

Table 1. Summary of climatic data by months for 1992–93 crop year (September thru August) and averages for the period 1949–93 at the Northwestern Agricultural Research Center, Kalispell, MT.

ITEM	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992	Nov. 1992	Dec. 1992	Jan. 1993	Feb. 1993	Mar. 1993	Apr. 1993	May 1993	June 1993	July 1993	Aug. 1993	Total or 1993 Average
<b>Precipitation (inches)</b>													
Current Year	1.21	1.07	2.37	1.53	1.68	0.60	0.73	3.77	2.22	4.00	7.00	1.19	27.37
Avg. 1949 to 1992–93	1.59	1.35	1.52	1.63	1.50	1.15	1.16	1.44	2.31	2.90	1.69	1.59	19.83
<b>Mean Temperature (F)</b>													
Current Year	51.1	44.7	33.1	19.4	14.7	18.4	33.7	43.6	56.0	56.5	56.6	59.7	40.6
Avg. 1949 to 1992–93	53.5	43.2	32.7	25.3	22.1	29.8	33.8	43.3	51.7	58.3	63.8	63.0	43.4
<b>Last killing frost in spring</b>													
1993	May 4 (32 degrees F)												
Avg. 1949–93	May 25												
<b>First killing frost in fall</b>													
1993	September 13 (29 degrees F)												
Avg. 1949–93	September 14												
<b>Frost Free Period</b>													
1993	132 days												
Avg. 1949–93	112 days												
<b>Maximum summer temperature</b>													
91 degrees F on May 13, 1993													
<b>Minimum winter temperature</b>													
–19 degrees F on February 18, 1993													

In this summary 32 degrees is considered a killing frost.