

## October 2013:

Approximately 1°C above-normal daytime highs and 0.5°C above-normal lows marked the month. Accordingly, the growing-degree-day accumulation in October was above normal, resulting in a seasonal total near normal but below the three most recent growing seasons.

Slightly above-normal rainfall marked the month. The month of October brought 130% of normal rainfall at Colchester, 105% of normal at Kingsville and 138% of normal at Cedar Springs. However, approximately half of the monthly total did not occur until October 31<sup>st</sup>. Consequently, the 2013 harvest period brought suitable conditions following an extremely wet summer.

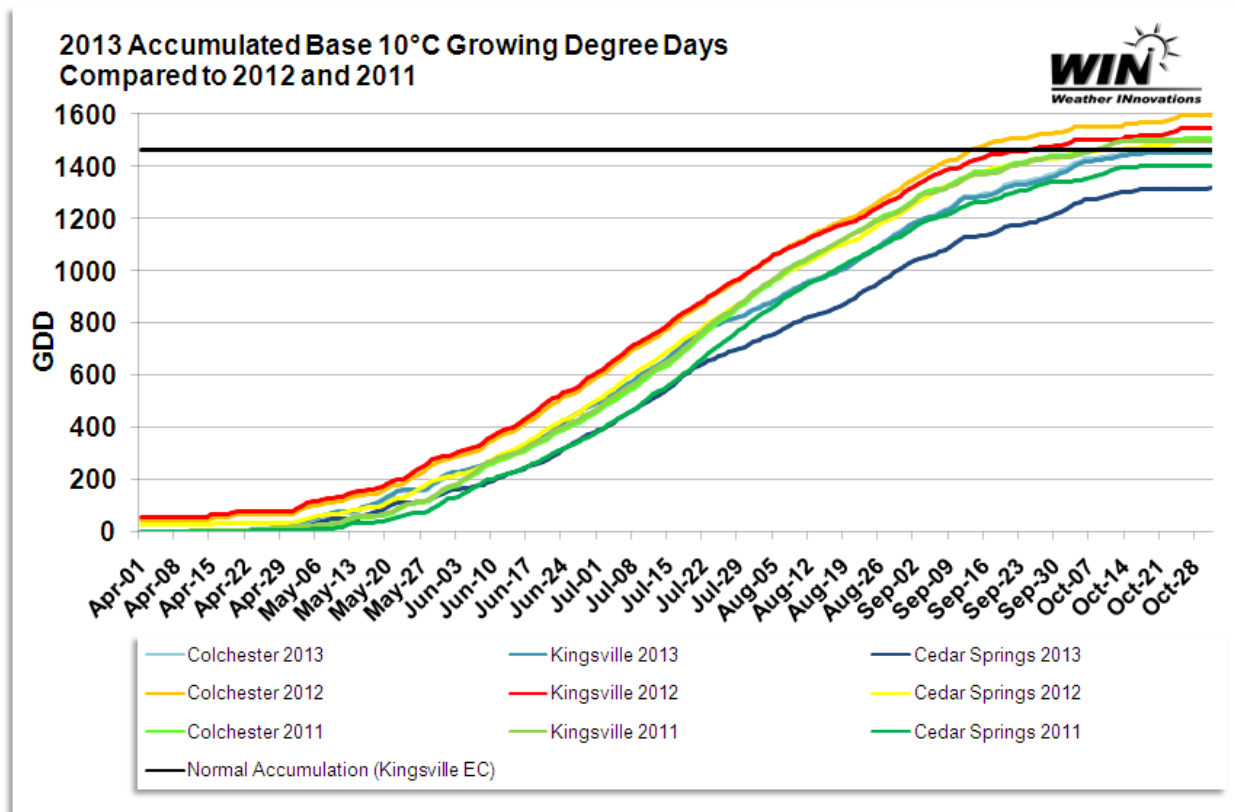


Figure 1: Growing Degree Days

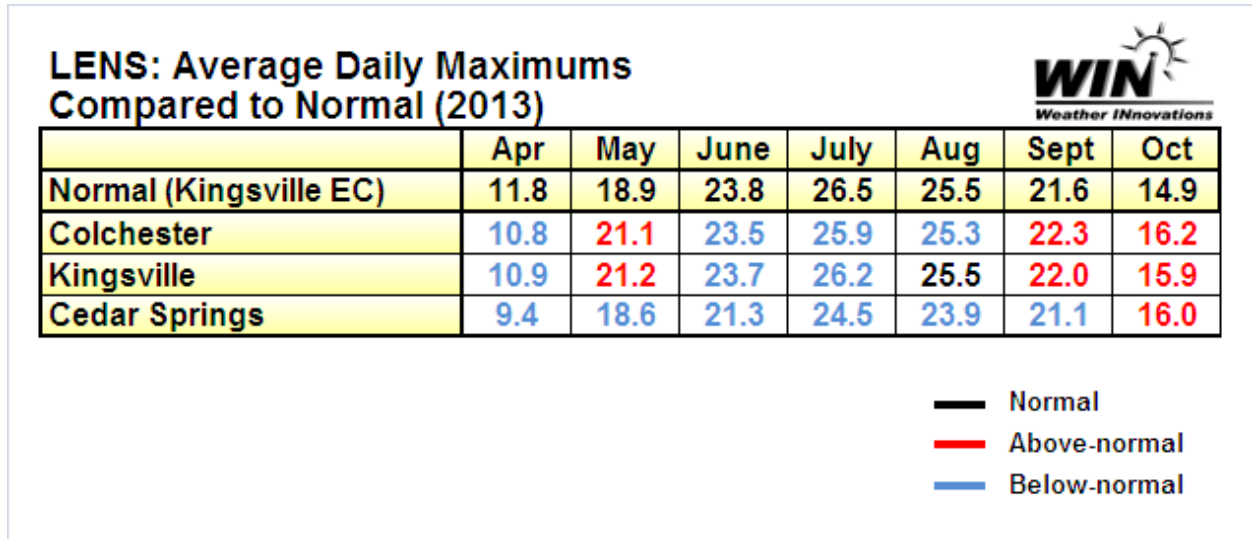


Figure 2: Maximum Temperatures

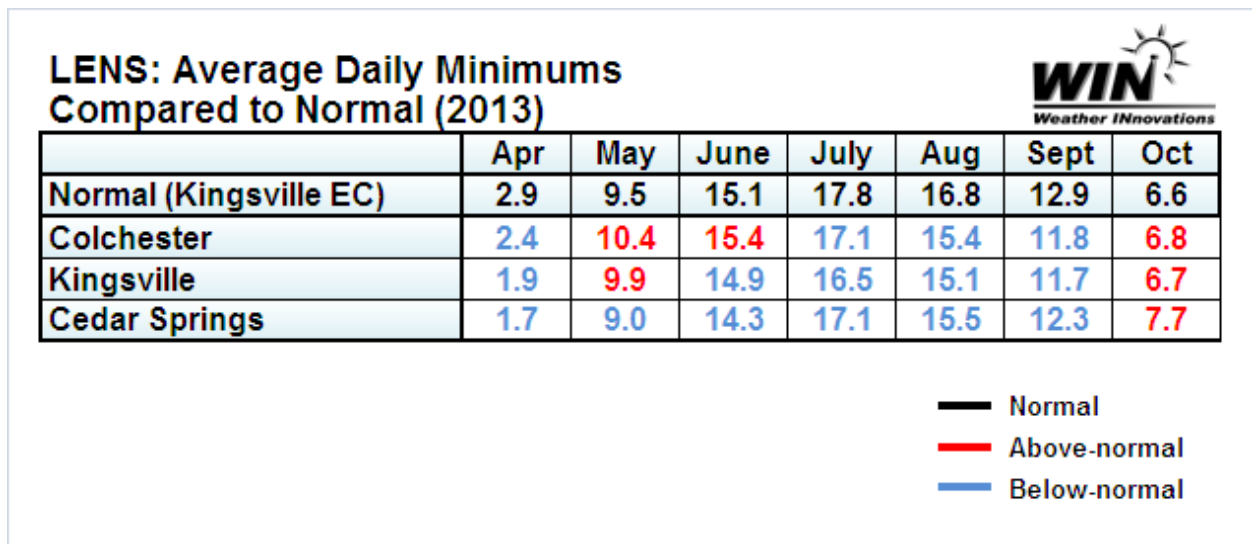


Figure 3: Minimum Temperatures

### 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	212.5	86.6
Kingsville	16.1	193.1	279.5	351.1	319.3	205.8	87.3
Cedar Springs	5.6	140.0	234.1	335.4	301.7	201.0	98.8

