



September 2012:

Similar temperature trends to August occurred in September with daytime highs remaining near normal. Likewise, overnight lows continued to average 2°C below normal. As of the end of September, accumulated growing degree days remain below the same point in time during the 2010 growing season, yet still above normal. March through September growing degree days totaled 1478, 1528 and 1432 for Kingsville, Colchester and Cedar Springs, respectively.

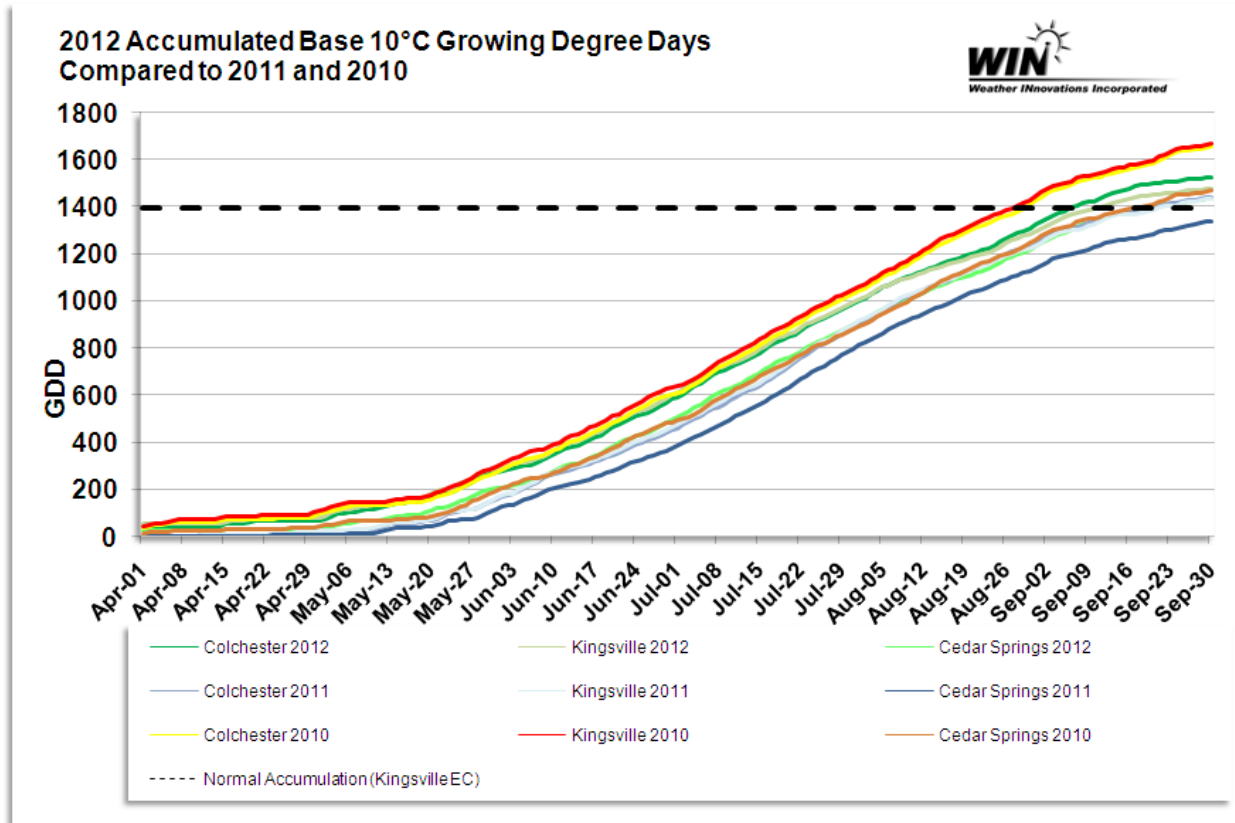


Figure 1: Growing Degree Days

The month of September brought below-normal rainfall for Colchester and Kingsville but near normal for Cedar Springs. Monthly accumulations were 61%, 65% and 97% of normal for Colchester, Kingsville and Cedar Springs, respectively. The 2012 growing season remains dry overall, averaging 85% of normal rainfall accumulation for the Lake Erie North Shore appellation.

