



April 2013:

Closer-to-normal March and April temperatures, as compared to the previous year, resulted in a much more normal launch to the growing season. Although day-time highs were slightly higher than normal this month, overnight lows averaged below normal. Accumulated growing degree days (base 10°C) for the month were typical. The growing-degree-day accumulation at the end of April 2013 was similar to that of April 2011. April rainfall averaged 20% above normal across the Niagara region; however, the majority of rainfall occurred during 5 consecutive wet days from April 8-12.

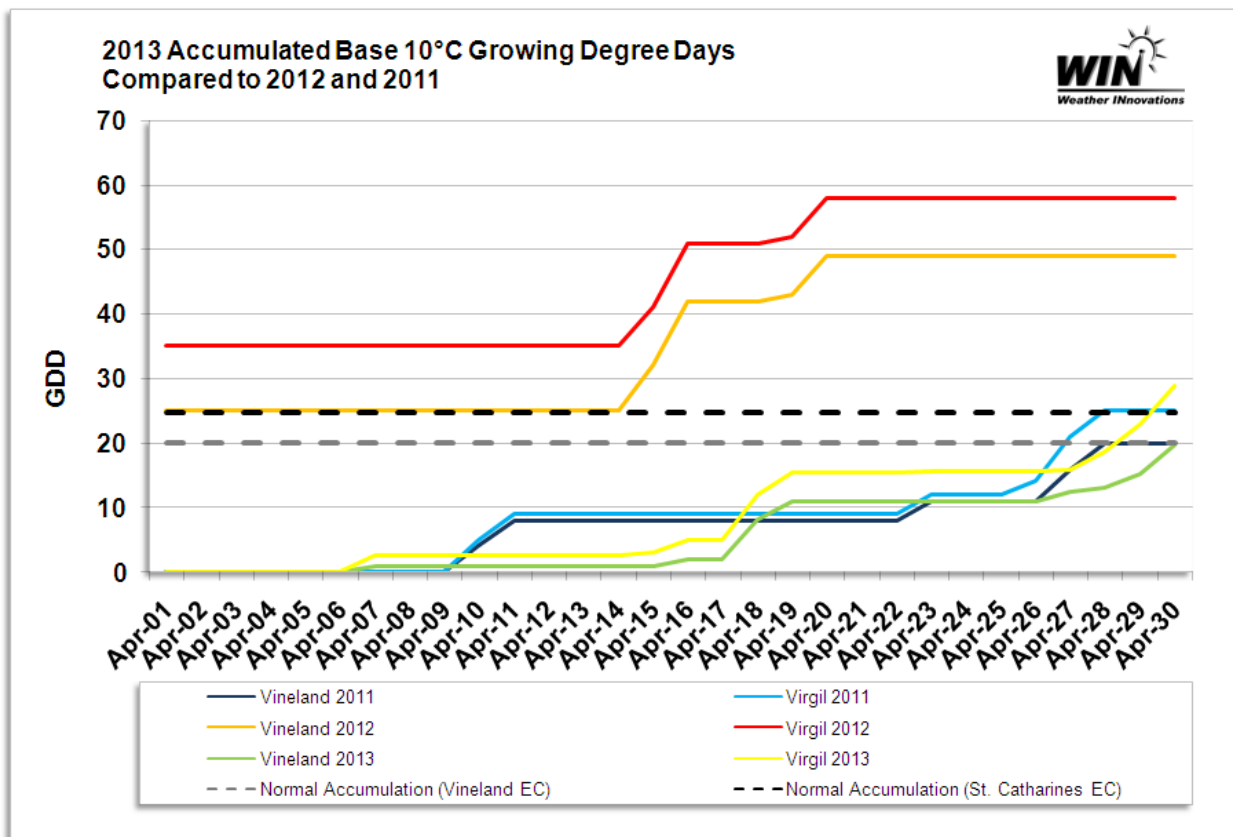


Figure 1: Growing Degree Days

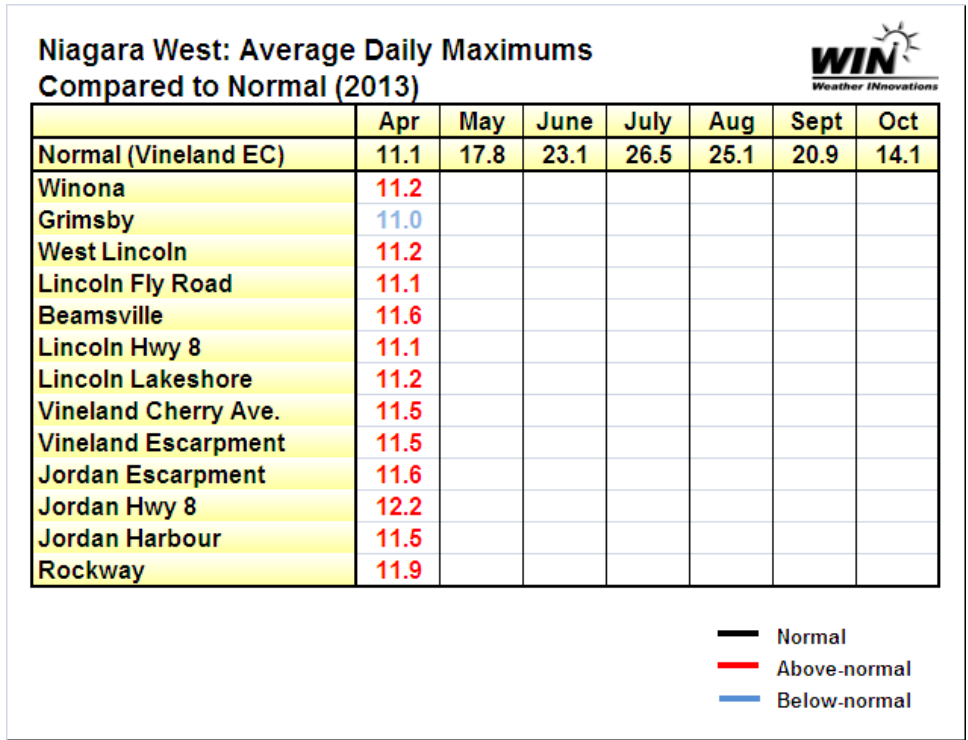


Figure 2: Niagara West - Maximum Temperatures

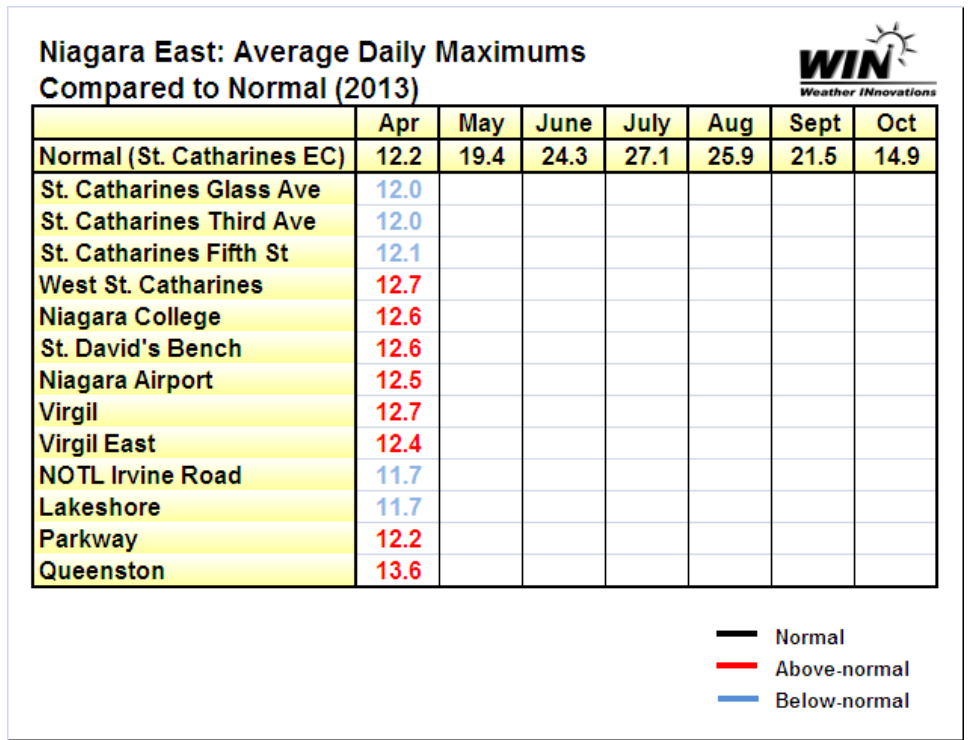


Figure 3: Niagara East - Maximum Temperatures

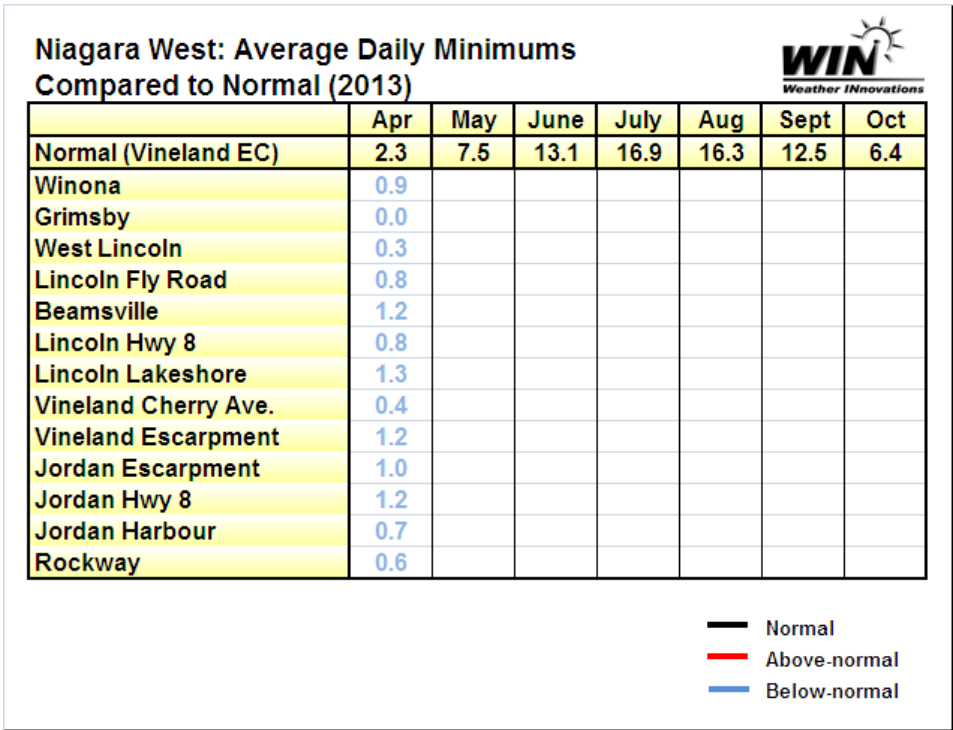


