

September 2013:

Warmer-than-normal daytime highs and cooler-than-normal lows marked the month; ideal conditions for ripening grapes. The growing-degree-day accumulation in September was below normal, leaving the seasonal total very close to normal thus far, yet behind the three most recent growing seasons.

Below-normal rainfall marked the month, with approximately half the monthly rainfall occurring on September 21. Consequently, September rainfall was 81% of normal at Hillier and 91% of normal at Cherry Valley.

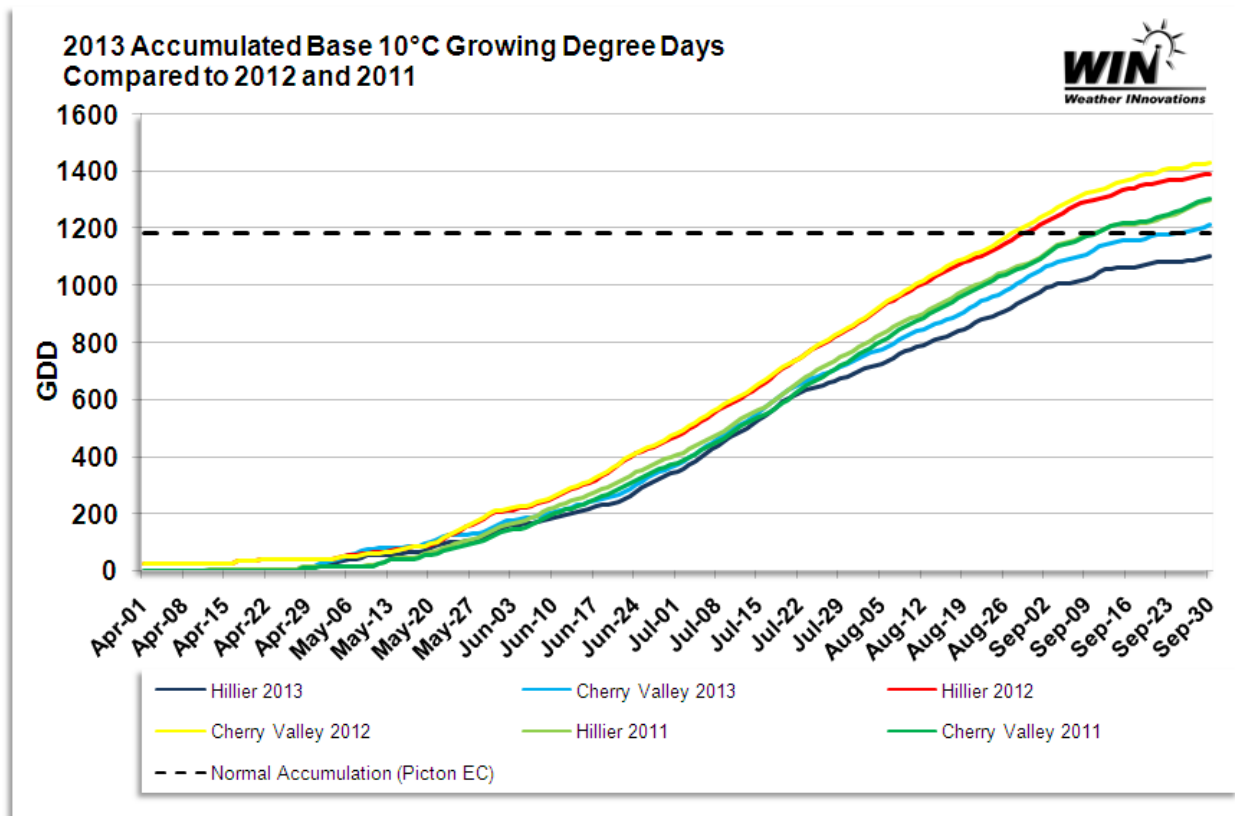


Figure 1: Growing Degree Days

**PEC: Average Daily Maximums
Compared to Normal (2013)**

	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Normal (Picton EC)	10.8	17.7	22.3	25.4	24.4	20	13.4
Hillier	11.0	21.2	23.1	28.3	26.4	21.9	
Cherry Valley	10.3	20.0	21.3	26.5	24.8	20.7	

— Normal
— Above-normal
— Below-normal

Figure 2: Maximum Temperatures

**PEC: Average Daily Minimums
Compared to Normal (2013)**

	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Normal (Picton EC)	2	8.2	12.7	16.1	15.9	11.8	5.5
Hillier	-0.4	5.9	10.6	14.2	11.6	6.5	
Cherry Valley	1.1	8.3	12.7	17.4	15.0	10.6	

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— Above-normal
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Figure 3: Minimum Temperatures

