



July 2012:

Above-normal temperatures continued once again with daytime highs remaining 2°C above normal. Overnight lows, however, remained close to normal. The maximum temperature surpassed 30°C on an average of 6 days in the Lake Erie North Shore appellation. This is above the 30-year normal of 3 days. As of the end of July, accumulated growing degree days remain nearly as high as the same point in time during the 2010 growing season, which was a great year for heat accumulation. March through July growing degree days totaled 996, 993 and 897 for Kingsville, Colchester and Cedar Springs, respectively.

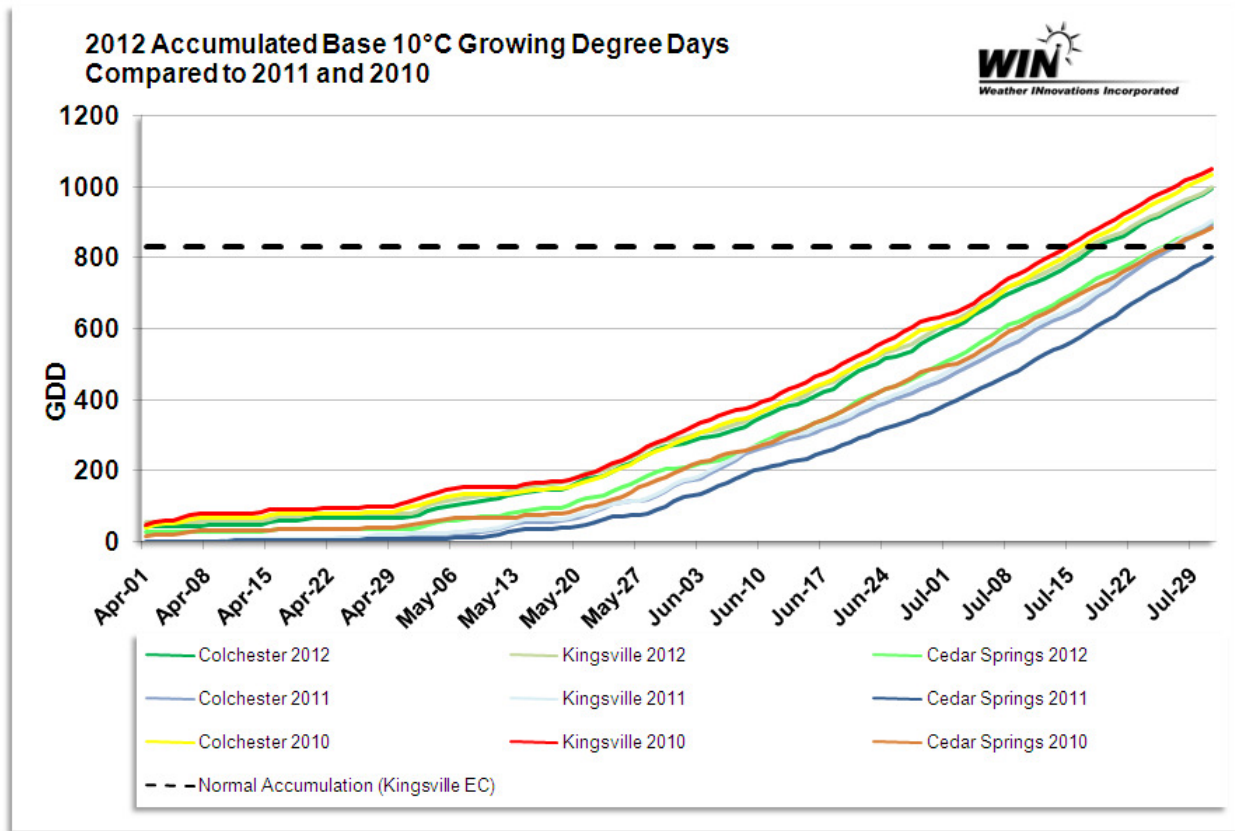


Figure 1: Growing Degree Days

July precipitation was much higher as compared to the extremely dry June. Totals were only 84% of normal for Kingsville but 124% and 157% of normal for Colchester and Cedar Springs, respectively. This follows significantly below-normal rainfall in April and near-normal May accumulations. The 2012 growing season, thus far, has averaged 67%, 80% and 85% of normal rainfall accumulation for Kingsville, Colchester and Cedar Springs, respectively.

