

Summary of climatic data by month for the 1997-98 crop year (Sept - August) at the Western Triangle Research Center, Conrad, MT.

	Sep 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
Precipitation (inches)													
Current year	0.73	0.28	0.48	0.00	0.13	0.08	0.55	0.63	1.31	4.18	2.28	0.76	11.41
Average 14 yr	1.43	0.52	0.35	0.19	0.21	0.20	0.56	0.88	2.04	2.74	1.66	1.43	12.21
Mean Temperature (°F)													
Current year	58.9	44.5	31.4	28.4	17.4	31.9	29.5	46.4	55.8	57.0	68.8	70.6	45.1
Average 13 yr	57.2	45.2	30.2	24.3	22.0	23.6	33.6	43.7	53.3	60.4	65.6	65.7	43.7

Last killing frost in Spring

1998-----May 7 (32°)

Average----- May 14

First killing frost in Fall

1998----- Oct 5 (26°)

Average----- Sept. 22

Frost free period (days)

1998----- 150

Average----- 130.1

Maximum summer temperature----- 97° (Aug 6)

Minimum winter temperature----- -26° (Jan. 12, 1998)