

September 2013:

Near-normal daytime highs and approximately 1°C below-normal lows marked the month. Accordingly, the growing-degree-day accumulation in September was below normal, leaving the seasonal total below normal thus far, and behind the three most recent growing seasons.

Below-normal rainfall marked the second month in a row, following an extremely wet summer. The month of September brought 64% of normal rainfall at Colchester, 79% of normal at Kingsville and 90% of normal at Cedar Springs. However, almost three-quarters of the monthly rainfall fell during a single event on September 20-21.

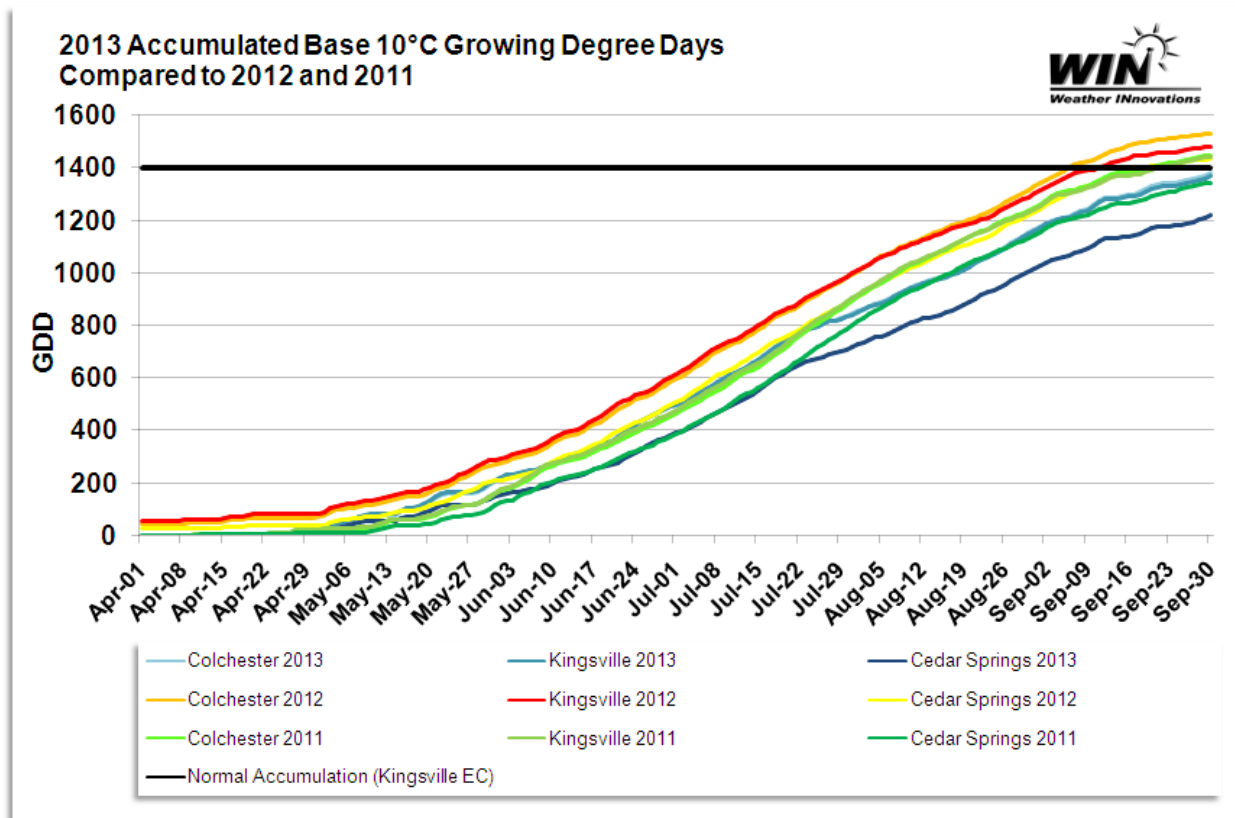


Figure 1: Growing Degree Days

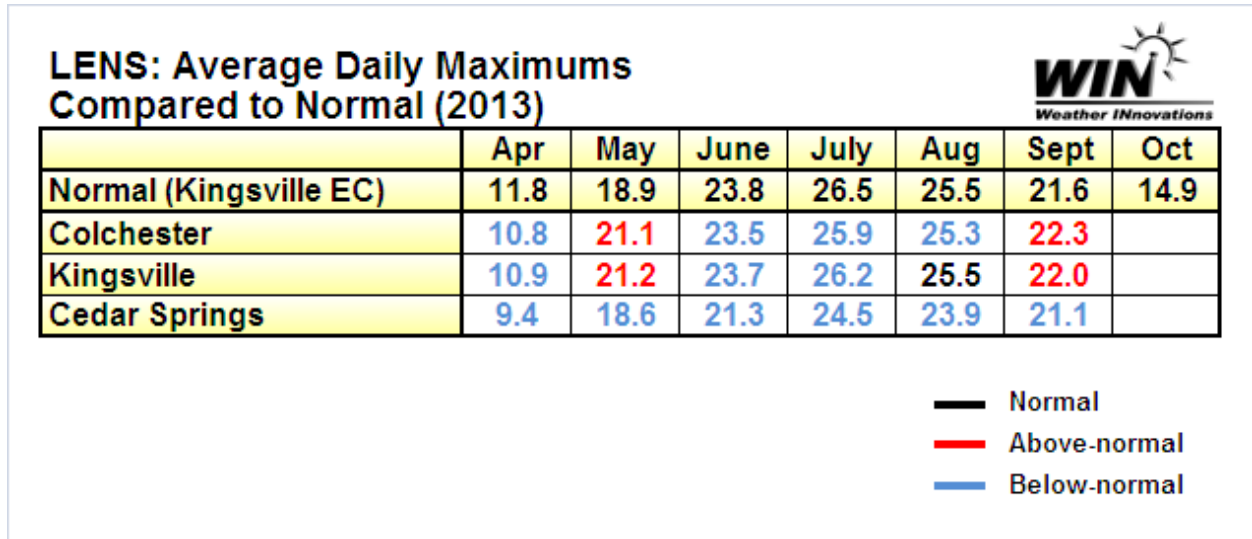


Figure 2: Maximum Temperatures

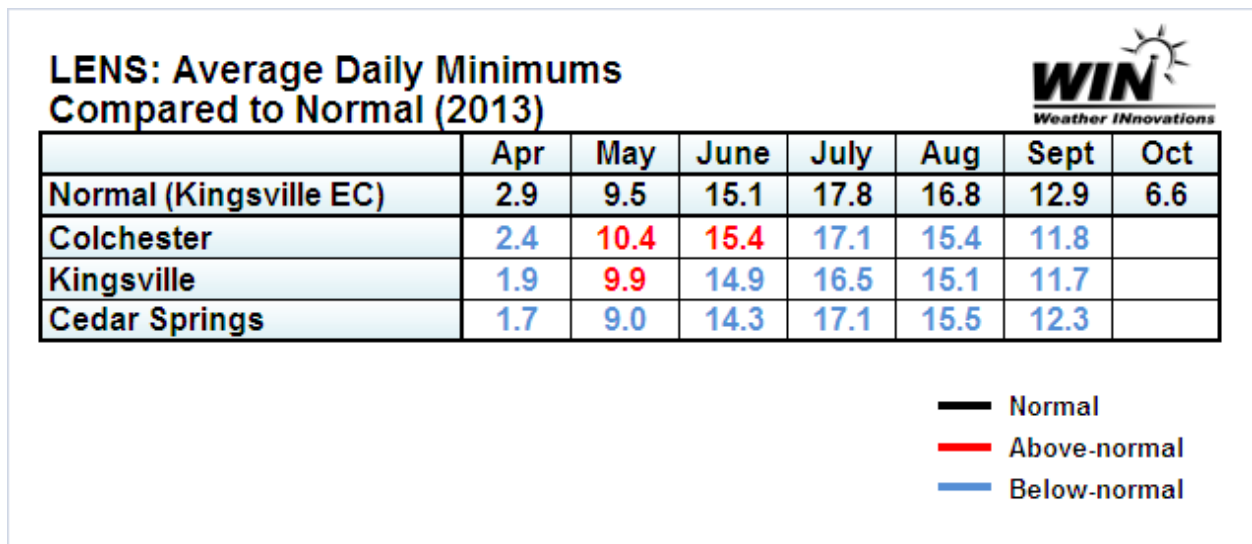


Figure 3: Minimum Temperatures

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	
Kingsville	16.1	193.1	279.5	351.1	319.3	205.8	
Cedar Springs	5.6	140.0	234.1	335.4	301.7	201.0	