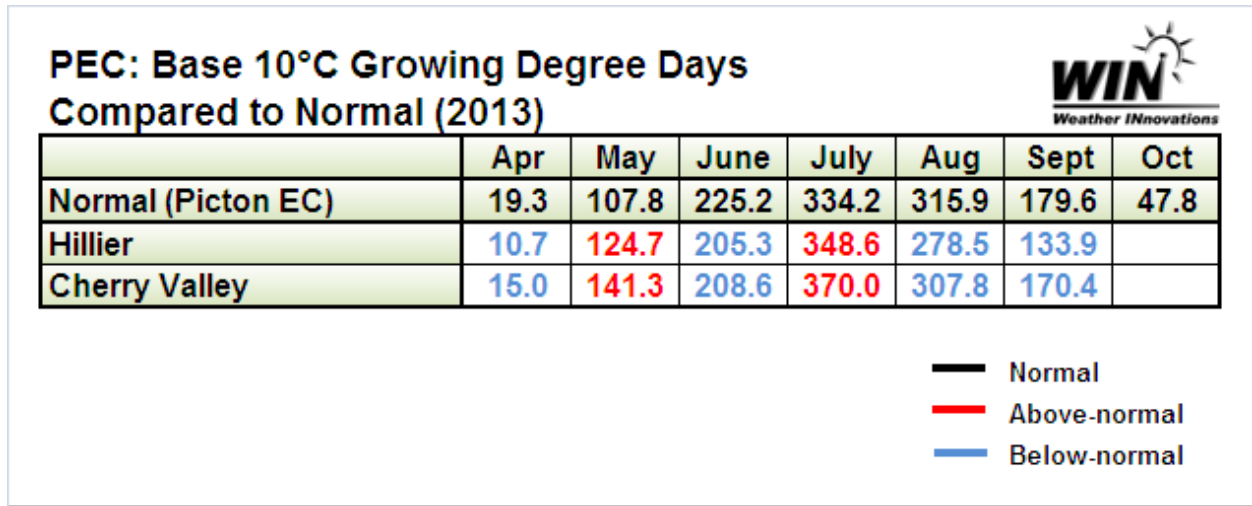


Figure 4: Growing Degree Days

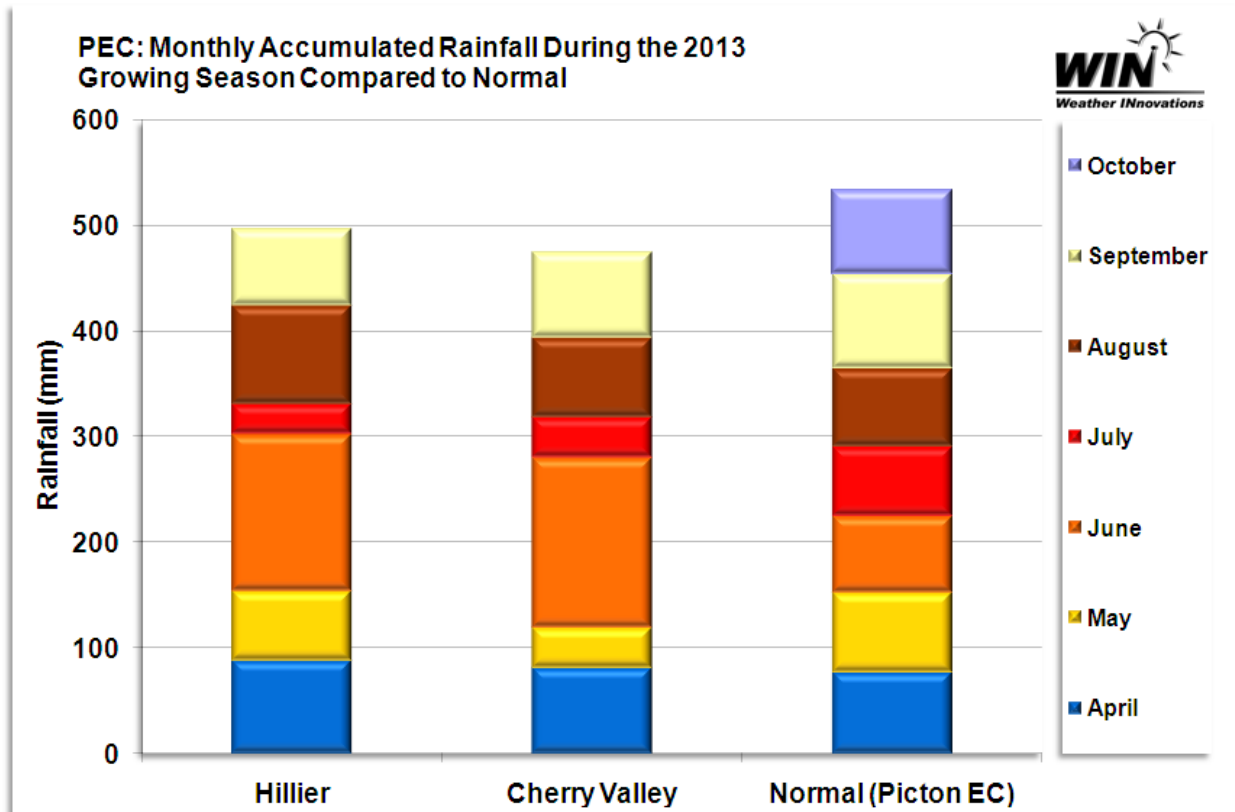


Figure 5: Rainfall