█ Normal  
█ Above-normal  
█ Below-normal

Figure 4: Growing Degree Days

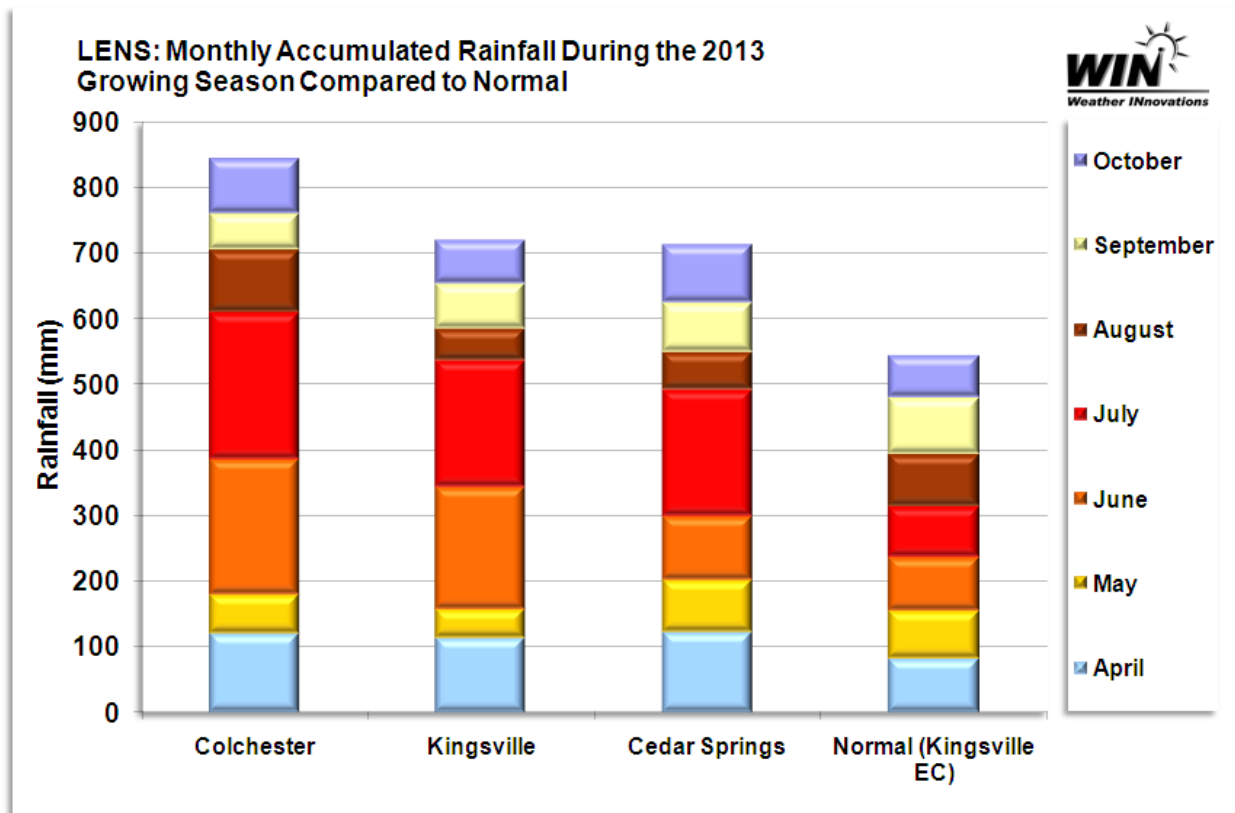


Figure 5: Rainfall