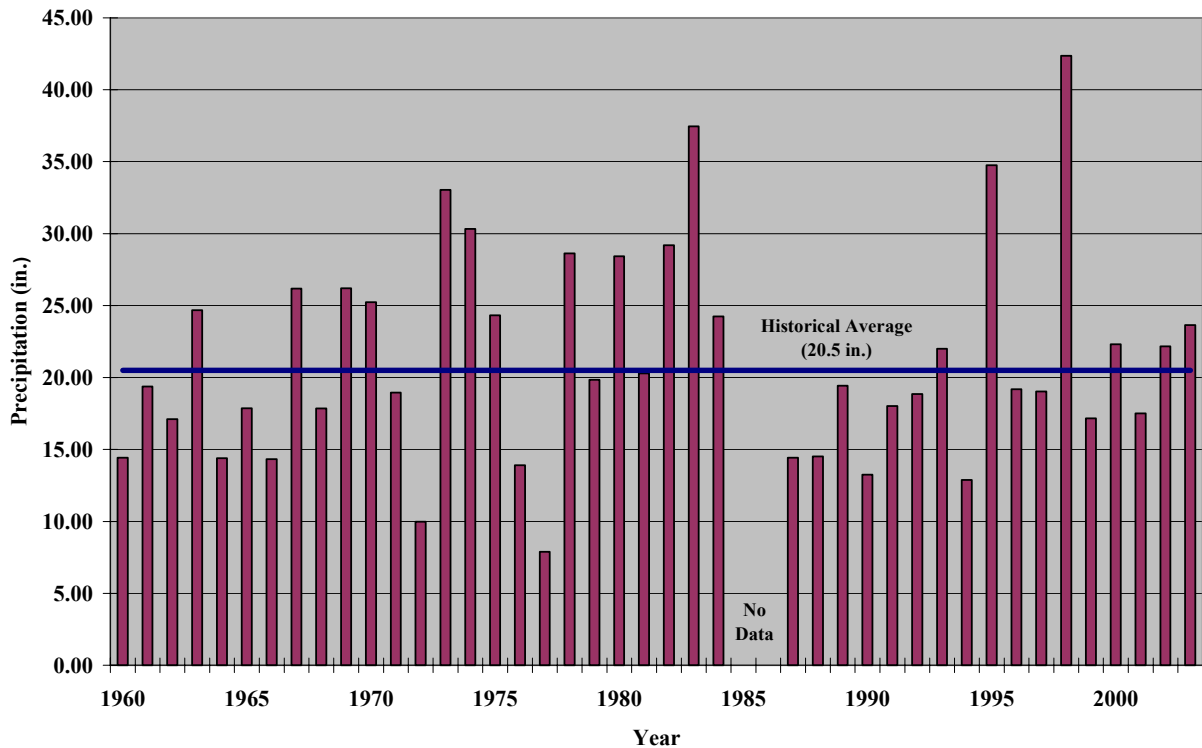


## PRECIPITATION

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Precipitation for the water year ending September 30, 2003 at the Western Canal at Nelson Climatological Observation Station was 23.65 inches, which is 3.12 inches above the 75-year average of 20.53 inches. The figure below represents the total annual precipitation at the Western Canal Station for the 42-year period 1961 through 2003. Precipitation for the 2003 water year was only slightly above average, and follows four consecutive water years with below normal or near normal precipitation.



Since 1987 there have only been two years that are classified as wet. These occurred in 1995 and 1998. Excluding these two years, the 1987 to 2003 time period would be considered dryer than normal.