

Table 1. Summary of climatic data by months for 1990-91 crop year (September thru August) and averages for the period 1949-91 at the Northwestern Agricultural Research Center, Kalispell, MT.

ITEM	Sept. 1990	Oct. 1990	Nov. 1990	Dec. 1990	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1991	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1991	May 1991	June 1991	July 1991	Aug. 1991	Total or Average
Precipitation (inches)													
Current Year	T	2.32	1.37	2.60	1.41	0.41	0.72	1.21	2.72	5.36	0.77	1.15	20.04
Avg. 1949 to 1990-91	1.61	1.37	1.48	1.66	1.50	1.18	1.17	1.39	2.33	2.82	1.55	1.61	19.67
Mean Temperature (F)													
Current Year	59.1	41.9	36.1	16.5	18.3	34.6	32.8	42.4	50.3	55.1	64.0	65.2	43.0
Avg. 1949 to 1990-91	53.5	43.3	32.6	25.4	22.1	27.7	33.7	43.2	51.6	58.5	64.1	63.1	43.2

Last killing frost in spring

1991 May 27 (32 degrees F)
 Avg. 1949-91 May 25

First killing frost in fall

1991 September 19 (32 degrees F)
 Avg. 1949-91 September 14

Frost Free Period

1991 115
 Avg. 1949-91 113

Maximum summer temperature 92 degrees F on August 10, 1991

Minimum winter temperature -33 degrees F on December 30, 1990

In this summary 32 degrees is considered a killing frost.