



August 2012:

Closer-to-normal conditions returned with daytime highs approximately normal. Overnight lows, however, averaged 2°C below normal. The maximum temperature surpassed 30°C on an average of 2 days in the Lake Erie North Shore appellation. This is below the 30-year normal of 3-4 days. As of the end of August, accumulated growing degree days fell below the same point in time during the 2010 growing season, which was a great year for heat accumulation. March through August growing degree days totaled 1299, 1327 and 1232 for Kingsville, Colchester and Cedar Springs, respectively.

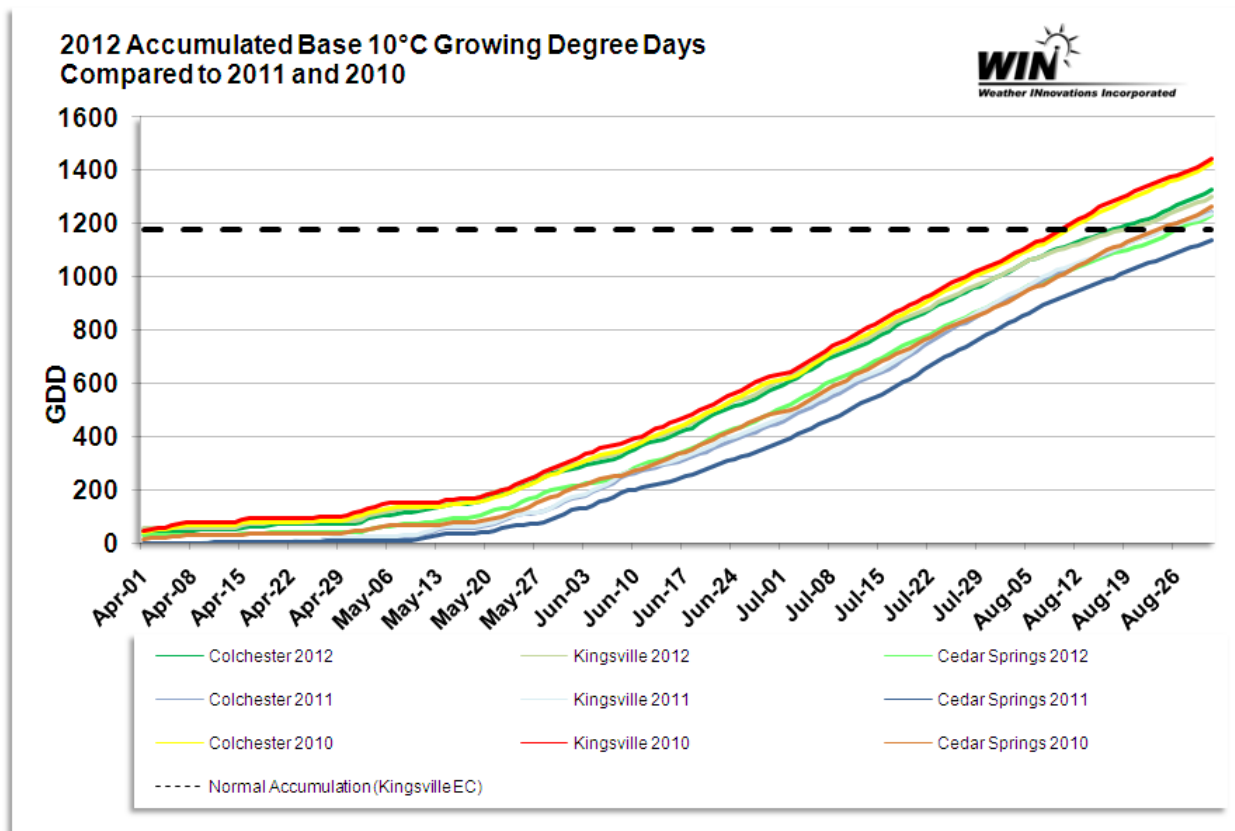


Figure 1: Growing Degree Days

August precipitation was above normal for Colchester and Kingsville but near normal for Cedar Springs. Totals were 126%, 161% and 98% of normal for Colchester, Kingsville and Cedar Springs, respectively. The 2012 growing season, thus far, still remains dry overall, averaging 87% of normal rainfall accumulation for the Lake Erie North Shore appellation.



