

Table 1. Summary of climatic data by months for 1988-89 crop year (September thru August) and averages for the period 1949-89 at the Northwestern Agricultural Research Center, Kalispell, MT.

ITEM	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1989	Mar. 1989	Apr. 1989	May 1989	June 1989	July 1989	Aug. 1989	Total or Average
Precipitation (inches)													
Current Year	2.30	0.62	1.39	1.69	1.39	1.48	2.29	1.09	2.70	2.05	2.70	3.69	23.39
Avg. 1949 to 1988-89	1.66	1.32	1.43	1.63	1.51	1.20	1.17	1.39	2.28	2.76	1.55	1.61	19.51
Mean Temperature (F)													
Current Year	53.8	47.5	36.3	23.3	27.5	12.4	28.8	44.2	49.6	59.8	65.4	61.9	42.5
Avg. 1949 to 1988-89	53.4	43.4	32.6	25.6	22.0	27.7	33.7	43.2	51.6	58.6	64.0	63.0	43.2
Last killing frost in spring													
1989	May 21 (32 degrees F)												
Avg. 1949-89	May 25												
First killing frost in fall													
1989	September 9 (29 degrees F)												
Avg. 1949-89	September 13												
Frost Free Period													
1989	110 days												
Avg. 1949-89	112 days												
Maximum summer temperature													
96 degrees F on August 1, 1989													
Minimum winter temperature													
20 degrees F below zero on February 4 & 5, 1989													

In this summary 32 degrees is considered a killing frost.