

TABLE 1. Summary of climatic data by months for the 2001-2002 crop year (September to August) and averages for the period 1916-2002 at the Northern Agricultural Research Center, Havre, Montana.

Month Year	Sep 2001	Oct 2001	Nov 2001	Dec 2001	Jan 2002	Feb 2002	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	May 2002	Jun 2002	Jul 2002	Aug 2002	Crop Year
<u>Precipitation (inches)</u>													<u>Total</u>
Current Year	0.34	0.38	0.04	0.01	0.27	0.33	0.59	0.22	1.77	4.62	2.26	2.46	13.29
86-Year Average (1916 to 2001-02)	1.15	0.66	0.42	0.46	0.43	0.32	0.56	0.97	1.75	2.56	1.49	1.23	12.00
<u>Mean Temperature (°F)</u>													<u>Average</u>
Current Year	61.8	44.7	38.9	22.4	21.6	29.0	11.1	39.4	50.2	62.3	72.0	63.5	43.1
86-Year Average (1916 to 2001-02)	56.7	46.4	30.2	19.6	15.3	20.1	30.1	44.0	54.8	62.6	69.8	68.0	43.1

Last killing frost in spring*

2002 _____ May 24th
 Ave. 1916-2002 _____ May 15th

First killing frost in fall*

2002 _____ September 22nd
 Ave. 1916-2002 _____ September 20th

Frost free period

2002 _____ 121 days
 Ave. 1916-2002 _____ 128 days

Growing degree days (base 50)

May 1-Oct 31, 2002 _____ 2130.5
 Ave. 1951-2002 _____ 2388.8

Maximum summer temperature _____ 99° on July 13, 2002

Minimum winter temperature _____ -25° on March 9, 2002

*In this summary 32° is considered a killing frost