Figure 4: Niagara West - Minimum Temperatures

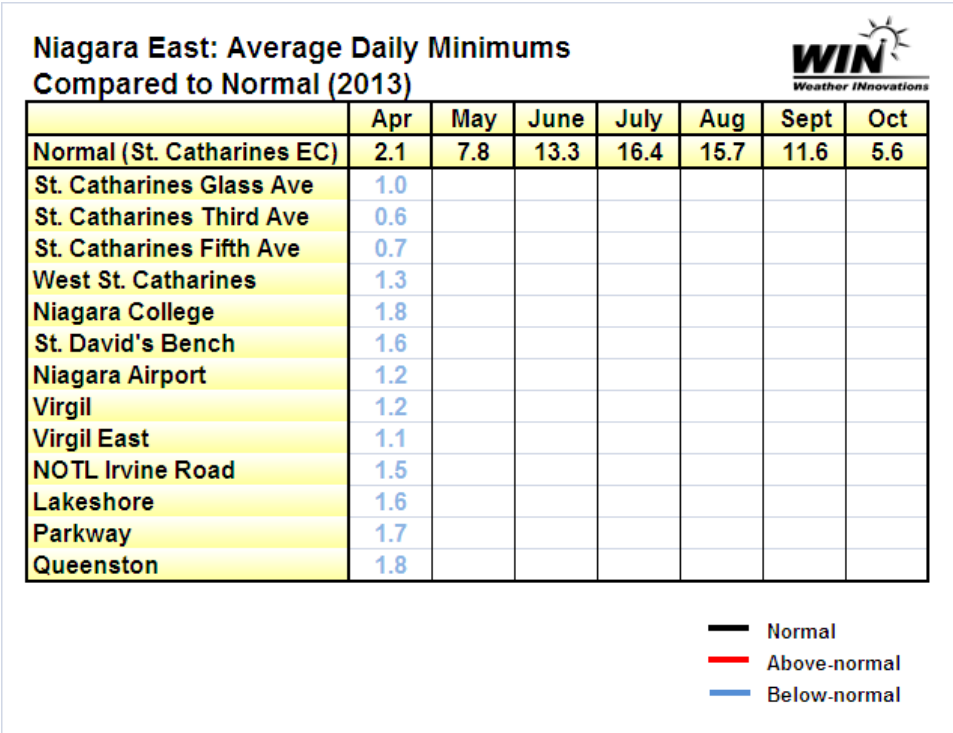


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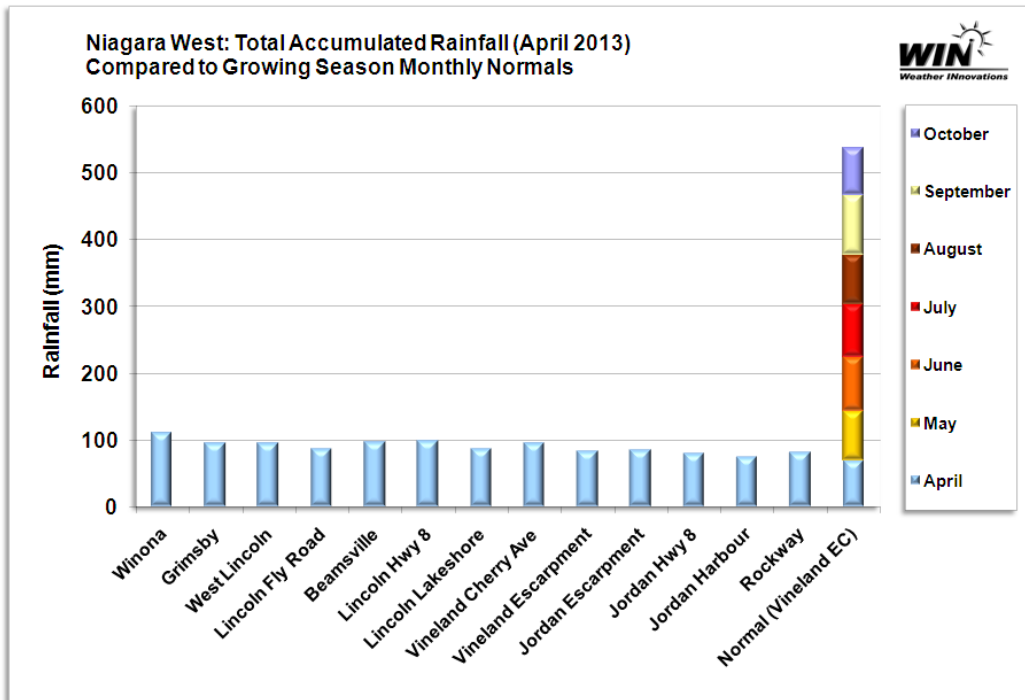


Figure 6: Niagara West - Rainfall

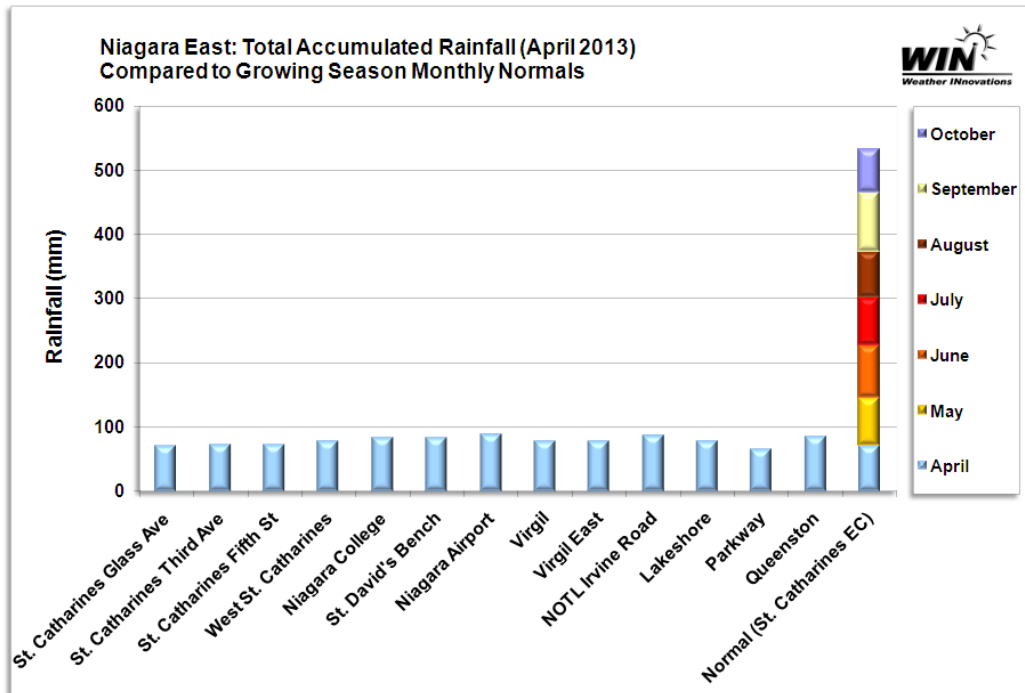


Figure 7: Niagara East - Rainfall