

Table 1. Summary of climatic data by months for 1999-2000 crop year (September through August) and averages for period 1949-2000 at the Northwestern Agricultural Research Center, Kalispell, Montana.

Month	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Total or
	1999	1999	1999	1999	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	Average
Precipitation (inches)													
Current Year	0.36	1.72	2.33	1.08	1.46	1.81	1.30	2.21	0.89	1.80	0.84	0.35	1.35
Avg. 1949 to 1999-2000	1.57	1.37	1.57	1.62	1.48	1.16	1.19	1.51	2.34	2.95	1.61	1.52	1.66
Average Temperature (°F)													
Current Year	51.3	42.9	38.1	31.0	25.8	26.3	36.9	43.4	50.4	56.2	63.9	63.4	44.13
Avg. 1949 to 1999-2000	53.6	43.2	32.7	25.5	22.5	27.8	33.9	43.1	51.7	58.1	63.9	63.0	43.25
Last killing frost in spring													
			2000								June 1 (32° F)		
			Avg. 1949 - 2000								May 22		
First killing frost in fall													
			2000								September 22 (32° F)		
			Avg. 1949 - 2000								September 13		
Frost Free Period													
			2000								112 days		
			Avg. 1949 - 2000								114 days		
Growing Degree Days (base 50):													
			2000: May 1 - October 31								1413°F Days		
			1949 - 2000 Average								1867°F Days		
Maximum summer temperature													
											96° F on July 23, 2000		
Minimum winter temperature													
											2° F on January 24, February 20 & 21		

In this summary 32 degrees is considered a killing frost.