

August 2013:

Near-normal days and cooler-than-normal nights marked the month. August daily maximums were near normal while daily minimums were approximately 1.5°C below normal. Accordingly, the growing-degree-day accumulation in August was below normal, leaving the seasonal total below normal thus far, and behind the three most recent growing seasons.

Below-normal rainfall in August for Kingsville and Cedar Springs was a welcome change following a very wet June and July, but Colchester continued to see above-normal rainfall. The month of August brought 118% of normal rainfall at Colchester, 60% of normal at Kingsville and 70% of normal at Cedar Springs. Fortunately, all three locations experienced extensive periods with very little to no rain this month between August 2-11 and 13-26. All three locations have surpassed the normal rainfall accumulation for the entire growing season as of the end of August, with Colchester extremely above normal.

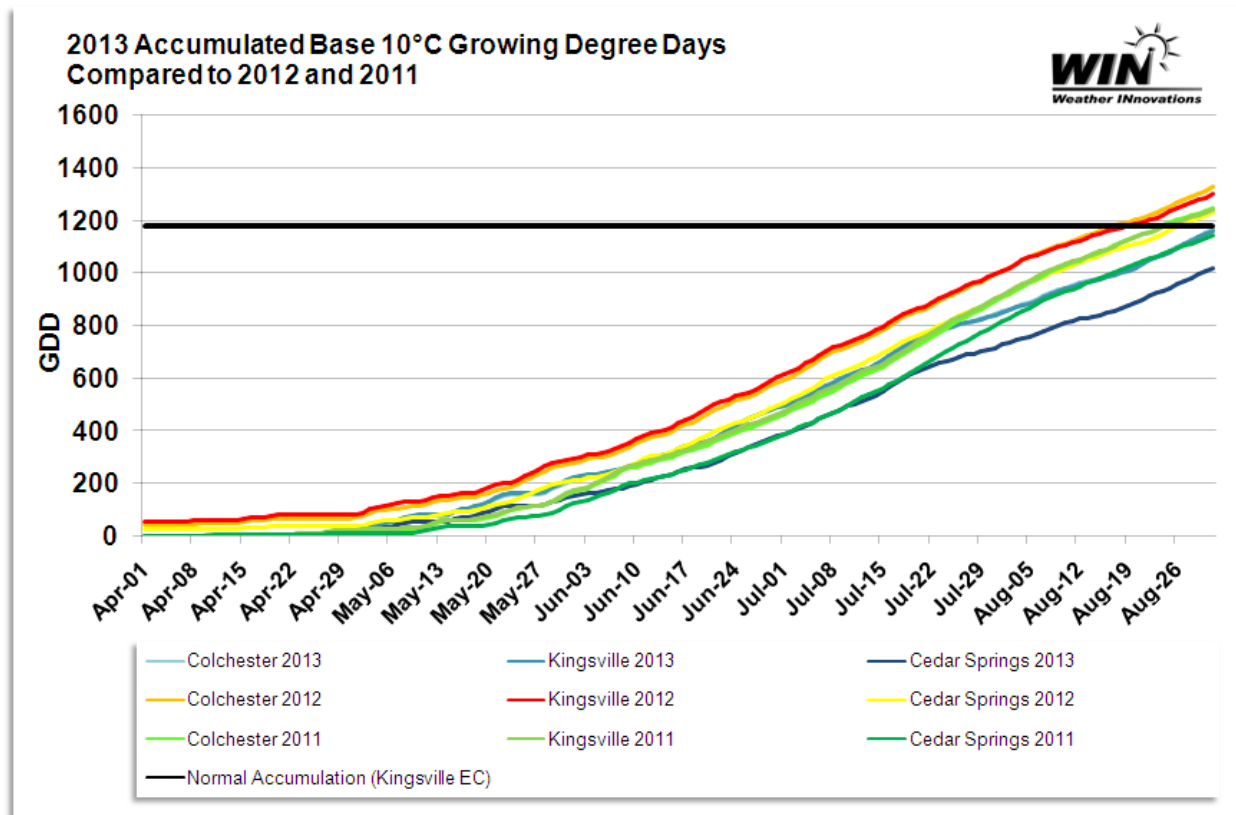


Figure 1: Growing Degree Days

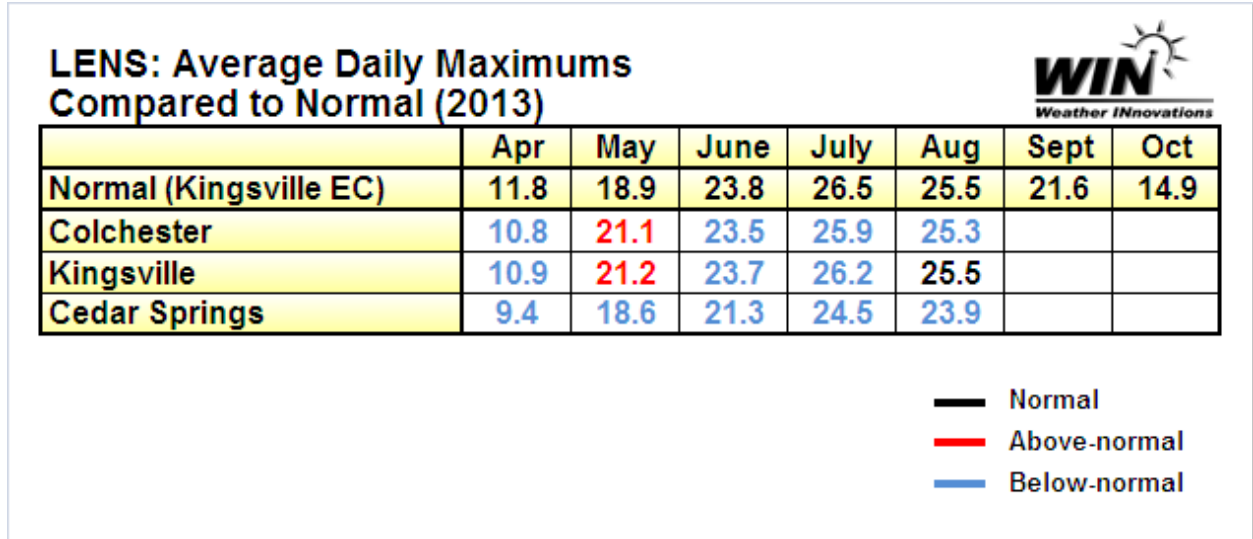


Figure 2: Maximum Temperatures

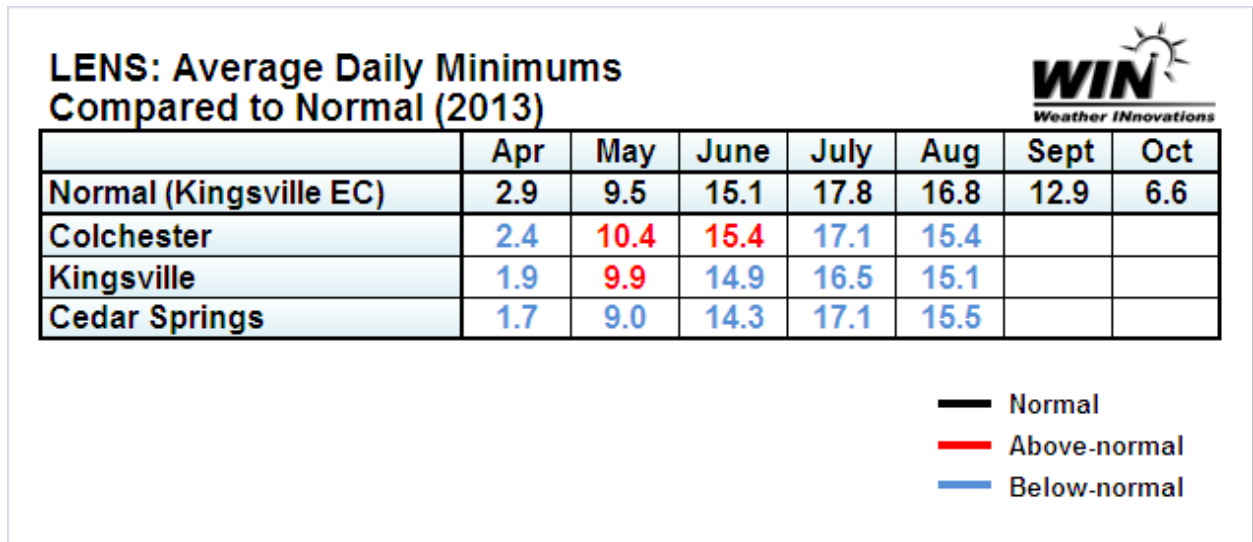


Figure 3: Minimum Temperatures

LENS: Base 10°C Growing Degree Days Compared to Normal (2013)

