

Summary of climatic data by months for the 1996-97 crop year (September to August) and averages for the period 1916-1997 at the Northern Agricultural Research Center, Havre, Montana.

Month and Year													
	Sept 1996	Oct 1996	Nov 1996	Dec 1996	Jan 1997	Feb 1997	Mar 1997	Apr 1997	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug 1997	Total or Average Growing Season
Precipitation (Inches) Current Year	1.67	.89	.61	.85	.50	0.11	.17	.53	1.75	3.00	.90	1.06	12.04
Av. 1916 to 1996-97	1.17	.66	.42	.47	.43	0.32	.56	.97	1.77	2.51	1.48	1.25	12.01
Mean Temperature (°F) Current Year	56.2	45.5	20.1	11.1	10.1	30.1	33.9	40.5	56.1	65.5	69.2	71.6	42.5
Av. 1916 to 1996-97	56.5	46.4	30.0	19.4	15.0	19.7	30.0	44.0	54.7	62.6	69.7	67.8	43.0

Last killing frost in spring*

1997 May 19
 Av. 1916 to 1997 May 15

First killing frost in fall*

1997 28° September 19
 Av. 1916 to 1997 September 20

Frost free period

1997 123 days
 Av. 1916 to 1997 128 days

Growing degree day

May 1- Oct. 31, 1997 2583.0
 Av. 1951-1997 2389.4

Maximum summer temperature 100° on August 4
 Maximum winter temperature 36° below zero on January 11

*In this summary 32° is considered a killing frost.