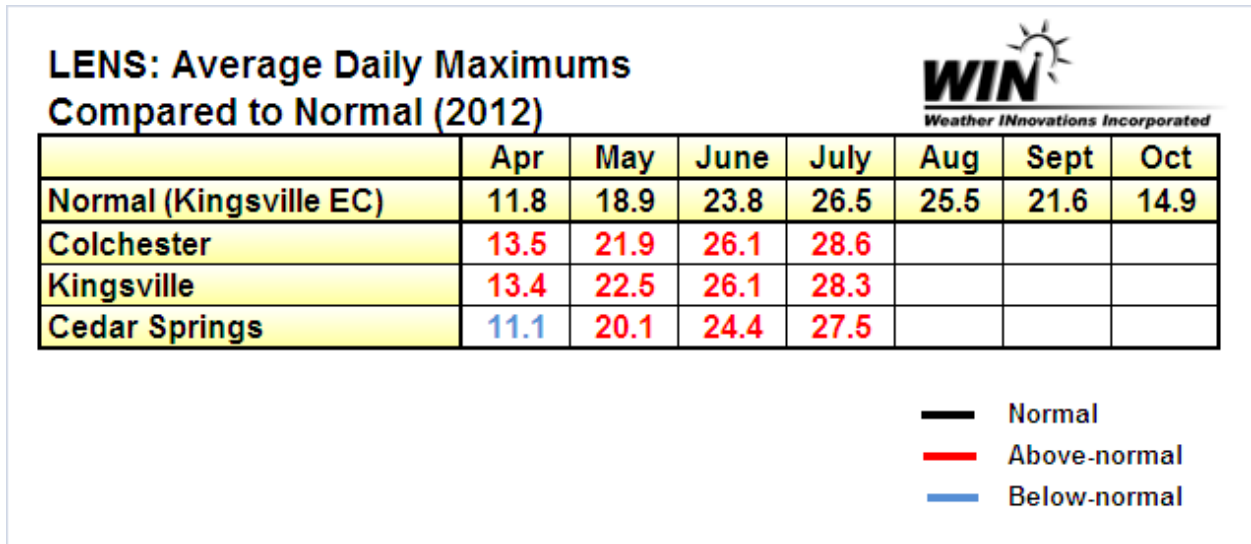


Figure 2: Daily Maximums

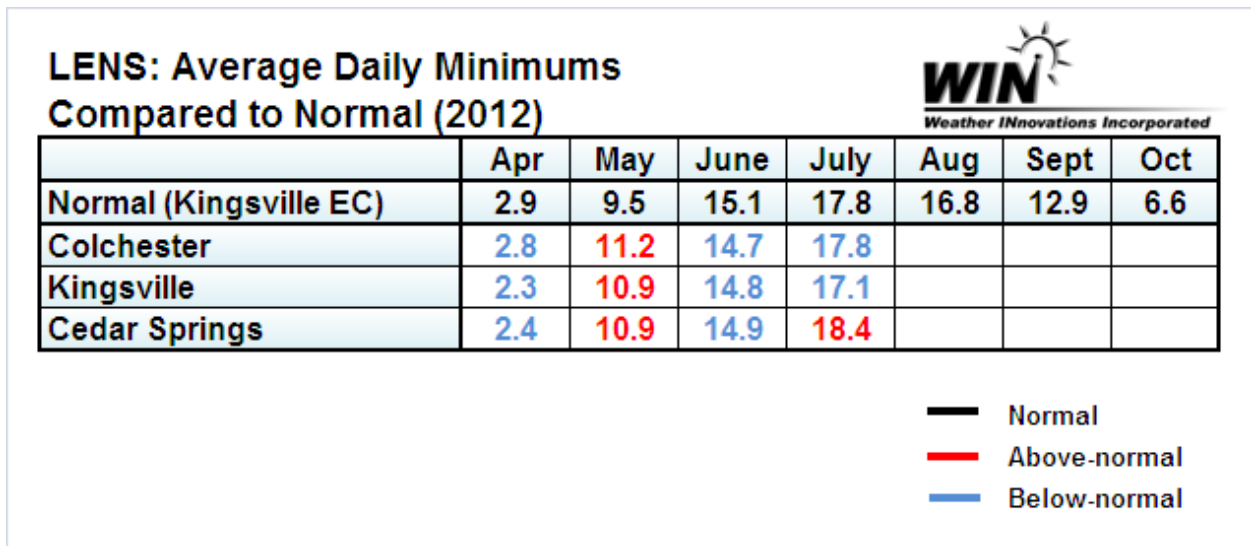


