

Summary of climatic data by month for the '02-'03 crop year (September - August) at the Western Triangle Agricultural Research Center, Conrad, MT.

| Month | Precipitation (inches) | | Mean Temperature (°F) | |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | Current Year | Average (19 yr) | Current Year | Average (18 yr) |
| September, 2002 | 2.00 | 1.30 | 55.2 | 57.5 |
| October, 2002 | 0.68 | 0.51 | 37.3 | 45.2 |
| November, 2002 | 0.18 | 0.36 | 42.6 | 32.2 |
| December, 2002 | 0.07 | 0.16 | 30.9 | 24.7 |
| January, 2003 | 0.05 | 0.19 | 26.0 | 23.2 |
| February, 2003 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 25.6 | 24.7 |
| March, 2003 | 0.31 | 0.48 | 29.7 | 33.2 |
| April, 2003 | 1.96 | 0.91 | 46.5 | 43.6 |
| May, 2003 | 1.52 | 1.79 | 49.1 | 52.7 |
| June, 2003 | 2.40 | 2.80 | 59.6 | 60.1 |
| July, 2003 | 0.12 | 1.45 | 71.1 | 66.5 |
| August, 2003 | 0.18 | 1.35 | 71.3 | 66.4 |
| Total | 9.69 | | | |
| Average | | 11.52 | 45.4 | 44.2 |

Last killing frost in Spring

2003----- May 20 (31°F)
 Average----- May 17

First killing frost in Fall

2003----- Sept. 17 (30°F)
 Average----- Sept. 23

Frost free period (days)

2003----- 120
 Average----- 128

Maximum summer temperature----- 100°F (July 24 & Aug 11, 2003)

Minimum winter temperature----- -15°F (Feb 24, 2003)