

Table 1. Summary of climatic data by months for 1994–95 crop year (September thru August) and averages for the period 1949–95 at the Northwestern Agricultural Research Center, Kalispell, MT.

ITEM	Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994	Nov. 1994	Dec. 1994	Jan. 1995	Feb. 1995	Mar. 1995	Apr. 1995	May 1995	June 1995	July 1995	Aug. 1995	Total or Average
Precipitation (inches)													
Current Year	0.46	2.12	1.89	1.07	1.17	0.90	2.33	2.25	1.44	5.63	1.91	1.47	22.64
Avg. 1949 to 1994–95	1.56	1.35	1.53	1.61	1.49	1.15	1.16	1.47	2.28	2.89	1.66	1.56	19.71
Mean Temperature (F)													
Current Year	56.3	42.8	29.7	27.1	23.6	33.7	33.1	42.6	51.6	56.3	63.1	59.5	43.3
Avg. 1949 to 1994–95	53.5	43.3	32.5	25.4	22.4	27.7	33.9	43.3	51.8	58.3	63.9	62.9	43.2
Last killing frost in spring													
1995	May 27 (32 degrees F)												
Avg. 1949–95	May 25												
First killing frost in fall													
1995	September 21 (22 degrees F)												
Avg. 1949–95	September 14												
Frost Free Period													
1995	117 days												
Avg. 1949–95	112 days												
Growing Degree Days (base 50):													
	May 1 – Oct. 31, 1995												
	Avg. 1949–95												
Maximum summer temperature													
	88 degrees F on August 6, 1995												
Minimum winter temperature													
	–11 degrees F on January 4, 1995												

In this summary 32 degrees is considered a killing frost.