

Table 3. Summary of climatic data by months for the 2008-2009 crop year (September to August) and averages for the period 1916-2009 at the Northern Agricultural Research Center, Havre, Montana.

Month	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Crop Year
Year	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	
Precipitation (inches)													Total
Current Year	1.39	0.06	1.94	0.69	0.86	0.13	0.04	1.85	1.02	1.59	1.83	1.06	12.46
94-Year Average (1916 to 2008-09)	1.15	0.65	0.43	0.45	0.43	0.32	0.54	0.98	1.77	2.56	1.43	1.19	11.90
Mean Temperature (°F)													Average
Current Year	56.1	45.8	30.1	19.4	15.9	21.2	25.4	43.1	52.8	61.1	68.9	66.1	42.1
94-Year Average (1916 to 2008-09)	56.1	45.9	30.0	19.7	15.4	20.0	30.0	43.6	54.1	61.8	69.2	67.3	42.8

Last killing frost in spring*

2009 _____ June 10th (32°)
 Ave. 1916-2009 _____ May 14th

First killing frost in fall*

2009 _____ September 28th (27°)
 Ave. 1916-2009 _____ September 20th

Frost free period

2009 _____ 110 days
 Ave. 1916-2009 _____ 129 days

Growing degree days (base 50)

May 1-Oct 31, 2009 _____ 2384.0
 Ave. 1951-2009 _____ 2384.4

Maximum summer temperature _____ 98° July 26th and September 4th

Minimum winter temperature _____ -31° December 15th

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