



May 2012:

Significantly above-normal temperatures marked the month. Daytime highs were approximately 3.5°C above normal, while overnight lows were approximately 1.5°C above normal. As of the end of May, accumulated growing degree days were well above both 2011 and the 30-year normal and very close to the values at the same point in time during the 2010 growing season, which was a great year for heat accumulation.

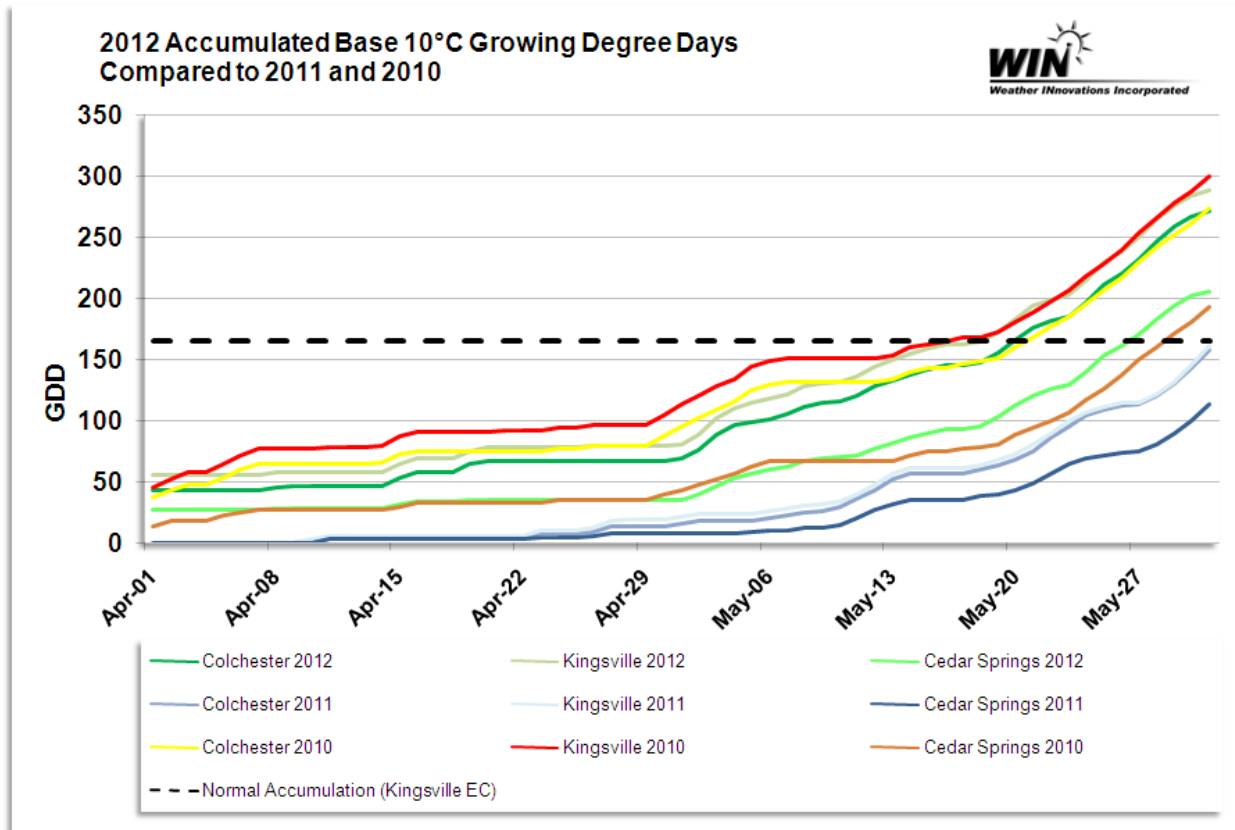


Figure 1: Growing Degree Days

The month of May brought near-normal rainfall totals throughout the Lake Erie North Shore appellation. All of the rainfall occurred within the first and last thirds of the month. April and May's combined accumulation was below normal, in stark contrast to the significantly wet conditions in 2011 that amounted to 2.5-3.75 times the normal rainfall accumulation for the month.