Figure 3: Daily Minimums

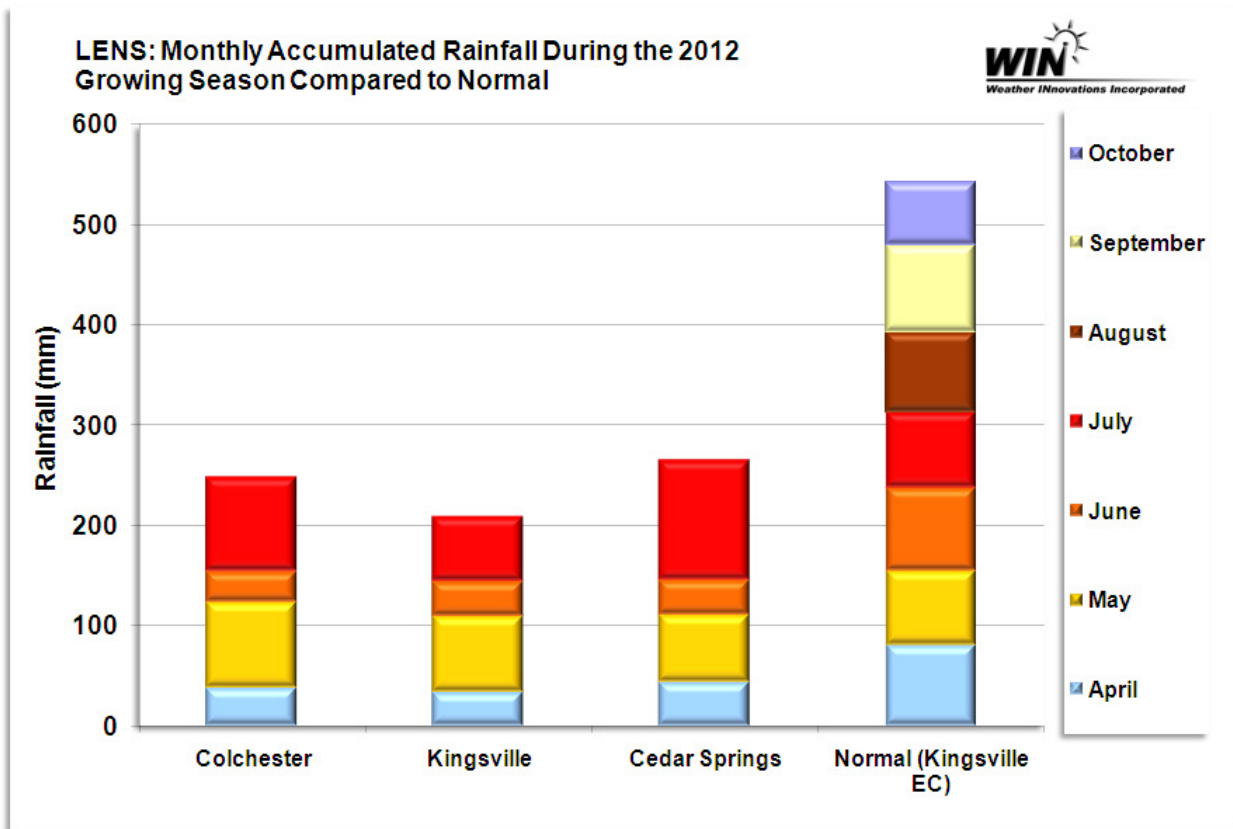


Figure 4: Rainfall