



Prince Edward County - September 2011:

Ideal conditions comprising above-normal temperatures and below-normal rainfall characterized the month of September. Accumulated growing degree days continue to remain ahead of normal values (Fig 1). Day-time temperatures averaged above normal for the fifth month in a row. Daily maximum temperatures averaged 2-3°C above normal in September; minimums averaged above normal for Cherry Valley but below normal for Hillier (Fig 2 and 3).

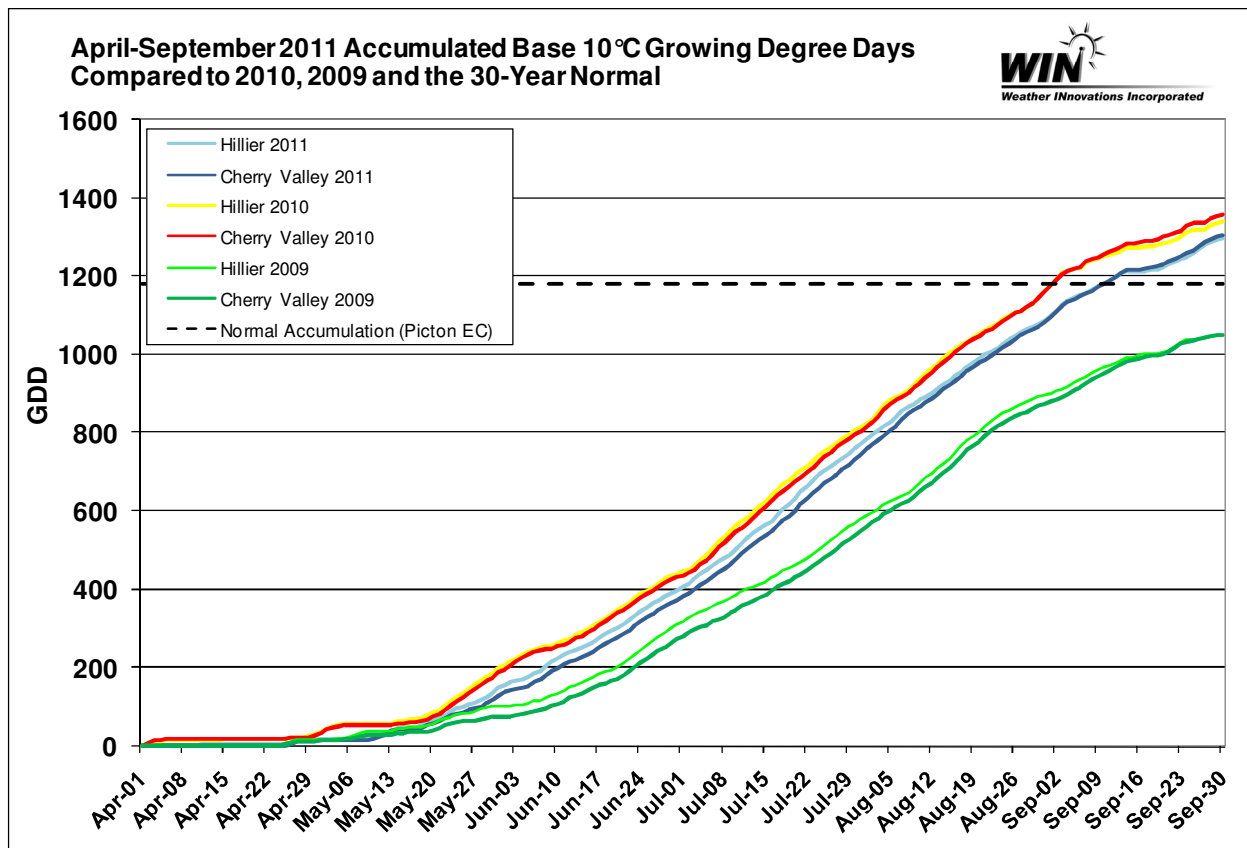


Figure 1: Growing Degree Days

Precipitation levels observed in the Prince Edward County appellation were ideal for the month of September. The number of days with rainfall in Cherry Valley matched the 30-year normal, while Hillier had two days less than normal (Fig 4). Both stations received below-normal rainfall for the month: 96% of normal rainfall for Hillier and 77% for Cherry Valley (Fig 5).

