

**Summary of climatic data by months for the 1997-98 year (September-August) and 30 year averages for the period 1961-1990 at the Southern Agricultural Research Center, Huntley, MT.**

	Month												Year
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
<b><u>Precipitation (inches)</u></b>													<b><u>Total</u></b>
Current Year (1997-1998)	0.34	1.41	0.79	0.31	0.36	0.08	1.43	1.60	1.03	3.56	1.96	0.67	13.54
30 Year Average (1961-1990)	1.30	1.03	0.63	0.61	0.56	0.44	0.74	1.32	2.12	2.38	1.14	0.97	13.24
<b><u>Mean Temperature (F)</u></b>													<b><u>Average</u></b>
Current Year (1997-1998)	61.4	47.3	33.7	28.3	21.7	35.6	32.0	48.2	56.8	58.6	74.4	72.6	47.5
30 Year Average (1961-1990)	57.0	47.0	32.6	21.8	19.2	26.3	34.5	45.3	54.6	63.4	69.8	68.1	45.0

**Last Killing Frost in Spring\***

1998..... May 10 (28 F)  
 30 Yr. Ave. (1961-90)..... May 16

**First Killing Frost in the Fall\***

1998..... October 11 (32 F)  
 30 Yr. Ave. (1961-1990) ..... September 19

**Frost-free period**

1998 ..... 154 days  
 30 Yr. Ave. (1961-1990) ..... 126 days

**Maximum Summer Temperature**

102 F on July 27 and September 4

**Minimum Winter Temperature**

-34 F on January 12

**\*In this summary 32 F is considered a killing frost**