

**Table 1. Summary of climatic data by months for 1998-99 crop year (September thru August) and averages for the period 1949-99 at the Northwestern Agricultural Research Center, Kalispell, MT.**

ITEM	Sept. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999	Feb. 1999	Mar. 1999	Apr. 1999	May 1999	June 1999	July 1999	Aug. 1999	Total or Average
<b>Precipitation (inches)</b>													
Current Year	1.48	0.71	1.11	1.47	1.05	1.18	0.90	0.55	1.32	2.74	1.63	1.93	16.07
Avg. 1949 to 1998-99	1.59	1.36	1.56	1.63	1.48	1.15	1.18	1.50	2.37	2.97	1.64	1.56	19.99
<b>Mean Temperature (F)</b>													
Current Year	59.7	42.3	37.0	27.4	30.4	32.2	37.5	41.6	48.8	55.8	65.4	62.5	45.1
Avg. 1949 to 1998-99	53.7	43.2	32.4	25.4	22.5	27.8	33.8	43.2	51.7	58.2	63.9	62.9	43.2
<b>Last killing frost in spring</b>													
1999		June 7 (30 degrees)											
Avg. 1949-99		May 24											
<b>First killing frost in fall</b>													
1999		September 12 ( 29 degrees)											
Avg. 1949-99		September 12											
<b>Frost Free Period</b>													
1999		96 days											
Avg. 1949-99		114 days											
<b>Growing Degree Days (base 50):</b>													
		1677.0 days: May 1 - October 31, 1999											
		1876.1 days: Average for 1949-1999											
<b>Maximum summer temperature</b>		92° F on August 4, 1999											
<b>Minimum winter temperature</b>		2° F on January 24 & 25, 1999											

In this summary 32 degrees is considered a killing frost.