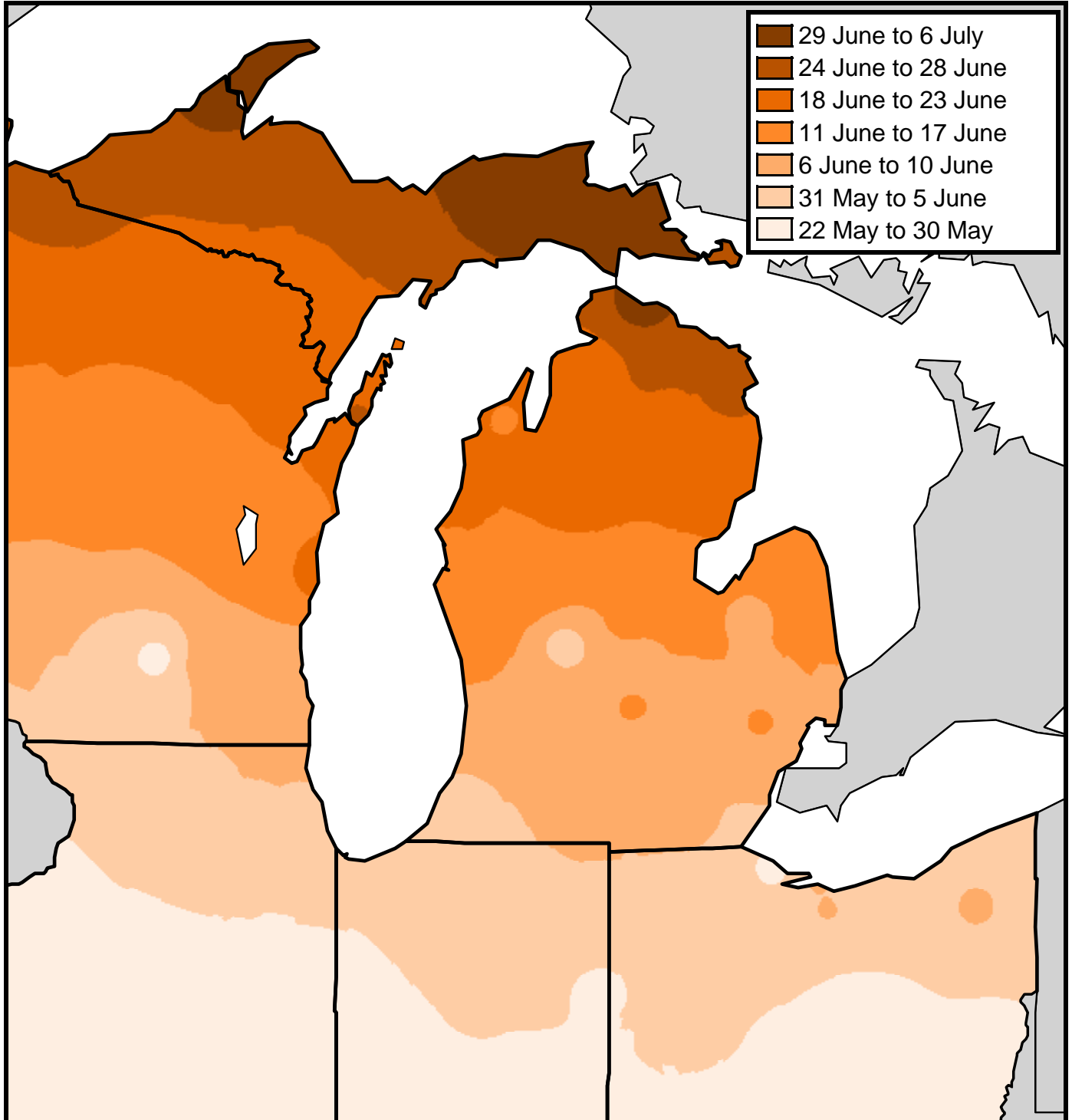


550 DEGREE DAYS



Calendar dates by which 550 growing degree day thermal units (base 50°F) are reached in the Lake States. Estimates are based on an interpolation of average seasonal daily accumulations (calculated by the Baskerville-Emin method) at 92 locations throughout the region, 1971 to 2000.