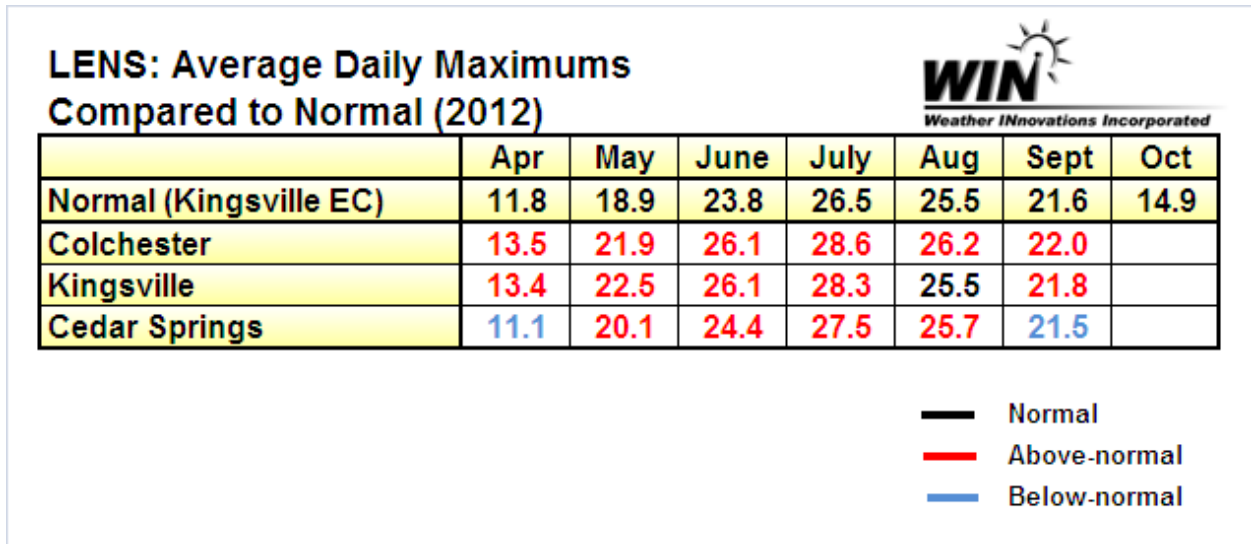


Figure 2: Daily Maximums

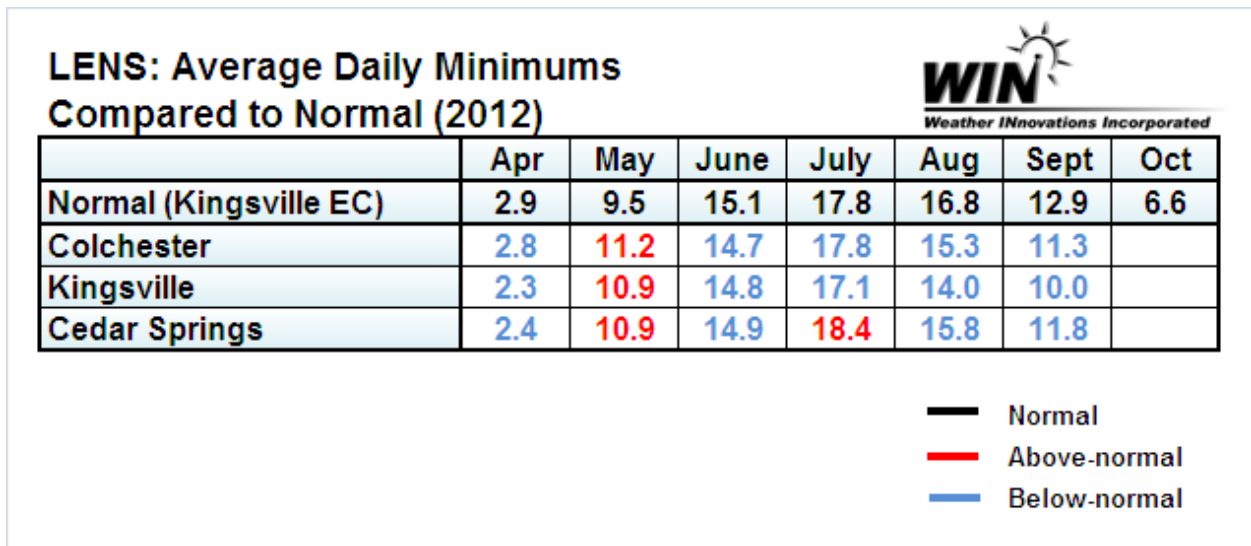