LENS: Average Daily Maximums Compared to Normal (2012)



	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	13.5	21.9	26.1	28.6	26.2		
Kingsville	13.4	22.5	26.1	28.3	25.5		
Cedar Springs	11.1	20.1	24.4	27.5	25.7		

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Figure 2: Daily Maximums

LENS: Average Daily Minimums Compared to Normal (2012)



	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	2.8	11.2	14.7	17.8	15.3		
Kingsville	2.3	10.9	14.8	17.1	14.0		
Cedar Springs	2.4	10.9	14.9	18.4	15.8		

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Figure 3: Daily Minimums

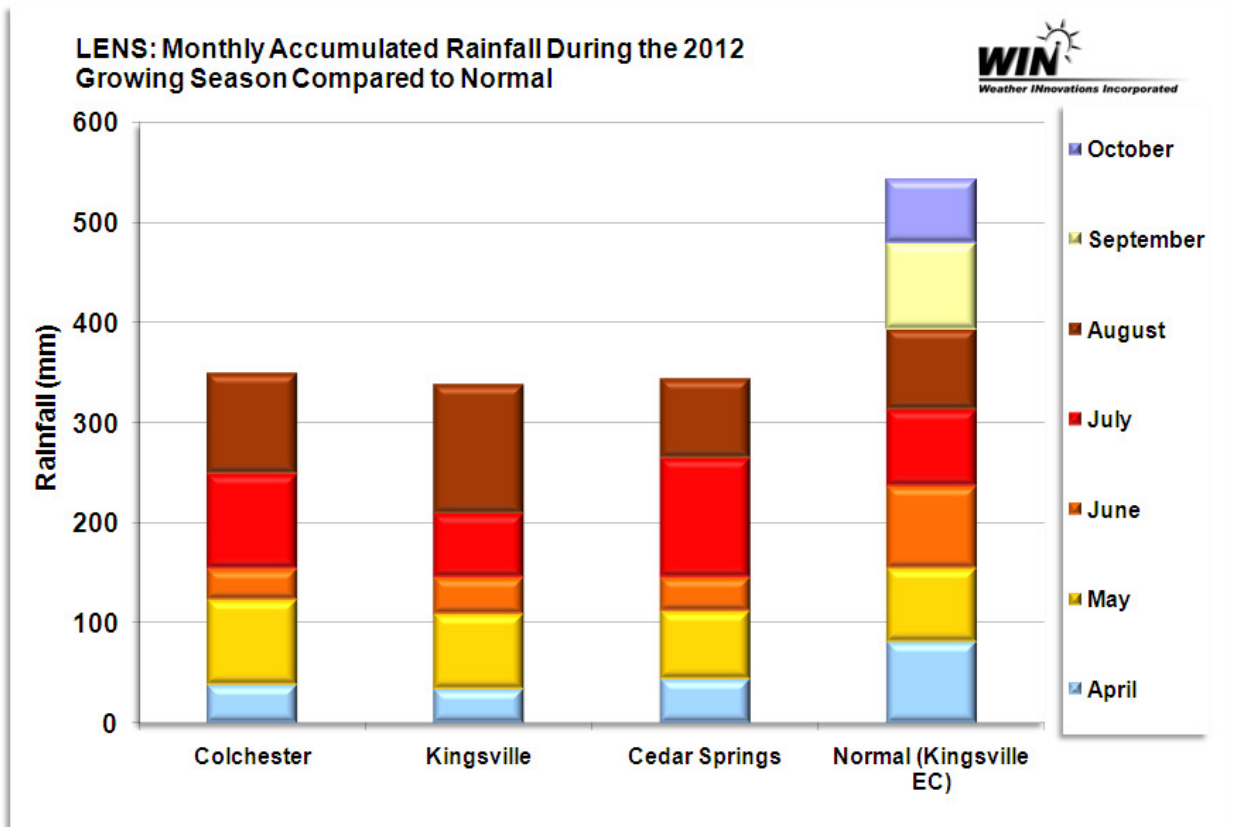


Figure 4: Rainfall