

Summary of climatic data by months for the 1997-98 crop year (September to August) and averages for the period 1916-1998 at the Northern Agricultural Research Center, Havre, Montana.

Month and Year													
	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 Average Growing Season
Precipitation (Inches) Current Year	.48	.36	.55	.02	.44	0.27	.73	.66	1.44	5.10	1.58	.54	12.17
Av. 1916 to 1997-98	1.17	.65	.43	.46	.44	0.32	.57	.97	1.77	2.54	1.48	1.24	12.04
Mean Temperature (°F) Current Year	62.2	46.3	31.6	28.1	13.0	32.5	30.0	48.4	57.6	59.7	72.1	73.2	46.2
Av. 1916 to 1997-98	56.5	46.4	30.0	19.5	15.0	19.9	30.0	44.0	54.8	62.6	69.8	67.9	43.0

Last killing frost in spring*

1998 May 8
 Av. 1916 to 1998 May 15

First killing frost in fall*

1998 29° on October 5
 Av. 1916 to 1998 September 20

Frost free period

1998 150 days
 Av. 1916 to 1998 128 days

Growing degree day

May 1- Oct. 31, 1998 2631.5
 Av. 1951-1998 2394.4

Maximum summer temperature 101° on August 7
 Maximum winter temperature -29° below zero on January 11

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