

Summary of climatic data by month for the 1996-97 crop year (Sept - August) at the Western Triangle Research Center, Conrad, MT.

	Sep 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
Precipitation (inches)													
Current year	1.79	0.37	0.43	0.76	0.18	0.26	0.32	0.72	3.03	2.53	1.04	1.02	12.45
Average 13 yr	1.49	0.54	0.34	0.21	0.22	0.21	0.56	0.90	2.10	2.63	1.61	1.48	12.29
Mean Temperature (°F)													
Current year	52.8	42.4	18.1	17.4	15.8	29.1	31.2	36.1	52.5	61.2	65.5	67.6	40.8
Average 12 yr	57.0	45.3	30.1	18.9	22.4	22.9	33.9	43.5	53.1	60.7	65.3	65.3	43.2

Last killing frost in Spring

1997-----May 19 (27°)

Average----- May 15

First killing frost in Fall

1997----- Sept. 19 (30°)

Average----- Sept. 21

Frost free period (days)

1997----- 124

Average----- 128.5

Maximum summer temperature----- 93° (Aug 5)

Minimum winter temperature----- -30° (Jan. 13, 1997)