

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 Year	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Crop Year
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.