Figure 3: Daily Minimums

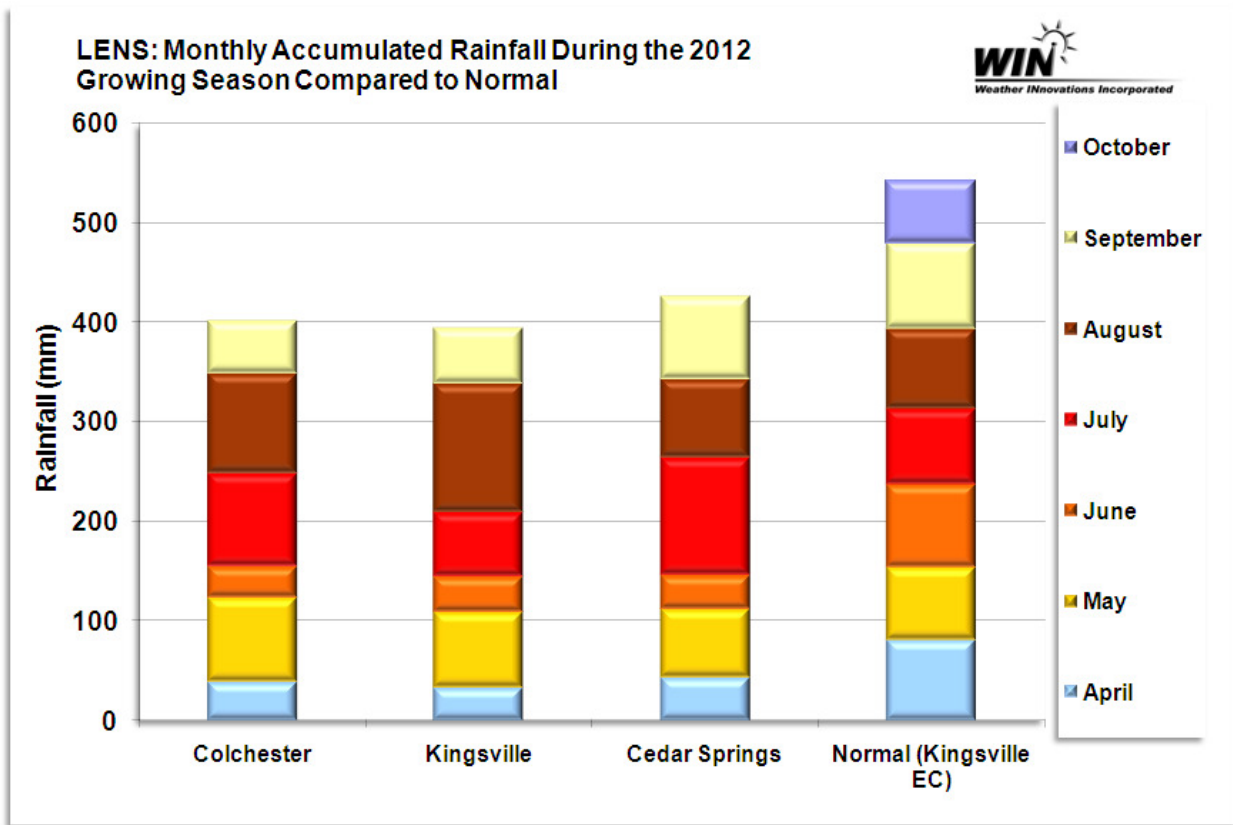


Figure 4: Rainfall