█ Normal
█ Above-normal
█ Below-normal

Figure 4: Growing Degree Days

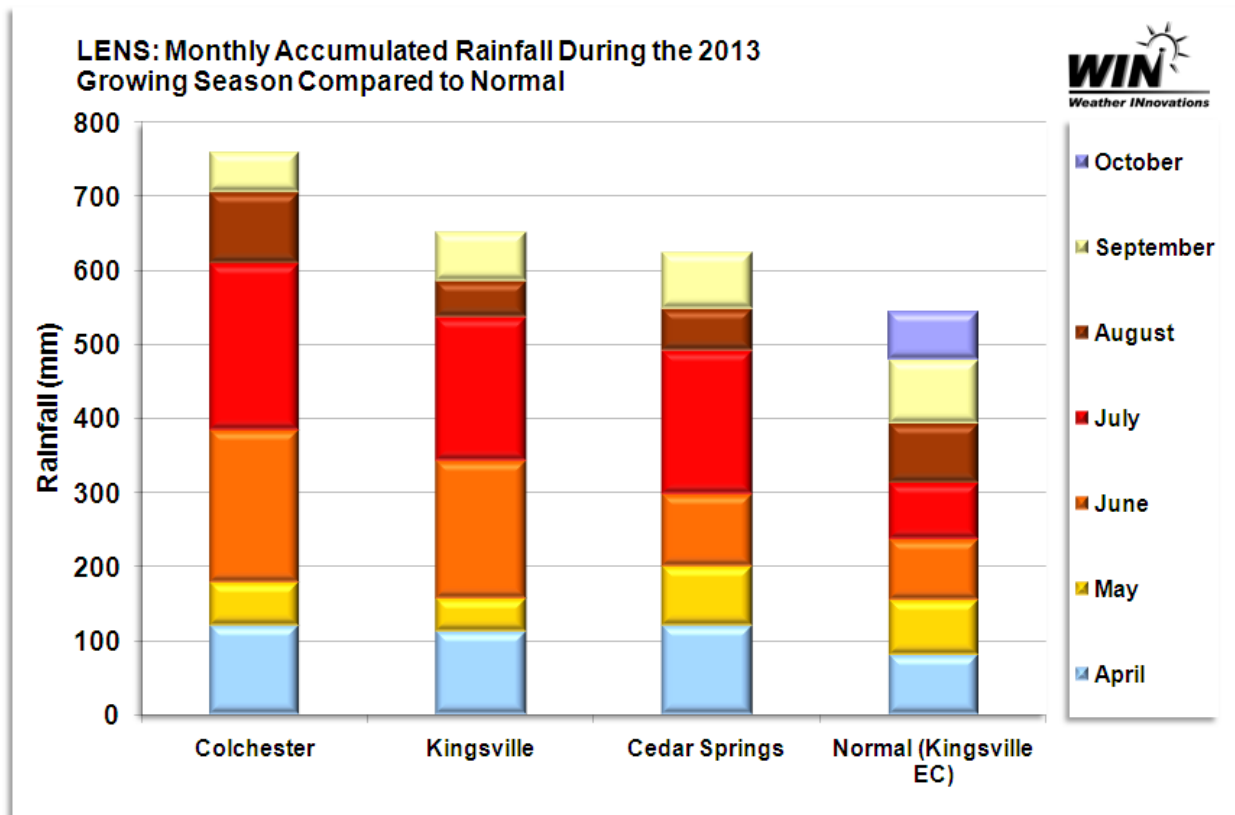


Figure 5: Rainfall