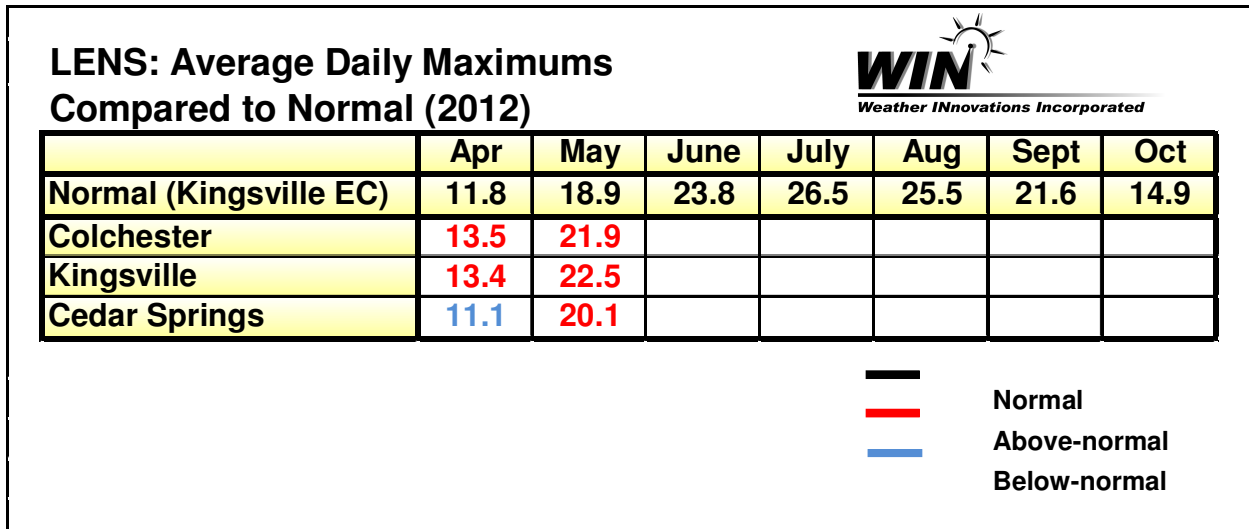


Figure 2: Daily Maximums

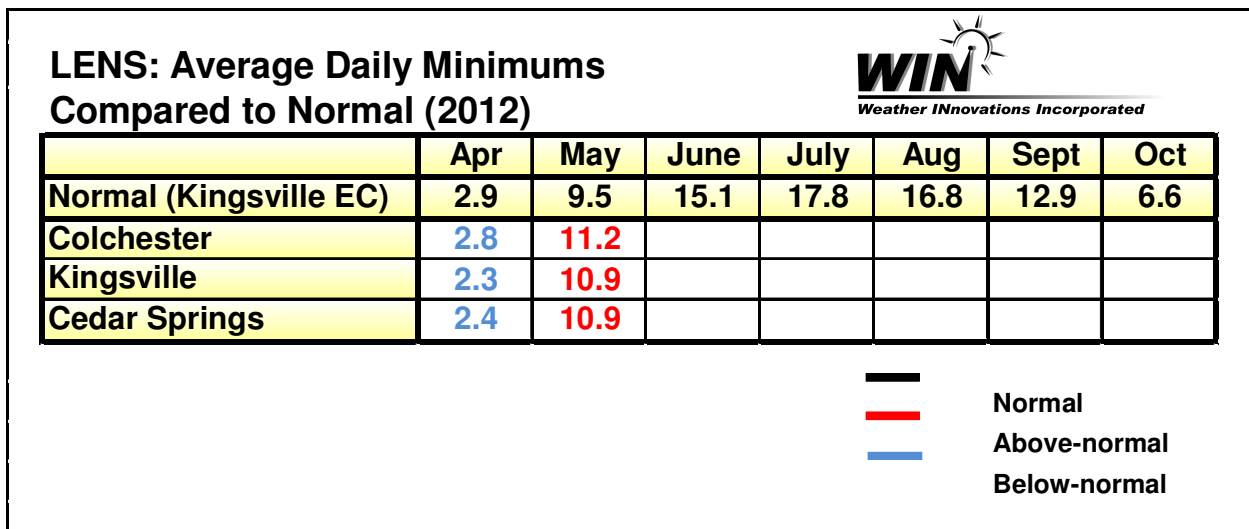


