

Table 1. Summary of climatic data by months for the 2009-2010 cropping year (September-August) compared to averages for the period of record from 1911 to 2009 at the Southern Agricultural Research Center near Huntley, Montana.

	2009				2010								Year
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
<u>Precipitation (inches)</u>													<u>Total</u>
Current Year (2009-2010)	0.28	1.93	0.16	0.46	0.77	0.69	0.36	0.85	2.66	3.15	2.08	2.81	16.20
Average (1911-2009)	1.32	1.05	0.62	0.59	0.54	0.46	0.79	1.33	2.14	2.33	1.13	0.91	13.21
Difference	-1.04	+0.88	-0.46	-0.13	+0.23	+0.23	-0.43	-0.48	+0.52	+0.82	+0.95	+1.90	+2.99
<u>Mean Temperature (°F)</u>													<u>Average</u>
Current Year (2009-2010)	63.0	39.4	37.3	14.6	19.2	22.0	42.2	46.2	51.7	63.3	70.6	70.5	45.0
Average (1911-2009)	57.8	46.9	33.5	23.9	20.7	25.7	34.0	45.5	54.9	63.3	70.7	68.6	45.5
Difference	+5.2	-7.5	+3.8	-9.3	-1.5	-3.7	+8.2	+0.7	-3.2	0.0	-0.1	+1.9	-0.5

Last Killing Frost in Spring^{1/}

2010..... May 14 (32 °F)
 Average (1911-2009) May 16

First Killing Frost in the Fall^{1/}

2010..... October 12 (31 °F)
 Average (1911-2009) September 19

Frost-free period

2010..... 149 days
 Average (1911-2009) 124 days