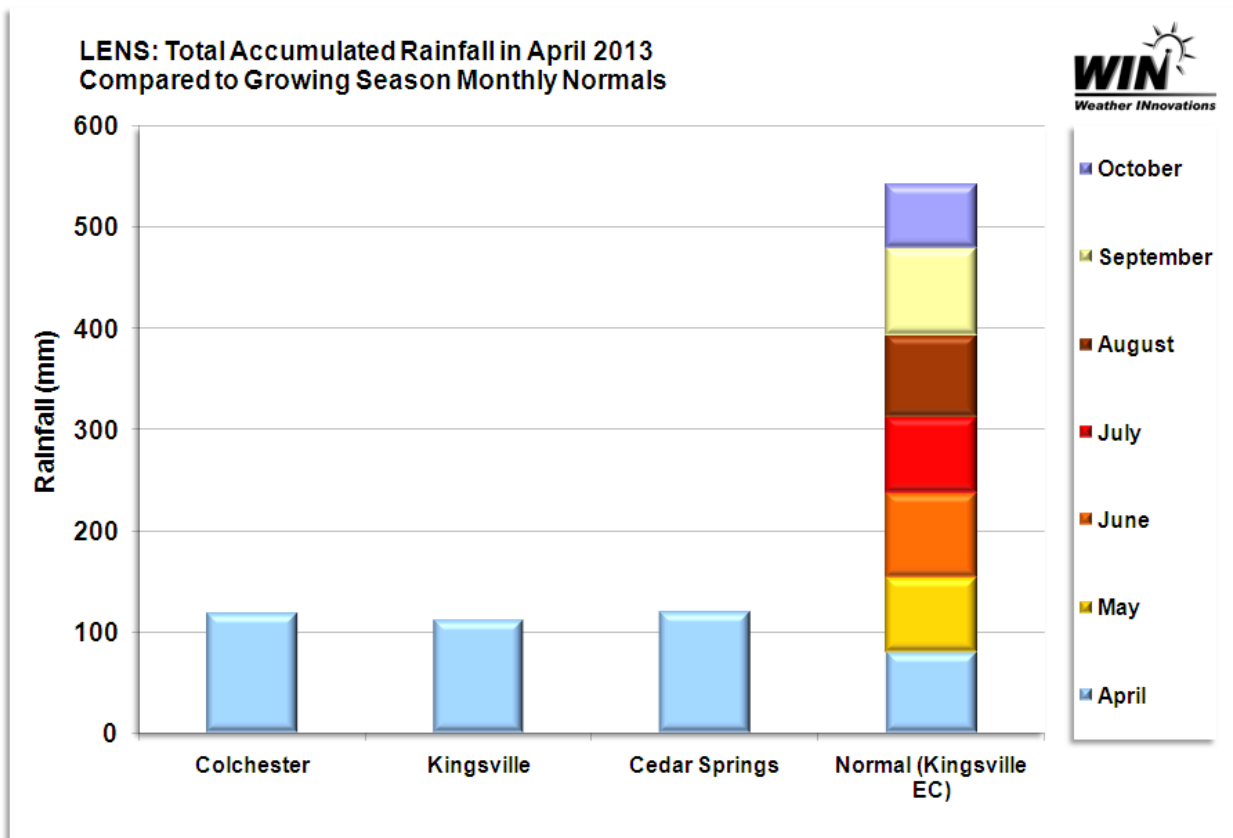


Figure 3: Rainfall