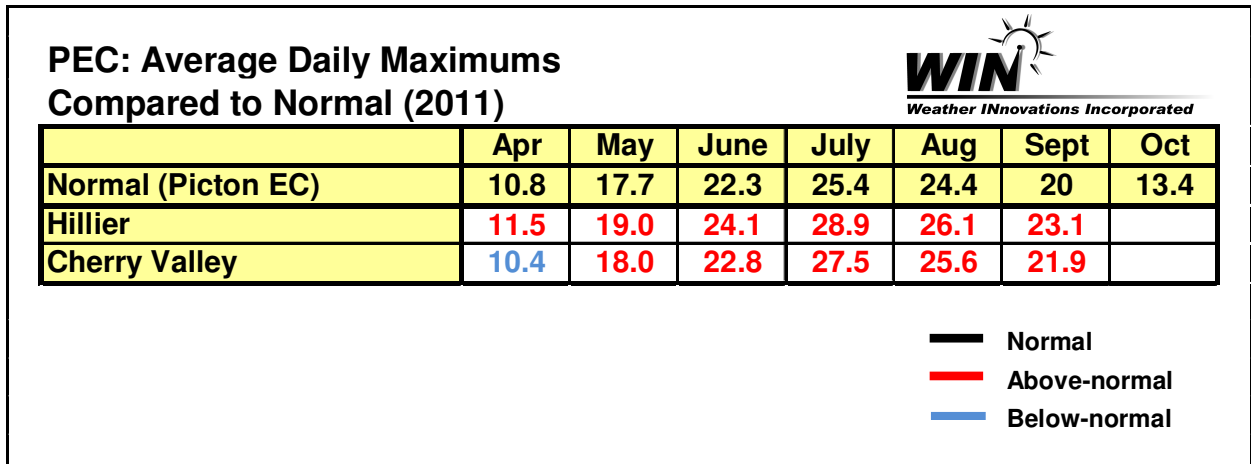


Figure 2: Maximum Temperatures

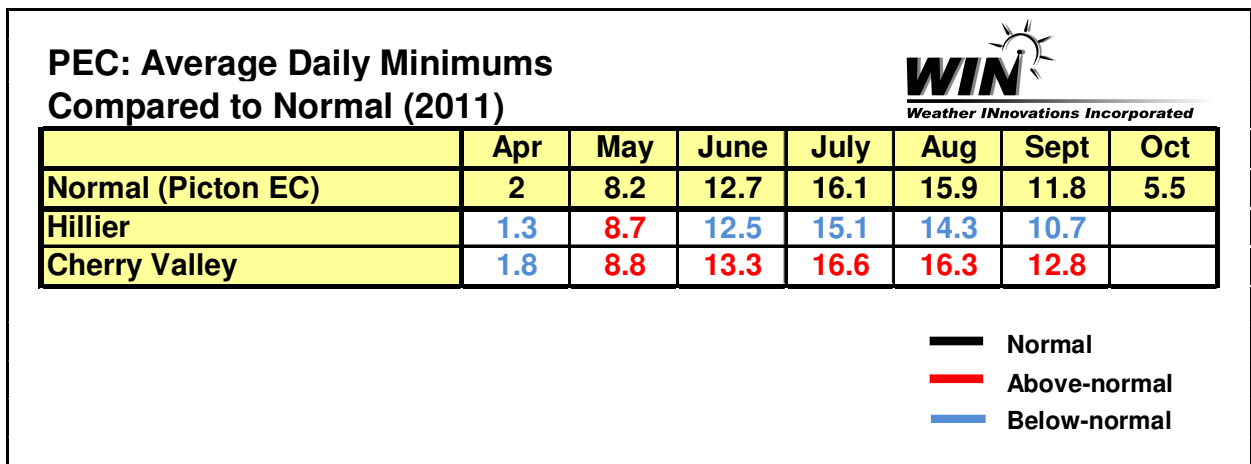


Figure 3: Minimum Temperatures