Figure 3: Daily Minimums

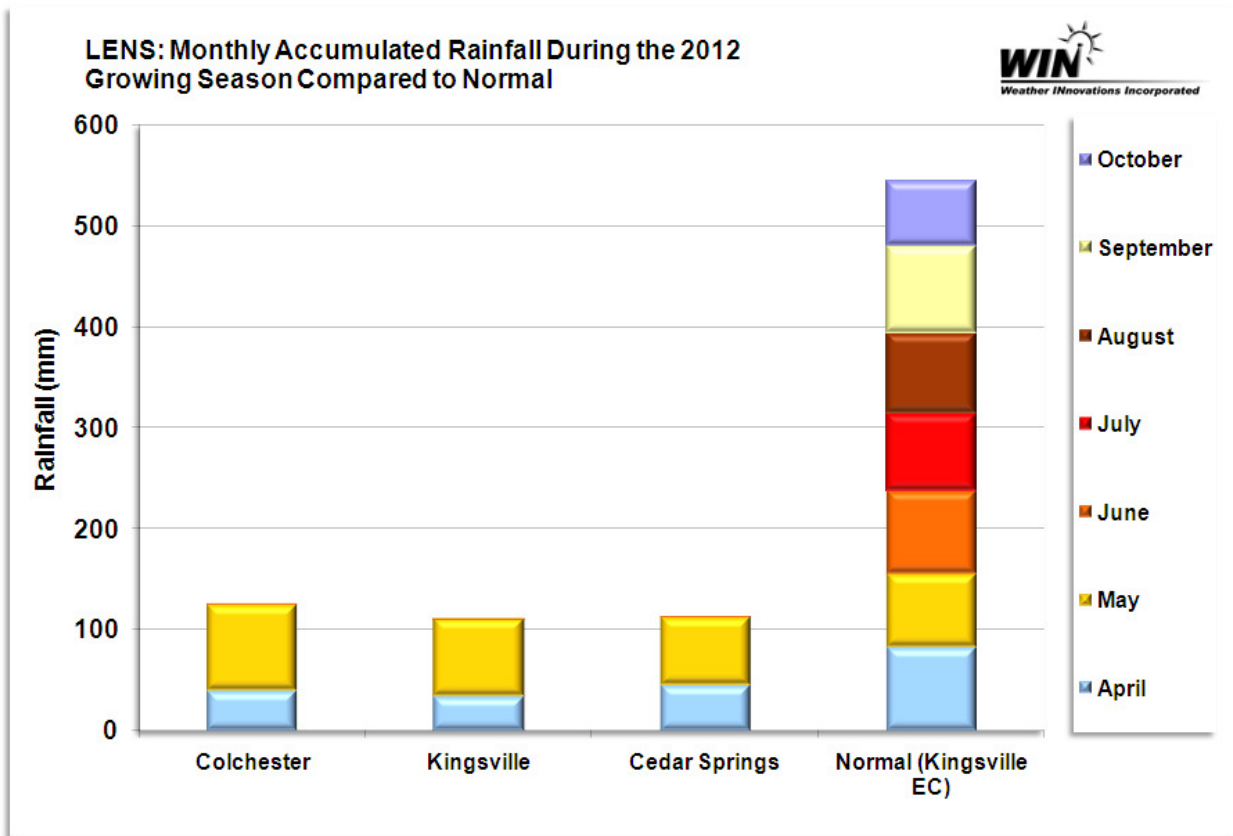


Figure 4: Rainfall