

TABLE 1. Summary of climatic data by months for the 2000-2001 crop year (September to August) and averages for the period 1916-2001 at the Northern Agricultural Research Center, Havre, Montana.

Month Year	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Nov 2000	Dec 2000	Jan 2001	Feb 2001	Mar 2001	Apr 2001	May 2001	Jun 2001	Jul 2001	Aug 2001	Crop Year
<b>Precipitation (inches)</b>													<b>Total</b>
Current Year	1.42	0.85	0.16	0.32	0.40	0.37	0.14	0.98	0.43	1.40	2.00	0.36	8.83
85-Year Average (1916 to 1999-00)	1.16	0.67	0.43	0.46	0.44	0.32	0.56	0.97	1.75	2.53	1.48	1.22	11.99
<b>Mean Temperature (°F)</b>													<b>Average</b>
Current Year	57.6	44.2	26.1	11.5	23.8	10.1	34.8	43.9	58.4	62.9	72.3	71.9	43.1
85-Year Average (1916 to 1999-00)	56.6	46.2	30.1	19.6	15.2	20.0	30.3	44.0	54.8	62.6	69.8	68.0	43.1

**Last killing frost in spring\***

2001 \_\_\_\_\_ May 3rd  
 Ave. 1916-2001 \_\_\_\_\_ May 15th

**First killing frost in fall\***

2001 \_\_\_\_\_ October 3rd  
 Ave. 1916-2001 \_\_\_\_\_ September 20th

**Frost free period**

2001 \_\_\_\_\_ 152 days  
 Ave. 1916-2001 \_\_\_\_\_ 128 days

**Growing degree days (base 50)**

May 1-Oct 31, 2001 \_\_\_\_\_ 2597.5  
 Ave. 1951-2001 \_\_\_\_\_ 2393.9

**Maximum summer temperature** \_\_\_\_\_ 106° on August 4, 2001  
**Minimum winter temperature** \_\_\_\_\_ -26° on December 12, 2000

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