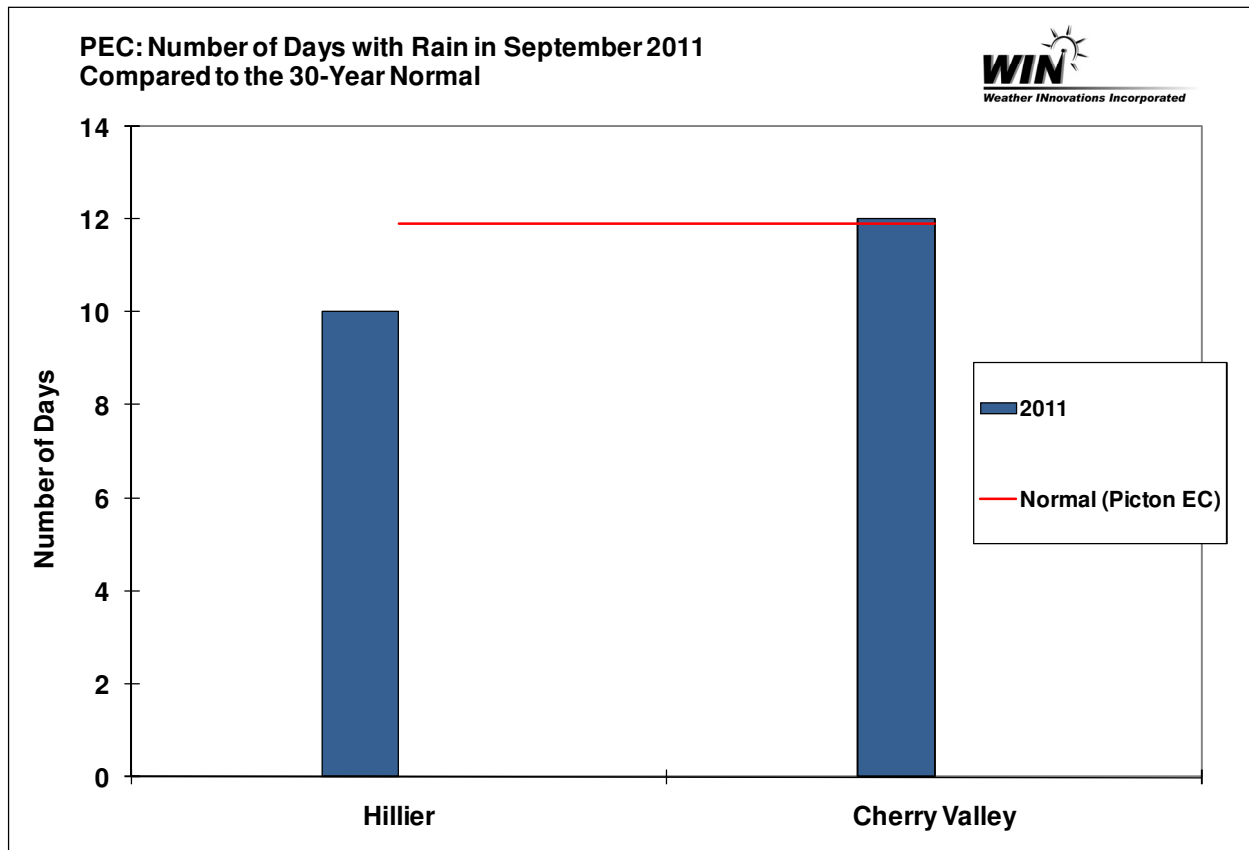


Figure 4: Days with Rainfall

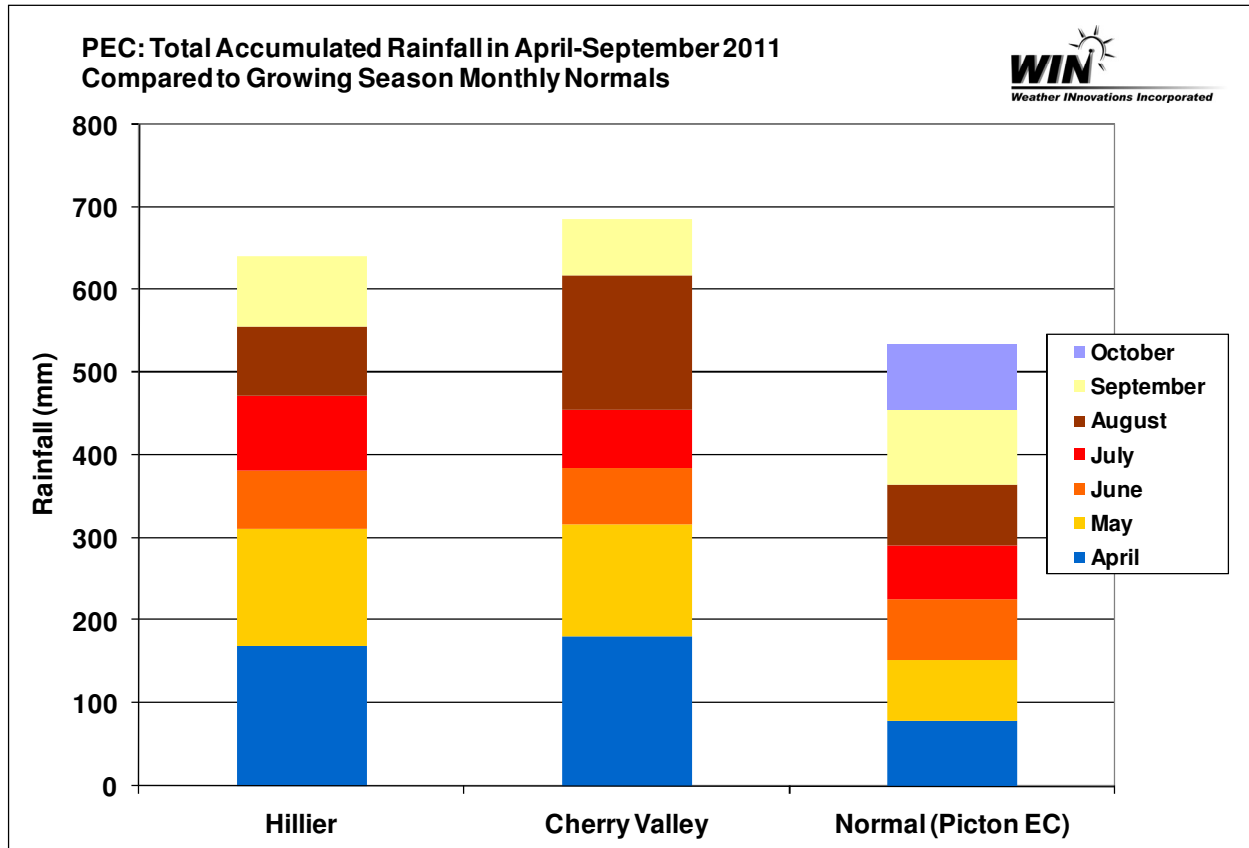


Figure 5: Monthly Rainfall