	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Normal (Kingsville EC)	21.3	144.3	283.4	379.7	347.8	217.1	68.8
Colchester	13.3	189.9	283.8	356.1	320.4		
Kingsville	16.1	193.1	279.5	351.1	319.3		
Cedar Springs	5.6	140.0	234.1	335.4	301.7		

— Normal
— Above-normal
— Below-normal

Figure 4: Growing Degree Days

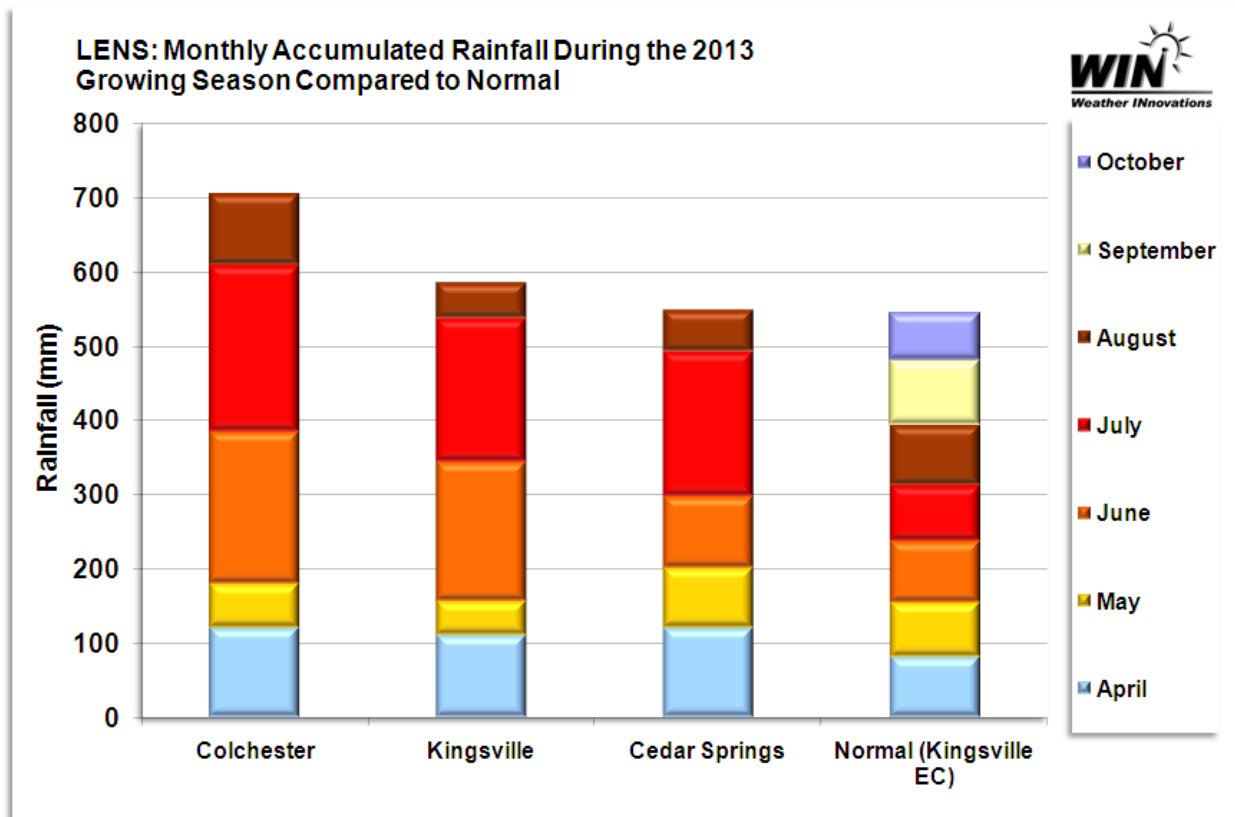


Figure 5: Rainfall