

Table 1. Summary of climatic data by months for the 1997-98 crop year (Sept.- Aug.) and averages for the period 1909-1997.
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	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	May. 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Total or Ave.
Precipitation													
(inches)													
Current Year	0.50	0.42	0.14	0.34	0.43	0.14	0.76	0.59	1.89	4.79	2.08	1.68	13.76
Ave. 1909-97	1.40	0.88	0.58	0.57	0.58	0.47	0.74	1.16	2.60	3.17	1.73	1.61	15.49
Mean Temp.													
(degrees F)													
Current Year	59.9	45.5	34.5	30.1	24.3	34.1	30.6	44.3	53.2	54.1	68.8	68.5	45.7
Ave. 1909-97	54.4	44.6	32.4	24.7	21.0	24.3	30.0	40.9	50.2	58.1	65.5	64.4	42.5
Last killing frost in Spring													
1998	----- June 2 (31 degrees F)												
Average 1909-1998	----- May 27												
First killing frost in Fall													
1998	----- October 5 (31 degrees F)												
Average 1909-1998	----- September 15												
Frost free period													
1998	----- 125 days												
Average 1909-1998	----- 111 days												
Maximum summer temperature	----- 95 degrees F on Sept. 4 & 7, 1998												
Minimum winter temperature	----- -26 degrees F on January 12, 1998												

In this summary 32 degrees is considered a killing frost.